

## NATIONS SEND WAR VESSELS AGAINST REDS

Recovery of Changsha Now Claimed by National Government

Atrocities Reported; One Woman Bayoneted, and Others Tortured

**SHANGHAI, Aug. 5.—(AP)** Two thousand Chinese were executed while communists were in possession of Changsha, Hunan Province capital, Japanese press dispatches said today. In addition, 4000 Chinese were missing, either executed or kidnapped.

**SHANGHAI, Aug. 5.—(AP)** Aroused by further outrages against foreigners in China by bandit communist armies, foreign governments today ordered additional warships to speed up the Yangtze river to reinforce gunboats at Hankow and five at Chongsha.

Despite announcement of the nationalist government its troops had reentered Changsha, recently seized by the reds, the situation was considered grave there and at Hankow, threatened by approaching communist armies.

The American gunboat, *Luzon*, arrived today at Hankow, prepared to aid the U. S. S. *Paloos* on which five sailors were wounded, recently while protecting foreigners.

Steaming from Sasebo, Japan, for Shanghai, four Japanese destroyers were rushing to join others in the Yangtze patrol.

New Outrages

Are Made Known

New outrages against British included the wounding of three sailors at Changsha, a gunboat engagement with communists; the probable fatal bayonetting of Mrs. A. R. J. Hearne, at Fuchun and the sending of a severed finger of a woman missionary with demand for \$50,000 ransom for her and companion, held captive a month.

The communist menace sweeping the Yangtze valley included the great southern provinces Hunan, Hubei, Kiangsi and Fukien. Dispatches from far flung areas throughout these provinces said numerous red bands numbering from a few hundred to 10,000 continued to pillage towns, robbing the populace without opposition.

Foreigners throughout these areas were fleeing toward river and coastal cities. Whereabouts of many of them were unknown here.

Missionaries Said Reaching Refuge

The majority were missionaries, recalled for safety. Headquarters here of various missions reported varying proportions of their inland staffs had reached refuge places, while others were bottled up at inland towns, avoiding the reds, but unable to reach treaty ports. Still others, it was feared, had fallen into the hands of reds.

Along the Yangtze between Kiu-  
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## Texas Probably Will Name Him



## FOREST FIRES RAGING AGAIN IN NORTHWEST

Serious Blazes Reported in Vancouver, Wash., Area and Near Bend

Eighty Three are Started by Lightning in Idaho is Lewiston Report

**VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 5—(AP)** Twenty men were rushed from Vancouver today to aid the crew of 50 already on the ground, to combat a forest fire in the vicinity of West Vancouver, a summer resort, when the blaze threatened to break fire lines because of a sudden wind. Vacationists joined the fire fighters in beating back the flames from an endagered summer homesite.

Another fire was reported today at Mile 53 on the Pacific Great Eastern railway, in addition to four small fires already burning in the district. A crew of 24 men was fighting the new blaze, which was running in jagged, slashing. A new fire was reported at the head of Sill lake, about 30 miles from Victoria, and another at Camp Ten, in the Cowichan lake region.

The Bastion mountain fire in the Suswap lake district was reported being brought under control. It has been burning for several days. About 100 men are working on the fire.

**BEND, Ore., Aug. 5—(AP)** Fire fanned by a brisk westerly wind today was burning uncontrollably in cutover land 15 miles south of Bend, east of the Dallas-California highway. Late today it had covered about 200 acres.

Forest service and lumber company units were fighting the blaze.

Fire on Green Spring mountain south of Ashland, was reported to have burned more than 100 acres of brush land during the day. The fire is not endangering valuable timber, forest officials said.

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## 'CONS' RIOT OVER BALL DIAMOND USE

Negro Prisoners Monopolize Field, Whites Attack, Eighteen Injured

**NEW YORK, Aug. 5—(AP)** Eighteen prisoners were injured late today in a riot between white and negroes which began when negro prisoners monopolized the baseball diamond at the recreation ground at Welfare Island in the East River.

The trouble began Monday when white prisoners went to the field and found negroes using the diamond. Threats were exchanged but guards were able to prevent violence.

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## M'ARTHUR NAMED ARMY STAFF CHIEF

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 5—(AP)** President Hoover today appointed Major General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff of the army, and Brigadier General Ben H. Fuller, commandant of the marine corps.

In raising the two to the highest peace time posts in their respective field, the president lifted them above the heads of several officers who topped them in rank. Both have seen long service in the field in various parts of the world.

