

POSSIBILITIES OF A FEARFUL UPRISING; CHINA DECIDES UPON STRONG MEASURES

Blood Has Been Spilled in Sze Chuen—Over 20 Rioters and a Number of Soldiers Have Been Killed.

ARREST OF RINGLEADERS INFLAMED FOLLOWERS

Vicious Attack by Mob—American Women and Children Have Left Cheng Tu, It Is Believed.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Blood has been spilled in Sze Chuen, China's turbulent province. The situation has grown rapidly in seriousness. More than 20 rioters and a number of soldiers have been killed in battle the past few days, resulting from attacks of infuriated and dissatisfied natives upon Yamen or residents of Cheng Tu, Sze Chuen. This information is the first news of bloodshed in the present disturbances that has reached the state department.

The gravity of conditions and the fearful possibilities of a mammoth uprising have brought the central government of China to a quick decision to suppress the trouble with a strong hand.

VICIOUS ATTACK THURSDAY. Thursday ringleaders of the agitation were arrested by the viceroys. This inflamed their followers, resulting in a vicious attack upon the Yamen by a mob. Soldiers on guard fired into the rioters, killing 20. The mob in a subsequent assault upon the viceroys' residence slew a number of troops.

State department reports indicate that the American women and children already have left Cheng Tu under escort. It is thought that others have departed to investigate the situation, which is threatening to Americans. United States Consul Pointing left Hankow Saturday night for Crankling.

Report from Peking. Peking, Sept. 11.—For five days no messages had been received from the hundreds of foreigners gathered at Cheng-Tu, the capital of Sze-Chuen province, for safety from the mobs which have been running riot in the surrounding districts for some time past. The Chinese viceroy ordered the foreigners to leave the city and it is believed they are now making their way towards the Yang-Tse-Kiang, about 300 miles away, by cart or river, through a country where anti-foreign placards have been posted for many weeks.

Missionaries and Tobacco Men. The Americans among the refugees number 20. With the exception of a representative of the American Tobacco company, all are Methodist or Baptist missionaries.

Placards which have been posted in many places state that foreign bankers have been enriching themselves on the poverty-stricken Chinese.

The most influential newspapers in Peking give unqualified support to the agitation in the provinces and petitions have been presented to the throne asking that the railway program be rescinded and that the provinces be permitted to construct the lines which have been projected by the government, aided by foreign capital. It is pointed out that a surrender on the part of the government would mean the gravest calamities. In the first place, no railroads would be constructed as it has already been urged by the government that the provincial authorities are incompetent for such a task as well as corrupt. In the second place, it would practically mean the termination of government control in the provinces and, finally, a reactionary relapse would be certain, which some of the legations believe would be the beginning of the empire's downfall.

The Flood Situation. The flood situation in China is the most serious in years. From Hankow come reports that troops are driving the flood refugees from the cities. The English papers in Shanghai say: "We suppose that half the people of the Yang-tze valley must be supported through the coming winter or starve. Probably this is the most appalling disaster in the history of China."

The government is concentrating troops on the borders for the purpose of suppressing the alarming disturbances in the provinces of Sze Chuen if the province forces prove insufficient in number or prove disloyal. Sixty Canadian Methodist missionaries are among the Cheng Tu refugees.

The government has promised to submit to the American legation a comprehensive statement on the flood as soon as the facts are available.

River 48 Miles Wide. Shanghai, Sept. 11.—The Yangtze river is 48 miles wide at places. The great floods stretch over a territory 200 miles in extent. Seventy thousand survivors around Nanking where 300 are dying daily, similarly distressing details are being received from many cities. It is feared that the waters will not subside before the middle of October. The floods this year were unusually early and caught the crops before they had matured.

For Millions in a Decade. New York, Sept. 11.—Flood and famine in China have been estimated to cost the world \$100,000,000 in a decade.



