

WILLIAM W. ADAMS HELD FOR \$50,000 RANSOM

Mexican Bandits Kidnap Nephew of Rev. R. N. Adams of Belleville—Rescue Party on Way—Captured Man a Mining Expert

The following from the Los Angeles Times of Feb. 17th and Feb. 19, refer to Mr. William Welsh Adams, a young official of a mining company in Mexico, who has been kidnapped by Mexican bandits. W. W. Adams is a nephew of the Rev. R. N. Adams, of Cedar St., Belleville.

Washington, Feb. 16.—William Welsh Adams, an American, has been captured by bandits in Zacatecas, Mex., and is being held for \$50,000 pesos ransom, the State Department was advised today.

Adams' home is in Los Angeles, where his wife and child now live. The American Embassy at Mexico City has been instructed by the State Department to bring the kidnapping to the attention of the Mexican authorities, with the request that every step be taken to secure Adams' release.

The American representatives at Saltillo and Monterrey, in reporting the incident, said the authorities in Zacatecas were endeavouring to learn the whereabouts of Adams and his captors and that three columns of Mexican troops had been sent out.

The kidnapping occurred at AVALOS last Friday and the bandits were reported to have looted the warehouse of the Providencia mine operated by the Minerals and Metals Company, an American concern. Adams was superintendent of the mine.

New York, Feb. 16.—William Welsh Adams, reported held for ransom by bandits in Zacatecas, Mex., is an employee of the American Metal Company, Ltd., of this city, and was superintendent of a mine operated in Mexico by a subsidiary company. The last word from him was a report bearing his signature received about two weeks ago.

Assurance that United States government officials in Mexico and representatives of the mining company, were making every effort to obtain the release of William Welsh Adams was received by his wife here last night in a telegram from the American Consul at Saltillo, State of Nueva Leon. The telegram gave the details of the capture and added that the consulate at Saltillo was informed that Mr. Adams was being well treated.

Mrs. Adams was located by The Times last night at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kemp, at 511 South Coronado street, where she and her 3-year-old daughter Elizabeth are staying for the winter. Mrs. Adams is a California girl and was married about five years ago while Mr. Adams was in the State on a vacation trip from Mexico.

According to the American Consul's telegram, which was dated yesterday, Mr. Adams was kidnapped last Friday at the Providencia mine of the Minerals and Metals Company at Avalos, State of Zacatecas, adjoining Nueva Leon.

Stanford Man.

Mr. Adams who is 33 years old, is well known in California, having lived here during his vacations in the last ten years. He is a graduate of Stanford University, class of 1910, and went to Mexico immediately after leaving college. He is a native of Michigan. His sister, Miss Laura Adams, is a deaconess in a Methodist Home at Salt Lake City.

The family has not heard from Mr. Adams for several weeks. Mr. Kemp said last night.

"We are, of course, very anxious for his safety, and Mrs. Adams has suffered a great deal from the shock," he declared. "The only thing for us to do is to get in touch with the officials of the company for which Mr. Adams works, and with the Secretary of State—that is, if we have one at this time. The telegram received a short time ago gave us considerable assurance for it said that the company and the government were making all possible efforts to obtain my son-in-law's release."

Mr. Adams is one of the best known American mining men in that section of Mexico. Mr. Kemp said. The mine raised by the bandits employs about 3,000 men, most of them Mexican laborers, and is a heavy producer. The Minerals and Metals Company, a subsidiary of

the American Metal Company, Ltd., is a big factor in lead, copper and gold production in Mexico, and during the war was a big factor in supplying lead to the United States government.

Relatives Hopeful.

Before becoming the superintendent of the Providencia mines, Mr. Adams was assistant superintendent of the mines at Maipimi and also superintendent of the Palomas mines at Cosahuilla, forty miles northwest of Monterrey.

Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Adams were optimistic over the prospects of the ransom money being forthcoming when needed. The company, Mr. Kemp said, is prosperous and considers Mr. Adams a valuable employee. Though one of its youngest officials, Mr. Adams is one of the highest paid men in Mexico and is considered an authority in the business, he said.

Immediately after receiving the news from Saltillo, Mrs. Adams communicated with her husband's sister at Salt Lake City, and with relatives in Michigan, urging them to get in touch with the State Department in an effort to assure immediate and unlimited attention.

