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CHINESE KEEPING THEIR PRISONERS

Captives Are Keeping Minute Book of Everything That is Going on.

Tientsin, May 27.—J. B. Powell, American newspaperman and one of the captives of the Suchow bandits who recently was paroled to carry the terms of the bandits for the release of their prisoners to the foreign consuls at Tsaochwang, has returned to the Paotzuku hills where the brigands are holding their captives, according to a telegram from Tsaochwang.

The local gentry who conferred with representatives of the bandits Friday returned Saturday and state that the bandit chiefs offered the same terms they previously laid down for the release of the foreigners. The gentry said, however, they believed the chiefs were inclined to be more reasonable.

The delegates said they were fired upon when they entered the outposts of the bandit camp. This they attributed to intoxication on the part of the sentries. The gentry planned to visit the bandits today with official proposals as a basis for settlement of the controversy over the captives.

The captives are keeping a minute book of all that goes on. The terms of the bandits are outlined at the start during a conference between the bandits and the captives have been entered in the book. When Mr. Powell was paroled to carry the bandits' terms to Tsaochwang they insisted that he take the book with him.

Powell said the captives asked the bandit chiefs to allow Major Roland W. Pinger and Robert A. Allen and Lee Solomon, three of the Americans being held, to come down from the top of Paotzuku mountain whence they were taken recently as a means of preventing any possibility of their escape. The captives also have asked the chiefs to release W. Smith, 60-year-old Englishman, whose condition is causing anxiety. Smith was touring the east for his health after a nervous breakdown. The chiefs said they would consider the appeal and told Powell they would release Smith on his return from Tsaochwang.

The number of captives held at the top of Paotzuku has been estimated by Powell at 100. He said that whenever they take a walk they are accompanied by a guard.

The military governor of Shantung has 15,000 troops stationed around the mountain stronghold of the bandits, it is said, but no action has occurred since the desultory skirmishing which occurred shortly after the captives were taken May 5.

The failure of the Peking government in reporting an agreement for the release among foreigners, has stirred up an outland frame of mind throughout China, according to several of the diplomats.

Well confirmed reports that bandit armies are beginning to communicate with others or a coalition of outlaws have been received and it is known that throughout China new bands of brigands are forming rapidly, the nucleus generally being a group of deserting soldiers who have received no pay for a long time and have decided to live upon the country.

There is a strong feeling against effect the junction of forces large enough to make them believe they can overcome the small foreign garrisons in China.

These bandits, most of whom have had military training, and are skilled in handling the most modern weapons, would be a much more formidable foe than the yelling armies of ill-equipped boxers that gave the world anxious weeks during the siege of Peking in 1900.

Seven Year Old Biscuit Maker

The May issue of the Extension Farm News, published by the Agricultural Extension Service of the State Department at Raleigh, features a front page article about little Marie Paul, a seven year old girl, who won the prize in the recent bread making contest in Richlands township Beaufort county.

The child is in the third grade in school and her teacher says she is the smartest child in school. She is going to put her prize money in the bank until she is old enough to spend it to go to college.

Rich Haul Made by Gastonia Officer

Gastonia, May 24.—The largest single consignment of bootleg liquor ever taken in Gastonia, was seized here late this afternoon by Officer Hoard in a local garage. Three hundred quarts of bottled in bond Scotch and Gordons dry gin and a brand new Packard six was the booty that fell to the alert officer.

The car bore a Georgia license. A negro driver, who was with the car was arrested. Two white men got wind of the officers' coming and made their escape. In the car were two loaded revolvers and a 25-35 rifle with a full chamber. The whiskey was all neatly done up in individual packages wrapped with neat straw coverings. The entire back part of the Packard was filled.

The negro says the men picked him up in Spartanburg. He said, however, that Savannah was his home.

At prices prevailing in Gastonia the liquor was worth \$2,000 or \$4,000. Both car and liquor are at the city hall.

