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CHINA MAY BE DISRUPTED BY CIVIL STRIFE

General Lu Shiang New In Chinese Affairs Now Threatens War.

SOLDIERS ATTACK AMERICAN VESSEL

Revolution At This Time Would Be Disastrous For Nation Because Of Bad Famine Which Would Result This Winter.

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 4.—A new civil war was threatening China here today with the outbreak of hostilities between the Chihli forces and those of General Lu Shiang, the wealthy war lord, appearing imminent.

Business Men Meet
The local Chinese chamber of commerce and most of the influential business men met here this morning in order to consider some sort of peace plans which may be worked up and offered to the war lords in an attempt to avert the threatened war, which, coming at this time would do the Chinese nation incalculable damage.

Trouble Threatened
General Lu Shiang is practically a new figure in the Chinese civil friction world and seems destined to become entangled with General Lin the Manchurian ruler of the far north, and with Sun Yat Sen, who is the ruler of the southern division of China at present.

American Boat Attacked
Peking is aroused over the attack of the American steamer Alice Dollar, by Chinese soldiers and the owner of the vessel has asked for guards which will be instructed to protect the vessel even at the risk of causing trouble with the Chinese forces.

Troops Moving
Officials in power at Tien Tsin have already ordered their troops moved in the direction of Nanking, where the governor of the province is practically powerless at present, due to the revolt of his army which has refused to take his orders and virtually has control of the province. If the Tien Tsin forces come into contact with the Nanking forces a general upheaval may be expected as practically every province in China at present has a large force of men under arms which refuses to obey any orders except those of generals in immediate power.

Japanese Alert
Several Japanese cruisers and gunboats have been ordered to strategic positions along the Chinese coast by the Japanese government and are prepared at all times to protect the rights of Japanese citizens in the territory under arms.

Situation Bad
The Peking government has very little power outside of its own province, and even there the power is divided as the great railroad interests have refused to obey the mandates of the government and have been collecting taxes and turning the proceeds into their own coffers lately.

The present situation is the worst that China has faced for years as a big revolutionary movement at this time would destroy many of the year's crops and would no doubt bring on a famine this winter that has never been equalled in the history of the nation.

BOOTLEGGERS PLEAD GUILTY AT KENNETT

RED BLUFF, Calif., Aug. 4.—J. H. Bennett of Kennett appeared yesterday before United States Commissioner H. S. Gans of this city, waived preliminary hearing and expressed a desire to plead guilty to the charge of possessing and selling liquor. He was bound over to the federal court at Sacramento under \$1,000 bail.

Astoria—New Baptist church to be finished soon.

FUNERAL WILL BE WEDNESDAY

Plans Being Completed At Washington For Great Public Rites.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—President Harding's funeral train speeds through Nevada on the sorrowful journey back to Washington, plans are progressing here under the direction of President Coolidge and secretary of State Hughes, for the great public funeral, next Wednesday. A military escort which will escort the funeral procession from the White House to the Capitol, will be led by General Pershing, and Army and Navy units of high officials will march in cortege.

Former president, Woodrow Wilson, will be asked to occupy the post of honor in the funeral. The body will arrive here Tuesday afternoon where it will repose at the White House until Wednesday, and then will be conveyed to the Capitol where the body will rest in state until after the funeral services, Wednesday night, the train will leave for Marion, where the final resting place will be in the old home town of the President.

TWO GIRLS INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION

ROSEBURG, Aug. 4.—Evelyn Bryant, aged 13, and Cleone Bryant, aged 6, daughters of W. N. Bryant of Portland, were injured here today when they were struck by an automobile driven by Roy Miller of Eugene. The girls were standing on the curb when the car driven by Miller rounded an intersection and in dodging another car, swung over the curb and struck them, pinning them against their father's machine which was standing against the curb.

Evelyn sustained a broken leg, the bone being fractured near the hip, when she was crushed between the machines. Her smaller sister was knocked down and it was feared she has a fractured skull. Mr. Bryant and his family were on their way to Crater Lake.

YOSEMITE PARK TRAVEL LARGEST EVER REPORTED

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Aug. 4.—Travel to Yosemite this year exceeds the record-breaking totals of 1922 by approximately 20 per cent. According to figures received from the government rangers headquarters, exactly 15,371 more people visited the valley up to July 22nd, the last date for which figures have been announced, than up to the same date last year. The totals are 77,491 for this year, against 62,120 for last.

The annual Indian Field Days, this year set for August 3rd and 4th, will keep the valley well populated until August 5th.

St. Helens—Portland Railway, Light & Power company makes application to Columbia county for franchise to extend power line along highway from Rocky Point, through Scappoose to Warren.

