

Truce Sends Scores Of Shanghai Workers Back To Posts After Strike

Nationalist Labor Leaders and Marshal Sun Chuan-Fang Reach Agreement.—Executions Halted.

CANTONESE CAUGHT WITHIN THE CITY

They Were in French Settlement Holding Meeting—Strike May Break Out Again at Any Time.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A truce was declared in the conflict between nationalist labor in Shanghai and the tottering regime of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang tonight.

Simultaneous proclamations sent scores of thousands of workers back to their jobs and called off the executors of General Li Pao-Chang, Shanghai defense commissioner, who headed more than 100 agitators during the five-day walkout which involved more than 100,000 Chinese.

The strike began to wane at once. Strikers thrown back to work partly because of lack of funds and partly because of atmosphere of terrorism which has hung over the native city and even penetrated the foreign settlements where the strike started.

Although nothing official was obtainable to verify the report, it was learned that General Li's agents penetrated the French concessions and kidnapped at least thirty members of Cantonese agitators who were holding a meeting there this evening.

Those kidnappers were taken to Gen. Li's headquarters and their fate is unknown.

One of the proclamations issued by General Li in which he revoked orders for execution of strike agitators now being held, admits the shootings and beatings carried out by his decrees during the last five days have totaled 100, half of which were in public. Foreign officials believe at least 100 more were executed in the military enclosures of defense authorities.

The general labor union issued the other proclamation in which its officials announced that they had "taken steps to a view to ending the strike for the time being."

It is a question for the thoughtful to ponder.

GRADY'S SUCCESSOR HAS NOTHING TO SAY

Any Statement Must Come From Grady or the Imperial Wizard, Says Morgan S. Belser.

Two hundred song books were purchased recently and more will be purchased soon, the principal, Prof. R. C. Childs says.

Home of Oliver Twist.

Opinions are like watches. No two are alike, yet each man believes in his own.

SURVEY OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY NOT WANTED

Clamor for Survey Died Down As Suddenly As It Started And Is Dead Issue For Present.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 24.—"Such is gratitude—when you give them what they want they don't want it," said Representative R. O. Everett today in discussing the bill he had introduced setting up an "Agricultural and Industrial Labor Commission" which would be empowered to conduct a survey similar to the "Survey of Women in Industry" for which the various women's organizations of the state clamored so loudly last summer, and which clamor ceased so suddenly some months ago.

All of which bears out the statement of this correspondent several days ago that the move for the survey of women in industry had been definitely abandoned by the various interested women's organizations, at least for this session, because they could not agree as to the kind of survey they wanted or on who or what agency was to make it.

It is not surprising that this bill, Representative Everett, should have created consternation and opposition—the more so because none of the various women's leaders in the women-in-industry survey were consulted in its preparation.

"In the first place, I think that a survey should be made to determine if conditions are really as bad as the club women say they are," said Mr. Everett, "and then I wanted to see if the women wanted this survey as much as they said they did."

Meanwhile disquieting reports here from Sungking, 25 miles south of Shanghai, where the broken army of Marshal Sun has taken up position for a last stand against the approaching Cantonese.

Studying Plantation Melodies.

So the old time songs—do the women really want a survey of women in industry—are they really interested in the welfare of the workers—or are they more interested in as to who will get the glory—or the blame?

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LITTLE HOPE THAT CONGRESS WILL DO MUCH DURING WEEK

With Adjournment Set for Tomorrow Week, Little Chance for Other Major Legislation to Pass.

FILIBUSTER IS DEATH TO BILL

Halted Action on Boulder Canyon Measure—Will Try to Pass as Many Laws as Possible Now.

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Facing adjournment a week from tomorrow, and with the filibuster germ that practically killed Boulder Dam legislation for the present session spreading to other controversial measures, Congress today entered upon a program to clean up as many bills as it can, but with little prospect of passing much additional major legislation.

Although the Swing-Johnson bill to dam the Colorado River at Boulder Canon was due to come up again today in the Senate at 2 p. m., after its sponsors were blocked in their efforts to bring it to a vote by a three senator filibuster during a 30-hour session, there appeared little prospect for action since the republican leaders had planned to displace it two hours later with the alien property return measure.

