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RANSOM PAID FOR AMERICAN AIRMEN

Only \$8,000 Given to Bandits—American Troops Cross Border in Pursuit—Airplanes Used to Scout—Torrential Rains May Obliterate Trail—Bandits Scatter.

Marfa, Texas, Aug. 19.—Spread out fan-shaped over a wide stretch of Mexican country south of the Rio Grande, United States cavalry troops aided by airmen as scouts tonight are combing the mountains for the bandits who held the two American aviators for \$15,000 ransom.

After the forward dash over the border today, the troops probably were being handicapped tonight by a storm which was reported in messages by field telephone to be raging in the mountains below the border.

It was feared torrential rains would obliterate trails left by the bandits. The expeditionary force for a time moved forward in the face of high winds, according to the reports.

The two lieutenants, H. G. Peterson and Paul N. Davis for whom ransom was demanded and who were released early today, guided the Americans in their quest of the Mexican outlaws.

With nearly six hours start on the punitive expedition the bandits are believed to have scattered in the mountain passes and canyons, and it probably will be necessary to search every square mile of the rough country below the border to find them, in the opinion of military men.

Airplanes as Scouts. Despite the difficulty in locating the bandits from the air, American aviators who left the flying field here early today, scouted almost the entire Ojajiga district.

It was known tonight how many are in the bandit band. Lieutenant Davis and Lieutenant Peterson said they saw six men. There were 20 other bandits at the ranch where the outlaws stopped. American aviators were told the band numbered 60.

Arrangements for nurses, ambulances and surgical dressings for the punitive expedition troops were being made tonight by Elmer Donnell of St. Louis, for the use in case of emergency.

A report from the expedition indicated that pursuit has continued throughout the day but that there had been no contact with the bandits.

H. N. Fennell, a banker of this city, arrived late today and announced that the amount of ransom actually paid for the release of the aviators was \$8,500. Fennell took the \$15,000 demanded to Candelaria yesterday. He declared a recount of the money brought back by Captain Matlack after release of the aviators showed \$6,500 remained.

Fennell brought the \$6,500 back to Marfa this afternoon and deposited it in a bank. The money was in \$50 bills. Fennell said the army would reimburse the cattlemen who subscribed the ransom money.

Fennell tonight told the first connected story of events preceding the crossing of the American aviators to the United States today. He outlined preliminary negotiations Monday between Captain Matlack and the Mexican brother in law of Renteria, who acted as a go between.

SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 8.

It was stated in the last issue of The Press and Banner that Abbeville Schools would open September 15. This was an error. Schools will open one week earlier, September 8. Capt. Fulp, superintendent, has asked that all teachers be in Abbeville September 6 in order to attend a teachers meeting.

ORGANIZE POST OF AMERICAN LEGION HERE SEPTEMBER 10

Wednesday, September 10, has been set as the date for the organization of a post of the American Legion in Abbeville County. There are about 600 service men in this county who are eligible for membership and everyone of these men are urged to attend the initial meeting of the organization at which time officers will be elected.

The American Legion is an established fact. It is the concrete realization of "some sort of organization after the war" which was talked of in every cantonment in America, on board every ship in the Navy and in every unit and section of the A. E. F. It is the crystallization of the wish of every soldier, sailor and marine to organize after the war. "In union there is strength," and in this particular union will be found the bulwark of Americanism.

The Legion has grown and its spirit has spread because it is worthy. In every test at the outset it repelled selfishness, narrowness, partisanship and clung tenaciously to the underlying theme—democracy. In every test it has withstood the temptation of exploitation for its members at the expense of the country at large. In no instance has it sought anything that was not just and equitable and in the best interests of all America. It is now, always has been and will continue to be nonpartisan and non-political in the accepted sense of those terms.

But while it is non-political it has and always will have politics, in that it reflects the will and opinions of the majority of its members—whose sanity, unselfishness and patriotism may be depended upon in questions affecting national or international integrity and adjustment.

