

CHINESE BANDITS SEIZE AND SLAY WHITES

Second Possible Claimant For \$500 Firebug Reward

CHINESE BANDITS WRECK TRAIN, CARRY OFF MANY BRITISH AND AMERICANS

United States Citizen Is Killed in Holdup—Sister-in-Law of John D. Rockefeller and Robert Scripps, Publisher, Are Among Three Hundred Captured—Men Are Threatened With Death—Women Released.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL PROTEST

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Peking, May 7.—British and American legations demand return of captives and explanation from Chinese government.
The bandits demand one million dollars ransom.

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Peking, May 7.—Twenty-eight foreigners, including Americans, are held as hostages by Chinese bandits, who wrecked China's finest express train in the south of Shantung province and carried off 300 men and women passengers.

Names of thirteen Americans who were aboard the train have been compiled by the American legation here. Despatches received here up to this hour apparently confirmed earlier reports of the capture of Robert P. Scripps, editorial director of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, and Miss Lucy Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

A foreigner who has been killed has been identified as an Englishman by the name of Rothman.

A thousand bandits attacked the train near Lin Cheng, in the south-western section of Shantung between Pukow and Tien Tsin. A portion of the train was wrecked and the engine plunged into the ditch, leaving the passengers an easy prey for the bandits.

The name of Scripps is not given in this list, but later advices apparently confirmed his capture.

An undetermined number of foreigners and Chinese escaped from the wreck and got through the cordon of brigands. Ten of them are on their way to Peking and Tien-Tsin.

The names of Mrs. Allen, Major Pinger and Mrs. Pinger are reported among those who escaped. The names of British subjects aboard has not yet been checked. It has been difficult to obtain an accurate list of hostages, as many of the passengers were terrified in panic and not individually.

The government is sending troops to the region, which is wild and desolate and studded with lakes, affording the bandits many opportunities for strategic defense.

The identity of the brigands involved has not yet been established. Some of the bandits are reported to be former soldiers, who have deserted their commands because of wages being unpaid.

They form strong parties, well armed and equipped and operate under military discipline.

The various legations are awaiting the arrival of those who escaped, before negotiating with the government, which is seriously embarrassed by the capture. Several legations recently protested against the activity of bandits.

Robert P. Scripps was on a tour of the Orient with his father, E. W. Scripps, with whom he is associated in the publication of the Scripps-Howard newspapers. Both left the United States in E. W. Scripps' yacht the Ohio, accompanied by Mrs. Scripps, N. D. Cochran, editor-in-chief of the Toledo News Bee; his daughter Dorothy, and Miss Margaret Culbertson, of San Diego, a cousin of Mrs. Scripps. It is not known how many of the party, beside Robert P. Scripps, was aboard the train.

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Kingston	64	38	Clear
Ottawa	66	38	Clear
Montreal	62	42	Clear
Quebec	62	36	Clear
St. John's	40	25	Cloudy
Halifax	45	35	Cloudy

withdrawn.
Troops were pressing the bandits on both sides, firing at last advices. The kidnapping plot is believed to have originated in Shanghai when it became known that a large party was leaving to attend the ceremony incident to the completion of the Kunghapsa dyke at Tsinan.

TRAVELING ON TRAIN.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 7.—A Reuters' despatch from Shanghai says that the following were among those on the train held up by Chinese bandits near the Canton border: A. L. Zimmermann, V. Haimovitch, L. Friedmann, J. A. Henley, L. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Pinger and two children, J. P. Powell, Major Allen and Mrs. Allen and child, Miss L. T. Aldrich, Miss McFadden, Miss Schonberg, Messrs. F. and E. Elias and Gensberger.

ROBERT SCRIPPS TAKEN.

Associated Press Despatch.
Peking, May 7.—Robert Scripps, publisher, is reported among the captives taken by the train bandits operating on the Shantung border. Others include Major Pinger of the United States army and his two sons, Mrs. Pinger escaped.

AMERICA WILL PROTEST.

Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, May 7.—The American Government will soon withdraw recognition from China if evidence that the Chinese Government is incapable of exercising authority and control over the country continue to accumulate, it was learned on high authority here today.

With officials of this government plainly disturbed, it was indicated that the latest outrage in China—the wrecking of one of the most important express trains and the capture of bandits of 300 passengers—might develop into an incident that will precipitate such drastic action by the United States.

Neither the state department nor the Chinese legation here has as yet received any official advices of the outrage.

Upon receiving exact and official information concerning the attack on the train, Secretary Hughes will dispatch instructions to American Minister Schurman to make vigorous representations to the Chinese Government for apprehension of the bandits and the bringing to safety of their American prisoners.

BREAK THREATENED.
Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, May 7.—A situation apparently regarded as seriously menacing good relations between the United States and the Peking government in China was described today by United States Minister Schurman in the first official report to reach the state department regarding the capture of United States citizens by bandits near the Shantung border.

The United States minister is understood already to have made informal representations on his own responsibility, and it is expected that he will be instructed by the government here to pursue the most vigorous course to secure the release of the prisoners unharm.

THREE BRITISHERS CAPTURED.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
London, May 7.—A Central News despatch from Shanghai reports that three British were among those passengers on the express train captured by the bandits in the southwest of Shantung.

PURSUE BANDITS.
Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, May 7.—A small military force is pursuing the Chinese bandits who held up a passenger train Sunday, according to a message day from U. S. Minister Schurman at Peking. An express train which left Shanghai Saturday morning was held up near Lin Cheng, Shantung at 2 P.m. to Page 15, Column 6.

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NORTH OXFORD'S CHOICE.
Edwin Parker, nominated as Liberal candidate in North Oxford at Saturday's convention in Woodstock.

These Are the Ten Best Spellers In Grade VII. From All London



HAROLD NOEL, LORNE.



HELEN MCCORMICK, ST. GEORGE'S.



MARGUERITE FLOYD, ST. GEORGE'S.



MARION REYNOLDS, RIVERVIEW.



ALBERT BARTLEY, ABERDEEN.



EDWARD HOBBS, EALING.



MARION REYNOLDS, RIVERVIEW.



MARY COOK, SACRED HEART.



ROSARY CLARK, SACRED HEART.



JOHN TAMBLYN, RYERSON.

The ten girls and boys you see above are the best spellers in Grade VII. from all London's schools. They topped the list in the semi-finals of

The Advertiser's spelling match held last Friday afternoon, when the group winners met. They have come up from the 4,000 spellers who entered the contest three weeks ago

are held at the end of the week. The champion in each grade will receive a first prize. The remaining 36 will receive second prizes, and the 160 eliminated in the semi-finals last week will receive third prizes.

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BRITAIN TO SEND A NOTE TO BERLIN WITHIN 36 HOURS

Will Express Disapproval of the Latest Reparations Proposals.

SUGGEST JOINT NOTE

Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 7.—Great Britain will dispatch a note to Germany within 36 hours, expressing disapproval of the latest German reparations proposals and urging Germany to present a more practical and liberal solution of the problem.

ITALO-BRITISH NOTE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
London, May 7.—Possibility of a joint Italo-British note to Germany, differing radically from that sent Sunday by France and Belgium, was discussed by London papers today as the cabinet met to consider the reparations situation.

Emphasizing British-Italian accord, the press reflects resentment, understood to have been felt by the government, when Poincare went right ahead with a reply, rejecting the latest German reparations offer without consulting Britain.

Text of a Franco-Belgian note was handed the German charge d'affaires at Paris last night. The French and Belgians declared the German offer of thirty billion gold marks inadequate, and the guarantees proposed by Chancellor Cuno insufficient. Ruhr resistance must end, the note said.

For two days, Lord Curzon, acting British premier in the absence of Bonar Law, who is away on a trip for his health, sought to have the Franco-Belgian note held up and made a joint Allied document. Although they delayed delivery of the note, out of deference to Curzon's wishes, the French and Belgians refused to change its tone of flat rejection of Germany's offer, and finally sent it forward.