Uses Car To Leave Train

NORTH BEND, Ore., Aug.—(Special.)—An unidentified baseball fan resorted to a movie stunt in order to witness the ball game between Marshfield and North Bend here today.

The individual who wanted to attend the game boarded the train at North Bend, expecting to jump off at the ball park. When he reached his destination, however, the train was going too fast, and he looked good for a long ride.

Before the train was far past the baseball grounds, however, a Ford drove up beside the train, and was hailed by the man. Keeping at the same speed as the train the man was unable to change to the machine, and so was not carried far beyond his destination.

MUSICAL PLAY WILL BE PUT ON HERE SOON

Cast Of Two Hundred Local People To Be Used In Production

UNDER DIRECTION OF MR. WELLINGTON

Civic Club To Back Play Which Will Be Ready In Three Weeks. Will Be Staged In Chautauqua Building.

About the snappiest thing in the way of entertainment that has ever been offered an Ashland crowd is to be put on here in about three weeks by Jay Wellington, a nationally known producer, who, fresh from a big success in Eureka, arrived here yesterday to get the play under way.

Back by Civic Club
The production is to be produced for the benefit of the Ashland Civic club, and according to the producer, will require over 200 persons in the cast. The exact date of the play has not yet been set, but will be known not later than Monday.

Is Musical Production
"A Night in Dreamland" is the name of the musical extravaganza which Mr. Wellington is to produce here with a cast made up entirely of local talent. Over 200 persons are in the play and the choruses, Mr. Wellington says and it offers a great opportunity for any local people who have talent to come out and show what they are able to accomplish.

First Meeting Tonight
Anyone interested in the production of the extravaganza will have the opportunity tonight of finding out all about the play as Mr. Wellington is having a meeting at the Civic clubhouse at 7:30 for the purpose of telling all interested persons just what the play is to be like and the parts that are to be played.

Rehearsals Daily
Beginning Monday, there will be rehearsals for the children in the afternoons at three o'clock, and for the adult persons in the play in the evening at 7:30 every day. The persons that are picked for the parts will have to rehearse quite often Mr. Wellington states as some of the parts are rather difficult.

Wellington Is Director
Jay Wellington, the director, who was secured by the local Civic club to direct the play, has been engaged in the production of community plays for the past 15 years and in all cases his efforts have been crowned with success.

Previous to his community play work he toured the country as leading man in several productions. His ability as a teacher of dramatic art is said to be recognized in many parts of the United States.

Is Three Act Play
The play, "A Night in Dreamland" is a three act musical extravaganza with eight scenes, and while not possessing an actual plot it is much on the order of musical comedy with the theme of "Love, Life and Youth" running through it. The production contains a melange of song and dance and will be fully equipped with spectacular lighting and scenic effects.

Local Talent Used
The entire cast of two hundred persons is to be selected from the people of the community and Mr. Wellington is said to be one of the most capable directors on the coast, so may find some persons unusually talented here while producing the play.

CHEVROLET SHIPMENT ARRIVES IN ASHLAND

The Ashland Auto company, local agents for the Chevrolet received a shipment of enclosed cars Thursday. Of the six received only one remains in the show rooms. Another shipment is expected not later than Monday and will consist of from ten to twelve cars.

The agency also reports the sale of three second hand cars today.



Browning Love Cote

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Edward W. Browning, millionaire realtor, might have retained the affection of his beautiful young wife had he possessed even an elementary knowledge of psychology—as it applies to woman. "I would have died for her," he said. And Mrs. Browning repaid his devotion by eloping to Paris, it is alleged, with Dr. Charles Henry Wilen, nee Wilensky, known now as the Greenwich Village "dentist-sheik." Mrs. Browning, petted and pampered, her every want satisfied almost before it was uttered, merely rebelled against a surfeit of ease and luxury. The adventure with the dentist promised a break in the monotony of a too-perfect existence; that was the reason for her alleged desertion of her husband, her two young adopted children and her "Dream House," friends say.

The millionaire's love persists. He intends to give her a final

great gift—a divorce so that she can marry Wilen. Financially he provided for her some time ago by settling \$100,000 upon her to insure her independence. "I shall not stand in the path she believes leads to her happiness," Browning said.

Nellie Adele Browning was one of Dr. Wilen's patients. The latter is declared to have persuaded the millionaire's beautiful wife, accustomed to new and expensive diversions, that she could do nothing better than take him—for all time. So they fled to Paris. Mrs. Browning, for the dentist's sake, incurred even the risk incident to traveling on a false passport, it is said.

