

## REPARATIONS ASKED FOR NANKING RIOTS

Britain, France, Italy, Japan and America Send Protest Note.

Shanghai.—The consul generals of the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy Monday presented a note to the Cantonese containing three demands in consequence of the anti-foreign rioting at Nanking of March 24.

The demands, as given out by the Chinese authorities, are:  
First—Punishment of the commanders and troops responsible for the killing and wounding of foreigners, for the indignities to which others were subjected, and for the material damage done.

Second—A written apology by the commander-in-chief of the Cantonese armies and a formal promise to abstain from violence against foreigners' lives and interests.

Unless the Cantonese prove their intention to comply without delay, the powers warned that they would be compelled to take such steps as they considered necessary.

Delivery of the protest was made by Sir Sidney Barton, British consul general, as dean of the consular corps, acting as the spokesman for the American, French, Japanese and Italian consul generals.

The Cantonese armies, checked in their northward advance, now are apparently threatened on two fronts by advancing northern armies.

It is persistently reported from Nanking that Manchurian forces are rapidly advancing down the Tientsin-Pukow railway, while to the east, General Sun Chuan-Fang's rejuvenated army is progressing in strength southward along the Grand canal.

## STIMSON WILL VIEW NICARAGUAN AFFAIRS

Washington, D. C.—Henry L. Stimson of New York, former secretary of war, has been appointed a special representative of President Coolidge to investigate the Nicaraguan situation, Secretary of State Kellogg announced after a conference at the White House.

"The strife and bloodshed going on in that country is a matter of great regret and the necessity for protecting the interests of our citizens there and the large interests of the United States government is very great," the Kellogg statement, announcing Stimson's appointment, said.

Julian B. Sacasa, Nicaraguan rebel leader, is reported by the Nicaraguan legation here as about to flee to Mexico.

Sacasa's revolution is destined to end in "complete failure," according to the legation, and unless he flees, Sacasa has no alternative but to surrender and throw himself on the mercy of President Diaz.

The legation statement said Sacasa has only a "bent, retreating and deserting force between him and the oncoming victorious government forces" and that Sacasa's exchequer is "totally depleted."

## POTASH TRUST CHARGED

U. S. Government Sues French and German Companies.

Washington, D. C.—A conspiracy to control and monopolize the potash industry of the United States, directed by German and French producers, was charged in a suit filed in New York by the government. Through representatives in New York, arranging with American distributing agencies, the government alleges that the French and German companies are dividing the sale of potash to be made in this country.

The companies also are alleged to have been fixing prices and the government asserts that because the mines of the French and German companies constitute the only sources of a large supply of potash, American users are almost wholly dependent upon them for their supply.

Time Allowed Oregon Trunk Plan.

Washington, D. C.—The Oregon Trunk railroad has been given until April 25 to notify the interstate commerce commission whether it will accept the terms proposed by the Southern Pacific railroad for joint use of the latter's Cascade line into Klamath Falls, together with other privileges, including the right to build its own extensions within prescribed limits.

Military Attache Asked to Explain.

Washington, D. C.—Lieutenant Colonel Edward Davis, military attache at the American embassy in Mexico City, is returning to Washington, called back to assist the state department in its investigation of the manner in which confidential embassy documents found their way into possession of the Mexican government.

ALEXANDER KERENSKY



Alexander F. Kerensky, head of the first revolutionary government in Russia, who is visiting in the United States.

## FARM WAGES BELOW PAY IN INDUSTRIES

Washington, D. C.—The spring survey of the agriculture department shows that the general level of farm wages on April 1 was 166 per cent of the pre-war level and practically the same as a year ago; but that farm wages are not nearly as high as industrial wages, which are about 231 per cent of the pre-war level.

High industrial wages, the department states, have apparently acted to maintain farm wages at about last year's level in the face of an increase in farm labor supply relative to demand. Practically all sections of the country reported an increase in the supply of farm labor relative to demand, the largest decreases being in southern states.

