

FIGHTS PITCHED BATTLES

Former Rancher of Kansas Invades Deserter Stronghold.

The mountain fastnesses fifteen miles from Asheboro and the home of District Attorney W. C. Hammer, which have been the rendezvous for some months of a band of army deserters and distillers who have defied the best efforts of the government to get them, have at last been invaded and the government is the victor, most of the ring-leaders now being in various camps awaiting court martial, while others are in jail and one is

dead from a desperate battle a few days ago. These facts were learned today at the local office of the department of justice, A. A. Nelms special agent in charge. The valiant work done towards cleaning out the outlaw stronghold has been done by one man, S. Glenn Young of Ornarga, Ill., who was brought up with a pistol as his childhood weapon on a ranch in the Texas Panhandle and on a ranch in western Kansas. With the arduous training and unswerving nerve and daring acquired in those surroundings and armed with an army .45 pistol he has gone forth recently into the wilds on the borders of Davie and Randolph counties and has rounded up many men wanted by the government. Mr. Young admitted, according to members of the department of justice, that his experience since he came into North Carolina to tackle the job of rounding up army deserters has been fairly exciting. He has been shot at nineteen times within a short period and one ball from an army 30-30 rifle nipped a speck off one ear. In the same period he has had to draw his trusty weapon in several desperate contests but has not yet admitted defeat.

Mr. Young, who works under the direction of U. S. District Attorney Hammer's office, arrived in Charlotte last night with five prisoners and placed them in the stockade at Camp Greene, where they will be held until

a military court tries them for desertion. The five brought here were Carl Lee Hicks, Lola Jacob Barnes, Grover Cleveland Wall and Gall Moore. These were taken by Mr. Young in the recesses of a deep forest and wild section of Randolph county after he had stalked them with great pains and care and came upon them in surprise.

In another raid in the same section on October 18, Mr. Young accounted for three men, Butler Myers, Joe Ward and Charles G. Black. He did not get them, however, until he had shot Joe Ward through the lungs, from the effects of which the latter died at High Point, and had shot Butler Myers through the hip. Charles G. Black got away at the time but was taken a few days later. The men, learning that Mr. Young was at Asheboro, called him up by long distance telephone and warned him that if he came after them they would shoot him on sight. He started after them that night about 9 o'clock and came upon them next morning about 9 o'clock in the woods where they were hiding. A fusillade of shots rang out from Mr. Young's .45 and from the 30-30 army rifle and pistols which the fugitives had. Two of Mr. Young's shots went home, one through the lungs of Joe Ward and the other through the thigh of Butler Myers, Black escaping for the time being. Myers boasted to Mr. Young after he was captured: "By —, if my gun hadn't jammed, I'd got you that time." These three men had been running a still while they were hiding out.

A few days ago Mr. Young captured Oscar Holder, a noted character and safe-cracker whom the postal authorities have been looking for for more than a year. He was also operating a still and is now under arrest waiting to be turned over to the postoffice authorities.

Since Mr. Young undertook the task assigned him by Mr. Hammer he has rounded up about 75 deserters in the western part of the state and will probably bring in others, as there are still a considerable number of these hiding away in the mountain fastnesses. Mr. Young makes a point of traveling only at night when he is out in the section in question and has to use the stealth of the Indian as well as the daring of a two-gun sharpshooter in looking for his men. Among them are a number of the most desperate characters in the state, who were blockaders before the war, who dislike the government and who will sell their lives dearly rather than be captured.

FLYING GREATEST DEVELOPMENT.

London, Oct. 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—No other development in human history has shown so remarkable results as has flying in the last ten years, says Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, a British scientist and aviation expert.

"When the Wright brothers visited Europe ten years ago," he said, "the airplane engines were of 24-horse power. Today they are of 750-horse power in some cases, and the airplane's carrying capacity has increased from about 126 pounds to 3 1/2 tons. Ten thousand feet was then the highest flight. Today we are doing 26,000 feet while forty miles an hour was then the highest speed, today we are approaching 160.