General MacArthur was the senior officer of the army, with sufficient time left before his retirement to complete the full four year term as chief of staff. Seven other officers topped him in rank but all will reach the retirement age of 64 within the next four years.

Child of Five Drowns Elwood Mead to Confer Fir-Tex Plant Opened Beats Baby; Arrested

**BOSTON, Aug. 5—(AP)** Eighty three fires set by electrical storms Monday and Tuesday in the Clearwater and Selway national forests, with one exception, were believed under control tonight.

The one exception, was an acre fire in the Clearwater forest, which was burning fiercely in thick timber. Most of the others were small and easily handled.

The 2000 acre Coolwater fire in the Selway forest was being held, and sixty men were released from the crews, leaving about 250 on the front.

Blazes set by storms in other districts of north Idaho, eastern Washington, Montana and British Columbia were being held. One blaze two miles north of the Canadian border near Nelway, B. C. was halted after thousands of dollars worth of timber and a cedar camp were threatened.

Only one district in the United States, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, was incomplete, but a preliminary estimate by the supervisor placed its population at 1,312,728,873.

This figures was compiled to-night from official announcements given Associated Press bureaus by census supervisors in the states after completing the enumeration which began April 2.

Deputy Constable Watkins who arrested Jones quoted Jones as saying "When that kid yelled it made me sore. I figured the only way to stop it was to spank it."

**BANK SUES RAILROAD OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 5—(AP)** The Bank of Gresham, owner of summer home property on Cedar creek, today filed suit for \$36,000 damages against the Clackamas Eastern railroad company.

The complaint alleges the railroad company is building a road "beginning nowhere and ending nowhere" for the purpose of tapping timber in the Clear creek country and that the road is being built without authority.

Damages are asked for trespassing, cutting shade trees and doing other damage to the bank's property.

**WILL CIRCLE LAKE PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5—(AP)** Horace M. Albright, director of the National park service, announced today construction of a new highway completely encircling Crater Lake will be started next spring. Bids will be called this fall.

Albright, who stopped in Portland on a tour of western parks, said cost of the road was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Engineers already have prepared tentative plans for the project.

From the standpoint of the National park service, Albright said, Crater Lake is one of the most important in the system.

**CROSSING ANGERS DAD PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5—(AP)** Jessie Leroy Jones, 26, was arrested today charged with beating his seven month old son because the baby's crying annoyed him. The complaint was signed by A. L. Cross, state humane officer.

Kern Crandall, deputy district

## She's Princess At Asbury Fete



## U. S. AGENCIES SEEK TO HELP IN EMERGENCY

President Urges Measures To Aid Sufferers in Rainless Areas

Iowa Has Showers as Other States Remain Gripped By General Drought

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 5—(AP)** The havoc wrought in widespread areas of the country by scorching rainless weeks has become a subject of study by agencies of the government.

President Hoover today announced he had discussed the problem with Secretary Hyde and Chairman Legge and that measures the government could undertake to assist drought sufferers were being determined. He expected a report from the agriculture department by Monday of the condition in each affected area.

Meantime, there was no cessation of the heat that beat down upon the wide reaches of sun-brown vegetation in the east and the middle and southwest sections of the country.

The most hopeful note came from Iowa where fairly general rains gave rise to the opinion the five week drought in that state might be ending.

**COTTON WITHERS**

Elsewhere, however, the sun shone through moistureless skies, increasing the fire hazard in national forests, drying streams and wells, blighting vegetation and increasing disease possibilities.

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**Hundred Million Bushels of Crop May Be Used up, Forecast States**

**CHICAGO, Aug. 5—(AP)** A famine of pasture lands and a dwindling crop of corn have combined to put hog and cattle of the Ohio and Mississippi valleys on a wheat diet.

Scattering rains, heavy enough to be of some benefit in parts of the scorched plains, restored hope to grain and livestock producers of Illinois and Iowa today but elsewhere, for the most part, the blistering dry heat persisted.

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**Hundred Million Bushels Estimated**

The Farmers National Grain corporation estimated 75,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels of wheat would be fed this year, thus automatically relieving the overstocked wheat bins that have long (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

## JOINT POOR FARMS FOR STATE TALKED

J. M. Devers Has Important Bills to Propose to Legislature

J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway department, has in mind three important bills which he probably will present to the 1931 legislature which convenes in Salem next January. The proposed bills will deal with the care of men serving life terms in state prisons, provision for the poor and the creation of a power commission to study and promote wheat power development.

