

## "LENT" REBELS MONEY AT POINT OF GUN

H. R. Fleming of Columbia  
Returns From Engineering  
Job With Receipt.

## WAS VICTIM TWICE

Insurrectos Took 35 Horses  
But Overlooked One Hid-  
den in Engineer's Room.

Among the mementoes which H. R. Fleming, 1701 Hinkson avenue, brought home from Mexico with him recently is a receipt from the El Capitan of a rebel band which relieved him of his money at the point of a gun. The receipt states that Mr. Fleming made a "loan" to the rebel cause.

This was one of the two times he was "held-up" during the fourteen months he was acting as instrument man in the civil engineering department on a hydro-electric job near Toluca, Chihuahua.

He was in camp with another American on a transmission line between the dam and a mining district when the robbery occurred. Word had come ahead by a messenger that the band of rebels had robbed another party farther out on the line. Mr. Fleming and his partner had just returned from hiding their guns when the Mexicans rode up to their camp.

The rebels asked for guns and money. They had become nearly convinced that neither of the Americans had more than a dollar when Mr. Fleming said something in English to his friend. This aroused the suspicions of the Mexican and they demanded that more money be produced. After receiving \$15 from Mr. Fleming and \$1 from the other American they were satisfied and rode off with a courteous "adios." The other time Mr. Fleming was robbed was when the rebels invaded the main camp.

**Hid Horse in Room.**  
"Our company was the big loser that day," said Mr. Fleming. "The rebels took thirty-five horses, leaving nothing but worthless receipts. The only horse the company had left after the raid was the one an employee had hidden in his room while the invasion was going on."

"Another time they forced the head boss of the construction work to give up \$10,000. And I can go you one better than that," he continued. "Two days after we left camp on our return trip to the United States we met the company's auto bringing the mail out to camp. There were two men in the auto. They gave us our mail, which, incidentally, was the first we had received for eleven weeks, and proceeded on their way to camp. Two hours later they were stopped by rebels and ordered to give up all the money they were carrying."

"First, the rebels searched the two men; then they ripped the upholstery off the seats to find hidden money. One of them found \$1,000 in a side pocket of the car. Next they started to rip the auto tires, for they knew that money had been carried in the tires once before. They were persuaded to desist from this. Their next move was to stand one of the men in position to be shot, expecting the other would tell where the money was. That brought forth the information that there was \$25,000 behind the reflectors of the auto lights."

## Only a Guard, Now.

Mr. Fleming came out of Mexico because his company was forced to stop work on the big dam. A year ago there were approximately 150 foreigners—Americans, Canadians and Englishmen—and 3,000 Mexican laborers on the job. Now there are only thirty men employed—a resident engineer, a paymaster and a guard for the works.

The dam, which is across the Rio Conchos River, will generate about 50,000 horsepower electric current. It lacks nearly a year's work of completion. It will be the third highest dam in the world. The work was started in 1909. Until this fall the work was never delayed more than six weeks at any time on account of the revolution.

This time, the shut-down was caused by lack of train service. Three cars of cement were used on the works each day. The last train was April 9. After that the company manufactured its own cement but the coal gave out, causing the final shut-down.

The company gave each employee a month's extra salary, \$50 for traveling expenses and a horse to ride out of Mexico. It took Mr. Fleming's

## NO CHANGE IN TEMPERATURE

Somewhat Unsettled, But Mostly Fair  
Weather Is Coming.

The weather forecast for Columbia is: "Somewhat unsettled, but mostly fair tonight and tomorrow. No decided change in temperature. The temperatures today were:

7 a. m. ....39	11 a. m. ....42
8 a. m. ....41	12 (noon)....43
9 a. m. ....41	1 p. m. ....44
10 a. m. ....41	2 p. m. ....45

party fifteen days to reach the Rio Grande River and the United States border. That was an average of only eighteen miles a day. He still retains the passports which the rebels issued to him. One of them is signed by General Fernandez.

Mr. Fleming says his stay in Mexico was not as adventurous as readers of the newspapers would expect it to have been. He was never in a battle and was close to only one. That was the fifty-six hour battle at Parral.