Killed Eight Revenuers

Los Angeles, May 24.—City and federal officers are checking the story told yesterday by Joe Buckley Lourie, 23 years old that when he was 13 years old in April, 1908, he killed eight revenue officers in a moonshine fight in the mountains of Kentucky.

Lourie, who said he formerly lived at Kirby Knobs, Ky., was taken into custody by a special agent of the Southern Pacific railroad on a charge of beating his railroad fare. At the jail detectives stated, he told the following story:

"My father and my brother, Art ran a moonshine still. The revenue agents were always trying to find it. One day back in April, 1908, father and Art left my brother, Charlie and me on guard and went away for a while. The last thing my father said was: 'Joe if you see any revenue agents shoot on sight and shoot to kill!'"

"Charlie and I hung around the still keeping close watch and pretty soon we heard shooting—30 or 40 shots on the side of the hill. We hid in the bushes and in a few minutes we saw the revenue agents coming down the hill. They were carrying two bodies and when they got close to us, we could see they were father and Art.

"We let the agents get past us and then we started shooting." I fired 13 shots all together and Charlie fired some, and we killed eight of them. Then we skinned out."

Lourie, the officers stated, said he and his brother had remained together until two years ago. He declared they traveled all over the world, and in the orient, afraid they would be arrested. The officers said he was covered with tattooing and bore many marks of a life of adventure.

Negroes do Not Receive Royal Reception in North

The quarantine placed Saturday included the district bounded by Vine and Callowhill and Eighth to Tenth streets. Six negroes were found to have contracted the disease from Julius Robinson, negro, 8 years old, who recently came here from the South. The cases were discovered among thirty-eight negroes living in a house at 925 Vine street.

Something ought to be done by the employers who import this cheap Southern labor. They encourage them to come here by the thousands and then let them shift for themselves in the matter of living facilities.

Employers could pool together to provide the negroes with homes in the same manner they pool together to finance the sending of scouts down South to round up a trainload of the workers and bring them up here.—Philadelphia North American.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the Mount Airy Lodge Knights of Pythias No. 242, in session Monday night, May 21st, 1923, do hereby extend our deepest sympathy to Brother Eugene Olive, in the sudden and tragic death of his sister, Mrs. Terry, and we commend him to the Father, who doeth all things well.

"In that land of light where no shadows rest,
Life's web complete, our labors ended;
We shall find our lives had not been blest.

Had the shadows ne'er with the sunshine blended."

Be it Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded by our keeper of Records & Seals, a copy given the Mount Airy News for publication and a copy sent to Brother Olive and Family.
W. E. Lindsay, W. H. Holcomb, Will R. Kiger, Committee.

Fails in Effort to Establish Negro Republic

New York, May 21.—Financial methods used by Marcus Garvey, self-styled "president of the African republic," in raising funds for starting the Black Star Steamship line to carry American negroes back to Africa, were described in federal court by witnesses today testifying in the trial of Garvey on charges of using the mails to defraud.

Richard M. Warner, formerly executive secretary of the Black Star line, declared he was elected to his office at the salary of \$25 a week and that the night after the company had been incorporated Garvey took the first issue of stock to Virginia to sell it.

He declared that Garvey's "cabinet" members refused to let him examine the books of the concern and that as far as he knew none of the money realized from the sale of stock was applied to the obligations of the steamship line.

Edgar Gray, former private secretary to Garvey, testified the stock had been sold through the mails by the use of highly colored pamphlets and that Garvey appeared in gaudy uniforms at meetings in negro sections of the country and was persuaded to accept money for stock.

Gray also declared the first stock book of the company disappeared. He said he received a salary of \$14 a week for holding a number of high-sounding offices with Garvey. He was questioned regarding the purchase of the steamship Yarmouth by Garvey as the nucleus of the Black Star line, but admitted he knew little of the details.

The trial will be resumed tomorrow.