Rescue Party on Way.

A rescue party, headed by an American hacienda owner named Moore and made up of representatives of the Minerals and Metals Company, is now on the way to the bandit rendezvous in the Zacatecas Mountains where the Mexican bandits are holding William Welsh Adams, Los Angeles man and mine superintendent, kidnapped from the Providencia mine, last Friday.

This is the information received here by the victim's wife, Mrs. W. W. Adams, now with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kemp at No. 511 South Coronado street.

That the bandits are in the hills, about three or four days' distance from Monterrey, and that some communication was had with them since the capture of Adams, was indicated in the text of the telegram received by Mrs. Adams from the Monterrey offices of the company employing Mr. Adams.

The telegram which came to her by way of Laredo, said Mr. Moore of the Creados Hacienda has telegraphed the locations of Adams and said that the rescue party including the company representatives, and the \$25,000 demanded as ransom money, left yesterday morning. The release, the telegram stated, "may require three or four days on account of the distance."

Since the telegram, which left Monterrey Tuesday night, Mrs. Adams has heard nothing definite from Mexico or this country regarding the developments in the case. A telegram from New York, telling of the pursuit by the Mexican Federal troops of the bandits caused considerable anxiety to the victim's relatives here. Fears that the reported pursuit will cause the bandits to retaliate by harming or even killing Adams was expressed by members of his family. The press dispatches say that troops lost the trail in the Zacatecas hills. The telegram also stated that the bandits assured others at the Providencia mine that no harm would befall Mr. Adams.

Small Market Prices Advance

Weather Puts Crops in Attendance Today

Colder weather and cheerless skies had a depressing effect on the market attendance this morning. The crowd was not large either of buyers or sellers.

Meat eaters had a better chance today to load up with beef and pork, which were offered on the market in considerable quantities at prices ranging from 20c to 25c for beef cuts and 25c for pork. A considerable amount of business was done by the farmer butchers. Gardeners' outfit made up most of the rest of the outside market attendance. Apples were scarce on account of the cold and potatoes were not to be seen.

Hay was not offered today. Loose hay is worth \$20 to \$22 per ton and baled hay \$21 to \$23.

One seasonable offering was a load of cut hardwood. The price was \$11 for the load.

Hogs are offering freely and a slump is expected. Today's price was \$17.50, but lower figures are anticipated by the shippers.

On McAnnam street and Front St. today butchers quoted: best at \$15 per cwt. and hindquarters at \$17.00 per cwt. wholesale.

Grains remain steady. Ontario wheat sells at \$2 to \$2.10; oats bring \$1.05 to \$1.08, wholesale and barley \$1.40 to \$1.50.

The butter market was a slim one and prices everywhere showed the advance tendency. Seventy cents for butter was generally asked, while eggs held out at the same figure. A few eggs were sold below 70c, but not many, for the offerings were few.

Chickens sold at \$2.50 to \$3.00 per pair. A few ducks were open to purchasers at \$2 each.

The hide market shows considerable weakness. There is an average drop of 10 cents per pound during the past week on hides. Prices are quoted 18c to 25c.

Deacons will probably sell around \$2.00 this spring.

Sheepskins are materially weaker, the top price for wool pelts being \$2.25.

Very little furs are offering. Muskrat trapping starts on Monday, March 1st.

Prospects for wool this year are rather uncertain as brokers, dealers and manufacturers carried over from last year millions of pounds of high priced wool.

Foxboro Boy Appreciated

A number of friends of Mrs. Victoria Burrows met at her home on the evening of Feb. 25th to bid her voyage to her son, Millford, who left on the following morning for England via St. John, N.B., where he will take the C.P.R. steamer—Melita.

Mr. Millford Burrows who is a graduate of Queen's University in science had been offered and accepted a situation in the head office of a large mining company as a metallurgist in research work. He desires great credit as he has worked himself to this high position by perseverance and on his own merit.

During the war he was working in his line of work at a copper plant in Missouri, U.S.A., helping to turn out the material necessary for munitions for the army. He proposed coming home and enlisting but the government preferred that he stay there.

Mrs. Burrows is a former Prince Edward lady, a Miss Parliament before her marriage.

Mr. Burrows expects to visit the former home of his father in England at his earliest opportunity.

