

FIRING KEPT UP AS AMERICANS LEAVE VALLEY

Uneasiness Over Conditions at Wuhu Where Anti-Foreign Outbreaks Momentarily Are Expected.

MISSION IS LOOTED

Some American Missionaries Refusing to Leave in Spite of Advice of American Authorities

Washington, Mar. 30.—(AP)—The removal of Americans from the Yangtze River valley of China was continued today to the accompaniment of constant firing from the shore at destroyers and other ships of refuge.

Reporting on the situation in the region here the situation has been most acute on the advance of the Cantonese Nationalist armies, Rear Admiral Williams, commanding the forces, informed the Navy Department that the Cantonese were firing shots at the river craft from Nanking and from other points along the river.

While there are apparent uneasiness over conditions at Wuhu, in Anhwei Province, where anti-foreign outbreaks, such as that which took place at Nanking, were reported to be momentarily expected. Anti-foreign agitation were reported by Consul A. G. Sanev, at Tsinanfu as having spread also to Shantung province, heretofore held by the Northern Chinese troops. Tsinanfu was quiet, but the anti-foreign feeling also was in evidence there, the consul said, and precautions were being taken for their protection.

Admiral Williams also reported the looting of the American Catholic mission at Fuchow, Kwangtung Province. It is believed his message referred to the same incident as was recorded in State Department advice Monday which said a mission had been looted at Fuchow. The occupants escaped.

The admiral's report indicated no serious disturbances today in Shanghai.

The evacuation of Yangtze points was said by Admiral Williams to be proceeding "satisfactorily" but he spoke of 47 American and British as having left Nanking while others were being thrown at them. Spanish missionaries and one American family, a Dr. Taylor and his wife, and children, declined to leave.

Dispatches from China reported evacuation of 47 Americans at Anking, further up the river, and it was believed here that Anking was the place referred to by the admiral and that his cablegram was "bullied."

Refuse to Quit
Shanghai, Mar. 30.—(AP)—Approximately one hundred American missionaries are refusing to leave their posts in the Yangtze valley, notwithstanding the advice of the American authorities to do so.

The rest of the missionaries are either on route to or will shortly leave for Shanghai, where the international settlement is affording a haven of refuge from the fury of riotous mobs in the ports and inland towns alone.

HUMPTY DUMPTY IS RUDELY OUSTED BY GIANT CAMDEN EGG

The mammoth egg from the Rhode Island Red flock of W. S. Bradford, City Route Three, was rudely ousted from its place of prominence on the editors desk late Tuesday by a bigger, if not better, egg from the Silver Laced Pouter flock of the Bartlett Poultry Farm in Camden County.

The latest entry in The Advance's big egg contest lacks a father's weight of four ounces, but submitted to the test of the Trim postal scales in The Advance business office Mr. Stafford's egg failed to measure up to the four ounce standard and balanced the beam at exactly three and a half ounces. The egg from the flock of F. N. White, Grady street, City, reported as weighing three and three quarters ounces has never been exhibited at the Advance office.

Unless there are additional entries this week, then, the palm in the big egg contest will go to the Bartlett Poultry Farm in Camden County. H. F. Bartlett is owner of this farm, but the egg was brought to The Advance office by Mrs. Bartlett.

UNIFORMED SOLDIERS WERE RESPONSIBLE

London, Mar. 30.—(AP)—It has been confirmed that "uniformed soldiers under direction" were responsible for the outrages against foreigners at Nanking, Foreign Secretary Chamberlain told the House of Commons today.

APPREHENSION FELT FOR SAFETY OF U. S. CITIZEN IN MEXICO

Washington, Mar. 30.—(AP)—Apprehension is felt by officials over the safety of Edgar Morris Wilkins, an American, who is being held for \$20,000 ransom by Mexican bandits in the neighborhood of Guadalajara. He was kidnapped with his two year old son last Sunday, but the boy was released to bring a note demanding ransom to the city.

Consul D. D. Dwyer has advised the State Department that he considers Wilkins in a "very dangerous" predicament.

Sheffield Directed Probe Kidnaping Of American

Washington, Mar. 30.—(AP)—Ambassador Sheffield at Mexico City was directed today by the State Department to make representations at the foreign office regarding the kidnaping at Guadalajara Sunday, of Edgar M. Wilkins, an American citizen.

Mexican military authorities at Guadalajara have been making efforts to obtain Wilkins' release and capture the bandits, thus far without success, so far as the Washington Government knows.

Wilkins is held for \$20,000 ransom. His ten year old son, captured with him, was released to take the ransom demand to Guadalajara.

