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MORE THAN 100 KILLED WHEN BANDITS MAKE TRAIN ATTACK

Mexicans Attack Train, De- rail Engine and Set Fire to Coaches

PASSENGERS ROBBED

Disaster is Said to be Worst in
the History of Mexican
Revolutions

MEXICO CITY, April 21.—(LP)—President Calles issued a sensational statement Wednesday night, charging that the hold-up in which 100 to 150 persons were reported killed or injured at La Barca station, was perpetrated by rebel bandits under the leadership of two Catholic priests.

Calles attributed the disaster, which railway officials term the worst in the history of Mexican revolutions, directly to the Catholic episcopate in Mexico City. The clericals who aided in the attack, Calles statement said, received the instructions from the episcopate.

Thirty corpses have already been recovered from the train, which was a roaring furnace of flames a short time after the attack was made. Names of the victims still are lacking, although the attack occurred after six o'clock Tuesday night.

MEXICO CITY, April 21.—(LP)—Bandits who attacked a train and burned its coaches on the line to Guadalajara have killed and wounded between 100 and 150 persons, according to reports reaching railway officials here.

Concealed by darkness at La Barca station, the attacking group derailed the engine of the train, engaged its military escort in a two hour battle and then, before those aboard had had an opportunity to flee, set fire to the entire train.

Earlier reports said that 87 persons aboard were either killed or wounded, but it was thought this figure was too high.

The holdup occurred between the towns of Limon and Feliciano in the state of Jalisco.

While terrified passengers huddled in the coaches, the troops fired on the attacking band, but in the end were forced to yield to superior numbers. Railroad officials said the holdup was the worst railway disaster in the history of Mexican revolutions.

After the bandits had gone through the train and robbed the passengers they set fire to all the coaches before those inside had had an opportunity to flee. While the flames leaped over the coaches, some of the passengers were able to fight their way out and reach La Barca station, where they wired the news to Mexico City.

According to reports of railway authorities there were 130 second class passengers, 40 first class, 15 soldiers and two officers aboard the train. The train left Guadalajara at 4 p. m. Tuesday.

Notices had been posted in the vicinity of La Barca for one week stating that rebels would begin extreme measures last Saturday to cut communications at that point.

ELECT OFFICERS

The officers elected at an organization meeting of the Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans held at Grants Pass recently were:

Grand monarch, H. H. Hulls; vice grand monarch, J. L. Reed; chief counselor, G. W. Trefren; registrar, L. B. Roberts; collector and banker, M. L. Lillay; venerable friar, L. H. Currier; grand monitor, Alvy Walker; grand chief guide, H. W. Conger; grand herald, S. M. Leonard; high executioner, C. E. Hooper and grand director, E. L. Coburn.

The following Ashland men attended the meeting: G. W. Trefren, E. C. Payne, M. S. Nichols, Leo Schoneiger and C. E. Hooper.

MEDFORD DEFEATED FOR FOURTH TIME

Local Baseball Team Takes Four Straight Games From Neighbors

Ashland high school baseball team took Medford to a 9-2 score Wednesday afternoon on the Medford grounds. It was the fourth straight win over the Red and Black team by the locals.

Ashland scratched out eleven hits while Kannasto held Medford to six scattered hits. Hulen, Kannasto and Nutter doubled, as did Anderson of Medford.

Kannasto had the lower valley men under his power at nearly all times, the third inning being a little rough.

Hulen, second base, got four hits out of five times up and brought in four runs, Kannasto but three times and scored one run for himself.

Ashland started by getting one run in the first, Bibby bringing in Gande, Medford scored in the second an third, Moore sending McDonald in and Halpenny putting Anderson across the plate.

Ashland made one in the fifth, Kannasto counting, and one in the sixth and seventh, Katzer, and Kannasto coming in again.

With the score four to two in their favor, Ashland hit Anderson hard in the ninth for three hits and five runs, Kannasto, Hulen, Gande, Nutter and Bibby making runs, and all except Kannasto poling out hits, Nutter's being a double.

Moore, left field, closed the game by making a sensational catch, rolling over with the ball in his hand, and threw to McGee, catching Anderson off first.

Umpires, LeRoy and Walters. Ashland 9 runs, 11 hits, 2 errors. Medford 2 runs, 6 hits, 5 errors.