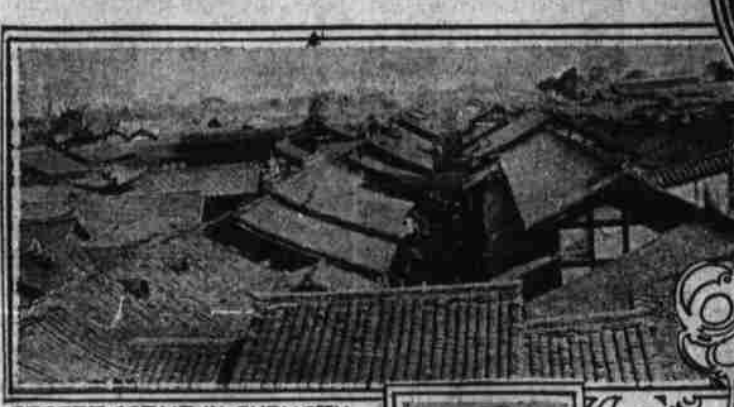
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CHINA



STREET SCENE IN CHENG TU



CHENG TU HOSPITAL

BODY OF GIRL FOUND IN LAKE

Miss Myrtle Hawkins of Hendersonville, a Suicide, the Police Think.

By Telephone to The Gazette-News.

Hendersonville, Sept. 11.—The body of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, 20 years old, daughter of W. H. Hawkins, a jeweler of Hendersonville, was found in Lake Ocoola yesterday by three small boys. The girl disappeared from her home Thursday. The family, it seems, supposed that she would return although they made diligent search. The three boys who came upon the body were fishing.

The Hawkinses are native people, a fine family—one of the most prominent in the county. The father is a man of considerable wealth.

It appears from the circumstances surrounding the case that Miss Hawkins committed suicide, although bruises about the head and face tend to color the theory of foul play, which the authorities have carefully worked out and apparently disproved.

As soon as the boys gave the alarm of discovery of the body, preparations were made for an inquest, which was conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. No injuries other than the bruises were found.

It was in evidence that Miss Hawkins left home Thursday to do some shopping, that she spoke of several purchases she intended making and indicated the time she expected to return.

A verdict was rendered that "the deceased came to her death by means unknown to the jury."

The family and friends can give no motive that would have led to suicide. Miss Hawkins was a vivacious and unusually pretty girl, popular, and her tragic death has saddened the entire community.

Merchant's Disappearance. Nothing has been heard here of A. H. Daniel, a merchant, who disappeared last week. He left his wife sick and penniless and their three years old babe seriously ill. Mrs. Daniel says he departed her, leaving in the middle of the night, taking what cash he had.

NEGRO RUNS AMUCK; MOB STRINGS HIM UP. Fatally slashes Throat of White Farmer's Wife, Shoots Negroes, Assaults Aged Man.

Augusta, Ark., Sept. 11.—After he had slashed the throat of Mrs. Albert Vaughan, wife of a white farmer, shot and killed one of his own race and assaulted an aged negro, Arthur Dhan, a negro, was taken in hand by a mob of white men and negroes Saturday and hanged from a mill shaft on the principal street of Augusta.

Dean started on his rampage Friday, gaining entrance to the home of Tom Lyon, a negro farmer, and drove Lyon's children from the building and attacked an aged relative of the farmer. Next he made his way to the dwelling of Dennis Clark and, firing from the roadway, killed Clark, who was seated at a window. At the home of J. T. Borteman, a farmer, he assaulted Mrs. Vaughan and when she resisted his attack, drew a razor across her throat. Mrs. Vaughan died several hours later.

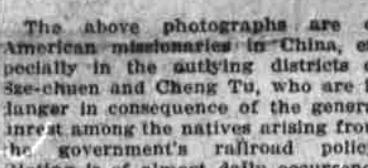
The negro then made for the woods but was captured here, shot, and hanged from a mill shaft. A mob of white men and negroes followed.



