WEATHER FORECAST
Nebraska—Partly cloudy Monday, not much change in temperature.

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PEKIN ACCEPTS BANDITS' TERMS

Co-eds to Be Quizzed in Mount Case

Authorities to Widen Investigation Into Death of Northwestern University Student Who Disappeared.

Believe Girls Will Talk

By Universal Service.

Chicago, May 13.—Pretty co-eds of Northwestern university will be questioned in connection with the investigation of the death of Leighton Mount and Louis Aubere.

The decision to question girls was reached at the state's attorney's office today, after Roscoe C. Fitch, former roommate of Mount, had been grilled for many hours. He claimed to know nothing of Mount's death but admitted he was present when Aubere died in an automobile crash.

Fitch told the authorities Dr. Walter Dill Scott had told fraternity leaders not to talk to anyone regarding the Aubere death.

"This indicates nothing more than a conspiracy of silence and we are going to make them talk," said John S. Barbaro, assistant state's attorney.

With revelations of Fitch before them the authorities determined to broaden the scope of the investigation to include the co-eds. The girls, it was believed, were "in on the secret" and possibly would talk more freely than the boys. It was expected subpoenas would be issued for the girls to appear before the grand jury.

Killed in Automobile.

What the authorities are anxious to establish is whether Fitch was telling the truth when he said Dr. Scott had ordered students not to talk of the Aubere death. According to Fitch, Aubere was being taken out for hazing. He was being held in an automobile and another car was rammed into it to frighten him. He was crushed to death. Fitch was standing on the running board of the death car, according to his statement.

Leighton Mount disappeared on September 22, 1921, in a class rush, two years previous to the tragic death of Louis Aubere, three weeks ago. The authorities believe the same secrecy was thrown about Mount's disappearance and death that veiled the death of Aubere.

The searching investigation into the Mount case has established that he participated in the class rush and was never again seen alive. That the skeleton found under a pier on Lake Michigan was that of the missing student is believed.

Evidence Points to Crime.

The authorities are now trying to establish how he came to his death. Facts so far revealed by interrogating scores of witnesses indicate that he was killed intentionally or accidentally, and his body hidden under the pier.

Chief Justice Harry Olson, of the Chicago municipal court, who is a trustee of Northwestern university, said that while the motive for the student's death is not clear, the facts do not indicate suicide. But the fact that the body was weighted down with rocks, on the contrary, points to a crime.

"The motive in this case is proved by the rocks piled upon his body," he said. "This means a death by criminal means. It does not prove, however, that the person who hid the body committed the crime. The stones prove that some outside agency was involved."

Judge Olson has been active in aiding the authorities in their attempt to solve the mystery. He said that Dr. Scott had not tried to hide anything.

"He hasn't been trying to hide anything," Judge Olson said. "He had his right to his belief that Mount was a suicide. Of course, later details do not point that way."

Trustees Support Scott.

Dr. Scott will not be asked to resign from the university, Judge Olson stated.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of Northwestern Saturday voted approval of Dr. Scott's stand.

"The trustees of the university are unanimously with and behind President Scott," the resolution said. "When the conclusion of the present grand jury investigation permits a review of the facts in regard to hazing at Northwestern university, we believe every act of the president in the matter will meet with approval."

More than 50 witnesses are still to be examined, according to a statement at the state's attorney's office.

The statements made by Fitch were checked over today and will be in shape Monday for the grand jury. The authorities admitted Fitch was badly confused, that he was nearly a nervous wreck at the end of the questioning and that he could hardly be held responsible for all that he said. Yet, they believe, some of his statements will furnish "leads" that will prove valuable.

Plot to Assassinate Marshal Foch Unearthed

By Universal Service.

Vienna, May 13.—The Lemberg police have unearthed a plot originating with bolshevists in the Ukraine to attempt the assassination of Marshal Foch, who is making a tour of Poland.

Thirty of the plotters have been arrested and several bombs have been seized.

Latest U. S. Treasury Issue Oversubscribed

By Universal Service.

Washington, May 13.—Subscriptions to last week's offering of $400,000,000 or thereabouts of 4 3-4 per cent treasury notes total about $1,000,000,000, Secretary Mellon announced today.

The subscription books closed Saturday, except for exchanges of 4 3-4 per cent Victory notes, which were reserved in the official circular announcing the offering.

