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ATTEMPT IS MADE TO ASSASSINATE LEADER OF CENTRAL CHINESE FORCES

Battle For Possession of Peking Is Continuing Today — Heavy Gunfire All Night — Artillery Increases in Intensity.

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 1.—An attempt to assassinate General Wu Pei-fu, leader of the central Chinese forces, was made Saturday, says a Peking dispatch to The Evening News to day, which said the report had not been confirmed. The general was said to have been slightly wounded, and his assailant was captured and executed, the dispatch said.

PEKING, May 1.—The battle for the possession of Peking was still continuing today with the advantage apparently going to the forces of General Wu Pei-fu, driving toward the capital from the south.

Advices from the center of the fighting, 12 miles southwest of the city, were that General Wu was forcing the soldiers of General Chang Tse-lin from Changtun, and that the tide of the war was rolling eastward toward the southern walls of Peking.

Heavy gunfire broke out to the east of Changtun at 9 o'clock last night, continuing intermittently all night. Artillery firing in the sector south of Peking became more intense toward midnight, and a small part of General Chang Tse-lin's army retreated toward the southwest walls of Peking. General Wu Pei-fu's forces appeared to be developing their flanking movement on Chang's right wing, while the latter's troops were defending the Marco Polo bridge across the Han river commanding the approach to Peking.

Observers reported that Chang had seven batteries of three guns each, firing simultaneously, with trenches near the hills along the river and across the city. General Wu has gone from Phanting, his headquarters, to Laidao, to take charge of the drive on Peking. His forces are using shrapnel and machine guns. Laidao is on the Peking-Hankow railway, about 25 miles south of Peking, and 20 miles south of Changtun, on which General Chang Tse-lin's right wing rests.

UNKNOWN NEGRO HOLDS AND ROBS MERCHANT

By Clever Ruse, However, T. F. Carson Put Highwayman Off With Sack Containing Only Pennies—Shot Once at Ed Calhoun—Made His Escape.

An unknown negro walked into the store of T. F. Carson, 541 West Atlantic avenue, shortly before midnight Saturday night as Mr. Carson was checking up his cash drawer and, covering the merchant with a revolver, demanded the contents of the cash drawer. Lifting from the drawer a sack containing a hundred or two pennies, Mr. Carson pitched it to the highwayman. "Come across with the bills," said the negro. "It's all in the sack," replied the merchant and the negro began to look toward the front door.

Ed Calhoun, son-in-law of Mr. Carson, was at the rear of the store. Hearing Mr. Carson call he came toward the front of the store from the outside and arrived just as the negro backed out the front door. The negro shot at Calhoun once but missed him. The police report that he was a negro who had been arrested by them a few days ago.

AMERICAN CAPTAIN IS WOUNDED AT CELEBRATION
MAYENCE, May 1.—During a May Day demonstration here today a captain of the American army was wounded by the demonstrators.

The last few days have brought into evidence a more harmonious spirit between the British and French delegations, despite the continuing clashes between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Barthelemy. Confidence is felt that the divergence in the British and French views can be adjusted so as to present a solid front to the Soviet delegation.

LORD AND LADY ASTOR HAVE "WONDERFUL" VISIT
WASHINGTON, May 1.—Lord and Lady Astor left Washington early today for Philadelphia, after what the latter described as the "most wonderful three days visit ever enjoyed at the nation's capital." Lady Astor is to address the Women's Trade Union League at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia tomorrow afternoon.

Five Negroes Killed.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 1.—Five negroes were killed and a number of others injured early today in an explosion in a rooming house. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. The building was wrecked.

Catholic Priest Stands Out On Skyline Of Genoa Conference

Rev. Father Sturzo, Although He Has no Official Standing in the Conference Commands Attention — Would Establish European Federation, Based on Brotherly Love and Co-operation.

(By The Associated Press.)
GENOA, May 1.—A new figure stands out on the skyline of the Genoa conference. He is the Rev. Father Luigi Sturzo, leader of the Italian Catholic party, and his views, despite the fact that he has no official standing in the conference, are receiving close attention from the leaders of the various delegations.

He favors establishment of a kind of European Federation, based on the principles of brotherly love, concord and cooperation, and he plans to visit the United States later to preach his ideas.

On Saturday night he was a dinner guest of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, and since his arrival in Genoa he has also conferred with Frank A. Vanderlip, American banker, and with the German delegation, headed by Italian Foreign Minister, M. Saverio, and held lengthy conferences with Premier Brattiano, of Rumania, and the delegates of Jugoslavina, Belgium and Holland.

