

AMERICANS HELD FOR RANSOM

Two Army Aviators Fall In Hands Mexican Bandits

QUICK ACTION IS DEMANDED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT—MONEY WILL BE FURNISHED TO RELEASE THE MEN.

EL PASO, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Somewhere in Mexico, south of the Big Bend district, Lieutenants Paul H. Davis and Harold C. Peterson, army aviators, are being held by Mexican bandits for \$15,000 ransom. The aviators disappeared eight days ago.

The authorities at Marfa, Texas, received the bandits' demands yesterday. The ransom is to be paid in gold to Dawkins Kilpatrick at Candelaria, Texas, by tonight or the Americans will be killed. Another message signed by the aviators asked that the ransom be paid. It is understood that the amount demanded by the bandits will be paid.

Relations With Mexico Acute.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The already strained relations with Mexico are regarded as acute, due to the holding of the army aviators for ransom by Mexican bandits. The detention of members of the United States military force is considered much more serious than would be the case of private citizens. The state department made vigorous representations today to the Mexican government.

Quick Action Demanded.

American embassy at Mexico City has been instructed to call upon the Mexican government for the quick action. The consul at Juarez has also been notified to the same effect.

Ransom Will Be Paid.

The ransom will be paid today. The United States will either furnish the sum and charge it against the Carranza government or will call on the Mexican government to pay it direct.

Secretary Baker said that there was some uncertainty as to whether the aviators landed in Mexico by mistake or, as is claimed, they landed on the American side and were captured there. Both Lieutenant Davis and Lieutenant Peterson were on border patrol duty.

One Was Portland Man.

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Lieutenant Davis, who is held by Mexican bandits on the demand of a ransom of \$15,000 in gold, enlisted in the service from Portland. He was sent to the camp at San Antonio for training soon after the war started. He was later kept in the Texas training camp as an instructor. His parents live in Stratmore, California. He is twenty-three years of age and was a sophomore at Stanford University at the time of his enlistment.

FIRE ON HILLS BURNS RAPIDLY

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN CALLED TO FIGHT BLAZE

Small Pine Grove Endangered and Downtown People Become Alarmed.

A forest fire in the Grande Ronde canyon west of town, reached large proportions about 3 o'clock this afternoon and for a while it looked as though it was going to do a large amount of damage in a short time.

The fire began to show about noon. A heavy wind was blowing, which soon whipped it into a large, sweeping fire that headed for a pretty little pine grove on the mountain. About this time uneasiness began to be aroused in the downtown district.

The fire bell was tapped four times for volunteer firemen, and spades and shovels began to be assembled. As quickly as possible, cars were loading the volunteer firemen on the way to the scene of the fire.

STRIKE CAUSES MANY TO WALK

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Due to the traction strike, the city's millions fought their way to work in surface cars or walked in a rainstorm today. The subway and elevated lines are tied up by the strike.

CONVENTION OF OREGON CLUB WOMEN

Plans Under Way for Meeting of the Oregon Federation in Corvallis.

Preparations are under way for the annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, which will meet in Corvallis next October 13, 14, 15 and 16, and two hundred delegates are expected. The executive committee for the federation was appointed at the Monday meeting of the club, and is made up of nine members, with Mrs. Ida B. Callahan as chairman. Mrs. Dick Kiger heads the division on transportation, Mrs. G. A. Covell, that of hospitality, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, reception; Mrs. I. E. Robinson, decoration; Mrs. C. E. Ingals, press; Mrs. M. H. Bauer, page and ushers; Mrs. W. F. Gaskins, music; Mrs. A. B. Cordley, credentials. A large attendance at the Monday meeting of the club gave ample proof of the growing interest in the coming convention. The women discussed interesting plans for the new year of work, heard the treasurer's report of the excellent financial condition of the club, donated \$25 toward the new Women's Building on the University campus and then heard a very enjoyable musical program rendered by Miss Elizabeth Fueselman, Miss Dorothea Cordley and Miss Elizabeth Allen, the latter of Postland.

