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Warn Americans To Leave China

Ask Mission Boards To Recall Workers; Further Reports Tell Of Increasing Foreign Danger.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—Exodus of Americans from the civil war-torn interior of China is gathering momentum under repeated official warnings.

A blanket message from Minister MacMurray at Peking to those in the northern section of Anwei and Kiangsu provinces, reported to the State Department today, added this area to the prescribed danger zone, which already included the great valley of the Yangtze.

Supplementary efforts by the department itself to induce missionary boards at home to recall their workers from the interior also were disclosed. They were made informally several days ago with the further statement to the mission heads that Consul General Gauss at Shanghai had urged recall to the United States of missionaries now taking refuge in Shanghai. Gauss said the international settlement was so congested with refugees that living conditions were becoming difficult.

Further reports from China showed increasing anti-foreign tension at Ichang, with "unfavorable reaction," presumably to the Nanking incident, feared. As a contrast, however, the situation at Amoy, which was the cause of recent apprehension, appeared relieved. Quiet prevailed there, Consul Putnam reported, and "the Chinese authorities assure the continuation of such a condition."

There was no further word from Wuhu, where a crisis was indicated in yesterday's advices, with an anti-foreign outbreak momentarily feared. At Hankow the situation was again described as tense, with Americans pouring in from interior points and being shipped to Shanghai as rapidly as possible.

The clash between British sailors and Chinese at Changsha where the American consulate has already been ordered closed, was officially reported, but without details. It resulted in a demand by the local Nationalist authorities for surrender of the Britishers involved, withdrawal of the British warship and cancellation of extra-territorial rights of British subjects. The British consul has ordered all British nationals out of the area.

Orders from the legation at Peking to clear northern Antwei and Kiangsu of Americans probably are based on the expectation that the tide of war is to pass through those regions as the Nationalists drive toward Peking in a final struggle with the northern war lords for mastery of all China south of the Manchurian wall. The two provinces are still in northern hands, but with the Cantonese advancing. There are indications of a wide enveloping movement against Peking as a part of the southern strategy.

The statement made by the Japanese to Chang's representatives that the Nanking outbreak indicated lack of control by the Nationalist leaders over their subordinates caused Minister MacMurray to warn Americans to evacuate Nationalist territory. —Associated Press.

Women have not invaded the ships. The only ship they have command of and steer is courtship.

A Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Raymond Woodall recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer:

j.w.l.riobnr

Read's Deputy National



Jerry South, Special Deputy for Senator Reed of Missouri, who has been ordered to seize ballot boxes in Pennsylvania for the Senate Investigating Committee. Sergeant-at-Arms Barry refused to seize the boxes under dispute, so Mr. South was named.

Pleasant Grove School Election

Is Defeated By 120 Votes; Registration of 577; Fourth Election Held.

The school election held in Pleasant Grove township Tuesday, March 29, to determine whether or not that section should have an eight months school, was defeated by 120 votes. The election, if carried, would have provided a tax not exceeding fifty cents on the hundred dollars worth of property for the maintenance of the extra term above six months, and a suitable building would have been erected by the county to take care of the 1400 school children within the radius of such a school. Considerable interest was manifested in the matter, hard work being done by both sides. Five hundred seventy-seven voters registered for the election, 169 voting for it and 253 against it.

This is the fourth election that has been held in an effort to get a good school in Pleasant Grove. Several reasons all of which combined to defeat the election have been assigned. There has been strong opposition all along to the movement, the opposition going so far as to contest a previous election which was carried by a small majority. The case, however, did not go to court, and a change in the county policy about that time automatically cancelled the bond issue. The recent election was called in accord with the new plan for financing the large schools in the county system.

MRS. DAVIS SPEAKS AT JEWISH TEMPLE

Mrs. Joe Davis, of Smithfield, spoke at Temple Beth Or Sunday morning, March 20, in celebration of the Feast of Lots, or the Purim.

"Purim means lot, fate, destiny," she said. "At times the lot of the Jew has been exceedingly bitter. Frequently his fate, suspended by a slender thread has hung precariously in the balance. But—his destiny has seemed subject always to the control of divine Providence. Even when mighty torrents of brutality swept over him, and pages and pages of suffering were inscribed in his history, the ultimate destiny of the Jew loomed up as an indestructible something—that could not be affected by the vicissitudes of fate and of fortune.

