

WALL STREET HAS REACTION DUE TO BOGUS CHECKS

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Drawn on Reading, Pa., Bank—Brokers in Philadelphia and Boston Received Similar Bogus Check.

New York, May 7.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange were sent tumbling today by reaction from the heavy trading started on flood of orders which it was disclosed were based on worthless checks drawn on several Pennsylvania banks.

More than a score of worthless checks were received by Wall Street brokers over the week end.

One of the checks was for \$15,000 drawn on the Keystone National Bank of Reading, Pa., to cover buying orders in Westinghouse, Reading and American Car and Foundry. Others accompanied orders to buy New York Central stock.

Reports from Philadelphia and Boston said brokers in those cities had received similar bogus checks. Action checks in almost every case bore forged certification, which tricked some of the brokers into executing buying orders for large blocks of stock. Selling operations, started as soon as the fraud was discovered, sent prices down, practically the entire list being carried to new low levels.

THE COTTON MARKET

Firm Opening Followed by a Renewal of Weakness Later.

New York, May 7.—A firm opening was followed by a renewal of weakness in the cotton market during today's early trading. First prices were 2 to 2 1/2 points higher on old crop markets in response to relatively firm rates and 10 points higher on points lower on later deliveries.

Cotton futures opened firm. May 23 57 1/2; July 25 59; Oct. 29 59 1/2; Dec. 29 59 1/2. New York, May 7.—May cotton broke from \$26.90, the opening figure, to 25.00 on the New York cotton exchange today, on reports of additional arrivals of cotton in the market, and better weather in the South. This was a decrease of 88 a bale from the day's high figure, and of 85 from Saturday's closing.

Directors to Be Named Soon by Cotton Growers.

Raleigh, May 7.—Thirty thousand cotton growers have been called to attend local meetings Friday night, May 11, to select delegates to county conventions of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, which will be held in every county seat on Monday, May 14. Delegates to district conventions, which will be held on May 22, will be named at the county meetings.

The district conventions will nominate candidates for directors which will be voted on at an election to be held on June 11. The annual meeting of members of the cotton cooperative will be held in Raleigh June 8. The directors of the association at their last meeting continued the present plan of having 10 districts as they now are. In addition to the 10 districts elected by the members, the governor of North Carolina appoints a director for the public.

Get-together Meeting at Abemarle.

Abemarle, May 5.—A dinner meeting was held here today at the Hotel Abemarle when the town and rural correspondents of the Stanly News-Herald, of Abemarle, together with a number of prominent men of Abemarle and the county met in a get-together meeting. The primary object of the meeting was to promote interest in the industrial and agricultural work of the city and county schools. The get-together dinner was promoted by D. S. Lippard, of Millington, and was attended by a large number of newspaper folks of the town and communities of Stanly county.

With Our Advertisers.

The Parks-Bell Co. announces a special sale of 1,000 suits for men and young men at prices ranging from \$9.95 to \$19.95. They also have straws to \$1.95. Read big three column ad in this paper.

Protect your crops of wheat, oats, corn and cotton by purchasing hail insurance from John K. Patterson & Company.

Special baseball gloves at \$1.98 at Ritchie Hardware Co. Complete line of sporting goods.

Ship Line Investigating Committee to Visit New Bern.

New Bern, N. C., May 7.—Preparations are being completed here for the visit of the North Carolina port and ship line investigating committee. Hearings are scheduled to arrive May 15. City and Beaufort by the body, it was stated, and all parties interested in the subject have been invited by the secretary of the commission to be present.

GREAT BRITAIN TO SEND NOTE WITHIN 36 HOURS

Expressing Disapproval of the Latest German Reparations Proposal. London, May 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Great Britain will dispatch a note to Germany within 36 hours, expressing disapproval of the latest German reparations proposal and urging Germany to present a more practical and liberal solution to the problem.

It is believed Great Britain's note made in reply to the recent note from Berlin, will have the general support of the Italian government, although Italy will probably send a separate response to the Wilhelmstrasse. France and Belgium Again Serve Notice.

Paris, May 7.—France and Belgium have again served notice on Germany that they intend the reparations bill shall be paid in full and there shall be no consideration of any proposal as long as passive resistance in the Ruhr continues to be the reich's watchword.