CONCERT CLASS PLEASES CROWD

Odd Fellows' Orphans Give Entertaining Program at High School

A delightfully varied program was given Tuesday night by the Concert Class of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Goldsboro, here in the course of a tour of the Eastern and Northeastern parts of the State. The concert was given in the new high school auditorium before a good sized crowd. No admission fee was charged, but the audience responded liberally when a silver offering was taken.

There were many musical selections, including both vocal and instrumental, as well as orchestral numbers and a succession of bright dialogues, monologues and readings. Persons in the audience described the concert as the best ever given here by an organization of the kind.

The class came here from Hertford, where it gave a concert Monday night. From this city, the group went to Poplar Branch to present a program there Wednesday night. It will be in Goldsboro Thursday night, and at Silgo Friday night. Thence the class will go to Roanoke Island, giving concerts at Wanchese and Manteo on Saturday and Monday nights, respectively. A concert at Shiloh Tuesday night, April 5, will conclude the itinerary of the class in this section.

While in this city, the class was "under the wing" of the Elizabeth City Odd Fellows, who gave the children a substantial cash contribution before they left.

EIGHT MINERS DEAD IN GAS EXPLOSION

Pittsburgh, Mar. 30.—(AP)—More than 500 men were entombed by a terrific explosion in the Ehrenfeld mine of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation this afternoon, according to reports received here. The mouth of the mine was wrecked by the blast, it was said.

A U. S. bureau of mines rescue car, stationed at Derry, near Ehrenfeld, has been ordered to the scene.

Harrisburg, Ill., Mar. 30.—(AP)—Eight miners are reported to have been killed in a gas explosion today in the Saline County Coal Corporation's mine Number 2 at Ledford, five miles south of here.

GOVERNOR CAME NEAR HAVING AUTO WRECK
Wilmington, Mar. 30.—(AP)—Presence of mind of Hugh Davis, negro driver of the executive's automobile, probably saved Governor McLean from an automobile wreck late yesterday near here.

Four Men Dead And Eleven Children Fatherless

Chicago, March 30.—(AP)—Four men were shot to death here last night within an hour, making eleven children fatherless.

John Palumbo, 39, a contractor and his assistant, Jack Preto, were killed in their homes by Joseph Clemente, 39, who had lost his job and thought his family would starve.

A fourth man, Frank Palumbo, was shot and killed in his automobile by unidentified assailants, he is not related to John Palumbo, police said.

Clemente lost his job and went gunning for his employer. He found him sitting at his evening supper. He opened fire and slew Palumbo. Clemente then raced to the home of Preto and leveling a pistol over Preto's son shot Preto dead.

Police found Clemente entrenched behind a push cart in the yard of a relative. Clemente fired a volley, missed and raced for a shed. Two volleys from police guns struck him. He was dead when police found him inside the shed.

BEST CITY MUSIC CLUB WELCOMED

Among New Organizations Greeted at Convention at High Point

High Point, N. C., March 30.—(AP)—With a young artist contest, student contest, executive board luncheon, the 11th annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs began today.

An organ recital, songs late today, and reception, costume review, and choral rehearsal this evening marked the first day's program. The convention lasts through Saturday. Music lovers from all over the State were here.

Report of Mrs. William A. Harter, Elton College, president of the state federation, detailed the divisions into districts of the body. Piedmont, Mrs. Thomas F. Opie, chairman; Capital, Mrs. J. S. Correll; Southern, Mrs. H. O. Steele; Eastern, Mrs. William Spicer, and the western district to hold its convention and select its director later.

She reported and welcomed to membership at this convention: Elizabeth City Music Club, Elton College Glee Club, Musical Art Club of Fayetteville, Faison Music Club, Fremont Music Club, High Point College, Choral Club of High Point, Music Club of Lexington, Music department of the Woman's club, Liberty; Scotland Neck Music Club; Taylorsville Music Club; music department of the Woman's Club, Wilson; Junior Music club of Asheville; and Junior Music Clubs at Leasville, Burlington, Sanford, Thomasville, Winston Salem, and the Clinton Music Club.

CEMETERIES ARE NO PLACE FOR COLLEGE FRAT INITIATIONS
Raleigh, Mar. 30.—(AP)—City cemeteries are not places for college fraternity initiations, Raleigh police decided today, and State College Greek letter men sought other scary places to hold ceremonies.

Mistaken for grave robbers by officers, fraternity pledges found in cemeteries were ordered to keep out at night. The freshmen were seeking a certain verse on some tombstone in a Raleigh graveyard to copy and take to their fraternity brothers.

