

COMMUNIST ARMY SPREADS TERROR IN SHENSI AREA

Wholesale Executions, Looting of Towns Reported by Missionaries Who Leave Posts to Escape Peril

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SIAM, Shenai, China, March 1.—A reign of terror, accompanied by wholesale executions and looting of towns marked the passage of 25,000 communist troops through southeast Shenai province during the last fortnight, missionary reports disclosed today.

The Reds poured into the district from northern Szechwan province, whence they were driven by General Chiang Kai Shek's nationalist government forces.

Some 25 missionaries abandoned their posts to escape the menace and fled through ice and snow covered mountains in quest of sanctuary.

Only two of the fugitives, Miss R. V. Thompson of Nevada, Iowa, and Miss Alma R. Arlberg of Chicago, were believed to be Americans. They were reported as arriving safely at Fengsiang, 90 miles west of Sian.

A portion of the scattered Christian workers, many of whom carried their children in their arms as they abandoned their stations, has been accounted for. About one-half their number was reported to have reached Fengsiang to the westward and Ankang, in southeastern Shenai.

The Rev. and Mrs. S. C. French, Australian missionaries, believed to have been kidnaped by the invaders, were still unreported.

Missionary quarters here fear some of the refugees have fallen into the hands of the communists or have perished from cold or hunger.

'LUCKY 13' MINE CLAIMANTS HEARD

Depositions in the suit of George M. Roberts, George P. Barton, Ed Marshall, and Edwin P. Hughes against W. E. Hittson, and the Lucky 13 Mine company, for an accounting by Hittson of \$16,500, assertedly removed by him from claims in the Sixtyfours, were heard this morning before Judge H. D. Norton in circuit court. Hittson, scheduled to appear, is in California and no service of subpoena was made.

United States mint receipts for gold returned, and shipped by Hittson were introduced as exhibits, showing the receipt by Hittson of cash. The money was turned over to Hittson by the First National bank and not deposited, an official of the bank testified. It was brought out also that Hittson had a safety deposit box in the bank, contents unknown.

The plaintiffs allege that Hittson "surreptitiously removed" the gold from the Ruby mine group of claims. Hittson, through counsel, Attorney Allison Moulton, has filed a motion asking the vacation or modification of a restraining order prohibiting Hittson from use of the funds.

MODERN LIGHTING FOR M. M. STORE

Cooperating with the modernization program being launched in Jackson county, the M. M. Department store has just installed a complete new lighting system, considered the latest word in store lighting. New opalescent round globes are used in this novel system which provides three degrees of light, according to Clarence A. Meeker, owner and manager of the M. M. store. The new system is a great help to shoppers who desire the very finest light in selecting merchandise and apparel.

A lighting expert from the National Lighting company was recently in Medford planning the new system for the M. M. store and installation was made by the Peoples Electric store of this city. Other improvements will be made in the near future by the M. M. company in line with the store modernization program initiated by this firm.

BE WISE BUY WISE ECONOMIZE with HODGEN-BREWSTER FEEDS Milk Chick Starter, cwt. \$2.80 Milk Chick Starter Pellets, cwt. \$2.85 Chick Mash Without Milk, cwt. \$2.65 Baby Chick Scratch, cwt. \$2.55 Lawell Egg Producer, with milk and Cod Liver Oil, cwt. \$2.25 Three Star Egg Mash, with milk and Cod Liver Oil, cwt. \$2.00 Hodgen-Brewster Specialized Feeds for sale by Jackson County Feed Company 6th and Hartlett Streets Medford, Oregon

Meteorological Report

March 1, 1935

Medford and vicinity: Cloudy and occasionally unsettled tonight and Saturday; normal temperature.

Oregon: Cloudy and occasionally unsettled tonight and Saturday; valley fogs west portion; normal temperature.

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 72; lowest 38.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1934, 12.47 inches. Deficiency for the season 0.12 inches.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday 57 per cent; 5 a. m. today 94 per cent.

Tomorrow: Sunrise 6:44 a. m. Sunset 6:02 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 A. M., 120th Meridian Time

Table with columns: CITY, High Temp., Low Temp., Precipitation, Weather. Rows include Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Eureka, Helena, Los Angeles, MEDFORD, New York, Omaha, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Roseburg, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, Washington, D.C.

DEFER AWARD OF 1940 OLYMPICS UNTIL 1936

OSLO, March 1.—(AP)—The international Olympic committee today voted to defer award of the 1940 Olympic games until the meeting in Berlin during the 1936 international athletic carnival.