"Exchanges are proceeding satisfactorily," said Mr. Mellon, "and the books for exchange subscriptions will remain open a few days longer in order to give holders of the 4 3-4 per cent Victory notes throughout the country additional time in which to make the exchange."

The notes are dated March 15, 1923, maturing March 15, 1927.

John Bull Invites Berlin to Offer New Payment Plan

Note Serves Notice on France That Great Britain Intends to Take Part in Final Settlement.

By Universal Service.

London, May 13.—Lord Curzon's note was forwarded to Germany today on a through steamer. While expressing "deep dissatisfaction and disappointment at the proposals offered by Berlin to settle a problem which is gravely disturbing political and economic conditions of Europe and the world," the British note strikes a strong note for peace by issuing a direct invitation to Berlin to make a new offer.

The note also serves notice on France that in the final settlement Britain intends to take a part and has no intention of abandoning claims to reparations. This is the forcible declaration of Lord Curzon, who admits that his speech in parliament inspired the German offer, and it is accepted here as a warning that Britain is determined not to be longer ignored by Premier Poincare.

Text of Note.

Lord Curzon's exact words, couched in diplomatic language, but which admit of no other interpretation, follow:

"The British government is persuaded that in its own interests, Germany will see the advantage of displaying greater readiness to grapple with the realities of the case, and discarding all irrelevant or controversial issues, proceed to reconsider such a way as to convert them into a feasible basis for further discussion.

"Britain will, at the suitable moment, be ready to take part by the side of its allies with whom it shares a practical interest in the settlement of the question, an interest which it has no intention to abandon, as well as a desire to terminate a situation of international peril.

"It cannot conceal from Germany, however, that as the first step toward the realization of any such hope a contribution much more serious is required than any which has yet been forthcoming."

Italian Note Differs.

The Italian answer, which is expected to reach diplomatic circles here tonight, differs from the British note, ascribing the genesis of the German offer to Italian diplomacy. It also mentions the interallied debts.

The Daily News, commenting on the British note to Germany, says:

"Germany's clue today is to play up to Lord Curzon's lead and submit a comprehensive, water-tight scheme which will convince the world of its determination to find a way out which reasonable men can accept. It should lose no time in the operation."

Posses Search for Youth Wanted for Slaying Father

Durant, Okla., May 13.—Blood hounds in charge of a sheriff's posse are scouring the Red river bottoms in this section for Jim Scroggins, who is alleged to have killed his father, John Scroggins, at their home 12 miles south of here. Young Scroggins is said to have shot his father when the latter attempted to prevent him from operating a whisky still on the farm. It is believed the fugitive escaped into Texas.

Man Charged With Killing Officer Sentenced to Hang

By Universal Service.

Chicago, May 13.—Walter Krauser, charged with killing Ralph Souders, a police officer, while attempting to hold up a store, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury today and sentenced to hang. Bernard Grant, Krausers's accomplice in the crime, was sentenced to hang several months ago.

Omaha Youth Is Voted Most Popular Member of Class at Princeton

Princeton, N. J., May 13.—Howard K. Gray of Omaha, president of the senior class at Princeton, was voted the "most representative Princetonian," the most popular member of the class and the member who had done the most for it by his fellow-seniors, Senior Statistics, published by the class, announced.

John R. Martin of Winnetka, Ill., chairman of the Daily Princetonian and secretary of the class, was voted the "best all-around man outside of athletics."

James E. Davis, Clarksburg, W. Va., was declared to be the "handsomest man," and William Taylor, Norfolk, Va., the "best dressed."

Refunding Proposal Is Strike Snag

Belgium Claims Agreement Made With President Wilson Releases Nation From Payment of War Debt.

Other Powers Also Balk

By Universal Service.

Washington, May 13.—Discussion of the Franco-Belgian suggestion in connection with the reparations dispute, for cancellation of their debts to the United States, disclosed that Belgium has refused from the outset even to consider a settlement, on the claim that the agreement made with former President Wilson at Paris releases it from payment.

France likewise has not been budged from its attitude of last year, when M. Parmentier came to Washington and informed the world war debt funding commission that the French government would not enter into a funding arrangement on any terms at that time and would not set a date when it would be willing to talk settlement.

Roumania is a third one of the debtor governments, it is now learned, that has announced to the American commission its intention to ignore indefinitely its war debt. The excuse offered in this case is inability to pay even the interest. Insistence on funding negotiations, therefore, came to naught.