Initiations, however, continued today, with freshmen put to other shaky tasks before being sworn in as full fledged brothers.

MARINES ENTRAIN JUST BEFORE NOON
Philadelphia, Mar. 30.—(AP)—The North Atlantic half of the sixth regiment of Marines ordered to China to reinforce the sea soldiers on duty there are on their way. The movement of the 800 officers and men from the Philadelphia Navy Yard to four troop trains began shortly before noon and was completed in an hour.

MacNEILL'S SUIT IS CAUSE MANY SMILES
Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Mar. 30.—Members of the newspaper profession and others as well as smiling broadly as the result of the suit for \$5,000 damage brought here against one Ben Dixon MacNeill, high-voltage word-artist of the News and Observer staff, because MacNeill's "high powered" Duesenberg smashed the plaintiff's Ford. The smiles are due to the thought that any newspaper man might have \$5,000 for which he might be sued.

Some have feared that the publicity given the matter might add to the sublimation of MacNeill's ego, but it is generally agreed this would be impossible.

Italian Plane In New Orleans



Commander De Pinodo, the daring Italian aviator, is shown in the cockpit of his giant monoplane just after he reached New Orleans Tuesday from Havana, in his famous four-continent flight from Italy. His craft is a monoplane, and the motors can be seen above De Pinodo.

Miami Slowly Recuperating After Double Catastrophe, Says Elizabeth City Man

While the beautiful city of Miami, Florida, has recovered almost entirely from the immediate physical effects of the terrific storm last fall, there are still evidences of its destructiveness to be observed there, according to C. P. Brown, of this city, who has just returned, accompanied by Mrs. Brown, after having spent five weeks there. Mr. Brown is manager of the real estate holdings of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in North Carolina.

In general, the large, well-constructed buildings escaped serious damage from the storm. Mr. Brown observed, though many small, poorly built structures were leveled. He estimated that 50 to 75 such buildings, still in the condition in which the tornado left them, might be seen in a walk about the city.

Scarcely less devastating than the storm, according to Mr. Brown, was the real estate collapse that occurred last year. He described Miami folk as philosophical over their misfortunes, not inclined to expect much this summer, but hopeful of a substantial tourist business next winter, and the beginning of a steady return to prosperity then.

Mr. Brown described Miami as a most beautiful city, with an unusually large number of handsome buildings in its commercial section.

He stated that 60 to 75 per cent of the city's fine, large trees were lost in the storm, but that many of them had been replaced, with the result that the city as a whole showed few scars from the disaster.

Tales of starvation and suffering in Miami and other Florida cities have been exaggerated greatly, in his opinion. He declared there apparently was enough work to be had in Miami to keep everyone from starving, and that he saw no evidence of want. He quoted Miami business men as hopeful of being on their feet again in two or three years, though personally he expressed the opinion that real estate values would never again reach their peak figures of the past.

Mr. Brown said he was astonished at the number of tourists in the city, and at the multitude of fine yachts docked there. Among them, he mentioned the Corsair, owned by J. P. Morgan. Incidentally he was on hand for the famous race in which the yacht America made a speed of 43 miles an hour, and for the recent Hagen-Sarazen golf match.

All in all, despite Miami's magnificence, and the beauty of its suburban developments in Coral Gables and Coconut Grove, Mr. Brown declared he'd rather live in North Carolina. "It's too hot for me down there," he commented.

PYTHIANS FORM THIS DAIRYMAN NEW LODGE HERE HAS GOOD HELP

Large Delegation From Charity Lodge, Norfolk, Aids in Organization

Elizabeth City Pythians and "fresh meat" to the number of 46 gathered last night in the hall of the order at Road and Pearly street for the reorganization of the lodge here. The ceremonies were conducted by a degree team included in a delegation of some 40 members of Charity Lodge 10, Knights of Pythias, the largest lodge in Norfolk. The newly organized Pythian group here is designated as Elizabeth City Lodge 123.

Several members of Seaside Lodge 16, Portsmouth, were included in the visiting delegation, which motored here from Norfolk late in the afternoon, and left on the return trip at midnight. Three ranks were put on by the visitors. Heading the Norfolk group was H. V. Davies, deputy grand chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. This State's Grand Lodge is represented by George E. Lovell, of Charlotte, grand keeper of records and seals, in behalf of C. W. Coghlin, of Rocky Mount, grand chancellor.

