

total of \$125,000, according to officers. After Cox's alleged statement to the Federal officers more than \$200,000 in securities were said to have been recovered in Detroit. San Francisco officers were said to have evidence tending to connect them with the robbery of Hale Brothers' store in that city.

For several weeks, the officers declared, Cox, Wilson and O'Brien had been plotting to escape, their final arrangements having been made Saturday, when Wilson offered Roy Rankin, a barber, \$1,000 if he would let the three out onto the "Bridge of Sighs."

Rankin reported the offer to Sheriff Truax and the latter decided to permit Rankin to accede to the plan and permit the men to go onto the "Bridge of Sighs," while plans were made by the Sheriff to capture the prisoners there, and also any possible accomplices who might approach from the outside.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON BREAK

Forged Passes Cut Men Past Prison Gates.

San Rafael.—Four convicts, using cleverly forged gate passes, walked unchallenged by guards through the gates of San Quentin penitentiary and made a daring dash to freedom in an automobile stolen from the prison stable.

The escape, which was said by officials to be the most ingenious in the history of the institution, was not discovered until the men had been gone for nearly an hour.

The automobile used in the sensational getaway was found abandoned at Nicasio, fifteen miles northwest of San Rafael.

That the escape had been planned weeks in advance is evidenced by the fact that three of the passes, which were presented and checked by Gatekeeper Horace Jones, were made out on the prescribed prison forms. One pass was genuine and had been signed by W. C. Wheeler, head of the prison furniture factory.

Members of police believe they have the quartet surrounded in the thickly wooded hills east of Nicasio, according to word received by Warden James H. Johnston.

AIRPLANES IN COLLISION

Six Killed as London-Paris Plane Crashes.

Paris.—Six persons were killed when airplanes on the Paris-London aerial express route collided over the village of Thiepval, seventy miles north of Paris, and crashed to earth.

The entire personnel of both machines, except Pilot R. E. Duke of the English craft, which did not carry passengers, but sank, met death either in the crash or in the flames that followed it.

The accident occurred during a fog, the pilots seeing each other too late to avoid collision.

ated in a separate measure later, however, about \$60,000,000, estimated by the Navy Department as the cost of cancellation of contracts for ships not completed and ordered scrapped.

Briefly, this is what the bill does:

Cuts the enlisted personnel from 35,000 to 25,000, plus 2000 apprentices. Leaves officer total substantially intact, except for the dropping of 250 to serve officers on active duty.

Authorities commissions for only 300 of the 535 first-class men at Annapolis, to be graduated in June.

Lays up 251 vessels of the "non-descript" character.

Eighteen battleships are allotted the United States under the naval treaty, to rounding out a fleet the bill reduces the number of destroyers to 100, submarines to 275, all the cruisers and lighter auxiliary craft.

Out of the \$7,000 enlisted personnel it provides 25,000 for ships afloat.

Provides for the same number of officers in marine corps and 18,000 enlisted men, a reduction of less than 1000. This number, the navy advised the committee, will be cut to 17,000 with the withdrawal in the next year of 2000 marines from Haiti, Domingo, who will not re-enlist.

Representative Kelley of Michigan, chairman of the subcommittee on appropriations, which framed and reported the bill, made public with the bill a statement explaining its provisions.

Secretary Donah's original estimate called for 30,000 enlisted men and 2000 apprentices. Because of the heavy enlisted cut the committee left the officer personnel, line and staff, about where it was. With the elimination of 250 reserves now on active duty and counting 350 new officers from the naval academy, the total will be 3710.

The committee estimated it would cost \$150,000,000 to complete the battleships Washington and West Virginia and two of the battleship cruisers as airplane carriers.

CYCLONE IN WEST TEXAS

Tornado Carries Death and Destruction to Wide Territory.

Dallas.—Fifteen persons are reported dead and more than eighty injured as a result of tornadoes and rainstorms which swept from west Texas east into Oklahoma toward Arkansas. Tally of the dead and injured may be increased, as reports from some of the stricken towns are meager, officials said.

The property damage will run into at least \$1,000,000, though no estimate can yet be made.

The twister swept into a score of Texas and Oklahoma towns and cities. It came streaked in a blizzard of rain and hail, accompanied in some instances by blinding electrical displays.

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