Four-Cornered Agreement.

The agreement with former President Wilson on which Belgium now is relying, was a four-cornered affair formulated outside the Versailles treaty, with France and Great Britain also participating.

President Wilson transmitted it to congress for ratification on February 22, 1921, just before his retirement from the White House. It was in the form of a letter to the Belgian premier, M. Hymans, signed by Mr. Wilson and Premiers Clemenceau of France and Lloyd George of Great Britain.

The matter was referred to the senate finance and house ways and means committees, without discussion and has slept there since. President Harding did not renew the recommendation of his predecessor that the proposition be approved by congress.

Belgian Debt $450,000,000.

The amount of Belgium's debt to the United States up to the armistice, according to President Wilson's message, was $171,780,000. Loans made after November 11, 1918, and accrued interest since April 15, 1919, the last date on which any interest was paid—and that out of a fresh loan for the purpose—have brought the Belgian obligation up to $450,000,000.

But the Belgan government, it was said, has steadfastly declined to enter into a discussion of settlement of the post-armistice part of the debt unless and until the American funding commission provides for carrying out the Wilson agreement.

The commission has pointed out, in reply, that the president was without authority to commit the United States to the agreement without congressional sanction. The agreement itself merely was that acceptance of German reparation bonds in payment of the Belgian debt up to November 11, 1918, would be recommended to the respective governments.

Claim Without Foundation.

The American commission is understood, moreover, to have emphatically reminded Belgium that it undoubtedly was fully aware of this situation and its claim for a release from payment, therefore, was without foundation.

Belgium has done nothing since this pronouncement, and the matter has been at an impasse for several months.

France's debt with accrued interest now is nearly $4,000,000,000, Roumania owes, in principal and interest, approximately $50,000,000. Like Belgium, neither France nor Roumania has paid any interest since April 15, 1919, when fresh loans were obtained to meet the semiannual installment then falling due.

Interest payments on all the war debts were deferred by the United States for three years from April 15, 1919, but since this moratorium expired, more than a year ago, these powers have made no move towards meeting their obligations.

Members of the funding commission frankly are puzzled as to what course of action should be pursued.

Poincare Sends Greeting to Mothers of America

Philadelphia, May 13.—Premier Poincare of France cabled a message message of greetings to the mothers of greetings to the mothers of America on the eve of "Mother's day."

"I send my best wishes to the mothers of America," said the premier's message. "We are close to them on this great day."

The message was addressed to Miss Anna Jarvis, pioneer in the "Mother's day" movement.

Train Hits Auto; Two Dead.

Collinsville, Ill., May 13.—Two men were killed and one man was seriously injured when a motor truck in which they were riding collided with an eastbound interurban express car just east of here.

The dead: John Sharpe, 45, truck farmer, and Charles Butler, both of Fairmont City, Ill. Raymond Sharpe, 17, was injured.

Autoist Runs Car Into Embankment to Miss Striking Another Machine

Harvey Rathbone, W. L. Bates and Richard A. Russell, Lincoln, Active in U. of N. Affairs, Unhurt in Smashup—Report Out They Were Killed.

In order to avoid strinking another automobile Harvey Rathbone, 40, Lincoln, drove his Cadillac touring car into an embankment at a turn in the Lincoln highway one mile west of Millard at 3:30 yesterday afternoon.

W. L. Bates, 37, Lincoln, regent of the University of Nebraska, and Richard A. Russell, 35, Lincoln, manager of the Holland Lumber company, occupants of the machine with Mr. Rathbone, were uninjured. They have been fraternity brothers since student days at the university.

The three men were driving to Omaha. It is said the automobile approached the turn at a rapid rate of speed. A small car loaded with occupants was ahead of the Rathbone car. It was a question of Mr. Rathbone either colliding with the machine ahead or running into the embankment.

He swerved his car and it plunged head-first against the solid dirt wall, the front part plowing its way into embankment.

The report spread that Rathbone and Bates both prominent in civic and business affairs at Lincoln, were fatally injured; that one was killed outright, that the other died while being brought to Omaha, while the extent of Russell's injuries was undetermined.

After being brought to Omaha the men telephoned Eugene Holland, Thirty-sixth street and Dewey avenue, informing him of the accident and saying they were uninjured. The yregistered at Hotel Fontenelle.

