

MISSION LOOTING THROUGH CERTAIN

Besiegers of Sze-Chuen May Spare Occupants, in Fear of Heavy Penalties.

DEMANDS CANNOT BE MET

Ringleaders for Whose Freedom Rebels Would Treat Have Been Reheared - Relief Expedition Is Ordered.

PEKIN, Sept. 15.—The Imperial government, recognizing the growing gravity of the situation at Sze-chuen, has ordered troops from Hupeh and Shensi to relieve the besieged inhabitants.

The Foreign Office says that Cheng-tu besiegers search all messengers and will not permit any one to enter or leave the city.

It is feared that General Chou Erh-feng will not be able to comply with the demands of the besiegers. He cannot restore to them the ringleaders of the Railway League, as these men have been decapitated. It is not doubted that the missions will be looted if the city falls, but it is expected that the missionaries will be spared, the rebels fearing the penalties of violence towards the foreigners.

The 2000 loyal troops under General Chan Erh-feng, army veterans, left his recent entry into Tibet. They returned with him, but the modern army, which is 18,000 strong in Sze-chuen, is made up of residents of the province and accordingly may prove rebellious.

The American and British missionaries at Sze-chuen number about 500. The Catholics, chiefly French, total 250. Another about 50 missionaries have reached Chung King.

Tsun Chun-Suan has been ordered to proceed immediately to the affected district. He formerly was Viceroy of Sze-chuen and Kwan Tung and has the reputation of being a ruthless suppressor of rebellion.

The British River gunboat Widgeon is leaving Su Fu for Kiating today.

BEIEGERS OFFER TERMS

Release of Railway League Ringleaders Is Demanded.

CHUNG KING, Sept. 15.—Several American families from Kiating and elsewhere have arrived here safely.

Two thousand modern troops outside Cheng-tu have not yet joined the besiegers, but have moved from their barracks, outside the walls, into a camp five miles distant. They refuse to obey the Viceroy or to participate in the siege. It is reported that the students of the military college have joined these non-combatants.

Authorities outside fear to attempt the relief of Cheng-tu, lest the neutral soldiers join the rebels. The besiegers are armed only with antique weapons. They demand the release of the ringleaders of the railway league as a condition upon which they will raise the siege of the capital.

REBELS ARE REACTIONARIES

Government Plans Real Reforms, Says Minister Calhoun.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—William J. Calhoun, United States Minister to China, in an interview here today, said:

"Important changes and reforms have been planned and are being worked out by the Chinese government, which, when completed, will awaken the dormant forces and resources of the country. The trouble in the Province of Sze-chuen is caused by reactionaries who are seeking to check the plans of the government for development and progress and who desire to keep the country at a standstill. Mr. Calhoun will start on his China-bound journey from New York, via Europe and Siberia, within two weeks.

ARSENAL REPORTED TAKEN

Charge d'Affaires Reports Besiegers Are Trained Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—State Department cable advices from Charge d'Affaires Williams at Peking today said that the government troops were confronted not by an unorganized mob of williams, but by trained soldiers, who hold the approaches to Chengtu and Mr. Williams believes, have possession of the arsenal and magazine at the city's south gate.

The cable messages reported fighting at Kiating, 200 miles from Chengtu.

Dany O'Brien Fights Well.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Danny O'Brien, the crack Portland, Or., right-oilweight, and Jerry Murphy, of Indianapolis, fought four fast rounds to a draw here tonight. The going was fast throughout and some sentiment existed in the crowd that O'Brien should have had the decision.

ROCKEFELLER TAX STANDS

Valuation of Forest Hill Estate 400 Per Cent Over Last Year.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 15.—John D. Rockefeller's protest that the tax appraised on his Forest Hill estate is too high, was ignored today when his legal representative appeared before the County Commissioners to argue the protest.

As a result Rockefeller will have to pay on a valuation of \$1,052,198, an increase of more than 400 per cent over last year's valuation.

STORAGE CHICKEN KILLS

One Man Dead, More Than 70 Ill, on Battleship Michigan.