The farm labor supply was reported at 99.8 per cent of normal April 1, compared with 91.1 per cent March 1 this year and 89.1 per cent April 1 last year; farm labor demand 88.6 per cent of normal, compared with 87.5 and 91.0, and supply of farm labor in per cent of demand was 102.5 per cent, compared with 104.1 and 98.

Monthly farm wages with board, April 1, were reported at \$34.53 and without board at \$48.47, compared with \$32.94 and \$47.07 January 1 this year, and \$34.38 and \$48.17 April 1 last year.

## SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Reappointment of Joseph H. Wheeler as warden of the state penitentiary was announced by the Idaho state board of prison control.

The Canadian national funded debt was reduced \$35,000,000 last year, leaving a total outstanding of \$2,480,305,000, according to commerce department advices.

Automobile accidents were responsible for 441 deaths in 78 large cities of the United States during the four weeks ending March 26, 1927, the department of commerce reported.

Minority stockholders of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad were denied an injunction to restrain the interests which have purchased the road from proceeding with announced reorganization plans.

Fifteen masked and armed men held up four employees of the Illinois Watch Case company plant at Elgin, Ill., ransacked the vault and several smaller safes and escaped in four automobiles with gold, the value of which may run as high as \$15,000.

188,941 Oregon Cars Licensed.

Salem, Or.—Motor vehicles totaling 188,941 have been licensed in Oregon for 1927, as against 176,594 in the same period a year ago, said a statement issued by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. License fees for 1927 aggregated \$5,333,025. Should the registrations increase at the same ratio during the remainder of the year, the total for 1927 would exceed 250,000. The license fees for 1927 aggregate \$6,600,000 or \$580,000 more than for 1926.

New Oregon Game Warden Named.

Salem, Or.—Harold Clifford of Canyon City was unanimously elected state game warden by the new state game commission at a special meeting in Salem, following a conference with Governor Patterson. The commission voted to retain Matt Ryckman as superintendent of hatcheries and Harvey Moreland as chief clerk.

Portland Department Store Robbed.

Portland, Or.—A daring gang of safe robbers, believed to have numbered at least seven, after holding the night watchman a captive for almost three hours Sunday night, robbed the Olds, Wortman & King department store vault of between \$20,000 and \$40,000 and then made their escape.

## RUSSIA TO CLOSE EMBASSY AT PEKIN

Note to Northern Chinese Government Protests Raid on Soviet Buildings.

Moscow.—Soviet Russia, demanding redress from the Pekin government for the raid conducted last week on buildings attached to the Soviet embassy in that city, has served notice on the northern government that as a sign of protest it will recall its charge d'affaires in Pekin and its entire embassy staff.

The Soviet government, while possessing sufficient technical means for employing repressive measures, the note says, nevertheless definitely rejects the idea of a punitive action.

The note demands that the Chinese police must immediately evacuate the buildings raided; that all the arrested employees of the embassy's economic institutions be immediately released; that all documents taken from the buildings must be returned and that all possessions, money, books and personal property must be given back to their owners.

The Soviet note was in the nature of a reply to one from the Pekin foreign office, transmitted through the local charge d'affaires, stating that under the protection of the Soviet embassy communists had established themselves in the Dahl bank, and the old Russian barracks, and had plotted an uprising. The Pekin note declared that as a result of the raid, weapons and propaganda and other evidence had been found proving this intention.

## FILIPINO FREEDOM VETOED BY COOLIDGE

Washington, D. C.—Any prospect of immediate Philippine independence was killed by President Coolidge in a veto of the proposal of the insular legislature for a plebiscite on the question.

The plebiscite bill had been vetoed by Governor-General Wood but passed over his veto. The action of Mr. Coolidge definitely shelve it.

The president summarized his reasons for opposing the measure as follows:

"The plebiscite, under conditions provided or, in fact, now possible, would not accomplish the stated purpose. The result of the vote would be unconvincing."

"It might create friction and disturb business, slowing down progress."

"It might be taken to mean its approval by the United States or as an act likely to influence the United States."

"Finally, I feel that it should be disapproved because it is a part in the agitation in the islands which, by discouraging capital and labor, is delaying the arrival of the day when the Philippines will have overcome the most obvious present difficulty in the way of its maintenance of an unaltered government."