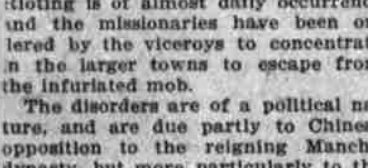
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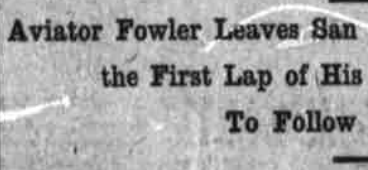
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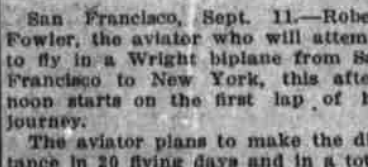
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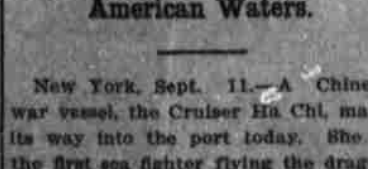
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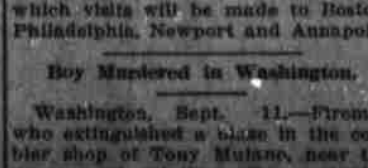
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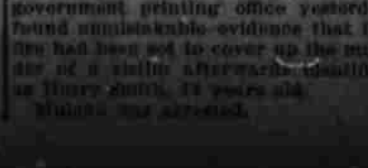
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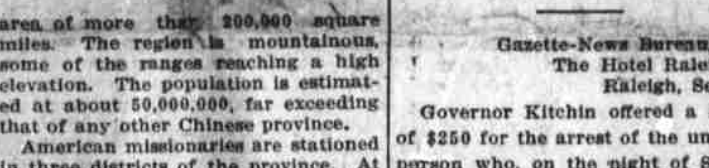
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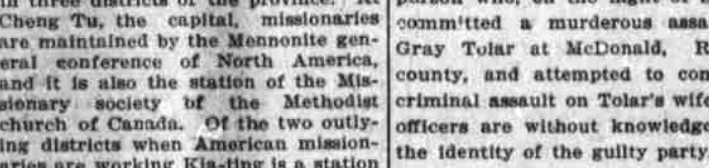
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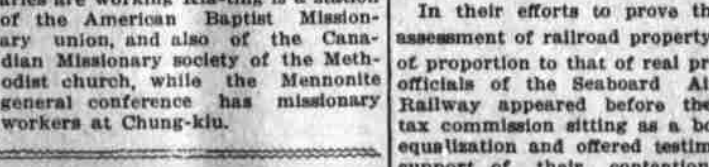
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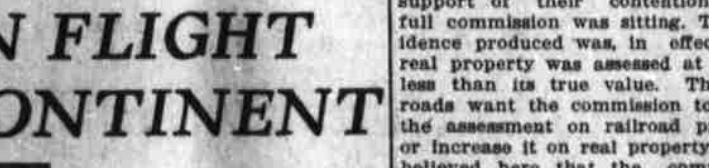
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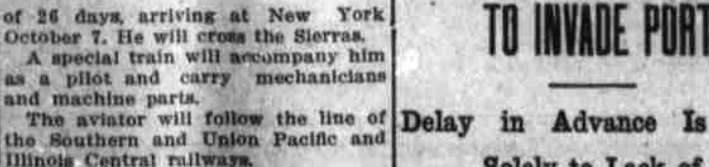
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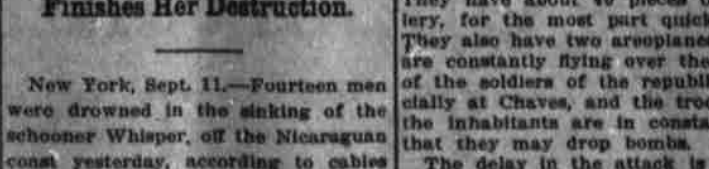
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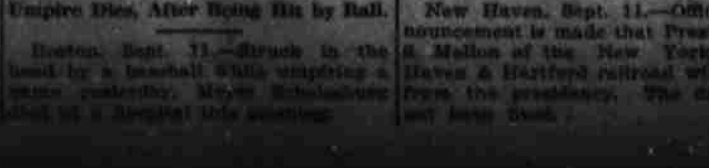
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WITHDRAWS CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

Newberry Not Held Criminally Liable for Death of Girl Hit by Auto.

