

CONCORD MAN VICTIM OF HIGHWAYMEN ON TRIP FROM RALEIGH

Arthur Abernethy Held Up by Man Who Asked for a Ride, With the Help of Two Companions.

ROBBERS SECURE CAR AND MONEY And Bound and Gagged Abernethy, Who Was Left in An Old Tobacco Barn Near Aberdeen.

A tale of piracy on the highways of North Carolina came to light here Tuesday upon the return to this city of Arthur Abernethy, victim of a band of highwaymen who worked Sunday night under the cover of rain and fog on one of the principal roads of the State—that one leading from Aberdeen to Biscoe.

As a result of his experience with the road bandits Mr. Abernethy is nursing several bruises, a shocked nervous system and a grudge. He is minus a Ford roadster and about \$13.50.

The hold-up of Mr. Abernethy, who was returning to Concord from Raleigh, where he visited friends at State College, occurred about six miles from Aberdeen, he tells in his graphic story of his seizure and escape, on the main road from Aberdeen to Biscoe. After being robbed the Concord man was bound and gagged and placed in an old tobacco barn, after which his captors rode off in a Ford.

Mr. Abernethy's story follows: "I was returning to Concord from Raleigh late Sunday afternoon. At Vass I stopped to get gas and oil and while standing there a young man in khaki clothes asked me to let him ride. I granted the request, he got in and we started, going through Southern Pines and Aberdeen without stopping. Just a few miles out from Aberdeen it began raining hard, so the young man asked me to put on the curtains on my side of the car, as I had done on my side before leaving Raleigh. Finally I stopped about six miles from Aberdeen and started to put the curtains on.

"By that time the rain had slackened, so I got in the car and told my companion to get in. He hesitated about doing so, but I told him to get in. He looked back several times, I looked also, but as I could see nothing I asked him what was wrong. He made no reply, but at that minute and coincident with an effort on my part to start the car, I saw two men, dressed in sailor uniforms, step up.

"The men said something I did not understand and as they aroused my suspicions, I again made an effort to start the car. Then one of them stepped in front of the car and said: 'You don't think it mean it, do you?' and pulled a 45-calibre army pistol. I was warned not to make any alarm and was told to get out of the car. I hesitated and asked for an explanation but only got another command to 'come on out.' Finally the man in the car drew his gun also and I saw nothing to do but get out.

"They made me hold up my hands and the man in the Ford drove the car down the road a short distance while the other dressed as sailors went through my pockets, one searching and the other holding the gun. While this was going on I got a chance at the man nearest to me and I knocked him down with my fist and started to hit the other, but he stepped out of reach. I started toward him again and he answered with a threat to shoot me if I moved again. I was told to hear the gun click. The other man was up by that time and he tied my hands behind my back, went through my pockets again and found \$10 that the other had overlooked.

"The first man got about \$3.50, a memorandum book and other articles. "They then led me down the road about 50 yards, then off the highway to an old tobacco barn. They bound my hands again, tied my feet and gagged me with several handkerchiefs, tying the handkerchiefs with a rope which they ran around my neck. They closed the door propped it with a stick and left. It was about 7:30 o'clock then.

"I got the gag from my mouth without trouble and then began scheming to get the ropes off. I tried for about an hour to get the ropes from my wrists and as I couldn't do this I started to work on the ropes around my ankles. They were tied with 'sailors knots' and the more I pulled the tighter they became. Then I thought of the buckle on my overcoat. I tried to sharpen it on some bricks so that it would cut, but with my hands behind my back I couldn't make much headway. Finally I got my hands on a broken brick which had a sharp edge and cut the ropes on my ankles. Then I walked around the barn until I came to the stove stack. I knocked it apart and sawed the ropes on my wrists on the sharp corrugated edge.

"It was about two miles to the nearest house. I tried to get the man to take me back to Aberdeen or on to Hoffman, but he did not have anything to take me in, so I waited until morning and started toward Hoffman. A Mr. Short came along in a Ford and asked me to ride. I rode to Hamlet with him, telegraphed to the Cabarrus Savings Bank for money, got in touch with the police and reported the trouble. I learned that some men answering the description of my assailants ate in a Hamlet cafe between 8 and 9 p. m. Sunday.

