

DIPLOMATS BAN CHINA OUTLAWS

Sweeping General Inquiry By Foreign Powers Aimed At Activities

SHANGHAI, Aug. 13.—Plans that were set in motion in June by representatives of foreign powers in China included in their scope a sweeping general inquiry, aimed not only at the age-old activities of bandits everywhere in China, but also at that factor so closely allied to banditry, the maintenance by modern mandarins, all independent of external authority, of large bodies of so-called troops.

Lowest in the social scale in China, more despised than the lowly barber or actor, the soldier through the ages has held a degraded place, and, to the people of the nation, the terms "bandit" and "soldier" are synonyms. Therefore, the solemn enrollment as troops of several thousands Shanghai outlaws as a final phase of the recent Lincheng kidnaping affair, after the last contingent of eight foreign captives were set free, held slight significance either for Chinese or foreigners in China. No one at that time doubted that the new-made troops could revert to type overnight.

Banditry is centuries old in China and it is only because it has developed serious changes in recent years, changes that directly involve the foreigner, that the necessity has arisen for foreign powers to act.

Perhaps no better authority could be found upon the changing phases of Chinese life in the past two decades than M. Wilden, French consul-general at Shanghai, who has spent a quarter of a century in China, and has traveled into the most remote corners of the country.

Today's political situation in China, says M. Wilden, is worse than it ever has been since the Boxer uprisings in 1900. He told of his travels twenty-five years ago in Yunnan and southern Szechuen, places as far from the seaboard as San Francisco is from New York.

"In those days," said M. Wilden, "we met bandits and robbers, of course, but often we did not know this until afterwards. Foreigners then were regarded as guests, undesirable guests perhaps, but the robbers looked upon them in that light and so the lives and property of foreigners were sacred.

"I have spent most of my time in western China, where are real paradises for the traveler, where he may find happy days on the road in the remote corners. On the Tibetan border, or in southern Kansu and northern Szechuen among the aborigines, or in western Yunnan where all the queer races of the earth seem to have gathered, never did I encounter unpleasantness. Robbers I met many, many times, but in those days the robbers were of the old type who felt that the foreigner must be safeguarded. Those were the days when one's pistol always was forgotten, in a box packed on the last mule of the caravan; the days when one's escort when asked why he did not carry a gun, replied: 'As long as we are going with you we are safe.'

"Times have changed, and I sometimes wonder if we foreigners have not some part of the responsibility. Proud as we are of our civilization, have we not been too quick and too ready to impose it upon people who can quite rightly boast of their own?"

It is because of the change that Consul-General Wilden speaks of that foreign opinion all over China, reflected in expressions of public bodies and in cabled demands of commercial organizations, holds that foreign powers must now act or foreign business in China must cease.

ARIZONA NAMED FOR W. O. W. HOME

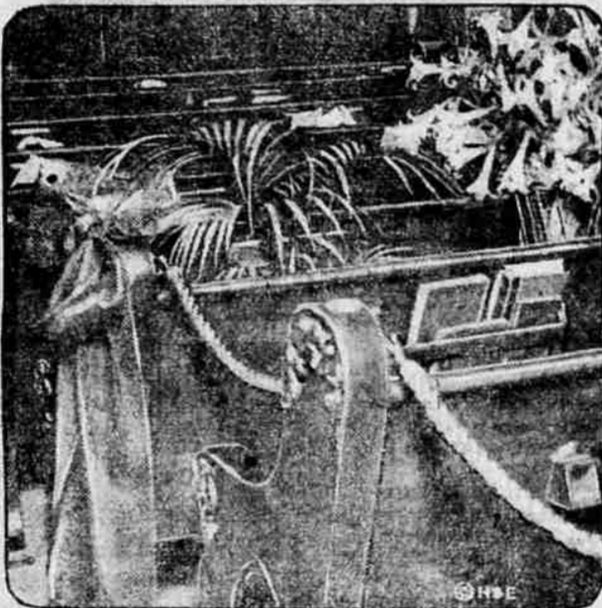
TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 13.—Tucson, Prescott, Arizona, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, were selected as the three cities from which one will be picked for the site of the \$2,500,000 tubercular sanitarium of the Woodmen of the World, according to Louis A. May, state deputy of the W. O. W. The final decision, he says, will be made in November.

