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G-MEN ARREST MINISTER'S KIDNAPER

Behind Washington Headlines

By H. R. Baukhage

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CHINESE HELD TO HAVE GAINED AIM IN SHANGHAI WORLD ATTENTION DRAWN TO NATION'S CAUSE

CREATION NAVAL AUXILIARY URGED TO AID SHIPPING

SUBSIDIZED SHIPS WOULD BE SOLD TO INDUSTRIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Close observers here of affairs both military and diplomatic are now forced to admit that the famous "Shanghai plot" against the Japanese has worked out as far as the Chinese are concerned, even if the other powers haven't played their scheduled part so far.

The "plot," in a nutshell, as the Japanese explain it, and as it was printed in this column two months ago, was this: Chiang Kai-shek, according to plans which went back to 1932, plotted to embroil the Japanese at Shanghai, attract large military forces to land there, and so involve the neutrality of the international settlement as to provoke foreign intervention. Failing direct intervention, at least the sympathy of the powers would be aroused to aid China against Japan.

The military campaign is now over—or at least that is the opinion of the men who watch military matters with a microscope. The Chinese put up a good fight against a well-organized invader.

The Japanese won the victory, as everyone knew they must if they could keep up the fight. The moment Japan's column threatened Chiang Kai-shek's flank, the Chinese retired, as was expected.

But Chiang preserved the flower of his army, spared his best men, and, as Japan predicted, drew the attention of the world to the cause of China and at least managed to get the nine-power pact invoked. That was something all the fighting in the north never could have done.

The state department gets some strange cases, but the case of the singing waiters is one of the strangest.

It all started with the post-prohibition craze for Bavarian bare-legged rodelers who break into "Schmitzbank" and "Hi-li-hi-lo" between the Muenchener and the Leberwurst.

A certain lady imported six of these talented waiters and opened a beer garden in Boston. In no time it got all the trade.

Even members of the Harvard faculty attended the place; some said to improve their German accent. Other worthy, old-time restaurants suffered. They complained, and lo, somebody found a law.

The law, passed once by the Massachusetts state legislature, declares that no one who is not a citizen may sell or serve alcoholic beverages. The waiters were fired. The German embassy protested and the state department thumbs the pages.

And this is what it finds: An amendment to the constitution of Arizona which made it illegal to hire foreign waiters was declared invalid by Mr. Justice Hughes. Furthermore, Mr. Hughes, in 1923, helped make a treaty giving to the nationals

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SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Lee Aekley averring he would unpeddle his pinball machine for a little friendly game only he feared his startling playfulness would be reported in this pillar of playfulness.

Bill Holloway keeping a weather eye on the behavior of Sal Hepatica, the pet goose that brought the Holloway offspring an Armistice parade prize.

Timekeeper Bert Miller surprising football fans by playing off the field, but Wilbur Bushnell countering the good behavior by rushing out on the gridiron for photos.

Jack Murray trying vainly to bring down a duck or a goose or both.

Rollie Beach waiting to friends as he paraded in his Dookie regalia.

Patriotic subscriber calling attention to fact court house and Medford building flags being neglected.

PRISONER ADMITS \$50,000 RANSOM SOUGHT BY MAIL

Aged West Virginia Cleric Found Exhausted Near Abandoned Coal Mine—Taken From Home Nov. 1

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover said today that federal agents had arrested Arnett A. Booth at Huntington, W. Va., on charges of demanding \$50,000 for the release of Dr. James I. Seder, 79-year-old former minister who was kidnaped from his Huntington home November 1.

The director of the federal bureau of investigation said Dr. Seder was physically exhausted when found yesterday near an abandoned coal mine seven miles outside of Wayne, W. Va. He is recovering in a Huntington hospital.

Hoover said Booth admitted to federal agents that he had participated in the abduction of Dr. Seder and in writing a \$50,000 ransom letter November 5. His confession, Hoover said, implicated Orville Atkins and John Travis, who are still at large.

Hoover said Dr. Seder was kidnaped by three men when he agreed to accompany them to assist in cashing a check. He was found yesterday only after a resident, near the farm on which he had been held captive for 11 days, heard his cries for help.