"I left Hamlet in the afternoon, got to Charlotte that night and arrived in Concord on Nov. 30 Tuesday morning. Officers in many cities in North Carolina and other States have been advised of the robbery of Mr. Abernethy and

Wins Award



This year's Nobel prize has been conferred on Dr. F. G. Banting of the medical department of the University of Toronto, for his gift to humanity through the discovery of insulin, adjudged a successful treatment for diabetes.

MORE HOPE NOW FOR REPARATIONS PLAN

Paris Believes There is Better Chance Now of France Agreeing to the Proposal of Great Britain.

Paris, Nov. 7 (By the Associated Press).—The prospects for agreement between France and Great Britain on the text of the invitation to the United States to join the conference of experts for examination of the reparations question were regarded in diplomatic and French official circles today as brighter than yesterday.

LIQUOR LADEN SHIPS ARE ORDERED SEIZED

Ships Became Stranded During the Night Off the North Carolina Coast. (By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Nov. 7.—Two ships with liquor cargoes stranded off the North Carolina coast last night, were ordered seized today by State Prohibition Director A. B. Coltrane, with offices in this city. The county and city officials of Bogue Inlet at Beaufort where the vessels were stranded, were authorized to seize the ships by Mr. Coltrane following telegrams to him notifying him of field agent, Federal Agent Housley, Captain Townsend and a federal inspector were rushed from Salisbury to these points in eastern North Carolina early today to take charge of the capture of the ships and confiscation of their cargoes.

With Our Advertisements.

J. E. Love has a special value in all-wool plaid back overcoats, regular price \$25.00 to \$27.50, during his sale only \$16.95.

The Dress Sale at Scarborough's takes place tomorrow, Friday, and Saturday. You will find there a big lot of dresses in great variety selling from \$9.95 to \$22.75. See ad. today on page five.

Kuppenheimer fine overcoats at W. A. Overcash's.

H. B. Wilkinson has just received a large shipment of living room furniture. See the new dark brown suede ladies' slipper at Irey's for \$7.50.

Milk-Maid Bread, your staff of life, made by Concord Bakery.

The Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. has just received another car of Spartan Dairy Feed and Sweet Pasture.

Rev. N. Brittain is the new Methodist Protestant pastor at Roberta for the next conference year.

The arrest of his assailants is expected. Mr. Abernethy is in a nervous condition, but otherwise is unharmed except for bruises made by the ropes which bound him. He expects to resume his work with the Bell & Harris Furniture Company the latter part of the week.

Mr. Abernethy is a son of Mr. C. W. Abernethy, of this county, and has held a position with the Bell & Harris Furniture Company for some time.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Fair tonight and Thursday; colder on northwest coast tonight, frost in interior.

Comparative Expenditures in Education

From a report sent out by Supt. Allen for the different counties of the State and showing the per capita cost per county for educating the children of the State we glean the following facts:

Table with 2 columns: County Name, Expenditure. Cabarrus County spent \$26.02, Rowan County spent 35.09, Stanly County spent 34.89, Union County spent 40.07, Mecklenburg County spent 51.92, Iredell County spent 47.05.

Of all the one hundred counties in the State only nineteen spent less than Cabarrus county, and eighty spent from twenty cents to eighty-eight dollars and ninety-six cents per pupil more than Cabarrus. The average spent per pupil for the whole State was \$39.63 or \$13.61 more than Cabarrus spent. These figures prove two things: First, that the schools of Cabarrus have been and are economically administered; second, that in order to have better schools we must have more money.

If we want our children to have school advantages equal to the other progressive counties of the State, we must register and vote 'For Special Tax' on November 20th. Old Cabarrus has never yet taken a back seat in the Hall of Progress. Shall we do so now? The Registration Books close Saturday evening, November 10th.

COLORED FAIR PROVING AN EVENT OF INTEREST

Big Crowd Present for Opening Day and Also Today.—Horse Races Each Afternoon. Despite the rains and threats of more rain, a large crowd of people was at the fair grounds Tuesday for the opening of the Cabarrus County Colored Fair. The parade which marched from the business section to the grounds, officially opened the fair, and during the day and night a large number of persons visited the grounds.

Horse races were run Tuesday despite the rain and the heavy track. The 2:23 race was the feature race of the day and the running was witnessed with interest by a large crowd. The races begin each afternoon at 2 o'clock and with fair weather predicted for the remainder of the week, there is a certainty that some fine races will be offered today, tomorrow and Friday.