It is understood the trio were coming to Omaha to discuss plans for the proposed stadium at the state university. Rathbone, a former star athlete at the university, is a prominent realtor of Lincoln and is active in Chamber of Commerce affairs. Bates is manager of the Dodge Auto Sales company.

Bates, whose home formerly was at Kimball, was at one time a member of the legislature from Cheyenne county.

U. S. Commission to Present Case to Mexico Today

Early Agreement on Differences Between American and Obregon Governments Is Predicted.

By Universal Service.

Mexico City, May 13.—The American commission for recognition of Mexico will formally place its case before the Obregon government Monday when the agenda for the coming conference is submitted.

Charles B. Warren, head of the American commission, wishes to avoid stating anything that will be construed as the maximum or minimum of acceptable terms.

On the contrary, when he meets with the Mexican commissioners he will tell them in friendly terms of the attitude of the United States in regard to oil lands and estates acquired prior to 1917.

This view is to be so liberal, it is learned, that it is believed the two bodies will shortly agree.

It is stated on the highest authority that Mr. Warren and his coworker, John Barton Payne, will not attempt to dictate or suggest changes in Mexican status that are not compatible with Mexican tradition and policy.

They have a good understanding of the differences that exist and will give them the fullest consideration.

The commission is having a pleasant time here. The home placed at their disposal is palatial. The want for nothing, so far as physical comfort is concerned, and they find plenty of time for golf.

At the first session, it is anticipated, each side will move with great caution in stating their case. It is emphasized that they would rather devote unlimited time to adjustments than to make statements at the outset which they cannot hope to see accepted.

President to Spend Two Weeks in Alaska

By International News Service.

Washington, May 13.—President Harding will spend two weeks in Alaska in July, touring the entire southwestern part of the territory by rail and automobile, according to additional plans laid for his western trip.

Mr. Harding will take with him on his dash into the far north three of his cabinet officers, most directly concerned with Alaska affairs—Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Secretary of the Interior Work. Together they will go over the problems of cutting Alaskan red tape, which Alaskans themselves have declared is throttling development of the country.

Material will be gathered for an Alaskan bill which, in all probability, will be introduced in the 68th congress with the intention of opening up the vast territory to attractive settlement.

Turks at Peace Parley Ask Police Protection

Lausanne, May 13.—The authorities of the canton of Vaud, of which this city is the capital, are taking measures to suppress any demonstrations by the extremists in consequence of the assassination of the soviet envoy Vorovsky.

A proclamation has been issued interdicting all mass meetings in the street or public squares and forbidding any processions organized with political significance.

Rumors of possible attempts on the lives of the Turkish delegates by discontented Armenians and Greeks today caused the Angora representatives to request additional police protection.

Senior Glee Club of High School on Radio Program

Senior glee clubs of Central High school will present the program to be broadcast at 9 Monday night by station WOAW, Woodmen of the World.

Those on the program are Harry Frysell, Eileen Chiles, Herbert Westerfield, Maurice McMasters, Howard Elliott, Kenneth Seeley, Maude Mun-

Decision in Sugar Fight Unlikely Before October

Supreme Court Must Make Special Dispensation to Reach Injunction Suit at Present Term.

Washington, May 13.—Arguments of the government's injunction suit against the New York Sugar exchange in the supreme court before next October appears improbable, despite arrangements made for an immediate appeal. Unless the supreme court grants an unusual dispensation for immediate hearings, the appeal will go over, with hundreds of others, until the new October term.

All supreme court arguments for the present term were terminated last Monday, to prepare for the usual cleanup of decisions prior to the court's summer adjournment, June 11. The government still has the privilege of asking for a hearing before adjournment but Department of Justice officials said tonight that such a step appeared improbable. A definite decision will be reached upon the return, early next week of Assistant Attorney General Seymour, who has personal charge of the sugar suit.

Action which will at least bring the appeal to the supreme court docket before its summer vacation is regarded by officials as assured. Attorney General Daugherty having declared the case would be handled in the quickest possible time. The court still is receiving motions and the filing of the appeal papers would be in order, even if argument had to be postponed until fall.

There is a prospect that another important government appeal from the recent decision of Federal Judge Knox in New York, holding void the Volstead act limitations non liquor prescriptions, also will be perfected before the court's adjournment next month.