Political observers consider the press is over-emphasizing the possibility of a definite break in the former entente cordie, and an alignment of Britain and Italy, opposed to France and Belgium. But taken in conjunction with the visit of King George and Queen Mary to Rome, where they arrive today, the stress laid on Anglo-Italian amity is considered significant.



IN TROUBLE AGAIN.

Thomas Wafer, one of the four men arrested in Sarnia on a charge of robbery, was involved with the notorious Murrell gang in the theft of an automobile shortly before the Melbourne murder and robbery which resulted in the arrest of the Murrells.

CRUMLIN RAID CASE GOES OVER FOR WEEK

Provincial Police Not Ready To Proceed, So Adjournment Is Granted.

Provincial police were not ready to proceed against the Businessmen's Club near Crumlin in police court this morning, and the case was adjourned one week.

William McDonald, charged with being the keeper of a disorderly house, was bailed one week in the sum of \$100.

Several prominent Londoners caught in the early morning raid Sunday did not appear in court today. The case may proceed within the week if the provincial officers who participated in the raid with Provincial Officer T. Y. Stratton can come to the city to give evidence.

Several men and three women were caught in the raid. Others may be summoned to court.

The scene of the raid is a half mile north of Crumlin on a side road. It is known to the police as "The Businessmen's Club."

SIR EDWARD KEMP HOME.
Canadian Press Despatch.
New York, May 7.—Sir Edward Kemp, former minister of overseas military forces of Canada in Great Britain during the Great War and now a member of the Senate at Ottawa, arrived in New York this morning on the Adriatic. Sir Edward will proceed at once to his home in Toronto.

Body of Pretty Young Girl Is Found In a Vacant Lot

Examination Showed Her Clothing Torn to Shreds and Finger-Nail Marks on Her Neck.

Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, May 7.—The body of a pretty 17-year-old girl lies unidentified in a vacant lot here today, and two young men, who said they found her unconscious in a vacant lot late last night, are held. The men are Edward Przybylski, 17, and Max Novak, 19.

The young men told police officers they knew nothing about the young woman, but, according to their story, saw her lying in a vacant lot in East-north and Garden avenue. They went to a nearby house and reported that a woman had fainted. A young man went with them to where the girl was lying and carried her to a nearby house. She died 10 minutes later.

Examination showed her clothing torn to shreds and finger-nail marks on her neck, indicating the possibility of a struggle. After a preliminary examination, the coroner's physician stated indications pointed to strangulation as the cause of death.

An autopsy will be held today. Police are seeking a third man whose name is withheld but who, they assert, Przybylski and Novak mentioned as having said he was going to take a girl friend for a ride in his automobile.

TRAIN CRASH VICTIM STILL UNCONSCIOUS

John Going, Injured Near Bothwell, Lies in Critical State.

John Going, of Port Stanley, who was seriously injured when a large touring car in which he and Alfred Hogg, also of the village, were riding was struck by the C. N. R. passenger train near Bothwell Saturday night, still lies in a semi-conscious state at Victoria Hospital.

At 1:30 today hospital authorities announced no change in his condition. He is suffering from internal injuries and it cannot be determined yet what chances he has for recovery. Dr. M. Cleff is in attendance.

Mr. Hogg was instantly killed when the fast east train struck the car.

ENTERS SUIT AGAINST THE BANK OF MONTREAL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, May 7.—Richardson, Gowen & Watson, trustees for the Niagara Falls, Limited, in bankruptcy, have started suit against the Bank of Montreal to recover \$128,882.22, which it is alleged was paid by the defunct company to the bank in 1922.

NO REASON WHY ONTARIO SHOULD USE U. S. COAL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, May 7.—Declaring that he was going to discuss the matter further with Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, Premier Greenfield of Alberta, who is in the city on his way to Ottawa, said last night if the transportation rate could be adjusted there was no reason why any American coal should be going into Ontario when Alberta coal was obtainable.

