

UNLESS RANSOM MONEY IS PROMPTLY PAID GARDINER MAY DIE

Zamora Threatens to Execute American and Britisher if His Demands for Money are Not Soon Met - Refuses to Answer Government.

(By The Associated Press.) MEXICO CITY, Sept. 3 - Pedro Zamora, the Jalisco bandit, has threatened to execute W. A. (Sandy) Gardiner, an American citizen, and W. B. Johnson, a British subject, who were kidnapped by Zamora's band at Cuale on August 20. This information has been given Government authorities by deserting members of the Zamora forces, who say that the threat to kill the two captives may be put into execution if the men are not ransomed immediately, according to dispatches received from military headquarters at Guadalajara.

It is reported Zamora has refused to answer communications from the Government, presumably relative to the release of the two prisoners, and it is said he has increased the amount of ransom required.

The Esperanza Mining Company, which employed Gardiner at Cuale, is holding the ransom money ready, upon advice.

JAPS GIVE CORDIAL WELCOME TO AMERICANS

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—The American congressional party visiting Japan was welcomed at the railway station upon its arrival at the capital today by Viscount Injiro Tajiri, mayor of Tokio, who is a graduate of Yale in the class of 1879, and a delegation from the Japanese diet. Also at the station to greet the Americans were Edward Bell, the charge d'affaires, and the staff of the American embassy.

The crowd outside the station, which was kept within fixed limits by the police, made no demonstration either for or against the Americans as the party entered special automobiles and proceeded to the Imperial Hotel. A large force of detectives and supplementary police closely scrutinized all orientals in the throng, supposedly because of allegations that Koreans and Chinese were likely to attempt anti-Japanese manifestations on this occasion.

An extensive program of luncheons, receptions and dinners has been arranged for the entertainment of the visitors. Seven Japanese girls, proficient in English, will act as guides to the ladies of the congressional party.

The press in its comment on the arrival of the Americans adopts a tone of cordial welcome, but demands that the spokesmen of Japan seize the opportunity to discuss American relations with the visitors in the frankest spirit.

RESIGNS AS HEAD RUSSIAN PEACE DELEGATION

WABSAW, Sept. 3.—M. Danishevsky has resigned as head of the Russian Bolshevik delegation to negotiate an armistice agreement and a peace treaty with Poland, and has been replaced by Adolph Abramowitz Joffe, former soviet ambassador to Germany and chairman of the Russian peace delegation at Brest-Litovsk, according to Moscow advices received here. Mr. Danishevsky resigned because the soviet government agreed to carry on further negotiations with Poland at Riga. The personnel of the new soviet delegation is not at present known but will be communicated to Polish government officials later.

Prince Sapieha, Polish foreign minister, received a wireless message from George Tchitcherine, Bolshevik minister of foreign affairs, stating that the essential condition as to the Riga conference was a guarantee of the immunity of the Russian and Ukrainian delegates, the right to free and uninterrupted communication in code by telegraph and wireless and by courier carrying diplomatic sealed pouches. Upon receiving such guarantee, M. Tchitcherine said, the soviet delegation will leave for Riga with full power to agree to an armistice preliminary to peace and to negotiate final peace treaty.

Prince Sapieha has wired the Polish minister in Riga to obtain the demanded guarantee from the Lithuanian government and to communicate the result direct to the Bolshevik minister in that city.

NOTICE. On account of the absence from the city of several of the officers there will be no regular meeting of Woodall Rebekah Lodge No. 128 tonight. MRS. F. A. CATHEY, Sec.

BOUT WILL COME OFF IN RAIN OR SHINE

Weather Will Not Affect Championship Contest Between Dempsey and Miske Monday.

(By The Associated Press.) BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Sept. 3.—Rain will not cause a postponement of the heavyweight championship contest between Jack Dempsey and Billy Miske; set for Monday afternoon, promoter Fitzsimmons announced today. The ring and a large part of the open air arena will be covered with a huge canvas early on the day of the fight if the weather is threatening and the heavyweight rivals will go into the ring on schedule time no matter if there is a downpour.