Bodies Believed to Be Lost Aviators Found

San Diego, Cal., May 31.—Two bodies, supposed to be those of Col. Francis Marshall, former chief of cavalry of the army, and Lieut. Charles Webber, aviator, who disappeared while flying from San Diego toward Tucson, Ariz., December 7, were found in the Cuyamaca mountains of this county.

As soon as the report reached this city, Maj. Henry Arnold, commanding Rockwell field, from which Webber took his last flight, having Colonel Marshall as a passenger, organized a party to visit the scene and try to identify the bodies and the machine, in whose wreckage the bodies lay. He expressed little doubt that the bodies were those of Colonel Marshall and Lieutenant Webber.

The machine in which the two dead aviators were found had been burned. Nothing was left but the skeletons of the two men.

Bertha Krupp Given Four Days to Quit Villa on Ruhr

By Universal Service.

Essen, May 13.—Bertha Krupp, daughter of the founder of the Krupp works and wife of Herr Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, head of the firm, sentenced this week to 15 years imprisonment by a French military tribunal, has been included in the new "French offensive."

She has been given four days to get out of her famous villa at Huethe Ruhr were reported.

Several outbreaks of sabotage in the Ruhr were reported today.

Lincoln Woman Named Head of State History Teachers

Lincoln, May 13.—Laura B. Pfeiffer, associate professor of European history at the University of Nebraska, was elected president of the State History Teachers' association at the closing session here.

Prof. J. L. Taylor of Doane college, Crete, was elected vice president, and Margaret Davis of the Lincoln High school, secretary-treasurer.

Charges of W. C. T. U. Stir Omaha

Ministers, Club Women and Others Condemn Judge Wappich for Practices in Police Court.

One Body Defends Him

Official, professional and ministerial Omaha stood agog Saturday over the charges made by a Women's Christian Temperance union committee against the alleged methods of Municipal Judge W. F. Wappich in central police court.

Members of the clergy who were interviewed were firmly opposed to "jazzing up justice" with witticisms, either clever or of the "coarse" variety described by the committee.

City commissioners were somewhat inclined to take the matter lightly, one of them declaring that Judge Wappich is quite a "kidder."

Committee Supported.

Women prominent in club circles generally hesitated to commit themselves, although several expressed confidence in the veracity of the members of the committee.

In the meantime the Women's Christian Temperance union shows no inclination to allow the matter to drop.

"The organization is solidly behind the committee and its report," said Dr. Jennie Callfas, president of the union. "The women on the committee are above reproach. The remarks they say Judge Wappich made are perfectly awful, and I don't consider that a man who would make them is fit to be a judge.

"Before making its report the committee had legal advice, and its investigation will not have been in vain, for the members know what steps may be taken. There is a special meeting of the union called for Tuesday afternoon, at which time the report will be considered, resolutions prepared and further action planned."

Judge Defends Self.

Judge Wappich vigorously defended himself against the charges, declaring the women were simply shocked at the police court environment, and that the language is quite dignified.

The judge found support in the Nebraska Progressive club, members of which met Friday night, after the charges had been made public. A committee made up of Sam Klaver, J. Alprin, D. L. Smernoff and J. Garfinkle, appointed to investigate, reported that Judge Wappich's methods are above reproach and that he is the sort of a judge needed in a police court.

The report made by the investigating committee, charges Judge Wappich with disrespect for national and state laws; undue levity in his comment on the cases before him; laxity in the discharge of his duties; pronunciation of inaccurate and unwarranted decisions; utterance of coarse, ungentlemanly and un-American remarks and failure to give careful consideration of evidence.

"Without knowing the circumstances first hand I would hesitate to make a statement," said Mrs. H. C. Sumney, prominent suffrage and Woman's club worker. "Of course I know the women on the committee and I consider them of the highest type, but, then things sound differently to other people."

Investigator Lauded.

"I scarcely know Judge Wappich, but I have the greatest confidence in the judgment of Mrs. W. T. Graham, who is one member of the women's committee with whom I have worked."

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Boys Arrested With Bailey Girl Get Suspended Sentences

Harold Hansen, 19, Waterloo, Ia.; Walter Smith, Griggsville, Pa., and Stern and Charles Smith of Whitehaven, Pa., received five-day suspended sentences in South Omaha police court Saturday following their arrest in company with Vera Baily, "Queen of the Road."