Federal agents and Huntington police officers found Dr. Seder in an exhausted condition. He had succeeded in climbing from a steep 30 foot ravine in which he had been held prisoner but was covered with scratches, bruises and blood, Hoover said.

ARMISTICE CROWD MAINTAINS ORDER

It was an extremely well-mannered population that celebrated Armistice day in Medford yesterday. In fact, from a police standpoint, it was quieter than usual.

City police made not one arrest for drunkenness. With the exception of several "steepers" the jail was barren of customers and officers reported crowds were surprisingly orderly, both on the streets and in the various gathering places.

Although the streets were slick from heavy rainfall Wednesday night and again late Thursday afternoon and evening, auto accidents were at a minimum in the city. City police received only one report of an accident, and that was minor.

Heavy traffic on county roads and highways also failed to produce a serious mishap, state police said.

ROOSEVELT TO KEEP PRESS MEMBERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt indicated today he intends to retain his honorary membership in the American Press society.

The Washington Newspaper Guild last night asked him to reconsider his acceptance of membership, asserting he approved the action of Baker employes and employers in "running a teamster union organizer out of town."

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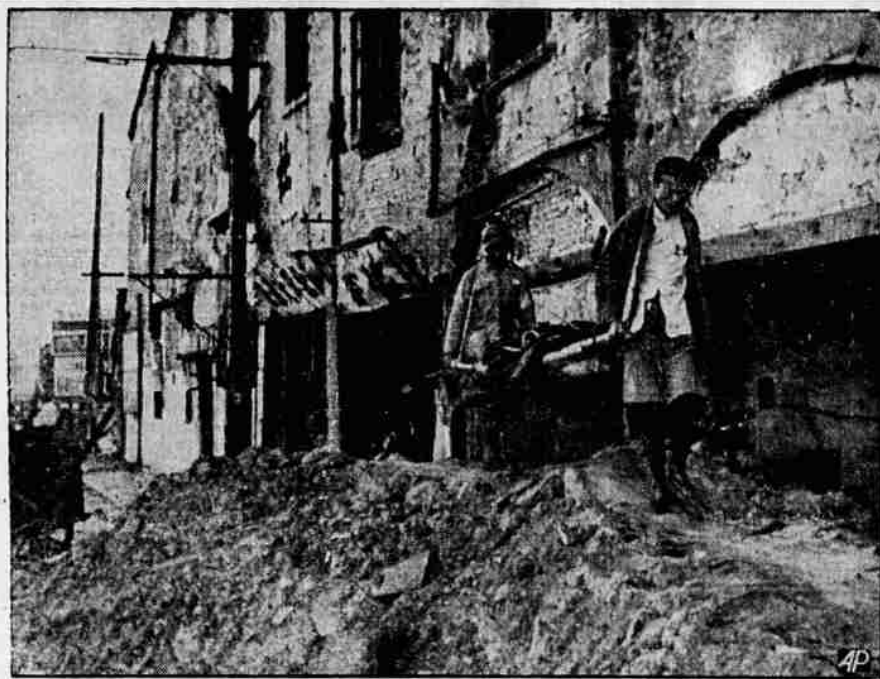
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Wounded Chinese Carried From Front



Stretcher bearers, walking carefully over debris-filled streets, are shown carrying a wounded Chinese soldier to a field hospital after he was shot in the fighting between Chinese and Japanese in the Chapel district, since captured by the Japanese forces.

AID OF CLERGYMEN WILL BE SOUGHT IN UNEMPLOYED CENSUS

Attention will be called in Medford churches Sunday to the national unemployment census to be conducted November 16 to 20, it was announced today by Col. W. H. Paine, chairman of the citizens' committee assisting Postmaster Frank DeSouza.

Aid of the clergy throughout the country had been enlisted to help disseminate information on the census in the government's effort to procure an accurate picture of unemployment.

Further to emphasize the importance of the census, President Roosevelt will give a talk over the radio Sunday.

The census will be conducted by the postoffices. Registration cards will be distributed by mail carriers Tuesday, and they are to be filled out completely and accurately and returned not later than midnight, November 20.

