

TWO OF CAPTIVES RELEASED BY THE CHINESE BANDITS

Success in the Negotiations Held Captive by Bandits Indicated Today.

PINGER AND ALLEN GIVEN FREEDOM

Attacks by Chinese Troops Ordered Discontinued to Prevent Possible Injury to Those Still Held.

Success in the negotiations to ransom the foreigners held captive by the Chinese bandits in the mountain fastnesses of Shantung was indicated today when a dispatch from Peking announced the release of Roland Pinger, Jr., and Robert Allen, Jr., sons of Majors Pinger and Allen, U. S. A.

Official advices received by the State Department at Washington from the Peking government stated that the attacks by the Chinese troops against the bandits had been ordered stopped to prevent any possible injury to those still held.

A private message from Tsoehwang received in Shanghai, reported Chenier Musso, an Italian attorney of Shanghai, also was held. A previous message said the bandits were holding Musso for \$1,000,000 and that he was critically ill. The bandits were held near Tsinanfu as their most valuable prisoners.

Advices received in Tsinanfu indicated the captives would be released today.

The latest reports from Peking indicated that at least two women were among the captives—Mrs. Sanderson, an American, and Miss E. F. Fleming, English. Previous statements that Miss L. A. Seaton, of Berkeley, Cal., and her niece, Miss Lillian Auld, of Eugene, Ore., were held were discredited today when it was learned in Peking that they were not aboard the Shanghai-Peking express when it was seized near Suchow early Sunday.

The Chinese government has promulgated a Presidential mandate ordering an investigation into the affairs of the civil and military governors of Shantung province. The government also instructed these executives yesterday to strain every effort to procure the release of the captives.

Two Americans Remain in the Run-

Deal. England, May 10. (By the Associated Press.)—Two Americans remained in the running for the British amateur golf championship at the completion of the 5th round this afternoon. They were Francis Oulmet, of Boston, and Douglass Grant, American born, but for some years a resident of London.

Report of Release of Allen and Pinger Confirmed.

Peking, 4 p. m. May 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The foreign legations have just received advices confirming reports that the two young sons of Maj. Pinger and Maj. Allen, captured by the Suchow bandits, have been released. The two boys now are on their way from the bandit fortress in the hills back of Linbhen, to Tsinanfu.

POPE AND HARVEY ARE SENTENCED TO DEATH

For the Murder of Pope's Wife, Father and Mother and Two Children.

Idabel, Okla., May 10.—John Pope, confessed slayer of his estranged wife, her father and mother, and two children, and Aaron "Red" Harvey, his confessed accomplice, were sentenced to death by District Judge G. M. Barrett here today. Jack Pope, Pope's son, who admitted accompanying his father and Harvey to the scene of the killings, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Crooked methods are never a short cut to success.—Select.

JURY IN McHARGUE CASE COMPLETED

(Special to The Tribune.) Salisbury, May 10.—The jury in the case against Lee McHargue was completed this morning, and two witnesses for the State were heard. Policeman Swing was the first and recalled the incidents of the fatal night.

COTTON CHOPPING TIME

Farm Work in North Carolina Gets Underway in Earnest.

Raleigh, N. C., May 10.—Cotton chopping time is almost here.

The lure of fishing and other pleasures coming with spring, to be enjoyed when crop preparations are not underway, now must be conquered as farm work in North Carolina gets away in earnest, according to officials of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. R. Y. Winters, of the Division of Agronomy, in a statement issued tonight, asserts recent experiments concluded by him prove conclusively that thicker spacing of cotton will pay in increased yields per acre and early maturity.

"When cotton is allowed to stand thickly in the drills, that is about 6 to 8 inches apart in the drill and with one of two plants to each hill, the competition for light tends to make the plant grow upright without much spreading," he says.

"Then we have the main stem and a large number of short fruiting branches instead of a larger number of vegetable branches and longer fruit branches. It takes a shorter time to produce this stem and short fruiting branches and for that reason closer spacing stimulates earliness."