"A watchful, protecting Force, safeguarding the future destiny of the Jew, even when his immediate presence appeared hopelessly destitute, seemed to stand always in the background of history."

The Purim narrative will never cease to hold a fascination for the Jewish race, she stated, adding that the physical occurrences significant though they were, do not constitute the sole motif of the celebration. The story teaches the race not to despair in the face of grave danger, but to make God the guide and shield, she added.

Mrs. Davis is treasurer of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women.

Hold Up County Highway Loan Recorder's Court

Individuals At Benson Serve Restraining Order On Highway Commission To Prevent Re-lending of \$500,000 To Build Another Road.

RALEIGH, Mar. 31.—A restraining order preventing the Highway Commission from accepting the continued use of the \$500,000 loan from Johnston county to build a new road through the county instead of repaying the county loan under the terms of the law passed by the 1927 Legislature, was served on the commission yesterday.

The order, signed by Judge W. A. Devin, is returnable before Judge W. C. Harris in Smithfield on April 18. It also restrains the county commissioners of Johnston county from carrying out their part of the agreement in loaning the money. Provisions for continuing the loan were made before the Legislature passed the law providing that no more county loans should be accepted by the Highway Commission, subject, however, to the approval of the full board of commissioners at their next meeting which will take place April 6.

The funds were first loaned the Highway Commission to pave route 22 through the county, and this contract went to the Supreme Court to test the validity of county loans. The commissioners of Johnston county then proposed that the Highway Commission keep the loan and use it to open up a new road running north and south through the county, leaving route 90 at Zebulon just outside the northern limits of Johnston county, and running via Smithfield to connect with the road at Newton Grove which is just outside the southern limits of the county.

The restraining order was brought by individuals at Benson, which is in the southwestern corner of the county, and which would not be materially affected by opening up the new road.

INTEREST DEEPENS IN BISHOP'S CRUSADE

The services conducted each evening this week at St. Paul's Episcopal church have been helpful and full of interest to those who have attended. The rector, Rev. Sidney Matthew, is being assisted by Rev. W. A. Lilycrop, of Hamlet, who has preached with an earnestness that has made lasting impressions upon his hearers. Tuesday evening, upon the topic, "Losing Touch With God," Rev. Mr. Lilycrop delivered a fine discourse, using Judas as an outstanding illustration of his subject. Wednesday evening, "Rejecting Jesus" was the subject of the sermon, while last evening "Suffering" was the theme dwelt upon. The subject for this evening is "Immortality," a subject that will have an appeal in itself. The preacher will use this text: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14. The congregations have increased with each service showing that the interest deepens.

There will be no service tomorrow (Saturday) night, and with Sunday morning service at eleven o'clock, the crusade will come to a close. "The Touch of Christ" will be the central thought of the discourse.

SINGING CLASS GIVES PROGRAM TUESDAY NIGHT

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage gave a very enjoyable concert in the school auditorium here Tuesday evening. A good crowd was present to hear these young people present their program, and as usual went away enthusiastic over the excellent training the Oxford institution provides. The program which was divided into three parts, included choruses, recitations, solos, duets, drills, and a cantata. Fourteen children were in the concert, which was directed by Miss Myrtle Muse, teacher.

A Fashionable Disease.
Prof: Ever had Psychology?
Stude: No, only scarlet fever and bronchitis

Number Cases In Recorder's Court

Tuesday and Wednesday Devoted To Trial Of On Criminal Docket.

Recorder's Court was in session two days last week, and the following cases were tried and disposed of:

Jesse Anderson and H. R. Bissett were in court for operating slot machines. Both pleaded guilty. Prayer for judgement was continued for two years in both cases upon the payment of the cost and on condition that the defendants do not allow any gambling device in or on their premises in the next two years.

Isaac Williams pleaded guilty to disposing of crops. The judgement was suspended upon the payment of the cost.

