

## CHINESE BANDITS KIDNAP PASSENGERS

One Prisoner Killed and Prominent American Woman Is Captured in Raid.

Pekin.—One foreigner was killed and 150 passengers were carried off when bandits held up the Shanghai-Pekin express train on the Tientsin-Pukom railway near the Shantung border according to word received here. Miss Lucy Aldrich of New York city, daughter of the late United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island and sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller Jr., was among the passengers.

The foreigner killed was believed to be a Russian.

The express train was northbound from Soochow when attacked by the bandits, who tore up a long stretch of railroad track. Fifty first-class and 100 second-class passengers were carried off, it was reported here. Six foreigners escaped.

## U. S. TO DEMAND ACTION BY CHINA

Washington, D. C.—A situation regarded as seriously menacing good relations between the United States and the Peking government was described by American Minister Schurman in the first official report to reach the state department regarding the capture of American citizens by bandits near the Shantung border.

The American minister is understood to have made official representations on his own responsibility and it is expected he will be instructed by the government to pursue the most vigorous course to secure the release of the prisoners unharmed.

Should any American lose his life, the state department is prepared to make vigorous demands on the Peking authorities for restitution. Not only will suitable apologies be required, but indemnity must be paid and those responsible must be punished if good relations between the two governments are to continue.

## GERMAN OFFER REJECTED

French and Belgian Governments Agree Proposals Unsatisfactory.

Paris.—France and Belgium have categorically refused to consider Germany's recent offer of 30,000,000,000 marks as reparations.

The refusal is contained in a joint

note sent the allies and delivered to the German embassies in Paris and Brussels.

The note criticizes point by point the German offer and announces the determination of France and Belgium to be paid in full and not to consider any proposal until German re-cesses in the Ruhr ceases.

Surprise is expressed at German pretensions, which the note says, would mean tearing up the Versailles treaty. In the final paragraph it remarks:

"The German government, if it will only look into its own heart, will not be astonished that such a bargain should be refused."

Indians to Sue U. S. for \$750,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—The government will be sued for approximately \$750,000,000 by the Sioux Indians who claim a gigantic fraud has been perpetrated against them through violation of their treaty rights. The suit, probably the biggest ever filed against the government, was entered in the court of claims here Monday. Attorneys for the Indians claim that 8,000,000 acres of valuable lands, including the Black Hills of South Dakota, were discovered shortly after the Civil war, were taken from the red men in violation of their treaty rights and without just compensation.

Poincare's Note Needs No Reply.

Washington, D. C.—The French refusal to scale down Germany's reparations—except on condition that the United States scale down the debts owing her by the allied powers—was delivered to the state department here for "the information and guidance of the United States government." Officials, after examining the Poincare note, contented themselves with saying that the French note called for no response from this government.

New Treasury Issue Is Out.

Washington, D. C.—In bringing to an end the first phase of refinancing the government's great wartime debt the treasury announced the new offering of \$400,000,000 in treasury notes to complete the refunding and retiring of the victory notes which when issued aggregated more than \$4,000,000,000. The new issue will bear 4 1/2 per cent interest and will mature March 15, 1927.

Captain Howard E. Walker, Fort Benning, Georgia, has been ordered to Eugene as assistant professor of military science at the University of Oregon. Lieutenant-Colonel George H. White, U. S. A., retired, has been restored to the active list and ordered from Lajolla, Cal., to Corvallis, as assistant professor of military science at Oregon Agricultural college.

## SCIENTISTS FIND HEAT OF SUN LESS

Earth Becomes 3 to 4 Per Cent Colder Than 15 Months Ago.

Washington, D. C.—Government scientists, including the heads of the United States weather bureau, have been thoroughly startled by results of examinations of the sun's world heating capacity, made by Dr. C. G. Abbot, home secretary of the National Academy of Sciences. According to Dr. Abbot, the sun appears to have gone on strike and is exerting its warming qualities upon the earth to an extent from 3 to 4 per cent less than 15 months ago.

