

DOOMED TO DIE MRS. KILEN WAS SAVED BY CHINK

PEKING, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Further details of the kidnapping by Chinese bandits of Mrs. Juliana Kilen, an American missionary, received here following her release after two weeks in captivity, reveal that the bandits at one time decided to kill her to throw off pursuit, and designated an executioner. Her life was saved, however, by the arguments of an aged member of the gang after preparations were made for slaying her, according to Major John Magruder, military attaché of the American legation, who has returned from Honan province where he had gone to spur on Chinese officials in measures to bring about her release.

Hard-pressed by government troops pursuing them, the bandits decided they would get rid of the "foreign devil" who was responsible for the close pursuit.

Mrs. Kilen was taken to a ravine, which she described as a "beautiful spot," where she was to be slain. Her executioner already had been designated.

"I was not afraid, however, because I did not believe God would allow me to die thus," Mrs. Kilen is quoted as saying.

Noting a hesitancy, and disputing among the bandits, Mrs. Kilen asked the aged man, who was one of her captors, why they wished to kill her. She told him she was not afraid to die, but that it would be useless for them to kill her. The old bandit went back to his companions and arranged them, declaring:

"This good woman has done nothing to deserve killing. I refuse."

Mrs. Kilen then walked back to the camp and the bandits almost immediately resumed their flight, with the troops at their heels.

Eventually, there appeared among the bandits a "gentleman," dressed in silks, who appeared to be bargaining with them, and shortly afterwards Mrs. Kilen was told that she was free. Later she was escorted to Wu Chow.

Mrs. Kilen said that she had been well treated by the bandits, except that she had been subjected to constant scrutiny owing to the curiosity of her captors and was forced to endure endless comments and criticism of her features and her person, which were almost unendurable, but to which she accustomed herself and ignored.

At night she was forced to sleep on the floor among her captives who never permitted her to go out of their sight. Often after only two hours' sleep, she was aroused, compelled to mount a horse and continue the flight with the bandits, she said.

Mrs. Kilen appeared to be unaffected by her experiences upon her arrival at Loyang, where she was met by a brother who also is a missionary.

EVERYONE LIKES AMERICANS ON PARIS COMMITTEE

PARIS, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The second committee of experts, organized by the reparation commission for the purpose of finding German capital abroad and determining means for its return to the reich met for the first time today in the Hotel Astoria.

The session was confined to an exchange of addresses between Louis Barthou, president of the reparation commission, who presided, and Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the British exchequer, who will preside over the committee.

M. Barthou specially thanked Henry M. Robinson of Los Angeles, the unofficial American member of the committee, who, he said, had travelled half way around the world to take part in the deliberations.

GOVERNOR PIERCE TO AID IN RELEASE OF BGRGDOLL'S CAPTOR

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—Governor Pierce today promised any possible assistance from his office to bring about the release from a German prison of Lieutenant Corliss Griffiths, who is held for attempting the capture of Grover Bergdoll, American slacker. The governor's promise was made to the Chicago committee which is in charge of the undertaking.

Outlining the movement in America to feed millions of hungry German children, the committee asks in its communication to Governor Pierce and other governors: "Will not the German government reciprocate by showing mercy to Lieutenant Griffiths and so save at least one American mother?"

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Oregon News in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—Governor Pierce this morning announced a meeting of the state emergency board would probably be called within the next two weeks to consider the problem of financing the reconstruction of the industrial plants at the state penitentiary, which were destroyed by fire last fall. Emergency board meetings are at the call of the secretary of state.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 21.—The annual rabbit drive staged by the Pendleton Rod and Gun club in the west end of Umatilla county yesterday netted 20,000 jacks, according to R. D. Sayers and John L. Vaughan, captains of the drive. Many women were numbered among the shooters this year.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 21.—A Umatilla export commission league was permanently formed this morning to further in this vicinity the interests of the state league formed Saturday. L. L. Rogers of Pendleton is president of the county league. Both state and county leagues will back the Wallace plan of wheat marketing as set forth in the McNary-Haughen bill now before congress.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 21.—Fanchio Stubblefield, Eddie Lavin and Bob Linnner were each given a \$100 fine and sentenced to six months in the county jail in the circuit court here this morning. They were found guilty of possessing illegally, a still in their trial last week.

