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CANTON IS TAKEN BY GENERAL CHEN

Dr. Sun Yat Sen Flees and Unification of China May Now Be Possible.

Pekin.—While the troops of General Chen Chiung-Ming captured the city of Canton, capital of the South China republic, the body-guard of President Sun Yat Sen fought from the presidential palace, according to a dispatch from Canton. Sun escaped to Whampoa on a gunboat.

The greatest two obstacles to the reunion of China, namely, Dr. Sun Yat Sen and General Chang Tao-Lin, apparently are eliminated and the prospect for bringing the whole republic under one government seems brighter than at any time since the establishment of the South China regime at Canton in 1918.

The fall of the southern leader is said to have been the result of an agreement between General Wu Pei-Fu, dominant military chieftain of northern China, President Li Yuan-Hung and Chen Chiung-Ming, formerly Sun Yat-Sen's supporter, but who latterly came out in favor of a reunited China.

RAIL UNION HEADS READY FOR STRIKE

Cincinnati.—Formal notice was served on the railroad labor board by the chiefs of ten railroad unions of their intention to go through with a strike in event one is authorized by the 1,225,000 workers whose wages are to be reduced on July 1 under orders of the board.

The letter was signed by B. M. Jewell, president, and John Scott, secretary of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, and the heads of the 10 railroad unions. Withdrawal of wage reductions ordered by the railroad labor board and the taking back by railroads of contracts farming out shop work is the only way the threatened strike of approximately 1,000,000 workers on July 1 can be averted, rail union executives said.

MARS STILL MYSTERIES

Scientists Find Nothing New by Study But Will Continue Observations.

Washington, D. C.—Mars paid its biannual visit to earth, but revealed none of its secrets. The giant telescope at the naval observatory here has been trained on the planet steadily for the last few days as it approached the earth, but Professor Asa Hall Jr., in charge of the observations, said that nothing not already known had been gleaned. The observations will be continued from here, however, as the planet recedes.

Professor Hall remarked that in 1924 Mars will approach to within 34,600,000 miles of the earth, and observers will have a better chance to study it than now, when the closest point of approach is about 42,000,000 miles away.

Right-of-Way Material Available.

Olympia, Wash.—Use of the material within the right of way of a state highway for construction or maintenance purposes would be a reasonable use and the abutting property owner would have no right to such material paramount to the rights of the state for highway purposes. C. G. Jeffers, assistant attorney general, advised James Allen, supervisor of highways.

Portland Votes School Bonds and Tax.

Portland, Ore.—Portland voted for the \$2,000,000 school bond issue for building purposes and the tax levy providing \$1,000,000 for maintenance of schools for the coming year.

Weston Will Hold Big Road Meeting

An important road meeting will be held at Weston Saturday, July 8, for the purpose of furthering the construction of the proposed highway connecting northern Union and northern Umatilla counties, crossing the Blue mountains from Elgin by what is known as the Toll Gate route to connect at Weston with the Oregon-Washington State highway. Federal aid has been asked for this highway, which passes through the Wenaha National forest.

Delegates will be invited to attend this meeting from Walla Walla, Pendleton, Weston Mountain, Milton, Freewater, Athena, Helix, Elgin, Joseph, Enterprise and other points interested in a two county road connection that will be of great benefit in serving the traffic needs of both counties and in rendering the Wenaha National forest more accessible.

The meeting is called for 11 a. m. At twelve o'clock the delegates will be entertained with a fine dinner at Memorial hall and a program of music. The hall will then be thrown open to the public and short addresses relating to road development, with special reference to the Union-Umatilla highway, will be given by a number of prominent speakers.

A road organization for the promotion of this proposed highway is planned. At a special meeting of the Weston Commercial club, held Monday evening, Nelson H. Jones, E. M. Smith and Clark Wood were appointed a committee of arrangements with power to appoint sub-committees to look after the various details of the road meeting. It is expected that the local club and the Weston Mountain Community club will co-operate in providing the banquet.

Hall Is Gratified At Umatilla Vote

Charles Hall of Marshfield, former state senator and candidate for the republican nomination for governor, was in Pendleton this week, visiting friends and making an investigation of the recent primary.

"The chief reason for my visit is to express to my many friends here my warm appreciation for the support that Pendleton and Umatilla county gave me in the primary," Senator Hall said to the East Oregonian. "Umatilla was the only county I carried east of the Cascades, but my lead in Umatilla was almost sufficient to overcome my losses in other Eastern Oregon counties. Such support as that is certainly gratifying."

Another reason for his visit there was to investigate whether there are grounds for asking a recount insofar as precincts in this county are concerned. Mr. Hall intimated.

