

OWSLEY DENIES LEGION BACKS DEMPSEY-GIBBONS BATTLE

HOPE ENDS FOR EARLY RELEASE OF BANDITS' CAPTIVES

Brigands Take Prisoners 25
Miles Back Into Mountains.

By United Press
PEKING, May 16.—Hope for early release of the Americans and other foreigners held prisoner by Chinese bandits, disappeared today on receipt of information from Lee Cheng that the captives had been moved to a new camp twenty-five miles farther from the railroad.

Apparently their release is no nearer today than it was on May 6, the day of their capture.

Their removal deeper into the mountains renders it exceedingly difficult to send supplies of food and medicine which are needed.

The ministers of the powers disclaim responsibility, declaring their ultimatum to the Chinese government is not the cause of the bandits' defiant attitude, and that if their pressure were slackened, the government would cease its efforts to obtain release of the captives.

Fears are felt the captives will find the hardships increasing in the new location. It is in a wild desolate region, and probably lacks the facilities for comfort which the original bivouac afforded. It is difficult to find clean water in the vicinity of the new site.

W. J. BRYAN MUM ON CHURCH RACE

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churches to present Christianity to all those outside of the church. Christ's call was to all and we believe that His teachings and His alone can solve the problems that perplex individuals as well as nations.

"I would like to see the church decide to double its membership in the next ten years. Can it be done? I think it can. It would mean that each Christian would bring an average of one person into the church in the next ten years."

The General Assembly will officially open at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Calvin C. Hays, present moderator, will deliver his annual sermon and will preside at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Dr. Matthew F. Smith of the First Presbyterian Church and Dr. Frederick Taylor of the First Baptist Church will assist.

Following the devotional services the commissioners will meet at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at Tomlinson Hall for election of moderator. Assembly work will be continued Friday morning.

Will Hays Coming

Will Hays, who is a commissioner to the General Assembly, will arrive here Thursday noon from New York to make the principal address at Tomlinson Hall Thursday night in the interest of a \$15,000,000 pension fund for Presbyterian ministers.

At 5 p. m. at the Claypool Thursday the judicial committee will meet. These meetings are closed and matters considered will not be made public until Wednesday afternoon, May 23.

The evangelistic conferences which began Tuesday were concluded at noon today at the Second Presbyterian Church. Among the speakers were the Rev. Robert Littell of Philadelphia and the Rev. O. O. Inman of Milwaukee.

At the conference of city church executives at the Roberts Park M. E. Church, interest centered on building plans for city churches.

Various councils of the foreign and home missionary boards, which have been in session at the Claypool and the Lincoln since last Friday, were in closing sessions today.

THURSDAY PROGRAM

Election of Moderator Scheduled for
Afternoon Session.

Program for the Presbyterian general assembly sessions Thursday follows:

First Baptist Church
—Morning, 10:30 O'clock—
Opening sermon, the Rev. C. Hays, D. D.,
retiring moderator.

Constituting power
Tomlinson Hall
Session opened—2:30 O'clock—
Presenting of assembly docket.

Calling the roll.

Appointment of assistants nominated by the
stated clerk.

Election of moderator.

Induction of moderator-elect.

Election standing committees.

Election special committee to nominate
members of executive committee.

Adjournment order to meet Friday 9 a. m.,
and closing prayer.

—5 O'clock—
Permanent judicial commission convenes
for organization.

First Baptist Church
—4:30-6:30 O'clock—
Public reception to the general assembly
officers, commissioners, and visitors.
The committee on arrangements in charge.

—Evening, 7:45 O'clock—
Popular meeting under the direction of
the Board of Christian Relief and Sustenance
at Tomlinson Hall.

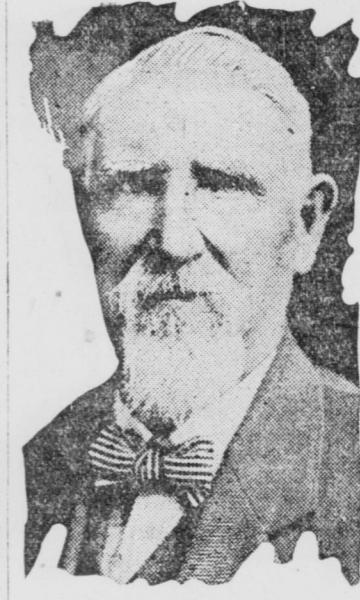
Will H. Hays will make the principal address.

Rotarians Inspect Union Station.

Members of the Indianapolis Rotary Club were shown through the Union Station by Pierce J. Landers, superintendent of the Indianapolis Union Railway Company. The trip was made to familiarize club members with work done in remodeling the station.

Shriners Buy Site
EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 16.—Hadie Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine completed negotiations today for the purchase of clubrooms here on Riverfront Ave. The purchase price was \$43,000.

Local Civil War Vet Buried at Lebanon



WILLIAM H. DICKS

Following funeral services today at 2221 Cushing St., his son's residence, the body of William H. Dicks, 83, Civil War veteran, was laid to rest in Lebanon, Ind. He died Monday, on his 83rd birthday.