Dr. Winters said the experiments conducted near North Carolina State College show that when he allowed cotton to stand as planted, thickly in the row, he made a total of 1425 pounds of seed cotton per acre; spacing the cotton eight inches yielded 1262 pounds of cotton and spacing 12 inches a yield of 1256.

This would indicate, he says, that cotton need not be chopped as in the past, but due to grass and weeds it is necessary to give at least 6 to 8 inches between the hills so that these may be cleared out.

CONVICTED FOR VIOLATION OF STATE INSURANCE LAWS

J. E. Lane and M. B. Good Get Six and Four Months, Respectively.

Raleigh, May 10.—The conviction of J. E. Lane and M. B. Good for charges of violating the State insurance laws, was announced today by the North Carolina Insurance Department. Both Lane and Good were convicted in Bertie Superior Court, the former being sentenced to six months, and the latter to four months imprisonment.

Good was charged with representing a company not licensed in this State, and not having a license for himself. Lane was alleged to have represented a company not licensed here and also to have defrauded persons having operated in most all sections of the State, it was said.

WORK OF PROHIBITION AGENTS LAST MONTH

One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Stills Were Captured in North Carolina.

Salisbury, May 10.—One hundred thirty-seven stills were captured in North Carolina during April, according to announcement today by A. B. Coltrane, prohibition director of North Carolina. In addition to these, 15 automobiles were taken while in the act of hauling liquor, and 104,800 gallons of beer and 725 gallons of liquor were seized. The total amount of property seized and not destroyed was \$4,514. Forty-three arrests were made and one hundred forty seven prosecutions recommended.

Deny Geraldine Farrar's Request.

New York, May 10.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court today denied Geraldine Farrar permission to strike from the records of her divorce suit against Lou Tellegen, all allusions to Miss Stella Larrimore, 19 years old actress, named as one of several co-respondents.

King George is said to be one of the finest shots in England, and his horsemanship is second only to his shooting.

Won't Stand For Endorsement of Harding World Court Proposal

Atlanta, Ga., May 10 (By the Associated Press.)—Declaring she would not stand for the Federation endorsing President Harding's proposal for American participation in the world court of international justice, Mrs. Theodore Winter, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, said that the resolution on this subject, agreed on by the resolutions committee probably would be modified so as to make it clear that the principle was endorsed and not any specific proposal.

Mrs. Winter explained that while she personally favored American participation in the world court, she would endeavor to have a resolution so worded that no charge of partisan politics could be brought against the Federation. The resolution as agreed on by the committee yesterday did not mention President Harding or his proposal, but some leaders informally pointed out that the recommendation of the President along this line is the only one before the country.

DEFINITE ORDERS TO BUILD UNDERPASS

Engineer Dunlap Said to Have Been Instructed to Construct Underpass.

Mr. Dunlap, engineer in charge of the State Highway work in this county, received a telegram today from the State Highway Commission authorizing him to proceed with the construction of the underpass on the Kannapolis road, according to information. The work on the underpass started several days ago, it was stated, and then was held up. The telegram which Mr. Dunlap received today authorized him to proceed with work on project No. 615, which is the underpass project.

GREENSBORO RAILROAD PASSENGER STATION CASE

Will Be Heard Before the State Supreme Court Next Week.

Raleigh, N. C., May 9.—Hearing of the Greensboro railroad passenger station case is expected before the State Supreme Court next week about Thursday, according to an announcement by Edward C. Seawell, clerk, today.

In a letter to counsel in both sides of the case, Mr. Seawell has advised that the hearing has been set. The case is set for the 11th day of the month, which starts, Tuesday, May 15. Two days, it is thought, will be required for the disposal of other cases.

The case developed out of the action of the voters of Greensboro favoring a bond issue of not to exceed \$1,300,000 to the Southern Railway to build an adequate passenger station here. The election was held in the spring of 1922 and was carried by the bond advocates in face of strong opposition.