Wakefield, R. I., Sept. 11.—The charge of manslaughter, on which former Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry of Detroit was arrested Tuesday when his automobile ran down and killed a child, was withdrawn today when the case came before Judge Lewis.

The proceedings were very brief. Prosecuting Attorney Olney told the court that George Wells, whose seven years old daughter, Helen, was killed, by Newberry's automobile at Narragansett pier, did not hold Newberry criminally liable for the girl's death and would not prosecute.

Clark Welcomed by All His Folks

Epochal Home-Coming of the Speaker—Most of the People in the District Assembled.

Louisiana, Mo., Sept. 11.—Speaker Champ Clark is being entertained by home folks. All Pike county's population and the greater part of the population of the Ninth Missouri congressional district today joined to make Mr. Clark's home-coming epochal in Missouri history. Republicans and democrats alike participated. It was here that Clark landed from a steamboat 36 years ago.

Slays Man; Then Weds His Niece

Attempt of Relatives to Prevent Girl's Marriage Results in Homicide—Groom Not Prosecuted.

Nashville, Sept. 11.—William Fisher opened fire on a wedding party near Springfield yesterday in an attempt to prevent the wedding of his niece to Benjamin Manolo, of Schohol, Ky. Manolo returned the fire, killing Fisher instantly.

The party then proceeded to the preacher's home where the wedding took place. It is said there will be no prosecution of Manolo.

Workers Return To Textile Mills

Within Eight Days 85,000 Operatives in New England Factories Have Resumed Work.

London, Sept. 12.—Nearly 25,000 persons engaged in the textile industry in New England resumed work today, after various periods of idleness, due to a curtailment policy. Within eight days 85,000 textile operatives have been called back to their machines.

Curtailment will continue for a time at some cotton and woolen centers.

THIS PASTOR'S WEDDING FEES TOTALLED \$50,000

New Orleans Minister Made Fortune from This Source in 27 Years.

New Orleans, Sept. 11.—That the ministry is a paying proposition from a worldly standpoint, in one case at least, was borne out by the statement made yesterday that from wedding fees alone in his 27 years as rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Rev. A. Gordon Bakewell has received \$50,000.

Bakewell's statistics show that during his pastorate he performed 10,026 weddings, for which he received an average fee of \$5.

COTTON MEN TO MEET

Many Matters of Interest Will Be Discussed at Gathering at Memphis.

Memphis, Sept. 11.—A general meeting of southern cotton exchanges will be held to discuss matters of interest to the cotton trade including the question of rules governing the sale of spot cotton, supervision of weights at the American spinning centers, the amount of tare to be allowed and the matter of holding arbitration meetings.

Advance Sale of Tickets Reaches \$55,000.

Milwaukee, Sept. 11.—The advance sale of tickets for the Wolcott-McFarland prize fight, scheduled for Friday night, has reached \$55,000.

Famous New York Physician Dead.

New York, Sept. 11.—Dr. George Alexander Delaney, a noted gynecologist, one of the country's best known obstetricians and the editor of the New York Medical Journal, died today.

HIGH COST OF LIVING PROBLEM

Experts Say Food Prices Will, in Some Instances, Be Higher This Winter Than Last.

SEPTEMBER CONDITIONS GENERALLY FAVORABLE

Sugar, Coffee and Potatoes Dear, However, Latter Crop Being Short in Two Continents.

New York, Sept. 11.—While thousands are starving in China, and France is torn with riots in protest to the high cost of living, there is renewed attention in the United States to the fact that sugar has reached its highest point in 12 years, that coffee is soaring and potatoes are selling as high as \$1.10 a bushel in the field. Economy experts say that in some instances prices will be higher than last winter.

