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## Shanghai Is Taken By Cantonese Army

### Rioting Follows Fall of City to Chinese Southern Army.

Shanghai, China.—Chaos reigned in Shanghai Sunday after the fall of the city to the Cantonese.

Sitting on the lid of the boiling cauldron and guarding the 37,000 inhabitants of the international settlement were 15,000 protective forces, including 1500 United States marines, backed by the big guns of the large international fleet in the Whangpoo river.

The situation, created by the precipitate retreat of the northern troops and the advance of the southerners, was one of the greatest gravity for the foreign population and its defenders. With a general strike effective and the streets filled with truculent natives, the position of the international settlement was fraught with danger.

Sniping and clashes between British soldiers and Chinese troops—possibly retreating northerners—resulted in the death of two British Punjabi soldiers and the wounding of ten other soldiers and police. There were no reports that Americans had been involved in the fighting.

The constant guard of the nationalists, consisting of plain clothes forces who invaded the native city, were fought by the retreating Shantungese and white Russians and a reign of terror began which continued throughout the night. The northerners and the plain clothes men fought fiercely and many casualties were reported. Several great fires started during the struggle.

## RELEASE OF DR. COOK FROM PRISON OPPOSED

Washington, D. C.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook will be kept in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth until a test has been made of the right of a federal judge to release a prisoner on probation after a sentence has begun, the department of justice said.

The former explorer and oil operator, sentenced to 14 years for using the mails to defraud, had been ordered released, but the department announced that it had received assurance from Federal Judge Wilson at Fort Worth, who issued the order for Cook's release, that he would co-operate to test his interpretation of probation law through an appeal to the circuit court of appeals.

District Attorney Zweifel at Fort Worth has been instructed to apply to Judge Wilson for an order suspending execution of the probation decree.

### REGENTS ELECT JORDAN

Washington University Board Chooses New President.

Seattle, Wash.—A. H. B. Jordan of Lowell was elected president of the reappointed and reorganized board of regents of the University of Washington here in the first meeting after formal notification by Governor Hartley of their continuance in office.

Five of the regents twice were rejected by the state senate when Governor Hartley submitted their nominations for approval. The governor renamed the same group, although for different terms than they originally were scheduled to fill.

J. D. Farrell of Seattle, only regent appointed by the governor to receive the senate's approval, was chosen vice-president of the board.

### Governor Hartley Kills 19 Measures.

Olympia, Wash.—Nineteen vetoes and 44 approvals marked the first announcement of a two-day grist covering executive disposition of the 144 bills which the recent legislature left in the hands of Governor Hartley. Outstanding among the measures which are vetoed are the Wilmer school equalization bill with an appropriation of \$375,000 to establish a fund to aid impoverished school districts an appropriation of \$40,000 from the reclamation revolving fund for the Columbia basin project, an appropriation of \$50,000 from the reclamation revolving fund for a geological survey of the state, and an act re-establishing the jute mill at the state penitentiary and making an appropriation therefor.

## William P. Willaby Dies of Heart Failure at His Home Here, Wednesday

The death of William P. Willaby occurred Wednesday morning, March 23rd, 1927, at near nine o'clock, at his home on north Fifth street, of heart failure.

Death came very suddenly, although Mr. Willaby had been in poor health for more than a year. He had arisen as usual, and after sitting down to breakfast, complained of a severe pain in the chest and was persuaded by Mrs. Willaby to lie down on his bed.

Dr. Cowan was immediately summoned, but found him too far gone for any help. The doctor making a hurried trip to the drugstore for medicine, Mr. Willaby passed away before his return, with no one present but his wife.

Vic Harris, who was working about the premises, came in just as he was breathing his last. Friends soon came in to relieve the sorrow stricken wife, and his daughters and other relatives were notified by phone. Mr. and Mrs. Kershaw of Pendleton soon arriving. Mrs. Ovie Castleman and daughter and Miss Fredericka Kershaw and Mrs. Barbara Willaby arrived Wednesday night from Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bacon from Vancouver yesterday.

William P. Willaby was born near Halsey, Linn county, Oregon, July 7, 1858, and would have been 69 years old next July. He came with his parents to Umatilla county when about eleven years old, in the year 1869, and has lived all his life in the vicinity of Athena, where his father took up land, excepting some years in his later life, spent in Portland.

