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MISSIONARIES REPORTED MASSACRED IN CHINA

Stations at Nanchang Destroyed, But Americans Escaped

FOUR ENGLISH SAID TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Consul Rodgers at Shanghai Cables State Department that the Kingham Family, Two Adults and Two Children, are Reported Killed—American Gunboat El Cano Ordered to Proceed to the Kinkiang, Trouble is 400 Miles Up Yangtze.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 25.—Consul General Rodgers, at Shanghai, cabled the state department under today's date that the American mission stations at Nanchang in the province of Kiangsu have been destroyed. The probable cause is local.

Telegrams received from those points state that the fourteen American missionaries at those places escaped, but the Kingham family, English, two adults and two children, are reported to have been killed.

The American gunboat El Cano at Nankin has been ordered to proceed immediately to Kinkiang where she will probably arrive by Wednesday. The cause of the trouble is about four hundred miles up the Yangtze river.

A still later dispatch from Mr. Rodgers received today at the state department says that the inland British missions are reported to be safe.

The officials here accept Consul General Rodgers' suggestion that the trouble at Nanchang is local, as has been the case with the last two preceding attacks upon foreign missions in China. Therefore there is little apprehension that the trouble will spread. However, it is realized that the incident itself appears to justify such preparations as are now under way from a military point of view.

The report that English subjects have been killed is the most serious phase of the affair, for it is said that this fact may be made the basis of forcible measures on the part of the British government that might inflame the whole Chinese population.

Nanchang, where the missions were destroyed, lies upon the shores of Lake Poyang, in the northern portion of the province of Kiangsi, and the Yangtze river is navigable up to that point, as well as the lake itself, for warships of considerable size.

New York, Feb. 25.—Reports of rioting at the American mission station at Nanchang and the escaped eight American missionaries stationed there were received here today by cable at the Methodist board of foreign missions. The Methodist board has a mission station at that place. The cablegram, which was sent by Bishop J. W. Bushford, Methodist Episcopal bishop resident at Shanghai, and made public by Dr. H. K. Carroll, of the Methodist board, is as follows:

"Mission Nanchang rioted Methodist missionaries escaped on boat."
The names of the Methodist missionaries at Nanchang are as follows: Rev. Edward James and wife, of Wisconsin; Dr. M. Charles and wife, of Ada, O.; and four American women, Gertrude How, Genevieve Hughes, Alta Newday and Kate L. Ordron. In addition to these eight missionaries the Methodist board had one Chinese woman, Ida Kahn, attached at Nanchang.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A cablegram from Commander Fletcher, the senior officer of the Raleigh, at Shanghai, received at the navy department today, confirms substantially Consul General Rodgers' report.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A later cablegram from Mr. Rodgers says that the reports of the Nanchang trouble are conflicting. It is now reported to have originated in a dispute between the French Jesuits and Chinese officials. A Chinese magistrate was at first reported to have been stabbed by a Catholic missionary, but it is now claimed that the magistrate stabbed himself. In the riot which occurred yesterday six Jesuits and two members of the Kingham family were killed. Chinese troops were protecting. The refugees are going to Kinkiang. The American mission building is understood to have been saved and order is now restored. Mr. Rodgers adds that all is quiet in Shanghai.

The American Methodist has a station at Nanchang. No news of the missionaries has been received at Pekin. It is supposed that they escaped to Kinkiang.

GREAT FIRE AT BETHLEHEM, PA.

Steel Company's Office and Shops Burned

THE VAULTS CRUMBLD

Valuable Designs for Military Equipment and Other Products Lost. About \$75,000 Worth of Property Destroyed.—Drafting Rooms on Fourth Floor Total Loss.

(By the Associated Press.)
South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 25.—The general office building and part of Number 2 machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel Company were destroyed by fire early today, causing a loss of about \$200,000 to property and valuable records. The fire originated in the kitchen of the dining cafe on the second floor of the office building, and spread so rapidly that the building was soon enveloped in flames. The office building was a four story brick and frame structure 200 by 60 feet in dimensions.

The large drafting rooms were located on the fourth floor, in the vaults of which were kept the valuable designs for military equipment and other products of the works. The vaults crumbled in the blaze and all their valuable contents were destroyed. The insurance was \$40,000.

GERMANY WILL MAKE FURTHER CONCESSION.

(By the Associated Press.)
Berlin, Feb. 25.—The German government has decided to make a further concession to the French views on the Moroccan question, provided France will also yield something. The extent of Germany's proposals will become known only at Algiers, where they will be communicated to the French delegates. Emperor William and Chancellor Von Buelow, it is understood, would rather make another effort to reconcile the French and German interests than allow the serious situation to drift.

