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BANDITS ARE FEARFUL OF TRAP, BALK

Suchow Brigands Hold Prisoners; Doubt of Official Sincerity.

CAPTIVES "HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME"

China Promises to "Consider the Extenuation of Bandits" After Present Situation is Adjusted.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 11.—The Chinese government officials promised American Minister Schurman at Peking, that they will "consider a general policy for the extermination of bandits" in China as soon as the present situation, growing out of the capture of American and foreign citizens by brigands in Shantung has been adjusted.

Bandits Fear Trap.

(By Associated Press)
PEKING, May 11.—A hitch has developed in negotiations for the release of the captives held by the Suchow bandits in their stronghold back of Lan China, according to a report carried Thursday by the Associated Press agency, a Chinese news service.

The news agency declares that the government's busy acceptance of the bandits' preliminary demand that the pursuing troops be called off has made the brigands skeptical of official sincerity and led them to fear that Peking is laying a trap for them.

Yu Yu Lin, minister of communications, the agency says, has telegraphed Gen. Tien Chung Yu, governor of Shantung, informing him of the indignation of the foreign legations at the Suchow outrage and of the demands made by the foreign diplomats on the Peking government.

It added that the Chinese government would be held responsible for the fate of the kidnapped foreigners and promised the Shantung governor any financial assistance necessary in the event the bandits required a heavy ransom.

Prisoners Released.

(By Associated Press)
SHANGHAI, May 11.—All the foreign captives held by the Suchow bandits are well, "having a wonderful time" and expect to be released soon, according to a written message received from four of them by relief workers near Lan China, which were relayed here Thursday.

The telegram received in Shanghai came to Henry Gensburger, from his son Victor, who is at Tsaoehwang with relief parties, who are seeking to aid the captives, among whom is Victor's brother, Emil.

To Probe Cause

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The Chinese government has consented to an investigation by the council of ministers as to the causes which made the bandit's raid possible.

Naval Order Issued.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Concentration of three division destroyers at Tsing-Tao, on the Shantung peninsula, was noted in a naval order published today, but officials declared it had no connection with the bandit raid.

Tells of Trenton.

SHANGHAI, May 11.—Lucy Aldrich, sister-in-law to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., told Minister Schurman how she slept in a dog kennel outside a walled Chinese village, clad only in a night gown and dressing gown. The night following she was released by the bandits after being dragged across the country all day.

WILL TRY STILWELL CASE IN OCTOBER

The case of the State of Oregon versus P. E. Stilwell will be tried at the next term of the Supreme court, which will be in October. The case, which was to have been tried at the term just completed, which was at Pendleton, was postponed.

Weather Forecast

PORTLAND, May 11.—Fair tonight and Saturday. A heavy frost in the interior district in the morning.

President Asked to Make Trip to Yellowstone By Idaho Falls Business Men

(By Associated Press)
IDAHO FALLS, Ida., May 11.—In order that President Harding may see at first hand the results of irrigation and the possibilities of reclamation in the far west, the Idaho Falls chamber of commerce, Thursday wired him an invitation to make the trip from Pocatello, Idaho, to Yellowstone Park by automobile as the guest of the local organization when he comes west.

HIGHWAY ACRES NEW ADDITION

La Grande Extends to South and East With Offerings for Homes.

Realizing that the time has come for expansion in the residential district of this city and realizing further that many people desire a home on a paved road of an acre or more, O. B. Mount, agent for Mrs. F. Moore, who recently acquired a portion of the land formerly owned by Dr. O'Connor south and east of the city limits, has had a tract platted and it will be known as the "Highway Acres." The tract lies at the turn of the Old Oregon Trail a short distance from the main part of the city.

Plans have just been finished and are now in the hands of all local real estate men who will sell the acreage. Yesterday a reporter for the Evening Observer was in Baker, where Mr. Mount resides, and in interviewing him relative to his recent plans for the addition he said: "I have confidence in La Grande's future. So much so that I believe the Highway Acres will be sold quickly. For some time J. P. Boyd of La Grande, has encouraged the platting of this land and it is really due to his continued urging that I gave the matter attention. As soon as I went into the merit of the proposition I did not hesitate in doing as he had suggested."

CONDITIONS OF LABOR BETTER

Labor Conditions in Many Countries Shows Marked Improvement.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 11.—The unemployment situation throughout the world is favorable compared with that of a year ago, says the current issue of the International Labor Review, the monthly publication of the International labor office of the League of Nations at Geneva. This periodical has just finished a world-wide survey on unemployment.

In France and Belgium unemployment is almost non-existent. In North America employment was exceedingly good toward the close of 1922 as compared with 1921, though in Canada figures for October and November show a contraction as compared with previous years.

In the United States employment has been steadily increasing during the past year and business conditions continue to improve. Production was very good during January 1923, and apparently no one a year ago expected such a rapid recovery.

In the United Kingdom the general unemployment index numbers show little change at the end of January 1923 as compared with December 1922. The activities in coal mining, in steel-sheet manufacture, and in the worsted industry were satisfactory, but most of the other principal industries are still under the spell of depression.