GERMANY IS GETTING AMERICAN COTTON

The Hague, Aug. 15.—The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says that Aug. 1 marked the opening of the American cotton season, and that since that day Bremen and Berlin have been in direct radio communication with America. The paper points out that this means a decided improvement in cotton commerce, as up to the present telegrams by way of England often took five days, so that no arrangements could be reached under ten days. The paper says that already Americans in Bremen are busy and only too willing to do business, to give credits, and complete with the English.

Eighteen thousand bales of cotton, which arrived at Hamburg destined for Czechoslovakia, are to be put at the disposition of German industry, which requires 2,000,000 bales in the coming year, the paper adds, and points out that the burden of duties would be lightened if German industries could immediately begin work for export, but that the incoming cotton must first supply the dire needs of Germany, although some textile industries already are manufacturing for export.

GEORGE A. SHILLITO.

The funeral of George A. Shillito, 71 years of age, who died in Columbia Tuesday night, was held at Long Cane cemetery Thursday at 12 o'clock noon, the body arriving on the 11:20 Southern train. The Rev. J. L. Daniel, pastor of the Methodist Church, conducted the service.

The pallbearers were: J. Allen Smith, M. E. Hollingsworth, J. L. Hill, T. P. Thompson, P. A. Roche, and R. S. Link.

Mr. Shillito was born and reared in Abbeville, being the son of the late James and Mahala Shillito and the last of a large family of children. He had lived in Columbia 18 years. He is survived by the following children: Frank L. Shillito, George A. Shillito, Pat Shillito, Mrs. F. M. Lindsay and Miss Nellie Shillito.

He had the following nieces living in Abbeville: Mrs. J. L. Perrin, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, Mrs. R. M. Hill, and Mrs. W. C. DuPre.

OTIS McMURRAY, VISITOR HERE, IS SERIOUSLY HURT IN BICYCLE ACCIDENT

Otis McMurray, 13 year-old nephew of C. H. McMurray, a visitor from Clinton, was seriously injured Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock when he fell from his bicycle on Harrisburg hill, striking on his head and back. He was unconscious for more than 10 hours.

He was found on the side of the road by Mr. Cox, of the Pierce-Wood Co., Greenville, and brought to Dr. G. A. Neuffer's office where medical attention was given.

The young man still remains in a daze, though partially conscious. The attendant physicians do not think that there is concussion of the brain.

In addition to the blow on the head the boy suffered a sprained back and bruises on his back and legs.

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$400,000 MEMORIAL FUND FOR SOLDIERS

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 21.—Every minister in South Carolina will be asked to call attention on Sunday, September 28th, to the fact that Monday, September 29th will be the first anniversary of the smashing of the Hindenburg line by the South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee troops of the Thirtieth Division, and that on that day the campaign to raise \$400,000 to erect a fitting memorial to the South Carolina heroes participating in the Great War will be formally opened.

The South Carolina Memorial Commission believes that the memorial fund will be raised within the first week of the campaign, and probably during the first two or three days.

The State is now being organized for the campaign. County organizations have already been set up in several of the counties and all is in readiness for the beginning of the campaign a month hence, but there are a few counties yet to be organized. All will be in readiness, however, before the day the campaign is to open.

It is being arranged to send speakers into counties where they may be needed, and the County Chairmen will have the full cooperation of the State organization everywhere. The women of the State will render the same splendid service they have given in the several Liberty Loan campaigns.

COTTON ASSOCIATION MEET HERE TODAY

The farmers, business men and all interested citizens will meet at the Court House at 11:30 o'clock today (Friday) for the purpose of organizing county branches of the South Carolina Cotton Association. Gen. M. L. Bonham, Anderson, an old resident of Abbeville, and W. B. Utsey, St. George, will make addresses.

HYDE LEADS GRACE BY ONE VOTE IN MAYORALTY ELECTION

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 20.—The result of Charleston's mayoralty primary of yesterday will not be finally known until Friday, when the city democratic executive committee meets to canvass the returns and consider challenged votes as the complete tabulation shows T. T. Hyde to have a majority of one vote over John P. Grace with some seventy challenged votes yet to be passed on and either counted or rejected. Of the possible total of 7,715 a total of 6,911 were cast and some seventy challenged.

Dave Magill Here.