Bandits Kill Five Captives

A Tien Tsin cable from China says: The Suchow bandits on Wednesday shot five of their Chinese captives and "would not hesitate one moment about shooting the foreigners," according to Marcel Berube, one of the prisoners who arrived at Lincheng yesterday on parole.

The Chinese prisoners were murdered for not obeying an order, or for not obeying it quick enough, Berube said.

"The patience of the brigands is becoming exhausted," the prisoner declared. "In three days they marched us 30 miles. Some of the captives still are without shoes and with their feet sore and swollen, marching over the mountain trails is torture."

"We are now encamped in three temples at the foot of Paotzuku mountain. From there we can plainly see the soldiers across the valley. The troops greatly outnumber the bandits, and follow at the heels of the latter on each march we make."

Berube said Major Robert Allen and Theodore Saphiere are suffering greatly from cut and bruised feet. He declared G. D. Musso, wealthy Italian, another captive, is unable to walk as one leg is paralyzed. Senora Veree, he declared, still refuses to leave her husband and is bearing her hardships remarkably well.

Major Roland Pinger has been elected president of the captives' organization. The major is clad in a large pair of trousers and a dress jacket. Mr. Smith, a Manchester, England man, more than sixty years of age, who came out to the Far East on a trip for his health, is reveling in the adventure, according to Berube. Dressed in a blue flannel pajamas and a straw hat and carrying a broken walking stick, Mr. Smith is irrepressible. One Sunday, Berube said, the aged Englishman nearly slipped over the edge of a chasm to his death but was able to scramble back to safety. Berube asserted that the soldiers had looted one of the bandit villages and that the captives had seen several others villages destroyed.

His Prayer

A certain negro preacher not a thousand miles from here recently opened his service with the following prayer:

"O Lord, give thy servant this mawning the eyes of the eagle and the wisdom of the owl; connect his soul with the gospel telephone in the central skies, luminize his brow with the sun of heaven, pizen his mind with love for the people, turpentine his imagination, grease his lips with 'possum ile, loosen his tongue with the sledge hammer of thy power, electrify his brain with the lightning of the Word, put 'petual motion in his arms, fill him plum full of the dynamite of thy glory, 'point him all over with the kerosene ole of thy salvation and set him on fire."

If you have relatives and friends who live in or about Mount Airy you need The Mount Airy News in your home.

Take Step to Prevent Loss of Life by Fire

Charlotte, May 24.—At the direction of the city commission notices were sent to the theaters of Charlotte Tuesday notifying managers of the amusement houses that the city authorities will not tolerate conditions in the theaters that endanger life by the possible outbreak of fire.

The theater managers were given warning to allow only as many persons in their show houses as could be seated, to keep all aisles and passageways cleared and to provide adequate exits for discharging the audience without loss of time in case that a fire should break out.

The fire and police chiefs have been given notice of the order of the commission and instructed to see that it is enforced. The chief of the fire department has the authority to close a theater that does not furnish proper protection against fire, it is stated.

The warning against the overcrowding of theaters was emphasized in the notice to theater managers, who were told that if the order is not obeyed the violator would have to face court charges.

The danger of a possible outbreak of fire in one of the city's public places was brought sharply to the minds of the city commissioners by the recent holocaust at Cleveland school house, near Camden, S. C. It was with a full realization of such a possible danger and the desire to avert any calamity such as the recent one in South Carolina that the commissioners took the precautionary step.

Florida Passes Act Regarding Convicts

Tallahassee, Fla., May 24.—Florida's second convict reform came today when the legislature effected final passage of a measure to abolish the county convict lease system next January 1. With this measure went a second and more emphatic prohibition against administering corporal punishment to prisoners.

The lower house adopted without discussion a conference report on the subject while in the senate 14 votes were cast against the matter in which it was drawn. These 14 members were for the most part those who vigorously had fought the passage of an outright corporal punishment ban, the effect of which was had yesterday when the governor signed a measure that directed the state officials to bar whipping from their prison regulations and the commissioner of agriculture promptly acted accordingly.