In the Scandinavian countries and in the Netherlands the situation shows improvement.

In Italy the great increase of the numbers unemployed recorded the end of the year was due to unemployment in the mining and out-door industries as well as in agriculture.

Polish industries were comparatively active during the last three months of 1922, and a comparison with the corresponding month of last year shows that unemployment has greatly diminished. In Switzerland unemployment is still declining.

Austria and Germany are the only two countries for which unemployment figures show a substantial increase at the end of 1922 as compared with 1921. It has been estimated that Austrian industries were working at 46 per cent of their capacity at the end of 1922. In Germany seasonal unemployment in the building industry is especially acute this year. Employment in the metal, electrical and chemical industries is still good, the decline being chiefly in the printing, food and building trades.

RADIO TO REPLACE SIGNAL GUN

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 11.—Trinity House authorities, who have charge of lightships and lighthouses around the coast, have decided to fit all important lightships with wireless apparatus, thus displacing the signal gun which has been used for so many years to call the fire-boat or warn ship of their danger.

WHEAT CROP SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—Winter wheat in Oregon showed a very decided improvement during the month of April, and a production of nearly 19,000,000 bushels is forecasted by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, says F. L. Kent, local Agricultural Statistician.

Winter Wheat.
There was comparatively little winter kill, hence the abandoned acreage was small in the state, and has been estimated at 3 per cent of the acreage seeded last fall, leaving about 853,000 acres for harvest. Condition on May 1 was estimated for the state as a whole, at 95 per cent able production of 18,800,000 bushels. In some of the larger producing counties a considerable part of the acreage seeded last fall did not produce a really good stand, and in such fields there is an abnormal weed growth, which naturally reduces the condition of the crop. There are many "100 per cent normal" fields in the principal wheat counties, and the whole area in the western part of the state is close to normal condition. On the lighter lands of the wheat belt there was quite a little damage from "blowing out," and possibly one-half of this damaged acreage was not reseeded, owing to the lateness of the season when the blowing occurred, the condition of the soil moisture, and rather high price of spring seed.

The United States winter wheat crop is forecasted at 578,287,000 bushels, which is about 8,000,000 bushels less than the final estimated production for 1922. The acreage seeded last fall that will not be harvested ("abandoned") for the United States is estimated at 14.3 per cent. The Oregon acreage "abandoned" is estimated at 3 per cent.

Hay.
The acreage of tame hay appears to have increased somewhat over last year, and the acreage of wild hay is practically the same as last year. Condition of the crop is estimated at 98 per cent, which indicates a substantial increase over the production of last year.

Young clover and vetch came thru the winter with very little damage, and the spring to date has been very favorable for growth of hay crops. The clover acreage appears to have considerably increased over last year, and increased acreage is reported for alfalfa.

Spring Plowing and Planting.
Very favorable late winter and spring conditions made it possible to practically complete all plowing for spring planting except in the higher altitudes. In some districts the plowing for summer fallow has been nearly completed for this season. Spring planting was generally earlier than usual, and there remained on May 1, only corn and late potatoes, in most localities. For the state as a whole it is estimated that 85 per cent of the spring planting had been finished by May 1. For the

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FIGURES IN CHINESE KIDNAPPING EPISODE



ROBERT P. SCRIPPS

Robert P. Scripps, editorial director of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, reported as being among a number of American prisoners captured by Chinese bandits who wrecked a train on the Tientsin-Pukow railroad.



JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN

Jacob Gould Schurman, United States minister to China, who is pressing the Chinese government in the search for bandits who wrecked a train and kidnapped a number of foreigners, many Americans being among them.

SENATOR LENROOT SAYS MENACE NOW EXISTS IN HAWAII

(By Associated Press)
SUPERIOR, Wis., May 11.—A menace exists in Hawaii today, asserted United States Senator Irvine L. Lenroot of Superior, who has just returned from an extended tour of the island possessions.

Unless some step be taken at once, Senator Lenroot predicted, Japan will have assumed, by virtue of numbers, the governmental authority of Hawaii.

Over two-thirds of the population of Hawaii is Japanese. "With 10 years the Japanese voters, by right of their birth there, will far outnumber the natives and Americans, thus gaining control of the territory."

BULLETINS

McMANAMY APPOINTED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president today appointed Frank McManamy, of the District of Columbia, as a member of the interstate commerce commission, succeeding W. M. Daniels, resigned.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 11.—Hard White \$1.32; Western Red \$1.17.

WAGES INCREASED

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, May 11.—Ten thousand maintenance of Way men of the Great Northern were granted increases ranging from \$3.40 to \$10 per month.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 11.—Live-stock steady, eggs weak but showing lower tendency, butter firm.

WOMAN PROPHET ARRESTED

(By Associated Press)
BERGEN, Norway, May 11.—The latest "dream prophet," one Maria Akerblom, has been arrested in Finland. The woman caused such a furor among the working classes that the authorities felt forced to take action.

