

British Soldiers Fire On Chinese Who Sought To Break Down Cordon

Chinese Were From Rabble of Defeated Northern Army and 12 of Them Were Killed

BRITISH FIRST DID NOT FIRE

Later in Day When Chinese Sought Again to Break Into International Quarters British Fired.

Shanghai, March 22.—(AP)—Firing their rifles in the air, and yelling wildly a mob of 2,000 Chinese troops from the rabble of the defeated northern army rushed the British cordon guarding the northern area of the international settlement here at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

A few scores succeeded in breaking through the weakly-held alleyways, but they were quickly rounded up, disarmed and turned back into Chinese territory.

The main body of the British troops without firing. No British casualties were reported.

The attempt to invade the settlement followed a day of intermittent firing between the northerners and Chinese in the native district.

There was continuous sniping, mostly by nationalist riflemen of the settlement, and many shots penetrated the foreign quarter.

The Japanese marines who are holding the easterly portion of the area, are replying to the sniping shot for shot. The Japanese are posted on several high roofs from which they watch for the snipers.

A small detachment of the Duham battalion (British) holding the barrier near the northern railway station was fired on by a Shantungese soldier lying on the ground. After the third shot the British commanding officer ordered his men to fire once.

They did so, and there were no more shots from the sniper.

Then a number of other nationalist marines opened up, and bullets whizzed past the barrier. The defenders, who had narrow escapes, did not reply for fear of hitting non-combatants.

This incident was typical of the constant happenings along the northern and northeastern boundary of the settlement.

The nationalist troops are advancing along the railroad around Shanghai in the direction of the Shanghai north station, the center of the remaining northern resistance.

The two forces are expected to collide tonight or tomorrow.

It is believed the attempts of the northerners to enter the international settlement are due to the approach of the nationalists, of whom several thousand moved along the railroad on foot this morning.

Twelve Chinese Killed. Shanghai, March 22.—(AP)—British troops shot and killed at least 12, and wounded about a score of Shantungese when they made a fresh attempt to break through the barriers of the international settlement here late today.

Later, however, the British admitted 300 Shantungese who gave up their arms upon entering the settlement.

General Chen Will Surrender. Shanghai, March 22.—(AP)—It is officially announced that General Pi Shu Chen, commander of the northern defense forces at Shanghai has agreed to surrender. His capitulation was arranged yesterday in negotiations with Chang Kai Shek, nationalist generalissimo.

The Kuomintang, or nationalist flag has been hoisted over General Pi Shu Chen's headquarters, but many thousands of Shantungese soldiers in certain sections this evening were still unaware of the surrender.

Jeff Signs Up for One Year; Goes on Stage. Raleigh, March 22.—Jeff Ashworth, alive after being buried 13 hours under ten tons of stone in a fifty foot well, has signed a theatrical contract. W. G. Endow, manager of a local movie house, obtained Jeff's name to a contract Saturday. Mr. Endow found Jeff progressing so nicely at his Chatham County home that he got him to promise to begin his engagement here Monday. The contract, Mr. Endow said, is for a year, and expects to have Ashworth appear in a number of cities.

UNITED STATES NOT ABLE TO NEGOTIATE PACT WITH MEXICO

Failure to Reach Commercial Treaty Indicated by Announcement Concerning Smuggling Meeting.

CONVENTION TO TERMINATE SOON

This Fact Leads to Belief That Efforts to Make the Commercial Treaty Had Not Been Successful.

Washington, Mar. 22.—(AP)—An intimation that the United States had been unsuccessful in efforts to negotiate a commercial treaty with Mexico, was contained today in State Department announcement that the smuggling convention between the two nations would be terminated on March 25.

The Department in whose hands has rested the long standing and delicate situation involving American pro-suitors rights in Mexico, issued a formal statement explaining that notice of termination of the treaty had been served on the Mexican government last night by the American embassy at Mexico City.

In the absence of a commercial treaty or other arrangements with Mexico to "safeguard American commerce against possible discrimination," the statement said, "the Washington government did not deem it advisable to continue the smuggling convention, which might in certain contingencies bind the United States to cooperation for enforcement of laws or decrees relating to the importation of commodities of all sorts into another country."

The smuggling convention has a direct bearing on the American embargo on arms shipments into Mexico. Under the convention, even if the embargo were lifted the United States would be required to notify Mexico of impending shipments from the United States of arms or any other commodities prescribed from importation under Mexican law.

Whether the recent secret correspondence with Mexico involved a renewed Mexican effort to negotiate a commercial treaty with that country to protect American-owned property, was not even discussed.