The Noted Dead

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 21.—General Lee Christmas, noted soldier of fortune, died here today after a long illness.

Christmas was a general in the armies of five Central American republics at one time, for in those days, by courtesy, a general in one republic was of equal rank in another. The largest force ever under his command numbered 14,000 men, while at other times he was conducting war with a handful. On one occasion he ordered his machine gun regiment to attack the whole of an opposing force. The "regiment" and its "commander" consisted solely of Guy Molony, bosom friend of Christmas and later superintendent of the New Orleans police department.

It was the boast of Christmas that he had served as many governments as years he had fought and he fought off and on nearly 20 years. He was wounded seven times, four times in one engagement and three times in separate fights, and he escaped scores of attempts at assassination.

HAYES PLEADS FOR TOLERANCE
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history, the speaker pointed out that the newspaper men have had "fifteen or twenty generations," to establish standards of business practice, and a code of newspaper ethics.

"You," he said, "who are the custodians of the printed word in America, have arrived at your present position of stability as the fruit of six centuries of development. From the Gutenberg Bible to the newspaper and magazine of today is indeed a long and slow procession of invention and development—through wooden blocks, metal type and hand composition to machine composition; through hand power and flat bed to rotary presses; from malle to air malle; from no telegraph to wireless."

"All of these processes which are essential parts of your business, have come to you as the slow and orderly development of six centuries of progress, with frequently a century lapsing from step to step."

"Your standard of ethics, the relationship of your papers to the public, your sense of what can be done and what must not be done, your responsibilities for the expression and guidance of public opinion—all this has come about with the ease of an inherited fortune—you received it from your predecessors—from your ancestors, so to speak, in the trade—as a gift, a bequest."

Nothing From Past

"We, in contrast with you, have nothing from the past. We must make all these things and achieve all these things for ourselves. The men who first took up this new thing are still alive. The pioneers of our institution are the men who are still in the business. We are at this moment in the very midst of achieving those standards of our relation to each other and to the public and our responsibilities to the world."

"No story for the screen will ever be written more dramatic than the screen," he continued. "Twenty-five years ago the motion picture was a mere idea. Its greatest progress has been in the last five years and this is the same period during which it is conceded that there has been no such progress in any other form of art or form of expression. When the dramatic art was a thousand years old, the players were bedded in barns and said their lines in stable yards. When the art of drawing was thousands of years old, its crudity was still primitive."

"All this is in no sense by way of alibi. The motion picture is coming through on the highway which leads to better pictures, but I express what I know from my experience of the last few months that this is not the job of one group—it is the multitude's job and in the doing of it there is work for all, for you as definitely as for the producers."

MEXICAN TROOPS COMPLETE TRIP THRU 3 STATES

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 21.—A special train carrying approximately 1500 Mexican federal troops passed thru El Paso today at 6:45 a. m. and was immediately routed to Juarez. Special guards of United States troops and El Paso police accompanied the train through the lower part of the city. The troops came from western Mexico by way of Naco, Ariz., and will be sent to the interior of Mexico.

Major Earl Landreth, United States army intelligence officer, in the El Paso district, was in charge of the train from Columbus, N. M., to El Paso, a distance of 73 miles. A special guard of twenty soldiers accompanied the military officers to the border town and brought the train to El Paso. The precautions there were due to reports that a band of rebel raiders had appeared near Palomas several miles below Columbus on the Mexican side of the international boundary with the intention of attacking the train.

REPORT CONSOLIDATION PACIFIC AND ASSOCIATED

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Consolidation of the Associated Oil company with the Pacific Oil company which owns 51 per cent of the former's stock is being planned, according to reports in the financial district. Pacific Oil, it is understood, will increase its capitalization to cover the minority holdings of Associated Oil.

