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CHINA IN GRIP OF FAMINE AND BITTER STRIFE

Nationalist and Northern Armies Warfare Adds to Shantung's Misery

RELIEF BADLY NEEDED

Thousands Chinese Reported Housed Miserably In Straw Coops and Dugouts; Women Gather Leaves For Food

SHANGHAI, April 21.—(AP)—To the horrors of famine in the once smiling province of Shantung has now been added the scourge of bitter warfare between nationalist and northern armies with its center steadily advancing on Tsinan, populous capital of the province.

Although authoritative reports concerning the progress of the nationalist drive toward Peking are lacking, numerous dispatches from both Chinese and foreign sources in Shantung indicate that the nationalists are continuing their advance along the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

The nationalists assert that their forces have surrounded and isolated Tainan, 35 miles south of Tsinan and the fall of the former city appears imminent, the northerners withdrawing toward Tsinan.

The dispatch of Japanese troops to Shantung is greeted with the bitterest resentment by Chinese here, the Chinese declaring that Japan is infringing on Chinese sovereignty. Protest meetings have been held in Hankow, Shanghai and other southern cities while the Hankow native press is advocating a boycott of Japanese goods.

The Nanking government has handed the local Japanese consul general a strong protest against the sending of Japanese troops to Shantung and it is understood that the Japanese have sent a special courier to Nanking to explain their action.

Growing out of the southerner's advance, the nationalists state that the greatest uneasiness exists at Tsinan. The populace and nationalists of various countries are leaving the city for Tientsin and Tsingtao despite the arrival of 500 Japanese marines on April 20 from Tsinan.

Several local foreign firms represented at Tsinan have been advised that a wholesale exodus is under way. Virtually all American and European residents, mainly missionaries, are stated to have departed.

THIS YOUNGSTER CRAVES CIGARS

SEATTLE 4-YEAR-OLD CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT WEED

Unusual Case Arouses Controversy Among Doctors; to Examine Youngster

SEATTLE, April 21.—(AP)—An ardent cigar smoker before he has reached his fourth birthday, Freddie Riggs, Seattle youngster, has started a warm controversy among local doctors.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Ralph Riggs, explained that when Freddie was a baby he was weak and under-developed and refused to eat, until he chewed on a pipe when he was ten months old. Then he began to eat. He cut his teeth on the same pipe. When he was a year old he began to chew cigars and shortly after that to puff on them, not inhaling the smoke. Efforts to make him leave tobacco alone have resulted in his stopping eating. Aside from smoking—he has one cigar every night—he is a normal and healthy child. He will be four next month.

When the school health department learned of his tobacco craving today, Dr. Ira C. Brown made arrangements to examine the youngster Monday in an effort to solve the enigma.

"I have known many youngsters who smoked," Dr. Brown said, "but I never knew one to start as young as Freddie. There is a cell change going on in the youngster which gives him a craving for tobacco. There are cases on record where sick folks have benefited from smoking but they are exceedingly rare. One benefited where a thousand are harmed. I have had boys four and older smoking and usually it is their early shortcoming."

THREE KILLED IN BAD STORM

HEAVY WIND AND RAIN SWEEP EASTERN STATES

Village of Atoka, Tenn., Wiped Out; Memphis Damage Estimated \$1,000,000

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 21.—(AP)—Heavy windstorms, accompanied by rain and lightning swept through parts of six states early today, leaving at least three dead, scores injured and extensive property damage.

Heaviest damage was reported in West Tennessee, where the storm struck two sections of Memphis and virtually wiped out the village of Atoka, 28 miles to the northward. Arkansas, north Louisiana, north Mississippi, east Texas and west Kentucky also suffered.

The wind, which Meteorologist F. W. Brist estimated reached a velocity of 70 miles an hour, destroyed or badly damaged more than 100 houses in south and east Memphis, skipping several blocks between the two sections and then swept northward to strike Atoka, Tenn., which it virtually destroyed. Damage in Memphis was estimated at more than \$1,000,000 by the Evening Appeal.

The business section of Atoka, which has a population of between 300 and 400, was wiped out, virtually every residence wrecked or badly damaged and 25 persons injured, one fatally. Paul Forber, 13, was killed when his home collapsed and two other members of his family were injured, both seriously.

Two men were killed in other sections of the state. Several hundred derricks in the south Arkansas and north Louisiana oil fields were reported leveled by the wind, and many houses were unroofed or damaged.