TIMBER IS SOLD

(By Associated Press)
ROSEBURG, May 11.—Ninety million feet of timber in Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane counties was sold by the government today at approximately \$200,000.

Secretaryship of U. of O. Goes to Marcella Berry

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 11.—Clara Robinson, Portland, defeated Don Zimmerman, Eugene, in yesterday's race for student body president, 947 to 478. Frank Carter, Eugene, nosed out Haddon Rockey, Portland, 702 to 645, for the vice presidency.

The editorship of the 1923-24 Oregon Daily Emerald went to Arthur Ridd, Pendleton, with 590 votes, as compared to 463 for John Piper, Portland, and 308 for Edwin Faxon, Ashland.

In a closely contested race for the secretaryship, Marcella Berry, La Grande, defeated Celina Farnham, Seaside, by 19 votes. Adah Harvass, Tacoma, was the other girl in the race. The count was 531 for Miss Berry, 512 for Miss Farnham and 304 for Miss Harvass.

Freda Goodrich, Portland, won the editorship of next year's Oregonian easily receiving 734 votes to 372 for Katherine Watson, Chicago, and 238 for Margaret Skavlan, Eugene.

Jack Day, Portland, was defeated by Ed Taffer, Milwaukie, by a vote of 544 to 763 in the contest for junior man on the executive council, Hal

CHARGES 'PEN' WITH CRUELTY

Telegram Accuses Leavenworth Authorities With Maltreating Prisoner.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, May 11.—Harry Fenberg, secretary general of the defense committee of the Industrial Workers of the World, today sent President Harding a telegram stating that Royal Connor, political prisoner at Leavenworth, had been strung up in chains and beaten for writing Senator Lodge regarding cruelty to prisoners.

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Resignation of George Harvey is Denied Upon His Arrival in America

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, May 11.—George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, declared today, upon his arrival on the steamship George Washington, that he knew nothing about reports that he had resigned or planned to resign to direct a campaign for the renomination and re-election of President Harding.

GRAIN RATES ACTION TAKEN

Western States Present Their Final Argument to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 11.—Western grain growing states brought their complaint against railroad rates on grain and grain products to a final argument today before the interstate commerce commission.

C. H. Hutchings, representing the American Farm Bureau federation, appealed to the commission for a reduction, and reviewed testimony as to the hardships imposed on growers and depression caused to business by alleged maintenance of high rates.

The following announcement of the death of Charles L. Utter of Astoria, under date of May 11: "Friends and fellow workers of Charles Utter of 500 Alameda avenue and president of the Astoria Carpenters' union, were surprised and shocked yesterday when the announcement was made from St. Mary's hospital that he had passed away after a brief illness due to appendicitis. An operation had been made in the hope of saving his life, but it was too late.

The deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. Blanche Utter, and three sons, Earl, a resident of California; Guy, of Portland, and Ray Utter of Astoria. His sister, also a resident of California, has been notified. The remains are at the funeral parlors of Pohl and Gilbaugh. No date for the interment has been announced, as the wife and sons here are awaiting instructions from other members of the family.

"Mr. Utter was for the past five years president of the local union, and had endeavored himself to both his fellow workers and the contractors by his fairness and square dealing. His death is greatly regretted in local labor circles."

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OREGON MAN THOUGHT NOT IMPLICATED

Former Preacher Believed No Partner in Bomb Conspiracy.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HEAD GIVES OPINION

William J. Burns Conducts Investigation; Believes Herbert Wilson Guiltless of Bomb Charge.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 11.—William J. Burns, head of the department of justice investigation bureau, announced today that an investigation conducted at Los Angeles had convinced him that Herbert Wilson, former Oregon preacher, in jail there on a murder charge, was not implicated in the Wall street bomb conspiracy. Burns reiterated that those who perpetrated the outrage were known to have left the country.

Burns, however, said that Wilson's story that he made the bomb used, led him to believe that Wilson sold the nitro-glycerin used in the bomb without having knowledge of what use it was to be put to.

RUSSIAN ENVOY TO LAUSANNE MEET IS KILLED, 2 WOUNDED

(By Associated Press)
LAUSANNE, May 11.—M. Vorov, envoy, head of the Russian soviet delegation at the Lausanne peace conference, was assassinated Thursday night. He was shot several times, and killed outright.

M. Ahrens, head of the soviet press bureau in Lausanne, and M. Dzwilowski, another Russian, were wounded, the latter seriously.

Vorovsky and his party were dining at the Hotel Cecil. A young man seated a few tables away arose after he had finished his dinner and leisurely partaken of his coffee, calmly walked over to the Russian table and opened fire without warning.

Vorovsky was the first victim, and the assassin then turned the weapon on Ahrens, who was struck by three bullets, twice in the thigh and once in the shoulder.

Ahrens, nevertheless, managed to draw his revolver on the assailant, but a waiter rushed forward and knocked up his arm. Meanwhile the assassin shot Dzwilowski in the body.

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