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CHINA TORN BY CONFLICTING ELEMENTS

MANY OLDER STATESMEN PREFER MONARCHIAL TO REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT FEARING THE LATTER WILL CONTINUE TO DISORGANIZE

SOUTH PREPARING FOR SECESSION

(By Ralph Sturmer.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, July 6.—Southern China provinces have established a provisional government at Nanking, according to a Reuter dispatch received here.

The news indicates a secession of the southern tier of Chinese states from the attempted restoration of the monarchy.

Tokio, July 6.—An endless clash in China seems to lie ahead. Dispatches revealed that the makeshift monarchy is tottering on the throne.

President Li Yuan Hung, former president of the republic escaped through the backdoor of the palace and has lost every vestige of power and influence.

The southern provinces are preparing a secession from any Manchu ruler.

An armed clash is impending between Tien Shin belligerents and two factions of monarchists.

A rank monarchist, Hung Sun, who attempted the dictatorship of China through the thin disguise of restoring the monarchy, issued one proclamation after another, the latest act being the creation of President Li Yuan Hung a prince.

The northern militarists and a majority of the older officials of China would welcome the return of the monarchy.

Many republicans like Dr. Sun Yat Sen prefer the monarchy because of the dubious success of the republic at this time.

The greatest opposition to the monarchy exists in the southern section which however, in a military sense, is inferior to the north.

Japan has expressed herself as being firmly neutral at present though she is closely watching every move of the many conflicting elements in China.

SENIORS DUEL IN BACK YARD

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Dueling Popular in Argentina, July 6.—Items like the following which appeared in the Buenos Aires Herald recently, are seen frequently in the Argentine press:

"In the 'quinta' (dooryard) of Dr. Delcasse, a prominent lawyer, situated in Belgrano (a Buenos suburb), a duel with sabres was fought yesterday between Senores Manuel Rocca and Ezequiel B. Casbas before several witnesses. Senor Rocca was wounded slightly in the first assault, when the duel was called off and the antagonists became reconciled upon the field of honor."

For hitting a man with your fist, if blood is drawn, the minimum Argentine penalty is six months' imprisonment without the option of a fine, but the police never pay any attention to duelists. Argentine duels, too, sometimes result fatally.

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, July 6.—The "blind tigers and his boss are the guilty parties most answerable for the horrible wreck near Franklinton in which four railroad engineers and firemen were killed and thousands upon thousands of dollars lost in the fire which followed and destroyed the freight of food and costly locomotives and railroad cars and equipment.

Mean liquor, probably "doctored" put the boy operator to sleep, "after taking but one drink that night" (according to Young Jacobs statement in the Raleigh jail Sunday), to awaken when one of the trains came into his station—and he confusedly turned on the wrong signal and fails to stop it there to await the train it rushed into a few miles beyond.

Jacobs here for safe keeping (because of excitement at Franklinton) is given a good name by railroad associates and others, a record for six years (since he was 14 years old, for he is not yet 21) has been good with the Seaboard road people. Of course he should not have taken that "one drink" and it may have been more, but the criminals who sold it to him, the whiskey selling "boss" even more so than the "blind tiger" runner he employs, are the culprits the law ought to get for this latest job of the liquor sellers the man who has caused more crimes and trouble.

National Guard Week. Adjutant General Royster and Assistant Adjutant General Peterson are hoping for and expecting a hearty response this week to the call for voluntary enlistments in the National Guard. The "4th July week" was set apart for the express purpose of recruiting North Carolina's quota up to full strength. Some 4,000 more men are to be added and it is the best opportunity any of the registered men will have to connect themselves with home regiments and not be assigned indiscriminately to companies in regiments of other states when they are drafted later on.

Current Comment. There was not much excitement in Raleigh among the contingent not yet entirely weaned from the liquor battle when the express company delivered its last shipments of booze Saturday night, but a great many signed up and got their last quart. Hereafter the blind tigers and the moonshiners must furnish the only available supply. Uncle Sam's officers are now charged with greater official responsibility and will be correspondingly more active, since the Reed Federal "bone dry law" became effective July first, and the violators of the U. S. and state laws ought to be reduced to the minimum.