We all wish him success in his new undertaking.

OSGOODE HALL

Weekly Court—Before Latchford, J. Re R. H. Reid, Estate—W. C. Mikel, K.C., for executors, appeared from order of Surrogate Judge on the passing of executors accounts. E. J. Butler (Belleville), for wife, E. C. C. Cattnach, for infants. Judgment (tentative). Upon consideration I find myself unable to recede from the position mentioned at the close of the argument that the matters in dispute could not properly be investigated on the passing of the executors account, and from circumstances disclosed I think they should be fully investigated in a proper forum. I therefore suggest that an action against Andrew Reid and Philip Clayton Reid, brought by the residuary legatees, the children of the testator, by their next friend. The validity or invalidity of the alleged gifts of \$500 and \$2,000 obtained from the testator when he was slowly dying can be established satisfactorily in no other way. In meantime, or while advised that a suit will not be begun, I shall defer judgment.

Appellate Division—Before Malock, C. J.; Chish, J.; Mitchell, J.; Sutherland, J.; Maize, J. Ontario and Quebec Navigation Co., v. Chapman—W. C. Mikel, K.C., for defendants. J. A. Jackson (Gananoque), for Chapman—estate. E. G. Porter, K.C. for plaintiff. Appeal by defendants from judgment of Falconbridge, C.J., of 27th November, 1919. Argument of appeal resumed from yesterday and concluded. Appeal dismissed with costs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henderson, Wolfe Island made an ideal host and hostess at a very enjoyable box social held at their hospitable home on Friday evening before Lent.

A large number of island people were present and gave vocal and piano solos. A merry sleighing party of friends went over from Pittsburg and added to the pleasure of the gathering. The boxes, which were very attractive, soon found ready sale. The sum from them exceeded \$35. Good violin music was furnished and entitled many present to indulge in the waltz, polka and good old-fashioned square dances. Mr. Henderson calling off the latter in splendid voice and helping all have a happy time.

Mrs. Henderson and other ladies present made ready an abundance of hot coffee. Those present pronounced the social evening one of the best that was ever held on Wolfe Island.

County Men on Kingston Board of Trade.

Four of the county residents to join the Kingston Board of Trade are A. Rankin, M. P. P., Robert J. Bushell and Mr. Ross, and J. L. F. Sproule, deputy reeve of the Township of Kingston. The membership committee hope to secure all of the other reeves and the directors of the Kingston Agricultural Fair Association as well as others. The use of the rooms will be available to these gentlemen for meetings in the day time if they find it not convenient to attend the evening meetings. The spirit animating the Board is the desire to be guided by the requirements of both the city and the county in its activities.

Air Service to Islands.

Airplanes will become a daily sight in the Thousand Islands next summer if plans which the Rochester Aircraft Corporation has for aerial passengers between Rochester and St. Lawrence river points are adopted. The board of directors are considering plans it is said to operate a passenger service across Lake Ontario between Rochester and Toronto and Cobourg, as well as to the Thousand Islands. The distance across the lake at Toronto is ninety miles and to Cobourg sixty miles while to the Thousand Islands it is slightly more. Residents of the Thousand Islands region are hoping that the plans will be carried through.

Cape Vincent N. Y. Man Dead.

Joseph H. Bates, aged seventy-one years, Cape Vincent, N. Y., died Tuesday at the Arcade Hotel, Watertown, N. Y., of rheumatism and heart trouble, for which he had been taking treatment here during the last three weeks. He was a life long resident of Cape Vincent. When a young man he was a lake sailor, later taking up farming. He held several town offices including assessor and for several years was supervisor. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of Cape Vincent Lodge of Masons. Mr. Bates is survived by his widow, a son Macomb Bates, Cape Vincent and two daughters.

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Campbellford School Re-Open

Campbellford, Feb. 28.—The High School opened yesterday, (Friday) and the Public School will re-open on Monday.

Every precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of disease. A nurse will visit the schools each day and anyone with any symptom of cold will be sent home.

