

ALL REPORTS OF MINE TRAGEDY AGREE THAT IT WAS MOST BRUTAL MASSACRE

WU TING-FANG FORMER CHINESE MINISTER TO WASHINGTON, IS DEAD

Wu Has Been an Outstanding Leader in Politics of China For Many Years.

LOYAL TO SUN YAT SEN

Was Faithful to the Deposed South China President to the Last.

SHANGHAI, June 23. — (By The Associated Press.) — Wu Ting-fang, former Minister to Washington, more recently Foreign Minister for Sun Yat Sen in the disrupted southern republican government at Canton, died at Canton this morning, according to a Reuter dispatch.

Known as the most picturesque figure in diplomatic circles at Washington during his two terms as Minister from China to the United States Government, Wu Ting-fang possibly did more to cement the cordial relations between that country and than any other envoy from the Orient, with the possible exception of Li Hung Chang.

Dr. Wu had a sharp tongue, was breezy, frank and unconventional in his keen opinions, even at the expense of important personages in official life, were constantly finding their way into print, sometimes to the embarrassment of the administration. He was an ardent baseball enthusiast and bicycle-rider when bicycling was so popular. He was a vegetarian and had predicted he would live 100 years.

His sympathies with the United States during the Boxer uprising led to his recall. The intimation by the State Department that his beheading would be offensive to this country only prevented his summary execution. During the troublous times of the rebellion Dr. Wu got through a message to the American Minister, Mr. Conger, who, with his colleagues, was in the legation compound, Peking, and whose fate was a matter of grave concern to the State Department.

Dr. Wu was active in bringing reforms to China and he favored the "open door" policy. His spirit of progress was symbolized in a memorial he presented to the imperial throne. A favoring of the abolition of Chinese gathered at Wu's home and publicly had their queues cut off. He started the work of codifying the laws of China and instituted a number of legal reforms, one of which was jury trials.

The revolutionary movement begun in 1911 found a strong sympathizer in Dr. Wu, who advised the Prince Regent to abdicate. Two years later Wu issued an appeal to the world for recognition of the Chinese Republic.

Dr. Wu appreciated the importance of railways in the development of a country and he was instrumental in having built the first railway in China. He became the promoter and chief director of the Kai Ping Railway Company and later was appointed by the imperial government co-director in the Railway Bureau, constructing railways in northern China.

Although Dr. Wu always had been a staunch advocate of peace, in the stormy era through which China passed in 1917, when President Li Yuan Hsing dismissed his premier and the cabinet for opposing a declaration of war against Germany, he named Wu acting premier, empowering him to form a new cabinet to break the deadlock and to sever relations with the Teutonic powers. Dr. Wu had been appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in November, 1916, resigning in March, 1917, later suggesting his government follow the example of the United States and break relations with Germany. In July, 1917, Dr. Wu resigned as premier owing to ill health and it was believed then that his retirement would be permanent, as the republic had weathered the most serious crises.

Dr. Wu was born in Singapore in 1842. He was educated in the Chinese classics at Canton and studied English at Hong Kong. He enrolled as student at Lincoln's Inn, London, in 1874, where he studied international law and other legal subjects two years, when he was admitted to practice at the English bar. He returned to China in 1877, passing through the United States, making a study of national institutions and colleges. On his arrival at Hong Kong he practiced law until 1882, when he was appointed legal advisor and deputy for foreign affairs at Tientsin. On the establishment of the Tientsin University in 1895, he was appointed chief director.

Assassination Marshall Wilson Stirs England To The Depths

Documents Disclose Conspiracy to Take the Lives of a Number of Prominent Persons and to Conduct a Campaign of Outrages—May Bury Marshall in St. Paul's.

LONDON, June 23. — (By The Associated Press.) — The police investigating the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson have come into possession of documents, says the Central News today, disclosing a conspiracy to take the lives of a number of prominent persons and conduct a campaign of outrages.

The assassination has stirred England to the depths. Mingled with feelings of sorrow and dismay are apprehensions of further outrages, as it is understood other members of Parliament have been threatened.

While the actual murderers were taken red handed, a strenuous hunt for possible instigators of the crime is being conducted, and detectives last night raided all the known haunts of Sinn Feiners in London.

In connection with the reports of a Sinn Fein plot, the statement is made that certain houses, including the Wilson residence, have been mysteriously marked recently, and the home of Lord Carson in Eaton Place, was guarded by armed police last night. Field Marshal Wilson, it is learned, had received threatening letters for some time from anonymous and other sources, but he paid no heed to them.

The question of again arming the police with automatic pistols is being considered by the government and Scotland Yard in view of the tragedy.