He is survived by his wife, Hester Willaby and three daughters: Bertha Castleman of Ontario; Stella Kershaw of Pendleton and Golda Marge Bacon of Vancouver, Washington. One sister, Mrs. Frank Knowlton, of Spokane, also survives and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at the Christian church this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## New Law Will Make But Little Difference In County Assessment

"The assessment of Umatilla county property for tax purposes is already above the standard prevailing in the state and I think the new law now in force will have little bearing as far as this county is concerned," said Assessor R. O. Hawks in a statement to the East Oregonian.

Mr. Hawks says that while at the conference of assessors and tax officials in Salem recently he was told that the Umatilla assessment is above the standard. He therefore has the impression that the work here will not be changed very much as a result of the new law. At the present time out of an assessment running up to a total of \$55,000,000 only the sum of \$320,000 is represented by money, notes and accounts. The assessor has the impression the new law will make little change in these figures.

One feature of the new law is that confidential property and financial reports are required of certain taxpayers and these blanks have been mailed out to business houses and to corporations. Mr. Hawks says these blanks are not sent to individual taxpayers. He had a total of 1000 blanks and sent them out to approximately 500 addresses, two blanks being sent to each business house.

### O. D. O. Club

Mrs. Roy Cannon was a gracious hostess March 16 when she welcomed to her home members of the O. D. O. club. The house presented a most spring like appearance with spring flowers and decorations emphasizing the approach of St. Patrick's day. The roll call was answered with Irish jokes. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Lewis Stewart. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lawrence McIntyre on Wednesday March the 30th.

### Senator's Cousin Drowns

A cousin of Senator Frederick Steiwer, Leland Steiwer, president of the Steiwer and Carpenter bank of Fossil, Oregon, was drowned in the John Day river near Spray, Oregon Sunday night when an automobile in which he was riding with Herbert Barnard plunged off the highway into the river, swollen by flood.

## Three Killed When Car Goes Over Cliff

### One Girl Escapes When Car Plunges 175 Feet Over Precipice.

A Pendleton special to the Portland Journal says three persons, two men and a girl were killed and another girl is suffering shock, cuts and bruises, the result of an automobile wreck early Sunday morning five and one-half miles west of Pendleton on the Columbia River highway.

The four, in a large touring car belonging to the Blue Line Stage company, left the highway at a blind curve and crashed 175 feet down a practically vertical slope to a former railroad bed, where the car was demolished.

The dead are William L. Holt, 26, of Baker, Oregon, stage driver for the Blue Line Stage company; Ben Griggs, 21, of Pendleton and son of Frank Griggs, Portland storekeeper, and Barbara Watkins, 18, of Pendleton. They were killed instantly when thrown clear of the car—their heads striking jagged rocks on the steep slope.

The injured girl, Helen Whitted, 22, was miraculously thrown clear and clung to the ledge and rocks and her screams brought aid from a service station some distance away.

The quartet was returning to Pendleton after a ride and took the jutting and blind corner at a high rate of speed. The heavy car skidding along a rock retaining wall fully 50 feet from the spot it left the road, part of the running board being scraped off.

The heavy car struck a guard fence, caromed off down the slope and striking another ledge, turned completely over, throwing the occupants out.

Striking on its top, the car went 15 feet or more further, landing bottom side up completely wrecked.

The emergency brake was set when rescuers found the car Sunday morning indicating that Holt had made a futile endeavor to check the speeding machine.

### Harris-McConnell

Penn Harris of this city, and Miss Mary McConnell of Walla Walla, were united in marriage at Dayton, Washington, last Tuesday, March 15. The bride held a responsible position with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company at Walla Walla, prior to her marriage, in the capacity of telegraph operator. Mr. and Mrs. Harris will reside in Athena, and will be at home to their friends about May 1.

A large number of local K. P. members attended the convention of that order in Pendleton, Monday night and greatly enjoyed a banquet at Grice's Cafe.

### ABRAM GEORGE



Eleven-year-old Abram George, Indian boy healer, who, it is said, has already healed scores of people by "laying on his hands." So great was the press at one time during a meeting in Rochester, N. Y., that the boy collapsed from exhaustion.

### Special from La Grande Legion Convention City

Action will be the key note of the entertainment at the American Legion State Convention to be held in La Grande on July 21, 22, 23 this year. Oregon has many more drum corps in proportion to its Legion posts than any state in the Union and they will all be in La Grande this summer. Any and all of them are high class and capable of making much music all the time, day and night.

At the present writing there are 21 drum corps and bands promised to be in attendance—14 corps and one band from Oregon, 2 bands and 2 corps from Idaho and one each from Washington. All of these, with their many brilliant uniforms and stirring martial music will be the foundation of the largest and best convention, "The Battle of '27" ever held in Oregon in the history of the American Legion.