In all these leaders he has apparently had listeners eager for his views on the necessity of a "political international" based on international aspirations much loftier and broader than anything the world has yet seen.

"People must not think the evils of the world's suffering can be eliminated at a single stroke of a magic wand," said Father Sturzo to the correspondent. "The Genoa conference is only the first step on a long road—only the beginning of a work which will lead after many years to the restoration of Europe and to a brotherhood of peoples."

Once the foundation is laid in Genoa for a better understanding between the countries of Europe, and of a more cordial spirit, the next step to be taken will be the reconstruction of Germany, which will be advantageous not only to Germany herself, but also to the other European countries, especially Germany's neighbors, and above all, France.

It will probably be another conference which will deal with this subject when the time is ripe for it, and when present resentments are smoothed down. Meanwhile, I am working indefatigably for the consummation of what I call a political international.

He explained that by this he meant a world organization inspired by Christian principles, though not necessarily limited to the spread of the Catholic religion. He wanted to unite the parties of all countries which have ideals similar to his own—namely, that every country should wish best for their own country but simultaneously strive for the betterment of all peoples.

MAKING HEADWAY.
GENOA, May 1.—The work of completing the Allied proposals to Russia was resumed today, with the promise of more rapid headway than heretofore.

Following the recent membership and attendance count in Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythians, the boys' losing team, will be hosts at a barbeque or dinner at Armstrong Park Monday, May 8. The detailed program for the evening's events will be announced this week.

THE WEATHER
North Carolina, fair tonight and Tuesday, slightly warmer tonight in extreme western portion.

MADE SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN'S SERVICE OF WESTERN RAILROADS



Miss D. Ogden, after several years of service in the passenger department, has just been appointed supervisor of women's service on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Omaha and Kansas City Railroads.

NEW CEMETERY IS NOW READY FOR SERVICE

With Several Family and Single Grave Lots Already Occupied the Armstrong-Rankin Cemetery is Opened — Will Serve People of the Armstrong-Rankin Chain of Mills in South Gastonia.

With a number of people already buried there the new cemetery south of the Armstrong Memorial church is now ready for occupancy. The survey has been completed and plot made of the sections, family and single grave lots.

One portion of the cemetery will be sold as family lots at \$100 per lot. Another portion will be reserved for single grave lots at \$2 per lot. Still another portion will be available to those without means for free graves, thus covering the needs of all in the several villages. This cemetery will fill a long felt need of the operators in South Gastonia who have not been financially able to pay the prices in public cemeteries and will give them the added privilege of having their loved ones buried close to their homes.

UNKNOWN AUTO DRIVER KNOCKS MAN DOWN AND KEEPS GOING
J. K. Jones, of South Gastonia, found in Unconscious Condition Saturday Night on York Road — Man Who Struck Him Spurred Up and Disappeared.

J. K. Jones, 2215 York road, was taken sick and seriously injured Saturday night about 8 o'clock when a 8-horse automobile driven by an unknown person struck him.

PYTHIANS TO HAVE BIG BARBECUE NEXT MONDAY
Following the recent membership and attendance count in Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythians, the boys' losing team, will be hosts at a barbeque or dinner at Armstrong Park Monday, May 8.

LOSING TEAM IN RECENT CONTEST TO BE HOSTS TO WINNERS AT ARMSTRONG PARK — List of Committees.

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WOMEN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR IN BIG REUNION
WASHINGTON, May 1.—American women who served in the army during the world war are being honored by the world war veterans.

WEDNESDAY CLOSING DOES NOT BEGIN TILL MAY 31ST
Through an inadvertence it was stated in Saturday's Gazette that the summer closing of the Gastonia stores on Wednesday of this week. May 31st, and it should have been stated that it would be commenced on Wednesday, May 31st, and continue through August 31st, covering a period of three months instead of four.

SECOND MONTH OF COAL STRIKE SEES NO PROSPECT OF EARLY SETTLEMENT

More Than 600,000 Miners Are Still Idle—Union Officials Claim That Peak Strength Has Not Been Yet Attained.

(By The Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 1.—The second month of the nation-wide suspension of work in the coal industry began today with officials at headquarters here of the United Mine Workers of America declaring that no settlement was in sight for the wage controversy involving more than 600,000 miners.