BOSTON, Sept. 15.—Cold storage chickens are believed to have caused the death of William Starkweather, of New York, and the illness of between 50 and 70 sailors on board the battleship Michigan, which arrived here today from the southern drill grounds.

All of the other sick men have recovered.

Gore Not to Assist Laurier.

MURKOGUE, Okla., Sept. 15.—Senator Thomas F. Gore, of Oklahoma, requested the Associated Press today to deny the story that he had been invited by Premier Laurier, of Canada, to assist in the campaign for reciprocity.

PURE FOOD EXPERT, WHO IS VINDICATED BY PRESIDENT TAFT OF CHARGES ON WHICH WICKERSHAM ADVISED HIS RESIGNATION.



DR. HARVEY W. WILEY.

DR. WILEY UPHHELD

President Has Sympathy for Work of Food Expert.

BROADER ISSUES RAISED

Letter Indicates More Radical Action May Follow - Kehler Reprimanded - Rusby at Fault in Another Instance.

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common laborer's roll of a physician and expert whom he could use to do his work when he himself was called away "was not especially creditable," but he does not believe that it merits severe punishment.

Rusby Contract Reviewed.

The President reviews in detail the correspondence leading up to and later confirming the arrangement with Dr. Rusby, the pharmacologist of the bureau, by which the department engaged the services of the eminent expert in connection with the enforcement of the pure food laws, and says that the nub of the charge by the personnel board was that Dr. Wiley, Dr. Kehler, Dr. Bigelow and Dr. Rusby "in effect conspired to put on the record a contract for a general employment year, but actually and secretly made a contract with him by which he was only to do enough work during the year for the \$1400, to secure him a compensation of \$20 a day, and this was done in deliberate and defiant violation of the law."

The President further reviews the opinion of the Attorney-General, and adds:

"The truth is, it appears from the answers of Dr. Wiley, Dr. Kehler and Dr. Bigelow, that there had been good many precedents in the department which seemed to justify the employment of Dr. Rusby at an annual salary when it was not expected that his entire time would be taken up.

"Rusby was the case with respect to the employment of what was known as the Remsen board. That board was created by order of President Roosevelt, and its important purpose of enabling the Secretary of Agriculture to have reviewed the decisions of the Bureau of Chemistry in cases where technical questions and would, if sustained, have destroyed valuable and profitable business heretofore regarded as lawful in such cases it had been decided not to allow the destruction of what would be otherwise lawful property and business on the decision of one expert on the head of the board. Accordingly, the Remsen board was created of a number of experts, all of whom were known to be engaged in other professional work, that of the reviewing-board. Dr. Remsen, the head of the board, occupies an important position in Johns Hopkins University and that is his principal occupation.

"Another member, Dr. Russell Chittenden, of Sheffield Scientific School, is dean of that school, and that is his chief vocation. Hence the employment of the Remsen board at the rate of \$2000 a year for each member necessarily involved the proposition that an annual salary might lawfully be paid without requiring labor of seven hours a day from each person so employed. This, the Attorney-General states, is in violation of the statute, but in the Agricultural Department it was not thought that this was the question of precedents made in the case, replied that in the practice of the department the clause in the appropriation act of March 15, 1898, had been held to have no application to the employment of experts outside of Washington."

The President holds these precedents important in showing the second in command of the Attorney-General was based on only part of the evidence and doubtless would have been different if the whole record had been before him. He finds that Dr. Kehler, in his anxiety to induce Dr. Rusby to serve, was disingenuous in the language of his letters and that the recommendation of the President's language is: "The language of his letters does not have a commendable tone and suggests a willingness to resort to eva-

sion that calls for official proof."

Dr. Rusby is held not to have known of the legal difficulties involved and to have been seeking only for additional compensation which he thought adequate. The President continues:

"The Government ought not to be at a disadvantage in this regard and should withhold one's sympathy with an earnest effort by Dr. Wiley to pay proper compensation and secure expert assistance in the enforcement of so important a statute, certainly in the beginning when the questions arising under it are of capital importance to the public. An examination of the whole case satisfies me that Dr. Wiley was a party to the correspondence or to the letters upon which the chief charge is founded.

