

6 AMERICANS FREED BY MEXICAN BANDIT

Two Prisoners, One Briton, Still Held for Ransom.

DISPATCHES ARE MIXED

Rest of Prisoners Seized by Pedro Zamora Are Reported to Have Been Freed.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 23.—Pedro Zamora has released six Americans who were kidnapped recently by him in the state of Jalisco, but is holding one American, W. A. Gardner, superintendent of the Esperanza Mining company, for 100,000 pesos ransom, and W. B. Johnson, British subject, for 50,000 pesos, according to advices received today.

Charles Hoyle, manager of the Esperanza Mining company at Eloro, said to be a nephew of John Hays Hammond, and Mrs. Hoyle have been released and are now safe at Penas, on Bandera bay. The names of the four other Americans set free were given as Dietrich, Gillis, Culvert and Nels.

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The dispatches announcing the release of the Americans are somewhat confused but they apparently show that Gardner and Johnson were the only hostages still in the hands of the outlaw.

Following a conference at the British legation, two representatives of the legation left yesterday for Jalisco to attempt to arrange with the bandits for the payment of the ransom for Johnson.

Ransom Reported Ready. J. C. Bryden, representing the Esperanza company in Mexico City, said today that nothing regarding a ransom for the Americans captured had been received, but that the money was ready for payment when the demands were presented.

He explained the presence of Mr. Hoyle and the other Americans in Cuicatlan, where they were captured, saying they left El Oro, state of Michoacan, to inspect workings in the vicinity of Cuicatlan.

SLEUTH HELD AT BORDER

AGENT, ORDERED OUT OF MEXICO, BARRED BY U. S.

Dr. Altendorf Says He Has Found German Responsible for Great Munitions Explosions.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Aug. 23.—Dr. Paul Altendorf, who claims American citizenship and who acted as a secret service agent of the United States in Mexico during the world war, arrived here today "unwashed and without a change of clothes" for a hearing, he said, from Mexico City under guard of two Mexican army officers for deportation as a "pernicious foreigner."

Dr. Altendorf said that under commission of American insurance companies he had discovered in Mexico a German, whose name he gave, who was the perpetrator of the Kingston Island and Black Tom explosions of munitions on the Atlantic coast early in 1917, when property valued at millions of dollars was destroyed and several lives lost.

"I had met this German previously in Mexico," said Altendorf, "and I returned this morning to Mexico to his whereabouts. The discovery and proof of this man's deeds will force Germany to pay the costs of this explosion and make at least a million dollars who lost their lives."

Altendorf was refused admittance into the United States until he could show proof of citizenship. At the American consulate here he said he had been expelled from Mexico on the accusation that he had given information derogatory to Mexico before the senate sub-committee investigating affairs in Mexico.

Immigration authorities at El Paso refused to admit Altendorf into the United States without a passport. The American consulate here said he could not act until telegraphic instructions were received from the state department at Washington. In the meantime Altendorf continued under guard of the two Mexican officers.

ROAD DEBATE PLANNED

DISCUSSION IS FEATURE OF WASHINGTON CONFAB.

Senator Carlylon to Defend Bill Against Attacks of Representative From Spokane.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—A feature of the Washington State Good Roads association, to be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at Everett, is the joint debate set for Thursday between Senator Carlylon, author of the referendum measure that bears his name, and W. W. Durham, of Spokane. Mr. Durham has credentials from the Spokane chamber of commerce, the Eastern Washington Highway association and the Spokane County Good Roads association.

"Our business men, farmers and wage earners are very largely against the Carlylon bill," said the Spokane man. "They feel that an annual road building revenue of more than \$15,000,000, the sum now available for yearly roadwork by the state, the counties and the road districts, is as much, and possibly more than can be profitably expended at this time when labor is scarce, the prices of materials high and going higher and road building contractors showing an independent spirit."

