

SABOTEURS GIVE JAPS HARD TIME IN MANCHOUKUO

Fires and Explosions Take Heavy Toll in Protectorate — Mukden Suffers Greatest From Activity

Hainking, Manchoukuo, Aug. 18. (AP) The Japanese army after seven years in Manchoukuo still is beset by a host of enemies, a complication of recent incidents of supposed sabotage indicated today.

Japanese army officers admit Chinese irregular units remain active in the country in which Japan retains a protectorate after wresting it from China. They say the irregulars are communist-inspired.

The unofficial complication of mysterious disasters in industry pointed to a different type of enemy working from within.

Insurance Rates Up Japanese here admitted their fire insurance rates have been tripled in a year because of fires and explosions extending from Taitshar, near the northeast border, to Dairen on the south.

The Taitshar power plant was destroyed twice by fire. Officials put damage at \$500,000 yen (the Japanese yen is worth a fraction over 28 cents), but unofficial estimates were 1,500,000 yen. Saboteurs of a "certain foreign power" were blamed.

Last November all telephone and telegraph communications from Hainking south were cut for three days, the only official explanation being that children at play dug up the cables, buried several feet underground.

Mukden has been hit hardest. The first aviation assembly plant burned last March, with at least 30 and possibly 100 planes destroyed, among them some of late Italian design.

Four Explosions In June fire destroyed the military food and clothing depot near Mukden and damage was put at 1,200,000 yen. A nearby gasoline installation narrowly missed being burned.

Four huge explosions rocked Mukden in late July. Powder stores of the east arsenal were destroyed. Damage unofficially was put at 2,500,000 yen.

Naval oil stores at Dairen burned for ten days in March. The military goods depot there was destroyed in June.

The military supply depot at Chinchow burned in May, with a \$500,000-yen loss.

ELMA C. PETT PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Elma C. Pett, a resident of Medford for the past 18 years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Victor Sether, on Queen Ann avenue late Wednesday evening, at the age of 79, after suffering from a long illness. Besides Mrs. Sether, she is survived by three other children, Charles Pett of Butternut, Mich., Upton Pett of Santa Ana, Calif., and Mrs. Helen Mace of Medford.

Private funeral services will be held from the Conger funeral parlors Friday at 2 p. m. Rev. T. H. Temple will have charge of services and interment will be made in the Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Hixon of Union Creek a boy weighing seven pounds and 13 ounces in the Community hospital yesterday afternoon, Wednesday, August 17. The baby has been named Bruce Robert. Mr. Hixon is ranger in charge of the Union Creek district of the Rogue River national forest.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

COUNTY ENJOYING DEARTH OF CRIME

The tranquility that has prevailed over county offices for the past six weeks continues unabated. The quiet is expected to terminate in September when the circuit court resumes. In the meantime, the county office forces are taking advantage of the lull to catch up with book work and recording.

Sheriff Syd I. Brown reports he does not recall a time when everybody was behaving so well. For a month there has been no high crimes, and few misdemeanors. Nobody has cashed a bum check for two weeks, and not a country dance fistic encounter has been reported for the same period. The crime toll of Wednesday was the report a party unknown had kidnaped a St. Bernard dog belonging to a south Pacific Highway spot.

The same quiet condition exists in state police circles. The political pot is also dormant.

ACTIVES TO HOLD STEELHEAD DERBY

Medford Active club will hold a steelhead fishing derby Sunday for the benefit of the Oakland, Cal., Active club which is to hold a Rogue river steelhead fest.

The Medford Activists will get out of their beds early Sunday morning and go to their favorite fishing spots to do some serious angling. Trophy cups are to be awarded to the anglers catching the largest fish and the most fish.

At 10 o'clock all the fishermen are to assemble at the Elks picnic grounds where a Dutch lunch will be served by Paul Meyers, club president, John Nazley, vice president, and Ray Martin, secretary. All of the fish caught will be sent to the Oakland club.

To be eligible for the trophies, all anglers must have their catches weighed in at the picnic grounds before 11 o'clock.

SPUDS AND ONIONS NEED INSPECTION

Many potato and onion growers in the Medford district apparently are unaware of the provisions of the Oregon laws regarding the compulsory inspection of these products, according to Fletcher Fish, federal-state shipping point inspector here. Both potatoes and onions, when grown in commercial quantities, are required to be accompanied by inspection certificates and shipped within, through or out of an inspection district which do not comply with these regulations are subject to legal action, Mr. Fish said.

Growers are urged by Mr. Fish to get in touch with the local inspection office and familiarize themselves with laws governing the grading and movement of these commodities. Mr. Fish's office is in room 405 Liberty building where he will be glad to meet anyone interested.

