

More than 70 men and women write regularly from their communities for The Statesman. The average of news letters received daily is 30.

Partly cloudy today and Sunday, moderate temperature; Max. Temp. Friday 68, Min. 55, river 4.2 feet, rain .05 inch, cloudy.

BOOMBING AT FORT RESUMES

Chapei and Kiangwan Fronts Are Unnaturally Quiet as Bitter Cold Prevails in Fighting Zone

Chinese With Sudden Attack Thwart Japanese Efforts To Bottle up Strategic Point; Troops due

By MORRIS H. HARRIS (Copyright, 1932, The Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27.—(Saturday)—The Japanese army and navy air fleets combined forces this morning for a fierce bombing attack on the Chinese forts at Woosung.

In addition to dropping numerous bombs on the forts at the mouth of the Whangpoo river, the planes flew to the northwest along the south bank of the Yangtze, where they loosed explosives on Chinese defense works.

Meanwhile an unfamiliar hush had settled on the other end of the battle line. The whole Shanghai front was quiet after the Chinese succeeded in thwarting the Japanese attempt to bottle up the strategic center of the line at Kiangwan.

Soldiers suffering from bitter cold. Shortly before daylight Chinese batteries in Chapei started a heavy shelling of the Japanese positions in Hongkong. But this burst of activity lasted only a brief period and drew only a desultory reply from the Japanese guns.

Then the whole battlefield became quiet. Freed for a few hours from the menace of shrapnel and bullets, the soldiers—both Chinese and Japanese—suffered in bitter cold as a biting wind swept over the battlefield.

Three additional divisions are being mobilized in Japan. The Daily News reported, and soon the Japanese forces here will constitute the largest foreign army ever to set foot on Chinese soil.

A short and fierce Chinese offensive halted the westward kink the Japanese were putting into the front line some 200 miles west of Kiangwan and relieved the bottle neck around that mud-walled village.

Attack to Revenge Death of Captain. The Japanese advanced last night against the Chinese line, surrounded Kiangwan for the express purpose of bottling up the Chinese and starving them out.

The situation was admittedly desperate for the 19th route army at midnight and the darkness to keep open the supply lines for the study defenders of Kiangwan. The Chinese held Kiangwan and in addition took Miaochungchen.

The Japanese attack on the Kiangwan sector yesterday dealt a huge reverse for the Japanese captain in a front line company. A second lieutenant led the assault and the strength of the offensive carried the Japanese about 100 meters nearer to Kiangwan.

Casualties during the day were heavy. The Japanese admitted 120 killed and wounded. It was obvious there was much bloodshed among the Chinese too.

200 Girl Reserves Here In Regional Conference

With the completion of Friday night registration close to 200 high school Girl Reserves had arrived in Salem for the regional spring conference of the organization which began its session with appropriate ceremony at the First Presbyterian church Friday night.

The visitors came from Oregon, southern Washington and Idaho. A dinner opened the conference Friday night at the church, with Miss Theresa Ulrich, local high school Reserve president, officially opening the conference, and Miss Virginia Wassam extended the welcome.

Gresham Reserves had the first number on the program, which was a "get acquainted" skit, and Hillsboro followed this with a playlet, "From an Open Window," which set the theme of the whole conference.

Coolies Are Forced To Assist Japanese Against Own People

Carry Ammunition for Enemy's Guns, Many Are Mowed Down by own Countrymen's Shellfire; Herded With Bayonets

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SHANGHAI, Feb. 26.—The men every tourist knows—the Chinese coolies—have been impressed into service as the men behind the Japanese guns in Shanghai's war.

Half clad, mute, and carefully masking their own reactions, gangs of the coolies are taken forward each morning to the front lines to carry ammunition for the big guns that belch death for their own brothers and cousins across no man's land.

DENY JURISDICTION OVER MOTT CHARGE

Multnomah Proper Place, Carson Rules; Counter Attack is Launched

Any investigation of the affairs of James W. Mott, state corporation commissioner, and J. R. Callahan, his assistant, in connection with taking over the Prudential group of savings and loan associations, should be launched here by the Multnomah county grand jury and not in Marion county, John H. Carson, district attorney, announced Friday.