Some effort has been made here by certain small financiers to create a war scare out of the emperor's reply to the congratulatory address of the generals yesterday on the occasion of his majesty's silver wedding, in which the emperor remarked that he prayed God that war would not come, but if it came he was convinced that the army would acquit itself as efficiently as it did thirty-five years ago.

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44 YEARS' CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Feb. 25.—Arthur Dixon, president of the Dixon Transfer Company, was awarded a gold medal yesterday for forty-four years continuous attendance at the Sunday School of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

For forty years Mr. Dixon has been teacher of what is known as the "strangers class" at the Sunday school. It is a Bible class of young men. In that time he has taught some of the now prominent men of Chicago. His former pupils are scattered all over the world.

CROMWELL MAKES A LONG STATEMENT

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 25.—William Nelson Cromwell appeared before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today and made a lengthy statement detailing his connection with the canal enterprise, and asserting that his participation in its affairs since the purchase by the United States had been by invitation. The only compensation he had received from the United States was that as attorney for the Panama Railroad a position he held before the United States acquired the road.

OUT OF ALL RAILROADS Kuhn Loeb & Co. Resign from Boards

Were Directors of Eleven Large Companies and Many Subsidiary Corporations.—Could Not Attend to Own Business and Do Duty as Directors.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 25.—Members of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., have determined to retire from all railroad boards in which the firm is represented. It was announced today. The reason given for this step is a steadily increasing difficulty which the members of the firm have been experiencing in meeting the demand of their own business and at the same time giving the necessary time and attention to the performance of their duties as directors of corporations.

Pursuant to this policy members of the firm on Wednesday last resigned from the following boards: Union Pacific Railroad Company, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, Chicago & Alton, Denver & Rio Grande, Northern Securities Company, Oregon Short Line Railroad, Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Rio Grande Western Railroad, Southern Pacific Company, Pacific Mail Steamship Company and a number of subsidiary corporations.

It is understood that members of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have not retired from the boards of the various banks, trust companies and similar corporations with which they are now identified.

FRUIT CASES REVERSED Railroads Finally Win Over Commission

Carriers May Designate Route for Fruit Shipped East from Southern California.—Proceeding Begun in 1899.—Circuit Court Decision and Commission's Order.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 25.—The suits known as the "Citrus Fruit" cases, in which all the railroads of southern California were interested, were today decided favorably to the railroads by the supreme court of the United States, the opinion being by Justice Peckham.

The cases involved the right of the railroad companies to designate the route for fruit shipped east after their own lines. The decision of the circuit court for the southern district of California and also the order of the commission were reversed by today's decision.

The proceeding was begun by the Interstate Commerce commission to test the legality of a joint order issued by all the railroads of southern California in 1899 fixing a through rate of \$1.25 per hundred pounds on oranges from southern California points to the Missouri river and further east. In this order the railroads reserved the right of routing the freight east of their own terminals. The commission raised the question that the routing provision was virtually a contract for pooling, and the railroad companies justified the requirement by saying that it was necessary to prevent the making of rebates. The circuit court sustained the government's contention, and also held the railroad circular to be in general violation of the spirit of the interstate commerce law.

KILLED BY FALL ON SCHOONER.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., Feb. 25.—Henry J. Pipi of New Bedford, Mass., steward of the schooner Loring C. Ballard, from Boston to Norfolk, to load coal, fell through the hatchway of the Ballard while that vessel was at anchor off the Lambert's Point coal pier here last night and was killed. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

PRESIDENT DAVIS DIED TODAY.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Louisburg, N. C., Feb. 25.—M. S. Davis, president of the Louisville Female College, died this morning at 11 o'clock in his 74th year.

SCHOONER SUNK TO QUENCH FIRE.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., Feb. 25.—The schooner John Howard, Captain Morse, from Wilcox Wharf, James River, Va., to Portsmouth, Va., with bed straw in bales, took fire at Parkers Wharf in Portsmouth this morning, and to save the vessel and her cargo she was sunk in the Elizabeth River.

TILLMAN IS UP ON DECK

He Reported the Rate Bill on Schedule Time

CULBERSON SUBSTITUTE

Galleries Were Closed and New Senators Then Usual in Their Seats. Tillman Gave Notice He Would Press for Earliest Consideration Possible.—Print Evidence.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, February 25.—Expecting a spirited discussion over the report by Mr. Tillman of the Hepburn railroad rate bill the galleries of the senate chamber were crowded when today's session was called to order. An unusually large number of senators also were in their seats.

As soon as the vice president called for reports of standing committees a number of senators arose. Mr. Tillman was recognized. He announced that he had been instructed by the committee on interstate commerce to report house bill 12,387 without amendment, and he read the resolution adopted.

After a discussion concerning the printing of the testimony taken by the committee an order was made for the publication of 10,000 copies. Mr. Tillman gave notice that he would press the bill to the earliest consideration. He said that much of the testimony taken was irrelevant and that the committee had employed two experts, Messrs. Newcomb and Adams, and they had made an epitome of the testimony, which also will be printed.