The free acts offered at the fair are creating interest also. The acts are shown on the platform in front of the grandstand, and are better than usually found at a colored people's fair. The same may be said, of the shows being offered on the midway. The shows here have been clean and officials of the fair intend to keep them that way.

Interest in the exhibits at the fair is increasing daily. Practically all of the persons at the grounds today have visited the exhibit buildings, and there have been many expressions of commendation for the produce and livestock being shown. The behavior of the crowds so far has been fine. Special officers are on duty at the grounds and everything possible is being done to prevent disorders of any kind.

FOX TRIAL MAY START WITHIN ANOTHER WEEK

Solicitor General of Georgia Wants to Begin the Trial Next Week. (By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 7.—If the necessary arrangements can be completed Philip E. Fox, publicity chief for the Ku Klux Klan, will be placed on trial next week for the murder of Captain W. S. Colburn, attorney for the Simmons faction of the organization, according to announcement today by Solicitor General John A. Boykin.

Says Late President Called For Forbes' Resignation.

Washington, Nov. 7.—President Harding called for the resignation of Charles R. Forbes as director of the Veterans' Bureau as a result of the Perryville, Md., surplus supply sale transaction, Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, personal friend and physician to the late executive, testified today before the Senate Veterans' committee.

Vest Pocket Memorandum Books For 1924 Now Ready.

Our Red Vest Pocket Memorandum Books for 1924 are now ready. We want every subscriber of The Times or Tribune to come in and get one. If to be sent by mail send 2 cents for postage.

Berlin Faces New Disaster As Gamblers Loot Gold Loan

Berlin, Nov. 7.—Through its own stupidity—not to put it any stronger—the German government is faced with a financial catastrophe worse than any that has preceded it. It has been looted of the new types of so-called Ersatz dollars and of gold loan issues by groups of speculators reaching into the highest German financial circles. The speculators have German finance completely in their power. For several days The World correspondent in his despatches has been putting this as strong as he is able to offer proof.

Today the Socialist organ Vorwaerts, which has been telling some plain truths since the Socialists left the government, comes out with the story, and even the Berliner Tageblatt tells part of it. Under the title "Gold Loan Scandal—Speculation at Government Cost," Vorwaerts says that Germany, through Reichsbank policies, has "lost millions of gold marks." The long Vorwaerts story explains how the government accepted paper marks for gold coins on the Bourse, fixing the price in advance and accepting vastly depreciated paper marks days later when the actual gold loan bonds had been delivered. Vorwaerts estimated the Reichsbank got paid only \$100 for every \$1,000 gold loan bond delivered. To make matters worse, honest manufacturers, who actually needed foreign money, were refused.

Returns



Otto Wiedfeld, German ambassador to the United States, again is in this country, having arrived at New York recently. He will take up his duties in Washington. He has brought with him draft of a commercial treaty to submit for consideration.

ANOTHER INCREASE IN COTTON PRICES

December Cotton Sold Up to 33.75 at Opening, Representing an Increase of 100 Points During the Night. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 7.—There was an advance of approximately one cent a pound with the opening of the cotton market here this morning on excited buying due to sensational strength of both New Orleans and Liverpool over the local bid.

The demand was stimulated by rumors of bullish private ginning and domestic consumption figures and the price of January contracts advanced to 33.50 during early trading, while March sold at 33.65 or 100 to 104 points net higher. The general market opened firm at an advance of 90 to 100 points on present crop conditions, and of 30 to 50 points on the later deliveries, and active months sold 100 to 115 points net higher during the early morning.

LUTHERAN SYNOD OF N. C. NOW MEETING

Sessions Being Held in Charlotte.—Business Matters at Opening Session. (By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Nov. 7.—The United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina in annual session here with Dr. J. L. Morgan, president presiding, devoted its business session to enrollment, announcements and addresses this morning. The session was formally opened last night. Rev. J. C. Deitz was elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer, the Synod secretary, who will leave Thursday for duty with the South Carolina Lutheran Synod.

Speakers at the morning session included Rev. A. D. Hancher, and Rev. J. L. Seibert, members of the Church Home Mission Board, who declared the accomplishments of the board were "encouraging."