With the exception of coffee, potatoes and a few canned vegetables, September opened with conditions more favorable to the consumer than a year ago. Beef will probably go higher as the winter advances and the cost of poultry will be determined by cold storage holdings. The shortage of potatoes is serious in the United States, Great Britain and Germany. Rice remains cheap. Unless the price of pork is advanced a man of slender means can provide for his family without serious strain.

Despite the phenomenally high price of coffee and sugar, students of market conditions predict that the decreased consumption which invariably follows a prohibitive advance will restore these breakfast necessities to a more normal level. The failure of the European beet sugar crop and poor prospects in Cuba are given as the reason for the jump in the sugar market.

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LIQUOR ELECTION IS HELD IN THE PINE TREE STATE

Cities Are Conceded to Wets —Both Sides Confident of Victory.

Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—Maine's fame as the pioneer prohibition state is swaying in the balance today. It is on the rural districts that prohibition workers depend for the votes with which they expect to keep Maine in the no-license column. If the license interests are successful it is possible Governor Plaisted may call a special session of the legislature to take action.

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RISE MILLS COMBINE

Milling Trust is Formed by Twenty-Eight Firms Operating in Louisiana.

New Orleans, Sept. 11.—Twenty-eight of forty-six rice mills in Louisiana have been merged into the Louisiana State Rice Milling company with an authorized capitalization of \$3,300,000.

Red Men in Session in Cleveland, O.

Cleveland, Sept. 11.—The sixtieth annual convention of the National Red Men is in session here today with 250 delegates present. There was an address of welcome by Vice Mayor Walker. Social affairs occupied the afternoon and a degree conferring session will be this evening. The meeting ends Thursday.

Car Inspector Killed at Spencer.

Spencer, Sept. 11.—Edwin Wilson, 33, a Southern railway car inspector, was killed today when his car was struck by a freight train.

STARTS ON FLIGHT ACROSS CONTINENT

Aviator Fowler Leaves San Francisco This Afternoon on the First Lap of His Journey to New York—To Follow Railway Lines.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—Robert Fowler, the aviator who will attempt to fly in a Wright biplane from San Francisco to New York, this afternoon starts on the first lap of his journey. The aviator plans to make the distance in 20 flying days and in a total of 26 days, arriving at New York October 7. He will cross the Sierras. A special train will accompany him as a pilot and carry mechanics and machine parts. The aviator will follow the line of the Southern and Union Pacific and Illinois Central railways.

CHINESE WAR VESSEL, THE HA CHI, ARRIVES WITH SCHOONER WHISPER

The First Sea Fighter Flying the Dragon Flag to Enter American Waters.

New York, Sept. 11.—A Chinese war vessel, the Cruiser Ha Chi, made its way into the port today. She is the first sea fighter flying the dragon flag which has ever visited the American coast. Rear Admiral Ching-Pip Kwang is in command of the cruiser which has a full complement of officers and 150 men. The ship came from European waters and remains here this week, after which visits will be made to Boston, Philadelphia, Newport and Annapolis.

FOURTEEN GO DOWN WITH SCHOONER WHISPER

Mahogany Cargo Catches Fire, and Gasoline Explosion Finishes Her Destruction.

New York, Sept. 11.—Fourteen men were drowned in the sinking of the schooner Whisper, off the Nicaragua coast yesterday, according to cables received from Port Limon. The schooner, commanded by Captain Hall of Philadelphia, carried a cargo of mahogany, which caught fire, and she was burned to the water's edge. An explosion of gasoline finally sent the ship to the bottom.

Stabbed Wife Eight Times. New York, Sept. 11.—Because his wife insisted on wearing his negligee shirt, Thomas Tullis, a mechanic, aged 38, this morning stabbed her eight times. She probably will die.

Empire Dies, After Being Hit by Ball. Boston, Sept. 11.—Struck in the head by a baseball while attempting a home run, Mr. J. J. ...

Boy Murdered in Washington. Washington, Sept. 11.—Fireman who extinguished a fire in the cigar shop of Tony Mulano, near the government printing office yesterday found suspicious evidence that the boy had been to cover up the murder of a child afterwards identified as Harry Amis, 11 years old. ...