## WHITE HOUSE IN DANGER

Roof Truss Supports Found to Have Sunk Out of Place.

Washington, D. C.—Fears of engineers that the White House roof was in a precarious condition have been confirmed by its recent removal in the course of reconstruction of the upper part of the executive mansion. Uncovering showed that the huge trusses which held the burden of the roof had sunk out of place and were actually resting on the fragile partition walls of the third floor.

In the opinion of army engineers the roof might have caved in at the slightest provocation and it may have continued in place for many more years, depending on circumstances.

Oregon Prison Abolishes Stripes.

Salem, Or.—Prison stripes, adopted under the administration of Warden Lillie as garb for the "hard boiled" members of the state penitentiary population, will be taboo under the new administration. It was decided by the state board of control, following a visit of inspection to the prison. "The stripes simply set the 'hard boiled' off as heroes in the eye of the less hardened criminals," Jim Lewis, the new warden, told the board of control members.

Dry Agents' Drinks Are Limited.

Washington, D. C.—The answer to the question, "when is a prohibition officer justified in taking a drink?" was given officially by Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of the treasury's prohibition policies. It is this: "Only when it is absolutely necessary to do so to obtain evidence of sale that will stand in court."

Lemp Wins Boise Race for Mayor.

Boise, Idaho.—Herbert F. Lemp was elected mayor of Boise by the decisive vote of 4682 to 1517 over Ern G. Engleson, incumbent.

L. A. GAUSS



L. A. Gauss, the American consul general in Shanghai, who is looking after Americans caught in the area of the present troubles in China.

## CONDITION OF WINTER WHEAT REPORTED GOOD

Washington, D. C.—Condition of the winter wheat crop April 1 was the highest of any year on that date since 1921, the department of agriculture placing it at 84.5 per cent of a normal, an increase of 2.7 points since December 1 compared with an average decline of 4.6 points between those dates in the last ten years.

The department issued no forecast of indicated production nor any statistics on the acreage abandoned, both of which will be estimated next month. The area sown to winter wheat last fall was 41,807,000 acres. Last year's harvested area was 36,913,000 acres and production 526,929,000 bushels.

All important winter wheat states in the eastern, central and north central sections showed improvement in conditions since December.

In Kansas, the greatest winter wheat producing state, where 11,962,000 acres were sown last fall, the department said rainfall had been ample, except for the western third and in portions of the soft wheat area in the southeast, where rainfall was excessive.

## TELEVISION MADE REAL

Secretary Hoover's Image Sent Over Telephone Wire.

New York.—Television, a scientist's dream ever since the telephone was invented half a century ago, became an actuality when Secretary of Commerce Hoover spoke over the telephone in Washington and was seen as well as heard in the Bell telephone laboratories here.

Not only were Secretary Hoover and a score of others in Washington seen in New York by telephone wire, but a radio program was broadcast over the laboratories' experimental station, and moving likenesses of the performers as well as the sound of their voices were put on the air and transferred to a screen in this city.

Eastern Oregon Towns Have Quake.

Baker, Or.—Four towns in Pine and Eagle valleys reported a series of mild earthquake shocks at intervals Saturday morning. Shocks were felt at Richland, Newbridge, Sparta and Halfway.

Pilot of Airplane and Passenger Die.

Seattle, Wash.—Raymond Small, veteran ex-Pacific coast air mail pilot, and Frankes Bemrick, a passenger, are dead as the result of an airplane crash at the Sandpoint naval aviation field, near here.

## THE MARKETS.

Portland.  
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.36½; hard white, \$1.33½; federation, \$1.30; soft white, western white, \$1.30½; hard winter, \$1.28½; northern spring, \$1.30; western red, \$1.27.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$13@13.50 ton; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.

Butterfat—46c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 19@24c.

Cheese—Tillamook, triplets, 25½c; loaf, 26¼c per lb.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.25@10.15.  
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10@12.25.  
Sheep—Lamb, medium to choice, \$11.50@14.

