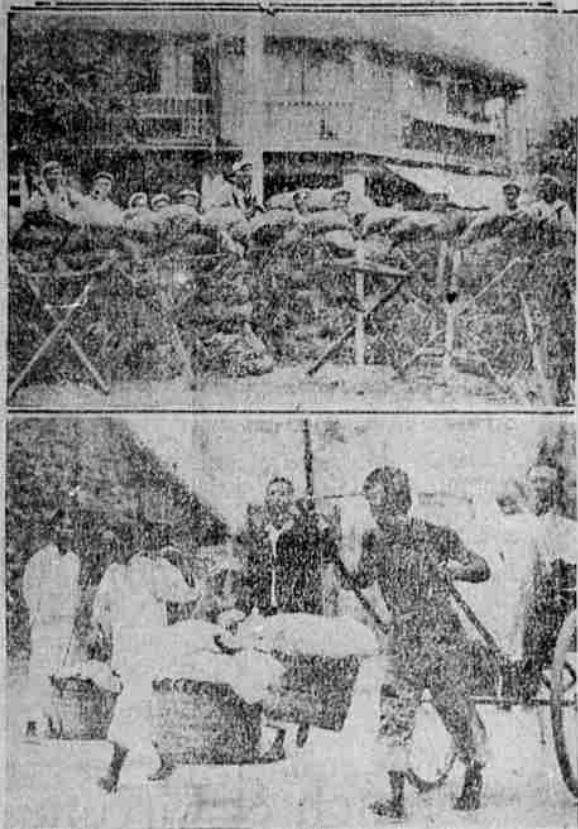


Taking No Chances in China



These French marines were not taking any chances while the Chinese were fighting around Shanghai. They erected sandbag fortifications all around the French concession, as shown in the upper picture. The man in the lower photo, wasn't risking his life either. He is a man-dragon, in the fighting. His own man flies over comfortably, and his other servants are carrying his luggage.

Russia Has Freed Poor Armenia From Turk Fear

ERIVAN, Armenia, (AP)—Armenia, which three years ago was starving and destitute, is now on its feet. If the Bolshevik regime, under which the country at present exists, has not given Armenia all the political advantages and freedom its people sought, it has at least brought peace and security to the desolate little state in the northern reaches of Asia. The Armenian no longer fears the Turkish invaders, who for hundreds of years made him a prey to their racial hatred and religious fanaticism. Where the European armies failed to keep Turkey at bay, the Red army of the Bolsheviks has held it in repression and has given the Armenian people a chance to live their own lives unmolested by warlike neighbors.

From the standpoint of their material welfare and health, the people are better off today than they have been for many years. Officials of the government estimate that within three years the country will be self-sufficient, and that within ten years it will be a prosperous community. Crops this year have been good and there is an abundant supply of food. Clothing, however, is scarce and expensive, and a good part of the rural population is still clad in threadbare garments. The tens of thousands of orphan children which successive wars and massacres left in their wake are especially left off. They are being cared for by workers of the American Near East Relief organization in the huge Russian army barracks on the Alexandropol Plain.

Financially Armenia, like most other Soviet states, is not in a flourishing condition. Its deficits are not by subsidies from the Moscow exchequer. With its limited funds, however, the government is doing notable work in the way of reconstruction, irrigation, hydraulic and electrification projects, the removal of marauding bandits, the establishment of agricultural and industrial schools, and the cultivation of cotton, silk, tobacco and alfalfa. There is considerable unemployment in the larger towns, but most of this was absorbed during the summer and fall by the need of labor for the harvest.

The Armenian government has established a splendid university at Erivan, employing 750 professors and accommodating 500 students. An equally fine library has been opened in the capital with 200,000

books, the gifts of the Armenian people themselves. Another unique institution is the Erivan Tropical Institute, which is a model pathological laboratory for the study and treatment of parasitical and epidemiological diseases, which are very prevalent in the Caucasus. This is in charge of Professor Popoff, an eminent Russian pathologist.

The government has inaugurated sanitary and hygienic stations throughout the country, where the poor are instructed in conserving their health and given free soap and disinfectants. The government is carrying on an intensive cultivation of cotton which has given remarkably results. In 1922 Armenia had only 1,250 acres of cotton under cultivation. In 1923 it had 12,500, and in 1924 this number increased to 40,000 acres.

