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## CHINESE PRESIDENT ESCAPES CAPTORS

### Refuge Found in Japanese Legation.

## BATTLE STILL IN PROGRESS

### Assassination of Executive Is Reported in San Francisco.

## MIKADO TO BE NEUTRAL

### Tokio Believes Allies May Have to Take Protective Measures if Disorders Arise—Loyalty of Governors Questioned.

TIEN TSIN, July 4.—Li Yuan Hung, the Chinese President, with two attendants, escaped from the Palace at 9 o'clock last night and sought refuge in the Japanese Legation. The Japanese, considering the urgency of the case, granted him refuge. No one is allowed to interview the President.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—A cablegram received here today by the Chinese World, a newspaper, stated that unconfirmed rumors persisting in all sections of Peking were that President Li Yuan Hung had been assassinated and that former high officials of the republic had declared allegiance to the monarchy.

A battle is in progress today between troops of the southern provinces, fighting for the preservation of the republic, and the northern forces of the young Emperor, according to cable advice received by the Chinese Nationalist League. The first clash occurred yesterday, the officers of the League announce, who say the source of its information is unquestionable.

### Republicans Reported Gaining.

According to the dispatches, the soldiers of President Li in the Chinese capital are steadily gaining ground.

TOKIO, July 3.—(Delayed.)—General Chang Hsun, says a dispatch from Peking, asked Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, on June 22, whether Japan would support a movement for a restoration of the monarchy in China.

### Allies May Act Together.

Baron Hayashi replied that Japan would adhere to its policy of non-interference. Should the restoration appear to succeed, it is believed it may precipitate a decisive struggle between the northern and southern provinces.

The opinion has been expressed here that should serious disorders arise, Japan and the allies might be forced to take protective action.

AMOY, FU KIEN PROVINCE, China, July 4.—Troops of Kwang Tung province are reported to be concentrating on the Fu Kien province border.

SHANGHAI, July 4.—It is generally believed here that the navy will support the Republic while the local military and civil authorities are also proclaiming the republic and opposing the monarchy, but this may be for the purpose of preserving the peace in Shanghai.

### Plans Deeply Laid.

It is believed the restoration plans are deeply laid, and that the military governors are really supporting the restoration.

Tang Shao Yi, ex-premier, in a statement to the Chinese press, said that General Chang Hsun's coup in restoring the monarchy affected the whole world. "I'll leave it to the world," he said, "to decide whether it is right. The republic never had a chance. Real Republicans, from the beginning, had been checked by the reactionaries, and now, when the whole world is talking of liberty and democracy, from autocracy, China is reverting to the past. It is a challenge to new China."

Newspapers printed in the vernacular are practically unanimous in denouncing the restoration of the Manchu dynasty. They predict it will be short-lived, saying the whole country will rise against Emperor Hsuan Tung and General Chang Hsun.

### Much Depends on Army.

The China Press in a leading article says the question of the moment is the amount of military strength which the Kuo Min Pang (Democratic party) is able to muster. The Shanghai Times thinks an armed conflict between the north and south is imminent and says that the scale of the civil war will depend largely on the attitude adopted by Vice-President Feng Kwo Chang.

The North China News does not believe that Southern China will accept the monarchy and says the immediate result of the coup d'etat will be to rally all Republicans under one standard.

The Standard says the differences between the Navy and the Army around Shanghai vanished on Monday morning and that both branches uphold republicanism.

LONDON, July 4.—A Reuter dispatch from Shanghai today quotes Vice-President Feng Kwo Shang as indignantly denying the allegation of the Pekin edict that he is a pro-monarchist and as declaring, on the other hand, his intention of taking action at the earliest possible moment against the new Pekin government.

### Ex-Premier to Lead Forces.

"The military and naval commanders at Shanghai, who are strongly republican, have been bidden to make immediate preparation for such action," adds the dispatch. "It is anticipated that Tuan Chi Jul, the ex-premier, will lead the republicans."

## TELEPHONE GIRLS TO GET MORE PAY

### HOME COMPANY, SPOKANE, TO GRANT \$30,000 INCREASE.

### Steps to Avert Strike Growing Out of Aberdeen Trouble Are Taken, and Raises Will Be Given.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 4.—(Special.)—The Home Telephone Company has granted an increase in pay to the girls operators, taking effect Monday, C. E. Hickman, district manager, announced today.