The quintet were detained by South Side police while going to Denver, where Miss Bailey, whose home is in Iowa, planned to visit her mother. Miss Bailey was held at central station for medical examination.

German Security Holders File $21,000,000 Claim

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Washington, May 13.—Holders of German securities have organized and presented a claim before the German-American mixed claims commission for $21,000,000. They charge Germany has wilfully depreciated the mark. This does not begin to register the amount of securities held in this country. It is presumed members of the organization are made up largely of Germans of American citizenship.

Policemen Search Dump for Body of Lost Officer

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, May 13.—A squad of police were digging for the body of Patrolman Denis Griffin in a dump on a river bed in the southeastern section of the city. Griffin, who was kidnaped by John L. Whitfield after Whitfield had been placed under arrest Friday morning on a charge of stealing an automobile, has not been seen since he entered an automobile to drive with the prisoner to a police station.

Author of "Poison Pen" Letters Is Mystery

New York, May 13.—District Attorney Banton admitted that he did not know the identity of the author of obscene "poison pen" letters which have been sent through the mails to 140 socially prominent persons here and in other eastern cities.

"We do not know yet who wrote the letters or who mailed them," he said after a conference with Nathan Burkan, counsel for George Maxwell, leader in social and musical spheres, indicted by the grand jury charged with sending the letters.

Mr. Maxwell, it was said in a cable dispatch to the New York World, will sail from London next Thursday rather than face possibility of extradition proceedings.

Rohrer Pleased With Campaign Against Liquor

Reports to Chief Shows Juries Satisfactory and Co-Operation Between Federal and Local Officers.

By GEORGE F. AUTHIER.
Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee

Washington, May 13.—"Work of juries throughout the state continues good," reports Director U. S. Rohrer of Nebraska to Federal Prohibition Commissioner R. A. Haynes. "During the month, we have worked successfully in two outlying districts in the state in co-operation with state enforcement department with excellent results.

"In Omaha, the federal authorities, city police and sheriff are co-operating. The police and sheriffs will practically care for the petty offenders leaving us free for larger operations."

Press Is Fairer.

The press of the state is not openly antagonistic to the full enforcement of the prohibition laws. It would seem that a fairer attitude toward national prohibition is assumed by these papers, heretofore unfriendly.

"The efficient work of my agents continued. Ten stills were taken during the month, 335 gallons of moonshine whisky, 3,600 gallons of mash and three autos seized.

Liquor is Destroyed.

"We are now, under order of Judge Woodrough, destroying all seized liquor and evidence as soon as same is no longer needed as evidence. We can now report no liquor on hand except that held for evidence in pending cases.

In general, the outlook in Nebraska is optimistic. The police department in Omaha is more active in prohibition enforcement than formerly. A number of new sheriffs over the state are putting "vim" into their law enforcement program, and the state force, under former Federal Agent Carroll, is working fine and in hearty co-operation with his office."

Tornado Sweeps Tennessee Town

Three Injured and Scores Made Homeless—Powder Plant Damaged.

Nashville, Tenn., May 13.—One man may die, two are less seriously injured and a score of persons are homeless as a result of a tornado which struck Edenwold, a small town five miles from here, and swept on with full force to the former Old Hickory Powder plant, two miles ahead. The total damage is estimated at $100,000.

Greatest damage was done at Old Hickory, formerly the largest powder plant in the world, where 25 sections or powder storage buildings were destroyed and 5,000,000 pounds of powder exposed, possibly beyond recovery.

At Edenwold six homes two stores, a school house and the postoffice were wrecked, the Louisville and Nashville station was unroofed and barns were blown down.

Witnesses said the tornado came with aparently less than a minute's warning and within another moment had passed through the village, demolishing buildings and subsequently striking the government powder plant. The velocity of the wind was said to have been 100 miles an hour.

Woman Says Father Gave House of David $50,000

Mansfield, O., May 13.—Miss Esther Witter, who for 18 years lived in the House of David colony at Benton Harbor, Mich., left here in the company of Attorney General Andrew R. Dougherty of Michigan, to testify in the investigation of the cult.

She said her parents went to the settlement 20 years ago and turned over $50,000 to the head of the cult.

Her father died when she was 2 years old, she said, and her mother, through grief at the loss of her husband and their money, went insane.

The girl came to Mansfield last September. She said she had received no education, that she could not read or write, did not know "right from wrong" and had never seen knives and forks used for eating.

