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JAPS TRAP FORTY CHINESE DIVISIONS

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PENNYSLVANIA RESULT NO VICTORY FOR VIRTUE
SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES TERMED WINDY STOOGES
MCCLOSKEY, KELLY AND LAWRENCE HELD BOSSSES
JOE FEW, GRUNDEY EMERGE AS G. O. P. POWERS THAT BE

INVADERS BOTTLE 160,000 SOLDIERS IN SUCHOW REGION

Japanese Commander Says No Avenue of Escape Remains for Foe—Suchow Now Completely Occupied

By Elmer W. Peterson
JAPANESE ARMY HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF SUCHOW, Somewhere in Anhwei Province, May 20.—(AP)—The general commanding the Japanese armies which advanced from the south to the capture of strategic Suchow told this writer tonight that 40 Chinese divisions were surrounded in the Suchow area without a chance of escape.

He said most of these troops were provincial levies (which average roughly 4,000 men to a division) and were inside Japanese lines enclosing an area roughly 25 miles by 15.

Suchow Occupied
Immediately after greeting a small party of correspondents who had flown by Japanese army plane 350 miles from Shanghai, the general declared the magnitude of Japan's victory at Suchow, nerve center of China's central front resistance, was not yet generally apparent.

The Japanese army announced complete occupation of Suchow early today.

The Japanese commander said the huge Chinese forces around Suchow were breaking up into leaderless disorder and suffering terrible casualties under the steady, merciless attacks of the Japanese air corps.

Other officers of the Japanese command said the fall of Suchow by no means marked the final phase of the ten-months old war.

They declared emphatically that a new campaign destined to carry Japan's armies westward through the heart of China south of the Yellow river already was under way.

Details Undisclosed
They would not disclose details, but one high officer said Japan's forces—now stretching from the Yangtze river through the coastal provinces above Shanghai and along a front bending westward above the Yellow river—were girding themselves for still more formidable onslaughts.

These, he said, would be directed toward the obliteration of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and his armies from China forever.

The writer was the first American correspondent to reach the zone behind the Japanese line since the fall of Nanking December 13. He was accompanied by S. S. Moosa of Reuters (British news agency) and representatives of Domei (Japanese news agency) and Le Journal de Shanghai.

(Japanese correspondents reported General Shunroku Hata, commander of Japan's armies south of Suchow, interviewed at "an undisclosed base," said the capture of Suchow was "only the hop" in a "hop, step and jump" in which "we may stop at Hankow or make the jump to Chungking."

(Hankow is temporary capital of China. Chungking, another temporary government seat, is 500 miles further up the Yangtze river. The hop, step and jump is Japan's favorite track and field event, her champions having won it at the last three Olympic games.)

FEDERAL JUDGE RAKES FARM LOAN POLICIES

PORTLAND, May 20.—(AP)—Federal Judge James A. Fee, reserving judgment in the case of Charles J. Ross, Jr., 24, Klamath Falls potato farmer, criticized the federal government for putting loan money into the hands of applicants and then prosecuting them for spending it for other purposes than originally intended.

"The government ought not to tempt people that way and then indict them because they don't spend the money as they are told to," Judge Fee declared.

Fee was charged with using a \$400 farm credit loan for other purposes than the purchase of seed potatoes and fertilizer.

I.O.O.F. Concludes State Convention

PENDLETON, May 20.—(AP)—The grand bodies of Oregon, I.O.O.F., concluded their 83rd state convention here last night by selecting Klamath Falls as the 1939 convention city and electing officers of the Bebecks.

Plane Bandit Wrecks Ship



A couple of 20th century bandits who stole an airplane from its hangar in Ogden, Utah, cracked it up near Inkom, Idaho, where the wreckage is shown with some of the men who participated in the search for it. The bandits fled on foot.

FRENCH DUELISTS FAIL TO KISS AND MAKE UP AFTER ONE IS 'PINKED'

PARIS, May 20.—(AP)—Edouard Bourdet, director of La Comedie Francaise, was wounded in the right arm today by Henry Bernstein, veteran playwright and duelist, in an "affair of honor" that failed to settle their quarrel.

The principals left the dueling field without reconciliation.

The attending physician said the wound was not serious.

