



Fugitives Seized, Eluded FBI Here

With the capture in Detroit of two escaped long-term convicts, for whom a nation-wide search had been conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was disclosed last night they were in St. Louis several hours last Wednesday night but eluded FBI agents here.

The men, seized by FBI agents Saturday night, are John F. Box, 31, and Thomas N. (Pete) Norris, 33, who escaped last Tuesday from the Texas State Prison Farm at Angleton, Tex., by kidnaping a federal game warden.

Norris, who was serving terms totaling more than 400 years for murder and robbery, offered no resistance when taken in a hotel, although two loaded guns were found in the room, FBI agents said. Box, convicted forger with 11 detainers filed against him was sentenced in 1943 after a check forging spree at St. Louis hotels and banks as well as in other cities.

\$20 FROM SPINK

By suave talk, Box "borrowed" \$20 from J. G. Taylor Spink, publisher of Sporting News, when they passed through here, Gerald B. Norris, special agent in charge of the St. Louis office of the FBI said. The men, both nicely dressed, were also seen in the vicinity of Grand boulevard and Olive street.

Norris said he received notice to be on the lookout for the criminals only 10 minutes before the train they were believed to be on was scheduled to arrive and, as a result, were unable to cover suburban stations.

The convicts eluded them, Norris said, by getting off the train at Baden Station, 8000 North Broadway.

Spink said Box, who had served as sports editor of the prison paper, Echo, and was known to him through correspondence about sports, came into his office, 217 North Tenth st., with the story that he had been pardoned through the efforts of a sports editor in Houston, Tex., and that he was en route to New York City where

as a deputy sheriff

TWO CONVICTS, Thomas N. (Pete) Norris (left) and John F. Box, captured in Detroit, spent several hours in St. Louis last Wednesday after escaping from a Texas prison.