This unusual action on the part of the sun is assumed to be responsible for the present late spring, may have had its influence upon the strange winter season just passed and may presage a damagingly cold summer and an intensely severe season next winter.

Scientists see in the present situation a possible duplication of the disastrous summer of 1816 when frosts occurred during June and July, causing wholesale loss of crops and reducing food production to a minimum.

Weather bureau officials refused to commit themselves on the startling statement made by Dr. Abbot in a paper before the meeting of the Academy of Sciences just closed saying the experiments upon which Dr. Abbot bases his conclusions are so new that it is impossible to determine their value in anticipating weather conditions for long periods in advance.

Furniture dealers from all sections of the Willamette valley met in Salem last week to discuss the so-called mattress law enacted at the last session of the legislature. Under this law dealers handling mattresses must show by labels where they were manufactured, the ingredients and other information. Local furniture dealers have branded the law as freak legislation, and it is possible that a suit will be started to test its constitutionality.

Governor Pierce has announced that he would not appoint a highway commissioner to succeed R. A. Booth of Eugene until he has had an opportunity to inspect the highways now being constructed through the coast counties. Men who have been mentioned prominently in connection with the appointment are J. E. Norton of Marshfield, W. A. Malone of Corvallis, A. C. Marsters of Roseburg and Frank Miller of Albany.

## COMMISSION URGES CHANGE IN FLAG

Washington, D. C.—The American flag is too long in proportion to its width to be artistic and a reduction of 12.1 per cent in the length of the present standard size has been decided by the fine arts commission to be the most artistic proportion.

In consultation with a committee of government officials appointed for the standardization of the flag, the commission decided upon a ratio of 1.67 to 1 instead of the present 1.90 to 1. That would make the standardized flag about two-thirds longer than its width. The decision was reached through tests of various-sized flags from the Arlington amphitheater flagpole.

## STATE DRY LAW REPEALED

Federal Officials Face Necessity of Drying Up New York State.

New York.—Federal prohibition enforcement officials in New York, facing the necessity of drying up the state unaided if the bill repealing the Mullan-Gage state enforcement act becomes effective, have started drafting plans for spreading their attenuated lines over the territory which has been largely covered for them by state and municipal forces.

Palmer Canfield, enforcement director for New York state, had about 2000 men at his command to cover the entire state, including the Canadian border, now largely patrolled against rum-runners by state police.

The bill will make New York the only state rescinding legislation supplementary to the federal Volstead act.

## Mismanagement by Leiter Hinted.

Chicago, Ill.—Charges of mismanagement of the \$100,000,000 estate of the late Levi Z. Leiter of Chicago were made in a bill filed in the superior court on behalf of Lady Marguerite Hyde, widow of the Earl of Suffolk and Berks, a daughter of the pioneer merchant. She asks the removal of her brother, Joseph Leiter, as one of the trustees of the estate. The bill asks for an accounting of the estate. Leiter attempted a corner in wheat in 1898 and stood to win \$7,000,000 when the market broke him.

## World Record is Made By Flyers.

San Diego, Cal.—With the speed of the very wind itself, Lieutenants John A. MacReady and Oakley C. Kelly, intrepid army aviators, who last November attempted a non-stop ocean-to-ocean flight across the United States from San Diego and failed when almost within sight of their goal, accomplished that feat, flying from New York to San Diego in less than 27 hours and thereby setting a mark which brought them a perfect flood of congratulatory messages from all over the world.

## Michigan Radical Convicted by Jury.

St. Joseph, Mich.—Charles E. Ruthenberg of Cleveland was found guilty of violating the Michigan law against criminal syndicalism. Ruthenberg faces a prison sentence of 10 years or a fine of \$5000, or both.