Dr. Wilen's reputed "sheik" propensities have been attested to also by Renee Shapiro, beautiful Tifan-haired, blue-eyed actress. Jilted by the dentist, she married a wealthy real estate operator two months ago.

out of pique, she said—but when Wilen learned of the marriage he induced her to refuse to live with her husband, and at his suggestion, she made every possible effort to have the marriage annulled, according to attorneys for Browning.

"When I learned he had eloped with Mrs. Browning," Miss Shapiro said, "I nearly went wild. For a few days I thought I would go insane; then slowly the love I felt for him crystallized into hate. And if he bragged of his ability to love, then I now boast of my ability to hate."

"I hate Charles Henry. He wrecked my life, and he'll pay if I can bring it about!"

Wilen, according to Paris dispatches, has denied the charge that he wrecked the Browning home, or that his relationship with Mrs. Browning has been anything but platonically professional.

LITHIA CAMP SETS RECORD

Over 70 Machines Register Last Night And Set High Score

The largest number of new cars that have ever registered in one day in the history of the Ashland Auto Camp Ground were there last night, when 70 machines drove in, in addition to many machines that were in the park from the day before.

The cars represented sixteen different states in the union, and also British Columbia. According to John H. Doran, superintendent of the park, the crowd last night was the most cosmopolitan ever in the park.

Cars from the following states registered: Washington, California, Colorado, British Columbia, Texas, Oregon, Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, New Jersey, Kansas, Maryland, Idaho, Montana, Rhode Island, Wyoming, Ohio.

Of these states, about half the tourists came from California, with the other in proportion to the distance they are from Ashland.

All walks of life were represented at the camp, and a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a Ku Klux Klan exponent, staged a bitter verbal battle, which as far as the rest of the tourists were concerned, ended in a draw.

Another feature was an entertainment on the banjo by a tourist, who was an artist in his line.

ASHLAND STARTLED BY NEW CAR COLORS

A new "Peril" has made its appearance in Ashland according to employees of the local Post Office who claim the Yellow Peril has nothing on Millard Grub's car with its new coat of dark red paint, favorably dubbed the "Red Peril" by Grubs fellow employees.

Millard evidently desired something novel in the way of Ford's and certainly raised his above, the common run of the multitude when he put on that coat of paint for one can hardly tell it is a member of the popular Ford family now.

This car is as easy on the eyes as compared with Billy Briggs' newest creation though, for after painting his old car several colors which he evidently did not care much about he finally lit on the never before conceived idea of putting a coat of Robin egg-blue on the old boat and the result is remarkable to say the least.

He at least gets the right of way for when the brilliantly appraised boat comes rolling down the road every other driver is either so surprised or so blinded in the glare that he always pulls to one side thus giving the enterprising City Attorney all the road that he could desire.

It appears at present that there will have to be a city ordinance passed against bright colors if the present demand keeps on, for the number of people that appear on the streets wearing glasses, as the result of viewing one of the new marvels is increasing every day.

Heavy Wheat Crop Reported

J. S. Rasur, a farmer whose ranch is 3 1/4 miles north east of the city recently finished threshing his wheat crop, and reports an exceptionally heavy yield.

800 bushels of wheat were harvested. In one field of Bluestem wheat, the yield was 35 1/2 bushels to the acre, while a smaller field of Little Club went 34 1/2 bushels to the acre.

The wheat was grown by the dry land method, and the field was not irrigated.

While heavy yields of wheat, in comparison with that of other sections of the country, are common in the Rogue River Valley, it is believed by Mr. Rasur that this crop is even of a heavier yield than usual.

HIGH SCHOOL SETS RECORD FOR ECONOMY

County Report Shows That Ashland School Is Best Managed

OVER \$94 SPENT FOR EACH PUPIL

Local Figures Much Better Than Those Of Medford Which Is Only Other Large High School In This Section.

Beside being admittedly the best in the county from an educational standpoint, the Ashland high school is also the most economically managed, according to figures obtained by the Tidings and from the records of the County School Superintendent.

Comparisons Made
In making a comparison of the expenses of the school of the county, it would be unfair to consider the smaller schools, according to Mayor Loomis, who was instrumental in getting the figures, as the overhead and other expenses of the smaller schools amount to nearly the same as the larger schools, and yet a much smaller number of pupils are taught.

Ashland-Medford Compared
A comparison, however, could be made between Ashland and Medford, according to the Mayor, as these schools are of about the same size, and afford the best comparison.

On June 30, 1923, the expenses of the current school year for Ashland amounted to \$26,110, or an average of \$94.46 spent for each pupil. The Medford expenses for the same period amounted to \$42,034.71 or \$104.33 for each pupil, a difference of nine dollars and thirty seven cents for each pupil educated, and a total difference of \$5,924.00.

