

## SARDINIA LOSES HERO BRIGANDS

### Rescue Figures Passing as Result of New Police Campaign.

Some—Sardinians look on their rescues as heroes and betray a feeling of regret over the passing of these rescue figures owing to the strict law of the island during the last years. "There are only a few outlaws left in the mountains of Nuoro," Sardinians said recently, "as the bold ones have long since been caught in the net, and those remaining are small fish, and they will soon lose it and give themselves up."

The impression one gains in discussing brigandage with the people of the island is that, while these defiers of law are second in the popular imagination to the legendary heroes, all real their day is over. An intensive campaign begun about a year ago by the authorities to clear the mountains of Nuoro of outlaws similar to that undertaken in Sicily during the rooting out of the Mafia. It took months, or even years, but fate of these brigands is practically sealed.

**Six Thousand to Capture One.** Possibly they will die fighting for relatives, or be surrounded, as in the case of Samuele Stocchino, of the cleverest brigands of modern times. His death when he was 27 made a hero of him, as in the case of Stocchino, it was necessary to surround the mountains above Arzana with 6,000 men, who closed all roads to escape.

Very few know Stocchino's history throughout Sardinia, and in the town of Nuoro he is second in fame only to the patron saint of the island, Saint Ois. His history has one detail in common with that of all brigands: he suffered himself wronged. He had fought valiantly during the World War, much so that he received a silver medal. After long service at the front he returned home and found that his wife and sisters were not receiving the pension to which he was entitled. He decided not to return to the front, but to remain on the island and fight them. Orders were issued for his arrest, but he escaped to the mountains and became an outlaw. When the word reached him that some one had notified the police about his hiding place he swore vendetta against the man, and to his first offense of shooting he added several murders which were committed in Barbaglia astra.

There was one man who gave information that almost cost Stocchino his liberty. His name was Niedo. Stocchino warned his friends and followers, "Niedo must die. I have sworn it." It was not a simple death he needed for his former friend. He first shot him in an ambush. Then he tried to shoot him as he was in a cave, but having shot him threw his body into the pits.

**Family Swore Vendetta.** The Niedo family swore a vendetta against the whole family of Stocchino. News of this was brought to him in his hiding place. He never worried himself, but he feared for his wife and sisters, as well as his children. He decided to visit the village and to keep indoors. He was singing down a road in the vicinity of the village when he saw three children playing. He asked two of them if they were related to Niedo, and they replied no. The youngest, not recognizing the man, answered yes. He drew his knife and stabbed her. The two others rushed away to bring news to the village. The authorities redoubled their efforts to bring him to his capture. It was decided that certain number of military police should disguise themselves as shepherds and strive to find the hiding place of the brigand.

**Escaped Traps of Police.** Three times they thought they had cornered, and three times he escaped through their fingers. The police were baffled. One man, Vittorio, of Ulassai, received a letter from Stocchino warning him that unless he brought him 10,000 lire he would be shot. The brigand said he was weary of the continual police attacks and wanted to get off to Corsica. With 10,000 lire he could live on the island.

Vittorio was not anxious to be asked to pay the sum demanded. In desperate straits, he suggested a friend to take the woods and play a part of the outlaw. The latter agreed and made for a part of the mountain far removed from Stocchino. He was brought later to Stocchino and there was a man in hiding. The man went over to the part of the mountain where the new outlaw was, so he could take a good look at him. "Who are you?" he asked. "You can talk freely. I shall not betray you. I have my own vendetta. Remember before I became a murderer I was a victim of man's injustice." The newcomer gave him his name and said that he was hiding from the police as he was accused of stealing from a pig in the nearby province, but that he was innocent. "If I am taken into prison, I shall never be able to clear myself." This appealed to the brigand, and they agreed to meet during the night. When darkness came, and they sat in a cave close together, Stocchino unburdened himself of all his troubles. He seemed almost too good to be true. He who had kept his own counsel

for so many years should now tell a new-found friend his plans for the next day. "I am going down to Arzana and paste up some notices regarding those two carcasses who spied on me, and then I think I shall return here," he said.

**Plans Sent to Police.** How the pseudo-outlaw managed to get a letter down to Arzana is not known, but the police were warned. Never before had the brigand fulfilled his program. Usually he did the opposite to what he had planned. But this time he followed the plans he had outlined.

The police had received the order from Rome that Stocchino must be caught, dead or alive. Six thousand military police and national guards surrounded the woods, leaving not a stretch of this district unprotected. Stocchino, unconscious of the large numbers, walked down the mountain road toward Arzana.

Suddenly he felt he was being watched and made for the upper slope of the mountain. Here again he saw shadows. He had a secret hiding place, a cave, and he knew if he could only reach it in time (it had loopholes with many guns) he could keep a large force at bay. But every step was watched. Then he decided to kill as many of his pursuers as he could and to die fighting.

**Body Taken to Church.** The price on his head was \$10,000. And besides this the carabinieri who were hunting him remembered that twenty of their companions had been killed during the nine years' campaign to catch him.