The duel, with full-edged but needle-pointed spears, took place on an estate at suburban Neuilly and consisted of two two-minute periods of fighting for which Bernstein, adjudged the injured party, chose the weapons.

It was Bourdet's first duel. Bernstein's ninth.

At the end of the second two-minute period the referee sighted blood oozing from Bourdet's right arm and, upon examination, declared the contest ended.

MORNING VOTING IN LIGHT VOLUME

Primary election voting was light this morning in Medford precincts, but heavy afternoon polling is expected. Heavier voting was reported from several county precincts.

In the North Main precinct, at 11 o'clock, with one of the largest registrations in the city, only 24 ballots had been cast.

Police estimated more than 300 men engaged in the fight. Rufus Hughes, the only man injured seriously enough to need medical attention, was taken to Alameda hospital, George Vidal, of San Francisco, was taken into custody for questioning.

The trouble had its inception in reinstatement a week ago of the frat of ten CIO warehousemen whom the national labor relations board had ordered returned to their jobs.

Paul Heide, business agent for the CIO warehousemen, said AFL men had heckled and bothered the CIO men ever since and that during the lunch hour today the CIO men enlisted the aid of about a hundred of their fellow unionists from nearby warehouses for a march upon the AFL cannery workers.

Portland Sizzles In Record Heat
PORTLAND, May 20.—(AP)—The mercury sizzled up to a 1938 high of 79 degrees yesterday and Duncan McRae collapsed on a downtown street.

He was taken home after receiving first aid at the emergency hospital for heat prostration.

The highest previous temperature was 75, recorded April 30.

TEN PENNSYLVANIA WPA WORKERS DISCHARGED

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, works progress administrator, announced today that 10 Pennsylvania WPA workers had been discharged and eight others penalized for political activities. No names or specific activities were made public.

RAILROAD UNIONS THREATEN STRIKE IF WAGES SLICED

Labor Leaders Charge Railroads 'Double Crossed' Employees; House to Delay Consideration Loan Bill

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Railroad labor unions added a threat of a nation-wide strike today to efforts of administration senators to prevent rail lines from putting a 15 percent wage cut into effect.

The railway labor executives' association, charging in a statement that the roads had "double-crossed" their employees, asserted a strike would be the "only ultimate result" if the railroads reduced their \$250,000,000 wage production program.

Senate opposition to the cut crystallized in withdrawal yesterday of a committee-approved bill to make more liberal RFC loans available to the carriers.

The bill was on the house calendar for debate this afternoon, but house leaders changed their plans.

Democratic leader Rayburn said the bill would not be considered at this time because of the senate dispute about pay cuts. Other leaders said they saw no point in house action on the legislation until after the senate situation is clarified.

The senate returned the measure to its banking committee at the request of Chairman Wagner (D., N. Y.), who said there had been "no discussion" of the wage cut proposal at the time the bill had been considered.

Wagner told reporters that several committee members wanted to include a no-wage-cut stipulation in the legislation. Both labor and management will be called to discuss the issue, he said.

REAMES LEAVING NAVAL HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Senator Reames (D. Ore.) will leave the Navy hospital tomorrow, his doctor said today.

Reames, suffering with a severe case of pneumonia, entered the hospital a month ago.

The senator has been ordered to take a two-week rest at his home before returning to work. With present talk of congressional adjournment early in June, his son, Edward, said it was "very doubtful" the senator would return to Capitol Hill.

This, the senator's short-lived career as a national legislator would come to an end. He was appointed February 1 by Gov. Charles Martin to serve the remaining 11 months of the unexpired term of Frederick Stelwer, who resigned to enter private law practice.

Reames did not seek a return to office in today's Oregon primary.

356 To Graduate in K. F.
KLAMATH FALLS, May 20.—(AP)—Graduate school of the Klamath county unit system will graduate 356 students this week-end. County high schools will graduate 95.

Quintuplets to Join Family When New Home Is Ready
NORTH BAY, Ont., May 20.—(Canadian Press)—Papa O'Leary and Mamma, the quintuplets and the seven other little Dionnes at last are to live under one roof as one family.

This will be ended the cause of much resentment by the senior Dionnes, who have wanted their famous five at home with their other children since the quintuplets came wards of the king and set up house in their own nursery.

The quintuplets will be four years old May 28.