The desire for independence and freedom from foreign domination still persists in the Armenian people, and their hope is that in the course of time a way will be found of detaching them from the tutelage of Moscow. So far as can be judged by outward appearances, Communism has taken no deep hold on the people. While all those in power in the government are Armenians of Bolshevik persuasion, who have the approval of Moscow, the total number of registered Communists in the country is extremely small. Out of a population of 1,100,000, only 1,014 are active members of the Communist party.

But it must be said again that the Bolsheviks have given Armenia a new lease of life by protecting the country and people from the inroads of their ancient enemy, the Turks. They have helped the country financially and economically, if not politically. With continued peace and security Armenia should, before many years, retrieve its old place in the family of nations and replace the gloomy losses it has suffered through continued massacres and exactions.

In Chicago six handies robbed a coal company. They got a lot of money but all the coal was saved.

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115 VOTED IN COVE TUESDAY

COVE (Special)—A total number of three hundred and fifteen votes were cast in Cove on election Tuesday, the number exceeding those cast at any previous election, but still leaving many citizens who were not sufficiently interested in the outcome to even take the trouble to vote. Jacob Strother, for many years a resident of Cove, stated when he received his ballot that he cast his first vote for Zachary Taylor in 1848, seventy years ago and in all that time he has never missed an opportunity to vote.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Trippner, who have been spending the winter at their camp on the Mtnam, came home a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Duffy have just returned from a visit to a sister in Dayton, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Huntley are home again after a month spent in Washington. While they were away they spent a few days with Mrs. Huntley's sister, Mrs. Edna Conklin, at Walla Walla, Wash.

Mrs. John Marten, whose home is in Texas is a guest at the home of her niece, Mrs. H. G. Blank.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel left Monday for Portland. They attended the Pacific International Livestock show last week. They will remain in Portland the re-

minder of this week visiting relatives, after which they will spend some time at Salem.

J. E. Mills and son, Alvin, attended the Pacific International Livestock show at Portland, Albion had a calf on exhibition.

J. J. Stuckland also attended the stock show at Portland.

Mrs. J. N. Carter worked on the election board Tuesday, a substitute for Mrs. J. P. Dean, who has been seriously ill at Fort-Lake Washington. Mrs. Dean is now convalescing out of danger and will soon be able to return to her home at Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Remy and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Carter were La Grande visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Shanton, of Seattle, Washington, were weekend visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shanton, Mrs. H.

N. Shanton will spend some time here.

Mrs. J. W. Shanton and Mrs. H. N. Shanton spent a few days last week at Dayton, Wash., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Corpe, of Medford, have been made happy by the arrival of a small daughter at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Corpe formerly made Cove their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cammick of Nampa, Idaho, are expecting the arrival of a small son. Mr. Cammick was a former resident of Cove.

Mrs. Eva Milman is visiting a daughter, Mrs. Perle Tobin at Pendleton.

Dr. Gilmore suffered a slight accident to his car when a wild horse broke loose and dashed for liberty and on the way ran into

the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilman, of Heppner, were guests of the Archdeacon and Mrs. Goldie last Wednesday.

"Handsome Billy" the play put on by the high school students Friday evening was a great success. The play itself was of a better class than usual and the actors showed very diligent work in preparation.

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CORN SHOW SUCCESSFUL

INDEPENDENCE, Ore.—Hundreds of visitors attended the Independence corn show. The displays were judged by E. S. Brennan, farm crop expert from Oregon Agricultural college, and by Miss Lucy A. Case, nutrition expert from the extension division of the college. More than \$400 in prizes were awarded. T. L. Hartman, veteran corn grower south of Independence, walked away

with sweepstakes prizes in the 10-car, 30-car and single ear classes. Norval Pease took four firsts, all cash prizes, in the junior department of the corn classes, making a total of \$20.

Winners of first prizes were T. L. Hartman, Charles Rohrer, Earl Rogers, Ray Miller, Mrs. L. Pease, John Story and Norval Pease.

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