

BLOOD SPILLED IN INDIA RIOTS IN 3 BIG CITIES

26 Killed and 700 Injured
In Labor Disorders at
Rangoon Docks

Vigorous Display of Force
Found Necessary to
Halt Fights

BOMBAY, May 26.—(AP)—Bloody rioting in Rangoon, Bombay and Dacca today brought British authorities in India face to face with a serious situation in these three big cities of Burma and the Indian peninsula.

The rioting at Rangoon was the most serious of the day. It had direct connection with the civil disobedience campaign of the nationalists. It broke between different bands of coolies, when laborers were imported to replace striking Burmese dock workers. The last reports gave 26 dead and nearly 700 injured.

All bazaars were closed and cauldrons of mounted police clattered through the streets in large patrols. Detachments of the Cameron highlanders and Punjab regiment were on the alert and ready to intervene if necessary.

Strikes in Dacca, an important city of Bengal, 150 miles northeast of Calcutta, Hindus and Moslems fiercely fought each other during the day. Six deaths were reported and many injuries. Scores of arrests were made.

The situation was so serious tonight that the chairman of the district board telegraphed the viceroy of India, Lord Irwin, for adequate police help "in order that the people may feel they are still living under the British government."

Communication System Is Almost Cut Off

Communication with Dacca was extremely difficult and has been so for the past few days, but evening indicates that feeling among Hindus and Mohammedans is very tense.

Bombay did not escape unscathed. Two persons were killed and 19 injured, including a Mohammedan woman, during suppression of a riot in the heart of the Moslem quarter. A mob of five thousand Moslems stoned European policemen.

The police were compelled to fire several volleys, first over the heads and then into the mass of the rioters. They were forced to fire in self defense.

The disorders, which were centered in the Bhandari bazaar, were caused by a Mohammedan hoodlum throwing stones at a dog belonging to an European police sergeant. When the sergeant started to pursue him a group of Moslems began throwing stones.

A riotous mob of 5,000 rapidly gathered. They marched on the police quarters and stoned the buildings and the police who finally responded by revolver fire.

Salt raiding continued. At Wadala 200 were injured and several hundred nationalists arrested in a raid on the government salt pans under 83 prominent leaders. The natives stormed the enclosure and 30 returned with baskets of salt.

SELF INVITED FOLK WOULD WANT \$500

Proposal to include Salem in the itinerary of a Pacific northwest tour planned for something over 40 airplanes, is made by the National Aeronautical association within the next few weeks. Documents asked by the association include \$500 in cash, gasoline and oil for the planes, transportation and from the city if desired and luncheon for flyers, mechanics and tour officials, or hotel accommodations if an overnight stop is to be made.

This proposal will be taken up with the American Legion at tonight's meeting by Brainerd C. Small, through whom the offer has been made. Small's proposal is to charge admission for visitors to the airport on the day the fleet of planes comes here, thus coming out even or better on the expense.

Eugene Lad Is Chosen To Compete In Edison Event

John Steelquist, 17, of the University high school, Eugene, Monday was selected to represent the state of Oregon in the Thomas A. Edison scholarship contest to be held in West Orange, N. J., early in July. Howard J. Richards, 19, of Milwaukee, was selected as alternate.

Announcement of the winner, who was selected from among 11 candidates sent to Salem by the various high school districts, was made after the judges had spent the entire day interviewing the aspirants. The selection was based on character, intelligence, stability, resourcefulness and scholarship with particular reference to

Action On London Naval Pact To Be Considered Later

Special Session May Be Called by President
Hoover for Discussion of Treaty Recently,
Drawn up by Five World Powers

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—Senate leaders determined definitely today after a party conference to defer action on the London naval treaty until the special session President Hoover is prepared to call and agreed on a legislative program looking to an early adjournment.

Senator Watson, Indiana, republican leader, informed President Hoover of this decision after conferences with senate and house chieftains and Mr. Hoover was prepared to sign upon adjournment of the regular session.

House spokesmen declined to discuss a definite date for adjournment while the rivers-harbor bill and veterans relief measures are pending in the senate. The republican senate steering committee agreed to give these right of way after the tariff and Watson was looking to an adjournment by mid-June.

Johnson Protests Against "Rushing"

Senator Johnson, republican, California, protested at the senate party conference against "rushing" through the London pact and disputed with Senator Reed, republican, a London delegate, over merits of the treaty.