The increase ranges from 10 to 30 cents a day for each individual, amounting to \$30,000. It affects about 400 girls.

An unsettled wage scale negotiation between the men and company entered into the matter, according to D. P. Reid, secretary of the Spokane Local of Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The union will vote on the strike proposal Thursday. In the meantime Federal mediation is being sought by the companies to settle the dispute.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 4.—A tentative agreement to settle the telephone strike here, and avert a strike of electrical workers along the entire Pacific Coast, scheduled to take effect Saturday following a strike vote to be taken tomorrow night, has been reached, it is announced here today, and final action on it will be taken tomorrow morning at a meeting of the Aberdeen Electrical Workers' Union.

## MORE MILITIA IN SOUTH

### Training for Mountain States Men to Be at Palo Alto.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 4.—The War Department has decided to send militia troops from Utah, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming to Palo Alto, Cal., instead of American Lake, Wash., for training, according to information received here tonight from Washington.

### Orders last week directed National Guards of Oregon and Washington to train at Palo Alto.

## MR. ELKUS REACHES U. S.

### Ex-Ambassador to Turkey to Be Officially Welcomed Today.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Abram I. Elkus, ex-United States Ambassador to Turkey, with which this country severed diplomatic relations last April, arrived here today.

Mr. Elkus was accompanied by his wife, three children and attaches of the Embassy at Constantinople. Mr. Elkus will be officially welcomed home with ceremonies at the City Hall tomorrow.

## BELGIAN GIRL SHOT AS SPY

### Brother of Victim Also Executed by Germans.

LONDON, July 4.—A German court-martial sentenced to death Mlle. Grandpre and her brother, both of Stavolt, Liege Province, Belgium, and caused them to be shot within 24 hours, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam today.

The accused were tried at Liege on the charge of espionage. The proceedings were in camera.

## FOOD RIOTS ARE SPREADING

### Troops Used to Quell Disorders in Four German Cities.

COPENHAGEN, July 4.—A semi-official German statement reaching here reports that food riots occurred not only in Stettin and Dusseldorf but also in two Silesian cities, Gleiwitz and Hindenburg.

Troops had been called to restore order, which was accomplished without actual firing.

## PRESIDENT GOES YACHTING

### Needed Rest Is Taken on Trip Down Potomac.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—President Wilson, taking advantage of the day to get a needed rest, this morning boarded the yacht Mayflower for a trip down the Potomac River, possibly as far as Chesapeake Bay. He was accompanied by members of his family.

## BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK

### Eighteen of Crew Survive Wreck Caused by Mine.

LONDON, July 4.—An old type of British torpedo-boat destroyer has struck a mine and sunk in the North Sea, it was officially announced this evening.

There were 18 survivors from the sunken craft.

## LIBERIA TO OUST GERMANS

### Deported Teutons Are to Be Taken to France.

LONDON, July 4.—Arrangements have been completed to deport all Germans from Liberia, it is learned here. They will leave in a few days, with France as their destination.

## TRI-COLOR YIELDS TO STARRY BANNER

### Paris Honors Khaki-Clad Troops.

## AMERICAN FLAG EVERYWHERE

### President Poincare Gives Banners to Pershing.

## WAR TROPHIES DISPLAYED

### Ceremonies Take Place Before Tomb of Napoleon, Before Pictures of Heroic French Battles From Time of Charlemagne.

PARIS, July 4.—All France celebrated the Fourth of July. Paris turned out a crowd that no American city ever surpassed for size, enthusiasm and profusion of Stars and Stripes.

A battalion of the first American expeditionary force about to leave for training behind the battlefield had its first official review in France and was the center of the celebration.

### United States Flag in Evidence.

Everywhere the American flag was flying from public buildings, hotels and residences and from automobiles, cabs and cars. Horses' bridles and the lapsels of pedestrians carried them.

The crowds began to gather at vantage points. Rue de Varenne was choked long before 8 o'clock this morning, when the Republican Guard Band executed a field reveille under General Pershing's windows, and all routes toward the Invalides were thronged even before Pershing's men turned out.

### War Trophies Displayed.

About the Court of Honor where the Americans were drawn up with a detachment of French Territorials the buildings overflowed with crowded humanity to the roofs. All around the khaki-clad men from the United States were trophies and souvenirs of war—German cannon, aeroplanes, machine guns and many appliances for burning suffocating gas. Behind them in the chapel separating the Court of Honor from Napoleon's tomb were German battle-flags, trophies of the Marne and Alsace behind Prussian banners of 1870.