"With respect to the other persons charged, I find an overzeal in Dr. Kehler and Dr. Bigelow which prompted a disingenuous method of squaring Dr. Rusby's desire for what he thought was adequate compensation with the contract which you and Dr. Wiley were willing to make with him and that you and Dr. Kehler and Dr. Bigelow should be reprimanded by you. I do not find Dr. Rusby at fault.

"Further consideration satisfies me that there are very much broader questions involved in the investigation of the evidence there brought out than in the present charge, which is narrow and definite and can now be properly disposed of. The investigation which requires more radical action than the question I have here considered and decided.

"There is another charge against Dr. Rusby for securing the appointment on the common laborer's rolls of a physician and expert whom he could use to do his work at a very small stipend when he himself was called away in other employment. I regret to say that the arrangement which Dr. Rusby thus made is not especially creditable to him and shakes in some degree one's confidence in his right to make personal pecuniary sacrifices in the public interest in the enforcement of the pure food law.

"But Dr. Rusby's position as an expert of high standing is such that I do not think that any more than this expression of opinion should be imposed as penalty. My information is that the Government needs his services and that he has already rendered valuable aid. The error referred to, committed by him, does not call for further action or remark.

RAW YOUTH SWINDLER

EIGHT DENVER FIRMS NOW SEEK SPIRIOUS GROWER.

Sympathetic for Seeming "Rube," Brokers Advance Him Money on Crop That Fails to Arrive.

DENVER, Sept. 15.—Roy V. Smith, who gives his home as Brigham, Utah, came here recently with negotiable paper, apparently representing thousands, in his possession.

He posed, it is said, as a verdant youth, ignorant of business methods, and appealed to the sympathies of the Denver grain dealers whom he met in an endeavor to sell his crop of oats.

Now eight of these grain dealers have asked the police to find Smith and recover for them \$12,000.

Smith first brought himself to the attention of the Denver grain dealers late in August by writing them from Brigham, Utah, on a letter-head that indicated he was a horse trader. He informed them he had oats from 320 acres to sell, which he thought would amount to between 4000 and 5000 sacks.

He secured a bitter complaint against Utah grain dealers for their alleged "greed and dishonesty."

As the Denver market was short, each Denver dealer agreed to buy Smith's oats and shortly thereafter eight of them received word that Smith had shipped two carloads to each. Smith appeared in Denver a few days ago and was grieved to learn that the railroad companies had delayed his shipments. He told each dealer he was short of money and was in haste to reach Wayne, Ill., to invest the proceeds from his oats in horses.

Through pity for the inexperienced "rube," the dealers agreed to pay him \$1500 on the bill of lading and identify him at the bank. After visiting eight Denver firms, one of which paid him \$1500, Smith disappeared with \$12,000 in cash.

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GOVERNORS PLAN TO PRESENT ISSUE

Briefs in Pending Intrastate Rate Cases to Be Examined First.

DIVORCE TOPIC DEFERRED

Subject Will Play Leading Part in Next Convention, According to Plans - Governor Noel Urges Inheritance Tax.

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Sept. 15.—The newly appointed committee of three Governors to present, on behalf of the 24 states, a plea to the Federal Supreme Court for protection of states rights, held a short executive session here today, discussed a preliminary line of action and decided to get copies of the briefs and other papers in the half dozen or more intrastate railroad rate cases now pending in Federal Courts.

The Governors' conference decided to meet next year at Richmond, Va., on December 2.

The question of uniform divorce laws has so far been referred to only casually, will be the principal topic of discussion at next year's meeting, according to the plans of several Governors. Carey, of Wyoming; Stubbs, of Kansas, and Vessey, of South Dakota, will speak at Cooper Union, New York, on woman suffrage tomorrow night.

Governor Noel, of Mississippi, delivered the principal address at today's session, advising the inheritance tax. He said, in part:

"Acquisition of property by will or inheritance, under our Government, is neither a natural right nor a privilege, but a privilege, created and controlled by law.