BORAH PAINTS AL SMITH AS A DRY CANDIDATE

Sees Coolidge and Smith As Two Contestants for Presidency and Both Running on Dry Platform

SAYS IT'S EULOGY

Means No Disrespect to Al Smith but Praise; Advocates Friendly Relations With All the Nations

Utica, N. Y., Mar. 30.—(AP)—The 18th amendment and its enforcement will be endorsed next year by both big parties and their standard bearers will be President Coolidge and Governor Smith of New York, in the opinion of Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, Republican.

"I'll venture that the Republican party in National convention declares for the eighteenth amendment and its enforcement," the chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee said in an address before the Utica Republican Club last night.

"I'll venture that if Governor Smith is nominated for President he'll declare for the 18th amendment and its enforcement and not only that but will make the people believe in it.

"This is not speaking in disrespect of Governor Smith, out in eulogy of his great abilities. From the time he leaves Manhattan Island and crosses over into the United States, he'll be for the 18th amendment and its enforcement."

In an address at Syracuse University earlier in the day, Senator Borah predicted Coolidge and Smith would be opposing candidates.

"Do you think President Coolidge will run again?" the Senator was asked from the audience.

"I think he is entitled to the nomination and can have it if he wants it," he replied. "He would be a strong candidate."

"What do you think of Al Smith's chances for the Democratic nomination?"

"Your governor seems to be the accepted candidate at the present time. I feel quite sure he will receive the nomination, as he seems to have everything his own way right now."

In his Utica address the Senator advocated friendly relations with all nations, arbitration of the Mexican question and recognition of Russia. He upheld the administration's policy in China and arraigned United States policy in Nicaragua.

Referring to China he said: "The United States Government is simply protecting the lives of its citizens there."

He objected to the policy of Nicaragua "not so much because our Marines are there to protect life, but because we recognized the wrong individual."

He charged selfish oil interests with attempting to cause a break between Mexico and the United States and advocated arbitration of the question as to whether and held by Americans in Mexico should be in fee simple or as a corporation.

FORD IN HOSPITAL AFTER CAR HIT BY ANOTHER, IS REPORT

Detroit, Mar. 30.—(AP)—Henry Ford is in the Henry Ford Hospital for treatment for injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday and has undergone a minor operation. It became known today.

Fred L. Black, business manager of Mr. Ford's weekly, The Dearborn Independent, confirmed previous reports of the accident in a statement proposed by him and other members of the Ford organization.

Detroit, Mar. 30.—(AP)—It was reported today that Henry Ford was in the Henry Ford Hospital suffering from injuries received when his car was struck by another automobile Sunday night and knocked over an embankment.

Mr. Ford was taken to the hospital Tuesday night. It is believed his injuries were minor and that he was taken to the hospital he endowed, simply for examination. No information was obtainable at the hospital nor at Ford offices.

Mass and Saunders Air Difficulties In City Court

A ten dollar fine and a suspended sentence of 30 days in jail, conditional upon good behavior, were imposed today on M. Mass, laboratory technician, in recorder's court on a charge of assault and battery after an altercation with W. O. Saunders, editor of the weekly Independent. The trouble occurred Monday morning.

"Suppose he writes me up in his paper, and says something nasty that no man could allow!" Mass demanded, when Trial Justice Sawyer had pronounced judgment in the case.

"The court will take cognizance of anything like that," Mr. Sawyer assured him. "You are charged with assault and battery after an altercation with W. O. Saunders, editor of the weekly Independent. The trouble occurred Monday morning."

Mass pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery. He was not represented by counsel. Saunders was the first witness to take the stand, and testified that Mass, after demanding that he remove his glasses, made a grab for them and succeeded in snatching them off. They exchanged several blows before others separated them, he said. The encounter occurred in a downtown drug store.

Saunders charged that Mass had made repeated threats against him after the altercation, declaring vigorously that he would beat him with a club and would throw acid in his face. He said he regarded Mass as a very dangerous man, and that, quite frankly, he was afraid of him.

Mass declined to take the stand, but made a statement to the court charging that Saunders had called him a crook in the course of a telephone conversation several days before, and that he had "smacked" him over that.

In his testimony, Saunders declared that the trouble began over a printing bill incurred by Mass, in which he had finally put the account in the hands of a collector for issuance of a judgment with the idea of advertising it and "putting the community on guard."

Saunders said he did not call him a crook, as Mass alleged, in the telephone conversation in question, but did tell him that, in his opinion, he was a dead beat. On the stand, he expressed the opinion that Mass was mad, and should be examined by a lunacy commission.