21 AUTO DEATHS, MARCH

Most Accidents Caused by Carelessness, Record Reveals

There were 21 persons killed and 393 persons injured in 2361 traffic accidents in Oregon during the month of March, according to a report prepared here Saturday by T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. Nine of the victims were residents of Portland.

Approximately 780 of the accidents were due to carelessness on the part of the drivers, while 131 accidents were caused by skidding. In 427 accidents the question of right of way was at issue. Reckless driving resulted in 90 accidents, while 212 accidents were caused by cars passing on the wrong side of the road. In 47 cases drivers were intoxicated. The state officers participated in 216 arrests during the month, with fines aggregating \$2913.05.

Warnings were issued to 6569 drivers. Delinquent fees collected by the state traffic officers totaled \$10,118.61.

The officers recovered stolen cars having a resale value of \$3825. They traveled 77,175 miles, visited 3291 towns and cities and passed 903 days in the field.

SINNOTT WITHDRAWING

Will Not Run For Re-election, Due to Court Appointment

Representative N. J. Sinnott of the second congressional district sent a telegram Friday to Secretary of State Kozler requesting that his name be withdrawn from the republican ballot at the primary election.

"This action on the part of Representative Sinnott followed his recent nomination by President Coolidge and confirmation by the senate as justice of the federal court of claims.

PORTLAND, Apr. 21.—(AP)—Seven men were prominently mentioned in political circles today as tentative candidates to succeed N. J. Sinnott as representative in congress from the second congressional district.

They were: Bruce Dennis, newspaper publisher of Klamath Falls; Denton G. Burdick, attorney, Redmond; A. R. Shumway, farmer, Milton; Daniel Boyd, attorney, Enterprise; Roy W. Ritner, farmer, Pendleton; and Walter M. Pierce, former governor.

Ritner, Dennis, Burdick and Shumway were in Portland today discussing the matter.

STUDENT FOUND GUILTY

Portland Youth Later Paroled After Sentence On Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Francis Sacchi, 24, pharmacy student, was sentenced to four years in prison on a moral charge and paroled to his father.

"NOT GUILTY" JURY VERDICT SINCLAIR CASE

Millionaire Acquitted on Conspiracy Charge

WALSH NON-COMMITTAL

Senator Borah Also Has Nothing to Say; Nye Declares "Impossible to Convict \$1,000,000" United States

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Harry F. Sinclair stood free today of charges that he conspired to defraud the government in the Teapot Dome oil lease. A jury in the District of Columbia supreme court acquitted him, requiring only three ballots to reach its decision.

One of the jurors who withheld his name, later said not a single vote for conviction was cast by any of the jurors in the one hour and fifty-nine minutes they considered the case. On the first ballot, he said, eight were for acquittal and four undecided and on the second ten for acquittal and two undecided.

In declaring Sinclair innocent of conspiracy to defraud the government, the jury accepted a government witness' statement that Sinclair had no connection with the oil lease.

The jury upheld Everhart's story that Sinclair gave Fall \$223,000 in Liberty bonds for one-third share in the Tres Ritos Cattle and Land company, the ranch in New Mexico. Everhart had testified that he had received the bonds from the oil operator and had given them to Fall but insisted they had no connection with the oil lease.

It was a tense moment when word came that the jury was ready to report. Mrs. Sinclair who for six years has stood beside her husband as he fought various charges growing out of the oil lease, broke down and began to sob. Sinclair took his place at the counsel table and arose as the jury filed into the court and stood beside the jury box. The calm faces of the jurymen gave not the slightest indication of their verdict. The court asked if they had reached a verdict and upon an affirmative answer the clerk asked: "What is your verdict, Mr. Foreman?"

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INDIAN FACES CHARGE

Klamath Falls Man to Face First Degree Murder Charge

PORTLAND, April 21.—(AP)—Orville Davis, Klamath Indian, will go on trial Monday in federal district court here on charges of first degree murder. Davis is accused of having killed Lawrence Walker, a young fellow tribesman on January 2. Walker was killed with an axe on the Klamath reservation near the town of Betty.

The case will be prosecuted by Forrest E. Littlefield, assistant United States attorney. W. P. Myers of Klamath Falls will defend Davis. About 20 Indians from the reservation have been called as witnesses.

PREPARE PLANS HOSPITAL ANNEX

WORK TO START ON NURSES' HOME IN 60 DAYS

Board of Control Also Arranges To Build Tuberculosis Base Here

Work on the actual construction of the new nurses' and employees' home at the Oregon state hospital will get under way in about 60 days, it was announced Saturday at the offices of the state board of control. Preparation of the site was started several days ago. The plans are now being prepared.