The measure as passed deals broadly with the supervision of convicts, and requires that convict wardens give bonds of \$2,500 while guards must be bonded for \$1,000. They are made subject to suit for damage for any abuse of their authority. The warden is made directly responsible for the convicts within his care and must make periodic reports to the commissioner of agriculture and the report must be sent to the board of county commissioners of the counties in which the prisoners are worked.

No contracts for the leasing of convicts shall be permitted after January 1, and all existing contracts at that time become null and void. One county, however, may turn its prisoners over to another county for work on the public roads or they may be turned over to the state road department for similar work under terms the two parties may find suitable.

Kills Brother in Play With Pistol

Monroe, May 26.—Mrs. R. B. Klutz, 18 years old, and a bride of 15 days, accidentally shot and killed her brother, Vernon Wentz, 23 years old, while playing with a revolver from which she thought she had extracted the shells at the Wentz home eight miles from Monroe, Friday night.

A neighborhood crowd had congregated at the Wentz home in Vance township and the bride during the evening went to a bureau and took there from a revolver from which she thought she had extracted all the shells before she snapped the weapon in the face of her brother. There was one ball still in the chamber, which exploded with fatal result.

A Hero Who Wasn't Even at the Fire

Camden S. C., May 18.—Who is the outstanding hero developed by the Cleveland school house fire may be a question of dispute, but to many one of the outstanding heroes of the occasion will be a boy who was not even at the fire. He is Thompson Davis, 17.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Davis, and two sisters were burned to death in the fire. Today, he stood in the Beulah churchyard surrounded by the sheeted and charred figures.

Asked what he knew about the fire he said:

"Don't know very much. I wasn't there. But I lost my mother and father and two oldest sisters, Lena and Ida May. They were 14 and 12. At home there's a little brother about nine months old and three more little sisters. They are two, five and six. They and me are all that's left. But I guess I can help some. I guess I can do it."

Almost instantly a dozen hands were thrust into pockets and men who had heard the assertion, thrust bills into his hands. The boy hesitated but finally was prevailed upon by an elderly man to take the money.

"You've got a big load to carry, son," the old man told him.

"I'll do my best sir, I'll do my best best," the boy replied.

Some Prison Conditions Not So Good

Dunn, May 27.—After its visit to the Harnett county convict camp this week the grand jury recommended that A. A. Weaver, superintendent be discharged by the county commissioners, providing to be as reported. In its report the grand jury referred to the food served the convicts as being improperly cooked. The noon meal, which came under the observation of the visiting jury, was described as consisting of "peas, a little meat, and cold biscuit bread, very poorly cooked." The report added that the biscuits appeared to have been cooked for several days, probably a week.

Some of the convicts reported that the cook spent a great part of his time in waiting on the family of the superintendent, and did not have sufficient time to properly cook the food for the convicts. The report is emphatic in the declaration that the visiting committee does not think Weaver is the proper man for superintendent of the convict camp.

Another recommendation of the grand jury is that no convict be whipped except in the presence of the county health officer. "We understand, says the report, "that in the past certain prisoners have been whipped in the absence of said officer."

The action of the board of county commissioners in the matter will be awaited with interest.

Ford Sales Pass the Half Million Mark in 120 Days

More than half a million Ford Cars and Trucks sold in 120 days.

That is the astonishing record just established by the Ford Motor Company, eclipsing all previous sales figures and emphasizing more strongly than ever the right of the Ford to the title "The Universal Car."

From January 1 to May 1 sales of Ford Cars and Trucks in the United States reached the enormous total of 561,544, nearly twice the number sold at retail during the same period a year ago when the total was 283,782.

Even with its huge production facilities, now operating on a schedule in excess of 6,500 cars and trucks a day, the company is unable to keep up with the unprecedented demand.