## Says Rebels Will Win.

It was rather a surprise to him to find affairs as peaceable as they were. His introduction into Mexico was the sight of a rebel hanging from a telegraph pole. Therefore he was expecting a great deal of danger. But he was not molested much.

Mr. Fleming's belief is that the rebels will win out in their fight. In fact, that is the general belief among the foreigners in Mexico. Madero was the idol of the people; the rebellion again him was not popular. Huerta is disliked generally. Carranza is more popular and no doubt will become the recognized leader of the whole country, Mr. Fleming thinks.

## MAZATLAN BESIEGED

Rebels Concentrate Heavy  
Fire on City—Federals'  
Ammunition Exhausted.

By United Press.  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—A battle is raging around Mazatlan. The city has been surrounded by land and by sea by the rebel forces. The federal ammunition supplies are almost exhausted and it is reported that Huerta's forces are in desperate straits. The rebels mounted machine guns on a number of launches while the constitutionalists stormed the land sides of the city directly. There was also a heavy fire from the water front. It is believed that the American Consul is in Mazatlan with many Americans and foreign residents.

Tampico's water supply has been cut off by the constitutionalists who have withdrawn from the immediate city. The liner Morro Castle is lying off the harbor waiting for the weather to moderate so that refugees can be transferred from the warships. The refugees will be taken to Galveston. The British warship Hermions is now in a river off Tampico according to advice received today from Doctor Fletcher.

Congress in Mexico City is scheduled to adjourn tonight until April 1. To reveal alleged plotting against Huerta the court, today began reading all of the letters addressed to the hundred imprisoned members of the congress which Huerta dissolved.

Villa is causing the state department at Washington much worry according to confidential agents who have been investigating alleged acts against foreigners in Chihuahua. If this is true it will make a menace to the peaceful solution of the Mexico and Huerta problem. This government has agreed to protect foreigners. The various governments will insist upon Wilson keeping his promise. Felix Summerfield, Carranza's confidential agent, left Juarez enroute to Chihuahua to demand that Villa restore the foreigners their property which has been seized. He will also be informed that he must protect all foreigners. Carranza is expected to go to Chihuahua should Villa refuse.

The leading newspaper in Mexico City announced this morning that English bankers had lent \$20,000,000 to the Mexican government. It is believed that the statement was inspired by Huerta.

## Receive Two Carloads of Cattle.

Two carloads of cattle have been received by the College of Agriculture to use for feeding experiments. About six have been bought to be used in stock judging classes to illustrate market and graded cattle.

## Battleships Return Home.

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The battleships, Wyoming, Arkansas, Utah and Florida anchored here today. They had been on a cruise of the Mediterranean.

## GIRLS FORGET WORK AND DRESS DOLLS

Happy Hollow Sunday School  
Children to Have Christ-  
mas Tree and Toys.

## LOTS OF CANDY, TOO

And Each Child Will Bring  
a Gift for Some Needy  
Family, Too.

If you step into the women's corridor some day and see a group of girls having a genuine good time playing dolls you probably will want to join them. If you do you will be given a doll to dress for the Happy Hollow Christmas tree.

The children surely will not get any more pleasure out of the dolls than the girls do. The serious looks over a quiz that has been or one that is to be disappear in the discussion as to the relative merits and perfections of each one's particular doll.

Black-haired dolls in dainty white dresses and blue ribbons, golden-haired dolls in dainty white dresses and pink ribbons, sturdy boy dolls, baby dolls in long clothes, some laughing, some crying, all will be on the Happy Hollow Christmas tree.

There will be a stocking of small toys from the Read Hall girls and a Christmas tree from the Chi Omega society. The Girl's Club of Happy Hollow Sunday School is going to make the ornaments. There will be candy, too, all you can eat, given by the candy merchants in town. The new coats, hats, shoes and stockings given by the clothing merchants will be turned over to the Charity Organization Society for distribution.

## Children Bring Gifts, Too.

And best of all, each child of the school is to bring a potato, or a can of fruit or vegetables to give to some one who needs it. These things are to be distributed after the entertainment by a committee of Happy Hollow people.

A Christmas cantata "Santa Claus Visit," will be given by the children of the Sunday School. Clarence Paris from the Boy's Club is to be Santa Claus.