The board of control sometime ago decided to defer erection of the nurses' home because of the unsatisfactory condition of the state's finances. It later developed, however, that unless some action was taken to provide additional housing accommodations at the hospital the next legislature would be requested to authorize a large appropriation for a new building.

Because of this situation members of the board decided that it would be more economical to erect the nurses home than to attempt construction of a new wing to the main hospital. Reports received by the board of control indicated that upon completion of the nurses home approximately 160 additional patients could be received at the hospital.

Records in the offices of the board of control show that both the Oregon state hospital in Salem and the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton will be crowded to capacity within the next year or 18 months. It will then be necessary to consider construction of a new hospital building either at Salem or Pendleton.

The proposed nurses home will cost approximately \$130,000 and will be strictly modern.

The board of control also has decided to proceed with the construction of the first unit of the state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles. There was appropriated for the construction of this plant \$100,000. Plans for the structure are now being prepared, and actual building operations will get under way before June 1. Unless hindered by unsatisfactory weather conditions, the tuberculosis hospital should be ready for occupancy next fall.

Officials said there are now approximately 75 tuberculosis patients on the waiting list. Additional units of the hospital probably will be constructed as fast as money is available under legislation.

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WIVES OF NOTED ENGLISHMEN KEEP IN BACKGROUND



Wives of famous Englishmen are content, as a rule, to live in the shadow of their husbands' brilliance. Here are four of them—Lady Austen Chamberlain (left), Mrs. Stanley Baldwin (center), with her husband; Mrs. Arnold Bennett (upper right) and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling.

FLYERS RELIEF SHIP DELAYED

PILOT OF NEW YORK EXPEDITION TO BREMEN ILL

All Supplies Needed at Greenly Island Loaded on Plane for Flight

LAKE STE. AGNES, Que., Apr. 21.—(AP)—Departure of the of the transatlantic monoplane Bremen from ice bound Greenly Island was still further delayed when illness of Floyd Bennett prevented continuation today of New York City's official relief expedition.

The giant Ford relief plane piloted by Bennett and Bernt Balchen arrived here from Detroit yesterday and it had been planned to fly it on to Greenly Island today with all necessary spare parts and supplies for the Bremen.

But Bennett was running a fever this morning and it was decided to delay the flight for a day in hope that he would be sufficiently recovered tomorrow to continue. If he should not be another pilot may be substituted, possibly C. A. Schiller who has already made one trip to the island and back.

Bennett and Balchen both left sick beds to start on the relief expedition and the long flight yesterday through cold and bumpy air did neither of them good. The trip was very rough and all five occupants of the plane showed the strain when they arrived.

When the expedition does push in, Major James Fitzmaurice, the Irish member of the Bremen's crew who came out from the island with Schiller to arrange for supplies, will return with it to aid in reconditioning the Junkers. When the damage done in landing on the island after the ocean flight is repaired he will fly on to New York with his German companions, Baron Von Huenefeld and Captain Herman Koehl.

All supplies needed at Greenly Island were assembled today by Miss Herta Junkers, daughter of the German plane manufacturer, ready to be loaded on the Ford relief plane as soon as the relief flight can be continued. Among the supplies are a propeller, wheeled landing gear, landing skis, petrol, oil, clothing, smoking materials and a couple of bottles of German beer.

Just how long it might be after the relief plane reaches Greenly Island before the Bremen could take-off remained largely a matter of conjecture, some optimists believed the repairs could be made in a day and that the hop off would be managed somehow in quick order, but other persons felt that there might be considerable delay in getting the Bremen into the air after it is patched up.

BULGARIA HAS QUAKE

Panic Follows Among Stricken Populations of District

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 22.—(AP)—The district around Philippopolis which was shattered by earthquakes early this week was shaken again at noon today. The shock was followed by underground rumblings which renewed panic among the stricken populations of the district.

King Boris continues to tour the devastated districts. He spent last night with the refugees, sleeping in a tent in the public garden of Philippopolis.

A gift of \$5,000 was received by the government from the American Red Cross. Premier Llapcheff says that foreign aid is the only effective help for Bulgaria whose own resources are insufficient to cope with the destitution that has resulted from the disaster.