SURGERY TO MAKE AN EXTRAORDINARY FIGHT

Noted Surgeon Will At- tempt to Save the Life of a Snake

DENVER, April 21.—(LP)—A snake suffering from a fractured skull will be put upon the operating table here while modern surgery makes one of its most unusual fights for a life.

The operation will be performed by Dr. Albert Crabtree, who once before distinguished himself in delicate surgery, by removing cataracts from the eyes of a snake.

The reptile to be operated on is a three foot anaconda snake. It was brought to Dr. Crabtree late Wednesday, after being found in a dazed condition in the outskirts of the city. According to Dr. Crabtree, had been attacked by children, who drove an ice pick through its skull.

Although the operation probably will be one of the most delicate ever attempted, Dr. Crabtree believes he will be successful.

"It will take about three hours of very careful work for the operation," Dr. Crabtree explained. "The lower lobe of the snake's jaw has fallen because of the injury, and it will be necessary to build up the bone tissue if the snake is to survive.

"It cannot take any food but milk which will have to be injected into its body. If it pulls through the operation it probably will be eight or nine weeks before it is normal again."

STAGE STAR SUFFERS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—Seized with another fit of hysterics, Dorothy McKaye, stage star and central figure in the latest drama of love and death, completely collapsed and is unable to leave her bed.

The nervous breakdown occurred as the coroner's jury prepared to open an inquest into the asserted bare knuckle murder of her husband, Ray Raymond, by Paul Kelly, screen star and her alleged sweetheart.

JUDGE ORDERS A MISTRIAL IN FORDS MILLION DOLLAR SUIT

Jury Has Been Dismissed and Famous Case Comes to an Abrupt End

CHARGES ARE MADE

Woman Juror is Accused of Hav-
ing Made Statements Against
Millionaire

DETROIT, April 21.—Mistrial in the million dollar libel suit of Aaron Sapiro against Henry Ford was declared today by Judge Fred M. Raymond, on motion of the millionaire's counsel. Judge Raymond immediately dismissed the jury.

DETROIT, April 21.—(LP)—Charging that attorneys for Henry Ford are deliberately attempting to keep the billionaire from taking the witness stand following "collapse" of their contentions in court, William Henry Gallagher, counsel for Aaron Sapiro has issued a statement answering the Ford affidavits which seek a mistrial of the Ford-Sapiro libel suit.

"The Ford defense realized that the cross examination had completely collapsed their case," the statement said, "and they are now doing everything in their power to keep Ford off the stand. They will spend a million or a hundred million if necessary to keep him from testifying."

In the Ford affidavits submitted to substantiate their motion for mistrial, four reasons were given.

That Cora Hoffman, juror in question, falsely testified that her husband was in the "plumbing and heating business," whereas his principal business is "operating a blind pig."

That Mrs. Hoffman falsely testified that she had no interest in the case, whereas she had stated before examination she "hoped she would be selected and that if she was it would not be healthy for Henry Ford."

That Mrs. Hoffman during the trial discussed at length with unknown persons the substance of which conversation appeared in a Detroit paper April 19.

That Mrs. Hoffman held conversation with a certain person known only as "Kid" Miller, who was in attendance at the trial and who in the presence of Mrs. Hoffman, engaged in conversation with Sapiro.

Miller was alleged to be a Jew and the insinuation was that he had acted as a possible go-between for Sapiro and the juror.

Sapiro filed an affidavit admitting having met several persons during the course of the trial, but denied any knowledge of "Kid" Miller.

WOULD RATHER DIE THAN GIVE UP HOME

Aged Utah Couple Attempt Suicide to Prevent Eviction

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 21.—(LP)—A suicide pact entered into by R. E. White, aged express man and his wife, because they were about to be evicted from their little home has resulted in the death of Mrs. White and the probable fatal wounding of White.

White, who is 69 years old, and his wife, 65, had been given until Wednesday to vacate their home under a mortgage foreclosure.

Rather than move out they agreed to die together, White shot his wife through the temple, killing her instantly, and then fired a bullet into his head. White was taken to the county hospital where physicians said he had little chance for recovery.

EXPEDITES AIR MAIL SERVICE

The new mail train schedules serve to expedite the air mail service from Ashland, and afford favorable connections as will be seen by an examination of the following schedules.

