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GAME TO THE LAST.

Surrounded by a Posse and Wounded, Convict Tracy Ended His Life

BY PUTTING A BULLET THROUGH HIS BRAIN.

The Desperado Has Had an Exciting Time During the Last Few Weeks.

Spokane, Washn., Aug. 6.—Harry Tracy, the notorious outlaw, lies dead in Davenport. Sheriffs' posses and others are disputing the ownership of his body.

For two days Tracy had terrorized the occupants of the Eddy ranch in the Lake Creek county. Then five determined citizens of Creston went after him. The posse found cover behind a large rock and for awhile it looked like a siege. Then Tracy broke for a large boulder on the edge of a small wheat field, and this dash was his undoing, for just as he came to the rock he fell forward, a rifle bullet having broken one leg. He plunged into the wheat and his bloody trail there shows the savage determination of the man, for after receiving the wound he crawled 75 yards on his hands and knees in order to reach a spot where he could pour a merciless fire upon them. But once only was he able to fire from this vantage point. Then, weakened by loss of blood, he tried to staunch his wound, failed, and with his revolver sent a bullet through his brain.

None of the posse was wounded, though all of them had narrow escapes. When they were firing from the cover of their rock they had to lift their heads above the cover, and every time this was done Tracy's rifle rang out and a bullet, chipped the rock.

Tracy's dead body was found lying amid the grain with his face turned toward the sky. His left hand thrown over his head held a revolver, which had inflicted the death wound. The thumb of his hand was on the trigger of the pistol. His right hand, thrown across the lower part of his body, firmly grasped the barrel of the famous rifle. Death was inflicted by a revolver held close to the forehead. The top of his head was badly shattered.

Two bullet wounds on the left leg showed the cause of the man's despondency. One shot had broken the leg between the ankle and the knee. The other cut the tibial artery, which of itself was sufficient to cause death.

It is believed that both of these wounds were received after the convict left the shelter of the rock and made his break for the wheat field. The fugitive had taken a strap and buckled it tight around his leg in an attempt to stop the bleeding. Despite the tightly fastened strap, the bleeding continued until he probably realized his hopeless condition and ended the struggle.

He was dressed in blue overalls, a white shirt, and wore no coat or vest. He wore a bicycle cap and a pair of rough shoes. He had one rifle and two revolvers.

Sheriff Gardner of Lincoln county and his assistants arrived at the scene in time to help in the discovery of the remains, and it is said that he maintained that he and his deputies were entitled to at least a share of the booty. This was disputed by the Creston party, the members of which maintain that they did the work and to them belongs the reward. Finally Sheriff Gardner was allowed to take the body with the understanding that he recommend that the reward be paid to the men from Creston.

The body, effects and the horses of the desperado were taken in charge by Sheriff Gardner and taken direct to Davenport, where they will be kept pending the decision of the final disposition of Tracy's body.

Reports come from Davenport that wild excitement prevails. Stores are closed and people are crowding around to get a sight of the outlaw. It is said that a heavy guard is kept around the morgue where the body is kept as well as around the corpse itself to prevent relic hunters from tearing the clothing to pieces and carrying away souvenirs.

An inquest probably will be held.

Tracy's record since his escape from the penitentiary has been summarized as follows:

June 9.—Harry Tracy and David Merrill, convicts, escaped from the Salem Penitentiary, killing three guards.

June 10.—Returning in darkness of early morning to Salem, held up J. W. Roberts whom they stripped of his clothes, stole a team of horses and made their way to Portland. Near Gervais they held up two members of the posse in pursuit and took a horse and buggy.

June 11.—Laid a trap for posse and fired on pursuers from ambush near Gervais.

June 12.—Broke through cordon of 250 militiamen in the night and made their escape.

June 14.—Stole two horses near Oregon City and rode through suburbs of Portland.

June 15.—In the morning reached Columbia River and forced George Sunderland and Walter Burlingame to ferry them across, landing five miles above Vancouver.

June 17.—At Salmon Creek exchanged shots with posse, and at Ridgfield stole two horses and continued their flight.

June 23.—Robbed house of "Pat" McGuire, near Lacenter, while owner was at church, taking clothes and \$20 in cash.

June 25.—Stole breakfast near Kelso, Washington.

June 26.—Stole two horses, but on meeting owner dismounted and gave them back.

June 29.—Passed strong posse guarding roads near Chelais, during the night.

July 1.—Convicts seen on Northern Pacific at Tenino, about thirty-nine miles from Tacoma. Tracy left Merrill, saying later that he had killed him in a duel. Riding one horse he had stolen until it was disabled, he stole another and passed through Olympia.

July 2.—Tracy held up six men at South Bay, near Olympia, and forced four, including Captain Clark, of a large gasoline launch, to embark with him on Puget Sound. Landed at night at Seattle and started north to Canada.

July 3.—Tracy encountered the advance guard of the Seattle posse at Bothell, six miles from Seattle. As a result of the battle Deputy Sheriff "Jack" Williams, of Seattle, is seriously if not fatally wounded; Carl Anderson, newspaper reporter, is wounded by bullet grazing his face. Returning toward Seattle in the suburbs of the city he killed Policeman E. E. Breeze and Neil Rawley, a deputy game warden. That night, it was learned later, Tracy slept in a cemetery.

July 4.—Stole a horse and buggy in the early morning at a farmhouse in the early outskirts of Ballard. During that day slept and rested in the woods.

July 6.—Man in a buggy, with a young woman, seen near Bothell by the posse in early morning, now believed to have been Tracy. Later compelled a boy at Meadow Point to row him across the Sound to Madison Point. Spent afternoon in farm house, where he bound and gagged his hosts. After supplying himself with food and clothing, he fled in a boat, forcing a man to row him.

July 6.—Spent Sunday in the woods with hired man, resting.

July 7.—Going toward Renton Tracy met friends, and hired man was left blindfolded and tied.

July 8.—Surrounded by fifty deputy sheriffs at Charles Gerald's house at Renton, but gave them the slip through a rear door. As he fled he was applauded by men, women and children. Hounds were sent after him, but he put red pepper along his trail, which filled the dog's nostrils and disabled them until he was safe.

July 9.—Held up a family at Kent and got a new revolver, ammunition, a horse and provisions for a week.

July 10.—Horse he stole was found in the road south of Kent. Later he exchanged shots with cordon of guards near Covington, and again escaped.

July 11.—Slipped through cordon of deputies at Sluice Creek after exchange of shots and escaped into the timber.

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BRUTALITY OF BRIGANDS.

London, Aug. 5.—The Politische Correspondent in an article quoted by the Vienna correspondent of The Times, publishes an account of numerous outrages committed by Albanian brigand bands on Bulgarians. The leader of one band slit open the cheeks and cut off the ears of a resident of Monastir, and then obliged the victim to proceed to the local Cadi and lay the severed ears before him. Similar mutilation was inflicted by another Albanian upon two prominent persons near Philipe, who were forced to deliver their severed ears and noses to the Kaimakan. A third Alban leader held a Bulgarian peasant hostage for £150. Neighbors collected £115, which the leader accepted. Then he murdered the prisoner because the whole sum was not paid. Three communities were blackmailed for £130 the villagers being threatened with death if the money were not paid in fourteen days. On the pretext of searching for revolutionists, a band attacked a village in Akhrida Sanjak, killing a school boy and wounding five other persons. The wounded included ex Prof. Scheinow who afterward died, and Prof. Scheinow. A despatch from Constantinople says the Turkish troops attacked a large band of brigands in the neighborhood of Okhrida Sanjak. The chief and thirteen of the brigands were killed, and others were captured by the troops.

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