LABOR IN OKLAHOMA PRAISED BY MARTIN

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Governor Martin returned from Tulsa, Okla., today after attending the annual reunion of the 90th division, U. S. army, his world war command.

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NORTON TO HEAR ATTORNEYS' SUIT ON STALEY FEES

SALEM, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Judge H. D. Norton of Medford, who disqualified himself in the suit of H. V. Schmalz, Burns, and George E. Rhoten, Salem, against Corintha E. Staley of Medford, notified the supreme court today he would hear the case, which will open Monday.

Chief Justice Henry J. Bean cancelled the transfer of Judge Carl E. Wimberly of Roseburg, whom Judge Bean had assigned to hear the suit.

Schmalz and Rhoten, attorneys, are suing Mrs. Staley, mother-in-law of former Judge Earl H. Fehl, for fees they claim she owes them.

Erst H. Fehl, held in the county jail, on an insanity complaint filed last Saturday, will be a witness in the civil suit of his two former attorneys against his mother-in-law. In a granted motion seeking the disqualification of Judge E. B. Ashurst of Klamath county, the defendants requested that Judge Norton sit on the case.

Judge Norton has indicated that he will also sit in the insanity hearing against Fehl, and that he will set a date for it, at the conclusion of the Staley case.

The judge has also indicated he will name an attorney to represent Mrs. Staley, who heretofore, has been represented by Fehl.

It is also assumed by county authorities that the court will impel an advisory jury to hear the insanity proceedings, and testimony of alienists.

British Workers' Vacation Defeated

LONDON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—A labor party bill providing two weeks' vacation with pay for all British workers was defeated in the house of commons today by a 134-133 vote.

It was the fourth time such a bill had been before the house, government leaders upholding the principle of paid vacations, but disapproving any law making them compulsory.

President's Message to Congress Monday

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today his message to congress would be sent to the capitol on Monday, opening day of the special session.

He told reporters he had not finished writing it and therefore could not say whether he would enlarge on the legislative program he already has outlined.

This includes surplus crop control, wage and hour, government reorganization and regional planning legislation.

Hudson Motor Co. Factory Is Closed

DETROIT, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The Hudson Motor Co. closed its plant today for the second time this week as a result of a dispute between union workers and the management.

CIVIC MUSIC ASSN. MEMBERSHIP CHANGE ENDS ON SATURDAY

Membership enrollment in the Civic Music association positively closes Saturday night at 10 o'clock and it will be impossible to secure admittance tickets to the first concert to be given here during the winter season after that time. Adult membership is \$5 and student tickets are \$2.50.

Sam Harrington of New York, western representative of Civic Concert Service, Inc., has been in Medford the past several days directing the organization of the association, which will bring three, and possibly more, outstanding artists to the city within the next few months.

Mr. Harrington emphasizes the fact that under the Civic Music plan no tickets will be sold at the close of enrollment week and none will be available for individual performances.

It has been impossible for captains and team workers to phone or call on all individuals in the community interested in membership to insure securing the outstanding artists of the world for the concert and these are asked to call the headquarters.

PORTLAND EMPLOYERS LIFT PORT SUSPENSION

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—The waterfront employers' association formally lifted its suspension of port activities last night after the Forest Grove local of the CIO sawmill union removed a picket line from a shipment of disputed lumber here.

Edward S. Coates, association manager, said reopening of the Coos Bay port, closed earlier in the week, might occur "within the next 24 or 36 hours."

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The seasonal decline was less than usual this fall, the service said. During the last four weeks 2616 cases were reported, more than twice the number in the same period a year ago.

Clarick Theater Burns At Baker

BAKER, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The Clarick theater and all of its contents were destroyed by fire this morning in the most spectacular blaze seen here in several years.

The fire, starting in the basement under the stage, spread rapidly. A major part of the brick walls fell after the blaze had burned for an hour. The loss, amounting to more than \$65,000, was covered by insurance.

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Notified of the receipt of the extortion note, officers arranged a trap with a dummy package, Webb said.