Senator Vandenberg, Michigan, acting chairman of the steering committee, announced the veterans relief bill and house motor bus regulation measure would follow in order the rivers and harbors legislation.

Meanwhile, high naval leaders continued their bombardment on the treaty before the foreign relations and naval committees.

One after another of the admirals voiced disapproval of the limitation placed upon American eight-inch gun cruisers.

Answering the request of Senator Johnson, the foreign relations committee decided to request Secretary Stimson to turn over to it the correspondence exchanged between this country and Great Britain prior to the visit last year of Prime Minister MacDonald. In these discussions the preliminary negotiations for the London agreement were undertaken.

REVOLT IS STAGED BY SOCIETY WOMEN

Routine Living and Bridge Parties Pall on Denver Folk, Report

DENVER, May 26.—(AP)—A revolt against the conventions and routine of every day life was in progress here today with 11 women, nine of them married, in seclusion in the country home of Mrs. Henry Swan.

The eleven women departed from Denver today leaving children and husbands behind and forbidding communication of any kind with the Swan home. Husbands repaired to clubs and children went into custody of nurses as wives and mothers left the city.

The women jointly expressed a determination to "get away from it all" for a rest from the whole business of routine living. They were a little tired, they said, of bridge games interrupted by a clock which proclaimed it time to go to dinner and prepare a dinner. They also were a little weary of luncheons and parties.

They claim they have performed their wifely and domestic duties faithfully and that they, like their men folks whom they are forsaking for a week, are in need of a vacation.

A program for each day has been outlined, a spokesman for the group said, but other than the facts that it scheduled rope skipping for morning and "bridge to their hearts" content for afternoon and possibly evening. There was no definite information as to the activities of the women.

GIRL TRIES SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—(AP)—Reported missing nine days ago, Miss Juanita Caston, 19, of Twin Lakes, Idaho, was found today in an emergency hospital, an attempted suicide.

Emil Schermer, member headquarters battery, 24th coast artillery, received slight powder burns about the face Sunday morning when the gun which he was shooting exploded prematurely. The accident happened on the state national guard rifle range near Turner when the local unit was making its record shoot qualifying for the rifle matches for national guard members.

As near as could be determined, the mishap was caused when the firing pin struck, blocking and causing the cartridge to be ejected before the bolt was correctly locked.

Although only a minor injury, headquarters here has started investigation as a matter of routine to determine the exact cause. If the accident, which fortunately did not amount to much, was due to a defective rifle or to a defective bullet, headquarters wants to know about it, a member of the staff said, yesterday.

Schermer has been a member of the company here for two years. This is the only accident that has occurred in guard circles here.

LIQUOR BUYER IS NOT LIABLE COURT STATES

Rum Can Be Purchased With Immunity Declares High U. S. Tribunal

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—The buyer of bootleg liquor was held by the supreme court today not liable to prosecution as a violator of the prohibition laws if the question of illegal transportation and possession is not involved.

The court declined, however, in another case, to declare whether purchasers who know illegal transportation will be involved are guilty of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law. It found that the case in which the government had sought to raise that issue had been foreclosed by the plea, equivalent to one of guilty, which had been entered when the accused was arraigned.

Continued Operation Allowed Manufacturers

In a third case, the court held manufacturers using liquor and alcohol in the preparation of a non-beverage product were entitled to operate until their permits were cancelled for violation and could not be compelled annually to renew their permits.

The cases decided on their merits were deferred for the government and all three decisions were without dissent.

James E. Farver of Boston was indicted for purchasing liquor from a bootlegger. The federal district court for Massachusetts quashed the indictment, taking the position that the prohibition law did not, as the government had contended, make the purchaser equally guilty with the seller.

Government's Claim Not Held Valid

The government appealed directly to the supreme court, which in an opinion by Justice Sutherland, declared the contention that any purchase without a permit was illegal could not be sustained. The court pointed out that the permit related to that class of persons who are authorized to deal with intoxicating liquors for non-beverage purposes. Purchased, could not under any circumstances obtain a permit to make such purchases.

Justice Sutherland stated that "since long before the adoption of the 18th (prohibition) amendment, it has been held with practical unanimity that, in the absence of an express statutory provision to the contrary, the purchaser of intoxicating liquor, the sale of which was prohibited, was guilty of no offense."