No change was made by union officials in their previous claim that at least 600,000 workers had joined in the suspension, the number including 75,000 non-union miners in the bituminous coal fields, as also 450,000 union bituminous miners and 200,000 anthracite workers.

Except for days of union organizing in Pennsylvania and West Virginia the first month's suspension was marked by extreme quiet, the workers of the completely organized fields seeing to regard their idleness as a vacation. The drive on the Pennsylvania non-union fields was viewed by union officials as important in that they regarded the complete suspension in the central competitive field, employing more than 600,000 of all union miners.

RIVER HAS REACHED MOST SERIOUS STAGE OF FLOOD
NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Reports today from Arkansas City, Arkansas, to the Gulf are to the effect that more than 20,000 men are battling against the final and what appears to be the most serious stage of the Mississippi river flood situation which is just now entering the low reaches of the flood.

Due to lower stages during the last few days resulting from favorable winds and the three serious crevassees in the lower valley, the thousands of government employees and civilian volunteers have been able to remove many dangerous developments which were disclosed by recent higher stages.

Reports from the third district today stated that all levees in that district were in good condition with the exception of a small section of the Vaudreuil levee near Lake Village, Ark., where 90 men worked through the night in an effort to keep back the flood. This levee had cracked for 60 feet, but the stretch has been "matted" and a dam built behind the threatened break.

WOULD ALLOW STATE BANKS TO ENTER THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON, May 1.—A bill introduced in the House today would allow state banks with a capital of \$125,000 to be permitted to enter the Federal reserve system.

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NO SECRET CLAUSES IN RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY
GENOA, May 1.—Foreign Minister Tehtcherin, head of the Russian delegation at the economic conference has written a letter to Vice Premier Barthou of France, assuring him there are no secret military or political clauses in the Russo-German treaty signed Easter Sunday at Rapallo. He says Russia is not hostile toward France, notwithstanding France's unfriendly attitude toward Russia.

COLORED BAPTISTS PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS TO BUY LINWOOD COLLEGE

Meeting to Be Held in Winston-Salem Tonight to Launch Campaign — Purchase Money to Be in Hand by August 15—Plan of Raising Money.

An intensive campaign to raise the money for the purchase of Linwood College by the colored Baptists of the state will be launched in Winston-Salem tonight, according to a story in The Town-City Sentinel of Saturday, reading as follows:

Last year when the colored Baptists of the state held their annual meeting in this city a resolution was passed endorsing the purchase of Linwood Academy property at Kings Mountain, for use as a school for the education of the Baptist negro youth of the state. The plans have been worked out and the property secured, fully equipped for immediate occupation. About six thousand two hundred dollars has been paid on the purchase price of \$125,000, and bonds have been provided for an additional first payment of \$50,000. A campaign is now being waged in all the colored Baptist congregations over the state, for the purpose of completely providing for the entire \$125,000, and a fund for opening the school.

While no effort will be made to force contributions, the superintendent of the organization work, and will provide at the meeting. He has already visited many churches in the convention, holding conferences with leaders, and compiling plans for the campaign in every congregation in the state today.

NO CLUE AS TO DEATH OF MISS GERTRUDE HANNA.
HOUSTON, Tex., May 1.—Averton county authorities today apparently were up against a wall with a mystery after another night of investigation into the strange circumstances surrounding the death of Gertrude Hanna, whose body was found last Thursday in the basement of the manufactured garage of the United Brotherhood church.

STEWARDS RETURN \$10 GIFT TO KU KLUX.
ATLANTA, Ga., May 1.—The ten dollar gift returned to a sealed envelope to the Ku Klux Klan yesterday.

KU KLUX KLAN KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT BULLOCK
ATLANTA, Ga., May 1.—Officials at headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan here today declared they had no knowledge of any plan being formulated by members of this organization to kidnap Matthew Bullock, the negro wanted at Norfolk, N. C., on murder charges, from Hamilton, Ga., to bring him back to North Carolina.

MAURETANIA SET UP NEW SPEED RECORD.
SOUTHAMPTON, May 1.—The Cunard liner Mauretania, from New York, April 25, stopped at the rate of 27.12 knots per hour during a part of the voyage, which ended here today. This is the fastest it has ever made.

Cotton Market

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Markets in Texas heavy in many places but the price of cotton 18 to 20 points higher in the first hour of trading today. According to telegrams to brokers here the rainfall was damaging in many sections, resulting in further overflows of streams. July rose to 17.38, and October to 14.47.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET
Strict to good middling 17c
Cotton Seed