

# ITLAW'S FLIGHT SPREADS TERROR

Spokane Murderer Who Eluded  
Posse Threatens Lives  
of Farmers.

## BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho Aroused Over Whereabouts of Desperado—Fugitive Has Gun and Ammunition.

Spokane, Wash., June 2.—(Special.) More than a score of men, including Sheriff Stone and his chief deputies, today scoured the hills southeast of Spokane in a vain search for William Byrd, who killed John Mansker and G. Whipple and probably fatally wounded C. W. Melsner, at Dishman, Thursday.

The pursuers beat about the gullies, investigated every clump of trees and interviewed every homesteader and farmer within a radius of 20 miles, but all trace of the fugitive was lost at Mica Peak, where the country is wild and there is ample opportunity of his hiding for months, subsisting on game which is plentiful in that region.

Byrd is believed to be heading for the Coeur d'Alene reservation, which a time gone by has hidden many desperadoes.

The murderer is known to have at least 40 rounds of ammunition and is a dead shot having perforated his last victim with a bullet fired from a rifle held at his hip, the target being a hundred yards distant.

### Farmer's Life Threatened.

The only man known to have seen Byrd is a farmer driving along a country road, and this farmer was warned on pain of death not to mention having seen Byrd. The whole country east of the city is excited, and comparison of Byrd's tactics with those of the noted Harry Tracey are heard on all sides. Byrd is regarded as even more dangerous than Tracey, for he is even a better marksman, more vindictive and knows hanging is certain if he is captured.

Bloodhounds from Spokane picked up the scent of Byrd about 9 o'clock Thursday night in the hills just east of the railroad running down the valley. They moved rapidly and soon the trail grew warm. Unmistakable signs of the hunted man were found and the slow speed he was making and the frequent stops showed he was undecided about his route. Finally the trail was lost in the dust and the posse returned to town, resuming the chase again this morning.

### Posse Abandons Chase.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the posse again came in, but the search will be continued for days. The sheriff's office expects to hear at almost any moment of the country folks being held up by the desperado, and has warned all officers in Eastern Washington and North Idaho.

The desperado is 40 years old and is about six feet tall. His hair is dark and his eyes blue. His eyes are large and stick out from his head, while his nose is thin, long and sharp. He walks erect, with a swinging gait. He wears a gray coat, soft yellow shirt, blue trousers and a soft brown hat.