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ANXIETY FOR MISSIONS IN KWANG TUNG

Fate of Missionaries Unknown and There Is Grave Anxiety About Them

DEATH FROM PLAGUE

Uprising in Some Sections of the Province and Plague and Famine in Others Makes Serious Situation in Chinese Empire—Efforts to Obtain News of American Missionaries Futile—Famine and Bubonic Plague Sweeping Certain Sections—Entire Districts Depopulated by the Ravages of Disease.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 27—Cables received from China have caused grave fears for the army of American men and women missionaries in the province of Kwang Tung on account of an uprising in which missions, hospitals and school houses were burned at Lien Chow.

The Presbyterian board of foreign missions with headquarters in this city, has cabled to the bureaus in both Canton and Peking to ascertain if all the Americans are safe, but so far no reply has been received and their fate is in doubt.

The following cable was sent by the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, of the Presbyterian board:

"Wire full details and if our missionaries safe."

"I have expected an answer before this, but presume it was held up on account of holidays," said Dr. Brown today. "We are anxious to get word from Lien Chow for the early conditions pictured there were not reassuring."

There are a number of American missionaries in and about Lien Chow who are not ministers. They are under the control of the foreign board and have charge of hospitals and teach the classes in the industrial schools.

The Chinese government promised the United States protection for these as adequate as the Chinese army could give. The latest report from the southern part of Kwang Tung province was that several thousand bandits and Boxers had seized vessels on the Gulf of Tokin, upon which Lien Chow is located and were practically in possession of the city.

In Famine District.

Shanghai, Dec. 27—Famine is stalking hand-in-hand with the bubonic plague through China. The province of Kiang Su is being depopulated by plague starvation and a dreadful wave of plague death is sweeping into the province of Pechili, in which Peking is located. According to reports received here today a number of foreign missionaries are dead or dying from the epidemic. Hundreds of natives are dying daily.

It will be months before an effective effort can be made to check the spread of death. "Despite the government's efforts, the zone of human destruction is widening continuously.

While refugees from the death belt



Lady Cheylesmore, the American wife of an English peer, who is a Unionist, and believes most of her countrywomen in England have the same leaning. Lady Cheylesmore, whose former marriage was Miss Elizabeth French, of New York, believes that a majority of the American peeresses feel exactly as she does in politics. Lady Cheylesmore says: "It is quite absurd for people to say that the radical party is in any sense the representative of American ideals. I have never yet heard that the American principles included government by a single chamber which is practically what the Liberal or Radical programme amounts to. I suppose that women naturally take on the political views of their husbands and as most of the peers are, of course, Unionists, it follows that the women of their families believe the same way."

are barred from the cities reports of the most harrowing conditions have been received from as far west as Nankin.

Along the Grand Canal entire villages have been wiped out and bands of men and women, insane from hunger, roam the country. No food can be taken into the heart of the plague devastated region.

The entire grain and rice supply has been exhausted in the middle of the province and rioting is frequent in remote districts where stored up food has been found. Men and women have been known to fight to the death for a handful of rice. The gaunt, naked children have been seen gnawing thongs of leather to gather a little nourishment. The medical missionaries are striving valiantly to give aid and how many have perished is not known. Braving the pain of famine and disease they have penetrated the remote districts where word cannot be had of them.

In the old Yellow River district thousands of dead bodies lie exposed to the weather. In many communities the need of graves is gone because everyone is dead.

Chinese soldiers who have been ordered into the heart of the affected territory have rebelled and refused to brave the dangers of the scourge.

CHURCH ROOF FELL IN.

One Man Dead From Accident—Several Injured.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Barberton, O., Dec. 27—J. H. Meyers, a real estate man, died today as the result of injuries he received last night when the roof of a new Christian Tabernacle which was being erected by volunteer workers collapsed, injuring two ministers and five laymen, among the latter Mr. Meyers. The ministers who were injured are the Revs. U. G. Roby and William J. Thompson, both of whom were badly bruised. Fifty men were on the roof when it fell and the last board was being nailed down when the supporting rafters gave way. Mr. Meyers had both his legs broken and his head crushed.

PLAYED WITH WIRE.