It is just as essential in the interest of the pupils of the High School to pursue their studies as for a merchant to do business with the public or for an artisan to work in a factory. The departmental examinations will be held earlier this year and every possible day is needed to prepare the classes for examinations and if every precaution is taken there should be no more danger of taking disease in schools than in the home or in the store or factory. A circular sent out by the Provincial Board of Health states:

"Closing schools is economically wasteful and usually has no influence on the course of an outbreak of disease like influenza. Children are less likely to infect one another in the classroom than in the home or on the playground. There is no great danger of spreading the disease in churches, theatres and other assemblies, if these places are well ventilated. As a rule better results will be achieved by a daily inspection of school children, such as for example is maintained in cities like Toronto."

The foregoing precautions have been taken and will be continued in our schools.

ABOUT BIRDS

The nightingale, our ears would win. The lark sings in the glen. But there's more music these days in the cackle of the hen.

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Birds sounds are pleasant to the ear. Could one wish better luck. Than, sitting by the fire to hear The sizzle of a duck?

—Youngstown Telegram.

For duck, or peafowl, hen or lark. Some pine and sigh and sob. While some are charmed with, day or dark, The cooing of the quab.

—New York Sun.

The nightingale, the duck the squab. Are all enchanting critters. But it's the eagle on the coin That gives our soul the titers.

—Houston Post.

We like the cackle of the hen— She surely is a boaster. But, oh, we hate when sleeping late The crowing of the rooster!

—Los Angeles Express.

Of course we like to hear some birds. They please us like the deuce. Until we have to sit and hear The prattle of a goose.

—Yonkers Statesman.

We, too, are lovers of the birds. In all fair lands and climes. But scarcely chicken fanciers In these immodest times.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

PICTON.

Mr. Arthur Rightmyer was operated on last week for appendicitis. He is in the hospital and recovering nicely.

Mr. Ted Heffernan who is spending the winter in Detroit, is playing hockey with Assumption College team Windsor Ont.

Miss Margaret McAuley, Bon-Lodge of Masons, Mr. Bates is survived by his widow, a son Macomb Bates, Cape Vincent and two daughters.

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Wellington visited Mr. and Mrs. L. Brickman, Victoria, recently, staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mrs. Crandall of Hillier has been

Hyden, Burt's during their illness Mr. and Mrs. Hayden and family are recovering from a severe attack of the flu and pneumonia.

James M. Ferguson of Cobourg is seeking information re the placing of a small steamer on the Napanee-Picton route. The boat will carry about 20 passengers and is about 50 tons capacity.

Mr. Charles W. Croft formerly of Trenton has taken the position of traveller for the Canada Pipe and Steel Company, Ltd., and his territory is Eastern and Northern Ontario.

Mrs. Clarence Stevenson and daughter Evelyn Wellington spent the week end with her sister Mrs. J. B. Benson who will soon be leaving for her new home in Windsor.

Mr. Elmer A. Hobson has sold his farm in North Marysburgh to Mr. Darius Kellaf, and bought the farm of his neighbor, Mr. S. S. Peterson.

G. M. Wright D.C.M.C.G., has been notified from Military District No. 2 that the 1914-15 Star was there for him for services during the war.

Mrs. A. W. Hepburn of Picton announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Kathleen Marge (Tot) to Mr. Frank Lawrence Nokes of Norfolk, Virginia, formerly of Winnipeg.

Mr. Carman Metcalfe, who has been suffering from pneumonia, was reported slightly better on Wednesday. The entire family were down with the flu but Mrs. Metcalfe and her daughter have recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Price of Boissevain, Manitoba, who have been spending several weeks visiting friends in this county, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lansing, of High Shore, for several days this week.

Mr. R. E. Trimble has purchased the two big boilers which supplied steam for the town light and water systems. These boilers will be used in the new milk condensery to be erected in Picton this spring by the Union Vale Co.

Mr. Alfred Kemp an aged and highly respected resident of Ameliasburg passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at his home on Concession Lake after a lingering illness. Beside his widow, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. J. Viant of Concession and one son Bert at North Lakeside. The funeral was held from his late residence on Thursday, February 19th. Interment was made in Carrying Place cemetery.

The U.F.O. have arranged a series of meetings to be addressed by Mr. R. J. McMillan of Seaford. These meetings will be held at Massena, Carrying Place, Concession, Wellington, Bloomfield, Demorestville, Watpools, Milford and Cherry Valley in the week commencing March 1st. Mr. McMillan is one of the substantial farmers of Huron county, owning a large farm in the township of Hull. He is a son of the late John McMillan who represented South Huron for many years in the House of Commons.

