

War Breaks Out In China; Many Americans Killed

ORDERS NINE BATTLESHIPS INTO THE CHINESE WATERS AT ONCE

Honolulu.—The American cruisers *Albatross*, *Marblehead* and *Cincinnati* departed for China. Sailing orders were received this morning following the serious turn of events in the Far East. Each ship carries 430 men, 38 officers, two airplanes, four 3-inch anti-aircraft guns and 12 6-inch guns.

A daily Express dispatch from Shanghai reports that fighting has broken out at Hankow and elsewhere between moderate Chinese nationalists and red extremists. Three hundred agitators, including foreigners, are said to have reached Hankow from Canton, reported moving toward Shanghai.

Brig.-Gen. Smedley D. Butler has arrived in Shanghai. He went into conference immediately with Rear Admiral Williams aboard the *Pittsburgh*. Shanghai, Mar. 25.—Friday, 9:30 A. M.—The fate of 155 Americans who American authorities at Nanking believe are still ashore was uncertain this morning, say dispatches sent from Nanking at 5 A. M. It is feared that some have been killed and wounded.

The Americans still believed to be in the city, which was the scene of riots yesterday, number 90 men, 45 women and 20 children.

No definite confirmation has been received of American casualties despite last night's messages from the city, except the wounding of a blue-jacket.

There are some Britishers also ashore and the Anglo-American authorities are attempting to negotiate with the Cantonese to effect the rescue of the remaining foreigners without further bloodshed, such as took place yesterday.

The Americans ashore at Nanking are those who failed to reach the Sconoy compound. It is believed that they remained at mission centers which are widely separated within Nanking walls. All who reached the Sconoy compound are believed to have been brought out.

The destroyers *Preble* and *Stewart* are still standing by at Shanghai awaiting any call for reinforcements.

The *Peary*, *Pillsbury* and *John D. Ford*, which were at Manila, are proceeding to Shanghai, while three other destroyers from Manila are going to Southern ports. The President Hayes sailed at daylight.

In responsible quarters the greatest anxiety is felt lest the Nanking outbreak will bring on a nation-wide anti-foreignism.

Consul-General Clarence E. Gauss, who has broadcast a radio warning to all Americans in the interior to come out as soon as possible, has telegraphed an account of the Nanking situation to all United States consuls advising them of its seriousness.

There are 145 refugees aboard the steamers *Kungwo* and *Lingchow*.

The report from Nanking telling of the killing of the foreigners yesterday said that the Cantonese, who had taken over the city from the Shantungese, suddenly began shelling the Standard Oil plant in the northern part of the city. A group of foreigners had taken refuge on Socoy Hill, preparatory to being taken to places of safety, and came under this fire.

Almost immediately, however, the American destroyers *Nox* and *Presnam* and the British cruiser *Emerald* opened fire on the Cantonese positions their heaviest guns to direct the gunners. American and British landing parties then went into action behind the barrage from the ships, fought their way to the Hill and took the refugees to the warships in the river. Some lives were lost in this operation. About 100 American naval men took part in the landing expedition.

The city of Shanghai itself was quiet yesterday after the damage that prevailed in the native sections early this week when the Cantonese took over the city.

Because of the cutting of telegraph wires between Nanking and Shanghai only meager accounts were received from the city, most of them coming by wireless.

Would Abolish Last of Existing Nuisance Taxes

BOTH PARTIES PLAN TO FRAME BILLS FOR PRESENTATION AT NEXT CONGRESS.

Washington, March 25.—The last of the war-time nuisance taxes would be abolished under present plans of both administration and democratic leaders in congress for the prospective revenue bill to be framed next session. Discussion of the measure has been revived recently with the forecast by Secretary Mellon of a \$500,000,000 treasury surplus for the current fiscal year.

The corporations would get next attention in the proposed half a billion dollar war slash and the remainder of the melon would go to the income taxpayers.

Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee who will have considerable influence in the final writings of the measure, believes a two per cent cut in the 13 1-2 per cent corporation levy is warranted. Democratic leaders also have urged a reduction in the tax which has not been cut since the war and which was boosted from the 12 1-2 per cent a year ago when the capital stock levy was eliminated.

A two per cent cut in this rate would cost the government \$200,000,000 revenue annually. Senator Smoot estimates, or almost half of the prospective total reduction now in sight.

Senator Smoot says income rates have been cut almost to the limit, pointing out that a man with two children now has to pay no tax on his first \$4,300 of income.