Seattle.  
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.32½; hard winter, \$1.31½; western red, \$1.30½; northern spring, \$1.33½; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.38; Big Bend dark northern spring, \$1.37; Big Bend dark hard winter, \$1.37.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.  
Butter—Creamery, 45c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 25@28c.

Hogs—Good, \$12.15@12.25.  
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.25@10.  
Cheese—Cream bricks, 25@26c; triplets, 26c; loaf, 25c.  
Spokane.  
Hogs—Good, \$11.85@12.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Sixteen hundred baby chicks were burned in a fire which destroyed the W. Cobb poultry plant near Roseburg.

J. J. Walsh has been appointed water master for Wallowa county to succeed A. H. Page, who has resigned.

Fred Hogg is the new market master for Oregon City. Mr. Hogg was appointed to the office following the resignation of H. W. Kanne.

The first shearing of sheep of any considerable number started at Pilot Rock last week, when the Cunningham interests clipped 1500 head.

The McCoy & Atwood general merchandise store at Wasco was destroyed in a spectacular fire that for a time threatened the entire city.

Fire broke out in the boiler room of the boys' training school near Salem and did \$2000 damage before it was controlled. The boys did most of the fire fighting.

Portland's 1927 Community Chest campaign will be staged during the week of October 21-28, according to a decision of workers at a meeting held last week.

Members of the state board of control approved the site of the new state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles and said that work would be started as soon as possible.

Due to a surplus of receipts at eastern and middle western markets, the broccoli price broke at Roseburg last week, sales being reported at \$1.20 and \$1.25 f. o. b. Roseburg.

Nearly 300 delegates from 23 communities of both Oregon and Washington met in St. Helens in a session of associated chambers of commerce of the lower Columbia river.

Advent of spring in Klamath has been signalized by the return of great flocks of magnificent white pelicans. The birds have chosen Klamath lakes as their spring and summer habitat.

Road crews on duty in the Deschutes national forest in the coming season are to be organized into fire-fighting units, with experienced forest fire-fighters serving as foremen.

Wearing of stripes by incorrigible prisoners in the Oregon state penitentiary has been abolished, according to announcement made by Henry W. Meyers, superintendent of the institution.

Satisfactory progress on a bore through Neahkahnie mountain, which is being made preparatory to construction of a tunnel as part of the highway along the coast, was reported at Tillamook.

Prune packers and growers from all parts of western Oregon and southern Washington attended a conference held in Salem last Tuesday, for the purpose of discussing growing and marketing conditions.

Roger W. Morse, for the last four years county agent of Morrow county, has been selected county agent of Baker county to succeed Paul Carpenter. F. L. Ballard, state leader of county agents, has announced.

Farmers in many sections of Wallowa county are warring upon ground squirrels with poisoned grain. Those who have been poisoning during the past two weeks state that satisfactory results have been obtained.

Bobbie, nationally known as the collie dog who walked back to the home of his master, G. F. Brazier, in Silverton, after he had become separated from him in Indiana, died in Portland after an illness of several weeks.

Plans were perfected at a meeting in Grants Pass last week of local poultrymen for the organization of a Rogue River valley marketing cooperative, including the growers of Jackson and Josephine counties.

Four thousand sacks of certified seed potatoes, recently ordered for farmers of the county by County Agent Donaldson, of Wallowa county, have all been spoken for. The price, delivered at Enterprise, is \$2.70 a hundred.

The law enacted at the 1927 legislature, authorizing refunds of automobile license fees paid under the so-called piddlers act, relates only to commercial salesmen. This was the substance of a legal opinion prepared by the attorney-general recently at the request of the secretary of state.

A half-million bees to be used for the pollination of cherry blossoms in the Orchard Heights district of Polk county were received in Salem recently by H. M. Mead, so-called bee king of the Salem vicinity. Included in the consignment were 50 queen bees.

A tale of maddened dairy cows and beef cattle attacking employees of his ranch, of the death of 14 cattle from rabies of mad coyotes attacking his herd, was told at Klamath Falls by H. M. Anderson, owner of a 1000-acre ranch three miles north of Chiloquin.