Replying in a joint note to the German offer of last week, the Ruhr allies point out that the sum of thirty billion gold marks represents less than one-fourth of the total which both the reparations commission and Germany recognized as the amount of her debt. France and Belgium advance no proposals of their own, restricting their protest to a categorical rejection of the German terms.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF GIRL

Found With Clothing Torn to Shreds and Finger Nail Marks on Her Neck.

Detroit, May 7.—The body of a pretty 17-year old girl lies unidentified in a morgue here today, and two young men who said they found her unconscious in a vacant lot last night are held. They told police officers they knew nothing about the young woman, but found her lying in a vacant lot at Burnett and Gordon avenues. They went to a nearby house and reported that a woman had fainted. A young woman went with them to where the girl was lying and carried her to a nearby house. She died 10 minutes later.

Examination showed her clothing torn to shreds and finger nail marks on her neck indicated the possibility of a struggle.

THE SUPREME COURT HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING

To Hear Arguments in Regard to Right of National Banks to Establish Branches.

Washington, May 7.—The Supreme Court held a special session today to hear arguments in the case involving the right of National banks to establish branches and the enforceability of State laws prohibiting such branches.

Four Men and Girl Dance Continuously for 167 Hours.

Baltimore, May 3.—After dancing continuously for 167 hours, four men and a girl at the Fourth Regiment armory quit at 7 p. m. Tuesday, joint holders of the new record. The dance began last Tuesday night with 25 couples. The survivors are Evelyn King, John Davis, and Harry Talbot, of Baltimore; Aubrey Gilbert, a marine of Washington, and Warren Mills, of Columbia, S. C.

Although exhausted they could scarcely keep awake, the dancers this afternoon boldly announced their goal as 200 hours. They abandoned this idea, however, when it was learned the hall had some time ago been engaged for 7 o'clock tonight. Rather than move, they called a halt. The manager of the contest declared today that the original rules had been adhered to in every way and that the record was genuine.

Dies From Injury Received When Hit By Baseball.

Belmont, N. C., May 7.—Funeral services were held here yesterday for Charley Harris, who died Saturday in a Charlotte hospital as a result of an injury sustained here Friday when struck by a pitched ball in a baseball game. He felt no ill effects until the day after the blow was struck.

Uncle Joe Celebrates 87th Birthday.

Danville, Ill., May 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, who served in Congress through two generations with a record and display of personality that has made his name and black cigar as well known to the schoolboys as to politicians, today is celebrating his 87th birthday, and his homecoming from his final session of Congress.

General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Atlanta, Ga., May 7.—A meeting of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, delegates of which are gathered here for the mid-biennial council, was held today. The delegates represent a membership of about 2,000,000 women and are from all over the United States.

Another Decision in Foreign Vessels Case

Washington, May 7.—The United States can compel masters of arriving vessels to submit manifests showing the articles aboard including those whose importation is prohibited, the Supreme Court held today in a case brought by the government from the state of Washington, against Wesley L. Sisco.

An Omega girl, Ruth Cook Gerth, has been awarded a \$500 prize by the American Face Brick Association for the best designs for face brick work suitable for the grounds or garden of a residence.

A New Location For the Trinity Reformed Church

Trinity Reformed Church voted yesterday morning to purchase the lot on North Church Street cornering at Reed's Lane, for the location of a new church which the congregation will build in the near future. The Consistory is authorized to close the trade and the Finance Committee is authorized to provide the means of payment. The lot is 100 feet on North Church Street and 161 feet deep. Mr. D. S. Lippard offered to give a lot on East Depot Street for a parsonage.

This offer came as a surprise to the congregation. It is likely that the offer will be accepted. The congregation also voted to offer the church property on South Church and Means for sale, appointing Messrs J. O. Moose, J. H. A. Holschouer and R. T. Lippard a commission to receive any bids for such property. The building committee will immediately consider plans of building and submit the same to the congregation for approval.