The referee situation is expected to be cleared up today with the arrival of Thomas Bigger, chairman of the state athletic commission. Jack Kearns, manager of the champion, said that he would insist upon naming an official of his own selection.

Promoter Fitzsimmons said that the advance sale has reached \$50,000 and that indications were favorable for a total gate of \$150,000.

The work of raising the ring eighteen inches has been completed and a barbed-wire fence has been built around the entire arena.

Promoter Fitzsimmons said that in order to prevent \$5 general admission seats from falling into the hands of speculators, it has been decided not to place these seats on sale until the morning of the contest.

Only a few scattering wagers have been made on the outcome of the match. There is plenty of Dempsey money in sight, but the Miske dollars are scarce. One wager of \$5,000 at even money that Miske would stay the limit was snatched up quickly. One bet of \$10,000 to \$8,000 was recorded that Dempsey would win.

George A. Barton, a sporting editor of Minneapolis, who refereed the first fight between Dempsey and Miske at St. Paul in May, 1919, in an interview today said Miske held Dempsey to a draw in their 10 round encounter.

"Those who gave the fight to Dempsey," Barton said, "based their decision on the seventh round in which Jack hit Billy on the chin with a terrific right upper-cut. If the blow had floored Miske or if he had been forced to run or clinch to save himself the sporting writers might have been justified in awarding the contest to Dempsey."

"However, Miske was not forced to run or clinch in order to save himself. Instead he came right back with a rush and drove Dempsey all over the ring. I figure that Miske's spurt after receiving such a vicious blow evened up matters. Miske held his own in the other nine rounds and clearly was entitled to a draw."

OVER 300 CONTRACTORS TO BE PROSECUTED

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Department of Justice officials today were preparing to push vigorously the prosecution of more than three hundred contractors alleged to have been involved in controversies over war contracts. Millions of dollars are said by officials to be involved in the cases, which, it was stated, would be instituted in both criminal and civil courts in various sections of the country. Most of the prosecution will be started, Department officials said, as a result of information received from the War Department. Other governmental departments were understood to be planning to request court proceedings against some of the contractors with whom they have dealt.

The contracts on which prosecutions will be based, it was stated at the Department of Justice, include agreements for the furnishing of various kinds of war supplies as well as for the construction of camps, cantonments and warehouses used by the army during the war.

It was predicted by department officials that many of the controversies involving "honest mistakes" on the part of the contracting firms probably would be settled out of court.

A hanger has been patented that suspends a towel from two corners so air can circulate through and dry it.

FOUR GASTONIANS VIEW DEAD BOY'S BODY

Identity of Youth Killed at Greensboro, However, Remains a Mystery—Had Been With Uncle in Basic City, Va., and Said His Home Was in Gastonia—Detailed Description.

So far all efforts to identify the young man who met death early Sunday morning in the yards of the Southern at Greensboro and who, it is believed, was a Gastonia youth, have been unavailing. At least two Gastonians, Mr. J. E. Deavers and Mr. J. T. Groves, both of whom had boys away from home whose whereabouts were unknown, have been to Greensboro to view the body and have returned home. Each is satisfied that the boy was not his son. Neither saw the remains, as the body was buried Wednesday because of the fact that his injuries were of such a nature that it was found impracticable to embalm the body. However, an excellent photograph was taken and a view of this convinced both the Gastonia men that the boy was the son of neither. This photograph is now in the hands of Chief of Police Orr and may be seen at the city hall by any interested party.

As a result of the story regarding the young man's death as published in Monday's Gazette, at least two other Gastonians made inquiries at the police department and were advised to go to Greensboro to see the body. No record of their names was kept at the city hall, however, and it is not known who they were. It is stated by the Greensboro undertakers, Messrs. Hinton & Teagub, that at least four persons from Gastonia had been to their establishment to make inquiries regarding the body.

Mr. J. T. Groves, who returned to Gastonia on an early morning train today, made a thorough investigation and gleaned the following description of the boy:

Age, 16 to 18 years. Height, 5 feet, 3 inches. Weight, 130 to 140 pounds. Hair, dark brown. Eyes, blue. Prominent cheek bones.

Wore black suit, brown cloth hat, tan shoes, striped shirt and collar and four-in-hand tie.

