

BANDITS SAID TO PERSECUTE MISSIONARIES

Stated Woman's Finger Accompanies Demand For Big Ransom

SHANGHAI, Aug. 5. (AP)—Stories of torture and other forms of violence involving women missionaries climaxed today's reports from the areas infested with Communists and bandits.

British consular authorities at Foochow reported desperadoes had chopped a finger from the hand of a British woman missionary at Kienyang, northern Fukien Province, and sent the severed digit to provincial officials at Yenching along with a demand for \$50,000 ransom for the missionary and her companion, both of whom had been held captive for more than a month.

The message from the desperadoes said the women's other fingers would be chopped off and sent as evidence of the seriousness of the demand unless payment were forthcoming immediately.

British Women Captured
The captives are Miss Edith Nettleton and Miss Edith Harrison of the British church missionary society, with headquarters in London. They were seized while traveling from Changchun toward Yenching in an attempt to escape from the danger area.

Nanking advised said a Chinese soldier bayoneted and probably fatally wounded Mrs. A. R. J. Hearn, wife of a British official of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, as she slept in her home at Pukow, north of Pukow. The soldier escaped. British consular officials at Nanking protested vigorously to the Nationalist foreign office.

Threaten Execution
LONDON, Aug. 5. (AP)—Official quarters in London today received a report bandits threatened to shoot Miss Edith Nettleton, English missionary, or Miss E. J. Harrison, unless a ransom of \$50,000 was paid.

This news was contained in a letter written in Chinese signed by Miss Harrison, stating Miss Nettleton's finger had been cut off and was being sent in a letter demanding the ransom.

The British consular authorities today were making efforts to have the Chinese authorities take instant steps for the release of the two women.

Officials of the missionary society were shocked by the report of the outrage to Miss Nettleton.

Both of the prisoners are elderly women who have been missionaries in China for many years.

The church officials said that judging from letters received from China the women were fleeing from Communists under the direction of consular officials when they were captured. They were taken to a bandit stronghold and put to work looking after the wounded.

St. Louis Fliers Have Less Than 200 Hours to Go

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 5. (AP)—Doris Jackson and Frank O'Brien today had less than 200 hours to go to better the world's record for refueling endurance flying set last month at Chicago by the Hunter brothers with a sustained flight of approximately 544 hours. At 5:11 a. m. (C. S. T.) today Jackson and O'Brien had been up 151 hours in their monoplane Greater St. Louis and still were going strong.

Over the radio yesterday O'Brien repeated the fliers' intention of remaining up a month, and added this would be his last endurance flight.

MOTHER SEEKS DAMAGES
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5. (AP)—Eva M. Beckley, mother of Eva Louise Beckley, who was killed several weeks ago in an accident on the Pacific highway near Salem, has filed a suit for \$10,000 damages against Frank Kaylor whose car collided with the Beckley car.

The plaintiff alleges that her daughter was preparing to follow the teaching profession and that she would have earned \$10,000 during her lifetime.

STARTS FOR GOTHAM
AMARILLO, Tex., Aug. 5. (A. P.)—Ted Lundgren, Hollywood flyer, trying to fly around the world in 200 hours, took off from here at 6 a. m. today for a non-stop flight to New York.

He said he expected to reach New York in 15 hours.

Lundgren was accompanied by Charles Sellers as co-pilot.

He expected to be joined in New York by Roger Q. Williams for the trans-Atlantic flight.

POETESS DIES
PALO ALTO, Cal., Aug. 5. (A. P.)—Isabella M. Alden, 88, author of more than 120 poems and known to her public as "Pansy," died here today. She had been ill for some time.

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AT THE PELICAN



The picture screen's greatest pair of sweethearts, Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, are again co-starring in "High Society Blues," Fox Movietone musical romance, coming to the Pelican theatre today.

"High Society Blues" is adapted from a short story by Dana Burnett, which recently appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and details the troubles of a wholesale grocer from a small Iowa town, who sells his business to a chain-store corporation for several millions and then tries to crash the exclusive social set of Westchester county, New York.

Miss Gaynor is the daughter of the socially prominent and wealthy family which controls the chain-store system, while Farrell is the son of the Iowa grocer, addicted to the ukelele.

The Iowans buy an estate right across the road from Janet's family and try to be neighborly, but Janet's mother, who has arranged an engagement between her daughter and a foreign count, snubs the outsiders.

How the Iowa grocer, with his dander aroused by an insult to one of his wife's pies, finally brings "high-hatted" society to its knees while maintaining an absorbing romance blossoms between Janet and Charles, makes one of the most interesting productions of this type yet turned out for the audible screen.