Sunderland Finals For Year Started Yesterday

Annual Sermon to Graduating Class Delivered in First Presbyterian Church by Rev. Lindsay Hadley.—Opereetta to Be Given at the

The first service in the annual commencement exercises of the Laura Sunderland Memorial School was held in the First Presbyterian Church here yesterday when Rev. Lindsay Hadley, of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, preached the baccalaureate sermon. In addition to the members of the school and its faculty, the speaker was heard by a large and interested congregation.

Mr. Hadley has spent many years in the foreign field and at present is spending some time in North Carolina. He is a speaker of much ability, and although a young man, is already prominent in his church.

The necessity of a vision was the subject Mr. Hadley dealt with and though his sermon was addressed especially to the members of the graduating class of the school, it was applicable to everyone who heard him.

"Where there is no vision the people perish," was the legend that led Antonio, of the great men who lived in the 15th century, to his great fame, the speaker said, pointing out that Antonio saw this legend while working in a monastery while a youth. Later, he said, Antonio asked what the legend meant and was told that "a vision is something in the soul of a man that is good, fine and desirable." He asked where he might get a vision and was told "at your workbench."

"And Antonio got that vision," Mr. Hadley stated. "He saw that it meant service to his fellow man. And it means just that today. No matter where we may be we can always have a vision and strive to see it put into practice."

Some people, the speaker declared, become so engrossed in making money that they look from their hearts the joy that comes from a vision. We may have money, we may have all that money will buy, but we will never have a full life, a satisfied life until we get within our souls a vision.

The speaker expressed the belief that lack of vision is the curse of the world today. "The United States has money, national power and all that goes with it, but somehow the people in the United States have lost their vision. When the peace conference was called in Paris small nations had a thrill for they believed the United States stood to help the weaker nations. But politics or something got hold of us and we lost our zest for world aid. I stand for no particular party but in the United States we need more thought for others; we need to pay more attention to living things and less to material things." Robert Louis Stevenson, Mr. Hadley said, believed that man's greatest task was to make people happy, not good, for the latter was up to the individual himself. The Stevenson vision, he said, is the correct one.

"Don't be discouraged when people about you seem to fail to appreciate your talents and efforts," he advised the members of the graduating class. "In the end your work will be appreciated if you have the proper vision of service and helpfulness. The men of the Revolutionary Army at Valley Forge had enough to make them discouraged, but they were not. In the middle of the camp their leader held prayer with God each day. He had a vision of a great country, and he made his men see that vision also. That is what carried them through. Their privations and sufferings, great as they were, were small when compared with the founding of a great nation."

Mr. Hadley then told of a letter he received while in China from a woman who had been blind ridden for ten years. "In that letter she did not mention her illness," he said. "Instead she talked of the beautiful things she heard and saw from her sickroom window. She also had a vision of great things among the Chinese people and she told me she prayed each day for the work we were doing. Such a vision makes life sweet and strong."

Americans, he advised, have a foremost place in the world because of their great opportunity, but we will not do all that we can do until we get a vision. "We think too much of America as America," he said, "and not enough of America as part of God's universe. First, we must let the opportunity to serve control ourselves. Then it will pass on to our States, our nation and the world."

Vision of service, he also declared, would wipe out labor disputes. "When we have more employees with a vision of working for the good of their fellowman rather than for their wages, and employers who have a vision of their plants aiding everyone instead of themselves, then we will have a settlement of all labor disputes. The labor problem is not a matter of dollars and cents. It is a matter of having a vision in the soul."

In conclusion Mr. Hadley again re-

FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN OF THE LOCAL Y. M. C. A.

Organization of Colonels and Captains Has Been Completed.

The organization of the executive committee, colonels and captains, have been completed and will meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 6:15 Wednesday night to perfect the organization of workers.

The opening night of the campaign will be Tuesday, May 15, at 6:15 p. m. at the Y. M. C. A. It is expected that a prominent out of town speaker will deliver the principal address.

A parade is being arranged for, for Tuesday afternoon, it will consist of two bands, the boys and girls of the High School, the civic organizations and other interested groups, also the campaign organization. They will carry numerous banners and slogans. At the conclusion of the parade a mass meeting will be held on the lawn of the Y. M. C. A., where an address will be given by some prominent speaker.