Mr. Tillman announced that as soon as possible he proposed to digest the testimony and to submit a formal report on the bill. He said that within two weeks he should move to make the rate bill the unfinished business and to displace the statehood bill if that measure was not disposed of before that time. The transcendent importance of the rate measure and the wide interest in the subject throughout the country, he said, made it desirable that the bill should be considered without delay.

As soon as he had concluded Mr. Aldrich was recognized and said: "A majority of the republican members of the committee did not join in the favorable report which has just been made by the senator from South Carolina, for the reason that in their judgment an attempt should have been made by the committee to remedy, by proper amendments, some of the obvious and admitted defects and omissions of the house bill, and that clear and adequate provision should have been made for subjecting the orders of the commission affecting rates to judicial review."

Mr. Culbertson said: "I take it that in a large degree the committee's action to be no more or no less than a transfer of a controversy from the committee to the senate chamber. Therefore, I offer a substitute for the bill just reported. This substitute is in effect the bill on the same subject which I previously introduced."

The bill was ordered printed and to lie on the table until the rate bill is taken up.

At 2 o'clock the statehood bill was taken up, and Mr. Dick resumed his speech in its favor.

MASKED MEN MADE HIM OPEN SAFE

(By the Associated Press.)
Millville, N. J., Feb. 25.—Two masked men, one white and one colored, today seized Frederick Radel, a baker, while he was in the stable near his house, and after gagging the baker, marched him into his home at the point of a pistol. The men compelled Radel to open his safe, from which they took nearly \$4,000 in cash. The robbers escaped.

CAMPAIN TALK HAS STARTED.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 25.—The Democratic campaign for the 60th congress is to be started in the near future. A call was issued today by Secretary Edwards of the democratic congressional campaign committee for a meeting of the committee to be held on the evening of March 6, in the minority committee room of the house of representatives. It is stated that the meeting is called for the purpose of organization that the details of the campaign may receive immediate and systematic attention.

NOW MITCHELL SAYS NO AGREES WITH VICE PRESIDENT T. L. LEWIS

And Lewis Said Last Night There Would Be no General Strike April 1, That Operators Will Restore Production Accepted by Miners Two Years Ago.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 25.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America today endorsed the opinion that there will be no general strike of coal miners on April 1 next, which was given out last night in Indianapolis by Vice President T. L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers. President Mitchell was shown the vice president's statement, in which the latter said, in addition to the assertion there will be no general strike in the mining industry April 1 that operators will restore the reduction accepted by the miners two years ago and perhaps more, and that an era of peace will be established for another period of years.

After hearing this statement President Mitchell said: "I guess that is right."

Francis I. Robbins, president of the Pittsburg Coal Company and chairman of the committee of the bituminous operators, was in New York today and discussed the statement of Vice President Lewis as follows: "There is absolutely no change in the soft coal situation. I see no prospect of averting a strike on April 1. Because the miners are willing to accept the 1903-1904 scale that is no indication that the soft coal operators are willing to yield."

BIG FIRE AT MT. OLIVE Hatch Hotel Partially Destroyed Last Night

Scarcely Anything but the Hull Left of the Building, Which Was a New One, Owned by C. B. Hatch—Damage Covered by Insurance.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Goldboro, N. C., Feb. 25.—News reached here this afternoon by people coming from Mt. Olive that the Hatch Hotel was partially destroyed by fire last night.

The hotel is a new building, and is owned by C. B. Hatch. The fire started in the third story of the building near the roof, and is supposed to have originated from a stove flue. There is scarcely anything left of the building but the hull. The damage to the building and furniture will be considerable, and it is understood that it is covered by insurance.

The whole town turned out to help fight the fire, but as they had no water works their efforts did not amount to much. An old chemical engine which the town bought from this city several years ago did very effective work, and saved the utter destruction of the building and its contents.

THE CLACHE TRIAL BEGUN.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 25.—The real work in the trial of Bertha Clache, the young French woman charged with the murder of Emil Gordon on July 8 last, was begun before Justice Davis and a jury in the criminal branch of the supreme court today. The jury was completed last week.

The Clache case has many features peculiar to itself, and it has been prophesied that more than the usual amount of sensational testimony will be heard before the trial is concluded. The fact that several policemen have become involved in charges growing out of the case has contributed to the interest. One of these officers now is on trial before Police Commissioner Bingham.

CASTRO MAY CALL ON UNCLE SAM TO ARBITRATE.

(By the Associated Press.)
Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 25.—It is learned from official sources at Caracas, Venezuela, that President Castro's next move in the French question will be to call upon the United States to arbitrate the question of the amount of damage done by Francis in permitting the fitting out of the All-battering steamer Ban Righ at Fort de France, Island of Martinique, to prey upon Venezuelan commerce and transport troops during the Maton revolt. The United States claim against Great Britain in the case of the Alabama will be cited as a precedent.