With the rate on the first \$4,000 income reduced to 1 1-2 per cent, leaders of both parties have indicated they would favor some consideration for the taxpayers with incomes between \$30,000 and \$100,000 on the ground that the surtax rates applying to these incomes have not been reduced in proportion to the slashes previously authorized on other incomes.

Of the so-called nuisance taxes still on the books, those on automobiles, theatre admissions and club dues have drawn the most antagonism and the early promise of Chairman Smoot coupled with the demands last session of democratic leaders for repeal of these levies, seem to assure their end.

Meanwhile, Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee, which will actually frame the bill for its trip through congress, is making no promises. He will call the committee into session in the fall.

Loris Home Economics Club

The home economics club of Loris met March 10th. The boys of the high school were guests at the meeting and the members of the agriculture classes assisted in giving the program, the subject of which was beautifying the home with flowers and trees. The following papers were read:

Need of Beautifying Our Homes—Geneva Suggs.

Planning the Home Grounds—Vera Suggs.

Walks and Drives—Luelle Cox.

Planting and Pruning Trees—Norman Rogers.

Vines and Shrubs Suitable for the Lawn—Elbert Todd.

A chart of trees and shrubs suitable for Horry county and their arrangements in planting was made by Mr. Naugher.

The guests were invited to the Home Economics room which was decorated in honor of St. Patrick. In a "green contest" Lohna Hazelton and Jasper Todd were winners of the prize which proved to be flower seed. Punch and wafers were served.

Ikey and Izzy were separating after an evening together, when Ikey said:

"Au revoir."

"Vat's dat?" asked Izzy.

"Dat's goodbye in French."

"Vell," said Izzy, "carbolic acid."

"Vat's dat?" asked Ikey.

"Dat's goodbye in any language."

What profiteth it a man tho' walking to save seven cents, he gain the whole fare but lose his own sole?

WANTS ORDER AT BIGHAM TRIAL

JUDGE BONHAM ASKS SHERIFF TO HAVE AMPLE FORCE OF CAPABLE DEPUTIES AT COURT

Hon. J. A. Lewis, Sheriff, Conway, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Judging from what I have heard of the former trial of Bigham, we shall have a large crowd at trial beginning April 4. I am determined that we have order so that the trial may go on in an orderly and expeditious way. Therefore, I want you to have an ample force of capable deputies who can and will keep order.

The space within the bar must be kept clear for the lawyers and jurors. When the court house (or room) is comfortably full, no more must be admitted.

Yours Very Truly,
M. L. BONHAM.

Grand Easter Ball For April 15th at Myrtle Beach

Myrtle Beach, March 28.—Considerable interest seems to be shown in this section by young people who are fond of "tripping the light fantastic", following the announcement that the popular Spanish Troubadours Orchestra of Charlotte will play for an elaborate dance, known as the "Grand Easter Ball", at Myrtle Beach on the evening of April 15. The engagement for the orchestra has been definitely closed and the manager has written that they will be at Myrtle Beach on the night named "with bells on" in brand new uniforms. The music itself will be worth the price of admission, and will doubtless attract a large number of spectators.

The dance will be given at the spacious pavilion where refreshing breezes from the Atlantic Ocean and the sun's musical ceaseless beat may be enjoyed in combination with the delightful rhythm of The Spanish Troubadours.

GROUP MEETING OF CHARGE AND CHURCH LAY LEADERS

Brother A. E. Goldfinch, District Lay Leader, presided over the meeting, which comprised nine charges of the Marion District. Rev. G. P. Watson read the Scripture lesson from the Psalms and lead in prayer. Brother Goldfinch introduced our Conference Lay Leader, Dr. J. C. Guilds, President of Columbia College, who spoke on the subject, "The Three Fold Object." "One Hundred Percent on all Assessments," "Promotion of Christian Stewardship" and "Organization of Wesley Brotherhood." Dr. Guilds spoke upon the two first objectives and mentioned the other because of lack of time. In the first objective he emphasized our vow to the church. Assessments involves the honor of the church, not to compromise, that the Southern Methodist Church may know that the South Carolina Conference has paid one hundred percent on the dollar. The need behind them has been cut to the bone. We should pay them because we are able to pay them. Two and one half million general conference assessments about one dollar and eighty four cents each. U. S. Estimate one billion four hundred and eighty six million dollars income. One tenth of our income, one hundred and forty eight million dollars, what did we pay? For everything one million nine hundred and eighty eight thousand, eight hundred and eighty eight dollars and thirty one cents should be paid because they represent a big and unselfish call of the church upon us. It is the test.