HOBO POPULATION DECLARED GREAT

If Salem could claim every hobo who visits the town in a year, it wouldn't come far from reaching a 50,000 population. At least that is what H. J. Hendricks has figured out as a result of his excursion in the hobo camps in connection with the 1930 census enumeration, of which he is supervisor in this district.

Hendricks says, and so he told a sociology class at Willamette university before which he talked yesterday morning, that he believes 50 persons a day enter the city, only to travel on in a day or three. The 50 includes, besides those who frequent the hobo camps, hitch-hikers and other highway travelers.

He is of the opinion that this daily average will hold the year around, which means that more than 18,000 new people are here for a short time every year. A few of these, of course, are here more than once.

GUARDSMAN BURNED BY POWDER CHARGE

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HOTEL FIRE FATAL

BURNS, Ore., May 26.—(AP)—James Brindley, 45, lost his life in a fire which early today de-

Aviatrix Succeeds In Flying Total of 980 Inside Loops

MUSKOGEE, Okla., May 26.—(AP)—Miss Laura Ingalls, 25-year-old New York aviatrix, landed at 7:50 tonight after making 980 consecutive inside loops, breaking her own women's record by 68.

She was in the air three hours and 5 minutes. Miss Ingalls at St. Louis recently set her old record of 844 loops. Her new mark is with 457 loops of the accomplishment of Charles Holman who looped 1,433 times at Minneapolis March 17, 1928.

By a preflight agreement Miss Ingalls is scheduled to receive prize money of \$800.

WATER COMMISSION TO BE FORMED HERE

Forty Names Suggested, All Except Few Opposed to Municipal Idea

Ed Rostein, unsuccessful candidate for mayor in the election of ten days ago, leads the field for appointment to the water commission which will administer the affairs of Salem's municipal water system when it is acquired, it developed at Monday night's informal meeting of the city council.

Forty local men were suggested by the aldermen present and the mayor. These nominees will be interviewed by the members of the council's public utilities committee within the next few days, as to their willingness to serve. The committee will report back to the council next Monday night and at that time the commission will probably be elected by the council.

TRIAL OF CLARENCE L. KING IS STARTED

EUREKA, Cal., May 26.—(AP)—Clarence L. King, placed on trial here today for the murder of his common law wife, Maudie McCoy, shared the interest of the courtroom spectators with two women—his young bride, the former Eunice Pardee of Corvallis, Ore., and the dead woman's mother, Mrs. J. W. Horn of Malvern, Ark.

More than half of the panel of 125 prospective jurors had been excused when court adjourned. Court attaches estimated the trial would occupy two weeks. Judge Harry Falk presides.

Mrs. McCoy was shot to death Feb. 20. King says it was an accident. Her body, hidden behind a log just off the highway north of here, was found six weeks later. King and Miss Pardee were married less than a month after Mrs. McCoy's death.

Albany Bandit Gets \$250 Ex-Pastor of Salem Dies Long River Trip Is Made Man Dies in Hotel Blaze

stroyed the Grand hotel building. The other occupants of the hotel escaped but did not have time to save any personal belongings.

Ethel Havens, of Bend, a waitress in a local restaurant, suffered a broken toe and had difficulty in escaping from the burning building.

Brindley's body was found in the ruins of the hotel several hours after the fire. He was a clerk in another hotel here.

PROMINENT PASTOR DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26.—(AP)—Dr. Melville Cox Wire, for many years one of the most prominent leaders of the Methodist Episcopal church in Oregon, died here today. He was 83 years old.

Dr. Wire was born at Union, N. Y., in 1846 and graduated from Northwestern university in 1874. In 1876 he joined the Rock River conference of the Methodist church and in 1884 he was transferred to Oregon and he served in Oregon churches until 1910 when he retired from the ministry.

Dr. Wire's first pastorate in Oregon was the church at Salem of which he had charge from 1884 to 1887. The following year he was pastor of the church at Eugene.

500 MILE TRIP MADE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26.—(AP)—Sunburned and bearded, Robert Woods, of Lake Chelan, Wash., arrived here today after a 500-mile trip in an open skiff on the Columbia river. The voyage was made in 15 days and was a protest against the proposed building of a dam across the Columbia river at Rock Island, below Wenatchee, Wash., without locks to permit navigation above that point.