The operation of another Federal law, just effective, will be watched with much interest and concern, especially by the cotton mill people, is the Keating anti-child labor law. The elimination of many children over 12 years of age who have been working in the 300 textile mills of North Carolina is bound to have an effect on labor at once—and more so later on if men are drafted in large numbers for service in the war from this section.

CANADA PASSES CONSCRIPTION

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Ottawa, Ont., July 6.—At day break the Canadian house of commons passed the second reading of the military service "conscription" bill by a majority of 63. Laurier's referendum amendment was defeated at 3 a. m.

The bill will now be advanced for the third reading, and then will be taken up by the senate with every possibility of passing without much debate.

GERMANS STILL ON OFFENSIVE

(By United Press)

Paris, July 6.—Germany still continues her offensive against the French lines but no massed infantry attacks have been reported since the repulses of early in the week.

DEATH THREATS EXEMPTION MEN

(BY UNITED PRESS)

San Francisco, July 6.—Death threats are being sent to members of the draft exemption boards.

John J. Dudy, of the district board, has sent his resignation to Mayor Rolph because of the threats he has received.

Other members of the different boards have received like threats but have so far refused to take them seriously.

SIX MONTHS MARINE LOSSES

(By United Press)

Washington, July 6.—Report of the shipping board of the insurance bureau gives the information that for the first six months of 1917 the total losses have been nine times that of the preceding two years.

RESTRICT ALL GERMAN FIRMS

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, July 6.—German insurance companies and other German industries in the United States are being held responsible for a large part of the news leakage, is the statement of Secretary of Commerce Redfield, and further states "that as long as they are allowed to operate we should keep a very close watch over them."

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SENATE VOTES ON PROHIBITION

(By Robert J. Bender.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, July 6.—The whiskey men felt here "the handwriting on the wall" and that their business was doomed, so they are trying to "get theirs" while they can, explains for the recent big boost in red liquor prices.

Washington, July 6.—The famous trial of "Bosses" beer and wine before the United States senate is now at an end.

After three weeks of wordy battle the case is expected to go to the jury before sundown.

There is no doubt about the fate of "spirits." They have been given the death penalty.

Beer and wine however are expected to get a "not guilty" verdict.

The senate will convene at an early hour to hear the final plea of the counsel of the defense.

Two o'clock is expected to be the last hour of the trial, which is expected to be fiercely contested.

HOLLWEGG IN DIET TOMORROW

(By UNITED PRESS)

Berlin, July 6.—Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg will address the Reichstag either Saturday or Monday it is announced, and the country is waiting to see what reply he will make to the speech of the British premier delivered last week in Scotland.

"THE GIRL WHO DARED."

The local talent musical comedy produced at Madry's Opera House last night by Weldon talent was splendidly produced and would have done credit to professionals, and it is a satisfaction to those of us who wish Scotland Neck to appear at her best before visitors, that there was so good a house, and this is all the more surprising since there is a tent show in town, at prices that are quite attractive.

The girls, the dresses, the voices and the dancing came in for an equal amount of appreciation at the hands of the audience, and but for here or there some of the men appeared a bit stiff, for which they well could be excused, in view of the many fluffy ruffles abounding, the entire cast deserved great commendation.

Ed Hearne, of Company K, which by the way sounds quite romantic in itself, carried off the honors with a very delightful and well acted woman impersonation, and his vis a vis, the maid carried her part as a veteran.

Too much could hardly be said of the well rounded production, and all the cast deserve particular praise, included in this were Misses Burkheimer, Carrie Rowe, Eunice Clark, Bessie Owen, Lucile Owen and Kate Tilghman, also Mrs. L. W. Murphy, and the chorus. Of the men, other than Mr. Hearne were Messrs. Wm. Shaw, John Sledge, Stanford Travis, Ben Rodwell and William Capelle.