Corroborating Saunders' testimony as to threats by Mass after the Monday morning mixup, Leslie Armstrong, member of the City Council, testified to having heard Mass declare in a downtown cafe yesterday that if it only cost \$50 to beat up Saunders, he was going to continue to beat him as often as he met him, and that if he caught Saunders alone, he would beat him until he couldn't see.

At the close of the hearing, Saunders offered assurance that, while he would not promise not to handle the incident as a news story in the Independent, he would not deal in unwarranted personalities against Mass.

In passing on the case, Trial Justice Sawyer expressed extreme regret over the occurrence, and stated that the suspended sentence was intended as a means of preventing a recurrence of the trouble. The courtroom was crowded for the hearing.

PREFERS MATRIMONY TO TERM IN COOLER
Preferring to journey into the uncharted mazes of matrimony, in a sentence that loomed menacingly ahead of him, Roy Hill, colored, was freed in recorder's court Wednesday after a hearing on a charge of criminal knowledge of a girl under 16 years of age.

FISHERMEN FAR FROM RECOVERY FROM BLIZZARD

Run of Shad Falling Off As Result of Storm, Declares Captain Barnett, Veteran of the Sounds

DEALT BODY BLOW

Little or No Hope of Recouping Losses Sustained in Destruction of Nets, Though Prices High

Roseate pictures of North Carolina fishermen recouping through remarkable catches of shad the losses they sustained in the terrific storm of March 2, when many thousand dollars' worth of nets were swept away, are discounted heavily by Captain W. O. Barnett, of the Globe Fish Company here. Captain Barnett has had nearly 20 years' experience in the fishing industry in the sounds and rivers of the State.

The storm dealt a body blow to the fishermen, according to Captain Barnett, not only in upper-alleed damage to nets, but also in breaking the exceptional run of shad which was in full swing when the blizzard struck. "Shad are still coming in, and they're making pretty good catches," he commented Tuesday afternoon, "but nothing like they were before the storm."

The veteran fisherman explained that the snow caused a heavy flow of fresh water from the rivers into the sounds, and thence through the inlets into the Atlantic Ocean. The shad, he declared, instinctively follow the salt water until they reach fresh. Consequently when there is much fresh water in the lower sounds, they never reach the fishermen's nets.

Captain Barnett said the fishermen in the low sounds, particularly in the vicinity of Stumpy Point and the Roanoke Marshes, were making fairly large catches, however, being closer to the inlets than those in Albemarle Sound.

Shad still are bringing fancy prices on the northern markets, New York quoting 53 cents a pound on roes Tuesday.

Captain Barnett's survey of conditions is borne out by figures of the Norfolk Southern Railroad freight office here on fish shipments during the season, up to Tuesday night. These disclose that the railroad handled 624 boxes of fish during the last week in February—the first week in which special facilities for fish were provided. At least 1,000 boxes are reported to have been shipped by express in February.

During March, shipments by rail reached a total of 2,870 boxes to date. In 1925, regarded as a fairly good year, 4,672 boxes were shipped during March. The total for March, 1924, was 3,691 boxes. Express shipments virtually stop when rail facilities are afforded, by reason of the difference in transportation costs.

SAYS AUSTRALIAN BALLOT LAW WHEN PEOPLE TRUSTED

Raleigh, Mar. 30.—(AP)—The Australian ballot bill will become law "whenever those responsible for the election machinery are willing to trust the people of North Carolina to vote as they want to vote," Senator J. M. Broughton, of Wake, reiterated today.

In speaking of other bills in the past Legislature, Senator Broughton said: "Among other things, that, without disparagement to Representatives who fought for a State-wide tax for support of schools and accepted the larger equalizing fund as a compromise, that Senator A. E. Woltz, of Gastonia had not received proper credit for his share in the fight for the measure."

STATE HAS \$20,000 IN WORTHLESS CHECKS

Raleigh, Mar. 30.—(AP)—The State Revenue Department holds about \$20,000 in worthless checks, including one for \$3,800, given by a corporation.

Commissioner R. A. Doughton said that most of the trouble is experienced with dealers and purchasers of automobile licenses. It is by no means, he said, infrequent for checks for taxes amounting to hundreds or even thousands of dollars to be returned, marked "insufficient funds."

The last Legislature placed a penalty of 10 per cent upon all worthless checks given the Department under any circumstances. It has been necessary for the Department to employ two additional clerks to look after worthless checks.

FERRY HEATH DIES AT NATIONAL CAPITAL
Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Perry S. Heath, widely known as a newspaper editor and former assistant postmaster-general, died here today.