Woods left his farm on the shore of Lake Chelan May 11, made a three-mile portage around Chelan Falls to the Columbia river, and rowed his skiff down the Columbia river to the Willamette river and then to Portland. His purpose was to show that it could be done and that therefore Wenatchee should not be shut off by a dam from river navigation.

NEW CRISIS IS NOW FACED BY NATIONALISTS

Collapse of Government is Feared Unless Rebels Beaten at Once

Dangers in Rear of Armies Greater Threat Than Those in Front

SHANGHAI, May 26.—(AP)—The nationalist government of China tonight faced another crisis menacing its safety. President Chiang Kaishek, personally commanding the government forces in Honan province which since May 8 have been attempting to turn back the northern alliance rebel armies, was informed by Premier Minister Soong that immediate victory was imperative to prevent grave detrimental developments within the government.

Backing his appeal for the quick defeat of the rebels who have fought a series of battles with Chiang's troops, the minister's telegram stated that communistic and bandit depredations throughout China, failure of crops and demoralized business were combining to present the gravest menace to the nationalist government had encountered in its brief and turbulent existence.

The government's depleted treasury has been subjected to an almost continuous levy to meet a succession of revolts, to wrestle with banditry that has scourged several provinces, and with looting and massacre. Fields unplanted by farmers turned bandits or soldiers are unproductive, the country's buying power has faded due to the drop in price of silver and business failures are numerous.

The old story of Russian alleged participation in communistic activities was revived today. A representative of the nationalist government, upon completing a tour of the Yangtze valley, the heart of China, asserted that the various Red armies of China were instigated by the Russian third international to terrorize the populace. The purpose was to embarrass the nationalist government.

Fighting a crucial series of battles with the northern alliance of generals, the government has withdrawn its troops from many provinces. In consequence, banditry that has pillaged Kiangsi, Fukien and Kwangtung provinces in south China for many months has spread to virtually all provinces south of the Yangtze river and to several north of that great artery.

The reports of continued success of the nationalists against the northern rebels were contradicted today. The northerners declared that in a battle of the past two days near Lanfeng in Honan, they had taken 20,000 prisoners and forced the nationalists to retreat.

MONSTER MEETING PLANNED BY VETS

Regular Past Commanders' Night Arranged For Local Armory

Capitol Post No. 9 has invited all ex-service men to attend a monster mass meeting to be held at the Salem Armory tonight at 7:30 p. m., the occasion being the annual Past Commanders' night, and also a memorial service for those who have been called to the final bivouac.

Governor Norblad will be the guest of honor, and initiation is to be one of the features of this gathering. The degree team of this Post has been all over the state putting on the work for various Posts, and you may be assured of seeing something worth while from these men.

A very creditable entertainment has been arranged, and in addition to this, a good lunch will be offered. All attending are sure to remember this meeting.

Invitations have been extended to all ex-service men's organizations in the district, through the commanders of the various Legion posts in the vicinity.

Frank Cain, chairman of the mass meeting committee has extended a cordial invitation to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Spanish American War veterans, the veterans of Foreign wars, and the American Legion to attend this meeting.

Barrackman Is Defeated Easily By Canadian Lad

Ernie Arthur, Canadian middleweight champion wrestler, won from Marvin Barrackman in Albany Monday night, taking two falls out of three, local fans who attended reported on their return to Salem.

Arthur, who is billed to wrestle Sailor Watkins here Wednesday night, threw Barrackman with the same tactics which he introduced here in his match with Des Anderson, a series of body slams from a hold gained by first applying a leg hold.

Matchmaker Harry Plant announces that Barrackman's bear will be on the program Wednesday night with an additional 30 minute preliminary.

Jersey Cattle Shown At State Fairgrounds Today

Aristocrats of the Marion county Jersey cattle world will vie for honors at the annual spring Jersey show at the state fair grounds today. The cattle will be assembled in the club barn at the fairgrounds and Professor P. M. Brandt of O. S. C. will have the difficult task of judging.

In accordance with the ruling of the Marion county Jersey cattle club which is sponsoring the show only animals from abortion free herds will be shown. This is not expected to reduce the number of exhibits however.

Seven silver cups will be awarded winners in the show ring. One of these is new this year and is offered by Aibers Brothers milky company for the best three cows from one herd. The Marion county bankers association is offering two cups, one for the best male and one for the best female animals in the show.