The quartette of Company K, gave several selections which received due applause.

COTTON MARKET

(By courtesy of the Western Union, Tarboro)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	24.90	26.45	24.90	25.45
Oct.	24.48	25.93	24.45	25.93
Dec.	24.66	26.15	24.60	26.15
Jan.	24.73	26.25	24.68	26.25
Mar.	24.85	26.32	24.83	26.32
May	24.95	26.31	24.95	26.31

Local market 24 1/2 cents.

SUBMARINE SIGHTED OFF VIRGINIA COAST

NAVAL SHIPS REPORTS PERISCOPE AT HAMPTON ROADS AND A FLEET OF VESSELS ARE HUNTING FOR THE INVADER.

DEPARTMENT SAYS IS FOREIGNER

(By UNITED PRESS)

MULES UNDERGO OPERATIONS

(By Henry Wood.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the French Army Afied, July 6.—Uncle Sam rendered France a great service in letting her have his mules—at a very good price—but France has returned the service a thousand times by solving the secret of a brayless mule.

When the American pack mule arrived in France to "do his bit" he of course brought his bray with him.

The mule was welcome but the bray—well any unusual sound on a battle field is undesirable. It might tip off the Boche to a surprise attack.

In an effort to put an end to the nightly "love song" of the pack mule the French military officers decided to separate the sexes, and all gentlemen mules were retained for service in one sector while all of the lady mules were taken off for service in a more distant region.

This produced very marked results. Nevertheless there still remained certain mules who either from force of habit or from conviction that both their love and their voice were strong that their lady loves would hear them no matter how far away they might be, persisted in making the welking ring with a gigantic bray just at the place and time when it would give the "Boches" the right cue for sending in a hail of shells, grenades and rifle fire.

The habits and temperament of the mule were then subjected to further and more profound study by the French and this time with more happy results. It was found that a very slight operation performed on the nostrils of a mule would render him as silent as a wrecked phonograph, and since then the American mules in the Vosges have met all requirements that could possibly be exactly from them.

MUST TRACE SPY MENACE

(By Carl D. Groat.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, July 6.—Short shrift will be the portion of any German spies that may be rounded up in the present hunt for the betrayers of the American transports.

The temper of everybody is that there should be no dallying with the men who endangered American lives by tipping off the American military information but that they should be made summary examples in the interest of future good conduct on the part of others.

Washington, July 6.—An American naval vessel claims to have sighted what is believed to be the periscope of a submarine in Hampton Roads, and reported same to the navy department.

Other naval ships at once took up the search, and Secretary of War Daniels, ordered a thorough investigation.

If the object seen was a periscope of a submarine it was definitely stated that it was not American.

AIRCRAFT BILL IN COMMITTEE

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, July 6.—The administration aircraft bill, authorizing the establishment of a gigantic aerial corps, was introduced in the house by Chairman Dent, of the military committee.

Hearings will commence Monday and the committee expects to report to the house next week.

A separate bill asking for appropriation of \$639,241,452 for the purchase and maintenance of aeroplanes is expected to be introduced shortly.

Stop Foreign Newspapers

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, July 6.—Foreigners unacquainted with the English language will be deprived paper reading as a wartime diversion if the recommendation that foreign language newspapers be compelled to print in English all editorial expressions and news bearing on this government's foreign policies is adopted by the government as a war measure.

The American League for National Unity, which is fostering the move, urges Federal legislation to enforce such a ruling and, if necessary, governmental control of all foreign language papers.

The league charges that most foreign language newspapers disseminate news, giving secret aid and comfort to the enemy and at the same time "only lukewarm support to the administration."

Admiral's Won't Lower Flags

(By UNITED PRESS)

San Francisco, July 6.—Hong Kai Yu and San Tuin Sing, admirals of the Chinese navy have refused to lower the flags of the republic of China on their vessels, and have further declared against the monarchy, according to a cable dispatch to a Chinese journal at San Francisco.

General Kuo Chang has been named as president pro-tempore at Nanking.