

JAPS TIGHTENING BLOCKADE OF TIENSIN

Where 3 Died in R. I. Apartment House Fire



Only this brick shell remained after a \$200,000 fire swept the swanky Roger Williams Manor Apartment House in Cranston, R. I., killing three persons and injuring twenty-five. There were no outside fire escapes, and police said half of the 110 tenants jumped from windows. Mrs. Mary Pulsifer, 40, suffered a fractured spine in a four-story leap and was not expected to live. Eddie Healy, 44, former vaudeville star, died after similar plunge from flames. Ladder at left was raised too late to save Mr. and Mrs. William A. Booth, both 80, whose charred bodies were found, hands clasped together.

U.S. Protests Jap Bombing Of Property

Roosevelt Is "Very Pleased" With Clean-Up Of Pendergast Ring; Employers Find It Hard to Discipline Workers

Washington, June 20.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today the American charge d'affaires at Tokyo has protested Japanese continued bombing of America's property in China.

Eugene Dooman called on the Japanese foreign minister on instructions from the State Department, Hull said, and in addition to making representations against the bombings also sought to obtain permission to publish the recent exchange of notes between the United States and Japan on this subject.

The Secretary of State explained it was customary to obtain the assent of a foreign government for publication of one of its documents. The Japanese assent has not been obtained.

Other developments: Governor Lloyd Stark, of Missouri, said after a White House call President Roosevelt was "very much pleased" with the "clean up" in Kansas City and the smashing of the T. J. Pendergast political machine.

Stark told reporters that he and Mr. Roosevelt had discussed some matters on which he could not comment.

John Gall, counsel for the National Association of Manufacturers, testified the National Relations Board had made it impossible for industrial employers to discipline union employees.

"It doesn't matter what the man

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Note From Grave



Charles Crowley, Jr.
Seven-year-old Charles Crowley, Jr., wrote a loving Father's Day note to his dad, a WPA worker, a few minutes later was killed by an automobile as he crossed a busy Pittsburgh street. He had planned to give his father a picture of himself and the letter, which ended: "I hope you have a happy Father's Day. God bless you."

McDonald Is Speaker For Merchants

Former Legislator Hits at Tax Increases and Trends of Tax Policies of State

Durham, June 20.—(AP)—Dr. Ralph McDonald, former legislator, told the North Carolina Merchants Association that there had been "an amazing increase in the total of local and State taxes" in recent years accompanied by a "neglect of the public schools."

McDonald, who barely failed in his bid for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1936, discussed recent trends in taxation in North Carolina.

He noted that both "favorable and unfavorable trends have characterized the tax policies of the State," then discussed each side.

"The most destructive developments with the past decade," he said, "have been the movement to shift the burden of taxation from wealth to need through consumer taxes, and the tragic neglect of public education which declined in total expenditure from \$39,000,000 in 1929-30 to about \$30,120,000 in 1937-38, despite a startling increase of local and State taxation, from a peak of \$120,131,265 in the balmey days of 1929-30 to an unbelievable total of \$111,260,328 in

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FALL FROM TRUCK FATAL TO FARMER

Clinton, N. C., June 20.—(AP)—J. A. Daughtry, a farmer, died today of injuries received when he fell from a truck and a trailer, loaded with beans, passed over his head.

Manton Given Term and Fine

New York, June 20.—(AP)—Martin T. Manton, former judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, was sentenced today to two years in a federal prison and fined \$10,000. It was the maximum sentence possible under his conviction for conspiracy to sell judicial favors.

Manton was sentenced by Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut after making a sometime fervent but dispassionate plea to have the jury's verdict set aside.

Speaking of himself in the third person except when he spoke of the "chagrin and humiliation" he had suffered, Manton, summoned a long array of legal arguments against the conclusion the jury reached on June 3.

He cited federal cases to support his contention that he had been innocent of wrongdoing and had any part in a conspiracy.

He spoke well over an hour before Judge Chesnut rejected the plea and passed sentence.

Even while Manton was making what was perhaps one of the most important pleas in his career, the court where he formerly sat was reinstating for re-argument one of the major cases which figured on the charges of bribery and conspiracy.