HOT SPRINGS IS CLEARING AWAY RUINS OF FLOOD

No Lives Lost, Check-up
Shows—Property Damage
Is \$2,000,000.

By United Press
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 16.—The entire population of this city today aided officials in clearing the ruins caused by the disastrous flood and fire Monday night.

A mountain of debris scattered about the main streets and piled high about the doorways was removed by volunteers who worked throughout the night.

The city was still without electric lights, but it was hoped to restore service today.

Estimates made by the city engineering department placed the total property loss from the devastating storm at approximately \$2,000,000. Little of it was covered by flood insurance.

A company of the national guard patrolled the storm-swept district today to protect property.

Not a life was lost from flood or fire, a complete check-up also showed, although earlier reports placed the death toll at seventeen at least.

A woman and her two children were rescued from drowning after they had been rescued from an automobile caught in the torrents. Mrs. Kate Christianson, caught in an automobile when the waters swept down from the mountains suffered a fractured skull and may die.

While the water had disappeared from main boulevards about 100 small frame shacks in the lower part of the city still are inundated and the families have moved to higher grounds.

Trains in and out of Hot Springs were running practically normal.

FOUR HURT, FIVE CARS SMASHED IN VARIED ACCIDENTS

Two Autos in Head-on Crash
Without Serious Injury
to Drivers.

Four persons injured in accidents Tuesday were reported today as not seriously hurt. In six mishaps five automobiles were damaged.

The injured:

Alice Quinn, 3, of 2340 N. Pennsylvania St., cut and bruised on the face.

Jacob Patrick, 1410 N. Mount St., broken.

Lorraine Bailey, 8, of 2310 E. Tenth St., bruised.

Cecil Glatz, 22, Emerson Ave. and Thirty-Fourth St., bruised.

Two Cars Wrecked

Two automobiles were wrecked when they collided at Massachusetts Ave. and Sherman Dr., late Tuesday afternoon. Ray Plumber, 21, of 312½ Virginia Ave., was driving a car owned by Wallace D. Morris, 234½ Brookside Ave., southwest on Massachusetts Ave. Cecil Glatz, 22, Emerson Ave. and Thirty-Fourth St., going northeast on Massachusetts Ave. and Sherman Dr. The two automobiles crashed almost head-on. Plumber's car swerved into a telephone pole. Glatz was slightly bruised.

Small Child Hurt

Mrs. Margaret Quinn, 2340 N. Pennsylvania St., driving her automobile on Maryland St., near Pennsylvania St., Tuesday afternoon, collided with a S. East street car which was turning at Pennsylvania. The car was in charge of Motorman E. S. Carson, 11 S. Gray St. The automobile was damaged and Mrs. Quinn's daughter, Alice, 3, was cut and bruised.

An automobile truck driven by Harold Bunch, Minnesota and Buh Sts., was completely demolished when struck by a big Four engine, which was backing a cut of cars north on the railroad tracks, at Sixteenth and Missouri Sts., Tuesday afternoon. Bunch was uninjured. Sarah Woodfork, 714 N. Senate Ave., watchwoman at the crossing, told the police she had the stop sign up.

One Knocked Down

Jacob Patrick, 1410 Mount St., suffered a broken ankle Tuesday. While he was repairing a tire on his automobile, in the 1500 block in W. Sixteenth St., an automobile driven by Virgil Culahan, 1252 Haugh St., struck Patrick's car, catching him under the wheel.

War Cap Left

One of the proudest men in the encampment is Matthew Geiser. He is the proud possessor of one of those caps issued during the war—one of those things that look as if the wearer has been hit on the head.

"I'll give \$5 to any other man here who has a cap like this," he said. "I was mustered out in Indianapolis in '66 and I got this cap from the quartermaster when I was mustered out. I was in the 120th Indiana."

"We got orders to fall out for fifteen minutes of rest," replied John Owens of Richmond to a comrade who asked him why he wasn't "up and marching."

Goofie Looks Southern

Owens was talking to Alfred Sims of Richmond. Both were at Vicksburg and they had a lot of things to remember.

"When we got through there we knew we had seen something," said Owens.

Owens is one of the most picturesque characters in the convention. He has long hair and a goatee like—like a Kentucky colonel!

If you don't believe these boys have "pep," just bring the fife and drum corps around and let it play "Marching Through Georgia." Instantly every man is on his feet, every foot beating time and every cane tapping some of them even dance.

Drum Corps Unique

The fife and drum corps is a marvel. Every member is from a different town. Two of the members are not veterans, but they enjoy playing just the same. The members are W. P. Van Pelt, Monticello; Bert Page, Vaughnville, Ohio; R. G. Ping, Bluffton; William Doyle, Lebanon; William Elliott, Evansville, and William Henry, Boone County.

The man who sells Confederate money wasn't doing much business. The veterans don't think much of Confederate money.

