

PIRATES BLUFFED BY REFUGEE BAND

Crew of Norwegian Ship Undergoes Terrible Ordeal. Vessel Battered to Pieces at Sea. Rescued by Chinese Tug.

Hong Kong—An amazing tale of bluffing a horde of Chinese coast pirates during a week in which they were refugees on Turnabout Island in the Straits of Formosa was related here Sunday night by the crew of the Norwegian freighter Roseville.

The crew of 35 men, and officers arrived Sunday aboard a tug sent in answer to the Roseville's distress calls after she struck submerged rocks off the island March 6th while sailing to Amoy in a dense fog. The Roseville, a new 2,000-ton freighter on her second voyage to the Orient, was abandoned as a total loss. She left Seattle February 5th for the Orient.

Officers and men alike were thrown from bunks when the vessel jammed against the rocks in the heavy fog. Efforts to free the vessel were unavailing and with day-break a cable was shot to the shore 500 yards away, the cable settling over a tree.

A pulley was attached and over this cable every man, loaded with what food he could carry, was transported to safety while thundering seas pounded the shore and helpless ship.

For a week the crew lived on Turnabout Island awaiting help and watching the ship being battered by merciless seas. Soon there came hundreds of rough looking natives, members of the China coast pirate gangs, whose hideout is on Turnabout Island.

The pirates started determined efforts to board the Roseville both from the land side and from boats. Remonstrance failed to have any effect on the buccaneers and officers fired pistols over the heads of the sea wolves. They retreated temporarily.

Thereafter armed guards from the greatly outnumbered group of refugees kept constant vigilance, dozens of times driving back the bandits who retreated only when the seamen threatened to shoot to kill. Armed conflict might possibly have been fatal to all of the tiny band. Weary days past and finally a tug boat from Hong Kong appeared.

Divers examined the stricken vessel and reported she was wedged hard and fast on the jagged rocks with huge gashes ripped in her sides. She was gradually sinking and her decks were awash. Unable to save the ship, the tug gathered up the refugees and returned, leaving the freighter to the mercy of pirates. A Japanese salvage tug, arriving later, found the Roseville swarming with pirates, who were stripping her cargo and fittings.

BLOWING ROCK MAN WEDS VALE GIRL IN STATESVILLE

Statesville, N. C.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Collins on Stockton Street was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday evening, March 7, at 7 o'clock, when Miss Catherine Bell Robinson became the bride of George Thomas Robbins of Blowing Rock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor of Western Avenue Baptist Church.

The marriage vows were spoken in the living room which was beautifully decorated with the nuptial colors, green and white.

Just prior to the ceremony, "To a Wild Rose" was played by Mrs. Hugo Kimball, who presided at the piano. Mrs. Henry Austin sang "O Promise Me." The ring bearer was Master Jack Collins, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Collins.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Robbins left for a motor trip to Asheville, following which they will be at home at Blowing Rock, where the groom is manager of the Northwest Carolina Utilities Company. He is a son of Rev. E. D. Robbins.

The bride, a daughter of Rev. C. M. Robinson, of Vale, is a graduate nurse, having completed training at Long's Sanatorium last fall, and has since practiced her profession here.

Out-of-town guests present for the wedding were Rev. and Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Howard Robinson, of Vale; Mrs. Conley Robinson, of Charlotte; Mr. Ralph Valentine and Miss Louise Robinson, of Greensboro; Mr. Dewey Storie, of Blowing Rock; and Mrs. Lynn Weaver, of Weaverville.

STATE ORGANIZATION FOR MARKETING EGGS PLANNED

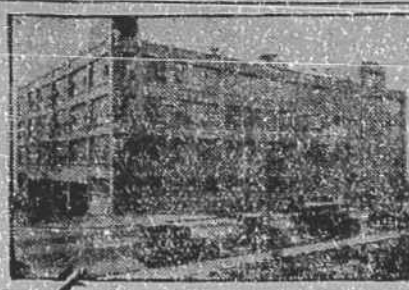
Plans are going forward for the organization of a centralized co-operative association for the marketing of eggs in North Carolina.

Produce exchange managers, poultry raisers and extension workers at North Carolina State College met this week to perfect plans. The Raleigh meeting will be followed by district meetings at Goldsboro, Charlotte, Statesville and Sylva.

L. C. Slater, poultry marketing expert of the North Carolina division of markets, has been named temporary secretary of the State organization, and C. W. Tilson, manager of the Durham County mutual exchange, temporary chairman. Central headquarters will be established either in Raleigh or Durham.

Read the Ads—They Are Messengers of Truth!