CONVICTS DE LUXE



When Governor Donahey of Ohio went to Canada on a vacation, he took with him two convicts from the Ohio state penitentiary. Canada talked of deporting the two, and Governor Donahey issued an ultimatum. "If they go, I go." The upper photo shows Governor Donahey entering his car with Earl Jennings, one of the two convicts acting as chauffeur. The lower shows Donahey giving his orders for lunch to C. Zipiani, the other convict who now acts as cook for the Donahey household.

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BRITISH ASKED TO SETTLE DISPUTE OVER HOLY CARPET

CAIRO, Aug. 13.—King Fuad of Egypt is having a lively conflict with his brother ruler, King Hussein of the Hedjaz, over the holy carpet. This does not mean that Fuad has Hussein "on the carpet" for any cause. It simply means that the Egyptian monarch insists that a detachment of Egyptian doctors shall accompany the annual pilgrimage of the faithful with their holy carpet to Mecca. Hussein argues that the Hedjaz produces excellent doctors of its own and he desires no Egyptian importations. No settlement of the controversy is in sight, and King Hussein has appealed to Great Britain for a solution.

At the season of the annual pilgrimages to Mecca the Egyptian government habitually organizes a considerable medical detachment to assure the welfare of the pilgrims on their trying journey. This year the usual course was followed and the equivalent of the personnel of two field hospitals was enlisted. King Hussein, however, suddenly declared against the Egyptian physicians.

Egypt holds a high card in its hand in the dispute in the fact that the holy carpet, an indispensable feature of the Mecca ceremonies, resides in a Cairo mosque. The flat, therefore, has gone forth: "No doctors, no carpet." The subject has aroused the whole of the two countries and has become the subject of formal diplomatic representations.

S. F. BOHEMIANS HOLD FESTIVAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 13.—Celebrities from every artistic walk of life attended the annual pilgrimage of the San Francisco Bohemian club at Bohemian Grove on Russian river, north of here, recently.

The art of literature was represented by such men as Rupert Hughes, George Ade, Harry Leon Wilson, and Samuel G. Blythe. Law was represented among others by William Gibbs and Justice J. C. McReynolds. Music by Charles Wakefield, pedagogy by Doctor H. H. H. H., president of the University of Washington; military art by General J. J. Pershing; the art of finance by C. K. G. Billings, New York financier.

"Semper Virens," a play, written by Joseph D. Redding of this city, was staged in the outdoor theatre of the redwoods. The personnel of the production consisted of 140 persons, including an orchestra of 70 and chorus of 69 Bohemians.

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GRAIN PRICE FIXING FAILS IN ROUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Aug. 13.—Roumania is facing an exceptional problem in dealing with the high cost of living, which is unusual in an agricultural country, amply capable of supplying its own people and exporting large amounts of foodstuffs.

It was hoped to solve this problem by two legislative measures, one fixing the prices of food products, and the other forbidding exports, by means of high duties which practically made exports impossible.

It is now announced by M. Garofid, former minister of agriculture, that the fixing of prices and the discouragement of exports have resulted in a more serious situation than existed before these measures were applied.

"Both the price-fixing and the practical prohibition of exports of food supplies needed at home have

discouraged production to a notable extent," says the former minister of agriculture. "Roumania, formerly one of the world's wheat markets, has become a negligible quantity in wheat exportation. In addition, the amount of wheat available for home consumption has been diminished

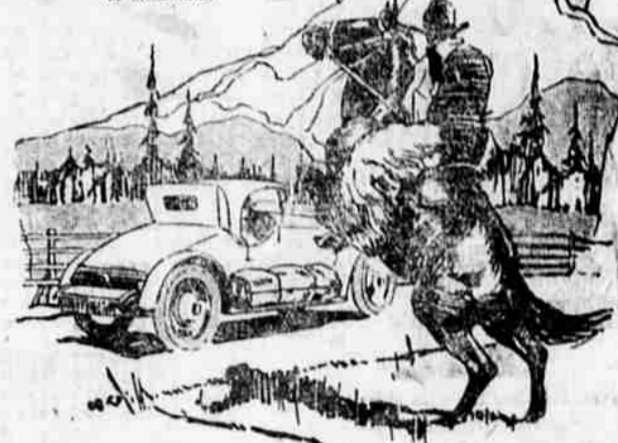
because of the fact that the prices fixed were, in some instances, less than the prices that would have afforded a reasonable margin of profit to producers."

New legislation is about to be submitted to parliament to deal with the admittedly grave question.



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