There in the chapel before the tomb of Napoleon, General Pershing received American flags and banners from the hands of President Poincare.

### Paintings Recall Heroic History.

Along the entire history of the struggles of the French against the Germans looked down upon the scene with paintings portraying heroic incidents in French battles from Charlemagne to Napoleon. There was a sharp contrast between the khaki and plain, wide-brimmed hats of Pershing's men and the gay dress of D'Artagnan's (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

## HUNDREDS OF TARS GET COMMISSIONS

### AS MANY MORE ARE TO BECOME WARRANT OFFICERS.

### Secretary Daniels Expects Large Percentage of Promotions Will Be Permanent.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Designation of 496 warrant officers for war commissions in the line and staff of the Navy was announced tonight by Secretary Daniels, who said he expected a large percentage of them to perform their new duties so that their promotion could be made permanent after the war. This will be the largest number of men ever commissioned in the American Navy at one time.

Temporary rank as warrant officers will be given to 345 enlisted men immediately and others will be so designated as the need arises to fill up the places of those receiving commissions. The Secretary acted under a recent authorization of Congress for expanding the Navy's personnel and for issuing temporary commissions to expire at the end of the war.

Under the Secretary's order 95 chief boatswains, 117 chief gunners and 125 chief machinists will become ensigns; 85 chief carpenters will become assistant naval constructors; 64 chief pay clerks will become assistant paymasters and 10 chief pharmacists will become assistant pharmacists. Of the enlisted men designated to become warrant officers, 37 will be boatswains, 82 gunners, 48 machinists, 15 carpenters, 59 pay clerks, and 64 pharmacists.

## VOTE OR CLOTURE IS EDICT

### Senator Chamberlain to Try to Induce Food Bill Action Today.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Unless an agreement is reached by tomorrow afternoon for taking a final vote on the food control bill, Senator Chamberlain announced today that he would introduce a motion to put into effect the new cloture rule.

The vote is being delayed by the fight on the Gore amendment to place on the President responsibility for determining whether the manufacture of beer and wine should be restricted.

## BOY BLOWN TO HIS DEATH

### Child of Ten Years Victim of Barbare Celebrating.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 4.—Ramon Castro, 10 years old, died here early today, the first victim of Fourth of July accidents. Both arms were blown off by the explosion of two sticks of dynamite set off by early celebrators. The boy, from his home, saw the fuse sputtering and reached the spot as the explosion occurred.

Three men are being sought in connection with the death.

### Third-Story Fall Probably Fatal.

ASTORIA, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—Ludwig Sutherland, a timber feller employed at the Western Coopersage camp, either jumped or was thrown from a window in the third story of the Parker Hotel tonight. His skull was fractured and his injuries are believed to be fatal. The police believe the man committed suicide, but two companions who were with him are being held pending an investigation.



## 135 HURT INSTEAD OF 653 ON FOURTH

### ONLY SIX DEATHS REPORTED COMPARED WITH 7 IN 1916.

### Endicott Girl's Death in Fires Set by Crackerers Is One of Few in Country.

CHICAGO, July 4.—(Special.)—Fourth of July celebrations seem to have taken another long stride toward absolute safety. Reports of casualties received from all parts of the country up to a late hour tonight are so far below the number received at the same hour last year as to indicate that Independence Day in 1917 will establish a remarkable record.

Six deaths have been reported compared with a total of seven for the first night last year, and while that number may be increased to the record of 1916, it is the decrease in the number of injured which stands out as notable.

Only 135 persons injured, with just a single case in Chicago, was the wonderful answer to the campaign of education for a sane Fourth celebration which has been conducted throughout the country for a number of years. Last year the injured list numbered 653.

Most encouraging are advices from a number of points that during the year ordinances or other regulations against the sale and use of fireworks had been put into effect, with the satisfactory result that no lives were lost and few persons had been hurt.

Reports of fatalities came from the following points:

Los Angeles, Cal.—Ramon Castro, 10 years old, both arms blown off by explosion of dynamite.

Endicott, Wash.—Alvona Schlerman, 3 years old, burned to death when firecrackers set fire to her dress.