"An erroneous impression lies in the minds of some voters that the proposed bond issue of \$30,000,000 would pave a great part of the public roads of the state. The fact is that under existing conditions it would pave less than 2 per cent of them, hardly one mile in 50 of the 40,000 miles of public roads in Washington."

BROTHER IS HEARD FROM Sydney Robinson Listed as "Killed in Action" Is Alive. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Having for nearly three years mourned his younger brother Sydney as dead, Frank B. Robinson, local pharmacist, has received a letter showing Sydney is alive, and residing in Toronto, Canada.

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 23.—Among Oregonians who have made good at the national capital in a large way must be included the name of Charles J. Mahaffie, solicitor for the interior department. Mr. Mahaffie is one of the present department heads in the present organization of John Barton Payne, secretary of the department of the interior.

The young Portland attorney came to Washington more than two years ago to take up legal work in the department of interior staff. He has advanced to the position of solicitor, which is the chief legal adviser of the department and is probably the highest and most influential legal position ever held by an Oregonian in that realm of government administration in Washington.

The vast legal questions involved in public land issues, including railroads and wagon road grants, oil and coal lands, Indian reservations, Alaska enormous landed area, reclamation work and national parks, come in their last legal analysis before passing to the secretary to Mr. Mahaffie's desk. The millions of dollars involved in some of these issues would appall the average firm of lawyers, but the young Oregon attorney of necessity has become familiar with the multiplied cipher in computing values as with the decimal point.

Just as a variety, when the solicitor pails over studies of the United States public domain with their attendant millions he has to give attention to the Alaska engineering commission, the bureau of education, the fuel administration, geological survey, Indian affairs, bureau of mines, national parks, the patent office and the pensions bureau. If there is one office in Washington that affords endless variety in the line of legal experience, Mr. Mahaffie has it.

When bluff, caustic John Barton Payne took the office of secretary of the interior, there was speculation as to how the young Oregon solicitor would fit into the organization of the grizzled old veteran.

So far as the public can discern, Mahaffie stands high with his new chief, and has become a mainstay.

BEND MODESTY SHOCKED

GIRL IN RIDING TROUSERS IS BARRED FROM TOWN.

Now Question of Right to Wear Masculine Habillments Is Put Up to Governor Olcott.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—How old must a girl be to take up a hobby and incidentally is she any legal process whereby she may be deprived of the right to wear riding trousers? These questions have been put up to Governor Olcott in a letter received at his offices today from Miss S. D. Wolfe of Madras. "I am riding on the desert and in the mountains most of the time," said Miss Wolfe in her letter to the executive. "The other day just because I rode into Bend dressed in riding pants Mr. Nixon told me I had to stay out of town. Why should he bar me when girls dressed in similar garments are riding about the town in automobiles? The chief took my revolver notwithstanding that I need it for protection."

"Lots of times I see bears, coyotes and cougars in the timber on mountains. I don't care about being deprived of the right to go to Bend, only that it saves me a long and some ride if I could cross the bridges over the river there."

"It is hard enough for a girl to make an honest living without some person trying to make it more difficult. I have found earning an existence a serious problem by now when I am old enough and command good pay."

The Mr. Nixon, referred to in the letter is unknown to the governor, but is believed to be chief of police at Bend or chief of the fire department there. Governor Olcott said today that he believed he was an authority as to when a girl was eligible to acquire a home-owning he would not attempt to qualify as an expert as to when she was old enough to order what circumstances she might wear trousers.

The girl also asked where she should get a horse and buggy for a colt, and this query has been referred to the state veterinarian.

Woman Marries Minor. VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Harold Curtis, 13, old, of Oregon City, and Miss Ruby Nichols, 15, also of Oregon City, were married here today. It is rather unusual that the bride is of age, while the bridegroom is a minor.

S. & E. green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co. Main 252. \$40.25. Adv.

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WARSAW, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Russian bolshevik forces today were reacting virtually along the whole line in an effort to save the remnants of the red army, but they had been easily frustrated by the Poles. On the north there was heavy fighting in the region of Mlava and Soldau.