Telles Optimistic About Future. Washington, March 22.—(AP)—Mexican Ambassador Telles conferred with President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg at the Coolidge residence on DuPont Circle last night, and today he says he entertains nothing but the most optimistic views of future relations between the United States and Mexico.

PROBABLE LINEUP FOR TARHEEL FIRST GAME. Carolina Meets Dartmouth at Chapel Hill April 6th.

Chapel Hill, March 21.—(INS)—Coach Jim Ashmore today bent over to cast about for a probable line-up for the Tar Heels first game of the season with Dartmouth here April 6.

Every afternoon finds three dozen candidates practicing on the fresh-water pool, and already they have been put through a couple of four or five inning practice games.

Bill Sharpe, veteran catcher, seems destined to hold his old berth under the bat, although Beam and Green may get into some of the season's games.

Ray Young has taken his old position on first, and Cox and Satterfield, from last year's fresh squad have been doing some nice work around second and short. Doug Webb, leading hitter of the 1926 outfit, is expected to hold his post on the hot corner.

Captain Kirby Hatley will be back in center field, and this year's Ed Mackie, All-State outfielder, will flank him in right. Buck Finlator, a sophomore slugger, is slated for the left field berth.

Two youngsters who see due to arrive as varsity pitchers this season are Ellison and Ingram, both star hurlers for the freshmen last year. Last year's veteran hurlers back in camp are Sapp, Westmoreland, Fulcher and Whisman.

Others who are bidding for places are Foyal, Finlay, Jonas and Furches, infielders, and Harckard and Jessup, outfielders, and Thomas, pitcher.

WB Honor Writers of "Silent Night". Berlin, Mar. 21.—The memory of the two men who gave to the world one of its best known Christmas carols, "Stille Nacht," is to be perpetuated by a monument to be erected in Oberndorf, Bavaria, their native village near the Passion Play City of Oberammergau.

The words of "Silent Night," which has been translated into virtually all living tongues, were written in 1825 by Father Franz Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest. The melody was composed by the parish teacher Franz Gruber. Funds for the monument are being raised by the sale of a brochure on the history of the carol, written by Dr. Weinmann, director of the conservatory for church music at Regensburg, Bavaria.

Pardon Hearing. Charlotte, March 22.—(AP)—A hearing on a plea for pardon for Zeo V. Darrell, Mecklenburg farmer, serving a four-year sentence on the roads for slaying Joe Hinson, Pineville postmaster, will be held at Raleigh before the State pardon commission next Wednesday, it was learned here tonight.

WEAPAH CONTINUES TO DRAW THOUSANDS OF GOLD SEEKERS

Today continued to draw thousands of gold seekers.

As in Weepah, sightseers swarmed into Tonopah by automobile, stage and railroad today and so outnumbered the resident population remaining here on Sunday that townspeople found themselves among strangers.

The knowledge of mining held by many of today's visitors was likened to that of the two New York young women who telegraphed here on Friday saying they were enroute to Weepah and asking that a few claims be "reserved" for them.

When the New York girls arrive, their first disappointment will be to learn that hand-dug claims containing hints on how mining claims are staked in a gold rush are not available.

When operations would begin, for while the new gold field has given an evidence of pay dirt, no intensive mining operation has yet started.

SAFETY AND SECURITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BANKS. This Has Been Strengthened by Acts of the 1927 Legislature.

The act providing that state banks cannot be organized with a capitalization of less than \$25,000 is one of the most important, though scarcely anything has been said about this act. Heretofore it has been possible to organize new state banks on a capitalization as little as \$10,000.

Under that provision, banks were frequently organized where there was no real need and with insufficient backing, with the result that a larger number than usual of bank failures has resulted.

Now, however, by raising the necessary capitalization to \$25,000, the organization of these banks has been made more difficult, with the result that organized only when a real need for them exists.

When the new act takes effect, that sufficient capital to make them dependable must be supplied.

"I consider this act increasing the required capitalization for state banks as being among the most important laws enacted by the general assembly," said Governor McLean, "and I expect it to greatly strengthen the entire system of state banks, since by strengthening the new ones, all will be benefited."

At almost equal importance is the act that requires that henceforth when state banks fail that they shall be administered by the State bank examiner and his assistants, instead of special receivers appointed by the courts.

This is much the same way that the affairs of national banks are administered when they become insolvent, since the national bank examiners take charge as soon as a national bank is declared insolvent.

It is expected that this new act will be the means of saving thousands of dollars to the depositors in insolvent banks and that they will be able to recover much more than under the old receiver system.