After the contract was said to have been signed between the city and the Southern Railway and a Greensboro bank, acting as trustee, and everything was in readiness for construction to begin with the sale of the bonds, C. C. Hudson secured a temporary injunction, restraining the city from issuing the bonds.

When the hearing on the proceedings was held before Judge W. F. Harning, a permanent injunction was denied, and the constitutionality of the step taken by the city upheld. Mr. Hudson immediately excepted to the opinion, however, and filed a petition with the supreme court.

Attorneys for Greensboro take the position that the plan whereby the Southern proposed to provide funds with which to pay all interest on the bonds and retire the entire amount at the end of thirty years is such nature as to guarantee the city against loss.

ATTACK BY TROOPS ON THE BANDITS ORDERED STOPPED

To Adopt Specific Means Which Will Insure the Liberation of the Prisoners.

Washington, May 10.—The attack by the Chinese troops on the bandits who captured the Americans and other foreigners and wrecked the Shanghai-Peking express train in Shantung, has been ordered stopped by the Peking government.

HUGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SUSPENDED

Builders Will Not Proceed Until Labor and Material Costs Come Down.

New York, May 9.—Building projects in New York totalling \$21,000,000 were suspended this week because of higher construction costs. It was reported at a conference of representatives of the building industry last night. The projects, it was said, will be withheld until costs of material and labor are reduced.

The total suspensions reached \$21,000,000 after a prominent firm announced cancellation of a \$7,000,000 project. Columbia University yesterday announced suspension of plans to expend \$10,000,000 on new buildings while the Hebrew Orphan Asylum cancelled its \$4,000,000 project.

"Success is 98 per cent. perspiration and 2 per cent. inspiration."

EFFORT TO BRING FARM HELP TO THE UNITED STATES

Senator Dial Urges Southern States to Get in Touch With Secretary Davis and the Italian Ambassador.

SEEKING RELIEF FROM ABROAD

The Most Available Aid, Senator Dial Says, Could Be Found in Italy.—Italian Ambassador Interested.

Washington, May 10.—Commissioners of labor of the South whose states are suffering a shortage of agricultural labor owing to the exodus of negroes to the north, were urged in a statement today by Senator Dial, of South Carolina to get in touch with Secretary of Labor Davis and the Italian ambassador.

Senator Dial said he had been negotiating for some time with Secretary Davis and Commissioner of Immigration Husband, seeking relief from abroad. The most available aid, the Senator said, could be found in Italy, and he has obtained the co-operation of the Italian ambassador to assist in any movement which may be launched by the state commissioners of labor to bring thrifty farmers from northern Italy.

Senator Dial said he is also attempting to interest the diplomatic representatives of Norway and Sweden in the movement.

MRS. POINDEXTER ASSAILS PLAZA WOMEN WORKERS

Says Night Life Fills Government Hotels and Girls Pose at Windows in Night.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—Mrs. Miles Poindexter, who started the tongues of Washington society wagging some time ago with her high lights on doings in inner circles here, is still slinging a trenchant pen.

The latest episode of the wife of the American Ambassador to Peru has to do with the women workers in executive department who live in the government-owned dormitories built on Union Station Plaza.

To hear Mrs. Poindexter tell it, the plaza hotels are centres of "night life" and filled with "admirers" of the comely young Government workers. Furthermore, the ambassadorial matron intimates that the girls were positively naughty at times.

"Not much has been said about it," wrote Mrs. Poindexter, "but the city attracted 'wild women' (during the war) from all over the country."

Just to show that she kept her weather eye open, Mrs. Poindexter adds: "Some of the war workers lived not far from me, and they took a good deal of pleasure, apparently, in posing at their windows in extreme negligee for the edification of passers-by or people across the street."

Mrs. Poindexter advocates the closing of the Government hotels, but concedes that the women have no place to go.

Indignant denials were forthcoming from Mrs. Sarah E. Sumner, general manager of the hotels, and others.