The outlook for the campaign is most encouraging, some splendid work has been done by the Executive Committee in securing initial gifts. Practically everyone that has been asked to take part in the campaign is accepting the responsibility. The citizens of Concord should be proud of the Secretarial Staff and the accomplishment of the past year.

If the effort to raise \$21,500 with which to pay off the present indebtedness and to provide for the running expenses for the balance of the present year is successful it will enable the Association to greatly increase its effectiveness.

Certainly there is nothing of equal importance to the conservation of the character of the young people of the community. It is just as certain that there is no agency better equipped by experience, training and leadership than the Y. M. C. A. For 75 years it has been recognized as a character building agency.

Certainly the citizens of Concord will rally to this great challenge.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT EXPELS 238 STUDENTS

Disciplinary Measure in Negro Institution Starts Students Strike. Salisbury, May 5.—Livingstone College, well known negro institution of this city, is having trouble between the student body and the president. Nearly two hundred of the three hundred students in attendance have been given their walking papers and are now allowed to stay on the grounds of the college only until they can make arrangements to go to their homes.

A week ago an infraction of the rules was followed by a trial of the offending students by a court of six members of the faculty and the students were recommended for expulsion. President Segus modified this ruling to allow the offending students to do extra work instead of going home. The remainder of the students went on strike for the enforcement of the trial court. Wednesday the president read the names of 238 students and announced their suspension, giving them 48 hours to leave. Today it was announced that 51 of the offending students had re-registered and the others were allowed additional time in which to make arrangements to get to their homes. The suspended students include both girls and boys.

mind the members of the graduating class not to be discouraged if their tasks fell in unpleasant places, or where they did not seem to be appreciated. "Just remember," he said, "that your work may bring light to some dark place or happiness to some lonely life. Christ came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and ministered unto by his footsteps." We should all follow in his footsteps.

The second exercise of commencement will be given this evening in an auditorium of the school when an operetta will be presented by the students of the school. The entertainment this evening will begin at eight o'clock.

Tomorrow evening the final exercises will be held when the students' recital will be given. Admission to the recital and the operetta will be by card, which was included in every invitation issued for commencement.

CHINA SITUATION IS REGARDED AS A VERY SERIOUS ONE

Menaces Good Relations Between the United States and Peking Government.—Bandits Take Americans.

VIGOROUS COURSE IS TO BE PURSUED

Nineteen Americans Were Captured by Chinese Bandits.—Vigorous Demands for Restitution.

Washington, May 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—A situation apparently regarded as seriously menacing good relations between the United States and the Peking government in China was described today by American Minister Schurman in the first official report to reach the State Department regarding the capture of American citizens by bandits near the Shantung border.

The American minister is understood already to have made formal representations on his own responsibility, and it is expected he will be instructed by the government here to pursue the most vigorous course to secure the release of the prisoners unharmed.

The report was prepared by Mr. Schurman on the basis of information furnished him by an American citizen who was on the spot when the bandits attacked the tourist train on which many tourists were riding. It was indicated that so far as known none of those taken prisoner was harmed, and the minister was apparently hopeful that all would be released.

The minister's report was dated midnight May 6, and described the situation as "very serious." Should any American lost his life the State Department is prepared to make vigorous demands on Peking authorities for restitution. Not only will suitable apologies be required but indemnity must be paid, and those responsible must be punished if good relations between the two governments are to continue.

American Killed by the Bandits. Shanghai, May 7.—An American was killed by the bandits who held up the Shanghai-Peking express train near Shantung border and carried off 150 prisoners early yesterday, according to a message from Nienchow, but all of the women captives including Miss Lucy Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., have been released. The men still held are said to be in grave danger.

The message said the bandits had notified the authorities that all the men among the foreign captives would be killed unless the troops are withdrawn. Miss McFadden and Miss Coralli were released with Miss Aldrich, the report added. Troops were pressing the bandits on both sides at latest advices.

Nineteen Americans on the Train.

London, May 7.—A Reuter dispatch from Shanghai says the following Americans were on the train held up by Chinese bandits near the Canton border: Al Zimmerman, V. Haimovitch, L. Friedmann, J. A. Henley, L. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Pinger and two children, J. P. Powell, Major Allen and Mrs. Allen and child, Miss L. T. Aldrich, Miss McFadden, Miss Schronberg, Messrs. F. and E. Elias and E. Gensburger.