AT THE PINE TREE



Scene from "Under a Texas Moon," A Warner Bros. Production.

Don Carlos Jose Rafael Sebastian de Rivero as played by Frank Fay in "Under a Texas Moon," the Warner Bros. and Vitaphone first 100% talking, singing, outdoor picture in technicolor, at the Pine Tree theatre today, is one of the most monumental and delightful films of all time.

Don Carlos blurs whatever comes to his fertile imagination as the solemn truth and takes his oath on it. He swears undying devotion to every pretty senorita he meets. He adds links to his imposing array of assumed names. He refers to non-existent ranches as his own—remarkable feats he has accomplished and escapes he has made—with a glib disregard for skeptical audiences.

Don Carlos makes lying a fine art, a first class amusement, a game of wits. His story of the Mexican jumping bean that was his pal and saved his life, taken rank with Mark Twain's jumping frog story or David Harum's horse-trading lies or the yarns of old Bill Jones, hero of "Light-Nite."

When finally put to the test—as every consummate liar must be at times—Don Carlos makes good in most astonishing ways, flitting from one vivid adventure to another.

AT THE LIBERTY
Soldier, musician, mining engineer, art director, playwright actor—all before 25.

Such is the colorful career of John Reinhardt, who plays the role of the lover in "The Climax," Universal's picture production of Edward Locke's famous

COMMUNISTS AGAIN FIRE ON U. S. BOAT

Second Attack of Week Repelled by Gunfire From Palos

SHANGHAI, Aug. 5. (AP)—One American and three British sailors were wounded when Communists attacked foreign gunboats on the Ssang river near Changsha, belated dispatches from the Hunan province capital disclosed today.

The American bluejacket was shot through the chest yesterday when Red machine gunners sprayed the sides of the United States gunboat Palos with lead for the second time in a week. The Palos quickly silenced the Communist fire, dispatches said.

Details of the Wounding
The British sailors were lacking, but it was known they were members of the crew of the British gunboat Teal.

Five sailors on the Palos were wounded last Wednesday when Communists fired at the gunboat as it approached Changsha to observe conditions after Reds had looted and burned many sections of that wealthy city. Fifty bandits were killed and many wounded as the Palos repelled with machine guns and three-inch rifles.

Dispatches said the latest Communist attacks upon foreign gunboats involved Japanese and Italian vessels as well as the Palos and Teal.

Warships Concentrate
Eleven warships, including two American, were concentrated today at the tri-cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang to protect foreigners against threatened Red incursions.

Hankow was virtually under martial law. Chinese soldiers searched everyone on the streets and a volunteer defense corps was organized by the French community for emergency. Other foreign quarters were barricaded and guarded to prevent re-creation of scenes last week at Changsha, when foreign property valued at millions of dollars was destroyed by Communists.

FOOT OF RAIN NEEDED
PORTLAND, Aug. 5. (AP)—A foot of rainfall is required to bring the fall up to normal in Portland, the federal weather bureau said, in a statement stating 37 days have passed without precipitation.

The last measurable quantity of rain to fall here was between 2 and 3 a. m. June 27 when .01 inch was recorded.

CHRISTENS SHIP
CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 5. (AP)—The Steamship Ecalbur, built for the American Export Steamship company, was christened by Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of the president, as it was launched today from the New York shipbuilding yard.

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MEDFORD OREGON

School District Asked to Pay for Boy's Broken Arm

PORTLAND, Aug. 5. (AP)—K. G. Lundstrom, Portland, appeared before the school district board of directors last night and asked he be relieved of a doctor bill for an injury received by his son, Vincent, in the gymnasium of a school.

Lundstrom said Clarence Bell, gymnasium instructor, had forced

ed Vincent to "run the gauntlet" and the youth had suffered a broken arm.

C. A. Rice, city school superintendent, said the gauntlet would be stopped. Lundstrom's request was held in abeyance.

DR. STEINER BETTER
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5. (AP)—Dr. R. E. Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, is able to leave his home after an illness of several weeks. He has directed hospital affairs from his bed.

LINEN MILLS IDLE
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5. (AP)—Ben Wells, heretofore secretary and office manager of Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., was selected by the board of directors yesterday to take temporary charge of the plant, succeeding Col. W. B. Harriman, whose resignation was accepted. The plant is now idle and Wells was instructed to attempt to make arrangements for its operation.

NECKERS A NUISANCE
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5. (AP)—

Salem police have been ordered to crack down on "neckers" in Willson park. They are said to be a nuisance.

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