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SITUATION IN CHINA VERY GRAVE CHINESE TROOPS MAY JOIN REBELS

ALL EUROPEANS ADVISED TO LEAVE CANTON AT ONCE GENERAL MASSACRE FEARED

Rebels Have Burned Wenchow and Woo Chow---Chinese Gunboat Shelled Their Position, Killing More Than 200--- Dispatches From Canton Say Situation Is Desperate and 30,000 Troops May Join Rebels and Massacre All Foreigners and Adherents of the Manchu Dynasty.

Hong Kong, May 1.—Arrangements by the consuls of foreign powers to send all the foreign women residents of Canton here, and advice to all European inhabitants of that city to flee today showed that the situation there is one of the most grave in China since the Boxer outbreak. Dispatches from Canton report the situation as desperate, and say there is hourly danger that the 30,000 Chinese troops there will join the rebels in a general massacre of all foreigners and adherents of the Manchu dynasty. The rebels, the latest reports say, have burned Wenchow and Woo Chow, after which a Chi-

nese gunboat shelled their position, killing more than 200. Reports from Shamien, the foreign concession, deny that the rebels have captured that town. The United States gunboat Wilmington is patrolling the river there and six other foreign gunboats are anchored off the port ready to land marines, if it should be necessary to repel a rebel attack. It developed today that Wusu, a Chinese, who was educated in Japan, is leading the rebels, with Luk, a brigand chief at his side. Refugees declare that the rebels are committing the most frightful barbarities.

MONEY FOR THE ASTORIA EXPOSITION

Whenever the citizens of Astoria and Clatsop county shall produce evidence to show that they combined have turned over to the Astoria Centennial Committee \$40,000 for the celebration of the Astoria Centennial Celebration it shall be sufficient proof to warrant the secretary of state to draw a warrant in favor of the committee covering the \$50,000 appropriated by the last legislature for the celebration of the event is the opinion rendered today by Attorney General Crawford.

The secretary of state, however, does not agree with the attorney general's construction of the law and it can be definitely stated that he will not turn the entire appropriation over to the committee to be spent without any safe guards but will reserve the right to audit the claims himself. There is nothing in the bill making the appropriation granting him this power but he will take the position that he is authorized to do under the Dimick law which was also passed by the last legislature and prior to the act making the appropriation for the celebration.

The attorney general holds that the turning over of the \$40,000 by the citizens of Astoria and Clatsop county to the Centennial committee is a condition precedent to the turning over to the committee of the \$50,000 appropriated by the legislature and so far the secretary agrees with him. The preamble of the bill provides that the money shall not be spent in any other way than as provided in it and the attorney general says he knows of no way of safeguarding this, unless a bond should be exacted from the committee, and here the attorney general and secretary disagree.

The secretary takes the position that he is without any authority to exact a bond and while he agrees with the attorney general that the bill making the appropriation prescribes no safe guards he takes the stand that the Dimick law prescribing the manner in which money is to be disbursed by the secretary of state gives him authority to insist that all the claims paid by the state appropriation be audited by him.

That law provides that it shall be the duty of the secretary to examine and audit all claims against the state and "that no public moneys of any name and nature, whatsoever, shall be paid out of any fund or funds of the state" unless he has examined, audited and indorsed the claims.

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that should the money be turned over to the committee in a lump sum that he would lose jurisdiction of it and that it could be spent by the committee for purposes in connection with the celebration or any other purpose.

Barry Won Again.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, May 1.—Before 50,000 cheering enthusiasts who lined the Thames for the four and one-half mile course from Putney to Mortlake, Ernest Barry, the champion English sculler, today defeated William Albany by five lengths. Barry's time was 23 minutes and two seconds. Barry was the favorite in the betting.

MAY ROBSON IS OPERATED ON
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Santa Barbara, Calif., May 1.—Reports from the sickroom today were that May Robson, actress, who was operated on yesterday is recovering and, unless unforeseen complications arise, will be able to fill her engagements after this week.

Miss Robson collapsed after Saturday's performance here and was taken to Potter hospital, where an operation was performed.

REFUSES TO LET COX QUIT JOB

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., May 1.—Taking the stand that Chief of Police Cox, under indictment for malfeasance of office, is not guilty until convicted, the police commissioner today declined to accept his resignation, when he tendered it today.

Cox was indicted Saturday for failure to close notorious resorts. In an interview he intimated strongly that politics are behind the indictment, and that he is being made to suffer for the actions of officials higher up in the city and county government.

SHOT BY HIS WIFE HE DIED TODAY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Calif., May 1.—A. P. Ford, president of the Merchants Fire Dispatch, who was shot by his wife last Friday, died in a hospital here today. The shooting followed a breakfast table quarrel.