Once laid aside in the Senate, the bill will stand virtually no chance of a vote in either house at this session, since the House steering committee has decided that it will not be taken up in the House unless acted upon in the Senate.

Meanwhile under an agreement reached at another night session the Senate had planned to devote its first two hours today to consideration of other subjects including the Tyson emergency officers' retirement bill, while republican leaders hoped to obtain an agreement to take up the administration's prohibition and customs reorganization measure.

After disposing of this subject it plans to take up the \$63,400,000 deficiency supply bill, and the Hawley medicinal whiskey measure; then two bills authorizing approximately \$30,000,000 for various naval activities including funds for improvements at five national bases, modernization of the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada, and completion of the airplane carriers Lexington and Saratoga, and the submarine V-4.

Would Give Pardon Commissioner More Power.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The Governor and the Commissioner of Pardons are given the power to subpoena witnesses and put them under oath in connection with hearings on pardon matters, under the terms of the bill introduced in the senate by Senators Broughton and Woltz, and which is assured of passage.

The bill was prepared by Senator Broughton especially at the suggestion of Governor McLean and H. Hoyle Sink, Commissioner of Pardons. Frequently the Governor has been hampered in securing the necessary witness at as pardon hearings, since at present it is not possible to subpoena a witness, or to put them under oath.

Under the terms of this bill, it will be possible for the necessary witnesses to be subpoenaed for any given hearing, also to have them sworn, which will eliminate much of the delay which has heretofore attended many of the hearings.

VESSELS CRASH IN FOG; PASSENGERS ESCAPED INJURIES

Steamer City of Richmond and City of Annapolis Crash at a Point off the Virginia Coast.

ONE VESSEL IN CRASH RUINED

There Were More Than 100 Passengers on the Two Steamers But They All Escaped Injuries.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 24.—(AP)—The bay steamer City of Richmond was returning to Baltimore today with the passengers and crew, 103 persons in all, of the steamer City of Annapolis, which the former craft rammed and sank in a dense fog in Chesapeake Bay about 2 a. m., a mile off Smith's Point, Va., wireless messages to the Chesapeake Steamship Company, owner of both vessels, stated today. The wireless said that none of those rescued suffered dangerous injuries.

The City of Richmond with her bows stove in was expected at Baltimore about noon. There were 33 passengers, men, women and children, on board the Annapolis, about half of whom were said to be from Baltimore. The City of Annapolis sailed from West Point, Va., last night; the City of Richmond was bound from Baltimore for same port with about fifty passengers.

Captain Charles O. Brooks, of the Bay steamer City of Baltimore, telephoned from Old Point to the Maritime Exchange here this forenoon that his ship arrived off Smith's Point just as the sinking vessel.

HE HOPES PREACHING MAY BE REVITALIZED

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—In a city of "not less than a million population," the Rev. James L. Gorham of Washington Congregational minister of Washington, D. C., will establish a "Metropolitan Pulpit" in which he will serve as a free lance.

That oratory is not necessary, but abundance is.

That to interest the masses a preacher must talk common sense as it is linked with the spiritual.

That when the scientist actually proves an existing theological belief wrong, theology can be bent to conform without detriment to religion.

That the minister should stop trying to help run the universe and direct a dozen or more allied church organizations to devote his entire energy to giving his sermons the absorbing interest that a dramatist puts into his play.

More Talk Of Special Session Of Legislature Heard This Week

The Tribune Bureau Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The possibility of an extra session of the legislature in 1928 loomed as an even more likely possibility today as a result of the introduction of a bill by Representative Francis D. Winston, of Bertie, providing for a revision of the State constitution, and its ratification by three-fifths of the members of the general assembly in special session, after which it will be submitted to a vote of the people in the general election of 1928.

This bill by Representative Winston follows close on the heels of the bill introduced by Representative "Sandy" Graham, of Orange, providing for the creation of a tax commission, to make a thorough study of the tax structure of the state, with a view to shifting the tax burden, somewhat, and to get it on a more equitable basis. And to this a constitutional amendment or amendments would be required, and a special session of the general assembly would be necessary before the amendment could be submitted to a vote of the people two years hence.