The school started with eighteen children in the spring and has increased to sixty-four. Miss Elizabeth Kiskaddon, chairman of the extension committee of the Y. W. C. A., is superintendent of the Sunday School. It is graded and uses the graded literature. The school is entirely self-supporting.

"The people are very enthusiastic and earnest this year in their support of the work," said Miss Kiskaddon, "and are cooperating with us splendidly."

The other members of the extension committee are Miss Ida Lilly, Miss Zay Rusk, Miss Lottie Roberts, Miss Clara Waterstripe, Thomas Denham, and Arnot Finley. After Christmas Happy Hollow is to have a kindergarten. Mrs. C. C. Grimes is to have charge of it.

The Happy Hollow Church is used seven days a week according to Miss Kiskaddon. The school house was in such a dilapidated condition that the church people offered the schoolboard the use of the church on condition that they paint the church and buy all the coal that was used. Church services are held there Sunday evening by a number of one of the young people's societies, and Sunday School every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Girls' and Boys' Clubs.

The young women's club meets once a week under the guidance of Miss Clara Waterstripe. Sewing, cooking and home keeping are taken up at these meetings. There are ten members, most of whom work during the day. Once a month a party is given to which the Boy's Club is sometimes invited.

There are fourteen members of the Boy's Club, who are as enthusiastic as the girls. The house which was rented for their club house was very much in need of repair and the owner would not fix it. The boys, under the direction of their teacher, Thomas Denham, put about \$40 worth of repairs on the building. The girls are going to make curtains for it and fix up the inside.

"We are trying to reach the people," said Miss Kiskaddon, "by visiting them in their homes and winning their confidence. We have a friendly visiting committee that goes into the homes that have no mothers and teaches the little children, who are trying to fill her place, how to make beds, wash dishes and keep the home. Miss Blanche Gale, Miss Zay Rusk, Miss Caroline Lefferty, Miss Mary Clark and Miss Nell Schultz are on the committee."

## NEW RULES GOVERN FIELD'S POEM PRIZE

Definite Subjects Proposed by  
English Faculty for  
Competitors.

## \$100 TO THE WINNER

Contest Now Open to Stu-  
dents in All Divisions  
of University.

For one poem—\$100.

That would be a pretty fair price for any magazine to pay. Yet a prize of that amount, offered annually at the University of Missouri for the best poem by a student, has virtually gone begging in the last three years.

In those lean years of poetical composition at the University only a few poems were submitted in the contest, and none of these, in the opinion of the judges, was of sufficient merit to deserve the award. This year it is hoped by the judges—the members of the English faculty—that keen competition will result from the publication of new rules governing the contest.

As originally announced by Nelson C. Field, the donor, the prize was to go to the student in the College of Arts writing the best poem. There were no restrictions as to length or subject. To furnish students a definite line along which to work and to provide an equitable basis of comparison for the judges, the following rules have been adopted:

## Limit Set on Length.

First, poems must be not less than 15 and not more than 300 lines in length.

They must be written in blank verse, rhymed decasyllables or the Spenserian stanza.

They must be on one of the following subjects: "The Santa Fe Trail," Tolstoi" or "The Balkan Struggle." The new rules in detail are given in a statement on the bulletin board of the English department in Academic Hall.

Contributions must be in the hands of the judges by May 1. Each must be signed with a fictitious name, with the real name of the writer in a sealed envelope.

Another innovation this year, which it is believed will still further stimulate interest in the contest, will be the recitation of the winning poem preferably by the author, at commencement.

## Plan Like That at Harvard.

The Field prize, with one exception, is the largest poem prize offered in an American university. The exception is Harvard, where \$100 is annually offered on much the same plan as that adopted here. Harvard at first set no limits on the contest, but of late years has found it best to have poems written on assigned subjects. This is the plan followed also in the award of the famous Newdigate prize of \$100 at Oxford.

The three forms of verse to which the Missouri contest is now restricted offer a wide range to the versemaker. Blank verse may be used, or decasyllables (ten syllable, five-beat lines) may be rhymed according to any scheme. The Spenserian stanza, with its long concluding line, offers a definite pattern.