April set a new sales record for them onth, just as has every other month this year, and was the thirteenth consecutive month in which sales have run over the 100,000 mark.

Sales during April totaled 165,582 Ford Cars and Trucks, 50,000 more than were delivered in the same month last year when 115,282 retail deliveries were made.

Baptist State Hospital Opens At Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, May 25.—The Baptist state hospital was formally opened tonight and during the evening hundreds visited the institution and admired the splendid structure and equipment. Many leading members of the denomination were here for the opening exercises, which were informal but enjoyable.

Walking in His Sleep Man Falls to Ground

Winston-Salem, May 21.—John Roberts, of Reddies River, Wilkes county, is in the Lawrence hospital in an unconscious condition as the result of a jump from a third-story window to the ground this morning at 4 o'clock. The young man, who has been given to somnambulism, or walking in his sleep for some years, arose this morning and in wandering about the room awoke a young man in another bed. Before the man in bed could get up and wake young Roberts, he ran to the window, pulled down the top sash and took a thirty-foot jump to the ground.

The two men in the room hurried down the stairway and found the crumpled form of the sleep-walker lying on the ground, face downward. They carried him back to the bed room and summoned a physician. An examination did not reveal any broken bones, but the opinion of the attending physician was that the man was suffering from a general concussion of the body, caused by the terrible jar when he struck the ground.

Roberts was carried to the hospital soon after the jump. While he has not regained consciousness, it is believed that he may recover. It is probably that an X-ray picture of his body will be made in an effort to determine whether or not there are any internal injuries.

It is understood that the young man met with a similar misfortune at his home in Wilkes county several years ago. However his roommates say that he has not been known to walk in his sleep since he has been in Winston-Salem.

All that saved the young man from instant death, it is believed, was the fact that the ground on which he fell was soft from the rain Sunday and Sunday night. There are also indications that he landed on his feet and then pitched forward on his face.

How to Stock Farm Fish Pond

Raleigh, May 21.—Indications are that many farmers in North Carolina are interesting themselves in having a farm fish pond from which they may secure a plentiful supply of this food for home use. Just recently A. Graves Thompson, who lives at McIver in Caswell county, wrote the Agricultural Extension Service that he had a pond of about an acre in size that he wished to stock with food fish.

H. H. Brimley, Curator of the State Museum, answering the letter for extension folks suggestion that such a pond might well have two or three varieties of the best kind of perch which would be better than using black bass and perch. While many farmers will prefer bass as well as perch, the bass will clean out the smaller fish in a few years.

The best kind of perch as recommended by Mr. Brimley would be blue brim and crappie, both of which reach a weight of one or two pounds. The crappie is generally known as white perch and in eastern Carolina as speckled perch.

Since the State Department of Agriculture does not supply fish for stocking, Mr. Brimley suggested that small fry could be obtained from the United States Fisheries Commission at Washington, D. C. It is thought though that an easier and quicker way to stock a new pond would be to catch adult fish of the species mentioned in the ponds and streams nearby using a small hook or sein, handling the fish carefully and transporting them in large clean containers to the new pond.

Mr. Brimley suggests also that some of the common sunfish or chub rosin might be added. Shad roaches and minnows ought to be placed in the pond for food for the perch and plenty of bushes allowed to grow around the edge of the pond so that upon which the small fish feed would be attracted to the place. All eels, catfish and terrapin should be excluded from the pond and flood water from the surrounded fields kept from flowing into it. When handled in this manner, a pond covering an acre of land would supply plenty of fish for family use.

Whooping Cough

This is a very dangerous disease, particularly to children under five years of age, but when no paregoric, codine or other opiate is given, is easily cured by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Most people believe that it must run its course, not knowing that the time is very much shortened, and that there is little danger from the disease when this remedy is given. It has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, with pronounced success. It is safe and pleasant to take.