Had slight scar under chin and slight scar on right forearm underneath hand. Had corns on hand, indicating that he had been doing manual labor. Had small, smooth, even teeth. Had habit of biting finger nails. The only article found on his person was a small grip key.

The brakeman on the freight train on which the unknown boy came into Greensboro states that this boy, in company with one or perhaps two others, was beating his way on the train, at Danville they were put off but evidently got on again though they were not seen any more until detected in the act of alighting from the freight train at it came into the Greensboro yards. This boy told the brakeman his name, but the brakeman remembered only the first name which was Tom. He said he had been staying with an uncle in Basic City, Va., that he was broke and that he was trying to get to his home in Gastonia. Mr. Groves' suspicions were aroused when, on phoning to Schoolfield, Va., where he knew his boy had been for some time, he was told that his son left Schoolfield Saturday night on a freight train. He feared that the unfortunate boy might have been his son, but is convinced that such is not the case, notwithstanding the fact that his son has not yet arrived in Gastonia.

That the dead boy was in all probability a Gastonia boy seems certain and the police department is willing to co-operate in any way possible to secure the identification of the body. Any Gastonia families having boys away from home whose whereabouts are unknown will find the department ready to give any aid it can in the matter.

CHARGED WITH BEATING CHILD TO DEATH

(By The Associated Press.) DEFIANCE, O., Sept. 3.—Accused of having beaten Arthur Gerald Bullock, three-year-old son of his housekeeper, Ida May Bullock, to death with a leather harness tug last July 8, Joshua Botkins, a Noble Township farmer, went on trial here today. The jury was completed late yesterday and taken to the alleged scene of the crime.

Botkins is charged with first degree murder. He is alleged to have held the child by the ankles while administering the beating which resulted in the child's death before the arrival of physicians.

It required several days to fill the jury, more than one hundred men being excused on challenges by the defense.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—British, French, Italian and German delegates have arrived at Stress, Italy, for a conference at which will be arranged the conditions of payments and advances to be made to Germany for the delivery of coal to the Allies.

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P. & N. TRACK IS IN DANGEROUS CONDITION

As Result of Bad Rail Connections Electrolysis is Damaging Water Mains and Pedestrians are Subjected to Possibility of Dangerous Shocks—City Takes Action.

The dangerous condition of the tracks and roadway of the P. & N. lines through the city was reported to the city council at its meeting Tuesday night by City Manager Alexander. The council immediately empowered him to instruct the P. & N. to remedy this condition.

The tracks when laid had good connections between each rail for the return of the electric current. But now these connections are broken at several points. A bad break exists at the corner of Franklin avenue and South street. These faulty connections cause the current, following the line of least resistance, to shoot straight down to the water mains. Following the water pipe until an easier path is found on a line of well-connected rails, the current again passes along the track. But in running through the water mains the electricity causes what is known as electrolysis, or chemical decomposition. A number of cases of such decomposition have been brought to the attention of City Manager Alexander.

He has at his office now a length of iron pipe which has been eaten through by the action of this grounded current. Mr. Alexander tells of a 2 1/2 inch water main which, during a fire in a city in Florida where he was located, at the time when there was imperative need for it, blew up. Exactly similar is the possibility for Gastonia.

Furthermore, imperfect connections at certain points on the line make walking across the tracks of the P. & N. dangerous for pedestrians. By chance getting his feet on the ends of rails joined by an imperfect connection, a person is in peril of receiving a severe shock, if nothing worse. The voltage carried through the rails is about 1,100, an amount easily sufficient to seriously shock a person, if not to cause death.

A man working in a ditch out on Franklin avenue recently received such a shock, just after the car passed, that he was knocked out for an hour. It is expected that the P. & N. will not allow its tracks to remain in such a condition as to menace the safety of the public.

COX ROTARIANS' GUEST AT LANSING TODAY

EN ROUTE WITH GOVERNOR COX, Sept. 3.—The western swing of Gov. opened informally at sunrise today when the Democratic Presidential nominee addressed a crowd at the railroad station in Toledo while en route to Michigan.

"We're in the fight to win. We will win because our cause deserves to win," he told his listeners. In urging the League of Nations Gov. Cox referred to the present disagreement over German indemnities.