Japan and Finland remain as aspirants.

Be correctly oriented in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann

Ask the customers who have their watch repaired done here. Johnson the Jeweler.

BUSINESS FINDING BASIC CONDITIONS MERIT EXPANSION

Dun & Bradstreet Review Says Factory Output Increasing and Skilled Workers Being Employed

NEW YORK, March 1.—(AP)—Dun & Bradstreet in its weekly trade review said today there has developed "a more genuine realization of the soundness of basic conditions to support the expansion toward which all indicators now point."

"The lifting of the production level of manufacturing plants and a gradual decrease in the number of unemployed skilled workers provide unquestioned proof of an accelerated rate of activity," the review said.

Merchandise Prices Up

"Prices on most grades of merchandise are considered to have passed definitely the low points, and advances in many items are scheduled for the immediate future."

On retail trade the survey reported most divisions active with no gains of consequence indicated over the previous week.

"Variations of the weather chiefly were responsible for the checking of the uptrend. For the distribution of merchandise in nearly all lines, however, a quicker rate was reached than when the month opened."

Retailers See Gain

"Encouraged by the strength of the demand in evidence during the past two months, retailers now are making preparations for the largest spring selling season in five years, and many have revised upward their earlier estimates of merchandise needs, particularly in the wearing apparel, furniture, hardware and electrical appliance divisions."

On the wholesale trade, it was reported, "while individual orders are running larger and trade generally is progressing at a satisfactory pace, the volume of business placed in wholesale markets was smaller than that recorded a week earlier. The lull is viewed as only temporary. Much of the spring buying is yet to be completed."

Mail Orders Grow

Orders for dry goods and general

PAST ELK RULERS GIVE CLASS OF 8 INITIATION RITES

Medford Lodge No. 1158 R. P. O. Elks, enjoyed one of the most interesting sessions last night of the entire year.

A class of eight were initiated, the past exalted rulers who performed the initiatory ceremony doing a wonderful job. Exalted Ruler H. N. Butler stated that any member who missed this session, missed a real treat.

The class of candidates initiated included W. E. Lantis, Douglas A. Young, Robert C. Maentz, Everett G. Miller, Clifford Wagner, Howard C. Gault, J. M. Hartley and Sebastian Apollo.

The past exalted rulers enjoyed a

BAR GOLD PRICE HITS NEW HIGH IN LONDON

LONDON, Mar. 1.—(AP)—The price of bar gold continued its rise, reaching a new high mark today of 145 shillings, one penny, (35.09) a fine ounce, an increase of one shilling over yesterday's price.

Buyers secured a quantity of gold valued at 267,000 pounds (\$1,291,612.50), available at the record price which included a premium of 17 pence over the dollar and nine pence over the franc.

WASHINGTON PIONEER PASSES IN OLD HOME

TACOMA, Wash., March 1.—(AP)—John J. Hubbard died today in the home two miles north of Rainier where he was born 62 years ago. He

was a son of one of the first families to settle in the Rainier section and he spent his life on the old Hubbard homestead. He leaves five sons and four daughters in Washington, Oregon and California.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

DIXIE BELLE DISTILLED DRY GIN \$1.40 FULL QUART PINT 75c Distilled and bottled by CONTINENTAL DISTILLING CORPORATION - PHILADELPHIA

This Week A Sweeping Clearance SALE of RECONDITIONED ELECTRIC RANGES 28 of Them—And Every One A Bargain! See Them at COPCO BUILDING—BASEMENT Small Down Payment Easy Monthly Terms Here is an opportunity to enjoy the advantages of electric cooking at surprisingly moderate cost... This lot of ranges, offered in this sale, were accepted on the purchase of new ranges during the recent Modernization Campaign conducted by this company... each one has been thoroughly reconditioned and put in good, serviceable condition. Free Wiring Service On Each Range Purchased Act Now! While Selection Is Complete! THE CALIFORNIA OREGON POWER COMPANY

HEATH'S DRUG STORE DRUGS AND TOILETRIES Remedies Dentifrices Ipana Tooth Paste 39c Antiseptics Alka-Seltzer 49c Toiletries Coty's Face Powder 69c LUNCH KITS \$1.29 VAGUUM BOTTLES 79c CERTAINLY WE FILL Prescriptions! QUICK EXPERT SERVICE! Hundreds of Other Items at Bargain Prices