Formerly, when a bank became insolvent, it was closed and its affairs placed in the hands of a receiver. This receiver occasionally knew something about banking, but oftener did not, generally being an attorney who stood in the good graces of the court.

In fact, during the discussion of the bill in the general assembly and a certain group of attorneys fought it vigorously—it was brought out that in a number of cases the receiver had in turn expelled several of the officers of the defunct bank to administer it, with fat salaries attached.

The men responsible for the bank's failure were being paid out of the depositor's funds to further "administer" it.

However, under the new system, as soon as a bank is declared insolvent an expert accountant from the State bank examiners' office will be placed in charge and will administer it until its affairs are straightened out. He will receive a regular salary from the state, and all the bank's remaining funds will go to the depositors instead of in big fees to a receiver.

Thus it is generally agreed that these two acts have greatly strengthened the banking system of the state, by more adequately protecting the depositor.

TRANSPORT SPEEDS TO SAN FRANCISCO WITH ILL SOLDIERS

Four Privates on Transport Have Died of Influenza and More Than 50 Others Are Ill.

ONLY RECRUITS ON THE VESSEL

An Epidemic of Influenza Broke Out on the Ship While En Route to Pacific Coast.

Washington, March 22.—(AP)—The names of four privates who died on board the army transport Chateau Thierry, en route to San Francisco, in an influenza epidemic affecting 58 out of the 900 soldiers on board, were announced today by the war department.

They are: Grover L. Daniel, private of infantry, Rocky Mount, N. C., died March 16th of intestinal indigestion.

Gordon P. Brown, private, coast artillery, Westville, Ohio. He died March 17th of influenza and pneumonia.

Albert C. Johnson, private, field artillery, Bennett, Wisconsin, died March 18th of influenza and pneumonia.

Daniel Serfozo, private, air corps, Bridgeport, Conn., died March 20th of influenza.

Speeding to Port. San Francisco, March 22.—(AP)—The army transport Chateau Thierry with 900 recruits for the U. S. Army units on board, is proceeding for this port with all possible speed because of an influenza epidemic on board.

When she arrives she will immediately proceed to her wharf, quarantine regulations being dispensed with because of the situation on board.

THROUGH WITH "PEACHES" SAYS EDWARD BROWNING. Real Estate Man Says He Will Have Nothing More to Do With Her.

New York, March 22.—(AP)—Edward West Browning, winner of his separation suit, today declared he was "through with Peaches."

"I have nothing further to do with her," the real estate man continued, "I'm through with her."

Justice Seeger's decision granting him the separation from former Frances "Peaches" Heenan, exonerates him, he said.

"The decision speaks for itself," he added, "I have done everything it was possible to do, and I do not see how I can do more. I feel it is impossible to go any further in the matter."

Essex Super-Six Makes New Speed and Endurance Record. Detroit, March 21.—For the third time in a few weeks, a new Essex super-six motor car, has a record for speed and endurance, according to the Hudson Motor Car Company.

Timed by the Western Union and officially observed by newspapermen, an Essex ran for 24 consecutive hours on the speedway at San Antonio, turning up a total of 1,218 miles for an average of 50.23 miles an hour. The test was made with a stock car by the Sanderson Motor company, San Antonio distributors.

In recording the run, the San Antonio newspapers say that the fastest miles of the whole test were at the finish, when about 4 1/2 miles were made in the final 4 minutes. They also said that the track was slowed up by about two hours of shovely weather.

Hangs Self in Jail. Danville, Ill., March 22.—(AP)—Nate Harris, a negro, sentenced to be hanged here April 22nd for a double murder, hanged himself in the county jail today. He tore strips from his blanket and used it as a noose.

Bronzes in Sidewalk. Charlotte, N. C.—Two bronze tablets in midtown sidewalks here mark the spot where Jefferson Davis stood when he heard of Lincoln's assassination and the location of Cook's Inn, which Washington visited.

SHORT SKIRT HORRIBLE SAYS LONDON MERCHANT

(By International News Service) London, March 22.—"I think the short skirt and the bare-leg vogue is horrible and barbarous, and I cannot believe it is going to last.

If I had a daughter of fifteen or sixteen, and I met her with skirts stopping at the knee—well, there would be a lively scene."

Thus John Lewis, London's oldest soft-goods merchant and owner of a large London store.

"I think the world is better than it used to be," declared Lewis on his ninety-first birthday. "But there is one thing I cannot stand, and that is modern women's fashions."

SOUTHERN TO ENLARGE CHARLOTTE TERMINAL. Freight Facilities Will Be Increased 40 Per Cent According to Announcement.