Sarah Deans, Charlie Lawhon, Berleone Deans and Bennie Stanell were charged with vagrancy. Charlie Lawhon, not having been taken into custody, was not tried. Sarah Deans was found guilty and was sentenced to jail for a term of 30 days. Berleone Deans was also found guilty and was sent to Samarcand for a period of two years. Bennie Stanley was convicted of aiding and abetting in vagrancy, and was sentenced to jail for 30 days to be worked on the county roads. He was also taxed with the cost of the action. Capias not to issue upon the payment of \$50 fine and cost. Stanley was also found guilty of carry a concealed weapon. He was sentenced to the county roads for 60 days on this count and taxed with the cost. Capias not to issue upon the payment of \$50 fine and cost.

Johnnie Bass entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging operating a car while intoxicated. He received a 60-day road sentence and was taxed with the cost. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$50 fine and the cost.

Will Mewborne was convicted on two counts—assault with deadly weapon and reckless driving. For reckless driving he was sentenced to the roads for 30 days and required to pay the cost. Capias not to issue upon the payment of \$50 fine and the cost. For assault he drew a 60-day road sentence and was taxed with the cost. Capias not to issue upon the payment of the cost.

Gaston Rand entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging obtaining marriage license by fraud. He was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

George Guilford was in court charged with resisting officer and reckless driving. He was found guilty of resisting officer. For reckless driving he was sentenced to the county roads for 60 days. Capias not to issue upon the payment of a \$75 fine and the cost.

The state took a nol-pros in the case against Timothy Parker, who was charged with assault.

George Guilford and Roxie Wilkins were convicted of prostitution. Guilford received a 60-day road sentence. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost. Roxie Wilkins was sentenced to jail for 60 days to be worked in jail for the jailer sees fit. The jail sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$50 fine and half the cost. She appealed to Superior Court.

The state took a nol-pros in the case against Albert Worley, charged with fornication and adultery.

Alton Hayes, Joe Tart and Rufus Herring were found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Each was sent to jail for a term of 30 days to be worked on the roads and required to pay one-third cost. Capias not to issue upon the payment of a \$25 fine each and one-third the cost each. Billie Smith, who was charged with resisting officer, was found not guilty.

The state failed to convict Charlie Hinnant, who was charged with disposing of crops without paying advances.

For driving a car while intoxicated, Ernest Strickland received a 60-day road sentence. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$50 fine and the cost.

DR. BOWERS TO HELP IN BAPTIST REVIVAL

Announcement was made at the Baptist church last Sunday that a series of revival meetings would begin May 9, in which the pastor will be assisted by Dr. B. A. Bowers, pastor of Broadway Baptist church of Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Bowers is a native of North Carolina, and is considered a very able preacher. He went to Knoxville from the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Baltimore, and during his seven years in Knoxville his church has had a remarkable growth.

The church will conduct a school of missions for about a week beginning April 17, Dr. J. W. Lowe, of China, to be the leading attraction.

Kiwanians Hear Inspiring Talk

Rev. W. A. Lilycrop, 1 Charge of Bishop's Crusade, Speaks At Luncheon Meeting; Report Of First Quarter's Work.

At the regular luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis club yesterday, Rev. W. A. Lilycrop, of Hamlet, minister in charge of the Bishop's Crusade at the Episcopal church, made an inspiring talk. Taking Matthew as the business man among the disciples of Jesus, Mr. Lilycrop pointed out the similarity between the ideals of Matthew and the ideals of Kiwanis. The speech by Mr. Lilycrop was one of the most impressive heard by Kiwanians this year. An interesting part of the program was the music by Mrs. W. J. B. Orr and her guest, Mrs. Wolfe, of Washington, D. C.

A number of good reports of the first quarter's work was made to the club by the committee chairman. President Ragsdale pointed out the fact that the Kiwanians had been active in public affairs and named among the things in which the Kiwanians had part, the Stone Mountain Memorial drive, the Henderson-Clinton highway, the advertising program of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and the bringing of an expert, Dr. DeLoach, to speak to the farmers on soil building.

DAVIDSON DEBATERS OFF FOR NORTHERN TRIP

DAVIDSON, Mar. 30.—A debating team representing Davidson College, composed of W. H. Branch, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., and L. D. Wharton, Jr., of Smithfield, will leave here tomorrow for a 10-day trip north, where they will meet four large institutions on the debating platform, an additional college being added since the schedule was announced a short time ago.