"It is the most outrageous story I have ever read," said Mrs. Sumner. "To my knowledge Mrs. Poindexter has never been inside the hotels and certainly had no real knowledge of them."

"The conditions here are, and always have been, wholesome and moral. In the three years I have been manager there has been only one case that had to be investigated. The women here are business women, interested in their work. The managers of each building are women of high moral character who take a real interest in their guests. When the girls have dances they are chaperoned by women whose duties are to act in that capacity and see that everything is conducted properly and in order. A matron patrols the corridors of each building all night long."

"I do not know what Mrs. Poindexter means by night life. Of course the girls have the average number of men callers, but all must leave by 11 o'clock. They receive them in the sitting rooms or lobby and the house manager or her assistants are always nearby."

Many of the girls never have a caller, according to some of the house managers. Many of them are college graduates and not a few are taking extra courses after working hours. Most of them do their own washing and ironing and make their own clothes.

Japanese Fishermen May Operate in Siberian Waters. Tokio, May 10. (By the Associated Press.)—Permission to Japanese fishermen to operate in Siberian waters, denial of which by the soviet government threatened to cause rupture with Russia, has now been granted, according to an extra edition of a local newspaper today. Moscow is reported to have accepted to the personal appeal of A. A. Joffe, the soviet envoy, who is in Tokio. It is understood that the passports of Japanese fishermen will be used for Siberia.

THIRTEEN KNOWN TO BE DEAD IN FIRE AT CORSICANA, TEXAS

J. P. Hughes Oil Well Fire Demands Heavy Toll of Lives.—Two Others May Be Dead.

FOUR CHARRED SKELETONS FOUND

It Will Take Two Days to Set and Successfully Use the Twenty Boilers Being Sent to Extinguish the Flames.

Corsicana, Texas, May 10.—Thirteen known dead and possibly two more, were believed today to be the toll of the fire at the J. P. Hughes Development Company oil well on the Mckie lease late yesterday.

The number of dead and missing varied slightly during the night due to the inability to get reliable information as to how many men were working near the derrick, and who escaped. A check after daylight today showed seven bodies in the morgues here, and six men known to have been at the well missing. Four charred skeletons could be seen near the well as it continued to burn today.

It is thought there might have been other laborers near the derrick. B. B. Simmons, of the company owing the well, estimated it will take two days to set and successfully use the 20 boilers being taken to the scene to extinguish the flames by steam. Oil and oil soaked debris surrounding the well for several hundred feet had all been burned this morning and the flames were fed only by the stream of oil and gas issuing from the well.

FAIL TO AROUSE MAN WHO SLEEPS FOR EIGHT DAYS

J. D. Wallace, Asheville Man, Is Ill With "Sleeping Sickness."

Asheville Citizen. J. C. Wallace, of West Asheville, has returned from Baltimore where he visited his son, James Dewey, 25, who has been ill with "sleeping sickness" for the past 10 weeks and who is receiving treatment in Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The son was reported better when Mr. Wallace left Baltimore, but upon his arrival here he received a message that his son's condition had again become worse.

The young Mr. Wallace is well known in Asheville, having been an employee of the Southeastern Express Company. He recently moved from Norfolk to Baltimore, having been transferred by the company, and within a week after his locating in the Maryland city was stricken.

According to the father, he first complained for several days of being drowsy and finally went to sleep at the office and was removed to his home. After about two weeks he was removed to the hospital upon the recommendation of physicians, since it was apparent that the patient was growing worse.

For the past eight days he has slept day and night and cannot be aroused for a length of time to take a sufficient amount of nourishment, the father states.

Upon his return to Asheville, Mr. Wallace said that physicians at the hospital admitted that they knew but little about the disease and that while those were in the hospital because of the "sleeping sickness," that only about 50 per cent. recovered.

LAXTON DEFEATS HADDOCK

At the Meeting of the Carolina Golf Tournament at Pinehurst.