The Weather

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	45	1 p. m.	65
6 a. m.	46	2 p. m.	67
7 a. m.	48	3 p. m.	68
8 a. m.	51	4 p. m.	67
9 a. m.	55	5 p. m.	67
10 a. m.	58	6 p. m.	66
11 a. m.	61	7 p. m.	65
12 noon	62	8 p. m.	64

Outlaws to Free Half of Captives

Brigands Propose to Hold Part of Prisoners as Hostages, Report From Lincheng Says.

Relief Band Near Lair

By Associated Press.

Pekin, May 13.—The ministry of communications received a message today from its representatives at Lincheng, that the government has notified the bandits of its agreement to their terms. The bandits therefore, propose to release half the captives, holding the others as hostages.

Shanghai, May 13.—The release of all foreigners held captive in the Shantung hills back of Lincheng, is momentarily expected, according to a message received at 12:20 today, by Max Friedman at Tsaochwang, from his brother Leon Friedman, one of the men kidnaped by Chinese bandits the Shanghai-Pekin express last Sunday.

Friedman, a business man of Shanghai, reports that the relief expedition is now only 10 miles from the camp where the captives are being held by the Chinese bandits.

Urge Troop Withdrawal.

Majors Roland Pinger and Robert Allen of Manila, in a letter carried from the bandit camp to Tientsin by their sons, Roland Pinger, jr., and Robert Allen, jr., again urge the prompt withdrawal of troops. The letter says:

"If troops are not withdrawn in three days, we are threatened with the worst.

"Delay is extremely dangerous. Until we are liberated, employ every means to prevent firing for this probably will precipitate our fate. We need European food."

Mrs. Manuel Versa, who is being held captive with her husband, was offered her freedom today, but refused to leave her husband, according to a report here.

Compare Bandits to Klan.

Pekin, May 13.—Ku Hung-Ming, leterary genius, author and monarchist, in an editorial in the North China Standard here today, refers to the experiences of the women kidnaped by Chinese bandits from the Shanghai-Pekin express last Sunday as a "little fox trot over the rocky hills."

Ku Hung Ming ridicules foreign writers for expressing indignation over the Linchung raid, as "howling treaty portsnobs." He compares the bandits to the Ku Klu Klan in America, after the civil war. He says:

"Foreigners and the foreign press have been calling on the people of hina to rise and put down the made-believe government at Pekin. In consequence the chambers of commerce held indignation meetings and the students paraded the streets and smashed windows of the state ministers.

"All activities of these 'patriots' have been of no avail against the make-believe government—the foreign loan making machine.

End Corrupt Government.

"Now, at last, the real people of China—heroes of Chinese romance—rise up to do what foreigners and the foreign press have been saying should be done—put an end to the corrupt make-believe government at Pekin.

"In order to understand why heroes of Chinese romance have been obliged to make foreign ladies do a little fox trot, barefooted, over the hills at Shantung, one must remember the organization in America, after the civil war, called the Ku Klux Klan."

Ku Hung Ming says the object of the Ku Klux Klan was to scare carpetbaggers and negroes. The object of the bandits, he says, is to warn foreigners and diplomats not to protect, patronize, or pet the queueless negroes of China, who have in their hands the power to bring the country to rack and ruin.

Power Companies Fight for Contract at Beatrice

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Beatrice, Neb., May 13.—There is a new phase in the fight here between the Black Flour Mills company, which was recently awarded a contract to furnish electric current to this city, and the Nebraska Gas and Electric company, when the latter concern filed with the commissioners a proposition that they be permitted to submit at the special election to be held June 19 a contract to furnish current for a five-year period to the city at 2½ cents a kilowatt.

It obligates the city to furnish at cost the labor for making the street lighting extensions and prohibits it from using its own generating plant except in emergency. Under the terms of the agreement, the city cannot buy electricity from any other company.

Girl Dies Half Hour After Getting University Degree

Berkeley, Cal., May 13.—Miss Wilma Ruth Reyburn, 22, a member of the graduating class at the University of California, was presented with her degree Friday night in the university infirmary and died a half hour later.

Miss Reyburn a daughter of the Rev. Clinton H. Reyburn of San Francisco, collapsed this week during the final examinations and was removed to the infirmary. During her illness she expressed the fear that she would not receive her degree next Wednesday.