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### War Lords Of China Toy With Bombing Planes

By Morris J. Harris (Associated Press Correspondent) SHANGHAI (AP)—China's war lords have found a new toy in the bombing airplane. Although 15 years late in adopting this weapon, they are having a lot of fun with it.

Three or four years ago armored cars were all the rage. Generals who owned one took great delight in roaring through the streets of the towns they captured, running over anything or anybody who did not get out of their way.

Before the armored car age, the railroads were the chief playthings of the militarists. Several trains, some of them camouflaged after a fashion and all luxuriously fitted out, crowded regular passenger and freight traffic off the tracks.

Now the craze has shifted to airplanes. Magazine writers who spend a week or two in a few cities and then go home to record their impressions, say that China is becoming air-minded. But those who have been here longer say that this is true only of the generals. Civilians have no use for the contraptions which shower destruction upon them.

Bombing raids have been made on walled towns and cities in Honan and Kwantung provinces, where much of the fighting in this year's civil war took place. Hundreds of homes were demolished and many non-combatants killed and wounded. Both the National forces and the northern rebels under Governor Yes Hsi-Shan and Marshal Peng Yu-Hsiang staged raids.

The appearance of the airplane in Chinese warfare has been sudden. A year ago Nanking had only a few observation planes in its service and not a rebel general in the whole country had a bomber. Purchases of the bombers followed development of commercial aviation last summer.

One reason for the use of planes can be found in the experience of the Chinese in the dispute with Russia last fall. Soviet machines in Manchuria routed Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang's best troops without the aid of infantry or artillery.

### JANICULUM TO BE PIERCED BY LARGE TUNNEL

ROME (AP)—Engineers are making surveys for probably the most important development in Rome of the last decade—a tunnel under the famous Janiculum Hill.

It will connect with a new bridge across the Tiber and link the popular Aurelia zone with the older sections of the city.

The Aurelia zone is a twentieth century product. It contains thousands of homes of workmen but between it and the major section of the city is a network of narrow, winding streets with much traffic congestion.

Primo Boncompagni-Ludovisi, governor of Rome, believes that the tunnel will eliminate this congestion. The project has already been mentioned in the city budget.

The bore will be 8000 feet long and 56 feet wide. It will have space for several automobile lanes and, possibly, street car lines.

Streets leading to the new bridge on either side of the Tiber will be widened by tearing down buildings and thus give access to the broad Corso Victor Emmanuel leading to the Piazza Venezia and the heart of the city.

Probably five years would be needed for the work. Its cost has not been accurately estimated but it will run into many millions of lire.

### MARKET REMAINS STRONG

NEW YORK, July 12 (AP)—Share prices again turned upward in today's brief session of the stock market, imparting a more cheerful attitude in speculative quarters as the market closed the third week of relative stability.

A mild flurry in the final few minutes of trading boosted total sales about \$90,000 shares. The close was strong.

The weekend business news is a whole could hardly be interpreted bullishly. But as nothing very impressive can be expected at this period of summer lull, the fact that the downward curve of activity appeared to be flattening out was at least reassuring.

### Committee Plans To Study Reforms

SALEM, Ore., July 12 (AP)—Various reforms in Oregon judicial procedure that are under consideration of the state judicial council were assigned for further study to committees at a meeting of the council held yesterday. Several bills for introduction in the next legislature were ordered drawn, but the nature of these was not disclosed at the conclusion of the meeting. The committees will report at a meeting of the council to be held at Pendleton while the State Bar association is in session that place September 27 and 28. Wayne L. Morse, professor of law at the University of Oregon, addressed the council on grand jury reforms.

The members of the council are Chief Justice Coshaw and Justice Bell of the supreme court and Circuit Judges Hobbs, Turner of Portland, James T. Brand of Marshfield, and James Alice Pea, of Pendleton.

### SLOW MOTION MOVIES AND PIANO INSTRUCTION

PARIS (AP)—Pianists it is claimed can acquire a good technique in a minimum of 21/2 by the use of the slow motion picture.

Mrs. Louisa Nussli, a Parisian pianist, has evolved a system for the application of these pictures to teaching. She has obtained the support of a number of eminent artists, including Durbi, Cusot and Backhaus, who consented to play for her films.