Some of the Activities of Farmer-Owned Cooperatives



Farmers who take the processing and marketing of their products into their own hands have built big enterprises. Sorting wool in a cooperative warehouse in Portland which markets wool for growers of 12 states.

(Below) Hauling wheat to a cooperative elevator at Hoxie, Kans. (Above) (Right) The big building is the Seattle branch of the Washington Cooperative Egg and Poultry Association. Land o' Lakes Creameries, Minneapolis, owned by farmers, markets butter for 100,000 farmers in several states.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION BE HELD AT COVE CREEK

Following is a program worked out for the Fifth Sunday Meeting, Three Forks Baptist Association, to be held at Cove Creek Baptist Church on March 29th, 1931:

- 1. Sunday School 10 o'clock
- 2. Devotional and Organization 11 o'clock
- 3. General Topic for Discussion: "An Interpretation of Jesus in the Present-Day World."
 - (1) "His Childhood" H. R. Eggers
 - (2) "His Baptism" L. A. Wilson
 - (3) "His Temptation" W. Y. Perry
- 4. Noon Recess 5. Devotional 6. Continuation of Topic
 - (4) "His Church" F. C. Nye
 - (5) "His Friends and Foes" Smith Hagaman
 - (6) "His Cross" J. A. McKaughan
 - (7) "His Resurrection" J. A. Williams
 - (8) "His Second Coming" P. A. Hicks
- 7. Special Music J. S. McBride, Director

The pastor and members of Cove Creek Church invite Christian workers to spend the day with them.

Poultrymen Urged to Stick by Their Flocks

That "It's always darkest before the dawn" is an axiom which is highly applicable to the poultry business. For records for the last thirty years show, it is an almost invariable rule that after each period of depression, egg and poultry meat prices go higher than before and remain higher. This is one of the reasons why leaders in the industry are urging poultrymen to stick by their flocks and not be stampeded by the low prices of this winter.

There has already been a turn for the better in the business, it is pointed out. As the result of a national advertising campaign, promoting the eating of eggs, sponsored by the International Baby Chick Association and participated in by all branches of the industry, last fall's surplus of more than 2,000,000 cases of eggs has been cleared away. Egg prices now are showing a gradual upward trend. History is repeating itself in that the poultry industry is among the first to start to climb out of the slough of depression.

Farmers who raise poultry as a sideline and full-time poultrymen will enjoy a highly profitable 1931 season, if they make arrangements now for the business of the coming fall and winter. Low prices of the present winter and intensive advertising on the part of the poultry interests have made the American public "egg conscious" to such an extent that they are now consuming more of this product than ever before. Leaders in the industry declare that this recently cultivated egg and poultry-eating habit on the part of the public spells a highly prosperous season for the poultryman or farmer who increases his flock of birds to the limit of his farm's capacity.

One of the best ways of increasing the farm flock at the present time is to replace the old birds with vigorous youngsters fresh from a reliable hatchery, poultry authorities are advising. Experience has shown that only from stock of good egg-laying propensities can maximum profits be expected. Through co-operation of the leading hatcheries of the United States, it is possible for the farmer or poultryman to raise the quality of his flock and increase his profits. These hatcheries, united under the slogan, "Hatchery Checks for Greater Profits," are pledged to the production of chicks of good egg-laying strains, which assure the poultry-raiser of a good return on his investment.

In the Crouse community of Lincoln County 12 farmers have agreed to plant only one variety of cotton this season. At least 20 others will likely join in with the plan, says County Agent Graham Morrison.

Million-Dollar Jewelry Haul Made by Robbers

Palm Beach, Fla.—Robbers, who had the key to the door and combination of the safe, entered the Palm Beach branch of Charlton and Company, New York jewelers, Friday night, and escaped with loot estimated at \$650,000 to \$750,000. Some officials said the total might reach \$1,000,000.

Otto Wegener, local manager and trusted employee of the firm for 20 years, told authorities he gave the key and combination to three of four men who kidnaped him and threatened his life unless he obeyed their commands.

Diamonds and costly gems were said to have composed the bulk of the loot which was quietly removed from the store in the shadow of the exclusive Everglades Club and palatial winter homes of the wealthy.

No exact check of the stolen jewelry had been made but insurance men and company officials were preparing a detailed list. The first estimate was made by G. A. Peacock, New York member of the firm, and Sheriff Baker, said the loss might run lower or as high as \$1,000,000.

Wegener told officers he was seized in front of his hotel in West Palm Beach by persons who called him "Otto." He was taken to a vacant house in southern West Palm Beach where he was gagged and tied to the sink in a deserted kitchen, after being forced to give up the key and combination.