Detroit, Mich.—Dorothy Lewis, 8 years old, fatally burned by fireworks. Quincy, Ill.—One death due to premature explosion of a bomb.

## SLAYER ABSOLVES POLICE

### Officers Not Involved in Murder of Ruth Cruger, Says Cocchi.

BOLOGNA, July 4.—Alfredo Cocchi, confessed slayer of Ruth Cruger, the New York girl, said he had no secret connection with the New York police and that they were not at all involved in the crime.

Cocchi's statement came after new inquiry by the royal prosecutor.

## RUSSIAN STRIKES MINE

### Torpedo-Boat of Old Type Is Blown Up in Black Sea.

PETROGRAD, July 4.—A Russian torpedo-boat of an old type was blown up by a mine in the Black Sea on June 30, according to an official statement made today.

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## U-BOAT BOMBARDS SEAPORT IN AZORES

### Girl Killed and Several Are Wounded.

### U. S. STEAMER AIDS DEFENSE

### German Craft Remains in Vicinity, However.

## SHIPPING LOSS REDUCED

### British Admiralty Highly Elated Over Absence of Teuton Success, as Promised by Hindenburg to Bolster Confidence.

PONTA DEL GADA, Azores, July 4.—A German submarine bombarded this city at dawn today. A girl was killed and several other persons were injured. The forts replied to the bombardment.

LISBON, July 4.—An American transport joined in the firing at the German submarine which bombarded Ponta Del Gada, the Azores, today, says an official announcement by the Portuguese Minister of Marine.

### U-Boat Still Off Port.

The transport, which was discharging coal, aided the land batteries in forcing the submarine to withdraw out of range.

The announcement says the submarine is still off the port.

LONDON, July 4.—The weekly shipping summary issued today shows that 15 British merchant ships of more than 1600 tons were sunk and five vessels of less than that tonnage. Eleven fishing vessels also were lost.

The summary: Arrivals, 2745 sailings, 2848. British merchant ships sunk by m or submarine more than 1600 tons, 1, less than 1600 tons, five.

### 16 Attacked Unsuccessfully.

British merchant ships unsuccessfully attacked, including five previously, 16. British fishing vessels sunk, 11.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg's prediction on his return from Austrian headquarters that Germany's enemies would be forced to make peace in the not too distant future if the Germans held their positions until the submarine had done its work received a prompt and convincing reply in the weekly figures of sinkings of vessels. The totals were the smallest in several weeks.

The conclusion has been reached that it is impossible for the submarines to maintain any average of sinkings which will have an appreciable effect on the overseas communications of the allies.

### U-Boats Declared Failure.

Von Hindenburg's boasting pronouncement was issued with a view to bolstering up German sentiment in the opinion of the Admiralty.

The phrase "I'll hold our ground until the submarine war has done its work" has a pleasant sound to the British naval officials, which are now firmly convinced that the submarine war has failed.

A staff correspondent of the Associated Press was privileged to spend two days last week, in observing the anti-U-boat campaign at close quarters, a big naval base on the southeast coast.

There was plenty of evidence of the effectiveness of the Admiralty work in nearby waters, as well as of the tremendous effort being put forth.

### Part of U-Boat Hugs to Troop.

The navy still maintains secrecy regarding the submarines sunk, but the pursuit has become so lively that a U-boat shows its periscope in channel waters only with the greatest risk.

It is impossible to keep entirely secret such incidents as that of an oil-driven destroyer which a few days ago swept into port with a part of a rammed submarine hanging triumphantly from her prow.

Airplanes and dirigible patrols in the channel are proving highly effective and a U-boat once sighted by a dirigible has small chance of getting away.

In waters farther afield one of the best evidences of the success of the Atlantic patrol was the safe arrival of the American transports at a French port.

## WOMEN KILLED; 4 MAY DIE

### None of Injured in Manistee Accident Are Identified.

MANISTEE, Mich., July 4.—Two women were killed and 50, four of whom may die, injured, when a trolley car and an excursion train on the Manistee and Northwestern Railroad collided here tonight. The dead and dying have not yet been identified.

The trolley car, drawing two steel trailers, was crowded with holiday pleasure seekers.

### Indemnity Is Demanded.

BUENOS AIRES, July 4.—The note which the Argentine government has sent to Germany on the sinking of the Argentine vessels Orina and Toro, it is confirmed, demands indemnity, satisfaction and assurance that no more Argentine vessels will be attacked.