It is taken for granted that Sir Henry will be given a great public funeral, with the military honors due his rank and services. The likelihood is suggested of burial in St. Paul's, the resting place of many of Britain's most noted warriors, including the Duke of Wellington and Admiral Nelson.

Condolences continued today to pour in on Lady Wilson, who as soon as the sad news reached Buckingham palace, was waited upon by an enquiry sent by the King and Queen, bearing an expression of their sorrow. The Prince of Wales also sent a personal messenger, and the dinner which was to have been given today in celebration of his birthday, has been abandoned.

Prime Minister Lloyd George sent this telegram: "I am deeply shocked at the ghastly crime. I can find no words to express my consternation and grief. Please accept all my sympathy in your terrible trouble." Efforts to trace the crime to the instigation of any special persons or parties in Ireland has not succeeded.

In Ulster it seems to be widely taken for granted that the Irish republican army was responsible, but no proof is offered and General Owen O'Duffy's denial stands unchallenged.

The Irish chief of staff also told inquirers that the fact that one of the murderers carried a copy of the I. R. A.'s official paper was without significance, as the paper has been on sale in public book stalls for some time.

All reports from Ireland indicate that the murder has produced an uneasy feeling among law abiding people, apart from the natural indignation at the cold-bloodedness of the crime. The Belfast correspondent of the Times telegraphs his paper that if the assumption there that the Sinn Fein was responsible shall prove correct, the situation will immediately become one of extreme gravity. Popular opinion is already inflamed, he says, the feeling along the order being if anything more excited than in Belfast.

Red Chief



A. L. Rykoff, shown here, together with J. V. Stalin and Leo Kamenef, are said to be administering the affairs of Soviet Russia during the illness of Nikolai Lenin, Russian premier.

AGAINST HISTORIES NOT CONFORMING TO FACTS

Dames of Loyal Legion Urges Patriotic Societies To Press Campaign Against Use of Unfair Histories.

WASHINGTON, June 23. — Mrs. John A. Logan, president of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, stated here today that that organization would urge other patriotic and educational societies to press their campaign against use in the schools of any state of histories that do not conform to facts.

PLENTY OF MUSIC AT THE ROTARY LUNCHEON

Jazz Orchestra From Jack King's Comedians Delights Rotarians—Biggest Noon Meeting Ever Held.

Featured by the playing of Jack King's jazz orchestra, Thursday's Rotary luncheon, the largest noonday meeting in the history of the club, was thoroughly enjoyable. The musicians from the show troupe put up a fine exhibition of fancy work on the trombone, xylophone, saxophone, etc. They were repeatedly cheered. Songs and a short speech by Jack Vincent, a former Rotarian, of Harrisburg, Illinois, were also enjoyed.

Charles Mainwaring, a pianist for fair, delighted the Rotarians with several excellent selections. The program was interspersed with music from beginning to end. The w. program committee, John Neal, Hugh Query and Clyde Bivens, had charge of the arrangements for the day's entertainment.

For the boys' work committee, Joe Separk reported the presence of Mr. Mahaffey, who is in Gastonia for the purpose of getting started Rotary Park and Camp near Crowders Mountain.

Dr. J. M. McConell, of the Davidson college faculty, was a guest and made a short talk. He stressed the fact that Davidson college, the scene of many a good football and baseball game, was distant only one hour and a half's drive from Gastonia by way of Mt. Holly and invited the Rotarians to visit the college.

Among the guests were Dr. McG. Anders, Messrs. S. N. Boyce, J. Y. Todd, Linkrupp, E. O. Jennings, Melvia O'Grady, E. W. Plexico, Erskine Boyce, Charles Mainwaring and H. A. James.

The next meeting will be held Thursday noon of next week.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATE AND MINISTER BERRATE EACH OTHER

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SENATE TO PROBE PRICE OF GASOLINE

WASHINGTON, June 23. — Plans for the senate investigation into gasoline price increases moved forward a step today by the employment by the manufacturers' committee of Gilbert E. Roe, Madison, Wis., as counsel, and decision by the committee to submit questionnaires to all oil interests on gas and oil holdings.

Mr. Roe is a former law partner of Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, chairman of the committee.

PUGLIST AND CAB DRIVER GET 14 YEARS FOR MURDER

CHICAGO, June 23. — William (sailor) Friedman, puglist and William (Red) Cohen, taxi cab driver, were convicted of murder and sentenced to 14 years each in the penitentiary this morning before Judge John R. Caverly. David Edelman, brother-in-law of Judge Joseph Schulman and Max Miller, brother of Hirsche Miller, were found not guilty.