Wrapped Live Wire Around His Neck, Formed Circuit and Died.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Lynn, Mass., Dec. 27—One man was electrocuted and five others, after barely escaping death, were injured early today when William J. McGrady, 23 years old, of No. 26 Abbott street, seized an electric wire

BIG BANK FAILURE

Angry Depositors Start Riot In Streets

Northern Bank of New York Fails—Wholesale Irregularities Charged—Bank Has Deposits of Over \$2,000,000.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 27—Following a trail which led back to the collapse of the Heine copper pool and the exciting days of the 1907 panic, New York State bank authorities started an investigation which has revealed wholesale irregularities, with deposits of over \$2,000,000 and nine branches, was closed today by State Superintendent of Banks Cheney. The branches were surrounded by weeping and riotous men and women all day. The investigation also disclosed extremely close relations between the bank and three insurance and indemnity companies two of which were formerly owned by the Heine family. The bank, which was capitalized at \$750,000, is ordered to be liquidated as the irregularities are declared to have continued under the very nose of the bank examiners after they began work.

The failure was the most sensational since the day's of the 1907 panic. Rioting broke out about the Post-Morris branch in One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street this evening and the police resorted to force to clear the mob of men and women who were surging about the bank clamoring for their money. But the Post-Morris branch was not the only one which saw lively scenes and police action. By noon, practically all the branch institutions were under police guard to hold back the excited and angry depositors. The bulk of business had been done with small retail men many of whom deposited all their Christmas savings last week.

The suspension of the bank may involve the management of the Actna Indemnity Company, of Hartford, Conn.; the Title & Guarantee Company of Rochester, N. Y.; the Fidelity Development Company of this city, and the Bankers Realty & Security Company.

Otto H. Kelsey, formerly state superintendent of insurance, is president of the Actna Indemnity Company and all four of the insurance and indemnity concerns mentioned are said to be controlled by Joseph G. Robin, chairman of the executive committee of the Northern Bank.

Prior to the 1907 panic the Heine crowd was deeply interested in the Actna Indemnity and the Title & Guarantee Company, Arthur Heine being president of both concerns. The collapse of the copper pool enabled Joseph G. Robin to step in.

Robin took over the control of the two companies from the Heine family to utilize them in his consolidation of three crippled banks.

Mr. Robin owns 51 per cent of the Actna Indemnity Company and that concern owns outright all the stock of the Rochester, N. Y. Title & Guarantee Company of which Mr. Kelsey is president.

Superintendent of Insurance Hottelkiss started an investigation of the Rochester concern which is inactive. This investigation led first to the Actna Indemnity Company and thence to the Fidelity Development Company and finally to the Bankers Realty & Insurance Company.

The intimate relations between the concerns and the Northern Bank were disclosed by experts of the state insurance department. It was the insurance investigation which led Superintendent Cheney to inquire into the affairs of the Northern Bank and this led to the closing of that institution.

Chief of Fire Department.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chicago, Dec. 27—Assistant Fire Marshal Charles E. Seyferlich was today appointed chief of the Chicago fire department, to succeed the late Chief James Horan, who was killed while fighting fire at the Morris plant in the stock yards.

JAPS SEARCHED FOR EXPLOSIVES

(By Cable to The Times.)
Manila, Dec. 27—The Japanese colony here was excited today over raids made by United States military authorities in a search of several of their residences for explosives.

The house occupied by the local agent of the great Japanese arm and navy contracting firm, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, known throughout America and Europe as Mitsui & Company, was one of those searched. No explosives were found. It is reported, but the occurrence has given rise to the rumors of the discovery of a Japanese plot against the American government and has caused intense excitement in all quarters. The Japanese probably will protest to their government.

Spy Arrested.

London, Dec. 27—A dispatch from Manila says that a Japanese spy was arrested by the United States military



May Yolie, prominently known both in this country and Europe, who is thinking of writing her autobiography, chronicling the happenings of her eventful life. In speaking of her plan recently in San Francisco, the woman who once owned the famous Hope diamond said: "I should cause earthquakes all over the world with my book. Instead of dating every thing from the time of the big fire here, as they do now, people would say, 'Since May Yolie wrote her book.' But I'm afraid I should have too many libel suits if I were to put in the names."

authorities at Corrigidor Island today. The island is being strongly fortified by the American authorities to defend Manila from attack by sea.

THEET OF LYNCHING.

Danger of Mob Violence in West Virginia Town—Troops Asked For.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 27—Governor Glasscock today notified that a critical situation prevails at Weston, where William Furby, a negro, charged with criminal assault, is being guarded from lynching in the county jail. The governor was asked to hold troops in readiness to rush to the town.

Flora Anglin, aged 21, was the victim of Furby, and it is believed that there is little chance for her recovery. Justice Hughes told Governor Glasscock that it would probably be impossible to control the townspeople if the girl died, and that an attempt would be made to spirit Furby to the Clarksburg jail.

HAYTIAN BORDER DISPUTE.