Second objective: Promotion of Christian Stewardship among the people, such is the Christian appraisal of opportunity, talent, money, education, time, every force that enters into our personality, according to the spirit and standard, stewardship is the handling that which belongs to another according to the will of God. A person can tell sometimes how, when and where he was converted, but why we are converted is also important. We are stewards of prayer, time and money. Two kinds of others, Pharisees and Christians that understand, sinners and Christians that do not understand, that do not tithe. There are one hundred million dollars that we are keeping from the church, should pour out such a blessing upon us there would not be room to contain it.

Brother Goldfinch spoke on the subject, "How the objectives can be promoted in the local church." First he emphasized, "we will have to carry these objectives to each member of the church. Second, organize according to the discipline. Third, pray definitely for definite results.

Brother A. C. Thompson spoke on the subject, "Part of the Pastor in the local church organization." He emphasized the proper organization, more enthusiasm in our work, give the folks enlightenment. We should call upon one another in order that we may do the work.

Rev. J. G. Ferguson spoke on the subject, "Part of the Church Lay Leader and the Local Church Programme." He advised every one to secure a copy of the late discipline, thereby informing themselves properly what the church would have them to do. To consult with the pastor to see that the committees do their work, advised them to subscribe to the official organ, "The Methodist Layman".

Instead of talking about your preacher, talk to your preacher. Our presiding elder, Brother Cantey, urged that we bring action, emphasized the importance of the meeting of the board of Lay activities, the reading of the pamphlet on the work of the Board of Lay activities, that the preachers get busy and make reports get every church lay leader to organize a class in each church on Stewardship, suggest as a textbook, "Crawford's Christian Stewardship", to secure subscriptions to the Methodist Layman, suggested that the meeting extend thanks to Dr. Guilds for his address, and his second trip to Conway for this meeting, because we were rained out before, thanks were extended by a rising vote.

There were all preachers present from this group, and every charge was represented by laymen.
W. O. RENDERSON,
Acting Secretary

Will Decide Fate Of Ed. Bigham

PETIT JURORS DRAWN FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF COURT HERE MONDAY

Following is the list of Petit Jurors for the special session of the court of General Sessions to be holden at Conway, S. C. Monday, April 4th, 1927. His Honor, M. L. Bonham, Judge Presiding:

- Corn E. Page
- W. Chap Martin
- W. Arley Allen
- A. I. Martin
- E. M. Gerald
- O. T. Clardy
- B. W. Tindal
- W. A. Moore
- Gardner Charter
- Frederic McNeill
- A. P. Cox
- H. C. Cannon
- J. C. Sarvis
- J. A. Phipps
- Herbert Lambert
- L. V. Todd
- W. D. Williams
- O. H. Chestnut
- H. H. Anderson
- W. M. Todd
- M. C. Johnson
- A. R. Anderson
- Lucian Willard
- E. A. Lilly
- N. B. Allsbrook
- Chs. R. Beverly
- E. E. Roberts
- W. O. Hucks
- G. Fletcher Hardee
- J. T. King
- Allie G. Long
- J. M. D. Cannon
- F. A. Singleton
- Sam W. Hucks
- D. G. Gerrald
- C. N. Richardson

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Baptists Leading in A Great Revival

The community is enjoying some of the very best preaching that has ever been heard here. The Rev. George P. White, one of Carolina's best Baptist preachers, is presenting these messages each morning and night. The services are held at 10 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. and large congregations are attending upon his ministry.

Mr. M. R. Osbourn is leading a splendid chorus choir to the spiritual uplift of all who attend.

Interest is deepening night by night and good results are being looked for, says the pastor.

Conway and community are cooperating in a most beautiful way. The friends of the other churches are helping in the song services in a way to insure success for the singing.

Following the enlargement campaign that was put on last week the pastor says this is the most fitting time he has ever led his church in a series of meetings.

Mr. Favell of Charlott, who led in the Enlargement Campaign said he had never before had such revivals of the need of a revival. Working in seven or eight states, Mr. Favell said he had not found in any other town the size of Conway so many unsaved people as here in Conway.

These meetings will continue thru Sunday and Sunday night.

We were asked to extend the invitation to all to have part in these meetings for soul saving.

MR. AND MRS. GLEN WELLS

IS NEXT LYCEUM COURSE TO BE STAGED AT B. H. S. AUDITORIUM APRIL 6th.

A musical and dramatic program of special interest will be presented here on the Lyceum course Wednesday evening, April 6th, and Mrs. Glen Wells, popular dramatic artists.