The desire to sit on the butt end of a fishing pole has kept many a lazy man out of serious mischief.

Tacoma Celebrates.

Tacoma, Wash., May 1.—Marking an epoch in the commercial progress of Tacoma will be the formal dedication this evening of the magnificent \$750,000 union passenger station, which has just been completed by the Hill railroad system on the identical site of the dingy, old wooden building that served for many years as a depot. The new structure is the largest, most modern and by long odds the most beautiful passenger station in the Northwest. It will be used jointly by the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Harriman lines.

EVANS IS PAROLED FROM PEN

MAN WHO TOOK LAW IN HIS OWN HANDS WHEN EVICTED FROM HIS PROPERTY BY THE S. P. AND HELD UP DOZENS OF TRAINS IS FREE AFTER 17 YEARS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Sacramento, Cal., May 1.—The parole granted Chris Evans, one time famous Evans-Sontag gang of train robbers by the state board of prison director went into effect this morning, when the old ex-bandit walked out of Folsom penitentiary, where he was confined for 17 years and 2 months.

His youngest daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Burrell, of Sacramento, to whose untiring efforts in his behalf for the past five years, Evans largely owes his liberty, and a party of his intimate friends were at the prison gates to meet him.

A few minutes later, with the men who had guarded him for nearly a score of years waving him God speed, he was whisked away to Sacramento in an automobile. Evans had begged to be taken out into the world in some manner other than on the train of the Southern Pacific, which corporation he had fought so desperately in times past.

Will Come to Oregon.
Chris Evans will remain in Sacramento for a few days with his daughter, and will then go to Portland, Ore., where his wife and other members of his family reside. This is part of his parole order.

Despite his long confinement, which has silvered his hair, to the color of stone walls, and has made his cheeks lean, his indomitable spirit has not been broken nor his heart embittered. He was like a boy in his regained liberty. Everything was wonderful to him, and the pathetic smile that is characteristic of him did not leave his face from the time he awoke early this morning until he reached his destination in Sacramento.

Happy at Being Free.
In an attempt to avoid publicity, which he keenly dislikes, and in an endeavor to evade a United Press representative with a camera, Evans directed his automobile driver to speed up. At Sacramento, however, he consented to sit for his photograph, the first taken in 17 years. He had raced with the camera man all the way in from Folsom.

"The race provided me with more real enjoyment than anything since I was hunted by the Southern Pacific's blood money men nearly two decades ago," said Evans. "You wouldn't have caught me this time, but for a long freight train that blocked my path for five minutes. The Southern Pacific blocked me again."

Mr. Lorimer thinks this investigation business can easily be overdone.

No matter how lazy you get, don't blame it on the hookworm.

WILL DO AN IMMENSE BUSINESS

California Fruit Cannery Association Contracts for Output of Cherries and Berries of Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue River Valleys.

WILL CAN THEM AT SALEM

W. G. Allen, of the Allen Fruit Company, Has Been Made Manager of the Territory, and Will Have Headquarters Here—Contract for Fruit Covers Period of Three Years—This Means the Steady Running of the Big Cannery.

With the announcement here yesterday that W. G. Allen, of the Allen Fruit Company, had been made Western Oregon manager for the territory south of Portland of the California Fruit Cannery Association, details of a plan involving practically all the cherry and berry growers of the western part of the state were made known. The California company has contracted for the entire output for three years of practically every cherry orchard in the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue river valleys at 4 cents a pound. It is also contracting as rapidly as possible for the total loganberry output of the same territory at \$60 a ton.

Dried Fruit Also Sought.
The contracts have been closed through the fruit growers associations in the principal towns in the sections covered, and all the growers will have to do is to deliver their fruit at the nearest railroad station or at their canneries at Roseburg, Eugene, Salem and Portland, and draw their money. The cannery men are also looking after all the dried fruit, particularly prunes, raised in the Willamette valley, and will eventually take in the other fruit interests.

The California Fruit Cannery Association has headquarters at San Francisco, and is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the United States. It has unlimited capital at its command, and its entry into the Oregon field for business means that hereafter there will be a market for all the fruit grown in this territory, and at a good price. Their intention is to develop the acreage and the production as much as possible.

Salem to Be Center.
Mr. Allen's headquarters will be at Salem, where the principal pack of the canned goods will be made, as the equipment of the plant there is more complete than at any other point south of Portland. At Eugene all the cherry crop will be made into maraschinos, for which a large demand has been had in recent years. The crop at Roseburg will also be made into maraschinos, and will either be packed there or shipped to Eugene. The original plan was to ship the entire product to San Francisco and pack it there, but Mr. Allen objected to this plan, insisting on having the canneries located in the territory in which the fruit is produced.