CHINESE BANDITS CARRY OFF 150 PASSENGERS

Sister-in-Law of John Rockefeller, Jr., Was on Train; Her Fate is Unknown.

Peking, May 6.—Bandits killed one foreigner and carried off 150 passengers in a raid near the Shantung border on the Tientsin-Pukow railway today. Miss Aldrich, of New York, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and daughter of former U. S. Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, was among the passengers, but her fate is unknown.

The foreigner killed is believed to be a Russian. The minister of communication late today telegraphed General Tesao Kun and the civil governors of Shantung, asking that troops be sent to surround the bandits.

The express train was northbound from Soochow when attacked by the bandits, who disarmed soldiers estimated at 1,000 strong and tore up a stretch of the railroad track. Fifty first-class and 100 second-class passengers were carried off, it was reported here. Six foreigners escaped.

Three Hundred Passengers. London, May 6.—Three hundred passengers including some Americans were carried off by bandits who early today raided an express train from Pukod to Tien Sen at Linchenow Shantung, a Reuters dispatch from Peking says. One foreigner was reported killed and 23 Chinese and six foreigners were said to have escaped.

King George and Queen Mary Are in Italy Now.

Rome, May 7.—King George and Queen Mary, of England, arrived in Rome at 3 o'clock this afternoon on a visit to Italy.

The smoking room of the mammoth American liner Leviathan has been fitted with 48 stained glass panels, one for each State of the Union.

PREDICTS SOUTHERN STATES WILL LEAD THE COUNTRY

In Humanitarian Treatment of Prisoners.—New Era Imminent.

(By the Associated Press.)

White Plains, N. Y., May 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Southern states would lead the country in humanitarian treatment of prisoners was made today by Dr. Hastings H. Hart, a member of the Russell Sage Foundation, and former President of the American Prison Association, in announcing that he might accept an invitation to investigate prison conditions in North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Dr. Hart who has investigated prison conditions in various Southern states, notably Alabama, Mississippi, West Virginia, Florida, South Carolina and Virginia, declared that in a large number of these states they had begun sweeping reforms.

"Alabama and South Carolina have done more in the last few years to better conditions than any two states in the Union," he said.

The North Carolina state penitentiary and the jail at Durham, he said, are about the average.

The convict lease system, attacked recently in Florida, he said, was the result of the poverty of the Southern States after the war.

Dr. Hart continued, were treated by their owners like valuable horses, but the attitude under the convict lease system was "if we kill one convict we can get another."

The road cage, one of the greatest evils of lease system, Dr. Hart said, is fast disappearing. It was in this cage, he added, that convicts spent the night under conditions closely resembling those of Siberian prison camps.

Conditions in Mississippi were worse than other states he had investigated, Dr. Hart said. There, he declared, murderers sentenced to imprisonment for life, acted as guards and were armed with high powered rifles. If one of these murderers killed a fellow convict who was trying to escape the murderer was granted a pardon, according to Dr. Hart.

Dr. Hart said the new Kilby penitentiary at Montgomery, Ala., is in better condition than Sing Sing prison in New York.

At Columbia, S. C., are two prison farms, a state industrial school for whites and a negro reform school, he said.

NEWSPAPER MAN AMONG CHINESE CAPTIVES

Robert Scripps Reported to Be Among Americans Being Held by Bandits.

Peking, May 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Robert Scripps, the American newspaper publisher, is reported among the captives taken by the bandits operating on Shantung border. Others included Major Pinger of the American Army, and his two sons. Mrs. Pinger escaped.

Mrs. Wiggins Dies Unexpectedly. Mrs. S. L. Wiggins became alarmingly ill at her home on Meadow Street Saturday and in the afternoon was carried to the Concord Hospital, where about two hours after an immediate operation she died.

With her husband and three daughters Mrs. Wiggins had a little more than a week ago moved here from Charlotte. In this short time she had made many friends. She was a woman of fine Christian character, possessing ways that invariably win friends.

The funeral service was held at the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong and a large group of acquaintances accompanied the family to the train last night, where they started with the body to South-East Ala., her former home.