Officers and committee members for 1919-20 are: President, Mrs. V. Skelton; vice-president, Mrs. W. T. Johnson; recording secretary, Mrs. D. B. Stuart; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Grant Elgin; treasurer, Mrs. Harper Rechin; directors, Mrs. Etta Lee, Mrs. R. H. Huston, House Committee; Mrs. J. H. Fulton, chairman, Mrs. Dick Kiger, Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. J. B. Horner, Miss Pauline Kilne, Library Committee; Mrs. M. S. Woodcock, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Mrs. Arthur Clark, Civic Committee; Mrs. Gene Simpson, Mrs. Wade Malone, Mrs. W. S. McFadden, Mrs. A. J. Moore, Mrs. Anna Osburn.

O. W. PICNIC AT PARK A SUCCESS

The La Grande O. W. R. & N. employees held their Fifth Annual Picnic August 16, 1919, at Riverside Park. This has been an event of many years past. Prior to this year the O. W. picnic has always been held outside of Union county but owing to lack of accommodations it was suggested and seconded at a meeting held August 11, that Riverside Park would be a fitting place for the festivity.

The day began with an August sun beating down upon the hundreds of bystanders wearing a red badge which read O. W. Fifth Annual Picnic—Riverside Park, August 16, 1919.

Owing to the generosity of the local car owners, no one was obliged to walk in the great heat of the sun as there were accommodations for all. The morning was spent in transporting picnickers to the picnic rendezvous.

Until six o'clock the races were the main features, and from three o'clock on, dance lovers found entertainment in the pavilion to the strains of Lindsay's Jazz orchestra. Everyone danced until six and from six to seven the most enjoyable of picnic hours was spent in eating. At seven dancing again commenced and continued till eleven o'clock. Among the dancing features was the prize waltz in which thirty-eight couples competed and was won by J. R. Garrity, accompanied by Miss Helen Sims.

The winners in the athletic events were: Small Boys' Race, under ten years, 25 yards—Lloyd Yech, first, pair \$4.00 shoes, J. C. Penney Co.; Leslie Shirley, second, \$1.50 cash, Spaeth Plumbing Co. Small boys' Race, under 14 years, 50 yards—Edward Fitzgerald, first \$4.10 prize, Oregon Hdw. & Implement Co.; Frank Osterling, second, \$1.00 pocket knife, Andrew's Variety Store.

Small Girls' Race, under 10 years, 25 yards—Eva Carbine, first, \$3.00 in cash; Alice May Willett, second, \$1.00 in cash.

Small Boys' Race, under 14 years, 40 yards—Verda Nelson, first \$5.00 in trade, Ads Rough; Gertrude Palmer, second, \$2.50 in trade, Zweifel.

Pat Man's Race, 200 lbs., 45 yards, 75 yards—L. F. Moore, first, \$5.00; Pat C. H. Swanton; J. E. Corbett, second, 1 box cigars, P. Trako; Jake Belver, third, shoes halloled, and heels, F. E. Jester.

Over the Top" Race, opened to married ladies only—Mrs. Lee Anderson, first, \$10.00 prize, shoes, N. West Co.; Mrs. D. A. Corbin, second, \$5.00 in cash, Chase and Sandborn's; Mrs. J. G. Spodreas, Grocery, Mrs.

(Continued on Page 3.)

HAS A LIST OF ARTICLES SOLD BY GOVERNMENT

A price list with La Grande's allotment of army food stuff has been received in the city by Postmaster E. E. Bragg and he is now ready to take orders. The first come, the first served, is to be the order of business for Mr. Bragg.

The purchaser, besides paying the listed price for the food stuff, will also have to pay for the postal money order and for the postage from San Francisco, which in large orders will not amount to much. Mr. Bragg thinks the postage in small orders would be about four and one-half cents per pound. Even then, the price of the food stuff is below the usual selling price.