In the three subjects finally chosen, the judges have included one of local historical significance and two of world importance.

## MOTOR AND SURREY COLLIDE

## Little Damage Resulted From Accident This Morning.

An automobile driven by Dr. Frank G. Nifong collided with a surrey in which W. E. Points was riding, about 11 o'clock this morning. The accident happened in front of the Virginia Building.

Neither man was injured. The tongue of the surrey struck the windshield of the automobile, smashing it. This was all the damage done. The surrey did not belong to Mr. Points. He had borrowed it to go on a hunting trip. He continued on his way.

## Tunnel Caved In, Crushed Train.

By United Press.  
BERLIN, German, Dec. 15.—A tunnel at Chemnitz caved in on a passenger train today. Four are known to have been killed, fifteen seriously hurt and thirty injured. Several coaches were smashed.

## More M Men in Picture.

The men who won their M in football this fall will meet at the gymnasium tomorrow morning to have their picture taken.

## RED CROSS STAMP RECORD MADE

At Noon, 52,000 Stickers Had Been  
Distributed in Columbia.

This year establishes a record in Red Cross stamp sales for Columbia. At noon today, 52,000 stamps had been distributed by the various organizations pushing the sale of stamps. Cash has been paid in on 16,000, the Y. W. C. A. has taken 22,000, and the school children were given 16,000 to sell last Saturday.

Members of the Y. W. C. A. have been effective workers in the sale of the stamps this year. Two girls that took out 1,500 reported this morning that they had sold all but 240.

The school children sold stamps last Saturday. Of the 16,000 they were given to sell, the charity organization estimates their sales at 12,000. This is the largest sale the school children have ever made in one day.

The organizations selling at the postoffice have been averaging 1,000 stamps a day. They hope to increase this average every day between now and Christmas.

The organizations that have charge of the sales at the postoffice for the remainder of the season are: tomorrow the Rebekah's; Wednesday, the ladies of the Christian church; Thursday, the ladies of the Baptist church; Friday, the ladies of the Methodist church; Saturday, the Catholic church will have charge of the sale. Monday, the P. E. O.'s will sell at the postoffice, Tuesday, the W. C. T. U., and Wednesday before Christmas, the ladies of the Eastern Star, will conduct the sale.

## STEPHENS RECITAL TONIGHT

College Students to Give Musical  
Program for Public.

A students' recital will be given in the Stephens College auditorium tonight at 8:15 o'clock. Miss Ruth Stephens will sing "September" by Charlton. "Sunbeams" by Landon Ronald will be sung by Miss Margaret Evans.

Nocturne by Karganoff and a Prelude in C sharp minor by Rachmaninoff will be played by Miss Wilma Scroggs. A recitation of "Bobby Shaftoe" by Elsie West will be given by Miss Mabel Prather. Miss Adeline Jesse will give the "Elegie" by Massenet. Miss Hibbard will play the violin obligato.

"Vision Fugitive" by Massenet will be sung by Glen Hoffman. Miss Jean More will sing "Souvenir" by Drla. "The Brigid" to of Flora May" will be given by Miss Ruth Sedwick. "Elsa's Dream" from Lohengrin by Wagner will be sung by Miss Iona Bondurant. Miss Grace Campbell will give the "Villanelle" by Dell'Aqua. The prize song from Meistersinger by Wagner-Bendel will be sung by Miss Eula Rutherford.

## SYLVIA PANKHURST RELEASED

Hunger Strike Increased to "No Sleep"  
Strike Brought Her Freedom.

By United Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—A "no sleep" strike brought release to Sylvia Pankhurst today. Since her arrest she has refused to eat, drink or sleep. She talked about her cell constantly to keep awake. Her physical condition was much weakened by her refusal to take nourishment or sleep.

## 100 Football Dinner Tickets Sold.

More than one hundred tickets have been sold for the football banquet which will be held at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow evening in the Virginia Grill. The committee realizes that many persons who desire to attend the banquet have not been asked to buy tickets. They are welcome and should not feel that they are intruding by making their wants known, said a member of the committee this morning.