D. H. Magill, Esq., of Atlanta, Ga. was in Abbeville Thursday. Mr. Magill formerly practiced law at Greenwood, but for several years he has been making his home in Atlanta.

DEPUTY BRUCE CAPTURES TWO-MOONSHINERS IN McCORMICK COUNTY

Single-handed Deputy Marshal C. J. Bruce captured two moonshiners, J. T. and J. M. Lawton, and a still at their home one mile west of Mc Carmel Wednesday morning. He also seized their automobile, in which he found some whiskey. It is the first case in this section where an automobile has been seized under the Federal law, recently enacted.

Fifty-two gallons of mash was poured out and 1 and 1-4 gallons of booze was found. A complete still with the exception of the furnace, was destroyed.

The two men were arraigned before Commissioner C. E. Williamson Wednesday and were bound over to the next term of Federal Court under bail of \$1,000 each, which was given.

CITES DANGERS IN PACKERS SPREADING

Washington, Aug. 19.—The danger as seen by the federal trade commission in the entrance of the packing industry into lines of business beyond the packing of meat was described by William B. Colver, member of the commission, today to the Senate agricultural committee. In its opening hearings on the Kenyon bill to divorce ownership of the stockyards and refrigerator cars from the packing concerns of the country and to regulate by license their operation, the committee was taken over much of the ground traveled by the commission in its investigation of the packing industry.

"The refrigerator car and their use of it," said Commissioner Colver, "referring to the five big packers, was not in itself a bad thing. But they have turned their refrigerator car into a traveling wholesale grocery, peddling at every city in the country every day almost everything that people eat."

Supplying Other Things. "When the packers," he continued, "have found their customers buying something else besides the meat they have to sell, or its by-products, they have gradually commenced to get into the business of supplying the other things."

"When they themselves have been large buyers of a given commodity, they have gotten into the production of that article and gone into competition with their former purveyors. When they have found a substance which has become to some extent a substitute for meat products, they have gone into the business of making and selling that substance."

Extreme instances of the tendency the commission asserted, had turned meat packers to hotel operating when they had started only to sell soap, to making tennis racquets because gut strings went into such articles and to selling soda fountains because beef tea was there served.

"Suppose they can reach out, put the wholesaler out of business," Senator Kenyon, a member of the committee, asked at one point of the inquiry, self products cheaper to the consumer in these unrelated lines, develop efficiency of supply, is not that sound economic principle which is being worked out?"

"In the first place I cannot accept any promise on which you put the question," was Mr. Colver's reply.

Land Sales.

J. Allen Smith and D. H. Hill sold 1200 acres, eight miles south of town this week to John Tate, Anderson, for \$30 per acre, the total amount paid being \$30,000. The sale was made through E. F. Geiger and S. M. Johnson.

Albert Henry bought the Jim Boman place Thursday from L. C. Parker, paying \$75 per acre for a tract of 94 acres.

J. H. Anderson, Anderson, bought the Jim Campbell place about five miles from Antreville this week, paying \$40 per acre. The sale was made through L. M. Tolbert of the Dixie Land Company.

DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW IS REPEALED OVER WILSON'S VETO

Washington, Aug. 20.—Repeal of the daylight saving act was accomplished today, the Senate voting to sustain the House in passing the measure over the President's veto. The vote was 57 to 19.

The repeal of the law which now takes its place among the very few which have been passed over a Presidential veto becomes effective after the clocks are turned back to normal in October. It will go down in legislative history as one of the very few measures which have twice been vetoed by a President and became a law after all by the vote of more than two-thirds in both houses of Congress.

GERMAN MILITARY POLICE A MENACE

Goblentz, Saturday, Aug. 16.—Militarization of German police, contrary to terms of the treaty of peace, has already begun, according to information reaching American authorities in the City of Cansel the police were recently completely organized on military lines by the Prussian government, it is said, and are now equipped with steel helmets and rifles and follow the routine of a military company in their barracks. The 300 State police in office in Cansel, 100 have elected to be transferred to the new organization, and the remainder have been given places in civil service.

The exact size of the new militarized police organization has not been announced. Americans studying the demobilization and reorganization of the German army say that the significance of militarizing police in Germany is great.