Among the articles listed for sale are beans, corned beef, roast beef, cherries, corn, corned beef hash, peas, beans, flour, rice, assorted jam, toilet soap, vegetable soups, pineapple, tomatoes and bacon. Mr. Bragg is rather disappointed in that La Grande was not given a larger allotment.

FIND COOLEST SPOT IN MILES

While many La Grander who went motoring yesterday were plowing along hot, dusty roads and sweating in the over-zealous sun, a few favored ones were rejoicing in the coolness of a natural refrigerator they had found near Elgin, and trying to devise means by which they might take some of Nature's coolness home with them for their permanent refreshment. The existence of the ice cave near Elgin has been known to many La Grander for years but comparatively few have visited the spot.

Leo French and Delile Green, who visited the spot yesterday, describe it as a boulder-strewn gully about four miles northwest of Elgin. The boulders are of immense size and have evidently fallen from the high, steep walls of the gully, forming small caves beneath and between them. In these caves or fissures of the rock the ice is found. In the caves the men found their coatless garb not sufficient and had to return to the cars for their coats. Their fruit was put on the ice and they also made use of it for lemonade.

Some believe that the ice caves are the result of the action of a glacier and that the ice is the last of the glacier. Others think it more probable that the ice is formed by the melting of snow which drifts in twenty and thirty feet deep in the winter and never entirely melts, keeping the deep fissures filled with ice the year round.

SOVIETS DECLARE KOLCHAK OUTLAW

LONDON, Aug. 18.—A decree declaring Admiral Kolchak and the all Russian cabinet at Omsk to be outlaws has been issued by the soviet government, a Moscow wireless says.

PEOPLE DRIVE OUT THE BOLSHEVIKI

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Bolsheviks have been driven from Odessa by the populace of the city, it is reported. Soviet forces are evacuating Kiev and the entire Ukraine.

HEAVY LOSS FROM FIRE IN TIMBER

LOSS IS ESTIMATED TO REACH \$350,000

Alarming Blaze in Santiam District—Rain Needed to Stop Fires in the Roseburg Section—Senator McNary Sends Notice that Airplane Patrol Will be Continued.

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Fifteen hundred acres of forest have been burned and three lumber camps and many donkey engines have been destroyed by fire near Silverton. The loss is estimated at \$350,000. Fire in the Santiam forest on Dry Creek, five miles west of Detroit is alarming. Government men and loggers are fighting it. Rain is needed to stop fires in the Roseburg section.

SALEM, Aug. 18.—Senator McNary has been assured by the war department that the airplane patrol will be continued in Oregon. This information has been communicated to the governor.

BRIGHOUX WAS SEEN FRIDAY

REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN NEAR FREEWATER.

In Company With Southwick, Another Escaped Convict, Headed Toward Walla Walla.

SALEM, Aug. 18.—It is reported that Dave Brichoux and E. B. Southwick, escaped convicts, were seen near Freewater, in Umatilla county, Friday. They were in a small automobile and were headed toward Walla Walla.

VESSEL WITH MANY WOUNDED STRANDED

SEATTLE, Aug. 18.—Cable advices state that the United States shipping board steamer, Seffron, with 1100 wounded Czechoslovaks, is ashore off Rokuren, in the Korean Strait. The vessel is in no immediate danger and other vessels are standing by. The Seffron was bound from Vladivostok to Triest.

APPLE CROP IN COUNTY IS GOOD

ANOTHER SPRAY SHOULD BE MADE AT THIS STAGE. Pearl Leaf Blister Mite is Increasingly Active This Year, But is Easily Controlled.