TOP OF WORLD GOAL REACHED BY DARING AGE

Captain Wilkins Makes 2200 Mile Flight Across Arctic Ice Pack

LANDING PLACES EXIST

Greater Safety of Transpolar Flight Over Transoceanic Routes Seen in Exploit

DETROIT, April 21.—(AP)—Captain George Hubert Wilkins, veteran arctic explorer, and Lieutenant Carl B. Eielson, Alaska pilot, have flown across the "top of the world" from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen.

In a brief message to the Detroit News today Wilkins reported the successful accomplishment of the 2200-mile flight across the Arctic ice pack in these words: "Reached Spitzbergen after twenty and one-half hours flying. One stop five days account bad weather."

Later it was learned the stop was at Doedmansoer (Dead Man's Island) 25 miles from Svalbard, whence Wilkins sent out his message. The message was dated April 21 and timed 12:31 p. m.

It was Wilkins' third attempt to span the arctic wastes and word of his successful culmination came after fear had been expressed that he was lost after having left Point Barrow. He was last heard from at Point Barrow early this month, when his radio sent out a fragmentary message about plans for a take-off shortly.

Whether Captain Wilkins actually flew over the north pole was not known. His plans however, contemplated a course between the pole and the North American continent where he desired to make scientific observations.

Word also is awaited whether he and his companion found land in the unexplored area they crossed and whether they were able to observe ocean currents, temperatures and make soundings in the interest of meteorology.

The flight of Captain George H. Wilkins and Lieutenant Carl B. Eielson across the "top of the world" from Point Barrow to Spitzbergen will mean much to meteorology. A. M. Smith, representative of the Detroit News who accompanied Captain Wilkins on his arctic expedition in 1927, said today, writing of the flight: "The object of the flight as outlined by Wilkins prior to his departure from Fairbanks March 21, was identical with the project of his two previous attempts at arctic exploration," Smith said. "It was

HISTORIAN WILL ADDRESS GROUP

JASON LEE AND CHAMPOEG BARRY'S SUBJECTS

Comes as Speaker at Chamber of Commerce Monday; Urges Markers

Interesting facts about the Jason Lee mission in Oregon and the Champeog episode, will be recounted by J. Neilson Barry, secretary of the Museum association of Oregon, at the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon Monday.

His address, "Footsteps in the Sands of Time," will deal principally, however, with events in Oregon even prior to Jason Lee's arrival.

The Museum association is seeking to have a museum established in every community in the state, and is already distributing loan exhibits to the school.

Another work in which he is interested is that of the "Trail Seekers," junior historical society of which he is director. The program includes the placing of markers for localities of particular historical significance. Places already marked in this way include Fort William, Willamette Stone, Grant's farm and Old Ironside Cabin. Wallace Post, established in 1812 is one of the places near Salem at which he hopes to have one of these markers.

Mr. Barry was a charter member of the eastern Washington Historical society, and also holds membership in the American Association of Museums, American Historical association, Sons of the American Revolution and the Oregon Historical society.

WOULD BE FLIER COMES TO GRIEF

PLANE BOUGHT HERE CRASHES AT OLYMPIA

Machine Wrecked But Orville Kelsey and Passengers Little Hurt

Two weeks ago, a student flyer, named Orville Kelsey walked into the Fitzgerald-Sherwin Motor company with another young man, Pete Lexague, and purchased outright a Waco plane of which the local firm had three on hand.

The plane was assembled on the local flying field, and the two young pilots started on what they said was to be a "barnstorming" tour.

Both had taken a series of lessons in flying from Tex Rankin, but the lessons had been covered in the briefest time possible and the youths could not boast much flying experience when they left Salem.

Since leaving the city, the flyers have had no end of trouble. About a week ago, they bumped the plane into an automobile parked on the flying field at Olympia, Washington. The car was badly damaged and the owner brought suit against the plane owners.

The Olympia court in an opinion handed down yesterday declared that cars should stay on the road where they belong and found in favor of the defendants.

As if to celebrate his court victory, Kelsey went up in his plane at Olympia yesterday afternoon, and according to reports received here, suddenly dropped 75 feet to the ground. The plane lit on its back and was demolished but without serious injury to Kelsey or his two passengers. Kelsey was accompanied by Clarence Springer and his eight year old son Jack, all of whom were but slightly injured.

Kelsey circled the new Olympia airport and was attempting to land when the plane dropped without warning, overturning just before it hit the ground. Kelsey was unable to explain the accident.

Anyway, the Waco plane that the local concern sold Kelsey, and his companion but a short while ago is all wrecked.

Whether the two men had secured government pilot permits is not known.