There now has begun "a spirit of co-operation," said Father Dionne's attorney who with Judge J. A. Vain, chairman of the quintuplet board of guardians, announced the projected set-up.

Plans are to be drafted at once for a new home at Corby, five miles north of the present home and the nursery at Callander. It will house all the Dionnes and should be ready by September.

Near millionsaires with earnings from their movie and advertising contracts, the quintuplets are to pay

OREGON PRIMARY HAS SPOTLIGHT IN NATION'S POLITICS

Interference by Ickes and Norris Lends Unusual Interest to Vote—Martin-Hess Contest Highlight

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he was taking no part in the Oregon Democratic primary election.

The president made the statement while explaining to newsmen that he would not comment upon the outcome of Tuesday's primary in Pennsylvania. Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Kennedy went down in defeat there, despite his endorsement by Postmaster-General James A. Farley.

Mr. Roosevelt said he would not comment on the Pennsylvania election because he took no part in it and that he was taking no part in the Oregon election either.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—(AP)—Oregon supplanted Pennsylvania as the nation's political sounding board today as 248,000 Democrats went to the polls in a test of strength for Interior Secretary Harold Ickes, Senator Norris (Ind., Neb.) and John L. Lewis' C.I.O. as state primary election forces.

Rivaling Pennsylvania's "little steel" struggle, Oregon has been the scene of a bitter A.F.L.-C.I.O. battle for supremacy in the sawmill industry. Scarcely milder has been the struggle between Gov. Charles H. Martin, militant spear-head against labor terrorism, and his Norris-sponsored opponent, Henry L. Hess of La Grande.

This Democratic contest has eclipsed all other races, although more than half a million Republicans and Democrats will select candidates for governor, senator and three congressmen, as well as candidates for the state, county and municipal offices.

Martin in Hot Wind-up
Centured by Ickes and Norris, Martin, out-spoken critic of certain governmental agencies, closed his campaign last night with a sweeping denunciation of labor racketeers in which he asserted they had "brutally victimized their fellow workers in such a manner as to parallel the first steps taken by many European nations in their march toward dictatorship."

His 74-year-old former congressman and retired major general reasserted his loyalty to the administration and attacked bitterly Ickes' letter to Hess asserting that Martin was at heart "no new dealer."

Equally resentful of Norris' remark that he was "disappointed" in the governor, Martin declared both had differed with him over use of electrical energy from the huge Bonneville dam project on the Columbia river.

"We can solve our own problems in our own way," Martin declared.

Endorsement of Hess, former state senator, by the Oregon Commonwealth Federation was described by Martin as proof he was a Lewis candidate.

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Career Ends



Judge Charles M. Thomas (above) former circuit judge here, who passed away suddenly in Portland today as the result of a heart attack.

DESPONDENT MAN OBJECT OF HUNT AT JACKSONVILLE

An aged Jacksonville prospector, despondent and grieving over the death of his wife, is the object of an intensive search by state police, sheriff's deputies, Eagle scouts and neighbors.

He is John H. Heckner, 62, a lover of nature, whose beautiful garden of wild flowers has attracted much attention in Jacksonville. His wife, Madeline Heckner, 74, died May 10.

Heckner was last seen by neighbors Tuesday evening, after he had visited the grave of his wife in Jacksonville cemetery. Wednesday, his personal belongings, knife, tobacco pouch, pipe, handkerchief and other effects, were found piled on a little table in his home. A revolver he was known to possess hasn't been found, and state police say all indications point to his having taken his own life.

Also on the table was an empty envelope addressed to his step-son, Raymond A. Jackson, of Redding, Cal. He left no message of any kind before he disappeared, Mr. Jackson, in a long-distance telephone conversation with Sheriff Boyd I. Brown yesterday, said his step-father had mentioned suicide at the time of his wife's death, but that he (Jackson) believed he had talked him out of the idea. Mr. Jackson is in Jacksonville for the funeral of his mother, and told Sheriff Brown he would arrive here tomorrow to aid in the search.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Grember said today that all old mine shafts in the vicinity had been thoroughly searched, as had almost every square foot of territory in the surrounding hills and countryside. Ray Wilson, Jacksonville fire chief who is aiding in the search, said friends of Mr. Heckner quoted him as saying, after the death of his wife, that he "didn't want to cause anybody any trouble."