He refused to commit himself as to whether he will ask for a recount of votes.

"My friends are making careful investigations throughout the state, and my decision as to whether I shall ask a recount depends on the outcome of what is found. I expect to make a formal statement very shortly after I return to Portland. For the present, I have nothing more to say."

BURTON GETS DEGREE

We print herewith an excerpt from a letter received by Rev. B. B. Burton from the president of the Eugene Bible University at Eugene, Oregon, which will interest his many friends in Athena.

Dr. B. B. Burton, D. D., Sanger, California.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eugene Bible University the board authorized the degree of Doctor of Divinity, for which you have been working so faithfully and with such high grades in all the books and subjects assigned to you by our faculty. We send the diploma by registered mail today.—Sanger Herald.

NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN

An order has been placed with Watts & Rogers, for a drinking fountain, a gift from the Etude club to Athena, to be placed at a convenient point on Main street. The fountain is expected to be installed in the near future, so as to be in use for the Fourth of July picnic visitors. Mr. Rogers generously proposed to furnish the fountain at actual cost, and it will be turned over to the city authorities for installation upon arrival.

SCHOOL MEETING CALLS OUT A LARGE NUMBER OF VOTERS; KIRK DIRECTOR AND ZERBA FOR CLERK, RE-ELECTED

Not since the meeting held to vote bonds for the high school building, has there been such a large attendance of voters present than at the annual meeting, held Monday afternoon, for the election of school director and clerk.

A total of 128 votes was cast and men and women voters were about equally divided in numbers. Heretofore attendance at school meetings had been small, many times there being present a bare quorum, sufficient to transact the business required by the school law and to legalize election of school officials. "Sometimes," as one person remarked, "we had to go into the basement and dig up the janitor."

At Monday's meeting, however, there were present voters who had never before darkened the portals of the building—and they all voted.

After Clerk Zerba had read his annual report, and the minutes of the previous meeting, Chairman Kirk announced that the election of school director was in order. Homer Watts placed Mr. Kirk in nomination to succeed himself, and A. E. Shick nominated Otho Reeder. Voting was done by ballot, and resulted in the voters of the district showing their appreciation of Mr. Kirk's interest in school matters, by giving him 83 votes to 33 for Mr. Reeder, a majority of 50.

Reviewing in detail, the qualifications possessed by E. A. Zerba, present incumbent, for the office of school clerk, B. B. Richards placed Mr. Zerba's name before the meeting as the candidate for re-election. Otho Reeder nominated A. E. Shick, who received 28 votes to 95 for Mr. Zerba, a majority of 67 for Zerba.

Mrs. W. O. Read was placed in nomination for director by Mrs. W. S. Ferguson. Mrs. Read, who is an active member of the Parent-Teachers association and participant in everything for the advancement of the school, declined the nomination. Following is the annual report for the 1921-22 school year as read by the clerk:

General Statistics.

Number of persons over four and under twenty residing in district, October 25, 1921, male, 103; female 89; total, 192. Number of teachers employed during the year, male, 2; female, 7; total, 9. Number of school rooms in operation, total, 9. Number of school houses in the district, total, 1. Number of months public school taught during the past year, total, 9. Number of legal voters in the district, about 200. Total number of library books on hand, 1050. Total number of library books purchased during past year, 25. Financial Statement Cash on hand at time of making last annual report, June 20, 1921, \$59.10.

ATHENA BOY SCOUTS ON THEIR FIRST CAMPING TRIP

Under the command of Scoutmaster Stephens, the Athena Boy Scout troop left yesterday afternoon on their first over-night camping trip. F. B. Radtke and A. R. Coppock of the scout committee and Mr. Stephens furnished their automobiles for transportation of the troopers.

Camp was made east of Bingham Springs, and the boys had a most enjoyable trip, returning today.

It is the intention of Scoutmaster Stephens to take the troop on an extended camping trip to the river in the near future, when all members of the troop will have ample time and opportunity to fish and otherwise enjoy camp life.

DEATH OF MRS. MANASSE

Mrs. Manasse, formerly a resident of Athena, where she and her husband conducted a dry goods store for several years, died April 27, at the home of her sister in San Francisco, after an illness confining her to her bed for eleven weeks. Mrs. Manasse had been afflicted with diabetes for years, and after an attack of the flu, never left her bed. Her son Herbert, resides in San Francisco. The daughter Jeanette, died two or three years ago.

Receipts

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. District tax \$16,467.89, County school fund 1,621.50, State school fund 313.25, Elementary school fund 2,614.58, High school tuition 3,162.60, All other sources 114.13, Total 24,293.95, Outstanding warrants 156.52, Total \$24,508.57.