Charlotte, March 21.—Freight terminal facilities of the Southern railroad in Charlotte will be increased by about 40 per cent in an extension program which will be started tomorrow, it was announced this afternoon at headquarters of lines east here.

The extension program will provide for the increase in freight facilities expected here within the next several years, railroad officials believe.

The development program announced today by G. L. Sifton, chief engineer of the maintenance of way department, includes the following:

The additional loading and unloading track alongside the present freight warehouse, additional train tracks which will double the present train track capacity of the yards; additional track ways, alongside of all the new trackage; concrete paving for the present and the new train tracks; remodeling of the freight tracks to make a right of way for the additional loading and unloading track alongside it; extensive rearrangement of the present tracks to allow construction of a more efficient yard, which, when completed, will eliminate entirely the necessity now experienced of using team tracks as switching tracks; additional storage tracks, where cars may be placed to await the progress of loading and unloading operation at the warehouse.

At a meeting here this afternoon of the Guilford County farmers' committee, at which 30 of the 30 members were present, it was decided to appear before the meeting of the county commissioners next Tuesday to ask for a horizontal cut in the rate upon this particular class of property. What will be the outcome of the farmers' demand will not be known until after the commissioners' meeting.

G. W. Dawson presided over the meeting today.

Dog Lands Seven Burglars in Prison. Okmulgee, Okla., March 22.—(AP)—Credited with the capture of eighteen criminals, Midnight Sun, a thoroughly trained German police dog, occupies no small place in the hearts of law-abiding citizens of Okmulgee.

Seven burglars now are in the state penitentiary as a result of his activities.

The dog, owned by W. H. Grigg, of Okmulgee, has been a regular member of the police force for nearly a year, and recently took a prominent part in the chase after Wilbur Underhill and Ike (Skeets) Atkins, alleged bandits and murderers, who escaped from the Okmulgee county jail.

He followed the trail through the Concord mountains for thirty miles, but lost it when the outlaw stole an automobile.

Midnight Sun is valued at \$5,000 and is insured for \$2,500.

Edward P. Weston Near Death. New York, March 22.—(AP)—Edward Payson Weston, aged pedestrian, recently rescued from poverty by sympathetic admirers of the once-famous trans-continental walker, was close to death in a hospital today after being run down in the street by a taxicab.

The Rotary Club will elect a board of directors at the weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday at Hotel Concord. C. B. Wagoner and W. G. Caywell will have charge of the program.

John D. Sings For Charity!

Did you ever see a picture of John D. Rockefeller sitting on the streets for St. Louis Library?

When the old man, aged his age-torn voice to help the Baptist church, a cameraman for this paper was on the job.

You'll find this unique picture on an inside page.

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TERSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MOTOR AND STOCK WIZARD MYSTIFIES WALL STREET

New York, March 21.—Wall Street was mystified today by the announcement that William C. Durant, who is generally believed to have amassed a fortune of several million dollars in the "Bull" market which has been under way since 1924, "proposes to devote his entire time (with every other interest secondary) to a thoroughly constructive motor car program that will duplicate his previous and widely known accomplishments in this field."

Except for the information that "Mr. Durant promises a statement on April 7 respecting his future plans," which will startle the industry, and prove most emphatically that Durant is back on the job, no explanation was forthcoming as to the nature of his intentions.

While Mr. Durant has been the titular head of the motor car enterprise bearing his name, he is reported to have delegated many of his duties and good values at the J. C. Penney Company's.

One of the surest ways to start building a fortune is to open a bank account for regular deposits. Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

Special showing of new spring dress goods and silks at the Parks-Bell Co's.

Charles blue serge suits at W. A. Overcash's are selling fast. There's a reason.

Double header vaudeville at the Concord Theatre tonight, Sunlin' Through Co., and Bell's Famous Hawaiians.

Also Billy Dove and Lewis Stone in "An Affair of the Follies." Tomorrow 10 cents to all.

Killed in Explosion. Villa Grove, Ill., March 22.—(AP)—E. M. Robinson, of Salem, engineer, Ed. Bruce, fireman, and C. M. Farlow, head brakeman, both of Villa Grove, were instantly killed early today when the engine of a freight train exploded near St. Peter, Illinois. The three men were on the engine.

A double header attraction is offered today at the Concord Theatre when Lester Richards' Vaudeville and Bell's Famous Hawaiians will both give a program of entertainment.

Both the attractions will be offered both matinee and evening today and again Friday.

Fair tonight and Wednesday, cooler tonight, much cooler in the west and central portions, possibly frost in the interior tonight.

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