"The Voice of America," he said, "must fix it. Now they say that we should substitute for the league the old Hague tribunal. That institution closed up before the war. I imagine there are bats in its balcony and spider webs everywhere. It was a distinct failure, having failed to prevent war in 1914. The opposition candidate says he will go back and open this old institution and try to keep house there."

Declaring that the league "is the modern idea of bringing the nearest guarantee of peace," Gov. Cox said it was a progressive plan and that of Senator Harding, the republican nominee, stood for reaction as he had done also in opposing the new Ohio constitution.

The labor issue also was discussed by the governor, who reiterated his charge that republicans were receiving contributions from persons "who would substitute the bayonet for the golden rule under a reactionary national administration."

The "senatorial oligarchy" also was attacked, the candidate declaring "it has stolen and taken charge of the republican party."

Referring to the Harding front porch campaign Gov. Cox said that on his trip he was "going to see thousands of front porches from coast to coast in the belief that the front porch of the people is the seat of American sovereignty."

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 3.—Michigan democrats gathered in force here today to greet Gov. Cox, opening a month's campaign tour planned to take him through 22 central and western states.

A strenuous day had been arranged for the democratic nominee. En route to the Michigan capital, the program called for several rear platform addresses and a half hour speech at Jackson. A luncheon with Lansing Rotarians was scheduled for 1 p. m., followed by an address before the Michigan State Good Roads Association. A second speech was to be made late in the afternoon from the state capital steps.

This evening Gov. Cox's program calls for addresses at Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

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SUBMARINE'S CREW SPENT NEARLY TWO DAYS UNDER OCEAN WATERS

Thirty-Five Men Comprising Crew of the U. S. Submarine S-5 Rescued by Army Transport After Having Given Up Hope - New Device Proved Their Salvation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS NEW LA FRANCE TRUCK

Fire - Fighting Facilities Doubled - New Pumps Afford Much Larger Water Supply - New Parking Regulations For South York Street.

With Mayor Cherry, Treasurer Winget, Councilmen Smyre, Clifford and Anderson and City Manager Alexander present at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, matters of more than usual moment to the citizens of Gastonia were transacted.

City Manager Alexander received authority to purchase a new American La France fire truck and 1,200 feet of hose. While the present La France is a four-cylinder truck, which has a pumping capacity of about 500 gallons per minute, the new one is of the Big Six type and furnishes 750 gallons per minute. The truck now furnishing fire protection for the city cost approximately \$7,000. The new one will be purchased at a cost of \$12,500. Additional hose authorized will cost \$1,800. Bids and proposals were received from three representatives of fire truck manufacturers and considered, with the result that the council backed the judgment of former councilmen in buying the La France. The new truck will be an addition to the present fire fighting apparatus and will not replace the truck now in operation. However, the two horses and wagon, relics of former times, will be dispensed with.

An ordinance was passed prohibiting the parking of vehicles within 35 feet of either of the corners at the junction of York street and Main avenue. Also on the east side of South York street no vehicle will be allowed to park longer than ten minutes at a time within eighty feet of the corner of Main avenue and York street. Beyond this limit the usual freedom is, of course, allowed. Further, all vehicles are prohibited from parking in front of the driveway leading to Col. T. L. Craig's residence. Observance of this ordinance is expected to relieve the annoying and undesirable congestion which has been for some time experienced at the points mentioned.

The city council authorized City Manager Alexander to buy the necessary motors and pumps for additional water supply.

"We now have in operation a new power line to the creek pump station furnishing 250 horse power to the pumps there, giving us an additional water supply of 600 gallons per minute. This is 864,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. A new 3,000 gallon per minute pump has been received and installed at the creek which pumps the raw water from that place to the receiving basin in the city. While the water system in the past has been able to supply only from 700 to 800 gallons per minute, today it has a capacity of from 1,300 to 1,500 gallons per minute," says City Manager Alexander.

Instructions were given to the city manager to enter into a contract with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. to furnish a twelve-panel switchboard for the city's power plant.