Hidden behind a tree at first, and afterwards in the branches, he fought, but soon he fell dead at the foot of the tree. His body was carried to the police station, and later to the church. When his body was laid out in the chapel, all the villagers walked past the bier, kissing the feet of the dead man as a sign that they had forgiven him.

While outlawry in Sardinia is centuries old, in modern times it has been confined to mountainous districts of Nuoro, as here there are woods, hills and caves as hiding places. It was here during the World War that the deserters could live and evade arrest. It has been estimated that more than 100 soldiers found this district a good place to live in. Once they chose to become brigands their friends and relatives were bound to help them, not only by supplying them with what they needed but also by warning them when the police were on their track.

### Hobo Arrested; Defaced Signs at Rendezvous

Upland, Calif.—Out-of-town hoboes are becoming a bit "snooty" over the scenery surrounding their rendezvous adjacent to the Santa Fe railroad tracks.

When Dallas Chapman, twenty-one, tramp from Minnesota, was arrested by Chief of Police J. F. Sawyer for destroying signs recently placed near the "Whites" jungle, Chapman said that it had been a place for bums so long that the general public has no right to deface its beauty by erecting signs near it.

The priority rights plea fell on deaf ears, and Chapman was lodged in jail.

### Led to the Altar, Then Will Not Take Vows

Lawton, Okla.—You can lead the bride to the altar, but you can't make her get married.

A couple and several friends called on Justice of the Peace G. W. Horn. The couple wanted to be married, they said.

The party and the court clerk went to the courthouse to procure a license. Just as the license was about to be delivered the would-be bride said she was not going to be married.

And she was not.

### French Farmers Seek Right to Kill Larks

Paris.—The lark, the symbol of poets and favorite dish of epicures, has lost prestige in France, where a movement has just been started for its extermination.

As a result of losses to agriculture caused by larks sweeping down from the skies and making a meal on newly sown wheat seeds, deputies representing the farming districts of the country have asked for a revision of the hunting laws to bring about a more general slaughter of these birds.

### Chinese View Plane as Deadly Dragon

Hankow.—There is at least one district in interior China where the airplane is regarded as the greatest enemy of mankind and is given the name of the most wicked creature known in Chinese mythology.

One of the American-imported planes recently flew over Shenchow, an ancient city in West Hunan, on its way to the fighting front. The populace in the district had never seen or heard of an airplane and when the machine sped above the clouds with its roaring noise a great consternation was caused.

"This must be the nine-headed bird," the farmers and the local gentry shouted and they took no chance. Immediately the whole town turned out and with gongs and cymbals they started to frighten away the mysterious monster.

## FIND SERUM FROM SHEEP DESTROYS CANCER TISSUES

### San Francisco Surgeons Have Some Success With New Method of Treatment.

San Francisco.—What appears to be one of the most important steps in the fight against cancer has been taken in this city by two eminent surgeons, working at the Southern Pacific General hospital.

Drs. Walter Bernard Coffey and John D. Humber have discovered a serum that kills the malignant tissues. They call it non-technically "the cancer-killing serum."

The treatment consists of injections in the patient's body of a serum extract.

The serum, Doctors Coffey and Humber said, is a potent extract from a special portion of the cortical region of the suprarenal or adrenal gland of the sheep, and when injected into the human body is powerful enough to destroy the tissues of the malignant areas.

"Our serum is injected into the patient's body far remote from the malignant area, the cancer itself," they said. "It produces no local reaction. There is no irritation or swelling where the serum is introduced. Neither is there any general constitutional disturbance, no bad after effects whatsoever."

"The serum kills only the malignant tissues. That is, it causes no destruction whatever of the normal body cells. In this respect the serum challenges comparison with the use of strong X-rays or radium rays that are apt to burn normal tissues, too."

The doctors first told of their work in a preliminary report before the Society of Pathologists here.

As the result was sensational, some of the foremost scientific authorities pronounced their work highly important.

Dr. John Galtway, who attended the meeting of pathologists, said: "It is inadvisable to halt it as a cure at this stage, but it is unquestionable that the extract has proven itself potent in killing malignant tissues and that, properly guarded, publicity of these results is quite in order."

### Urge Women to Give Aid to Census Men

Washington.—American housewives are being urged in a governmental campaign to give every aid to the census takers who will begin their 1930 task in April. This can best be done by answering every question promptly, even down to their ages and the status of the mortgage on the old homestead.

"There need be no fear in answering all questions freely," declares the Country Home, in an article aiding the movement. "All census enumerators are sworn to secrecy in the information they secure and there is a penalty for divulging facts secured, as there is for giving false data. Not even the banker will ever see a family's statement of its economic status."

The 1930 census will be the most complete ever taken since the country first counted its 4,000,000 noses in 1790. The census bureau only came into being in 1902 and since that each census has been more and more efficient.