American officers have records of an announcement that the Prussian government, quite apart from the National government was to organize a "Schutzlanenschaft", or State police force, throughout Prussia, which would be virtually military units in garrisons with full infantry equipment, but would be under control of the minister of the interior and used only for the repression of internal disorders. These troops according to the plan, were to be quite apart and in excess of the army permitted Germany under the terms of the peace treaty.

A semi-official however, states that it is appreciated that these troops are not permitted under the terms of the peace treaty, but the hope is expressed that the Allies will be "reasonable" and permit their organization.

Mr. David Gilliam.

The funeral of Mr. David Gilliam, 65 years of age, who died at his home near Haskell's Station, last Monday afternoon, was held at Lebanon Church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. H. C. Fennell, officiating. Interment followed in the Lebanon Church cemetery.

Mr. Gilliam is survived by four sons, George Gilliam, Fort Smith, Ark.; Charles Gilliam, Watts; Robert Gilliam, and John Gilliam, the last two living at home, and three daughters, Mrs. Foster McLane, Abbeville; Mrs. C. L. Rock and Miss Tine Gilliam, both of whom live at home. He is also survived by two brothers, Henry Gilliam, Abbeville; and J. A. Gilliam of this county.

Mrs. J. T. Baskin.

Mrs. J. T. Baskin, Lowndesville, died Wednesday night at a hospital in Anderson. The body was brought to Lowndesville Thursday morning and the funeral was held from the home Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Winston Salem, Aug. 20.—Bankers and business men from all parts of the State are gathering here for the annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, the first session of which will be held tomorrow, at which it is expected Secretary of the Treasury Glass will make the principal address.

COMPROMISE ON PACT IS POSSIBLE

Republican Senators "Of the Same Opinion Still" Despite Elucidation By President Wilson—Can't Agree On What the Treaty Means—A Compromise May Be Accepted.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Anybody who expected the Republican senators who have been opposing President Wilson's ideas on the League of Nations to be overcome at once by the spell of presidential persuasion was doomed to disappointment. Anybody, who thought the senators would emerge from the White House conference and issue statements saying that they had been all wrong in their speeches of the last few weeks and that Mr. Wilson was right, doesn't understand senatorial psychology or the reverence with which the congressional mind holds consistency and inflexibility.

But whilst senators of the foreign relations committee were going around the capitol today saying they hadn't got a bit of information whilst other senators were wading through twelve to fifteen columns of reading matter on the presidential quiz of the day before, and whilst sundry statements were being issued saying not a vote had been changed and not an opinion previously held had been shattered, nevertheless one who watches senatorial maneuvers from year to year took with a grain of salt all these utterances and could not but conclude that President Wilson's offer of a compromise would eventually be accepted.

The debate brought out just one thing—that lawyers can't agree on what the treaty means and that language doesn't mean the same to two sets of minds when one set is Republican and the other is Democratic.

Laws Are Ambiguous.

Congress every day makes laws and puts language into them which produces law suits galore for generations to come. Mr. Wilson admits that there may be different interpretations today of America's future obligations under the proposed treaty. But he says to the senate "adopt a separate resolution embodying your understandings."

To the suggestion that Mr. Wilson's verbal assurances today and his private records and conversations with the other delegates at Paris would not be binding upon future ministries and parliaments and that without an excellent record thereof a dispute may easily arise as to what was said, the president offers a solution. He says the joint resolution adopted to accompany the peace treaty but not as a part of the act of ratification would be preserved for years to come and would always be a basis for future policy by the United States.

Big Land Sale.

Of considerable local interest is a real estate transfer of Tuesday by which the J. Allen Smith farm in Abbeville was bought by J. L. Tate, of Starr.

The Smith farm is one of the finest in that county, having very good house and outbuildings and a grade of land high above the average. The farm is 1,200 acres in size and was sold for \$30,000.

The deal was made through Geiger and Johnson.—Anderson Daily Mail.

COTTON MARKET. August 14.

New York Cotton Market.		
October	30.35	31.10
December	30.60	31.34
January	30.40	31.20
March	30.52	31.39
May	30.48	31.40
Abbeville Spots. No Market.		