"Shucks," said one of them, "I could have got a barrel of that stuff back in '65 for nothing."

Lawyer Says He Did Consider Marrying Pretty Parisian.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 16.—Marie Keith, pretty French girl, whose body was found bound in the bedchamber, committed suicide because H. Starr Giddings, a lawyer, married another woman.

Giddings, married three weeks ago, said the girl followed him to this country after meeting in Paris and admitted that for a time he "considered marrying her."

TWO GET FINES OF \$40

Pool Room Owner and Barber Convicted on Gambling Charges.

Fred Ferguson, 411 E. North St., proprietor of a pool room at 122 Indiana Ave., was fined \$40 and costs on a charge of keeping a gambling house and John Reed, 233 N. East St., barkeeper, was fined \$40 and costs on a charge of pool selling, by Ralph Updike, judge pro tem, in city court today.

Warrantenant Richter and Sergeant Tokey offered several pool selling books as evidence.

High Officials of G. A. R. Meet



Here are two of the "big guns" of the G. A. R. at the encampment in chief. McBride was a member of President Lincoln's personal escort and Willett was in the gunboat service. They are exchanging experiences.

Champion's War Record Is Scored—Commander Says
'Vets' Can Not Forget.

The American Legion is not connected in any way with the prize fight between Jack Dempsey and Tom Gibbons to be held July 4 at Shelby, Mont., according to a statement issued today by Alvin Owsley, national commander of the legion.

According to press dispatches the Montana Legion has sponsored the fight between Jack Dempsey and Tom Gibbons, State commander, is one of the promoters.

"It would be hard to believe that the American Legion would sponsor a contest in which Jack Dempsey is one of the participants," Owsley said. "Its members cannot forget the present heavyweight champion of the world remained safe in the shipyards in America while the finest men in our Nation were advancing in the face of almost certain death on the battlefields of Europe."

"The Legion will not be influenced by any promise that a hospital for disabled men will be built from a part of the proceeds of this fight. I believe that if a hospital is needed, patriotic citizens of Montana will find a more appropriate manner of raising funds for the relief of men who were disabled on the battle field while Dempsey was still thousand miles away."

BURGLARS SHOW FAVOR FOR PAY PHONES AS LOOT

Instrument Stolen From Drug
Store for Seventh Time
In One Year.

Five stores were entered early today by burglars who carried away pay telephones.

Seven times in one year the telephone at the G. C. Schaub drug store, Alabama and Eleventh Sts., has been stolen. The telephone was taken at 1:45 a. m. today by a tall man seen by H. H. Fletcher, proprietor of a bakery at 245 E. Eleventh St. Fletcher called police, but the burglar disappeared.

A glass was broken from the store window.

Schaub said there was \$10 in the cash box. He declared every theft of the telephone had occurred between the 12th and 20th of the month. Burglars usually select a date just before the pay box is emptied by the telephone company, police said.

Bud Long, proprietor of a dry bean store at 753 Indiana Ave., reported the window of his place smashed and a pay telephone containing \$18 was missing.

Leo Bond's drug store, 648 Indiana Ave., also was entered. Sergeant Fields at 5:30 a. m. discovered the window broken and a pay telephone missing.

Burglars entered the drug store of W. F. Craig, 930 N. Pennsylvania St., by breaking the front window, and took \$4 from the pay telephone.

Burglars who entered the Philipps Drug Company at 902 N. Illinois St., broke up the pay telephone, looted the stamp machine and took both money and stamps. Employees of the store could not estimate the loss.

Other pledges announced today:

Pennington Refining Company, \$64; employees Indianapolis Stove Company, \$47; employees City Trust Company, \$70; Meridian Heights Presbytarian Church, \$270; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, \$100; Julius Gardner Roofing, \$1,000; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Grover, \$500.

Caledon Gates, Laury, Van Nys and Burrows, \$100; John's Second Reformed Church, \$43; Avenue Avenue Baptist Church workers, \$12; St. John's Christian Church workers, \$12; Meridian Heights Presbytarian Church, \$30; South Side Workers of South Side Club, \$100; employees, \$100; J. H. Whitaker, \$100; Frank C. Oliver, \$100; Charles C. Palmer, \$100; Dr. and Mrs. Ross C. Ottiger, \$100; D. W. Kirchbaum, \$100; J. A. Gandy, \$100; Louis S. Sander, \$100; Julius C. Bradford, \$50; James Ross and three children, \$50; Dr. and Mrs. Harry H. Langston, \$50; Sesame Club, \$50.

NOTRE DAME MAKES
COMMENCEMENT PLANS

Mgr. J. M. Kirwin to Preach Baccalaureate Sermons.

By Times Special
SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 16.—Monsignor J. M. Kirwin, vicar-general of the diocese of Galveston, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Notre Dame June 10.

Commencement exercises will last three days. A committee of ten juniors will assist the faculty committee in arranging details.

Realtors Discuss Listing

Work of the multiple listing committee was discussed by Indianapolis realtors at the weekly luncheon at the Chamber of