"If you consider the census taker's visit a bother," says the article, "you should thank your stars that you do not live in Turkey. When the first census was taken there in 1927, the nation was put under martial law and all citizens were locked in their houses until the census was completed that night. In Constantinople the doors were not unlocked until after 10 o'clock in the evening."

### 35,000 Eagles Killed in Alaska in Decade

Juneau, Alaska.—The intensive campaign against the bald eagle the last ten years, during which a bounty of \$1 per pair of talons has been paid, has greatly reduced their numbers without threatening their extinction, according to reports made public here.

More than 35,000 eagles were killed for bounty since the war began. Indians, fishermen, hunters and boys helped to make salmon, small game animals and wild birds safe from their depredations. A chief cause of complaint against eagles came from fox farmers who charged that they carried away young blue fox pups.

### Chinese Are Urged to Use Native Silk

Peiping, China.—"Dress in Chinese silks rather than in foreign woolsens" is the slogan of the Native Silk Products Salvation association, printed in Chinese newspapers here.

The association urges students and all persons who can afford to do so to wear silks made in China, rather than woolsens made by foreigners.

This campaign is the opposite of one made a year ago by Marshal Feng Yushiang's adherents, who urged the people to wear cheap cotton cloth, no matter how rich they were.

### Lonely St. Bernard Dog Now Has Chicken Pal

Emporia, Kan.—"Barrie," a St. Bernard dog brought from Switzerland by Mr. and Mrs. Selleck Warren a year and a half ago, has been lonesome. Now he has a companion. It is a chicken which he brought to the house in his mouth a few days ago. The chicken refuses to desert the dog and eats and sleeps with him.

## England Gets Laurel as Kissing Country

Stockholm, Sweden.—It develops that England was the first great kissing country, for they have discovered that in the early Seventeenth century the ambassador to the court of Sweden, Bulstrode Whitelock, was especially requested by the queen to teach her ladies "to kiss after the English fashion," which he did very obligingly, considering that he was a strict Puritan. It is recorded that his pupils offered merely "a few pretty defenses."

A century and more earlier Venetian visitors to England had recorded how the London ladies kissed even their man friends when they met them in the street, and Erasmus himself described the English habit of greeting with a kiss as "praiseworthy beyond description."

### Jesuit Gets Plane to Visit Alaskan Missions

Washington.—Brother G. J. Felter, S. J., Alaskan missionary, has become a "sky pilot" in fact. Brother Felter recently obtained a flying license in San Francisco and then came to Washington to "sell" his plan to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes, director of the bureau of Catholic Indian missions. With an airplane, he explained he could visit the 17 Indian posts in Alaska. As a result Brother Felter left for New York to purchase a plane, which he will fly to his Alaskan post.

### Photo Causes Scare

Tokyo.—Police dashed through a cold drizzle at 4 a. m. to the home of Dr. Bunzo Hasegawa, who reported a burglar peering into his window. The "burglar" proved to be a reflection of a picture hung the night before by the doctor's wife.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**—Letters of administration on the estate of Anna T. McLaughlin, late of the borough of Bellefonte, county of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment of such indebtedness and those having claims will present them, properly authenticated, for settlement.

J. M. CUNNINGHAM, Administrator.

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**NOTICE**—Notice is hereby given that the First and Final Account of W. M. Poorman, Guardian of Paul W. Wieland, weak minded person, will be presented to the court on Wednesday, February 26, 1930, and unless exceptions are filed thereto on or before February 22, 1930, the same will be confirmed.

Also, The First and Final Account of Farmer's National Bank and Trust Co., of Millheim, Guardians of Katie Burrell.

S. CLAUDE HERR, Prothonotary

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**NOTICE IN DIVORCE**—Agnes Ruth Summers vs. Nevin Floyd Summers, in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, No. 47 November Term 1929. Libel in Divorce.

To Nevin Floyd Summers, Respondent.

WHEREAS, Agnes Ruth Summers, your wife, has filed a libel in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, praying a divorce from you, now you are hereby notified and requested to appear in the Court on or before the fourth Monday of February, 1930, to answer the complaint of said Agnes Ruth Summers, and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence.

HARRY E. DUNLAP, Sheriff of Centre County

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**CHARTER NOTICE**—In Re-Application for Charter of Beta Alumni Association of the Pennsylvania State College.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, Pa. No. 231 February Term 1930.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the above named Court on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1930, at ten o'clock A. M. or as soon thereafter as the convenience of the Court will permit, under the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, A. D. 1874, and the several supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called BETA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE, the purpose for which it is formed is for the promotion of moral and social culture among its members, devotion to the cultivation of the intellect, the rendering of mutual aid and assistance in scholastic endeavor and the general welfare of the Pennsylvania State College as objects worthy of the highest aims and purposes of associated effort, and for these objects and purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the said Act of Assembly and the several supplements thereto.

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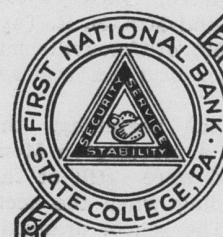
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