Expenditures

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Salary of superintendent \$2500.00, Salaries of teachers (men) 1800.00, Salaries of teachers (women) 8840.00, Salaries of janitor and other employees 1253.69, Supplies used in instruction 157.70, Fuel 1238.85, Water 150.00, Light and power 192.15, Janitor's supplies 125.34, Repairs and improving grounds 970.07, Repair and replacement of equipment 429.86, Insurance 150.00, Principal and interest on warrants 2636.88, Paid for other purposes 342.71, Total \$20787.25, Cash on hand \$3721.32, Bonded indebtedness \$37500.00, Outstanding warrants 156.52, Total \$37655.52.

General

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Number of acres in school grounds about 1.8. Schoolhouses and grounds \$35000.00, Furniture and apparatus 5000.00, Schoolhouses and other property 28000.00, Salary of male teachers 238.89, Salary of female teachers 140.32, District tax levied \$20600.00.

Fine Band Here On July Fourth

One of the finest bands in the Northwest will furnish music for the Knights of Pythias celebration in Athena, July 4th. The Milton-Freewater band of twenty-five men, has been hired for the occasion. This band was much in demand for the 4th, but the committee on amusements and entertainment succeeded in securing the services of the big musical organization for the day.

The sports committee have many novel stunts in preparation for the entertainment of the crowd, and its part of the day's program promises to be entertaining to a high degree.

The Dokies with their patrol in parade, and the management of the dance to be given at Legion Hall in the evening, are in readiness to deliver the goods in good and sufficient measure.

The Standard Theatre will run shows during the day and night. "Don't Tell Everything," with Wallace Reid, Gloria Swanson and Elliot Dexter in the cast is the feature photo play on the program, with Buster Keaton's smashing comedy, "The Playhouse" thrown in for more laughs.

The grass in the city park will be cut, and seats for the accommodation of all will be in readiness.

Owing to indisposition of the Linotype machine, the Press is not up to standard this week. On receipt of repair parts from San Francisco, the machine "that goes and gets 'em" will again be in smooth running order, and the temper of the force will settle down to normal.

MRS. VAN DENSEN GIVES DEMONSTRATION TUESDAY

The last meeting of the Civic club before the vacation period was held Tuesday afternoon at the Commercial club rooms, with Mrs. Van Densen giving a demonstration of household conveniences. A small portion of the membership was present. Among the different interesting devices shown, was a home-made fireless cooker, which was left here with a testing circle of ladies to try out. It was announced that if any other woman desire to test the cooker, it may be obtained from Mrs. C. M. Eager. The committee on Ways and Means reported that the proposition to have a refreshment stand at the 4th of July picnic had been abandoned. The president, Mrs. H. I. Watts, announced that there would be no more meetings until Tuesday, September 5th.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

W. E. Haynie and Isaac Davidson have returned from their trip to British Columbia, made in Mr. Davidson's Ford. They went as far north as Prince George and were not favorably impressed with the country at that point. In another locality, however, the Athena men found better country for settlement and home-making purposes.

A Timely Appeal To War Veterans

The following appeal by C. C. Proebstel, adjutant of the Pendleton Legion Post is applicable to all ex-service men and to all Legion posts: "Pendleton, Ore., June 21, 1922. The preamble of the American Legion's constitution states that it is dedicated to God and Country. The Legion, during its career of only three years has demonstrated that it is the best insurance policy the nation has.

"Our post appeals to all eligible ex-service men in this community to join the Legion and to aid our fight for Americanism. The blue and gold button of the American Legion marks its wearer as one who has not thrown away his patriotism with the uniform. It means that he has not 'passed the buck' to someone else to see that the sick and disabled buddies get justice and to fulfill all those things that he desired to result from the war.

"Every man in the service hoped for better things after the war. More than two million doughboys, gobs and gyrenes realized that it was going to be a fight to bring to pass all the things that they dreamed of. The result of this prevailing sentiment was the formation of the American Legion.

"Legion members are from every branch in the service, from those who were forced to remain at home, to men who won the congressional medal at Chateau-Thierry and in the Argonne. It includes all ranks from the private to general.

"Our legion post can be the most beneficial organization in this community. Its purposes are high; its ideals are unattainable. It deserves your support and the membership of every war veteran."

Better Seed For Quality Product

Oregon potato growers who have been inclined to laugh at the great strides made by Yakima in sales of potatoes in this territory as well as in California, would realize at once that they must at once check up the defects of their industry, if they will pay a visit to the wholesale trade.

Good quality Oregon potatoes are very seldom seen in the Portland market in quantity, says the Journal. This is a broad statement to make, but it is borne out by the facts as practically all handlers here will attest.