The Willamina & Grand Ronde railroad, which is operated by the C. A. Spaulding Logging company, showed a loss of \$36,289.78 for the year 1922, according to the annual report of the corporation filed with the public service commission.

Lee Summers and Don Metzger, who were in an automobile fired upon by Klamath Falls police, April 7, have brought damage suits for \$500 each against Chief of Police Clow. Assault with intent to kill and theft are charged in the complaints.

Construction of an interstate bridge across the Columbia connecting Hood River and White Salmon will begin immediately after the June freshet this year. It was announced at Hood River. Bonds to the amount of \$300,000 have been underwritten.

The Clatsop county court has voted to make a special levy of \$10,000 on the 1923 tax roll and one for a similar amount on the 1924 roll to assist in defraying the expense of constructing the proposed new drawbridge across the Lewis and Clark river.

Mrs. Cook President of the D. A. R. Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook of Pennsylvania was declared elected president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution after one of the bitterest election contests in the history of the society. There were six fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending April 19, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: James Wood, leverman on dredge, West Salem; John H. Clinton, carpenter, Myrtle Point; H. H. Holderman, trimmer spotter, Valselt; Joseph Vangness, logger, North Bend; S. L. Gilbert, laborer, Forest Grove, and Fred Exterfield, blacksmith, Marshfield. A total of 630 accidents were reported during the week.

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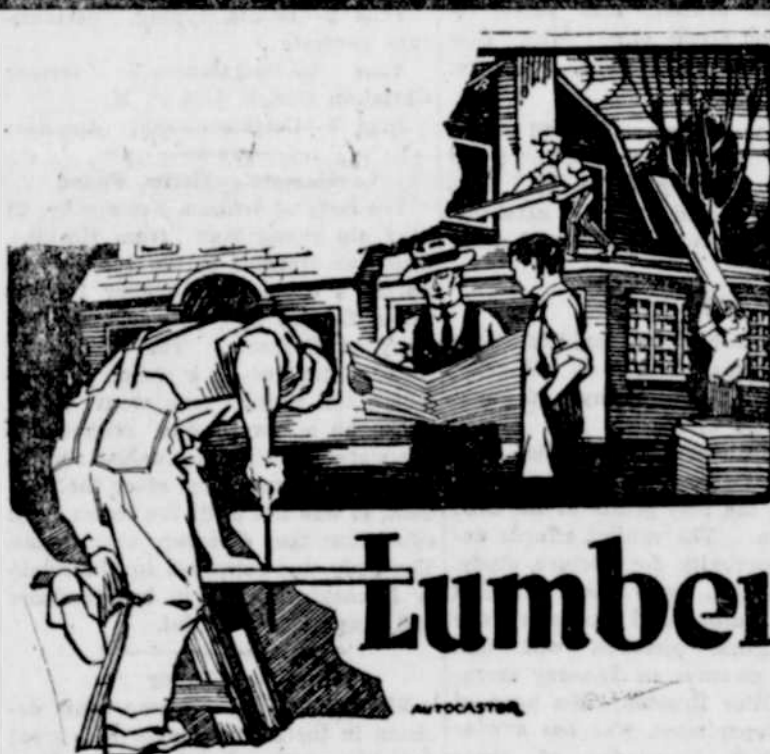
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## Monmouth and Independence Auto-Bus Schedule

Leaves Monmouth	Leaves Independence
7.10 a. m. North Bound	7.38 a. m.
1.50 p. m. " "	2.22 p. m.
5.10 " " "	5.38 " "
10.00 a. m. South Bound	10.25 a. m.
3.15 p. m. " "	3.48 p. m.
6.45 " " "	7.15 " "

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This exclusive photo shows the fourteen Russian Priests who faced the death court in the trial of Archbishop Tschepiak. No. 1 is Archbishop Tschepiak, whose death sentence was commuted to 10 years' solitary confinement; No. 2 is Vicar-General Butchkevitch, executed by a Red firing squad.

## Spring Cartoonettes