Rev. A. K. Scott formerly pastor of the Picton Baptist church and now pastor of Perry Baptist church near Cleveland, Ohio, writes that on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, he had with him Capt. S. N. Dancy formerly of Picton. Rev. Mr. Scott says "We arranged a great union patriotic service and called Capt. Dancy as the speaker. He gave a very masterful address on 'The Meaning of Patriotism' speaking for over an hour and a half and holding the interest of a large audience right to the end. Captain Dancy is now in the employ of the Affiliated Loyalists and Chautauque Association and is in great demand. Mr. Scott and I enjoyed having him a guest at the parsonage." —Picton Times and Gazette.

RIVER VALLEY

The clover mill and hay press are busy in our neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and little son of Glen Ross were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heagle on Sunday.

Mr. Lidster and family have moved into the house lately vacated by Mr. Wm. Martin.

Master Ross Salisbury of Halloway visited friends here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor have moved to their new home at Belleville.

Mr. Perry Palmer had the misfortune to be kicked by a horse one day this week and as a consequence is unable to resume his work of sawing wood for a time.

A number from here attended the sale of Mr. Wilson Halloway of Rawdon on Wednesday of this week. Mr. Earl Morrow is recovering after an attack of sciatica.

Mr. Reginald Coombs, of Stirling spent a few days with friends here recently.

OPERATION WAS NOT NECESSARY

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National Monument

In Honor of SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Subscriptions Received at The Ontario Office

All those desirous of subscribing to the fund to erect a suitable National Monument at Ottawa to the great Liberal Leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, may leave their contributions at The Daily Ontario office, 188 Front street, where subscription lists have been opened for the convenience of those in the Belleville and Bay of Quinte Districts.

Any amount, from 10 cents to \$5 will be gladly received. No subscription larger than \$5 will be accepted from any one individual.

Lists will finally close on Wednesday, March 17th, 1920.

These subscriptions are being taken up all over Canada and it is hoped by March 17th to reach the objective of \$100,000. The campaign opens on Dec. 17th, the last and a large part of the desired amount is already in hand. It is to be hoped that the many ardent admirers of the Great Chief in the community about Belleville will record their admiration in this practical manner. Those who so desire may send their subscriptions direct to Mr. H. H. Horsey, P.O. Box 540, Ottawa, Ont.

Human Beings Employed to Run Down Criminals

In the police stations of the trallian outlands, black track employed to run down those other criminals.

According to Mr. Norman the author of "Australian" is largely on account of the fellows that the fear of the mains alive in the more parts of the country. The bers are brought straight from the half-savage to the other side of the frontier, riving young, fresh, eager, the distinction and—savage lighted in the prospects of mining.

Our tracker led his troop, remarkable chase after a horse, who escaped from a jail. South Wales to the north wilds. They had no real rest or day. It was a country of a story ground that took men, pressions of the passage of a er and confusing rains fell. O ally the tracker was almost heels of the fugitive. At times, baffled, a week or more. For days in the ranges the was so difficult for the track he could not make a half an hour.

When the tracks were led black fellow ran the country blood-hound until he had them up. Once the fugitive came to desperate straits for the tracker made out that he lost and exhausted that he had been, fallen, and scraped most to rub himself and cool his that extremity of thirst, and nesa. At the end of a chase of six days, during which the low had tracked the man even of the way they captured the tive. —Tit-Bits.

A Pill That Is Priced.—There have been many pills put on market and pressed upon put tention, but none has endured long or met with so much fa. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. spread use of them has a their great value, and they ne further advertisement than having firmly established selves in public esteem, they rank without a peer in the standard vegetable preparation

Considerable Sickness in Lindsay

Lindsay, Feb. 28.—Dr. J. A. McAlpine, M.H.O., reports that there is considerable sickness in Lindsay, and throughout the country.

The doctors were never so busy, he reports, "and are working night and day."

"I do not know how many cases of the flu, or pneumonia there are," he stated, "but I do think the doctors should report all cases to the Town Clerk, so that a record could be kept, and the medical men should be paid for such information, because they are now overtaxed with work."

Only a very brave youth would attempt to steal a kiss from an unfair maid.