NEGRO FARMERS MADE GOOD CORN YIELDS

WASHINGTON, June 23. — More than 14,000 negro farmers in North Carolina, Texas and Virginia who raised 90,000 acres of corn last year under the advice of county agents, employed co-operatively by the Department of Agriculture and State agricultural college, obtained average yields of 35 bushels an acre. The average for all farms in these states ranged from 17 to 25 bushels an acre, the department said today.

SHERRIFF SAYS SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND

MARION, Ills., June 23. — (By the Associated Press.) — Sheriff Melvin Thaxton, of Williamson county, today replied to Governor Small's request for an official report on the Herrin mine battle by telegraphing that "the situation is well in hand, there is no danger of further outbreaks and there is no need for troops."

VICTIMS WERE SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD AFTER THEY HAD RAISED THE WHITE FLAG OF SURRENDER

METHODISTS WIN FIRST FROM A. R. PRESBYTERIANS

Gastonia Sunday School Baseball League Gets Started Thursday Afternoon—Seppark Pitches First Ball.

The Inter-church Baseball League opened Thursday afternoon with the initial game being played between the Main Street Methodist and the First Associated Reformed Presbyterians. The shouters took the game by a tally of 10 to 1 from the Seceiders. Prof. Joe H. Seppark, president of the association, tossed the first ball of the game, and of the season. The game was not as loose as the score would indicate. The losers put a patched up nine on the field to hold up their colors. Three of their regulars failed to show up. Seppark stated that they had journeyed over to the city across the river to spend the afternoon hurling top bottles in the Sully league. However the game went and star with Anderson, former Fishburn star, holding the A. R. P. batters to one lone single. Parker found the going hard, due somewhat to poor support. He was touched for eight safeties.

Neither pennant contender scored in the first three games. In the following frame Coach Powell's prodigies pushed four runs over the rubber with bunched hits. Here "Peter" Grier's pep began to slacken. For the first three innings his yelling of "They haven't got any where yet," was all okay but his loudness soon ceased and the high first sacker couldn't find another motto in time to help his mates out of the hole. The latter were presented with their lone tally in the fifth round. Parker was safe at first when Judge-to-be Mason let one go through him. Henry drew a base when Anderson hit him with a pitched ball. Hanna was safe on a foul. So, with the bases loaded to capacity and Mr. Bob Wilson at the plate, young Anderson issued a base on balls. Thus the Seceiders were not white washed.

The winners got two tallies in their half of the fifth and pounded the pill in the sixth, running the grand total up to 10 with safeties registering at table number 8. Both nines showed sparks of earnest playing at times.

Very little Rotary Kiwanis league stuff was pulled during the afternoon. Anderson's pitching stood out, Johnson's hitting featured with the pounders, and Spencer's fielding at the hole between third and the middle sack was exceeding ly good. Had Parker been given better support, doubtless the score would be several points off.

The A. R. P.'s were unable to get their hitting eye on the 'ol pill when hits meant runs.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, June 23. — Cotton futures closed quiet, spots 79 points down. July 21.70; October 21.70; December 21.53; January 21.40; March 21.34; May 21.19; Spots 22.20.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Receipts 15 Bales Price 22 Cents (subject to good middling)

Citizens of Community Laugh and Joke Over the Affair and Boast That It Does Not Pay to Try to Break a Strike in That County—No Arrests Made, No Grand Jury Summoned.

HERRIN, Ills., June 23. — (By The Associated Press.) — Official investigation of the mine war which killed from 27 to 45 near here, began today in response to insistent demands from Governor Leu Small for action by local authorities, when Coroner McGowan announced that an inquest would be held immediately and State's Attorney DeLois L. Duty stated that a special grand jury would be convened following the inquest to investigate the massacre.

The state's attorney expressed doubt that any definite results would be obtained through the investigation, saying that it was virtually impossible to obtain evidence. He insisted, however, that every possible step would be taken and telegraphed Governor Small an official statement to that effect.

HERRIN, ILLS., June 23. — (By The Associated Press.) — Herrin today remained quiet after the wild disorders of yesterday in which at least 27 men were killed and an unknown number wounded when 5,000 union miners and sympathizers attacked approximately half a hundred imported steam shovel men and laborers working in the Lester strip pit of the Southern Illinois Coal Company.

County officials maintained that since no one remained at work in the strip pit that of itself was a sufficient guarantee against further outbreaks and asserted that 1,000 members of the Illinois national guard ordered to mobilize in Chicago for possible duty here were unnecessary.

An inquest into the carnage wrought by the miners and their supporters, when influenced by moonshine whiskey and angered at the efforts of the strip pit workers who had been termed in a telegram from the mine workers' international chief "common strike breakers," they were downed at dawn on the huddled group, was set for today. However, until late last night, no official investigation of the affair had been taken, no grand jury had been summoned, and no arrests had been made.