## Entertain Phi Gamma Delta.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Curtis entertained the active chapter of Phi Gamma Delta with a buffet luncheon yesterday at their home, 208 Hicks avenue. Those present were: "Billy" Curtis, E. L. Webb, L. I. Morris, Lawrence Stark, J. W. Ground, Jr., Robert J. Davis, Charles H. Caldwell, R. W. Hall, J. T. Cargill, C. M. Cleek and J. L. Gartner.

## Professor Hibbard Honored.

Prof. H. Wade Hibbard of the School of Engineering of the University was elected a member of the executive committee of the St. Louis Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at their annual meeting Saturday. Meetings of the Society are held monthly in St. Louis for the presentation and discussion of papers on mechanical engineering subjects.

## President Wilson Is Improved.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Dr. Grayson permitted the President to resume his duties today, but insisted that he work in the White House study.

## MISSOURI LEADS FOR YIELD OF CORN

1913 Crop Was Five Times  
Greater Than That of  
Kansas.

## A PITIFUL SHOWING

Average to the Acre Through-  
out the State Is 17.6  
Bushels.

Missouri's 1913 corn crop is more than five times greater than the Kansas corn crop this year. Arkansas grew only about one-third as much corn. The fields of Missouri yielded two and one-half times more corn than did those of Oklahoma. This is the government's preliminary estimate.

For the acre, the yield for the entire state averages 17.6 bushels. Last year it was 31.9 bushels. Northwest Missouri gave the greatest average yield, 21.5 bushels an acre. The corn of this section also ranks highest in quality. In an average quality of 64 for the entire state, the Northwest scored 69.

Then came the Southeast with an average yield of 17.6. The Northeast followed closely with 17.2. The Southwest dropped to 55, 9 points below the average for the state.

Carroll, Howard and Mississippi counties tie for first place in the average yield an acre. The highest estimated average for each is 30 bushels. Carroll county, however, produced a greater quantity than did the other two.

Atkinson, Carroll, Livingston, Nodaway and Saline counties gathered more than 3,000,000 bushels of corn each. Of these, Saline county leads with 3,722,732 bushels.

Many of the best corn counties made pitiful showings this year. They fell much below their average record for former years. In the latter part of the crop growing season rain did not fall on many of the best corn counties. The sun blistered the fields. Ten counties grew less than 10 bushels an acre. Experts do not look for any serious corn shortage, if an early spring comes. The fine open weather which has prevailed over the state has allowed much feed for stock to be saved. While the corn crop falls in comparison with last year, the wheat crop figures for 1913 are larger than those for 1912. The lead over last year is 13,844,113 bushels. Wheat covered 2,020,320 acres. For the 1914 crop the estimate says that 2,156,637 acres have been seeded.

## WARREN FOUND "NOT GUILTY"

Crumbaugh Charges Faculty Men of  
Conspiracy.

Later—The jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty" late this afternoon.

In testifying in a justice court this afternoon, J. Ed Crumbaugh, University custodian, charged two members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture of the University with conspiring against him to put him out of his position by implicating him in the alleged theft of alcohol from the store room of Schweitzer Hall. Lee Warren, a negro who was formerly a janitor of the building is being tried on a charge of stealing a pint of alcohol from the store room. Mr. Crumbaugh said that members of the faculty had attempted to get Warren to confess to stealing alcohol for him (Crumbaugh). A letter of apology to Mr. Crumbaugh for making such a charge was introduced into court.

Although the charge against Warren is only that of misdemeanor, it is of importance because he is on parole from a penitentiary sentence, and if he is convicted of this charge the parole will be revoked.

There was no direct evidence given in court that Warren had stolen the alcohol. Agricultural professors testified that Warren had admitted taking alcohol. Warren denied today that he had made a confession. These professors also denied that they had tried to implicate Crumbaugh. The letter, one said, was an apology for a later conversation with the negro in which Crumbaugh's name was mentioned.

Those who testified today against Warren were O. C. Smith, assistant, Prof. P. F. Crowbridge, Prof. L. S. Backus.

## I. A. Lowry, '13, Marries.

I. A. Lowry was married Wednesday to Miss Lillian Hufford at Smithville, Mo. Mr. Lowry was graduated from the College of Agriculture last June. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry will live at Liberty, Mo.