CHIEF OF POLICE ORR RECEIVES SIGNAL HONOR

Chief of Police Joe E. Orr has just been elected to membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Being in a city of the size of Gastonia it is an especial honor to Chief Orr. In order to be elected to membership in this organization a police chief must be recommended by two members in larger cities and their recommendation must be approved by a standing committee.

Joseph M. Quigley, police chief at Rochester, N. Y., is president and George Black, of Wilmington, Delaware, is secretary of the association. This organization promotes greater co-operation between the police forces of cities whose chiefs are members.

To Address Philatheas. Miss Lola Long, prominently identified with religious work in Greensboro, will address the Philatheas class of Main Street Methodist church at the usual hour Sunday morning. Miss Long will also be the principal speaker at the Sunday night service at Main Street church. This service will be in honor of the young people of this congregation who are to leave soon for college.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3.—Radio messages flashed from the army transport General Goethals to the Philadelphia navy yard via Cape May told of the rescue early today of the officers and crew of the submarine S-5 after they had spent nearly two days locked in the disabled vessel beneath the Atlantic Ocean, 55 miles south of Cape Henlopen. It was after 3 o'clock this morning when Lieut. Commander C. M. Cook, who exercised his prerogative of being the last man to leave his vessel, was taken aboard the steamer Alanthus. Nine hours had elapsed since the plight of the undersea boat had been made public through a wireless call picked up by an amateur operator in Farmington, Conn.

It was a small buoy, a development of the World War, together with the vigilant eye of a lookout on the bridge of the transport General Goethals, that gave the 30 men on the submerged submarine S-5 their chance for life.

This small buoy, with a bell and buzzer device that can be operated when the boat is submerged, is part of the equipment of the later type of submarines. It was cast loose when the S-5 went down. The lookout on the General Goethals saw it, being attracted by its bell, as well as the fact that it was noted on the chart.

A small boat, with an officer in command, was lowered from the transport to investigate. When the buoy was reached, the buzzer device could be heard. The officer cut into the connection and quickly there came this message: "The submarine S-5 has been submerged for 35 hours. Air is running short. Machinery is damaged. Send for help."

This plea was sent broadcast by the wireless of the General Goethals. Among those who responded was the steamer Alanthus, which with the army transport stood by the submerged vessel and managed to attach grappling hooks to its stern. Holding the submarine in a vertical position, a hole was bored through her plates and air pumped through to the suffering crew, who had almost given up all hope of rescue.

In the meantime the call for help had been picked up by the navy wireless stations and by command of Secretary Daniels destroyers were rushed to the rescue from Philadelphia, Newport News, and New York.

Before all these vessels had had time to reach the scene, however, word was flashed that all the crew had been taken aboard the steamer Alanthus. The wireless did not tell how the rescue had been effected or what vessels beside the Alanthus and General Goethals, if any, had participated. It merely told that all were safe aboard. None had been injured, although all had suffered for lack of air. It was one o'clock when the first man was taken off the submarine and more than two hours later before Lieut. Commander Cook left his vessel.

The submarine S-5, which was partially flooded while making a dive 55 miles southeast of Cape Henlopen, is being towed to the Delaware Breakwater by the steamer Alanthus.

Informed by wireless that all members of the crew of the submarine S-5, submerged off Cape Henlopen, had been rescued, Navy Department officials today awaited further details of the rescue and a report as to the cause of the submarine's disability.

Word from the army transport General Goethals that the 26 men and four officers comprising the crew of the S-5 were safely aboard the steamer Alanthus which had been standing by with the General Goethals were relayed to the department early today from the Philadelphia navy yard.

Officials were relieved to hear that, although the men were in rather bad shape, none had been injured. Lieut. Commander Charles M. Cooke, Jr., believed to have been in command of the submarine, was thought here to have been the last man taken from the wrecked craft. The radio message from the General Goethals said the "captain came out last." As no naval officer of that rank was aboard it was believed that Commander Cooke was meant. His home is in Arkansas.

Other officers reported on August 1 with the S-5 were Lieut. J. G. Gresham, home address not given; Ensign J. Bailey Longstaff, of Nebraska, and Gunner Robert Holt, of Indiana.

In the falls of the Iguazu river Argentina has one of the best opportunities in the world for converting water power into electricity.