Forced to face two Polish armies, one advancing from Modlin and the other from Graudenz, the bolsheviks were making desperate efforts to extricate their advanced guard, some of which had ventured as far as Eylau and Pionask. The red losses in prisoners in this region amounted to 11,000 in two days.

The attempt of the reds to break the Polish lines on the Pranyavl-Makov-Rozny road and cross the Narew river failed.

Reds Are Thrown Back. Polish troops advancing up the right bank of the Narew threw back the bolsheviks to the north. Meanwhile the main body of the Poles, advancing toward Warsaw, occupied all the territory in the fork of the Bug and the Narew.

The only chance of the bolsheviks was to open a passage in the direction of Ostrolenka and Lomza, so as to get through to Bialystok and Grodno. The Polish troops accordingly were hastening their march toward Ostrolenka and Lomza, while the Polish cavalry, which has reached the upper waters of the Narew, has already cut the road between Lomza and Bialystok.

The battle beginning on the middle Narew, was likely to decide the fate of all the red forces between the Narew and Prussian frontier.

Reds Make Bold Thrust. Red troops, comprising infantry and cavalry, were making a bold thrust in the direction of Brody and Lemberg. Further north, bolshevik detachments, debouching for Lutsk and Vladimir Volynsky, tried to force a passage of the Bug before Pruzhev, but were hurled back with heavy loss. The same fate befell the reds who appeared in the region of Lemberg.

The Ukrainian regiments which were still on their old positions along the Strypa, had successfully repelled all attacks of the reds and maintained their original lines on the extreme right. In the center the Poles from the occupied Brest-Litovsk were digging in on the eastern border of Poland. It was expected that the daring plan of the bolsheviks against Lemberg would be definitely frustrated.

POLES TO HALT AT BORDER

Complete Assurance Promised in Reply to United States.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Complete assurance will be given the United States, it was stated today in Polish official circles, that Poland will advance beyond the natural frontiers of the reconstituted republic.

The communication from Warsaw to this effect was expected by these officials. Representations setting forth the views of this government have been made through the legation at Warsaw, the state department reiterating the stand taken by Secretary Colby in his note to the Italian ambassador. The position of the American government as outlined then was that the allied and associated powers favored the preservation of the integrity of Russia, such a declaration to be accompanied by the announcement that no transgression by Poland will be permitted.

The Polish reply, officials said, would set at rest any suspicion that Poland was contemplating the prolongation of hostilities into an offensive war against Russia. Assurance of this nature, it was added, already had been given the soviet government envoy at Minsk. No formal representations have been exchanged with the allies by the United States regarding the possible transition of the Polish operations from an offensive to a defensive character. The American government is understood to be satisfied with the situation as set forth in its note, and representations made to the Polish government have been only an elaboration of the principles enunciated in that document.

Great Britain, however, through Premier Lloyd George, already has announced her opposition to any transgression by Poland of Russian territory. For the present, it is believed, the British government will rest on the announcement of the British position by Lloyd George in the house of commons before taking up a possible formal rejoinder to the American note to the Italian ambassador.

The first approach to a joint allied policy toward the respective situations is believed here to have been made by Premier Lloyd George in his present conferences with Premier Giolitti of Italy, and in the talks of the British premier with the French premier, Dr. Poincaré, and the German premier, Dr. Brüning.

DANZIG SOVIETS REPORTED

German Workers Are Declared to Have Seized Piers.

EDICT AWAKENS WRATH

BURLESON ORDER SAID TO SAVOR OF DESPOTISM.

REPRESENTATIVE MADDEN QUESTIONS

Right of Postmaster-General to Restrict Activities.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Postmaster-General Burleson's recent order declaring that the families and relatives of postal employees shall not participate in any manner in politics advancing the following comment today by Martin D. Madden of the house committee on postoffices and postroads:

"Postmaster-General Burleson's edict against the participation of postal employees in their families and relatives in politics is the most autocratic pronouncement ever issued by a government official. It savors of the good old days in Russia, when the orders of the czar were supreme."