Bruce Millard, noting something to be wrong with his car on the Fulton Canyon road near Rufus, got out, and while hunting a rock to put under the wheel to hold the car, it ran through two fences and then plunged into the abyss below, a distance of 500 feet.

After a tour of inspection, R. P. Newlands, maintenance engineer for the state highway department, announced that a light, preservative coating of oil would be applied on the Mount Hood loop highway, between Hood River and Parkdale, as soon as rains cease.

Construction of 15 miles of way trails to connect with existing trails on the north side of Mount Hood has been planned for this season by S. C. Walters, chief forest ranger for that section. A forest road to connect the loop road with Dufur will be built this summer.

Orders were given by O. Laugaard, Portland city engineer, to the Pacific Bridge company to start work immediately on the \$2,000,000 unit of the Laugaard water-front development project, following the approval by the war department of the changes asked in the harbor line.

The February report of the Clackamas County Cow Testing Association shows 521 cows tested, with a total average for all cows of 751 pounds of milk containing 31.6 pounds of butterfat. One hundred cows produced more than 40 pounds of fat, a decided increase over the previous report.

Appropriation of \$25,000 for the purchase of fairgrounds, erection of buildings and holding of a fair has been made by the Josephine county court. A site has been selected for the fair on the Redwood highway, about a mile and a half from Grants Pass. Work will be started at once.

Machinery providing the final link in the chain of production from tow to the weaving looms was placed in operation at the Oregon linen mills last week. The first spool of the completed product was turned over to R. C. Snelling, manager of the plant, who will preserve it as a souvenir. The weaving looms began the manufacturing of crass toweling immediately.

The dairy industry of Oregon made a very satisfactory showing in the past year in point of production, according to a statistical report issued by J. D. Mickle, Oregon dairy and food commissioner. The butter output of the 93 creameries of the state was 24,827,751 pounds, an increase of 1,058,947 pounds over the production in 1926. The gain in cheese was also large, 2,525,793 pounds, the production last year being 13,515,716 pounds.

Appointments of members of both the state fish commission and state game commission were announced by Governor Patterson recently. The new fish commissioners are John C. Veach of Portland, Chris Lagenwebber of Astoria and Fred P. Kendall of Portland. The new game commissioners are I. N. Fleischner of Portland, Matt Corrigan of Corvallis, L. A. Wright of Union, M. A. Lynch of Redmond and Ben Dorris of Eugene.

Action by the state to recover approximately \$1,349,391 which it alleges is its share of the Oregon and California land-grant tax refund to 18 Oregon counties, was launched in Salem when Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, personally made demand upon members of the Marion county court, U. G. Boyer, county clerk, and D. G. Drager, county treasurer, for \$56,029.41 of the tax refund of \$119,355.56 received recently by Marion county from the federal government.

The mysterious duck disease which has claimed tens of thousands of game birds in the Tule lake and Malheur lake sections has again broken out, according to George Tonking, United States deputy game warden, who is on an inspection of the duck situation. Instead of returning north to nest, hundreds of thousands of game birds are nesting in the lower Klamath lake and Tule lake areas. The disease, the nature of which is still a mystery, is prevalent among the nesting birds.

During March when baby coyotes, baby bobcats and baby cougars were born on all the ridges and slopes and the valleys of Oregon, the population of predatory animals in the state was lessened 255 by United States biological survey hunters. Forty-four of the 114 coyotes killed, according to the monthly report of Stanley G. Jewett, government biologist, were pups which were dug out of their parents' dens. Forty bobcats and one cougar were reported killed during the month. In addition, a large number of unborn coyotes and bobcats were destroyed.

Authorization of a sale of \$125,000 in 2-year bonds was made at McMinnville by the commission in charge of construction of the Salmos-Hvar-Otis short-cut road to the Roosevelt highway.

Property taxes in Oregon for 1927, as extended on the tax rolls for 1926, aggregate \$47,975,377.52, according to a statement issued by Earl E. Fisher, state tax commissioner. The taxes for 1926 totaled \$44,978,048.10, or approximately \$3,000,000 less than those for 1927.