"The tax laws of different states, both as to classes of property and as to the rates, are widely variant, resulting in occasional hardships, through double taxation. All beneficiaries are taxed in 22 states and only that at the corner of Main and Cordova streets has a direct automatic connection with headquarters and an extension of this system was recommended.

"Ad valorem taxation, as a source of state revenue, through its temptations to officials to make petty or all of the state burden, by under-assessments, is becoming largely imperative. The inheritance tax, susceptible of a much needed supplement; and if aided by some other source of state revenue which can be fairly and equally collected, the direct tax, which for various needs has outlived its usefulness, can be superseded or made nominal."

YEGGMEN STEAL \$315,000

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Trapps' garage, broken down in front of the Y. M. C. A. building. It is thought the yeggs started to get away in the machine and then had to abandon it.

Usually there is a night watchman on the premises, but last week he went on his vacation. It is evident the robbers knew of this, for in his room the loot was tied up and blankets from his bed were used to deaden the noise of the explosion.

"Chink" Is Seized.

Chong Hong, the Chinese caretaker, said that he had entered the bank at 4:10 o'clock and this time is corroborated by a policeman who remembers that he saw the Chinese going toward the bank about 4 o'clock. The Chinaman says that he opened the door at the front of the office on Columbia street, using the pass-key. He had no sooner set foot inside when he was seized by a large man, and two others came a moment later.

"If you make a noise I will kill you," said the large man, and the frightened Chinaman did not make a sound. The two smaller men gagged the Chinaman with his own handkerchief. They tied his feet and hands and took him to the basement, where they tied him to a post.

The Chinaman says that he saw only two men, but he believes at least two other men were engaged in the robbery. This theory is accepted by the police, who think that at least two men were maintained as lookouts during the time that the robbery was taking place. It is certain that the vault had already been blown before the robbers entered, must have got in shortly after midnight, for the whole affair was carried out with great care and precision.

From the front door the robbers had evidently crossed the main office of the bank and ascended a stairway which led to the room of one of the clerks, who usually sleeps in the bank. In that room, however, was on his vacation, so there was no person on the premises. By means of a pick the robbers tore away a portion of the wall, and entered a room which was the general vault, and the same instrument was used to break through the thin cast-iron lining of the vault. The latter was not heavy, and it could not have been more than 30 minutes' work at the most before the burglars had got clear into the vault in front of the great steel door.

ROBBERIES MASTERS AT GAME

The robbers went at the door job like masters of their profession. The corners and cracks were evidently filled with nitroglycerine and dynamite, which can be observed from this forenoon's examination. It is doubtful whether more than one charge was used in smashing the door through which they could crawl into the vault they plugged with the bedding that had been used by the young clerk who slept in the room except when on his holidays. This must have effectually deadened the sound, for no person has been found who heard the explosion or the rattle of the door as it fell.

About 3 o'clock this morning an automobile was seen near the front of the bank and it would have been an easy bag for the robbers to have come and gone in that.

Chinaman Faithful Employee

The Chinaman who was caught and gagged by the robbers has been working as a janitor for the bank for 19 years. The last clerk left the main

office of the bank at 10 o'clock last night. After that hour there was no one around until the Chinaman came, and the robbers were probably pretty well through their job by that time.

The robbers left behind them a can of nitro-glycerine and the picks and crowbars which they used in breaking into the vault. The attempt to steal an automobile belonging to E. J. Trapp may have some connection with the bank robbers. The automobile was housed in a garage three blocks away from the bank. A spark plug had been removed from the machine by the owner, and those who attempted to use it were unable to get the engine into action. The car was pushed by hand into the garage, and when it could not be operated was left in the street.