The grand jury investigation was requested by Attorney Tinsell Kinzell. Carson held that the Marion county grand jury has no jurisdiction in the proceeding. Kinzell told Carson that he represented G. A. Southwick, trustee of the shareholders committee of the Prudential savings and loan associations group.

Mott, in a statement issued Friday, attacked the shareholders committee and Southwick, for requesting a grand jury investigation of his department.

The corporation commissioner said that Barney Goldstein, Portland attorney, had been appointed a deputy attorney general to handle the activities of the shareholders committee before the Multnomah county grand jury.

STATE WARD FOUND HERE; IS RETURNED

"All they give us is carrots and cabbage and that stuff," Verne Cobb, 12, told city police at headquarters yesterday in explaining why he had run away from the state institution for the feeble minded. And they punish the boys "all the time", too, he continued.

Officer Oscar Victor found the lad lying on the steps of a house near 12th and Leslie streets late in the afternoon. He said he was tired and hungry.

For nearly half a year Verne stuck to his story that he had left his home at Portland on Thursday evening and got a ride to Salem. He said his father a year ago had taken him away from his mother and sister, who live at Oregon City.

Suspecting that the boy had run away from the institution, the officers questioned him for some time, finally falling on the idea of asking him if he didn't like the food at the feeble-minded school. Breaking down, Verne shook his head.

Attendants of the place came after him later in the evening, after he had been given a big meal at the transients' quarters over the police station.

No More Notes To War Parties Stimson's Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—There will be no more note writing by the American government for the present, at least, to China and Japan, Secretary Stimson believing the administration's position needs no further exposition.

After a protracted conference with President Hoover at the end of a day closely watching developments in the orient, the secretary of state declared indirectly he felt there could be no doubt of this country's attitude. He issued a detailed summary of policy Wednesday in a letter to Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee.

George Fong is Given Position In U. S. Service

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—George Fong, Portland Chinese, has been appointed interpreter for the immigration service at Chicago, R. P. Bonham, district director of immigration, said today.

WHITMAN WINS HOOP TITLE BY 48-34 VICTORY

Exceptional Shooting Gives Missionaries - Margin; Behind for Time

Praise of Enemy is Voiced By Keene; Bearcats did Their Best, Stated

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Showing a varied offense that shot the Bearcats' defense to shreds, Whitman won the Northwest conference title by a 48-to-34 victory over Willamette university of Salem, Ore., in a hard fought game here tonight.

The Missionaries trailed most of the first half, although they were ahead, 23 to 20, when the period closed. Contrary to last night's play when Whitman won by a narrow margin, the Missionaries outclassed the Salem team tonight.

AMERICAN WOMEN TAKE MERCY ROLE

Putting in Long Hours at Hospitals to Assist Oriental Wounded

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26.—(AP)—American women in the international settlement are challenging the emergency of war by figuratively donning the Red Cross and treating "the poor devils" who come out of the battle line into Shanghai hospitals.

Several of them are women nurses who have put in long hours without complaint to meet the stream of wounded soldiers that constantly pour into the wards.

Four physicians who are seeing war at its worst are Dr. Athria Newhall, Fort Worth, Texas, woman; Dr. J. R. Branch, London county, Virginia; Dr. Love Rankin, Sweetwater, Tenn. and Dr. R. S. Lyman, Hartford, Conn. Two women on active duty at the Chinese general Red Cross hospital are Mrs. G. F. Bryant and Mrs. M. C. Hamilton of Long Beach, Calif.

Indications point to the biggest spring opening in the history of the annual event in Salem. Practically every merchant in the city is giving in to the mercurial spirit to the Salem Advertising club, sponsors of the event, in the new merchandising plan inaugurated for the first time this year.

JAPANESE VICTORY IN NORTH CLAIMED

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Feb. 27.—(Saturday)—(AP)—Japanese troops fought and repulsed a flying column of General Wang Tehlin's Chinese 25 miles northwest of Tunhua early today. The battle took place after the Chinese burned and destroyed a bridge on the Kirin-Tunhua railway. The Chinese threat was considered growing more grave and bands of Wang Tehlin's followers were concentrating northwest and northeast of the city.