FOUR REMANDED, HELD ON CHARGE OF ROBBERING HOUSE

Unable To Agree on One Method of Standing Trial.

Thomas Wafer, John Wafer, William Thompson and Clara Ross, alias Gerald Blackwell, differed as to the manner in which they wanted to be tried on charges of breaking and entering and stealing \$200 worth of jewelry from the home of James McCormick, 241 Oxford street, in police court today.

Thomas Wafer elected trial by judge without a jury.

"You don't want me to try you then?" asked Magistrate Graydon.

"No," replied Wafer.

"Well, you'll have to elect judge with jury, then you can change your election later to judge without jury."

John Wafer wanted summary trial. So did William Thompson.

Ross decided to be tried by judge and jury.

"I'm not going to try one and not the other," said the court. "You'll have to agree to be tried together."

Adjourment Granted.

"I am not suggesting that you elect summary trial," the court reminded the prisoners. "I would give you the same instruction if you had counsel."

The four men were told to agree on some manner of trial while they were on remand. If they wish to change their election they can notify the jailer who will in turn make known their wishes to the magistrate.

Other charges of housebreaking will be preferred against the men on their next appearance.

The four men were arrested in Turn to Page 15, Column 5.

ANOTHER CITIZEN THINKS HE EARNED FIREBUG REWARD

Mayor Wenigo Has Called From East End Who Suspected Ison.

TOLD "DEPARTMENT"

Says He Communicated His Suspicions Long Ago, But Nothing Followed.

Another possible claimant for the city council's firebug reward loomed up today when a resident of East London complained personally to Mayor Wenigo that, while he had been subjected to much "unnecessary and unjustified publicity," he had registered his suspicions of Ison long before his arrest by the military police at Tecumseh Barracks and subsequent confession to the Mounted Police officers.

Mayor Wenigo had no comment to make other than to question the complainant whom he was supposed to have notified.

In reply the East London resident claimed that he went directly to both police and fire departments with his suspicions.

"Whom did you notify?" questioned his worship. "Do you not know to whom you spoke?"

The complainant's reply was to the effect that "he knew who they were all right." It is understood also that he acquainted members of the fire department of his suspicions at that time. From the mayor's remarks, it is evident that he has not involved, as yet, any particular person in his charge—officials or men.

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RED FLAG IS HOISTED AT CALGARY MEETING

Four Hundred Attend May Day Meeting in St. George's Park Island.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Calgary, May 7.—The red flag was hoisted and the international sung at a May Day meeting held in St. George's Island park here yesterday under the chairmanship of Fred J. White, labor member of the Alberta legislature. Four hundred people attended the meeting.

Mrs. Wm. Carson, local labor leader, advocated the abolishment of the National Anthem for the international song.

Two city Aldermen gave addresses.

CANADA TO USE ECONOMY IN FOREST AIR PATROLS

Associated Press Despatch.
Ottawa, May 7.—Economy in the methods of forest fire control is to be a distinctive feature of the operations of the Canadian air force during the present season.

Instead of patrolling the forests with a large machine, the method to be employed involves patrol by single-seaters.

Furnished with a wireless apparatus, once a fire is discovered instant communication may be had with the base from which a large machine carrying men and fire-fighting gear can proceed to the scene. This, it was said at the offices of the air force this morning, is along the line of experiments with which the force is blazing the trail for commercial enterprise.

ANOTHER TYPHOID VICTIM.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sherbrooke, Que., May 7.—The Mansonville typhoid epidemic claimed its twelfth victim yesterday when Paul Gagnier, the 13-year-old son of the local butcher, died. Gagnier was one of the first patients transferred to the emergency hospital. The actual number of cases is practically unchanged, and while a number of the recovered are again seen on the streets, additional cases have been reported.

Championship Finals of The Advertiser's City Spelling Match

—next Friday evening

—to choose London's best speller in Grade V, in Grade VI, in Grade VII and Grade VIII.

COMPLETE DETAILS ANNOUNCED LATER.