Mr. Allen left last night for San Francisco to confer with the officers of the association with reference to future plans. He will return in ten days, and will move at once to Salem where he will open headquarters for the company.

OHIO LEGISLATURE HAS A SCANDAL FIFTY LEGISLATORS IMPLICATED

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BANGOR IS LOSER SIX MILLIONS

Bangor, Me., May 1.—With three known dead, 50 injured and thousands homeless; with the city under martial law and soldiers with loaded rifles guarding bank vaults against looters, Bangor today sees the last flickers of a fire which cost her between five and six million dollars and has wiped out a section of the city two miles long and a quarter of a mile wide.

Fire Starts in Hay Shed.
The fire started in a hayshed near the J. Frank Green building on Broad street, and in a short time was sweeping through the city in a north-westerly direction.

Before midnight, both sides of Exchange street from York to State both sides of State street from Kenduskeag stream to Broadway, a considerable part of Central Franklin streets, nearly all of Park street and Marlow street was in ruins and the flames had made inroads of nearly a mile into the best residential section of Broadway, Center and West streets.

Half an hour after the first alarm, nearly a dozen buildings were in flames, and the fire was eating its way northerly on either side of Kenduskeag stream. In its path were banks, office buildings, library and other structures, all of which were consumed.

Beyond All Control.
At 10:30 o'clock a large part of the wholesale district as well as the entire retail district was in flames, and few, if any, of the buildings seemed likely of escape. In all sections of the city people were moving out their belongings and hurrying to places of safety. Many were already homeless, and with churches and public buildings in ruins, there were few places where they could be cared for. Several alarms were sounded almost simultaneously. In addition to the fire at the corner of Broad and Exchange streets, the firemen found a blaze in a bicycle repair shop in the rear of the telephone office. Both fires spread with such rapidity that the fire men were helpless.

CANADA IS PAYING A HIGH WAGE

Washington, May 1.—Senator Stone of Missouri today delivered the first speech on reciprocity in the senate. He declared that the average wage of a farm hand in the United States is from \$15 to \$21 a month, while in Canada it is \$30. Both Senators Galinger and Cummins at once disputed this statement. Stone referred them to the statistics of the tariff board. Cummins was still unconvinced and said that evidently a serious error had been made.

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Claim Fifty Implicated.
Undeterred by their arrest, the detectives say that in six weeks' work here they have gathered proof that at least 50 members of the legislature have been solicited and accepting bribes. They declare themselves most confident of the result of their probe and assert that most of the legislators will turn state's evidence to save their skins when the truth comes out. Since the revelation of the scandal members of both houses of the legislature are loudly demanding an investigation, despite the protests of the authorities that this may mean immunity for the crooks.

A Dirty Employment.
Columbus, O., May 1.—Through the arrest here of E. S. Harrison, A. O. Bailey and David Perry, three detectives employed by William J. Burns' agency, the Ohio legislature today faces a grand jury probe for alleged hoodling during the present session.

Under the supposition that the detectives were lobbyists, the three men were taken into custody. They are accused of having attempted to bribe Dr. George B. Nye, a representative and were arrested after Nye and Speaker Vining had laid a trap for them.

No sooner were they arrested however, than the three men identified themselves as Burns' operatives and announced that they had evidence of

corruption against at least 20 members of the legislature which would be presented to the grand jury tomorrow. Notwithstanding this charge, the three sleuths were arraigned today and released in \$5000 bonds each on the bribery charge. The detectives allege that 19 members of the state senate alone are involved in the crookedness they have unearthed. They are alleged to have been retained by a large manufacturers' association, which was being bled, and to have obtained their evidence by a dictaphone.

Are Guilty of Crime.
The story of the arrests as given out by Nye is that Bailey and Perry gave the legislator \$100 cash for his support against a bill limiting the working hours of women to nine daily. Bailey then conferred with Speaker Vining and the latter arranged to have Nye accept a bribe.

Harrison, the detective in charge, meantime had arranged for the other bribe. He had fitted up a room adjoining the one where Nye was to accept the bribe with a dictaphone and had a stenographer ready to take down the conversation. Under these circumstances Nye accepted the second bribe. The arrests followed and then both sides found they were double crossed.

It is feared here that the arrest of the detectives will cripple the investigation of the legislature which was under way. They had been working for six weeks, and in attempting to determine if Nye were susceptible, made it possible for the representative and Speaker Vining to trap them.

PORTLAND LABORERS GO ON A STRIKE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Ore., May 1.—Their wages cut from \$2 to \$1.75 per day, 300 laborers employed by Baker and Scarpell brothers went on strike today.

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