Devers pointed out that under the existing laws in Oregon poor farms are being conducted in virtually every county with the result that there is more or less inefficiency and a constant increasing expense to the taxpayers.

Under the plan proposed by Devers, there would be only two poor farms in Oregon. One of these would be located at a central point in eastern Oregon and another in the Willamette valley. All of the poor east of the Cascades mountains would be committed to the eastern Oregon poor farm, while the poor from Portland and western Oregon would be sent to the Willamette.

In the wake of the drought in that state, typhoid being four times as prevalent as last year.

In New York and Maryland, forest fires were springing up, and the danger from such blazes was imminent.

Local showers brought relief in Pennsylvania but the weather bureau warned it was only temporary. Industries at Gettysburg were closed to conserve water.

In the south, the drought remained unbroken.

New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and scattered sections elsewhere sweltered under another heat wave.

**COAST GUARD MAN SLAIN BY MISTAKE**

**BOSTON, Aug. 5—(AP)** Bullet fired from a coast guard motor boat off Ipswich upon another coast guard craft, a power surf boat out of the Salisbury beach station, in the mistaken belief it contained run-away, today had cost the life of boatswain's mate, Lewis E. Pratt, 30, Kittery, Me.

A coast guard board of inquiry headed by Commander Sandis is to investigate the shooting tomorrow. Pratt was married and the father of a five year old daughter. He died in an Ipswich hospital.

From the story told by Cleo Falkingham, Pratt's companion, Pratt went to his death while voluntarily going in search of a boat that had been afire yesterday. They left their station last night and after cruising around a while came upon a boat in the darkness.

"Thinking she might be the boat we were looking for we approached her," Falkingham said. "When we were about 70 yards from her a half of bullets greeted us which began April 2.

"Pratt was up in the bow. He fell and cried to me he had been hit."

"The shooting suddenly halted and then two flares went up, after that there was no more shooting."

The total figure for the United States population is, however, subject to revision in the census bureau's official announcement which is not expected for another week or so.

Territories of the United States and outlying possessions, not included in the continental total, bring the nation's grand total of population to 137,501,561. This figure includes an estimate for the Phillipine islands whose census is controlled by the insular government which has not made an enumeration for several years.

Continental United States had 105,710,826 people ten years ago, while the nation with its outlying possessions totaled 117,855,395.

**PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5—(AP)** If the excessive heat continues golfers may have to face another hazard.

Louis Otto and Robert Thain had too many balls when they took to the fairways the other day so they left three in the seat of their closed car.

When they returned from their game they found the inside of the windows covered with a white substance. They opened the car door, bits of rubber were scattered about the interior and two of the balls had disappeared. The third was still there but was abnormally large.

"The golfer decided the heat of the sun had caused the balls to explode."

**CAR STOLEN, RECOVERED**

Thieves who stole a Ford coupe belonging to Harold Murphy of Monmouth from its parking place on Ferry street Tuesday night removed a wheel before they abandoned the car later in the evening. Police located the automobile at Cottage and Mill streets,

minus the wheel.

**SILVERTON, Aug. 5—(AP)** —Two daughters of Mrs. A. Falk of the Monitor vicinity were injured more or less seriously when the automobile driven by Mrs. Falk collided with the gasoline speeder on the logging railroad at the Meridian road crossing. The accident occurred about 4:30 p. m.

One of the girls suffered an arm injury, and both as well as Mrs. Falk were severely bruised.

Bert J. Meyers, who was operating the speeder, was not injured although the machine was derailed in the crash.

The injured persons were brought to the hospital here but later were taken home.

## All East Hard Hit As Drought Prevails

### Rain Making Powder Sought as Governor Won't Order Prayer

**ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 5—(AP)** Having failed to get Governor Pollard of Virginia to call for statewide prayers for relief from the drought, Dan S. Hollenga, business manager of the Alexandria chamber of commerce, has ordered 200 pounds of rain making powder from arid New Mexico.

The powder is to be sprayed from an airplane on the clouds over Alexandria in the hope it will condense them into rain.

In addition, Hollenga sent a plea to President Hoover asking him to issue a proclamation for nationwide prayer meetings "to ask divine aid for rain."

By FRANCIS L. WELLER

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 5—(AP)** —Expanding rays of hope filtered through a drawn veil of pessimism today as the department of agriculture surveyed the prospects for tattered crops