3 SOVIET ENVOYS SUMMONED HOME; PAIR FACE PURGE

Ambassadors to Germany, Turkey and Poland Recalled—Blood Purge Continues Unabated in Russia

MOSCOW, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Soviet Russia's ambassadors to Germany, Turkey and Poland were reported by diplomatic sources today to have been recalled and there were unconfirmed rumors that two of them had been arrested.

The same sources also said that Rudolf Sommer, German consul general at Leningrad, had been recalled by the Berlin government at Moscow's request.

The rumors that Dr. Constantine Yourenoff, the envoy to Berlin, and Mikhail Karni, ambassador to Turkey, had been arrested linked their names with the government's purge of suspected enemies within soviet ranks. The ambassador to Poland is Yanov Davitan.

Many Germans Arrested. In connection with Consul General Sommer's reported return to Berlin it was recalled that more than 400 Germans had been arrested in Russia in recent months in a drive against suspected spies. These included two declared by soviet authorities to be agents of Gestapo, the German secret police, who were taken into custody last month.

The purge, meanwhile, seemed to be continuing unabated. Fourteen more executions were reported by the provincial press, including 10 persons in Kazakhstan who were accused of nationalist tendencies, and four charged with spying grain in the Vladivostok region.

Dr. Yourenoff, 48 years old, was an "old bolshevik." He was a member of the party since 1905 and was frequently arrested and exiled. He was one of the organizers of the red cavalry and took part in the civil war as a member of the military revolutionary councils on the eastern and western fronts.

He was appointed commissar of public works in 1917 and worked to restore normal railway operation in Russia. In 1924 he was named ambassador to Italy and to Japan where he served from 1933 until this year when he was recalled and assigned to Berlin.

BERRYDALE GIRL AMONG MISSING

Oregon police authorities are searching for Florence May Withrow, 13-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Withrow of 21 Berrydale avenue, route 2, who disappeared from her home November 6, according to state police.

The young girl's foster parents could give no reason for her disappearance, state police said, although it was believed that perhaps she had gone to Canada where her only relatives live.

She was described as follows: Four feet six inches tall, weight 65 pounds, long blonde hair and blue eyes. When last seen she was wearing a blue print dress, blue coat and brown oxfords.

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Vice President Shows Trace Of Scotch Ancestry

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Vice-President John N. Garner made a bee line for a barber shop when he arrived today from San Antonio, Tex., en route to Washington, and emphatically declined to discuss politics.

For 25 minutes the vice-president, released for a shave. Then he rejoined Mrs. Garner and boarded a train for the capital.

As he left the barber shop he handed the negro shine boy a quarter. "Thank you, sah," smiled the boy. "That's a quarter," reminded Garner.

"Yes, sah; I know it's a quarter." "Well, I want some change," Garner demanded. "He got back 15 cents."

GRAND JURY IS GIVEN SALESMAN'S STORY OF ASSAULT AND ROBBERY

E. D. Rice, Dallas, Texas, traveling jewelry salesman, and complaining witness in assault and robbery charges filed against three Oregon Normal at Monmouth football squad members and an Ashland drug clerk, appeared before the grand jury investigating the case this morning. Rice returned from Portland Thursday. The accused youths are Eli Cagle, 23, Stanley Borden, 18, and Marshall Hearn, 20, gridiron athletes and Richard M. Messenger, 22, Ashland. They allegedly robbed Rice of \$31 while en route to return his disabled auto to Ashland, after the group met first in a cafe, on the night of October 30. The crime allegedly occurred on the Pacific highway two miles south of Ashland. Signed statements admitting participation in the crime have been made by the defendants, the authorities say.

Cagle, Hearn and Borden waived grand jury action, the district attorney reported. Their scheduled appearance in circuit court this morning to enter pleas was deferred, owing to the absence of Judge H. D. Norton in Grants Pass.

The grand jury is expected to conclude its session and report findings Saturday morning.

M'KENZIE PASS DUG OUT OF SNOW

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—McKenzie pass over the Cascades remained open for traffic today after the highway department cleared 16 inches of snow, but the commission warned that a sudden storm may close the road at any time.

Motorists also were advised to carry chains and shovels on the Crater Lake highway, covered with two inches of snow.

Chains also were recommended on higher elevations of the Pendleton-Lakeview highway.