But evidently this was not sufficient for Judge Winston, who thinks that instead of amending the constitution, and brought up to date. And there is no doubt in the minds of those who have devoted serious thought to the question that this is the case, and that the present taxation muddle—and a muddle it is—will never be solved until certain substantial changes are made in the constitution.

Hence, since it is generally admitted that the greatest defect in the state's governmental system at present is its basis of taxation by which the heaviest burden is imposed upon the property owners, it is generally admitted that this cannot be remedied without a thorough study of the situation and the enactment of certain constitutional amendments, there is a decided sentiment in favor of attacking the problem immediately, and calling a special session if necessary to finish the job.

COMMENDS EFFORTS TO HALT STEALING

Many Schools Expected to Take Part in the Tournament at State College.

Between December 15th and February 15th there were 141 cars stolen in Asheville, Mr. Roberts pointed out an average of 70 per month.

State College students, it is stated, are cooperating wholeheartedly in providing quarters for the great throng of visitors.

Trophy cups will be awarded to the winner and runner up in each class, and the players representing the first and second place teams in each division will also receive souvenir—watch fobs.

History of the Moravians.

The Tribune Bureau Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The North Carolina Historical Commission has just distributed the third volume of Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, edited by Adelaide L. Fries, archivist of the Moravian Church in America, southern province.

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Two bodies have been found in the bulk of the burned British oil tanker Black Sea, which is beached on Red Hook Flats in the harbor of Brooklyn.

Mooreville Votes For \$50,000 School Bonds.

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT BILL DOOMED WITH HOUSE APPROVAL

House Votes to Table Bill and Puts on "Clincher," Which Keeps It With the Committee.

GAME BILL IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Bus Franchise Bill Moves Along But the Width of the Busses Will Remain as at Present.

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Virtual enactment into law of statewide game measure and a death dealing blow to the Australian ballot bill stood out in legislative procedure today. Both houses were bent on working day and night.

The Senate passed the bill 40 to 3 intact, and without amendment. Lieut. Governor Long presiding said it was the first time in his many years' legislative experience that he had had opportunity to see final passage of such a bill.

Final passage also was given to the House bus bill in which a Senate vote was 38 to 3, after the Senate had adopted an amendment which gives the bus companies a six-year franchise. Permitted width of the bus remains at 84 inches.

Second reading in the house of the \$30,000,000 road bill saw it advanced to third reading intact and without amendment by a vote of 99 to 7.

The House Judiciary Committee No. 25 received the senate amending bill passed unanimously in the upper body yesterday. A two-thirds majority vote necessary to secure suspension of the rules to enable immediate passage failed.

A bill introduced by Senator Hancock, of Granville, and Royall, of Wayne, to place a tax of 1-2 of 1 per cent on the stock of foreign corporations would, Mr. Hancock said, put \$4,000,000 in the equalizing fund for schools.

The Senate also received a bill by McDonald, of Moore County, to increase the salary of the Governor from \$6,500 to \$7,500. Other constitutional officers would get increases of \$1,500 each, making their salaries \$8,000.

ATTACKS REED AND IS ATTACKED IN RETURN

Missouri Senator Answers Charges Made by Senator Robinson, of Indiana.

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The methods of Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, in conducting campaign fund inquiry were assailed in the Senate today by Senator Robinson, republican, of Indiana, who in turn was accused by Reed of making a "cowardly insinuation that the does not dare to make openly."

Reed's insinuation is the last refuge of a coward," Reed shouted when Roberts had concluded. "A manly man stands up like a man and says what he has to say."

GREAT BRITAIN TO SEND CRUISER TO NICARAGUAN PORT

Vessel Will Be "Place of Refuge" for All British Subjects Endangered by Warfare There.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY OF NATION

Cruiser Sent Because the Americans Could Not Guarantee Protection to the British.

London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The British government has decided to send a cruiser to Nicaragua as a "place of refuge" for British subjects endangered by the civil warfare going on there, it was officially stated today.

Dispatch of the cruiser, it is understood, does not indicate a departure in the fundamental British policy in Central America, nor a change in the attitude toward the Monroe Doctrine.

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The Auction Sale of houses and lots on Franklin Avenue, which was scheduled for Wednesday morning, was postponed until Saturday morning, February 26th. See big ad. in this paper.

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