ANTI-INJUNCTION LEAGUE IS OFF

Chicago Typos Call on all Labor Unions

WRITS DURING STRIKES

Purpose is to Open a General Fight Against Issuance of Restraining Court Writs in Time of Labor Troubles.—League to Start with 75,000 Members.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Feb. 25.—Asking the cooperation of all the labor unions of the country, Typographical Union, No. 16, yesterday launched an anti-injunction league, with the purpose of opening a general fight against the issuance of restraining court writs during times of strikes and other labor troubles.

The Federation of Labor will be asked to promote the league and, if possible, make it national in its scope. As a preliminary step, however, the printers authorized a committee of five to draw up a plan of action. It is probable that the movement will follow political lines.

The league will start, it is expected, with a membership of 75,000 trade unionists in Chicago. It was declared by the printers that more than fifty per cent of the labor organizations in the country have been enjoined during strikes. These have a membership of close to a million men and women. Allied in action, it was said, a strong political force might be exerted against the issuance of labor injunctions.

ENGINEERS BUSY LOCATING LINE OF SOUTH & WESTERN.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Rutherfordton, N. C., Feb. 25.—The South & Western Railway people are quite active in this vicinity now and are busily engaged in pushing the work with a view of locating the line so that the construction work can be begun in the early spring. They have three engineering corps in the field, one at this point, one south of town and the other north of and making the line by this place and using the Seaboard Air Line connection.

That the line will now come by Rutherfordton is almost a foregone conclusion. Division Engineer Daniels is here in charge of the work, and will remain until the route is finally and permanently located. We also learn from a most reliable source that the Seaboard Air Line will at an early date begin great improvements on their line between this point and Wilmington, preparatory to making this important connection with the South & Western. Our author says that this company will put in new and heavier iron bridges, reduce the grades and straighten the line. This work will all be done by the time the South & Western hopes to reach this place.

TOWN TOPICS ROAST ED COLLIER'S FATHER

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 25.—Robert J. Collier, publisher of Collier's Weekly, went on the witness stand today in the hearing of Colonel William D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, on a charge of perjury.

Mr. Collier said that he and his father, Peter F. Collier, expect to pay the expenses of the prosecution of Colonel Mann.

His paper began its attacks on Colonel Mann in 1904, he said, following the publication in Town Topics of an article reflecting on the private life and social career of his father, P. F. Collier.

PEARSON NAMED FOR MORGANTON.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 25.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of D. C. Pearson as postmaster at Morganton, N. C.

TRY BLACKBURN IN GREENSBORO

He Submitted Himself to Jurisdiction Today

BOND FIXED AT \$1,000

Transferred on Application of Judge Bynum—Special Term About Middle of April Will Be Called—Harris, Former Candidate for Governor, Signed the Bond.

(By the Associated Press.)
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 25.—Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn of the eighth district of North Carolina submitted himself to the jurisdiction of the United States district court today in answer to the indictment recently returned against him on the charge of having practiced before the treasury department and receiving fees therefrom in violation of the federal law.

Judge Waddill issued an order transferring the case to Greensboro, North Carolina, on the application of Judge W. P. Bynum, who appeared for Mr. Blackburn. The trial will be held about the middle of April, at which time a special term of the court will be called. Mr. Blackburn's bond was fixed at \$1,000, and was signed by C. J. Harris, former candidate for governor.

He Has Nothing to Say.—The trial of Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn, indicted by the federal court grand jury here last week, charged with practicing before the treasury department, will be heard in Greensboro. The date for the trial has not been definitely determined, although an agreement between counsel for the defense and District Attorney Holton fixed the time at about the middle of April. A special term of court will be necessary to try the case.

Bond for the congressman's appearance was fixed by Judge Waddill at \$1,000. Charles J. Harris of Dillsboro signed the bond. The formalities this morning, including the making and the signing of the bond, consumed less than half an hour.

There was a great crowd in the court room this morning when Mr. Blackburn, accompanied by ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, his counsel, G. Sam Bradshaw of Greensboro and Charles J. Harris of Dillsboro entered. Judge Bynum shook hands with many of his old friends and acquaintances. Mr. Blackburn was the central figure. He was smiling. He is confident. Asked if he had anything to say for publication he smiled and declared there was nothing to say at this time.

Judge Bynum stated to the court that Mr. Blackburn desired as speedy a trial as was convenient, that the prosecution had stated it could be ready by the middle of April, and that the time suited the defense. An order was then made transferring the case to Greensboro, and the trial set for some time in April.

Mr. Blackburn and party left this afternoon. Mr. Blackburn returns to Washington.

No intimation was had this morning that an effort would be made to have District Attorney Holton indicted.