Packed snow covered Sun Mountain pass on the Delles-California highway between Bend and Klamath Falls. The storm closed the road to Medford by way of Diamond Lake.

SPRINGER DEATH ONLY FATALITY OVER WEEK

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—E. N. Springer, Talent truck driver who was injured October 25 at Ashland, was the only Oregon worker whose death was reported during the week ending yesterday to the state industrial commission, while 703 others were injured.

Methodist Merger Near Completion

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 12.—(AP) Unification of three Methodist denominations having approximately 8,000,000 members in all parts of the world was two-thirds complete today. Only final approval of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, remained after bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church (north) accepted the merger plans officially here last night.

MacDonald to Lie In Native Ground

LONDON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Ramsay MacDonald's family today declined an offer that he be buried in historic Westminster Abbey.

The sub-dean of the abbey said the family wished burial in MacDonald's native Loosemouth. A memorial service will be held at the abbey on a date to be decided later.

MacDonald, who rose from poverty to become three times premier of Britain, died Tuesday aboard a cruise ship sailing him to South America.

CAMPAIGN GROWS FOR REDUCTION IN TAX ON BUSINESS

Statements From Both Senators of Both Parties Give Impetus—Accumulation Right Paramount Need

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—A House tax sub-committee talked today of aiding little business men by reducing the tax burden on perhaps 85 percent of the nation's small firms.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ky.) said some system might be worked out for graduating taxes on the small firms on a lowered level.

No decisions were made on how this might be done, he said, but "we are hoping to lessen their burden."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Statements from Democratic and Republican senators gave new impetus today to a growing campaign to reduce business taxes.

From Chairman Vinson (D-Miss.) of the senate finance committee came the unqualified assertion that "there must be some modification of the undistributed profits tax."

Harrison, telegraphing this statement to Secretary Morgenthau from his home late yesterday, added that the administration should endeavor "to restore confidence to business."

Praise Treasurer's Stand. Other legislators spoke in the same vein, praising Morgenthau's stand for balancing the budget through retrenchment, but private comments of some congressmen indicated they were not enthusiastic about trimming expenditures a few months before they are up for re-election.

Morgenthau had said in a speech Wednesday that some of the taxes which have inspired objections from business and the public might be ended if expenses were cut.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), like Harrison, struck at the profits tax. "Under this levy," he said, "a company can't accumulate a nickel to be used for new employment, plant expansion and reserves."

"We have all the raw materials for an unprecedented prosperity and if the government would give business half a chance we could attain it."

The recurrent question of tax-exempt securities came before a House tax sub-committee. One proposal would raise taxes on persons holding

HIGHWAY CLOSED TO DIAMOND LAKE

Winter took possession of the higher altitudes today and blocked highways and roads with a deep mantle of snow.

A "closed" sign was stretched across the Diamond Lake highway at the Union Creek junction. Rogue River national forest headquarters announced. The Crater Lake highway, however, has been plowed open by an Oregon state highway crew, it was stated. It was raining at Union Creek this noon.

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce announced that cars could get through to headquarters in Crater Lake national park, though chains are necessary for safe driving. Road to the lake rim was closed, the chamber said. Snow 16 inches deep was reported at park headquarters.

Snow at Diamond Lake was 16 inches deep and 18 inches at the junction of the Diamond and Crater Lake highways, the forest service said.

\$5 Thanksgiving Dinner Seen for Coast Families

By Robert L. Spencer United Press Staff Correspondent. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—(UP)—Pacific coast families should be able to enjoy a full-course Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the trimmings for not more than \$5 per family, a United Press survey showed today.

The survey revealed that a holiday turkey dinner for an average family of five persons could be prepared with large generous portions for approximately \$1 per plate.

A questionnaire submitted to housewives here showed that the majority favor a ten or twelve pound turkey to a smaller bird. One woman said that she preferred a larger

turkey because it would "last" her small family three days. She also said that more "generous helpings" were possible with the larger bird.

With the cost of the nation's "national bird" listed at 35 cents a pound for choice birds, here, a ten-pound gobler should cost not more than \$3.50 fully dressed and ready for the oven, some western districts reported turkeys as low as 29 cents a pound dressed.