A principal feature of their program will be the presentation of "Atonement", a three-act play, written especially for Mr. and Mrs. Wells by Herbert Thomas, author of "Under Orders." A skillful use of dual roles makes possible a clever production of the play by only two actors. In the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Wells it is a vividly realistic play.

Preceding the play, which requires one hour for its production, there will be a charming musical prelude. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wells are accomplished musicians, as well as expressionists. Mrs. Wells is a gifted soprano and Mr. Wells a baritone. Together they will sing some of the favorite operatic arias and a group of simple heart songs.

State Sunday School Convention

The program committee for the State Sunday School Convention announce that the details of the program are practically complete. The sessions of this body will convene in Spartanburg on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 19, 20, and 21, 1927.

Among the out-of-state speakers will be Dr. Robert Davids of Chicago, Ill., Superintendent of the Division of Field Administration of the International Council of Religious Education.

The afternoon sessions of the Convention will be devoted to conferences on Children's, Young Peoples, Adult, Administrative Divisions of the Sunday School. Special conferences will also be held for Workers in Vacation Bible Schools and Week-Day Schools of Religion, also for officers of County Sunday School Associations.

The closing session Thursday night, April 21st, will be featured by a pageant presented by the playground workers of the city of Spartanburg.

GARDENING NOTES

Mrs. Dora Dee Walker advises that the following seed be planted in March:

Spinach, Carrots, May King and Iceberg Lettuce, Stone's Improved and Brimmer Tomatoes, Blood Turnip Beets, White Bush and Yellow Crook Neck Squash, Red Valentine, Refuges and Stringless Greenpod Bush Beans.

Legislators Are "Up Against It"

LONGEST SESSION ON RECORD TRIES TO UNTIE HARDEST KNOT

What is regarded by many as the hardest knot the state's legislative affairs ever found themselves tied-in, is that which the present general assembly is attempting to untie.

This is the longest session on record. At the same time it appears to many that the solons are just at the beginning of their hardest task. Enough work is ahead, it seems, to make up an entire session. And there appears little light on the horizon.

The House quit, last week in the midst of its consideration of the revenue program, wherein the House proposes to tax drinks, amusements, tobaccos, documents, in an effort to raise the money needed for state government. Just as the consideration of the revenue bill was nearing the end, a proposal was made of a general sales tax, and the House adjourned to next Wednesday night, with a special committee of nine, headed by Representative McLaurin of Marlboro, empowered to study the sales tax proposal and to make recommendations to the House.

But many say that the sales tax has slim chance of becoming law; if the voice of the people counts for anything. A few years ago a sales tax was proposed, and so loud was the protest that it was snowed under without a chance. Already this time the protest is being heard. A mass gathering of business people is called for Columbia next Wednesday, to oppose proposal. The meeting Wednesday was called by business people of Charleston, following a protest meeting held there Saturday. Similar meetings were held in Greenville and Florence. The sales tax would be disastrous, was the sentiment voiced at all of these meetings.

If the sales tax idea is abandoned, it leaves the House faced with the necessity of passing its pending revenue bill. If this or some similar measure is not enacted, it would mean an increase in the property levy and many legislators believe that Governor Richards would veto such an enactment. The legislators are in a quandary; never before have legislators in South Carolina been known to face such a situation.

The special committee to consider the revenue program will meet Monday afternoon. Its sessions will be executive and little of its work will be known before it reports Wednesday night. The outcome of the present situation is awaited with interest. Columbia Record.

Mr. Herzberg of the Conway 5c to \$1.00 Store on Main St., advises the writer of the opening of a candy counter in the store of this popular priced establishment. However, only box candy of several popular brands will be sold. There is absolutely no necessity of any one paying over one dollar for any good box of candy, says Mr. Herzberg, and I will see to it that Conway will have the opportunity of purchasing good candy at a good price. Please don't misunderstand, I said good candy, not candy of an unknown variety, but that of a popular brand and that of which everyone knows.

Since the last edition of the paper a Cameo Record Dept. has been installed and the latest hits in dance music songs, etc. can be heard. These records are very popular with the young and the old folks. Once again we advise you to visit this up-to-date store and enjoy the treasures it holds, the same as the writer did several weeks ago.

Nine-year-old Hughie, whose father is an electrical engineer, picked up a wasp. As he stood rpefully sucking, his thumb his father came upon him and asked what was the matter. "That bug's wiring was wrong," answered Hughie. "I touched him and he wasn't insulated at all."

Remember she advises that you make plantings every three weeks in order to keep a regular supply on the market.