HOCKLEY WILL SPEAK AT AIR CONFAB HERE

C. C. Hockley of Portland, regional director of the public works administration, today accepted an invitation to be a speaker at the Northwest Aviation Planning Council conference here September 16 and 17. It was announced by A. H. Banwell, program chairman.

Mr. Hockley will lead a discussion at the Friday morning, September 16 session devoted to airports, Mr. Banwell said. His topic will be "How the PWA Can Cooperate With Hangar and Airport Construction."

The earliest cotton mill was established in Rhode Island in 1879.

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Actress Re-Weds To Legalize Union



Gloria Stuart, film actress, and Scenarist Arthur Sheekman, made their Mexican marriage of four years ago legally all-right by being re-married at Carmel, Cal., by Police Judge George P. Ross (above, left). A recent court decision raising a question as to the legality of the Mexican ceremony prompted their action. —(A. P. Photo.)

BULKINS' BIG DOG BELIEVED STOLEN

Mike, one of the two huge St. Bernard dogs owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bulkin of the Chateau, south Pacific highway, was stolen from there some time last night, the owners reported to state police today.

Weighing nearly 180 pounds and valued at several hundred dollars, the big, friendly fellow, loved by frequenters of the Chateau and citizens of Ashland, where he and his partner, Sir Gay, frolicked through the park to their hearts content, was first missed by Mr. and Mrs. Bulkin shortly after midnight. After a long search of the Chateau premises and surrounding countryside, the owners realized Mike had been stolen, and notified police.

While state police and authorities of all southern Oregon cities are searching for Mike, Sir Gay is sad and forlorn. He and Mike were raised together from puppy-hood, and he is broken-hearted without his gigantic playmate and pal.

Police expressed the opinion Mike was undoubtedly carried away in an automobile by someone who couldn't resist the affectionate animal.

SHRINERS EAGER FOR BIG PICNIC

Shriners and their families are anticipating Hillah Temple's grand mid-summer picnic which will be held Sunday, August 21, from 4 p. m. to midnight at Jackson Hot Springs.

A number of activities will be offered throughout the afternoon festivities. There will be foot races, swimming races, softball games, moving pictures, and a band concert to be followed by dancing at the Chateau at 8:30 in the evening.

A. B. Cunningham of this city, who is general chairman of the picnic, says that a jolly time is in store for all Shriners and their families. Picnickers are to bring their own swimming suits, lunch and containers. All children may swim free of charge. Ice cream, lemonade, coffee and cream will be furnished.

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HOMESTEADERS IN ROW OVER GATE TO BE ADDED HERE

George Sikes, Grace Sikes, Wayne Sikes and Ralph Sikes, residents of the Buckhorn Springs section in the Skikyou, entered pleas of not guilty to the complaint filed in justice court by Otis M. Scholer, charging trespass. Hearing has been set for next Tuesday by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman.

All concerned live on neighboring homesteads, and the trouble arose over a road and a gate, through which the Sikes have to pass to reach their homestead, the authorities said.

Henry E. Stubblefield of Grenada, Calif., was assessed \$2.50 and costs for non-possession of a driver's license. He was stopped when he came here with a load of sugar beet seed to be cleaned at a local mill.

A complaint by H. C. Elchorst charges Carl B. Johnson with failure to stop and give name and address, following an auto accident on North Central avenue. The hearing has been set for Friday morning.

Entire HOSIERY stock REDUCED Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann

JUNIOR FORESTERS TO BE ADDED HERE

Rogue River national forest staff is being augmented by the addition of two junior foresters. It was announced today by Karl L. Janzuch, supervisor. The new men, the supervisor explained, will be engaged in recreational and other technical developments on the forest.

One of the new men arrived yesterday and reported for duty today. He is Samuel A. Wang. He has been transferred from the Chequamogon national forest which has headquarters at Park Falls, Wis. His wife and

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child are expected to arrive in two months to make their home in Medford.

Mr. Wang will be stationed at the South Fork CCC camp as recreation foreman. He is a graduate of Oregon State college. He holds a master's degree in forestry from the University of Montana.

Due to arrive Monday is Waldo I. Peterson who is being transferred as junior forester from the Ottawa national forest which has headquar-

ters at Iron River, Mich. Mr. Peterson will be stationed at the Applegate CCC camp as recreation foreman. He is a graduate in forestry of Oregon State college.

Hazards of Home. EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 18.—(UP)—Mrs. Juana Vargas, 26, was treated for a badly cut finger at a hospital today. She told attendants that she was ransacking her husband's pockets while he was asleep and cut her finger on a razor blade.

Female of the Species KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 18.—(NU)—The divorce case of Mrs. Betty Milam was dismissed in justice court after the court had heard both sides of the argument over money. Mrs. Milam, visibly irritated, walked out of the courtroom with her husband, Walter. Outside the door she looked daggers at him, turned and socked him in the eye—hard. Then Mrs. Milam, visibly relieved, stalked out of the building.

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