AIR MAIL SERVICE TO THE EAST

Letters in the Ashland Post Office by 2:10 P. M. are Dispatched by Train No. 13 to Sacramento, Calif. Leaves Sacramento, Calif. (next day) 9:15 P. M. Arrives Chicago (second day) 5:45 A. M. Arrives New York (second day) 6:00 P. M.

Air Mail Service—Pacific Coast

Letters in the office by 8:00 A. M. are Dispatched by Train 32 to Medford, Oregon. Daily Except Monday.

NORTH

Leaves Medford, Oregon (same day) 9:30 A. M. Arrives Portland, Oregon (same day) 12:00 Noon Arrives Seattle, Wash. (same day) 2:00 P. M.

SOUTH

Leaves Medford, Oregon (same day) 8:15 A. M. Arrives San Francisco (same day) 12:00 Noon Arrives Fresno, Calif. (same day) 2:00 P. M. Arrives Bakersfield, Calif. (same day) 3:30 P. M. Arrives Los Angeles, Calif. (same day) 5:00 P. M.

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DRASTIC STEPS TAKEN TO STOP CRIME WAVE

Portland City Council Acts in Cooperation With Police

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—Defying shotgun squads in the face of drastic measures by the police to end the crime wave, five holdups were committed last night and this morning.

The Dutch Maid Luncheon was robbed of \$69 and the other holdups were petty ones in the residential district. Two suspects were arrested today; Gerald Hart, aged 19, and Roy Rickman, aged 19 were in a stolen car.

PORTLAND, April 21.—The curfew will ring at Portland tonight applying to all persons after midnight. The council passed an ordinance giving the police the right to hold all persons abroad after midnight. They will be held in jail for further investigation unless a valid reason is given for their being up. Three extra policemen joined the shotgun squads today. This action was the result of the recent crime wave in which forty-eight thousand dollars was taken in four down town holdups and robberies committed within a period of nine days.

SENTIMENT AGAINST RADICALS GROWING

Alliances Being Made Be- tween Nationalists and South

SHANGHAI, April 21.—(LP)—While anti-radical sentiment grows among Chinese in the Shanghai district, the first alliance between nationalist Chinese and a northern war lord.

General Chiang Kai Shek, who captured Shanghai for the nationalists, only to throw down the gauge of battle to the radicals within his party, agreed to associate himself with General Sun Chuang Pang, northern general who Chiang himself drove out of the Yangtze area, according to the report.

Chiang immediately appointed his enemy commissioner of defense of northern Kiangsu province and continued plans for overthrow of the left wing of the nationalists, which is headed by Eugene Chen, nationalist foreign minister.

Headquarters of the Kuomintang, (nationalist) party in Shanghai still maintain that the party will continue adherence to the policy of Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

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NORMAL PLANS ON WEEK FOR FIRST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

A Play "Smilin' Through" Will be Given on Night of June Eighth

TO HAVE ALUMNI DAY

All Graduates of Old Normal to
be Invited Here For
Special Day

The commencement program of the Southern Oregon Normal school will cover an entire week beginning June 8, according to an announcement made by Verne V. Caldwell, head of the Psychology department, who has been designated by President J. A. Churchill as chairman of the commencement committee.

A play "Smiling Through" will be given on June 8 as the first feature of the week by the school's dramatic club, Alpha Touri, which is under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Richardson of the English department.

The baccalaureate services will be held Sunday afternoon June 12 in the Normal school auditorium. The speaker of the day has not yet been announced.

Commencement exercises will take place the following Monday morning, June 13. Elaborate plans for alumni day, which will be on Saturday, June 11, have been made. All graduates of the Old Normal school, east of the city before that institution was moved to Monmouth, will be included, according to President Churchill. Every alumni and many ex-students of the old institution and present school will be notified through the press or by special invitation, according to Arthur Taylor, of the Sociology department, who is head of the alumni committee. Other members are: Miss Pearl Durst, librarian, and Miss Eva J. White of the Primary department.

A local committee consisting of citizens of this city and members of the graduating class are working in conjunction with the faculty committee. This committee is composed of Mrs. F. D. Wagner, Mrs. Cecilia Willis, A. C. Grey, H. B. Carter, Susanna Homes Carter and Fred Homes.

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EAST SWELTERS IN FIRST HEAT WAVE

Four Prostrations Are Re- corded in New York City

NEW YORK, April 21.—(LP)—The east is sweltering in the first heat wave of the year. There were four prostrations, three in New York and one in Elizabeth, N. J.