Mr. Wiggins holds a position with the T. C. Thompson Construction Co., and will return here in about 10 days.

Immense Crowd Attends Funeral of Rev. Jacob Simpson.

One of the largest crowds ever seen at a funeral in this city attended the services yesterday afternoon, held in the Forest Hill Methodist Church over the body of Rev. Jacob Simpson, for many years an honored minister of this community.

The services were in charge of Rev. J. Frank Armstrong. With him on the platform and assisting were Rev. G. A. Martin, Rev. M. L. Keeter, Rev. W. A. Jenkins and Rev. T. W. Smith.

Interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Autopsy on Poppell's Body to Be Made.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 7.—Representative Fred Davis, of Leon, stated today that he would introduce a concurring resolution in the House this afternoon looking to an autopsy on the body of Jerry Poppell, star witness in the Tabert investigation, who died suddenly at Quincy Saturday night.

The banks of the city will be closed Thursday, May 10th, Decoration Day.

Knockout Jabs in the Y. M. C. A. Campaign For a New and Better Building for Concord

A Man is as big as his Impulses. Who wants to salvage a Boy? Who will be to blame if the boys of Concord go wrong? How much are the boys of Concord worth? How would you like to live in a town if the people were like you? Invest in the future; you'll be there a long time. When a man's cash increases faster than his character he is facing moral bankruptcy. Don't live a financial success, and die a moral bankrupt. Give moral protection to the boys

WILL INVESTIGATE PRISON CONDITIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Expert Criminologists Will Be Employed by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare for This.

TO INCLUDE COUNTY JAILS AND CAMPS

Investigation Result of Sensational Charges Made by E. E. Dudding, President Prisoners' Relief Society.

Raleigh, May 7.—The exact procedure to be followed in the investigation of North Carolina prison systems, in which improper conditions are alleged to exist, will be determined after Dr. Hastings H. Hart, former President of the American Prison Association, and now of the Russell Sage Foundation, arrives in the city, Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of public welfare, today announced.

Decision to employ experts was reached by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare last week in Greensboro. The preceding week, the board held a conference with Gov. Cameron Morrison, at which it was decided to investigate not only the State Prison, Greensboro, but direct attack by Dudding, but to include its subsidiary branches and county jails and camps. Previously the Board of Directors of the State Prison had held a conference with the governor and declined to investigate Dudding's allegations. The members expressed a willingness, however, for Mrs. Johnson, or any other recognized authority, to make an examination.

As a direct result of Dudding's charges and evidence submitted by other parties, the board of commissioners of Guilford county has decided to investigate conditions in its prison system. A conference of board members was to be held in Greensboro today to decide upon plans to follow in conducting the inquiry. The board, it was stated, will participate in the investigation.

When the experts employed by the state arrive in Raleigh, they probably will start immediately reviewing data already on file in the public welfare department. The records here contain what have been termed sensational accounts of alleged conditions in certain camps, cases of flogging receiving a great amount of space. One official bulletin refers to the "dungeons" at the State Prison and quotes the superintendent of the institution, George Ross Pon, as being in favor of whipping prisoners rather than confining them in the particular cells.

Mr. Pon has entered several emphatic denials of the charges brought by Dudding. He declared he was willing for an investigation of the allegations to be conducted. After the decision of the board of directors not to consider Dudding's allegations, at which Mr. Pon was present, the superintendent invited newspaper men to inspect the prison. This was done by several Raleigh reporters and correspondents, but the trip through part of the prison was strictly unofficial and no report was authorized, the newspaper men taking the position such action would be irregular.

Numerous letters from prisoners commending the management of the prison have been made public by Mr. Pon.

The state is expected to advance funds to conduct the investigation, it was announced by officials after the Greensboro conference, and Mrs. Johnson today was expected to confer with Governor Morrison in this connection.

Verification of Powell's Capture Received.

Hannibal, Mo., May 7.—Verification of the capture of John B. Powell, former Missourian, by Chinese bandits, was received today by J. P. Hinton, of Hannibal, Powell's father-in-law, in a cablegram from Mrs. Powell, who is in Shanghai. The message stated that Powell had been captured in Shantung.

Director of Federal Land Bank.

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