Chinese Employees Quit Work As Japs Threaten Relatives

Sees Anglo-Jap War



Admiral Roger Keyes

Admiral of the Fleet Roger Keyes in a speech at Horney, England, declared the Japanese blockade of the British Concession at Tientsin, China, is tantamount to a declaration of war by Japan, Germany and Italy. "It is a challenge which must be met," he asserted.

High Voltage Wires Isolate British and French Concessions; Threatening Letters Received by Workers

Tientsin, June 20.—(AP)—Chinese employees of vital British concession services began quitting their jobs today under threats of death to their families in a tightening of the Japanese blockade amid warnings against third power participation in any British reprisals.

Chinese, who work for concession water, electric, police, and other developments, received letters saying their relatives would be killed unless they resigned. Those who live outside the concession in a Japanese controlled area were resigning.

British authorities expressed opinion that the services could be maintained by Chinese whose families live inside the British and French settlements which Japanese yesterday isolated from the rest of the city by high voltage wires in reinforcement of the blockade.

The source of threatening letters was not disclosed officially, but Chinese and foreigners alike were certain they were dispatched by the Japanese military after a census of families of Chinese employees of the concession who were living outside its boundaries.

State Sells Bonds, Notes

Raleigh, June 20.—(AP)—The local government commission sold \$28,000 worth of bonds and \$97,000 worth of notes today for local government units.

A Nash county \$36,000 school bond issue went to Seasegood and Mayer of Cincinnati at a premium of \$28.85 with interest to be at 2 1-4 percent.

Two Green county issues went to Scott, Horner, and Mason Inc., of Lynchburg, Va. The firm bid a premium of \$499.99 for \$200,000 road and bridge refunding bonds, where the first \$90,000 of maturities to bear 3 per cent interest and the remainder at 3 1-4 percent. It paid \$59.49 premium for \$25,000 school refunding bonds to bear 3 percent interest.

Notes sold included: Sampson county, \$30,000 revenue anticipation to Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., in Winston-Salem, at a premium of \$1.56 with 1 percent interest.

Japs Study A New US Note On Blockade

U. S. Official Protests Against Jap Naval Blockade of Bulangsu; Talks of Tientsin Crisis, Also

Tokyo, June 20.—(AP)—The Japanese government today studied new representations of the United States against Japanese military action in foreign areas of China.

Eugene Dooman, United States charge d'affaires, in a call upon S. Yoshizawa, head of the American section of the foreign office, yesterday specifically protested against the Japanese naval blockade of Kulangsu, the international settlement at Amoy, an authoritative informant disclosed.

Dooman also discussed the Tientsin situation. (A Japanese naval party entered Kulangsu, an island, May 12. British, French, and American patrols landed there May 17 to protect the interest of their nationals. Japanese demands for control of the Kulangsu municipal council were rejected. The matter has been settled and June 15 Japanese warships began blockading Kulangsu.)

Japanese military and diplomatic officials meanwhile laid reports of the crisis at Tientsin before the emperor.

French Munitions Factory Ablaze

Angoulême, France, June 20.—(AP)—Fire started this afternoon in the Angoulême military powder works.

Most available troops from regiments garrisoned in the city and extra reserves of police and firemen were sent to the factory.

The fire was discovered at 3:15 p. m. in a warehouse where were stored bales of cotton used in munitions manufacture.

Angoulême is a city of about 40,000 in western France. Its gleaming white stone buildings stand on an isolated hill 200 feet above a river.

Marriage Law Cut Weddings By One-Half

Statistics from Five Counties, Including Vance, Show Decrease of About Half License Usually Issued

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, June 20.—North Carolina's new marriage law appears to have reduced the issuance of marriage licenses more than fifty per cent in the first two months of its operation, if statistics from five counties in various sections are really representative of its effect through out the State.

In these five counties during April and May of 1938, 244 marriage licenses were issued, while in the same five counties in the same months this year there were 114.

On the face of the figures it would seem they are representative as the rate of reduction was pretty well uniform in all of them. Nor did it seem to make any material difference whether or not the counties were located on or near the line separating North Carolina from another state.

The five counties were New Hanover, close to the South Carolina line, but not on it; Brunswick, on the South Carolina line; Wayne, quite a distance from the Virginia line; Vance, on the Virginia line; and Catawba, reasonably far in the North Carolina interior.