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Robert Stevens Released Here, In Toils Again

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Robert E. Stevens, who was arrested at Salem last week immediately after his release from the state penitentiary, today was ordered removed to San Francisco where he is under indictment for forging a \$572 government check May 19, 1931. The removal order was signed by Federal Judge J. A. Fee.

Stevens was released from the Oregon penitentiary after serving 10 months of a two-year sentence, imposed at Baker, on a forgery charge.

Fong to Speak On Orient War

George H. Fong, graduate of the University of Michigan and now a Portland business man, will speak Monday to the chamber of commerce here. He will speak on problems now at issue in the Orient. Fong has the reputation of being one of the best Chinese orators in the northwest. His exact topic will be "The Sino-Japanese War."

Would Make Them Laugh, Stop Battle

LONDON Feb. 26.—(AP)—The plan to stop the war in Shanghai by having civilian pacifists walk between the lines and remain there until the warring forces disband is gaining converts in England.

The plan was broached yesterday by Maude Royden, preacher Dick Sheppard, formerly rector of St. Martin's in the fields, and the Rev. A. Herbert Gray, Presbyterian minister. They said they had sent an offer to undertake this sort of mediation to the League of Nations.

Miss Royden explained the offer had been to mobilize a peace army from every country represented at Geneva.

"The secret of the plan," she said, "is this: the only way to stop the war is to make them laugh, to make killing ridiculous. If thousands of civilians besieged the war area in China the effect would be ludicrous and the war would be stopped immediately."

HANNAH MARTIN'S CANDIDACY FILED

Woman out for Legislative Honors; Petitions to Be Circulated Soon

Hannah Martin who previously has announced her intention to seek nomination and election as a Marion county representative in the 1932 legislature, made formal filing of her intention to run with the secretary of state's office Friday. She is the wife of Ivar Martin, local attorney, and with him practices law. Mrs. Martin said yesterday her friends would circulate petitions in her behalf in the majority of Salem precincts and in the smaller towns of the county.

The slogan she asks to be printed with her name is: "Lower taxes, greater economy, reduced motor vehicle license." Her platform submitted yesterday reads:

"If nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, fearlessly and conscientiously work for the best interests of Marion county and Oregon. Equitable distribution of taxes, simplification of court procedure, less delay and expense in litigation, retention of state offices and institutions in Marion county, encouragement of home industries, good roads and lower automobile license fees, and the protection of the home and family are among the things for which I stand. I am a taxpayer and will vigorously fight for economy in state affairs, including legislative expenditures. Oppose freak laws, class legislation and measures which favor selfish interests to the detriment of public welfare."

Abrams was chairman of the Capital Post Legion Employment committee which cooperated to the full in the community-wide drive made here by numerous organizations early in the month.

Abrams pointed out that the legion, locally had felt it wise to pool its efforts with other agencies to bring about the large amount of work pledges. In many communities throughout the country, the legion canvassed the city asking employers to give ten percent more work than formerly or else to distribute the work to more men by cutting down the length of the working day.

Hop Men Place 20-Cent Wages For Hour Work

INDEPENDENCE, Feb. 26.—Twenty cents an hour was the wage set for hop work by a large representation of hop growers at a meeting at which Dean H. Walker, prominent hop grower of Independence, was chairman.

No time limit was fixed for a day's work, the number of hours per day being left to the individual hop grower and his employes.

Third Degree Methods to Gain Confession Charged

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Final witnesses were heard today in the murder trial of Albert W. Reed, 26, of Denver after 10 days of testimony by the state tonight court adjourned until Saturday morning.

Closing defense arguments will be heard tomorrow and the case probably will reach the jury by mid-afternoon.

State's rebuttal witnesses denied Reed's charges that police had subjected him to third-degree methods in order to wring from him a confession that he shot and killed Victor Knott, Ashland policeman. Knott was killed last November 15 and Reed and two others were indicted for the murder.

Reed testified that police had questioned him at Denver after his arrest at Longmont, Colo., and had told him to "come clean and give us a description of your neck will crack."

Jackson and Paul McQuade were the men indicted with Reed. The defendant alleged, too, that after he had been returned to the Jackson county jail here J. S. Lumden, attached to the Salem office of the Oregon state police, tried to induce him to sign a statement concerning the murder.