More Pupils in Medford
The average daily attendance in Medford, however, amounts to 402.5 pupils against a daily attendance of 279.08 for Ashland or a difference of approximately 123 pupils. In making a comparison, the mayor believes it would be unfair to Medford not to account for these extra pupils in figuring the difference in total expense. Even with these 123 pupils allowance of \$104.33 each subtracted, however, the Ashland schools are still run more economically than the Medford schools.

Other Schools Higher
The costs of running the other schools in the valley are even higher than are the figures of Ashland and Medford, according to the records, as Ashland and Medford can take care of more pupils at the same operating expense. The cost of education per pupil in other schools of the county range from \$112.63 for Central Point to \$300.00 for Prospect, which are respectively the largest and the smallest schools in the county with the exception of Ashland and Medford.

Rule Applied
This indicates a rule that the largest school is the most economically run, and that the smallest school costs the most, but Ashland is an exception, according to the records, for it has the second largest school in the county, yet its expenses are almost ten dollars cheaper per pupil than the largest school.

Same Last Year
Last year, according to comparative records, much the same figures were found, and the Ashland high school was the most economically managed in the county. Exact figures for years previous to this are not available, but it is understood that Ashland has had the most economically run high school in the county for some time.

MONTREAL, Quebec.—The first official figures on the movement of Canadian cattle to Great Britain under the new import regulations show that since January 1 to June 30, shipments have increased 400 per cent over those for the same period last year. A total of 19,908 head of cattle have left for the United Kingdom from January to June 30, compared with 4,503 in the same period a year ago.

CHURCHMAN BACK FROM FAR EAST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—"The only solution of international as well as national problems in the Far East lies in Christian principles. The spirit of Jesus must rule."

To a body of churchmen today the Rev. Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, secretary of the Commission on International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches, a noted authority on the Far East, who has just returned from nearly a year in the north and south of China, in Korea, in Japan and in the Philippines, made this report. He declared that the question vexing the United States and Japan can be solved only along the same lines.

"The anti-Christian movement which reached its height a little more than a year ago has died down," he said "Christian missions are exerting great influence in the national life of both China and Japan. In this lies the hope of the situation. The problems of China will gradually take charge of affairs."

In Japan Dr. Gulick received wide welcome. Union meetings of Christians were held in 85 cities. He was given 28 luncheons and banquets by churches, chambers of commerce, business men and foreign residents. These dinners were in the larger cities like Yokohama, Kioto, Osaka and Kobe, and upon the night before he left Japan he was given a big dinner in Tokyo by the Japan-American Relations Committee, at which Viscount Shibusawa presided.

In China many meetings were held to receive his message from the churches of America. He met scores of men of influence in all various cities. He visited South China as well as the North. In Korea he was given a score of banquets and addressed three big meetings of Koreans besides those for Japanese and for missionaries.

In the four countries—China Japan, Korea and the Philippines—Dr. Gulick made 296 addresses 155 of them in Japan 109 in China.

As a result of his attendance at the first annual meeting of the National Christian Council of China, a committee of international relations was established through which the churches of China will be able to study international questions, speak on international matters and cooperate with the churches of other nations in the program of the Church Universal for a Warless World.

Dr. Gulick, went to the Far

ASHLAND FIRE ENGINE STILL FAST MACHINE

"Spark Plug" the good old warhorse of the local fire department, which for the past ten years has been on hand in Ashland to quell all fires is in nearly as good shape now as when first installed in 1913, according to employees of the department, who have charge of the big engine.

An illustration as to just how good the old boy is after the ten years of faithful service is cited by the driver of the truck who stated that on the call to the fire back of Livingston's house early this week the truck was ambling along at a speed of 74 miles an hour part of the way on the trip, and if pushed could have made a little better. This sort of thing after ten years, shows that the truck is a long way from being on its last legs—or wheels.

An average of three calls a month have been answered by "Spark Plug" during the ten years of his service here, or during the total ten years the old machine has pulled out of the fire hall a grand total of 350 or 360 times.

The truck is good for a period of a good many years yet the firemen say, but the most pressing need of the department just at present is a light chemical wagon which could answer calls to small fires and in this manner save wear and tear on the heavy truck which at present races out on every alarm.

New hose for the department which has been needed for some time is practically assured now the firemen say and this will greatly increase the efficiency of the department, which is already quite capable as the 74 miles per hour speed in answering calls will indicate.

MONTREAL SENDING CATTLE TO ENGLAND

MONTREAL, Quebec.—Montreal is playing the greatest part in the movement of Canadian store cattle to Great Britain since the removal of the British embargo, according to figures issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The total for the first five months of the present year is 9,584, compared with 3,887, for St. John and 1,653 for Quebec. Montreal has also shipped 1,996 head of fat cattle since January.

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