"When did the postmaster-general become clothed with the power to restrict the right of franchise among our citizens?"

"Does Mr. Burleson assume that because a man is employed in the postal service therefore his father and mother and brothers and sisters and uncles and aunts and cousins are under the postmaster-general's autocratic and despotic rule?"

"Does Mr. Burleson assume to say that he is clothed with authority to direct the civic activities of all who may be related to the postal employees of the country? Where does he get such authority? Is not Mr. Burleson assuming a great deal? Does he think such an order will be accepted complacently by the American people?"

"The people should resent such impudence, and will. The time has not yet come when the American people will submit to such despotism, either from the postmaster-general or anyone else. The government is still in the hands of the people, notwithstanding repeated attempts of the executive branch to prevent them from exercising their constitutional rights."

"Let us hope that these rights will be so exercised at the coming election as thereafter to give us the blessings of a government of laws and not dictators."

SHOOTING SPEEDERS HELD

Pair Who Escaped in Shower of Lead at Chehalis in Jail.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Two men, arrested at Kelso Friday morning by Deputy Sheriff Roberts of Chehalis and City Marshal L. J. Christensen, were held in the county jail charged with speeding and trying to run down an officer. The men are Jerry Heatham and John Christensen, both of Seattle.

Last Thursday night they made a sensational getaway from deputy sheriff Heatham and John Christensen's car at Market and Division streets. A pistol battle followed.

UNION LABOR PROTESTS

Objection Made to Outsiders Getting Foundation Contract.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Union labor in Baker is up in arms in protest against the city's action in



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hiring experts from outside cities to take charge of the important work in the construction of the municipal auditorium. A grievance committee is to be appointed at a meeting of the Baker Central Labor council Thursday night.

BOY IS SHOT BY CHUM

VICTIM RUSHED TO TACOMA PARTIALLY PARALYZED.

Lad Who Fired Gun Says He Thought It Was Not Loaded. Bound Over to Grand Jury.

MORTON, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Hansford Davis, aged 15, son of U. G. Davis, a farmer living four miles east of Morton, shot and severely wounded Ted Johnson, aged 14, son of Chris Johnson. Young Davis says it was an accident.

The two boys, with Electus Christia and Maurice Coleman, were in the orchard of John Aiden in Rainier valley, seven miles east of Morton. Davis had Johnson's .22-caliber gun. Davis knocked an apple off a tree with the butt of the gun; Johnson got it. Davis wanted it; and, according to the two witnesses, remarked he would shoot Johnson if Johnson did not give the apple to him.

On preliminary examination, where Davis was bound over to the Lewis county superior court, Davis said he did not know the gun was loaded. Dr. J. W. Pine attended the wounded lad.

X-ray examination by Dr. Pine showed the bullet had entered the left side, pierced the left lung and severed the nerve center. Johnson is paralyzed downward, Johnson was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Tacoma, Sunday night to be operated on.

Advertisement for Lipman Wolfe & Co. featuring a man in a suit, the text 'MEN Do You Realize That Next Week Brings September and the First Fall Days', and 'Entire Stock Manhattan Shirts at ONE-QUARTER OFF'. Includes the slogan 'Merchandise of Merit Only'.

Advertisement for Virginia Dare Wine, featuring an image of a bottle and the text 'VIRGINIA DARE WINE De-alcoholized is always a surprise when served to your guests. Mix it or serve it plain.' Includes the slogan 'One of the Northwest's Great Banks'.

Advertisement for Thompson's Deep-Curve Lenses, featuring an image of an eye and a man with a microscope. Text includes 'The Question Is—How Much Do You Save?', 'FREQUENTLY persons earning comparatively small salaries or wages get further in the race for prosperity than the large earner.', and 'THOMPSON'S OPTICAL INSTITUTE'.