Kelsey's home is in Alturas, California, and Lexague lives at Olympia.

FRUIT GROWERS ELECT

H. R. Jones, Commissioner Candidate, Named President

H. R. Jones, prominent fruit grower of the Rosedale district was elected president of the Salem Fruit Growers association at a large and enthusiastic meeting held Saturday afternoon at the chamber of commerce. A. A. Bonney of the Englewood district was elected secretary and treasurer of the association.

Picking prices that were established last year will again prevail this year. For loganberries, strawberries and cherries, the price to be paid this year will be one cent a pound, with a bonus of one cent a pound if the picker stays on the job until the end of the season. This plan worked out very satisfactorily last year.

Cards will be printed with the schedule of prices and will be distributed at a meeting of the association to be called early in May.

Mr. Jones who will call the next meeting of the association of fruit growers is well known throughout the county and has recently announced himself as candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket.

CANDIDATES CERTIFIED

272 Republicans and 81 Democrats Seek Office in Oregon

Certification of the arrangement of names and other information concerning the candidates for election and for nomination at the primary elections in Oregon May 18, was made early in the week by the secretary of state.

The certification contains the names of the candidates for both the republican and democratic nominations. It includes the names of 272 republicans and 81 democrats who are seeking public office.

The ballots will be prepared by the county clerks, subject to the certification of candidates received from the secretary of state. These ballots will be distributed among the various voting precincts by the county clerks.

The primary law provides that a candidate may withdraw his name from the ballot at any time prior to the date of the election.

EYE PRIMARIES AS INDICATION VOTE STRENGTH

Political Spotlight Turned On Ohio, California, and Indiana

HOOVER RETAINS LEAD

Other Republican Candidates Waging Stiff Battle for Favor; Smith Far Ahead in Democratic Race

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21.—(AP)—With conflicting claims of the strength they will be able to show at the national convention in June, the various presidential candidates and their managers, both republican and democratic, are pressing their campaigns for delegates with eyes turned to three important state primaries just ahead—in Ohio, Indiana and California.

While admittedly none of the three will prove a conclusive test, the vote-getting ability of Herbert Hoover will be shown in Ohio Tuesday and in Indiana two weeks later. Sandwiched in between, on May 1, the democratic primaries in California will give a line on the strength of Governor Smith who is in a three cornered contest there with Senators Reed and Walsh.

The republican convention gets underway at Kansas City seven weeks from Tuesday. Two weeks later—on June 26—the democratic assembly at Houston. To date 583 republican delegates have been selected, 38 more than the majority of 545 needed for a nomination. Democratic delegates chosen thus far total 442 with nearly 300 more than that number necessary for a two thirds nominating majority.

On the face of delegates actually designated, Hoover holds a lead among the republican aspirants, with 233 instructed for him or generally conceded to him. Lewden, the runner-up has 175 on the same basis. Managers for each are claiming more than these totals from among the 112 delegates whose preference has not been publicly disclosed.

As for Smith he is far in the lead among the democrats with 301 or 60 more than he polled on the first ballot at Madison Square Garden in 1924. Three opponents—Reed, George and Hitchcock—

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VOTERS REQUIRE MUCH PRINTING

200,000 PAMPHLETS TO BE ISSUED, SAYS KOZER

Mailing Bill Alone Will Total \$4000; Will Be Ready Before May 7

More than 210,000 pamphlets containing the statements of the republican candidates for the several state and district offices and approximately 80,000 pamphlets containing statements of the democratic candidates for the same offices, will be required to meet the demands of the voters at the primary election, according to announcement made by Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state.

The pamphlets are now being printed and mailing will get under way Monday.

Fourteen separate pamphlets containing statements of republican candidates and three separate pamphlets containing the statements of democratic candidates will be printed. The pamphlets range from 12 pages to 50 pages. The largest pamphlet goes to the voters of Multnomah county.

Statements were received by the secretary of state from 91 republican candidates and nine democratic candidates. Total fees received from the statements aggregate \$4115. Fees received from filing 273 declarations of candidacy of republican candidates and 81 democratic candidates totaled \$6335.

The postage on the smaller pamphlets is 1 1/2 cents, while on the pamphlets of 24 to 49 pages the postage is one cent. For mailing the 80 page pamphlet the postage is two cents. The mailing charges will aggregate \$4000.

The law requires that these pamphlets shall be distributed not less than eight days prior to the primary election on May 18, 1928. The work probably will be completed prior to May 7, the secretary of state said.