By having them make motion pictures of the same composition she was able to analyze the effects obtained by the varying movements of the player's hands.

### SENATOR SMOOT AND BRIDE



Senator Reed Smoot of Utah and his bride, the former Mrs. Alice Taylor Sheets of Salt Lake City, leaving the Latter-Day Saints temple, Salt Lake City, following their marriage.

### Butter And Egg Prices Steady; Flour Is Weaker

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12 (AP)—Butter and egg prices continue unchanged, with top grades of both in demand with values apparently growing firmer. The lower grades are still plentiful and weaker.

Flour prices were weaker and a reduction in price would not be surprising.

Reviewing the fruit and vegetable market, the Portland bureau of the U. S. department of agriculture says: "The market for green peas is completely demoralized, and some Oregon shippers have instructed their growers to discontinue further haulings. There have been virtually no carlot sales of Oregon peas for several days, all shipments rolling on consignment. Very low prices prevail at eastern markets. Quality of loadings from this district is no longer fancy, due to hot weather and some mildew damage. Washington exceeds all former shipments each day, with a total of 45 cars loaded yesterday. Locally, good peas are available at little more than picking costs.

"The market for California tomatoes declined at Portland with brokers' sales to jobbers 20-30¢ per bush lower. Meanwhile, hot-house tomatoes advanced a trifle. Distributors of hot-house tomatoes this season than ever before. Quality has been uniformly good, and prices reasonable.

"Demand for hot-house cucumbers has almost disappeared, due to liberal offerings of cheap cuts from The Dalles, at less than half the price of hot-house stock.

"Cantaloupes from Delano, Cal., now control the market. Quality ranges from poor to excellent, with a corresponding spread in prices. The market is barely steady.

"Movement of watermelons, and new transparent apples is better, at steady prices.

"Appetizing assortments of Japanese melons, honeydews, etc., are available, in addition to several varieties of cantaloupes."

### Hagen Shoots



Walter Hagen, professional golfer, does a little warming up on the interlachen course for the national open tournament.

### Mystery of "Fish Rain" Is Explained

BRISBANE, Queensland, July 12 (AP)—The mystery of rainfalls in which fish, lobsters and shrimps fall on the farms near Toowoomba in Queensland Queensland has been explained.

Government authorities have discovered that the summer monsoon storms of the Queensland coast cause huge whirlwinds. Waterspouts are formed and in a natural vacuum, fish, lobsters, crabs, seaweed, and even young sea birds are sucked into the open air, to be blown ashore and deposited with the rain.

One farmer, whose fields will be fertilized by the millions of rotting sea creatures, estimate the vegetation as worth several thousand dollars to him.

### ARGENTINE HOLDS LEAD

LONDON, July 12 (AP)—Argentina is maintaining a steady lead over the United States in wheat shipments to Great Britain. England's import figures for that cereal made public today revealed.

The year's figures to June 30 were: United States 12,204,152; Argentina, 19,167,692; while in 1928 the figures were: Argentina, 45,545,360 and United States, 44,170,068.

### SILENCE STREET BAND WITH PEANUT FARMS

DARWIN, Australia (AP)—Music hath charms... but not for Darwin.

Several hundred unemployed men who organized a band of kuleles, acrobats, contorts, mouth organs, and tin whistles, disturbed the citizens so much that the local administrator in desperation gave all of them work.

The men have been granted blocks of land on Katherine river, where they will raise peanuts to go with their tin whistles. The government will provide subsistence until the first crop is harvested.

### SOVIET DRIVES PROMOTE PEACE

SOFIA (AP)—A group of Bulgarian deputies has suggested to the Nobel committee in Oslo that the Nobel Peace Prize for this year should go to the international organization for halting alcoholism. It was argued that the society promotes good will among individuals and nations.

### MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

	CHICAGO WHEAT		PORTLAND WHEAT	
	Open	Close	High	Low
July	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Sept.	29 1/2 @ 29	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Dec.	29 1/2 @ 29	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2

### Epworth League Host at Social on Wednesday

By Lois Witherspoon (Observer Correspondent) CRICKET PLAT, Ore. (Special)—A party and ice cream social was given by the Epworth League Wednesday evening at the Methodist church lawn. Games were played after which ice cream and cake was sold. Those present were: Misses Genevieve Crum, Dorothy Gettings, Loretta Cason, Bernice Jones, Jean West, Gracie Lois Witherspoon, Messrs. Ray McCall, Raymond Cowan, Ronald Scoules, Perry Witherspoon, Lenan Tucker, Ralph Cummins, Edwin Phillips, Thomas Smith, Louis Phillips, Dick Adams, August Cummins, Edwin Barnes, Stanley Barnes, Frederick Hill, Lynn Hill, Mrs. Kate Cowan, Mrs. Gene McCall, Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. John Scott and sons, James and Ervin, left Friday morning for a trip through the Florida country, where they were going to visit friends and then return to Lewiston by way of Walla Walla and Pendleton. They arrived home Sunday.

### Cherry Harvest Begins At Cove Friday Morning

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special)—Cherry picking began in Cove Friday morning. Black cherries and red cherries are being picked, one variety seeming to be as ripe as another. The Royal Annapolis of the Co-operative association are sold to the Libby-McNeil company and the black cherries will be shipped. R. D. Monahan of Free-water will handle the co-operative cherries and he reports a sale made for Union as bringing the growers \$1.75 f. o. b. Union, with the market looking up. This is good news to the growers, who hope for as good a market as usual. The myriad cherry pickers that came here for work were many of them put to work in the various orchards, and the packing houses of the Co-operative association and of K. J. Stackland, began work today.

### Seeks Freedom

A recent picture of Warren K. Billings, who with Thomas J. Mooney was sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the 1916 preparedness day bombing in San Francisco.

### Mercury Up To 94 Above During Week In Wallowa

By Edna Renfrow Hunter (Observer Correspondent) WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—The maximum temperature of the summer was reached in Wallowa Wednesday afternoon when the mercury shot up to 94. It remained hot and sultry until midnight when a heavy shower, brought relief from the intense heat. Farmers were in the midst of haying and have had to dismiss their crews, until the hay dries after the heavy storm.

Miss Agatha Martin is spending a week in Enterprise as the guest of Mrs. A. B. Amosino.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Poole and small granddaughter, Lucille Reed, drove to Walla Walla to spend the 4th and remained until Monday, visiting friends in Walla Walla and Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Purcell and three small children, of Boise, Idaho, drove to Wallowa Thursday and are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peffer. Mrs. Purcell will be remembered as Rose Peffer, having been a nurse in the Wallowa hospital for a number of years before her marriage.

Miss Ruth Harrison, of La Grande, is spending this week in Wallowa visiting her cousin, Miss Virginia Hunter.

Miss Leta Cooley, of Brownsville, is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. R. H. Jones. Miss Cooley taught at the W. C. T. U. farm home near Corvallis last year and will teach in Albany this winter.

Mrs. Bruce Cox was hostess to the Billikin Bridge club at her home Tuesday afternoon. High scores at cards was won by Mrs. C. A. Hunter. Mrs. Marie Wiley of Los Angeles was an out-of-town guest. Following bridge a dainty luncheon was served.

Miss Jane Haveson returned to La Grande Thursday evening after spending a week in Wallowa as a guest of Miss Constance McKinzie.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Campbell left Wednesday for Montpelier, Idaho, to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Campbell's parents. They expect to return about the first of August.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cobb are the parents of a seven and a half pound daughter, born at their home in this city Monday.

Glen Tulley drove his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tulley, to Hot Lake Thursday where Mr. Tulley will remain as a patient at the sanatorium to receive treatment for the malaria.

People here are interested to know that Dean Smith, former Wallowa boy, was honored in Washington, D. C. last Thursday as one of the fiercest of the boys' expansionists.

Mrs. N. J. Billings returned home from Salem Monday, where she has been living for the past six months on account of her health.

T. P. Morlock, of La Grande, was a Wallowa visitor Wednesday. He is working in the interests of the Aspen Lake muskrat farm, located near Klamath Falls, Ore. Muskrat farming is a new industry of growing importance and promises to be a profitable business in Oregon.

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