Assurance of Settlement Discounted by Preparation for Hostilities.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Port au Prince, Dec. 27—Despite the assurances given that the frontier warfare between Santo Domingo and Hayti over the border dispute and concessions to Americans, would

Revolt in Caroline Islands.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Berlin, Dec. 27—Although the colonial office received a cablegram today from the German governor of the Caroline Islands reporting that the German soldiers upon the islands could handle the situation the German cruiser was ordered to Ponape, where the natives are in revolt and are reported to be killing whites.

The Caroline Islands are in the Pacific ocean, due east from the Philippines. They were purchased by Germany from Spain in 1899. There are about 680 islands in the group, the two most important being Yap and Ponape.

Familiar Figure at Capitol Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 27—J. Hancock Robinson, Confederate veteran and secretary to three of Mississippi's senators, died while sleeping on a couch in the senate office building today. Heart failure was the cause of death. He was 62 years old and for more than twenty years had been a familiar figure at the capitol.

KIDNAPPERS GIVEN LIMIT IN SENTENCE

Not Less Than 25 Years For Man and Woman Kidnappers

JUDGE WAS SEVERE

Crushing Blow Struck at "Blackhand" Kidnapping Gangs When Two Leaders, a Man and Woman, Were Given Not Less Than Twenty-five Years by Judge Fawcett—Judge Was Severe in Passing Sentence and Said He Would Like to Have the Privilege of Passing Death Sentence Upon the Prisoners—Woman Screamed Hysterically When She Heard Sentence.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 27—A crushing blow was struck at "blackhand" kidnaping gangs today when Maria Rappa and Stenlaso Pattenza, heads of the abduction gang which stole Giuseppe Longo and Michael Rizzo, two Brooklyn children, were sentenced to not less than 25 years and not more than 40 years and ten months, the woman in Auburn and the man in Sing Sing prison.

Mrs. Rappa broke down in court when she heard the sentence, and screaming hysterically, was dragged from the room. Pattenza was indifferent and walked out stolidly.

In sentencing the prisoners, Judge Fawcett delivered the most scathing denunciation in the history of the courts, declaring the pair menaces to society and expressing his regret that he could not impose death penalties.

"The court was particularly severe in imposing sentence upon Maria Rappa. 'It is almost unbelievable,' said the judge, 'that you could have held the broken-hearted children 20 days, knowing the terrible suffering of their distracted parents. You have given birth to children—your own children lived in the very room where little Giuseppe Longo was held captive. You have neither the spirit nor instinct of a mother.'

"The God-made mother love is better shown in beasts than in you. A good mother is the holiest thing alive but you give no qualities of knowing anything of goodness."

The judge declared that if there had been an atom of mother love in the breast of the prisoner she would have turned the little prisoners loose. The court declared that the cruel, unnatural part played by the Rappa woman branded her as an undesirable member of society.

"The limit of punishment is not too severe for you," said Judge Fawcett. "Your children will be treated kindly."

In sentencing Pattenza, Judge Fawcett scored the black hand and its crimes.

"Your home housed the worst band of lawless brigands in this country," said the court, "and this case has proven that the notorious black hand is not a myth. You and the other bad men of the society lived from the fruits of your dastardly crimes. Your conviction is the worst blow that has been dealt the black hand yet in the United States."

There was a gasp of astonishment in the court room as the judge pronounced the woman's fate. If she lives to serve the extreme penalty, she will be 74 when it expires, Pattenza will be 75.

RIOTING RESUMED IN CHICAGO STRIKE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chicago, Dec. 27—Rioting was resumed in the garment workers strike today. A dozen pickets attacked strike-breakers at the Hart, Schaffner & Marx plant and after a brief battle with special detectives were dispersed by the police. Several were injured.

Passenger Train Ditched.

Corry, Pa., Dec. 27—Passenger train No. 63, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which left here for Buffalo at 4:30 this morning, was ditched at Summerville, N. Y., while running 50 miles an hour. The engine jumped the track and landed in the deep snow. It was reported that Engineer John Miles was killed, and the fireman hurt, but this was afterwards denied. No passengers were hurt, but all received a severe shaking up.

GIRL SWALLOWS MYSTERIOUS POISON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 27—Because she had been rebuked by her father for keeping late hours, Dora Barlow, 29 years old, attempted suicide in her home, 1833 Amsterdam avenue, today by taking some mysterious poison.

Physicians at the Washington Heights Hospital, after a lengthy examination declared that they were unable to determine the nature of the poison.

Dora returned home at an early hour today from a dance and was scolded by her father. As was his custom he went to the girl's room to awaken her today. The girl refused to get up. After much persuasion she jumped from her bed and ran into the kitchen. Before her father, who had followed her, could intervene, the girl placed a white capsule in her mouth and swallowed a little water. Almost instantly she toppled over unconscious.