Manager G. D. Brynner, who has been in charge of the branch for 20 years, opened the bank for business shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Not a great deal of business, however, was done over the counter, for the place was crowded with sightseers. It develops that one of the clerks was supposed to have slept at the bank last night, but no explanation of his absence has as yet been made. The outside vault was renewed in brick and cement and cast iron last year, but neither it nor the safe was supposed to have been tampered with. It is certain that only one charge was used to wreck the safe. Several thousands of dollars' worth of damaged gold pieces, bent and bruised by the explosion, were left lying on the bed in the clerk's room. Much of the stolen money was in new bank notes that had never before been in circulation. The notes were fully signed and negotiable for all that.

AMERICAN CITIES ON LOOKOUT

No Stone to Be Left Returned to Capture Robbers.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15.—An entire day's search for clues to the bank robbery, this morning, at New Westminster revealed little. A string of detectives left here in the afternoon and were followed by a detachment from Victoria, B. C., and were sent to all American Coast cities.

A dispatch from the head office of the Bank of Montreal, at Montreal, states that detectives are being sent to the Pacific Coast and that no stone will be left unturned to track down the robbers.

So alarmed are the bank officials of the city at the successful robbery that they conferred with the police authorities this afternoon with a view of providing better protection for the banks of the city. Steps will be taken to provide burglar alarms for all the banks as soon as possible. At present there is not, it is understood, any arrangement between the banks and police for special protection.

The police constables simply look through the lighted windows of the bank while on their regular beats. A bank at the corner of Main and Cordova streets has a direct automatic connection with headquarters and an extension of this system was recommended.

CADETS MUSTN'T FLIRT

MIDDLES CAUTIONED TO MAKE THEIR EYES BEHAVE.

Stern Order at Annapolis Is Result of Youth's Unwelcome Ogling of Officer's Daughter.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 15.—Captain John H. Gibbons, superintendent of the Naval Academy, does not approve of flirting. He has so told the middles and through the head of the department of discipline has warned the young gallants that roguish glances and tentative ogling must stop—at least inside the Naval Academy limits.

Back of the anti-flirting order recently issued in a verbal way to the whole membership of the fourth class is a sad mistake, wherein a young midshipman found in his sorrow that the pretty miss he was ogling had too much self-respect to tolerate his impudence.

As she walked down "Lovers' Lane" the young woman was the recipient of advances from a youth whom she thought too bold to resist. Effectually squelching the youth the young miss entered the home of her father, who is an officer attached to the Academy, and laid her case before him.

"Fortunately for the offending midshipman, the girl was unable to identify him, so the reprimand was delivered to the whole class after men and the young fellows were warned to hereafter refrain from all bold glances or "goo-goo eyes" under pain of departmental displeasure.

CLOUDBURST HITS 3 TOWNS

Workmen Hang From Rafters of Building Until Water Recedes.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 15.—Damage estimated at \$100,000 was done and several lives were reported lost in a cloudburst which swept Etta, Sharpburg and Milvale today.

The water tore through the streets of Etta in a torrent, carrying great masses of debris against the Baltimore and Ohio railroad bridge. Search is being made for persons believed to have been swept down in the flood.

Two hundred workmen were caught at the Spang-Chalfant mills and hung under the rafters of one of the buildings until the water receded or they were taken off in boats. The storm was general throughout Western Pennsylvania.

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Station, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Six thousand pounds of dried hops were also burned. \$1500 insurance was carried, and the loss is about \$3000. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started from the chimney of the drier. It was discovered shortly after midnight, and in 15 minutes the building was in ashes.

VICE REPORT UNDER BAN

Postal Authorities Seize Copies as Unfit Matter.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—One thousand copies of the report of the Chicago Vice Commission have been seized by the postal authorities pending a decision from Washington whether the much-discussed volume is fit matter to be carried through the mails.

The order barring the report of the commission from the mails on the ground that it was obscene was issued after a wagonload of the books was delivered at the postoffice by the commission.

GEN. MURRAY IN COMMAND

Western Division Leads in Number of Troops Assigned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—Major-General Arthur Murray arrived here today from Washington, D. C., to take over the command of the western division of the United States Army, with headquarters in this city. His division embraces the Pacific States and territories, with the largest number of troops of any division in this country.

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