### Dr. Martin Stiles

Word was received at Walla Walla Monday of the death of Dr. Martin Stiles, pioneer physician of Walla Walla, at Spokane. For many years Dr. Stiles served as county and health officer. Previous to going to Walla Walla, Dr. Stiles practiced two years each at Weston, Oregon and Waitsburg, Washington. He is survived by his widow, an only son having been drowned a few years ago. Interment will be in Walla Walla.

### Louis Proebstel Dead

Louis Proebstel, son of the late Senator Proebstel, and brother of Mrs. Lillian Fredericks of Weston, died suddenly on a train near Sacramento, California, last Saturday. Mr. Proebstel was raised at Weston. He had made his home in Nevada for a number of years.

## S. B. Calderhead Dies At Walla Walla Home

### Railroad Man Well Known Here By Connection W. & C. R.

S. B. Calderhead, well known to old timers of Athena and vicinity, where in early days he represented the W. & C. R. railroad, the old "Hunt Line," at the age of 67 years, died at his home in Walla Walla, early Monday morning after eight years' illness. He went to Walla Walla in 1898 as general freight and passenger agent of the Washington & Columbia River railroad, and when that was taken over by the Northern Pacific he remained in the same position. In 1919 he suffered a stroke of paralysis.

He was born in New Athens, Ohio, and when a small boy went to Kansas to live with his brother, W. A. Calderhead, for many years representative in congress from that state. His parents died when he was young. He studied telegraphy and was with the Union Pacific construction force as telegrapher when the transcontinental line was built. In 1885 he went to Butte, Montana, as general freight and ticket agent of the Montana Union railroad, used jointly by the Union Pacific when that road was taken over by the Northern Pacific.

He leaves his widow, Lillian Calderhead, and a daughter, Adelaide Yoemans; also a brother C. C. Calderhead, member of the board of public works; two sisters and a brother in Kansas and two brothers, S. C. and R. W. Calderhead of Olympia. He was a member of the Masons and of the Episcopal church.

### Concrete Work Finished

The concrete work on the well at the city pumping station was completed Wednesday, reports Councilman J. W. Pinkerton, chairman of the water committee, who had charge of enlarging the well. Additional excavation has enlarged the well to more than double its former capacity, and greater depth was also attained. The size of the well now inside retaining concrete walls is 10x27 1/2 feet. New pipe has been put in the main for a half block at the intersection of Third and Main streets, and new steel pipe is being laid to replace the wood pipe from the corner of Main street east to the Dudley farm. Next year improvement will be continued on toward the reservoir site, gradually replacing the wood pipe line with steel pipe.

### Cut Gasoline Price

A cut of two cents in the retail price of gasoline is now in operation at all Eastern Oregon filling stations, bringing the price at 22 cents to the consumer.

## Fred W. McElrath of Freewater Shoots His Wife and Then Himself

A Long Beach, California, dispatch of March 18, says the refusal of Mrs. Lola McElrath 42, to return with her husband Fred W. McElrath, 44, to their former home in Freewater, Oregon, led to a dual shooting there last Friday, which probably will cost the lives of both. Police reported that McElrath shot his wife and then fired a bullet into his own head when she remained obdurate to his pleas.

The shooting took place in the home of a daughter where the couple had met by appointment after Mrs. McElrath had left her husband with the declaration that she would not return to Oregon. She advised McElrath to sell their house and furniture at Long Beach, and go back alone.

After an hour's argument, both left the daughter's apartment. Mrs. McElrath preceded her husband down the stairs. When the ground floor landing had been almost reached, according to the police, McElrath drew a pistol and fired twice into his wife's back. He then shot himself in the mouth.

McElrath was kept under guard at a hospital. His wife occupied an adjoining ward. Attendants said both probably would die.

## Girl Cashier Starts Six Years in Prison After Pleading Guilty

When Miss Harriet Weatherston, confessed Florence bank embezzler entered the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem, Friday, the feminine prisoner population of the institution was increased to nine, five federal and four state women prisoners.

To all appearances as calm and unconcerned as though she had been an honored guest instead of a prisoner of the state, the former cashier of the Florence State & Savings bank, arrived at the penitentiary to begin serving the six-year sentence imposed upon her at Eugene by Judge Shipworth.

Miss Weatherston was accompanied to Salem by Sheriff Frank Taylor of Lane county and Mrs. Taylor. The party was met at the train by Warden Lillie and was taken directly to the prison.