"I represent the governor of Oregon and come as your friend," Reed quoted Lumden as saying. "I want to help you and want you to sign this statement." Reed did not say what the statement contained.

Lumden and J. S. Turner, of the Denver police force, both denied the charges.

THIRTEEN KILLED IN FLOOD, SLIDE; OTHERS MISSING

Seven Persons, Four of Them Women and two Children, Washed Away as Waters Pour Into Edgewick, Wash., From Natural dam Above; six in Automobile Said Drowned in Another Catastrophe

Torrent at High Point and Avalanche in Skagit River, Country Previous Death-Dealing "Acts of God" in Western Washington; Victims Caught as They Flee From Towering Wave of mud and water

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—(AP)—A roaring torrent of water and mud took seven lives this afternoon at Edgewick, a small settlement in the western Cascades, and brought the western Washington death list from floods and slides in the past two days to 13.

In the path of a death-dealing flood, which swept down the mountain side when impounded flood waters in a natural basin were freed, the victims and their homes were washed away into Boxley canyon creek. Four were women, two children and one man.

In addition an unconfirmed report from a railroad work crew east of Cedar Falls, said that an automobile had been washed off the highway by a sudden burst of flood water, and the six occupants drowned.

The dead at Edgewick were: Ira Moore, 60. Mrs. Erma Moore, his wife. Mrs. Elwood Clagett, Mrs. Moore's daughter-in-law. Mrs. Margaret Blade. Two small children of Mrs. Blade, ages two and a half years and 8 months.

Mrs. Gust Balder. By nightfall, rescuing parties digging in the mud and debris left by the torrent had recovered the bodies of all except Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Blade.

The others who have been lost in the worst slide and flood situation in western Washington's history were two victims of a flood at High Point, three miles east of Issaquah this morning, and four men who were entombed under a snow avalanche in the Skagit river canyon yesterday. At High Point, not more than 15 miles from Edgewick, George Johnson and his son, Gusta, 10, were lost this morning when swollen waters of a creek wrecked their home.

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SALEM WRESTLERS BEATEN BY BENSON

The Salem high school wrestling team lost its meet to Benson Tech in Portland Friday by a one-point margin, losing four, winning three and tying two.

105—Osland of Salem took two falls from Simulick.

115—Boardwell of Benson took two falls from DeMonda.

121—Anderson of Salem won from Cross.

125—A. Sugar of Salem sprained ankle and forfeited to Hain.

135—Byer of Benson won from Ferris.

145—Hansen of Benson won from Tennant.

160—A. Sugar of Salem won from Pratt.

Light-heavyweight—Green of Salem and Gillis, draw.

Heavyweight—Yada of Salem and Schooling, draw.

Benson will probably have an outstanding team at the state wrestling tournament, announces Coach Pat Hogue of Salem high.

ZORN AGAIN HEADS COUNTY TAX GROUP

Henry Zorn of Champeog was reelected president of the Marion County Tax Reduction and Equalization league at a meeting held Friday at the chamber of commerce rooms in this city. L. S. Lambert was named vice president. W. H. Stevens was reelected secretary and treasurer. Howell is from Howell Prairie.

The league agreed that a special committee should prepare a questionnaire to submit to all candidates at the May primary to determine their attitude on taxes and tax reduction. The officers-seekers will also be asked to express their opinion on salary reductions and to state if they will be willing to accept reductions if elected.

The 35 members of the league agreed that there should be no reduction in the group's activities to bring taxes down. At the same time the members stressed the need for better equalization of taxes.

Members of the league in attendance here yesterday came from Aurora, Stayton, St. Paul, Abney, Macleay, Turner, Jefferson, Liberty, Silverton, Amaville, Hubbard and North Howell.

Transcript Sent To Polk County In Empire Case

Transcript of all the pleadings in the cases pending against the five former officials of the Empire Holding corporation was forwarded late yesterday via train to County Clerk Black at Dallas.

Walker Lankin, deputy county clerk here, did the work in this capacity. Black will present the papers to Circuit Judge Alvin G. Walker who will set the date for trial, presumably in March.

District Attorney John H. Carson said Friday that he and Barnett H. Goldstein, special prosecutor, had determined to ask that Frank Keller, Jr., sales promoter in the Empire's affairs, be tried first.