Lack of good seed is the biggest reason for Oregon's poor potato crops during the last few years. A complete change of seed has been necessary for a number of years past. In Yakima and in California, where potatoes are grown in quantities, the seed is selected and changed often. In this state few growers change their seed because it costs them more money to make the change. They fail to realize that such change will pay them big profits.

SUMMER NORMAL SCHOOL

The Eastern Oregon summer normal school opened with a good attendance of teachers enrolled, Monday morning. One hundred twenty-five pupils are registered in the training school. Assemblies will be held each morning in the Pendleton high school auditorium, where prominent educators will lecture. Misses Belle and Angie Pambrun and Miss Zola Keen of Athena, are attending the summer school.

BOILER BLEW UP

Percy Wilson who is inspector of the gravel base being laid by the General Construction company, on the Umatilla-Morrow county section of the State Highway, was in Athena this week. He reports that the boiler furnishing power for the rock crusher, blew up Monday night, causing the force to lay off until a new boiler could be secured. No one was injured by the explosion.

STRAWBERRIES PLENTIFUL

Strawberry picking is at the peak this week, and large quantities are being delivered by growers on the market for canning purposes.

NEW ROAD MADE

A new road, leading from Bingham Springs, east to the ranger's station on the Umatilla river is nearing completion.

Miss Betty Jane Eager is visiting her grandparents in Dayton.

FILIPINOS PLEAD FOR INDEPENDENCE

Formal Statement is Presented to President Harding by Parliamentary Mission.

Washington, D. C.—Establishment by the Filipinos of a stable government in the Philippines has fulfilled the only stipulation laid down by the United States government for granting independence to the islands, President Harding was told in a formal statement presented by the Philippine parliamentary mission.

The mission, representing all the insular political parties, was sent to Washington by the Philippine legislature to ask for complete and absolute independence of the Philippines.

The statement, read to Mr. Harding by Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, and twenty-seven other members of the mission, reviewed the situation of the Philippines and reiterated their aspiration for "national existence."

No American body or official, not even the Wood-Forbes mission, which was described as "unwarrantably severe and critical" in its report has denied the stability of the Filipino government, the mission declared.

"Philippine autonomy," the statement continued, "has also increased the agencies of social and political progress, such as schools, roads, public buildings, hospitals, etc."

Any danger of foreign aggression against the Philippines which may have been feared, the president was told, has been eliminated through the actions of the Washington conference.

HARDING ASSERTS PARTY LEADERSHIP

Washington, D. C.—President Harding's leadership, asserted aggressively for the first time since he entered the White House, faces an acid test in the senate as a result of the situation which has developed over the tariff, the soldier bonus, the ship subsidy and the liquor question.

Impatient at the delays, Mr. Harding has virtually thrown overboard his policy of non-interference with the legislative branch of the government, having informed the senate, through Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, republican leader, that he wants both the tariff and the subsidy bill passed ahead of the bonus.

A compromise between republican senators in the controversy over procedure with the soldiers' bonus bill by which it would be given senate right of way after disposal of the tariff bill was reported to have been reached.

NAVAL BILL PASSED

\$295,450,000 Senate Measure to Go to Conference.

Washington, D. C.—The annual naval appropriation bill carrying approximately \$295,450,000 and providing for an enlisted personnel of 85,000 men was passed by the senate and sent to conference with the house.

Action on the enlisted personnel, now about 115,000, is final, as the senate accepted the house decision, and the question will not come before the conferees, who will deal principally with increases of \$44,000,000 over the house bill. There was no record vote on final passage and no effort was made to reduce the enlisted personnel.

Unsuccessful efforts to end American occupation of Haiti, the Dominican republic and Nicaragua and to launch a congressional investigation of navy administration marked the final day's debate.

Stone Mountain.

Stone mountain, on whose granite wall is to be sculptured a memorial to the Confederacy, is 16 miles from Atlanta, Ga. It will be the largest monument in the world. The space covered will be about eight hundred feet high and fifteen hundred feet wide.

The project first attracted attention in 1915, when Mrs. C. Helen Plante, then eighty-eight years of age, a leader of Southern women, sent for Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, to come to Georgia, to consider the feasibility of a great sculptural monument to the Confederacy on the wall of the mountain. Mr. Borglum made a careful study of several plans. The plan adopted represents an army marching into battle. It will comprise portraits of all the Confederate leaders.

Advertisement for R'member featuring a cartoon illustration of a butcher shop. The cartoon shows a customer asking for a slice of Bologna or a frankfurter, and the butcher replying that some people don't seem to know that the war is over. The cartoon is signed 'J. J. J.' in the bottom right corner.