All war weather records for April were shattered Wednesday when the mercury climbed into the nineties in New England, with hot weather extending on down the Atlantic coast.

Street thermometers in Hartford, Conn., and New York City, registered as high as 92 degrees. At 3 p. m. official readings in Manhattan were 88.

Late in the afternoon a hot southwest wind shifted to the north and the weather bureau predicted it would be much cooler.

Subway crowds during the evening rush hour in New York experienced the usual summer stickiness.

Thousands rushed into the parks for a breath of fresh air. Brooklyn beaches, including Coney Island, were alive with humanity.

ASHLAND TO ENTER FLOAT IN FESTIVAL

Luncheon is Held This Noon Where Plans Were Made to Take Part

If present plans materialize Ashland will be represented in the Rose Festival by a float and other attractions, according to the decision reached at a luncheon meeting held at the Lithia Springs hotel this noon and attended by representatives of the various organizations of the city.

S. C. Pier, former commissioner of finance for the city of Portland and an executive of the festival attended today's meeting, and explained many of the details including the plan of financing the affair. This is the first year, that an effort has been made to interest outside towns in the festival, the visitor explained, and an effort is being made to make it state wide. Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, and Medford have all signified their intention of participating.

Those attending today's meeting were, V. V. Mills, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. R. L. Burdick, members of the Board of Directors, J. H. McGee, chairman of the advertising committee, W. M. Briggs, Exalted Ruler of the Elks, J. H. Fuller, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, R. W. Price, of the Crater Lake National Park Company, and J. A. Churchill, President of the Normal school, and S. A. Peters, Jr., of the Lithians.

The matter was referred to the advertising committee of the Chamber of Commerce, who are to work out the details.

NEW ATTEMPT MADE ON CHAPLIN'S MONEY

Mrs. Chaplin Files Another Petition in Effort to Get Alimony

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—(LP)—Lita Grey Chaplin will make another attempt to get into the money bags of her famous comedian husband, Charlie Chaplin, her attorneys announced here Wednesday night.

A petition for alimony for Mrs. Chaplin will be filed in superior court then, attorneys said.

The action will be based directly on an order Wednesday by which Chaplin traded his personal legal immunity from California courts for a two weeks delay in answering the sensational divorce complaint of his young wife.

The order, signed by Judge Guerin, gave Chaplin until May 4 to appear or answer Mrs. Chaplin's complaint. The same order brought Chaplin under the jurisdiction of California courts for the first time since Mrs. Chaplin filed her action.

RELIEF WORK IS STARTED IN STRICKEN AREA MIDDLE WEST

Thousands Are Fleeing Be- fore Rush of Waters From Mississippi

GUARDS ARE CALLED

Control of the Levees Are Placed
in the Hands of Guardsmen
by Governor

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The crest of the midwest floods will reach the lower Mississippi regions in about ten days and the worst effects will be felt between May first and fifteenth the war department advised today. The supply of tents to house refugees has been exhausted and the eastern area has been called on for additional canvas.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 20.—(LP)—Additional thousands were fleeing before the onrushing Mississippi today as the roaring river continued to sweep over the St. Francis basin, cascading over and pounding through levees in the greatest southwest flood since the turn of the century. The hitherto unconquerable levees, centering around New Madrid, Mo., were being smashed and complete inundation of the valley appeared certain because all levees protecting the basin from the Mississippi have been broken by the savage force of the swollen river.

Scores of towns are under water. Rowboats and improvised rafts are being used where, before, automobiles and trains sped over concrete roadbeds and tracks. A few hardy residents have remained in the flooded districts, but are living in the attics of their homes, story deep in water.

About 40,000 persons already have fled to higher, more secure ground. The Red Cross has characterized the flood as a major disaster and relief work is beginning rapidly to care for the destitute.

Guards Called.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 21.—(LP)—Governor Sam Baker today called out 180 Missouri national guardsmen to control the levees in the southwest corner of the state.

Four units of the 130th infantry will be mobilized at Charleston under adjutant General A. V. Adams.

Headquarters will be established there.

The governor said other units would be mobilized if necessary.

22 Known Dead

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 21.—(LP)—With 22 known dead more than 100 injured and property damage of \$1,000,000, central Illinois today began relief work for the hundreds who were made homeless by the series of tornadoes Tuesday which swept through seven counties.

Cyclonic winds swept a path

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What Kind Of A Fit Will It Be?



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