The program for the evening includes addresses by Dr. A. G. Veit, dean of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., who was expected to devote much of his time to a report on deliberations of the world conference of Lutherans the last summer at Eisenach, Dr. L. B. Wolfe also was to speak in the evening on the work of the Church Foreign Mission Board, of which he is treasurer.

P. T. A. ASSOCIATION HEARS FINE ADDRESS

Mrs. Curtis Bynum and Mrs. Mary B. Palmer Heard at Winston-Salem. (By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, Nov. 7.—Following the opening exercises of the morning session of the second day's session of the Parent-Teachers association encouraging reports were submitted by the credentials committee and the officers, including the president, eight district vice presidents, recording, executive and corresponding secretaries, treasurer and auditor. Mrs. Curtis Bynum, of Asheville, a delegate gate to the national convention, gave the convention an incident connected with her trip. Mrs. Mary B. Palmer, of the State Library Commission, delivered a timely address on "Children's Home Reading." She outlined the kind of literature that ought to be read and studied by the young people.

Seize \$50,000 Worth of Liquor.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 7.—Imported liquors and cordials valued at \$50,000 were seized by agents aboard the coast guard cutter Lexington last night on the tug Capitol off College Point, after the tug's crew had run a gauntlet of pistol fire and escaped ashore.

Seize Jewelry Worth \$75,000.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 7.—While persons were passing a busy corner of Broadway and Forty-second Street today three well-dressed men entered the jewelry store of Julius Howard, forced the proprietor and clerk into a rear room and rifled the show case of jewelry valued at \$75,000. The bandits escaped.

URGES FULL CO-OPERATION OF ALL EX-SERVICE MEN

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, N. C., Nov. 7.—Urging the fullest co-operation of ex-service men in the annual roll call of the American Red Cross and recounting some of the things which the organization has done for ex-service men and their families in North Carolina during the past year, W. C. Rodman, state commander of the American Legion tonight issued a statement calling to the attention of ex-service men the date set for the roll, November 11-23. A letter mailed by the State Adjutant, Robert E. Denny, to each post in the state also was made public with the commander's statement.

"The North Carolina Department of the American Legion," said he, "has tendered its co-operation and assistance to the American Red Cross in its annual roll call for this year to be held November 11-23." "The State Adjutant, Robert E. Denny, has today sent out a letter to each post in the state requesting that its services be volunteered to the Red Cross Chapters in this respect and requesting each post to give its utmost co-operation to the chapters in putting the Roll Call 'over the top.'"

"Reports of the year's work among the ex-service men in the state show that in the twelve months' period ending July 1, 1923 the American Red Cross has given assistance to over 5,652 ex-service men and their families. In adjusting compensation claims, furnishing transportation to points where they may attend to their claims, and in seeing that their families do not want for the necessities of life while the government claims are being adjusted, the organization has rendered invaluable assistance."

"The letter to the Posts of the state advised the members that the assistance of the American Legion in the state had been pledged by the state commander to the Southern headquarters of the American Red Cross in the Roll Call work."

"For the Red Cross and the American Legion," read the letter "the war is not over."

A report of the work done by the Red Cross in aiding ex-service men was included with the letter.

COTTON TRADING ACT UP FOR DISCUSSION

Several Proposals For Changes Presented to Federal Trade Commission. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 7.—Opposing views on proposals for changes in cotton trading act were presented at the Federal Trade Commission today at the inquiry into the question with the suggestion that delivery on futures contracts be permitted to be designated to Southern points, drawing the most fire. Representatives of various interests discussed the various phases of the business, under which scrutiny at the senate's request, including not only the tender of contract but differences and other questions.

George McFadden, of the New York Cotton Exchange, told the commission that establishment of Southern delivery points for liquidation of future contracts would provide "attractive" bait for a big syndicate dealing in manipulations, because it would depress prices of near month positions and place premiums on distant months. Carrying charges encountered under the present system of New York delivery he said, would thus be reduced, and risks attending such delivery be eliminated. The producer, he said, would average less for his cotton than he now receives.

McFadden opposed any changes in the law which would prohibit futures trading, arguing that such restrictions would weaken the contract to the disadvantage of the farmer as well as the merchant by reducing his market. The present range of ten tenderable grades, he said, was adequate.