Miners in Herrin streets openly boasted that they participated in the infliction of deaths by gunfire, hanging and dragging through the streets in a veritable Roman holiday, but there was no action against them.

That the death list would be increased today seemed to be the consensus of opinion. Fifteen bodies were weighted about the necks and cast into a pond, a miner told a correspondent for The Associated Press, and the area over which killings occurred was estimated at fifteen square miles of hills, timbered land.

The statement of Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois branch of the United Mine Workers of America, issued at Cincinnati, that his information indicated that 44 men had been killed, was interpreted as meaning that the entire number of besieged strike breakers had perished, although of his own knowledge The Associated Press correspondent could account for but seven more than a score of bodies. Mr. Farrington was expected to reach Herrin tonight.

night and today laughed and pushed over the affair and proudly boasted that "some of these days people will realize that it doesn't pay to try to break a strike in Williamson county."

In the morgue, women and children, as they passed through, commented on the accuracy of the shooters who brought down these victims.

Men who openly boast that they were in the attacking force related with apparent pride the stories of what in war times would be called brutality. The story of the attack on C. K. McDowell, strike breaker's superintendent, was related by many. McDowell, with only one leg, was beaten to death with stones before being riddled with bullets, according to persons who say they were eye witnesses.

He refused to march with the other prisoners who were tied together and told to run down the road between lines of attackers who poured their lead, rifle and pistol bullets into them as they fled, saying that he'd just as soon die where he was. He died where he was said to have made this statement.

The mine strike was footed and one man, with some \$1,500 in bills, stood with a semi-circle of men around him and dealt out the bills like cards, according to wounded men who were there.

The correspondent saw men wounded almost to death, kicked around in the screeching sun in dusty roads. He saw men chased through fields like rabbits by shouting persons who opened fire, one catching him accidentally between two fires. Surrounded by armed men, he saw a knife plunged into the throat of a wounded man who in his dying breath gasped a plea: "In the name of my mother, in the name of your mother, in the name of our God, give me water," only to receive laughs and jibes such as: "Where you're going you won't see water," as a reply.

Mothers carried babies into the morgues and up to piles of bodies in the roads with such remarks as: "Take a look at what your papa did, kid."

He watched a man walk to the bedside of a dying man and console him and pour at him as he breathed his last. Through it all, although the light area was traversed a dozen times, there was not a word of sympathy heard for a victim. The sentiment seemed to be that strikebreakers deserved slaughter and that these had received it.

Few of the dead could be positively identified. Most of them had been rifled of all effects. After lying piled in the morgues yesterday, they were embalmed last night. Scores watched the process as all through the night making unprintable remarks about the bodies.

That today would bring official action of some kind was undoubted. That this action would bring little in the way of results was the prediction of most everyone in touch with the situation.

The order to hold 1,000 men of the militia in readiness in Chicago, was greeted on the streets here with sarcastic comment. A member of the police force told the correspondent that if troops were sent here to "take the night police force and clean the moult," inquiry developed that he himself was the night police force.

The request of the governor for an official report brought more sarcasm, the gist of which seemed to be that there was nothing to report officially.

Official statements were scarce. Everyone talked of the fight and many freely related their own experiences, yet none even knew of it—officially. It was killed simply "dropped dead," it was explained, when official statements were asked. No one was murdered, it was said—officially. It was remarked that there had been 27 other killings here since January 1.

Early this morning several newspaper men were privately informed that plans were afoot to burn a number of mines which in previous years had seen labor troubles. The correspondents were told to go to a certain mine at one o'clock this afternoon and they would see what was termed a "party."

Many automobiles carrying men passed in the direction of the mine mentioned, but there was no fire and no trouble.

is a heap of ashes, for it was set on fire. All that remains of the Lester mine shortly after the attackers captured it. Mr. Lester, the owner, was reported to have come here from Chicago, but no one had been able to find him this morning.

Early today Sheriff Thaxton told newspaper men that the situation was well in hand and there was no danger. That was the only official statement in the early hours of the day.

GOV. SMALL DEMANDS ACCOUNT OF CONDITIONS SPRINGFIELD, Ills., June 23. — At 8 o'clock this morning no response had been received here to Governor Small's demand last night that the state attorney and Sheriff Thaxton of Williamson county give an immediate account of conditions and prepare to bring the mine rioters to justice. Adjutant General Black announced he was momentarily expecting a call from Colonel Hunter, his representative here, but he heard nothing from him since last night.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight and Saturday.