In the turnkey's office at the prison Deputy Warden Golden took charge of the prisoner. Turning to Mrs. Lulu Phillips, prison matron, Golden said:

"Miss Weatherston, this is Mrs. Phillips, the matron of this institution, who will have charge of you from now on."

With this brief formality the prisoner was then led to the women's quarters on the second floor of the prison, accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, who went along at the request of Miss Weatherston, "in case there might be some word I want to send back."

While Miss Weatherston is under sentence to serve six years for embezzlement of funds of the bank she will be eligible to parole at the expiration of two years, half of her maximum sentence and another year off for good behavior.

### Two Carloads of Machinery

Two carloads of farm machinery, implements, extra parts and repair supplies were unloaded for the firm of Rogers & Goodman at Athena Friday. The big shipment came from the International Harvester company and included binders, mowers rakes, potato diggers and potato planters, spring tooth harrows, discs, harrows, cultivators, etc. This firm carries one of the largest stocks of international Harvester company lines in the county including a full assortment of extra parts and repairs.

### Valley Base Ball League

The teams which now comprise the Walla Walla Valley league are Lowden, Gardens, Whitman Station, Umapine, Fruitvale and the Walla Walla River. The league is trying to get two more teams in for the purpose of maintaining an eight team circuit. The teams likely to enter are the East Side nine, a team from Freewater, and Adams.

### Blue Mountain League

La Grande and Baker will not have teams in the Blue Mountain baseball league this season. The towns represented in the league will be Hermiston Umatilla Indian reservation, Pendleton and Walla Walla. Play is scheduled to start April 10.

## U. S. Raises Ban On Arms Into Mexico

### Action Viewed a Hard Blow to Security of Calles Regime.

Washington, D. C.—The American government has decided to terminate the anti-smuggling treaty with Mexico, which has been one of the principal barriers to the revolutionists in Mexico securing arms.

Formal notice to this effect has been served on the Mexican government, it was announced at the state department.

Although this step on the part of the United States has no relation to the existing embargo on arms and ammunition to Mexico, it will in all probability open the door to considerable smuggling of rifles and war materials across the border.

The abrogation of the treaty was accompanied by reports that this action presages the eventual lifting of the embargo on arms, but state department officials declined to make any comment on this phase of it.

The treaty provided for an exchange of information on all smuggling activities originating on either side of the border. On these American "tips" Mexican border authorities have been able to make numerous big hauls, and to effectually stop almost all arms and ammunition.

This exchange of information will now cease, and it is probable that a score of American agents along the border, sent there after the treaty was signed, will now be withdrawn.

Recent press dispatches from Mexico have emphasized the growth and scope of revolutionary activities against the Calles government, and the abrogation of the treaty at this time is distinctly a blow to the Calles regime.

## APPLE MEN ADOPT KIPP MARKET PLAN

Seattle, Wash.—A fund of \$13,000 to finance the newly organized Pacific Northwest apple marketing organization will be raised by cities and communities interested in the industry the chamber of commerce announced here.

Seattle's share of the fund will be \$5000. Wenatchee will be asked to raise \$1500; Spokane, Yakima and Portland \$1000 each, Boise, \$500, the state chamber of commerce \$200 and the smaller districts lesser amounts.

Organization details are being worked out by executive committee representing the growers, shippers and business and industrial organizations of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

More than 250 persons from the three states attended the main conference here and endorsed a plan of co-ordination devised by R. H. Kipp, Portland marketing expert.

The organization is expected to start functioning in the various growing districts as soon as working details are completed.

## GRAIN CO-OPERATIVE PROBED

### How Marketing Merger Died and Why to Be Sought.

Chicago.—Several agencies are preparing to hold inquiries into the death of the Grain Marketing company, the farmers' co-operative marketing corporation which died aborning two years ago.

The investigating bodies include a legislative committee from Springfield, which expects to investigate grain marketing in Chicago, and a special committee of the Chicago board of trade named to investigate one angle of the situation involving the Armour Grain company, one of three concerns which merged to form the farmers' co-operative.

The Armour Grain company recently was held responsible by an arbitrator for the failure of the Grain Marketing company.

### Radio Commission Asks Fans' Ideas.

Washington, D. C.—In addition to taking the oral testimony of all persons interested in radio broadcasting at a series of hearings beginning March 29, the federal radio commission announced that it wanted suggestions by letter from those unable to attend in person.

## Whirl of the March Wind