A Thousand Shops Are Wrecked in the German Food Riots.

Berlin, Nov. 6.—In the food riots in several sections of Berlin more than 1,000 shops have been wrecked and pillaged and more than 100 persons injured by sabre cuts. One man died of a shot wound. Owing to the anti-Semitic character of the riots, the police forbade a proposed meeting of anti-Jewish organizations tonight.

The activity of the police today prevented the excesses attending the scale of yesterday's, and many shops remained closed. This evening again, however, the city was given over to the unruly elements, the looting of shops proceeding in all parts of Berlin, without serious clashes with the police.

Rains in the Carolinas and Georgia Help Power Plants.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 5.—Manufacturing industries in this section of South Carolina and Georgia which depend directly or indirectly upon hydro-electric power will be greatly benefited by the rains which have fallen almost continuously along the Savannah river during the past two days.

Since the drought of the past month or more, which has caused the river to reach what is declared to have been one of the lowest stages in history, manufacturing plants in this section have been forced to curtail operations at least one-half due to lack of power.

SHOW DEMOCRATS GAINING IN FAVOR

In All Three of States Where Gubernatorial Contests Were Held the Democratic Candidates Won With Ease

ONLY ONE UPSET FROM ELECTIONS

Republican Elected in 24th New York District.—Kentucky Elects Democratic Legislature.

(By the Associated Press.) Democrats were elected yesterday in all three states where there were gubernatorial elections—Kentucky, Maryland and Mississippi. Vermont, where only a senatorial contest was held, returned a republican, Porter H. Dale, who defeated Park H. Pollard, cousin of President Coolidge. In the seventh contest of the House, the democrats won four and the republicans three, one of the republican victories being an upset in which former Representative Benjamin L. Fairchild defeated his democratic opponent for the place made vacant by J. Vincent Ganley in the 24th New York district. Party alignment was unchanged in other congressional sections.

The victory of the democrats in Kentucky, where Representative Wm. J. Fields defeated Charles I. Dawson, recorded a swing of the pendulum which at the last election swept Governor Edwin P. Morrow, republican, into office. Mr. Fields' majority was decisive and he will have a democratic legislature to support him.

Governor Ritchie, re-elected in Maryland over Alexander Armstrong, republican, had an increased majority over his first election. H. L. Whitfield, democrat, had no opposition in Mississippi. In New York state the republicans retained control of the General Assembly, but the democratic judiciary ticket in Manhattan and the Bronx was swept into office, overwhelming republican and independent tickets by Wm. B. Hearst. The soldiers' bonus apparently was carried, and hydro-electric project beaten. Local issues were voted on in various sections of the country. Virginia turned down \$50,000,000 bond issue for good roads. Ohio elected mayors supported by the Ku Klux Klan in Youngstown, Portsmouth, Akron and several smaller cities. Philadelphia returned W. Freeland Kendrick, republican, as mayor, by an overwhelming majority.

In Illinois Miss Mary M. Bartelme, the first woman to be elevated to a circuit court judgeship, was elected in Cook county. She is a republican, and led her ticket. The republicans elected eleven and the democrats nine judges of the Superior Court. The New Jersey legislature remained in the republican camp, notwithstanding the vigorous campaign waged by Governor Silzer, democrat, for the democratic law-making body.

American party candidates who waged a fight in Utah under the slogan "separation of church and state" were beaten. Mayor Rohlf, republican, of San Francisco, apparently was re-elected.

Results of the senatorial and congressional elections will leave two houses of congress with this year's House, republican 225, democrats 205; senate, independent 1, Farm Labor 1, vacancies 2; Republican majority 18. The Senate republican majority will remain at 6.

Shakespeare Anniversary Observed.

London, Nov. 7.—Of special interest to lovers of Shakespeare is the gala performance of "Troilus and Cressida" to be given tonight at the old Victoria Theatre. The play has been arranged in celebration of the tercentary of the publication of the First Folio of Shakespeare's works. It also marks the completion of the presentation at the Old Victoria of the whole of Shakespeare's authentic plays—36 in all—a feat never before accomplished, so far as the records show, at any other plays house in the world.

Special Values In Overcoats. All Wool Plaid Back Overcoats, Regular Price \$25 to \$27.50 During this sale at \$16.95. J. E. LOVE