In these counties marriage licenses for April and May of 1938 and 1939 compared like this:

| | 1938 | 1939 |
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| New Hanover | 36 | 74 |
| Wayne (May only) | 11 | 30 |
| Vance | 21 | 47 |
| Catawba | 41 | 80 |
| Brunswick | 5 | 13 |

In every county except Catawba the decline in licenses amounted to

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Band Not To Return Here Until Wednesday Night

How 4 Women Escaped Jail Deep Mystery

Maryville, Ohio, June 20.—(AP)—A deepening mystery revolving about a couple of keys confounded authorities today as they sought to learn how Mrs. Velma West, husband slayer of the flapper era, and three other inmates escaped from the State reformatory for women for "one little adventure."

"They had to get keys to get out, but no keys are missing," explained Mrs. Marguerite Reiley, superintendent of the institution, shortly after she sent three women to corruption cells "until they tell me what they know."

Mrs. Reiley said the three placed in corruption cells, whom she refused to identify, slept in a corridor through which Mrs. West, 33, Paynesville, Ohio, slipped to freedom with the other inmates early yesterday.

"They insist they know nothing about it," the superintendent said, "but I think they do."

To make their escape, Mrs. West and her companions had to unlock doors to their cells and a door leading from the cell blocks in which they were confined. The reformatory yard was open.

Combs Trial On Narcotics Is Underway

Elizabeth City, June 20.—(AP)—Counsel for Dr. Howard Combs today admitted that the physician wrote thousands of prescriptions for morphine, offered by District Attorney J. H. Manning as evidence against the doctor.

The indictment charged Dr. Combs with disposing of 61,000 half grain tablets of morphine over a three-year period.

Wilson Atkinson, agent for the Bureau of Narcotics, gave a lengthy recital of patients for whom he said Dr. Combs admitted prescribing morphine, the total amount prescribed over a period of three years, and the residence of each patient.

Atkinson said Combs told him many of the patients were "transients."

District Attorney Manning planned to offer this afternoon the expert testimony of Dr. J. W. Ashby, superintendent of State Hospital of North

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Thomas A. Morgan Gives Group \$100 To Defray Expenses; Some of Accompanying Group Comes Wednesday Morning

World's Fair, New York, June 20.—(Special)—Henderson's band struck oil today and those in charge decided to give the high school boys and girls another day in New York at the fair.

Instead of leaving for home to night, they leave at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, and arrive home at 9 o'clock in the evening.

Good luck came in a gift of \$100 to the band by Thomas A. Morgan, native of Vance county, and a hometown boy who has made good. Morgan is president of the Sperry Corporation, makers of airplane and steam boat safety appliances, and is also chairman of the World's Fair Aviation section. He asked to be introduced to Mrs. Millard Wester, in charge of the band, and inquired what had been done for their entertainment. He said he wanted to do something for the boys and girls, and gave a \$100 bill.

Few in the Henderson party will return home tonight, except some not in immediate band circle. Most of them leave Wednesday morning, arriving in the evening.

Nearly everyone returned to the fair today, and the band had no concert, leaving them free with their chaperones to see the sights.

Like Monday, skies were overcast today, and weather pleasant. A heavy, misting rain was exasperating late Monday, but did not dampen enthusiasm.

Everyone in the party is in the best of health and having the time of their lives. Some forty or fifty took out time the first thing today to inspect the great liner "Queen Mary," tied up at her docks in the Hudson river, and marvelled at her beauty and massiveness.

The biggest thing about the fair is its bigness; one can spend a month here and not see half of it.

DISPATCH REPORTER TELLS OF TRIP TRIP AND TOUR

New York, June 19.—(Delayed)—More than 130 members of the Henderson high school band, and parents and other children and guests saw the sights and marvels of the great city of New York yesterday and then today turned to the Flushing Meadows to take part in the observance of North Carolina Day at the World's Fair.

Aboard two special cars, the band and the remainder of the party came to New York on the same train with Governor Clyde Hoey, whose graciousness was manifest on this trip as always elsewhere. Since he left Raleigh and arrived in New York, he has properly been the center of the show everywhere he has been on

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Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Generally fair today and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.