"The British army in France began with only 36 planes. I may not give the number today, but it is huge." Long flights—10 and from America, for instance—would be possible after the war, Lord Montagu said, adding that he himself hoped some day to fly to India. For long-distance flying, however, he continued, it would be necessary to evolve a silent engine, for the public would not be willing to take lengthy trips in noisy airplanes.

WARSHIPS CREW AIDS.

Vladivostok, Oct. 26.—Wounded Czechs and Slovaks, victims of the fighting north of Nikolisk, were the special charges of the officers and men of an American warship prior to the arrival of the American Red Cross contingent from Tokio. They were attended by the ship's doctor, fed by the ship's steward and waited upon day and night by the big-hearted sailors.

When the need became apparent Admiral Knight ordered a nearby warehouse emptied of its contents and there he improvised a hospital. Several of the more serious cases had to be removed to a marine hospital for special treatment. They begged to return to their cots in the warehouse and to the ministrations of the "jackies." The efforts of the latter to outdo one another in showing kindness to the wounded men were touching. They gave up their beds and pillows to them.

When the Czechs arrived they were naturally in a filthy and ragged state. The sailors provided them with sheets in which to wrap themselves while they, the sailors, washed their tattered garments. The ship's officers were deeply moved by the devotion of the men and listened good naturedly to obviously manufactured pretexts put forward by the sailors to go ashore and look after their charges.

CRIME IN SWEDEN.

Stockholm, Oct. 26.—Police statistics show a greatly increasing criminality in Sweden. The number of crimes of all kinds reported in Stockholm during the first six months of the present year was 12,200, as compared with 5,800 for the same period of 1917. The chief increase was due to thefts, of which thefts of establishments and drinkables formed a large part.

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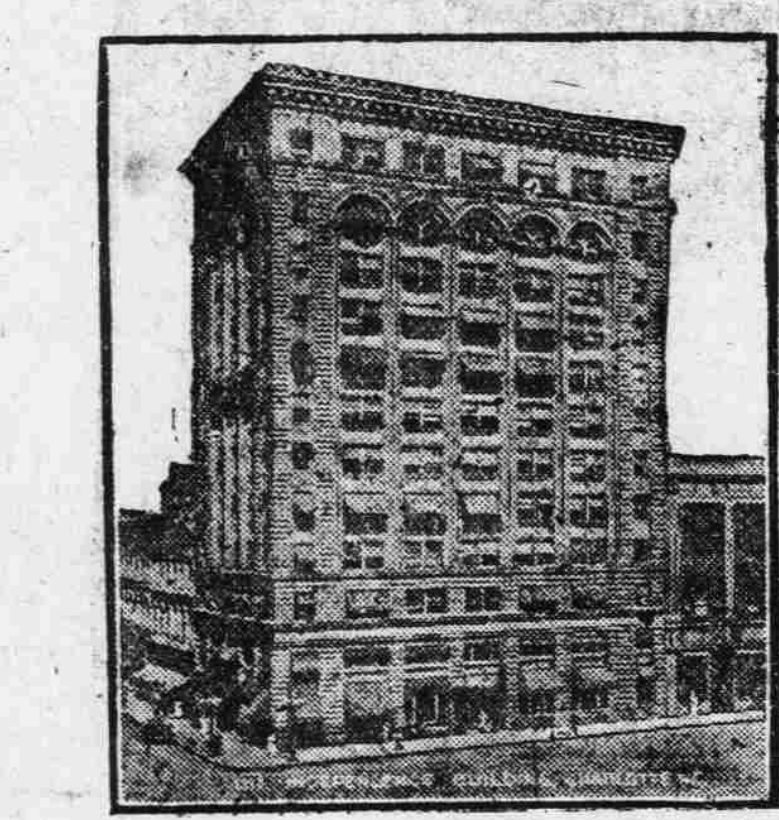
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