By P. H. Spillman, County Agent. The apple crop of the county to date is relatively free of worms, and the quality should be very good this fall. However, it is time to make an application of arsenate of lead as the last brood of worms will soon emerge, and the injury from this brood is quite often the most serious. The worms that appear at this time of year usually attack the apple where a leaf touches the fruit or where one apple touches another. In this case, often two apples are worm stung by a single worm. It has been the experience of many apple men in the past that his crop was relatively free of worms, but he did not take the pains to make this last spray. As a result, when apple picking time came about he had a very large percentage of what are termed "side worms," this term being given for the reason already explained.

If you have prospects of a good commercial crop do not neglect this last very important spray. Prospective apple prices are very encouraging and if you have a good commercial crop do not take the risk of letting them go without this last spray.

Pear Leaf Blister Mites. We are finding a considerable number of orchards in which many leaves have brown spots on them. This leaf spotting is much more serious on some varieties than others. Some varieties are not apparently affected at all, while in others many leaves are practically dead. This condition is brought about by a blister mite. Last year was the first that this mite seemed to have worked to any extent in the local orchards. This year there has been quite a spread of this trouble. Fortunately, however, this insect is easily controlled. The spraying of the trees with the winter strength of lime-sulphur in the spring just as the buds are beginning to swell and show a little green will handle them. It would be well for those having orchards to go through them and look for this trouble.

WAR OVER SHANTUNG IS FEARED

OPINION AT VERSAILLES WAS AGAINST JAPANESE CONTROL IN PENINSULA.

INFORMATION PLACED BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

American Experts at Peace Conference of Unanimous Belief that Giving Japanese Control of Shantung Would Result in War say American Writer.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Thomas Millard, an American writer attached to the Chinese peace delegation told the senate foreign relations committee today that it was the unanimous opinion of the American experts on far eastern affairs at Versailles that war must result from the treaty provision giving Japan control of Shantung.

POLICY OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP ACCEPTED.

Lloyd-George Tells House of Commons that War Cost to British Was Forty Billion Pounds.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Lloyd George told the house of commons today that the British government accepts the policy of the state purchase of mineral rights of coal. He said that the war cost forty billion pounds. There is an alarming adverse trade balance at present Lloyd-George said.

SHOPMEN'S STRIKE IS NOW AT AN END

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The railroad administration has been notified that the shopmen's strike is at an end. The administration was asked to take up the wage demands immediately.

SUNFLOWERS ARE HIS FAVORITES

BYRON CAMPBELL CAN SEE NOTHING BUT KANSAN IN ALL HIS GLORY.

Trip to West Fails to Convert Young Kansan who Believes in His State.

"I do not wish to plagiarize," remarked Byron Campbell today as he discussed his return to Kansas, "but I am strong for that stuff 'Gena Ware wrote a Kansan may roam but he can't find no place out Kansas to call home. That's just the way I feel. Oregon is fine, you have a fine state, fine people, good preachers and all that but say, there is no place like Kansas. When Tom McNeil unfurled the Mail and Breese of a week wide and the good things that are happening and have happened in Kansas I got crazy to go back to the land of Old John Brown—the land where the Ku Klux Klan used to do things in the early days, yes, the land where hard times made men and women." "The boy who uttered these words is only thirteen years of age but he is a hard in many ways. Few youngsters observe so well and put their observations into language. He is with his mother, Mrs. Alex Campbell and sister, Miss Naomi, all of whom have been visiting relatives in La Grande and the valley for the past few weeks. They expect to leave Wednesday for their home in Mayville, Kansas.

"You might be interested to know a few things about my state," said Byron and the young man delivered an oration about Kansas resources that would have done credit to John J. Ingalls, Preston P. Plumb or J. Ralph Burton in their primeval days.

No Relief in Sight

GREAT SIZZLING SNAKES!! STILL GOING UP!!

HIGH COST OF LIVING

PARCELS POST SALES BEGIN

EVERY POSTMASTER NOW HAS A PRICE LIST.

Large Amount of Food Supplies to be Sold Direct to Consumers by War Department.

WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—For Oregon fair and cool in east portion; gentle westerly winds.