The subject to be debated is, "Resolved, That the United States should cancel the inter-allied war debts." Davidson will uphold the negative side against William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va., on April 1, while they will negatively contend against Gettysburg at Gettysburg, Pa., on April 4; Bethlehem College at Bethlehem, Pa., on April 5, and Rutgers University at New Brunswick, N. J., on April 7.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Intermediate B. Y. P. U., 6:45 p. m. All services will aim at special preparation for the revival meetings to begin early in May. Evening services will be distinctly evangelistic.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Sermons by pastor morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 7:30. Cristian Endeavor 6:45. Sunday school 10 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

He gave notice of appeal.

Henry Sanders was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Prayer for judgment was suspended for two years upon condition that the defendant is not caught again in two years and that he pay the cost of the action.

Deputy Talton Shoots Negro

Negro Resists Arrest With Hammer After Having Run Father and Mother Off With Axe.

Deputy Sheriff T. E. Talton shot and perhaps seriously wounded a colored man, the son of Ed Moore, in Clayton township, Wednesday in an attempt to make an arrest. A telephone message called the deputy to the home of Ed Moore, a respectable negro, living near Mr. Claud Sanders. Upon his arrival no one was at home except the son who was using a hammer about a post in the yard. Before either spoke, as Deputy Talton approached the negro, the negro made for him with the hammer, but when the negro was in hitting distance, and when he drew the hammer back to land a blow, according to the statement of Talton, it was necessary to defend himself with his gun. He fired, but even then the negro endeavored to pursue him changing the hammer to his other hand. The shot took effect in his hand and in his abdomen, and he is now in the Johnston County Hospital.

The trouble, according to the report which Deputy Talton got, grew out of the fact that the negro had a chicken-eating hog near his mother's chickens. His mother, who is said to be about 68 years of age, told him to move the hog. He became angry and beat her over the back with an axe helve. When the father interfered, he got the axe itself after him, and ran both his parents from home.

The negro is said to be a bad character. He has just recently served a sentence in the state penitentiary.

This is twice within a week when offenders of the law have resisted Johnston county officers, in the other instance, the officer, Deputy John O. Ellington, getting the worst of the resistance.

DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO KILL FORD HINTED

DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 30.—Sources close to Henry Ford said tonight that they considered the injury to the motor manufacturer last Sunday night, when his coupe was forced over an embankment, to have been a deliberate effort to kill him.

A "great many" investigators other than members of the Ford organization's staff have been placed at work, it was stated, and the automobile which dashed past Mr. Ford's car and swept it off the road is believed to have been identified.

As Mr. Ford, driving the light coupe of his own manufacture, neared the bridge over the Rouge River, the big car dashed towards him and forced him over the embankment just as he got clear of the bridge.

Mr. Ford tonight rested in his own hospital in no immediate danger, according to the one bulletin issued from his bedside by Dr. R. D. McClure, chief surgeon of the hospital.

There at first was a slight concussion, from which he has recovered, a "transient hematuria (passage of blood from the bladder) and Hemoptysis (expectoration of blood, usually due to hemorrhage of the lungs) which has cleared up," according to the doctor.

The injuries, which will keep the motor manufacturer abed for two weeks, consist of "severe contusions over the ribs and back, with considerable strain of back muscles."

Fixation of the chest and back by splinting has been resorted to. —Associated Press.

A CARD OF THANKS

How can we thank each and everyone sufficiently you dear friends for every kind thought and your prayers you had for us while my husband was in the hospital? Thanking you for the flowers, and thanking you from our hearts, we pray God's blessings upon you all.
MR. & MRS. LEE JONES.

Blonde Wins Again Beauty



St. Paul, Minn., seems partial to Miss Pearl Cramer, twice within a year electing her the city's "most beautiful," this time to represent her town in Galveston, Tex., spring beauty contest. She's a blonde.

Plans Complete For Poultry Car

Shipment Will Be Made From Selma, April 9th; Prizes To Be Given By Kiwanis Club.

SELMA, Mar. 30.—On April 9 all roads lead to Selma. This will be the occasion for loading the first car of poultry for which cash will be paid at the car door. This movement is being sponsored by the Kiwanis club of Selma and the merchants of the town. The Kiwanis club committee consisting of John Wiggs, Dick Massey, George Norwood and Bob Shirley have the duty of putting on this poultry car.