Other cups will be given by the Hodgen-Brewster milling company of Portland, the Oregon Grain Flouring Mill company of Sturgeon, the Flouring mill company of Portland and by the Marion county Jersey cattle club. All people who are interested in the show are asked to bring a basket lunch and coffee will be furnished by the club.

Sir Thomas to Seek Cup Again

O-W Firm Will Sue This City

Validity of Recently Voted Amendment To Be Tested

Water Company Is Not Yet Ready to Quit in Big Fight

Suit to test the validity of the charter amendment passed at the recent city election, authorizing \$1,200,000 in bonds for municipal purchase of the local water system will probably be instituted by the Oregon-Washington Water Service company in the near future.

This information was brought out at the informal meeting of the city council Monday night, through the reading of a letter from E. C. Elliott, president of the company, which indicated that the proposed suit would be of a "friendly" nature designed to clarify the situation with respect to the impending purchase. Councilmen Agree That Lawsuit Is Advisable

It was generally agreed by the aldermen present that the test of the amendment's legality would be advisable, and that the suit would be welcomed by the council. However, it was also decided that the council should proceed with the program laid down by the amendment, looking toward purchase of the system from the Oregon-Washington company.

Mr. Elliott's letter contained assurances that the company, in view of the decisive vote by which municipal ownership was endorsed, would not attempt to block the program, but that if the charter amendment should prove invalid, the company would proceed with construction of the filtration plant and other improvements, anticipating that the council would then submit, at the November election, a new amendment incorporating a bond issue which would permit purchase of the amount of the company's investment. The company would agree to do nothing in the way of opposing this suggested measure. Attorneys Declare Amendment Faulty

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Questioned on this point, City Attorney Trindle said he was not prepared to venture an opinion. He said there might be flaws in the amendment but pointed out that the Oregon supreme court has always been disposed to uphold measures voted by the people when at all possible. There is enough doubt to warrant a test suit, he declared.

The company's investment here is already greater than the \$1,200,000 authorized in the bond issue. Mr. Elliott's letter stated.

While agreeing that a test suit would improve the city's position with respect to sale of the bonds, several aldermen voiced objection to the proposal that the city should agree to purchase at the company's figure on its investment. Alderman Dancy, however, said the interpreted the letter to mean only that the city should purchase the improvements now under construction in that manner.

Mayor Livesley, after declaring that he would use his best efforts to bring about the purchase, pointed out numerous difficulties which he saw in the way of bringing about municipal ownership. He declared the \$1,200,000 would not be sufficient, and also voiced apprehension lest the voters would demand water from a mountain source before long. He declared most of those who voted for the amendment expected water rates to be cut in two immediately.

Skelton Returns Home This Week

C. S. Skelton, Salem route four, was taken to his home Sunday from the Oregon State hospital where he has been for nearly two months following an accident when he was struck by a blow from air compression while engaged on construction of the pipe line for the water company. His condition is satisfactory, although he is still confined to his bed.

NEW ERA FARMER KILLED BY CRASH

AURORA, May 26.—George Brown, 67, prominent New Era farmer and chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of Commerce of Oregon City, died at an Oregon City hospital at noon today as a result of injuries sustained when he was struck by a truck as he was walking along the highway near New Era. The accident happened at 9:30.

Brown was driving a disk on a sled toward his farm at New Era, and according to reports, a freight truck swerved as it approached him. His brother-in-law who was driving a tractor a short distance ahead secured help immediately and he was brought to Oregon City, but medical aid was useless and he died at noon. The name of the driver of the truck was not secured.

Brown was until a year ago president of the Oregon City bank and had been a resident of Oregon for 61 years. He is survived by his wife, and the following sons and daughters: Ellis Brown, New Era; Ira Brown, student at U. of O.; Waldo Brown, Hubbard; Mrs. Howard Belton, New Era; and Mrs. B. H. Schroeder, Portland. He was a member of Multnomah Masonic lodge of Oregon City.

An inquest is to be held this morning at Oregon City and funeral services are set for three o'clock this afternoon from the First Presbyterian church at Oregon City.

Petition Filed, Preparatory to Attacking Signs

A preliminary petition for an initiative measure prohibiting advertising signs on and along the state highways was filed in the state department here Monday by the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.

In case a sufficient number of signatures are obtained by the sponsors of the measure it will go on the ballot at the general election in November. The completed petition must be filed by July 8.

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