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burg told him had been made by Sinclair to a foreman on Mr. Fall's ranch. Mr. Whalburg advised him, he declared, that he had the cancelled checks in this transaction.

Mr. Roosevelt said he had met Mr. Whalburg in Baltimore this morning and told him of his plans to appear today before the committee. He outlined to him what he intended to say, and declared that there could be no discrepancy in his recollection of their conversation.

Roosevelt Story Denied.
Following Mr. Roosevelt immediately on the stand, Mr. Whalburg denied that he had told Mr. Roosevelt that the foreman of Mr. Fall's ranch had been paid \$68,000. He said that what he had said was that the foreman of the ranch had been given six or eight head of cattle.

Whalburg also denied that he had any knowledge of any money at any time passing from Sinclair to Fall. The witness said his reason for advising Mr. Roosevelt to resign was because of Mr. Roosevelt's connection with the Russian branch of the Sinclair corporation.

A few days before Mr. Sinclair sailed for Europe, Mr. Whalburg told the committee, Sinclair had given him instructions to bring to his residence all the checkbooks and other account books, including the Hyva corporation which helped market the stock for the Teapot Dome syndicate. All these books, Whalburg said, had been turned over to Sinclair and he was unaware as to what had become of them.

PRESIDENT STANDS PAT

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Big Surplus Assured.
Mr. Coolidge asserted, and General Lord amplified the statement that for the first time since the "business organization" of the government was formed by President Harding, it was able to meet with no deficit indicated for the year. The surplus for the current fiscal year, he said, promises to exceed \$300,000,000 and he attributed this satisfactory showing to the joint efforts of the legislative and executive branches of the government to keep expenses to a minimum.

General Lord revealed that only four agencies out of 43 in the government originally asked for appropriations for the next fiscal year, smaller than those under which they are now operating. Those were the interstate commerce commission, the interior department, the veterans bureau and the shipping board. The budget bureau went to work on the requests of the others he related, and when its job was done the estimates for appropriations of the 39 other agencies had been pared down "so the total for all was \$55,000,000 less than the sum which President Harding last June set as a maximum."

In the field of expenditures he mentioned important curtailment in transportation, telephone and telegraph costs which never-the-less amounted to \$181,500,000 in the last fiscal year. He also cited the adoption of standard forms for government leases, unification of government purchases under one agency, standardization of specifications for material and equipment and the co-ordination of various activities as measures likely to result in the saving of many millions to the treasury.

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COOLIDGE TELLS WETS HE'S FOR ENFORCEMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A request from delegates to the face-the-facts convention of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment for modification of the prohibition laws was met by President Coolidge with a declaration that he "stood for law enforcement."

Treading on the heels of the anti-saloon league's meeting in time and on its toes in the spirit, the "face-the-facts" conference sponsored by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment got under way here today with speakers hurling verbal volleys at the Volstead act and the league.

"Double enforcement of the eighteenth amendment by the state and federal courts constitutes 'intolerable persecution,' and has been so characterized by judges on the bench," declared Austen G. Fox, president of the Moderation League of New York. "The legislature of the state of New York saw it and in 1923 removed the cause by repealing its enforcement act."

"The Anti-Saloon league's determination is not merely to enforce the Volstead law," Mr. Fox asserted, "but to decry every great principle that stands in the way of tyrannical procedure—and tyrannical procedure begets revolt."

"What shall it be, amendment or revolt?" he asked, declaring "we stand for prompt amendment."

KLAMATH MURDER STILL A MYSTERY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 21.—The coroner's jury Saturday night found that J. E. Bratton, former deputy sheriff, was slain by a person or persons unknown. Mrs. Bratton claimed the slayer fired one shot at her before fleeing. The shot which killed her husband struck just behind the right ear. Dr. Frank Menne of Portland held on the stand that the death was due to suicide.

According to the widow, she was awakened by the fatal shot and went to the door of her room. Her husband, sleeping in the next room, had been shot and the intruder then fired at her, she said.

It was stated at the investigation that the assailant pawed over some jewelry in the room, but took nothing. The shooting was done with Bratton's own .25 caliber automatic pistol.

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