A valuable prize will be given to the farmer bringing the largest number of pounds of poultry to Selma on that day and the one bringing poultry the longest distance.

It is the purpose of the merchants of Selma and the Kiwanis club to make this a monthly event so the farmers of Johnston county will be assured of a market for poultry of any kind raised.

Due to the lack of time it was impossible to make arrangements to handle eggs with this car of poultry. However, it is the plan to have these arrangements perfected so with additional cars eggs as well as poultry will be purchased in any quantity.

The following poultry will be accepted for shipment: colored hens, leghorn, cocks, ducks, geese, turkeys, new broilers (heavy breed) new broilers, (light breed), friers and guineas.

OLDEST BUILDING AT COLLEGE BURNS DOWN

LOUISBURG, Mar. 28.—The administration building, oldest building of Louisburg College, was destroyed by fire early tonight. The structure had been in use since the establishment of the college and was very dry, burning rapidly. The fire department turned out promptly and did valiant service quickly getting three streams of water on the blaze. But the fire spread so rapidly that only a shell of the structure was left, the loss being total without insurance. The fire originated, it is thought, from a defective flue.

The building was used by the department of music, art and expression. Some valuable paintings and a number of pianos and other property were burned. Four pianos and some of the paintings were gotten out of the blazed building.

The burned out departments will be accommodated in other buildings, said President A. W. Mohn tonight, who said that there would be a minimum of interference with the work of the institution.

Louisburg College has on now a campaign for a million dollars and one of the aims is a new home for the departments which have been housed in the burned structure. It is expected that the fire will hasten the successful conclusion of the campaign.

Local Scouts Try For Championship

Troop Two Goes to Goldsboro Tonight to Compete With Benson Troop One and Goldsboro Troop Six.

Smithfield troop number 2 of the Boy Scouts will meet at Goldsboro tonight with Benson troop number 1 and troop number 6 of Goldsboro, to compete in a rally to decide the Tuscarora Council championship. Some time ago the local troop won the county rally, while Benson took second place. Troop numbers 6 and 1 took first and second places, respectively, in their section.

The members of the local troop are working hard and are showing up well. It is thought that they have a good chance to win, although they will face some strong competition in the Benson troop. A practice rally was held Tuesday night with troop No. 1 and a fine showing was made. Marvin Woodall is scoutmaster for local troop number 2.

The rally is being sponsored by the American Legion, and the Goldsboro organization is cooperating with the Scout movement in another way, having recently organized a Scout troop primarily for the under-privileged boy. The rally tonight will be held in the Memorial Community building.

The Scouts of troop number 2 have tickets for any person wishing to attend the rally. The troop taking the most people to "root" for it wins in this event. These tickets are free and may be secured from any Scout.

MAGNOLIA GARDENS ATTRACT VISITORS

CHARLESTON, S. C., Mar. 28.—A few plants of the first of the specie "azalea indica" brought to this country almost 300 years ago and planted by a South Carolina minister to "see if they'd grow" today have blossomed into the most famous flower garden in America, if not the world.

The spot, now known as "Magnolia Gardens" situated near here, attracts hundreds of visitors daily during the spring from every section of the nation. The variety of blossoms are almost without number, some containing shades of pink, others crimson, white, lilac, blue and purple.

While the estate, still in the hands of descendants of the original settlers, once contained many acres, much of it was sold years ago when it was found to possess valuable minerals. The gardens, however, comprise 24 acres of multi-colored azaleas, camellia-japonica and wisteria and 10 acres of valuable lawns bordered with giant water oaks. These oaks were planted in 1671 by the original owner.

The first plants "tried out" in the seventeenth century were sent to the Rev. John Grimke Drayton, from Pennsylvania following their importation from the orient. The rigid winters of Pennsylvania were found too severe and the minister was asked to use them and see if they would grow in South Carolina.

An idea of the immensity of the gardens now can be obtained from the fact that more than 100 persons are kept busy the year around caring for the plants. —Associated Press.

Watch for Tag Day—Friday and Saturday.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—
"Fokes dat lay down on de job am always complainin' bout hard beds."