Chief Wilson said it was the general sentiment among Jacksonville residents that the old man had walked quietly into the hills and killed himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Heckner had lived in Jacksonville for the past two years. Formerly they resided in the Lake Creek district. Although not extremely active, Mr. Heckner spent some of his time prospecting, but was far more interested in his lovely garden of wild flowers, of which he raised 25 different varieties.

"We will demonstrate to the world at large that we can solve our own problems in our own way," Martin declared.

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CHARLES THOMAS PASSES SUDDENLY OF HEART ATTACK

Former Circuit Judge Here Had Stormy Political Life—Practiced Law in Portland Since 1934.

PORTLAND, May 20.—(AP)—Judge Charles M. Thomas, 61, state utilities commissioner in the administration of the late Gov. Julius Meier, died of a heart attack at his home today.

Judge Thomas, a proponent of public ownership, was commissioner from Feb. 28, 1931, until 1934. His activities in office led to investigations of rate structures of major private utilities and resulted in litigation which are still pending in federal courts.

To Oregon in 1913
The judge came to Oregon in 1913 from Iowa and opened a law office at Medford. He was elected state representative in 1918 and state senator in 1921. He was circuit judge in the first judicial district from 1923 to 1928.

Judge Thomas, a Republican, was one of four senators who sponsored the 1919 legislation liberating state highway construction from what was known as the "paving contest."

The judge retired from political life in 1934 and entered law practice here, born in Iowa.

He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1907. He practiced law with his father at Marquette, Iowa, and served a term as prosecuting attorney. In 1912 he was elected temporary chairman of the Iowa Republican convention.

He is survived by his widow, Grace E. Thomas, and three sons, Ralph E., Benjamin F., and Charles M. Thomas, Jr.

The news of Judge Thomas' sudden death came as a great shock to his many friends in Medford and Southern Oregon. No one here had even heard of any illness, although it was known, among his intimate friends, that for many years he had been suffering from high blood pressure.

Probably no local resident in public life ever was the center of more bitterness and controversy than Charles Thomas. While a member of the state senate, he took a leading part in the fight against the so-called "paving trust," and was vigorously supported in that by his close friend Henry Hansen, who was then political editor of the Portland Telegram and is one of the candidates for governor in today's primary. Lines were closely drawn in southern Oregon, and the community pretty well divided between pro-Thomas and anti-Thomas factions.

Later when elected circuit judge, in a contest with Col. E. K. Kelly, of Medford, the same factionalism continued, a large group being strongly pro-Thomas and an equally large group being violently against him. This feeling for and against Judge Thomas did not die down until he left Medford, upon his appointment as state utilities director, under Governor Meier, who for many years had been his personal and close political friend. Previous to this Judge Thomas had been defeated for re-election in a bitterly fought contest, by the present incumbent, Judge H. D. Norton.

Estranged Husband Kills Wife and Self

CHEWELAH, Wn., May 20.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and a third wounded here shortly before noon today in what the Stevens county sheriff said was a slaying and suicide, after a family estrangement.

The sheriff said John Renoud, 24, killed his 19-year-old wife and wounded her mother. Mrs. Joste Benscoter, critically, before killing himself. He said no inquest would be held.

Primary Returns Offered Tonight By Mail Tribune

State and county election returns will be announced over The Mail Tribune public address system beginning at 8:30 tonight. The returns in front of the public is invited to listen to the returns in front of The Mail Tribune, office, 27 North Clark street.

The polls will close at 8 o'clock and returns will start coming in shortly thereafter. The Mail Tribune staff and county correspondents will gather and tabulate local returns. Full Associated Press and United Press wire services will provide state returns.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Tom Fuson searching vainly through every magazine in the house for an article to settle an argument with George Marksbury.

Roland Beach talking about making cold storage arrangements for the fish he expects to eat on a deep sea expedition.

Vera Humphrey thanking the wrong person for a beautiful banquet course.

Viola Templeton forcefully expounding her philosophies.

Loot, Alonzo "Flop" Dunn burrying away from his office to be a good American citizen and cast his ballot.

Linn Mills being awakened from a powerful slumber by no good reason at all, he taking it like a gentleman.

Louis Richardson resting today after making a round trip from Crescent City to procure a key to his car he having lost the key after looking the machine on the beach.