ANCIENT TRICK OF PRISONER PROVES BAD FOR OFFICER

New York.—The old hidden holster trick proved disastrous Friday to a detective who tried to arrest a man in a Lexington Avenue building.

"Just a moment," said the suspect as Detective George Schaedel closed in on him. "I have credentials here to show I'm all right."

From his breast pocket the man drew out a revolver spitting lead.

Schaedel doubled up with a bullet in the abdomen, but quickly drew his own weapon and fired. The suspect escaped although the building was quickly surrounded by two hundred police. A trail of blood indicated he was wounded.

He was described by police as Francis Crowley, wanted in connection with the wounding of two men outside a Bronx club.

BOXER FREED
Prescott, Ariz.—John H. Lewis, Phoenix, Ariz., negro middleweight fighter, was absolved of blame Friday for the death on the previous Wednesday night of Sam Terrin, local boxer, who died in the ring a few minutes after he had been knocked out by Lewis with a smashing blow to the heart.

Villages Threatened By Great Mud Wall

Chambery, France.—Lunging down the mountainside with irresistible force, a great wall of mud which has already engulfed several villages and numerous farmhouses, moved 150 yards during Tuesday night and pushed on toward this little town in the valley.

The main landslide has split into several ponderous arms which move restlessly, throwing up peaks which subside as the mass moves into the ravines. Terrified peasants have failed in efforts to turn the landslide aside. The menace began late last week when the main mass, loosened by heavy rains, split from the mountain and started downward. This morning the hamlet of Pre de Foire was evacuated and 400 inhabitants fled the village of La Motte en Beauges. It was fine Sunday and hundreds of motorists came to watch the spectacle.

Grow Some Corn For Hogging Down

Having a good crop of corn to hog down by pigs farrowed between January 1 will mean that these pigs can be carried until the new corn is ready and then will make sufficient growth to market around September 1 when the market is highest.

"An early maturing variety of corn will be sufficiently mature to turn the hogs on by August 1 in most of the State lying east of Raleigh," says W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at State College. "If this corn is spaced for a yield equal to the capacity of the land, any inter-planted crop will reduce the yield as shown by results of this and other experimental stations. If the corn is supplemented with fish meal, the amount of pork produced will be increased over that produced without such supplementary feed. Hogs cannot balance their feed with standing corn and soybeans only and if they did, they would be worth one or two dollars less per hundred pounds owing to the resultant soft or oily condition of their bodies."

Judging from present indications, there will be more corn hogged down this year in North Carolina than during any previous year," says Shay. "This is an economical way to harvest a good crop of corn, will save considerable labor and will leave much valuable fertility on the ground."

"However, corn to be hogged down should not be inter-cropped with soybeans. Not only does this depress the corn yield but eating soybeans lowers the quality of the pork to the packer. He penalizes soft-bodied hogs. Soybeans also depresses the acre

ASHEVILLE BANK CASES TO BE TRIED

Special Term, Buncombe Superior Court Called for April 20th. Trials Expected to Consume More Than Six Weeks.

Asheville, N. C.—A six-weeks special criminal term of Buncombe County Superior Court from April 20 to May 30 will be held for the exclusive purpose of trying former public and bank officials on charges growing out of bank failures and resulting loss of a huge amount of public money.

This announcement came Friday from Solicitor Zeb V. Nettles, who said he has requested Governor O. Max Gardner and members of the Buncombe County Commissioners to make necessary arrangements for the term.

Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, probably will be assigned by Governor Gardner to conduct the special term, it was learned at the executive office.

At the same time, Governor Gardner said that no decision has been reached as to associate counsel for the prosecutor which the Governor has promised to name. At present, the only assistant to the solicitor yet definitely appointed is former Judge T. L. Johnson, who will represent the State Corporation Commission.

An announcement from the Governor relative to his choice of an assistant to the solicitor is expected within the next few days.

The special term of court will not be interrupted by regular terms which will occur while the special term is in progress. Judge P. A. McElroy will conduct the two regular criminal terms the weeks of April 20 and May 18. Judge McElroy also will conduct, as scheduled, the two terms of civil court—April 6-18 and May 4-16.

Barring unforeseen interruptions, the special term of court will be in continuous progress for the six weeks or at least until all cases against former bankers and public officials available for trial have been handled, the solicitor said.

Seventeen persons—eight former public officials and nine bankers, now are under indictment for various alleged offenses relating to bank failures. These bills were returned by the grand jury at the February term.

On March 10, the Federal Government had approved 1,950 loans amounting to \$318,313 for North Carolina farmers in the drought relief areas.

yield of corn. The more soybeans produced, the less corn, and the less corn the less hard pork," Mr. Shay says.

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