Pinehurst, May 10.—F. M. Laxton, of Charlotte, 1922 men's amateur golf champion of the Carolinas, defeated Paul Haddock, of Charlotte, medalist, in this tournament 4 and 3, in the first match of the second round championship flight here today of the Carolina Golf Association tournament.

Haddock was in trouble most of the way, but made some remarkable recoveries. Laxton laid him a half stymie on 15th green, and Haddock in putting knocked Laxton's ball into the cup for a three on his last shot, as Laxton lay 3 on the lip of the hole.

Cotton futures opened steady, May 23.80; July 25.95; Oct. 23.50; Dec. 23.05; Jan. 22.82.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN JABS

blow, And come back with a laugh, because you know You'll get the best of the whole darned show.—THAT'S PEP!

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION IS NEARLY A FINISH

The Meeting of the Executive Committee and Division Leaders Last Night Was Full of Enthusiasm.

ALL SOON READY FOR THE BIG DRIVE

Which Opens Next Tuesday Night in the "Y" With Big Dinner.—Dr. Jenkins and Rowan Make Talks.

The meeting of the Executive Committee and Division leaders last night was full of enthusiasm. Every Colonel and every Captain was present and four of the teams reported 100 per cent. organization, others will bring their teams up to that mark by Friday night. Campaign Director Ackley stated that everything was working smoothly and that by the end of the week everything would be in readiness for the big drive which opens Tuesday night at the Y. M. C. A. with a dinner for the workers.

Two short talks were made last night by Dr. Jenkins and Rowan, commending the work of the Association and stating that Concord could not do without the "Y." That it was indispensable to the better moral life of the city. That it not only served the boys and girls of the city in an effective manner but that it was a great help to churches.

At the various prayer meetings last night a brief announcement was made of the campaign and the hearers were urged to support the "Y" to the limit of their ability.

Plans are developing in a large way for the parade next Tuesday. Every club and business organization in the city is invited to join. Call Martin Verburg for information.

The Executive Committee feels that never before was the "Y" more needed than now, never more appreciated than now. The response of the business men who have been seen is generous both in the giving of time and money, this, together with some good hard work spells success for the campaign.

The present organization consists of the following:

- Executive Committee—T. H. Webb, chairman; F. C. Niblock, T. N. Spencer, Dr. W. R. Odell, L. D. Coltrane, M. L. Cannon, C. F. Ritchie. Army Division: A. R. Howard, General: Team 1—W. G. Caswell, captain. Team 2—R. E. Ridenhour, captain. Team 3—A. F. Hartell, captain. Navy Division: C. S. Smart, Admiral: Team 4—J. E. Love, captain. Team 5—J. Y. Pharr, captain. Team 6—A. H. Jarratt, captain. Air Division: A. R. Hoover, Commander: Team 7—A. G. Odell, captain. Team 8—L. M. Richmond, captain. Team 9—A. S. Webb, captain.

ALDERMEN SWORN IN AT CITY HALL THIS MORNING

New Board Will Hold First Meeting Tonight.—Will Be Organized Later.

The Mayor and Aldermen elected in the municipal election held here Tuesday, were sworn in this morning at the city hall at 11 o'clock. Their official regime dates from this hour and they will serve for two years.

The following took the oath: J. E. Womble, Mayor; J. E. Stapp, W. W. Flove, W. A. Wilkinson, C. M. Ivey, J. G. McEachern and R. A. Hulender, Aldermen.

The board will hold its first meeting at the city hall tonight. Just what business will be taken up at the meeting is not known, but it is probable that Mayor Womble will not have all of the committee appointments ready for announcement tonight.

British Warship Ordered to Murmansk Coast.

London, May 10 (By the Associated Press.)—The British warship Harebell has been ordered to the Murmansk coast to prevent further Soviet interference with British vessels outside the three mile limit and to use force if necessary in performing this mission. The House of Commons was informed today by the under secretary for foreign affairs, Donald McNeill.

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