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## BADLY USED BY THE BANDITS

Foreigners Who Escape Tell of Experiences

Chinese Outlaws, 2,000 to 3,000 in Number, Have a Pitched Battle With Soldiers—British Citizen Said to Have Been Killed.

(Canadian Press)

Tien Tsin, May 8.—Messrs. Day and Jacobson and Miss Corbett, three of the foreigners who escaped from the bandits who raided the Peking express train at Suchow on Sunday, arrived here this morning. They said that Miss Lucy T. Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., her companion, Miss Minnie McFarland, and Miss Schenberg, had stopped in Tsinanmen where they were admitted to a hospital suffering from shock. Their feet were cut and bruised.

Mr. Day said that the bandits divided the captives into several parties after forcing them to leave the train. The prisoners, guarded heavily, were brutally hurried into the hill country.

"A prisoner I held was prodded with a rifle butt," said Day. "We had to take the roughest path. It was no fun. Anyone speaking was mercilessly hit. I was struck on the forehead with a mallet for talking to my neighbor."

The fair of the bandits, Day continued, was a village in the hills encircled by a stone compound. Within an hour or two after the arrival of the prisoners, soldiers appeared outside the town, and soon a lively engagement was in progress.

The brigands chieftain persuaded Day to take a note to the commander of the military force informing him that if the fire did not stop the captives would be shot. Day had a harrowing experience in making his way across the open ground to the troops, as he was fired on by both the military and the bandits, some of the latter being ignorant of his mission.

Day delivered his message whereupon the commander of the troops ordered that he cease firing, but the force did not withdraw. Remaining with the military, Day started to inform Miss Schenberg sitting on a bench, exhausted. She, like the latter, had escaped when dispatched as a messenger.

Jacobson, however, knocked out his guard with a large stone and ran off. Miss Schenberg said her party had been fired on by the bandits and killed instantly.

The Tuchen of Shantung has sent reinforcements to the scene and the British, French and Belgian contingents from Nanking have also arrived. The strength of the bandits is estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000. It is said that a pitched battle had been fought only a few hours before the train was wrecked.

## A DUTCH VIEW



Uncle Sam removes his spectacles and contemplates Europe.

From De Amsterdammer, Amsterdam, Holland.

## BIG EMPIRE AVIATION PLAN

Super-Express Mail and Passenger Service—The Swift Transport of Troops.

London, May 8.—(Canadian Press)—A super-express mail and passenger service to a distance of 10,000 miles across the British Empire by rigid airships of a type larger than any heretofore built, which have been perfected in a co-operation with the government, according to the Daily Chronicle. It says it has it on the most reliable authority that the cabinet is being received so favorably that general government approval of the plan, with state co-operation on the part of the Dominions, is regarded as almost a foregone conclusion.

Experts also have been investigating the question of an aeroplane-carrying airship, the Chronicle says, and the Admiralty is very much interested in the matter.

## BRITISH IN RUSSIA WARNED

Moscow, May 8.—Anticipating a break in relations, the British mission in Russia that they should be prepared to leave the country, according to a dispatch from St. John, where they will have a conference with Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, minister of health.

## Ottawa G. W. V. A. Demands Pension Commissioners Go

Ottawa, May 8.—At a meeting of the Ottawa branch of the G. W. V. A. here last night, a resolution was passed requesting parliament to recall the board of pension commissioners and its secretary because "they have so miserably failed to do justice to the returned men of this country and the widows and orphans of returned men."

## G. W. V. A. RECEIVES REPLY FROM THE PENSION BOARD

Ottawa, May 8.—(Canadian Press)—The patron representative of the G. W. V. A. before the office of the pension commissioners is over. Early last evening a reply to the demand for action on the report of the royal commission on pensions was received by C. G. MacNeil, Dominion secretary of the G. W. V. A. With regard to the pension rights which the royal commission had declared had been withheld by the board from certain dependent and disability cases, the pension board stated they would await the instructions of Parliament. Cases coming under the recommendations concerning returned soldiers' insurance, would be referred to the Minister of Finance.

## HOW TO MAKE HIS APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

New York, May 8.—Alexander Howat, former president of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers of America, said last night that he would appeal to the state department in Washington, unless the Canadian authorities rescind their exclusion action.

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"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hirambeam, "if you believed the community to be divided against itself, and you desired to bring about unity and sweet concord and co-operation—how would you set about it?"

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## SHARP BRITISH NOTE TO RUSSIA

London, May 8.—A British note to Russia which Ronald McKinnon, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons had been sent to Moscow, is unofficially reported to be a strongly worded complaint against the discourteous treatment accorded the British protest in the Zeebrugge case, the seizure of the British trawler James Johnson, off the Murman coast, disregarding the recognized three mile limit and the brusque treatment given the British agent at Moscow.

## Rev. F. R. McKinnon, of North Sydney, C. B. Styles The Bristleless Demagogue.

North Sydney, May 8.—In a sermon dealing with the so-called "Red element," and particularly referring to the "Toll the clergymen to mind their own business" resolution introduced into Princess Local, U. M. W., at Sydney Mines on Thursday, Rev. F. R. McKinnon, parish priest of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Sunday classed the Red leaders as "bristly demagogues," and told his congregation that if any of their number were responsible for the institution of or any way connected with the resolution, he would be "dealt with" according to the recognized procedure of the Church.

## REORGANIZE V. A. D.'S IN THE OLD COUNTRY

London, May 8.—(Canadian Press).—A scheme for the re-organization and future utilization of the women's voluntary aid detachments which rendered such conspicuous service to the Empire during the war is being completed by the war office. During the war these detachments were enrolled only for home service although many battalions of them voluntarily followed the territorial forces abroad.

## CANNING MERGER IN THE DOMINION; TEN MILLIONS

Hamilton, Ont., May 8.—Completion of the new merger effected by the Dominion Canners, Limited, has been announced. The new company will be known as the Canadian Canners, Limited, with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, as the result of the merger of some thirty canning companies which were formerly independent.

## DR. MCMURCHY HONORED

Dr. Helen McMurphy is to be only woman included in the group to be honored by the University of Toronto with honorary degrees this year. She is to receive the only honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine which is being bestowed.

## ON HUNGER STRIKE

Ms. Depard, sister of Lord French, who is on a hunger strike in Dublin in protest at the arrest of women leaders in the Irish Republican movement.

## BOY ARRESTED

Detective Biddiscombe arrested a juvenile this morning on charge of disorderly conduct near the High School. The case was expected to be taken up this afternoon at two o'clock.

### WEATHER REPORT

Summary of weather conditions for various locations.

Station	8 a.m.	Highest during night	Lowest
Prince Rupert	40	58	38
Vancouver	54	64	46
Kamloops	46	82	44
Calgary	44	66	36
Edmonton	36	58	32
Prince Albert	28	40	22
Winnipeg	30	40	26
St. John's, N. B.	62	68	52
Toronto	46	64	41
Kingston	36	68	48
Ottawa	36	76	44
Montreal	60	72	50
Quebec	52	72	62
Halifax	58	68	52
St. John's, Nfld.	42	52	38
Detroit	52	74	42
Low York	58	68	48