

The Result of Deforestation

Fertile Country Now Subject to Frequent Droughts and Floods

Ruthless destruction of their forests by the Chinese is according to the United States Department of Agriculture...

Water courses have also changed; rivers become uncontrollable, and the water level of the country lowered perceptibly.

Floods and Famine Are Common. The Hwang Ho or Yellow River, which drains a large part of the famine district...

Human folly and short-sightedness have thus made a country fertile enough to support over 50,000,000 people into a place where man must ever be haunted by fear of starvation and destruction.

Extraordinary American Newspaper. Atchison, Kan., May 10.—The Atchison Globe is "all stuck up" because it has been selected as one of the seven most extraordinary American newspapers by the Editor and Publisher, newspaper magazine.

Out in Atchison, Kan., says the awarding committee in its report to the Editor and Publisher, "the Globe has set the standard in the compilation of personal items, told with a fine sense of the news involved in the small common places of street and town."

The Globe was founded in 1877 by Edgar Watson Howe who is well known as the Sage of Potato Hill. His country town sayings and other writings have been published widely in magazine and book form.

The Atchison newspaper is the only small daily listed. The other papers selected for their superiority in different fields were: The New York World, public service; The New York Times, news; The Springfield Republican, editorials; The Ohio State Journal, editorial paragraphs; The New York Sun, feature stories; The New York Tribune, typographical display; The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, use of arts; The Christian Science Monitor, ethics; Boston Transcript, dramatics and literary criticism; The Chicago Tribune, merchandising and advertising.

Paris, May 14.—The entry of German troops in Upper Silesia would provoke intervention by regular Polish troops which would mean war, and in such a war France could not remain neutral, according to expressions in official circles here today.

Pikeville, Ky., May 13.—Four persons have been killed and one wounded in fighting along the Kentucky and West Virginia borders during the last twenty-four hours, according to reports here.

The chances are the doom of jazz music will be sounded when it becomes known that English factories are using it to speed up their workers.—Norfolk (Neb.) News.

BERGDOLL WAS STAR PRISONER

Notorious Draft Dodger Was Accorded Extraordinary Privileges

Washington, May 11.—In giving a first hand account of the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the Philadelphia draft dodger, Sgt. John O'Hare, who was in command of the escort which started out with Bergdoll from Governor's Island for the mountains of Maryland...

There were no written orders except to stop off at North Philadelphia, meet the late Dr. Clarence Gibboney, Bergdoll's lawyer, and thereafter be guided by what Gibboney said, the witness declared...

Step by step he told of various moves, up to the moment when Bergdoll walked into a bath room to answer the telephone. He was never seen after that and to this day, the sergeant said, he does not know how he got out.

No amount of cross-examination could budge the witness from his statement that he was in entire ignorance of any plan to go out and dig up the buried gold, the object for which the prisoner was released in custody of O'Hare and York, another sergeant.

Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the draft evader, and James Romig, the man who was sent to Washington to get \$105,000 in gold from the treasury, were around the Bergdoll home all the time the party was there.

Japan Business Move to Curtail Military Expenditures. Tokyo, May 12.—Discussing the movement of Japanese business men to curtail military expenditures, the Yozuda, a Tokyo daily, with a large popular circulation, emphasizes how little the civil officials have to do with naval and army appropriations in this country.

The newspaper records the contention of the business elements that about 48.8 per cent of the budget is devoted to armaments, but points out that this is not unprecedented, because in 1897, subsequent to the Japan-China war, the percentage was 49.4 per cent.

"Apart from the question of the excessive nature or otherwise of the military expenditure, however, it must be pointed out that owing to the fact that the administration of the army and navy is in the hands of military and naval men respectively, no civil official—much less outsiders—are allowed to know the particulars of the military expenditures.

"It is for this reason that naval and military men are allowed freedom in the expenditures of public funds, unfettered by outside interference.

"It will be a mistake if this sort of thing is allowed to go on, while not wishing to overburden the country with more investigation committees, it surely is necessary in this instance that a committee be appointed so that careful investigation may be made into the items of naval and military expenditures before they are approved by the Diet."

Communism Not Popular in London. London, May 12.—The temper of the people toward the Communists who are permitted to preach their doctrines here unhindered, was shown by an incident in Trafalgar Square the other day.

After the strains of the "Red Flag" had been started at a Communists' meeting, a former officer, wounded so badly he could scarcely stand, stood up in front of the crowd numbering several thousand, and called for cheers for the King.

Alaska Invited to Make Exhibit. Juneau, Alaska, April 5.—Recommendation that Alaska send an exhibit of territorial mineral, agricultural and other products to the National Mining Exposition to be held in Chicago by the American Mining Congress October 17-22 was made to the legislature here recently by Governor Thomas Riggs, Jr.

DUTCH HAVE NO PREJUDICE

They Make No Distinction Between Home and Foreign Capital in Oil Fields

Washington, May 12.—Netherlands legislation does not draw any distinction between Dutch and foreign capital in the exploitation of oil fields and that government desires to see American capital take part in such exploitation, says the reply of the Netherlands government to the note recently presented at The Hague by William Phillips, the American minister, concerning concessions in the Djambi oil fields in the Dutch East Indies.

A summary of the reply was made public in a statement by the state department tonight which in addition to outlining the points made by the Dutch foreign office reviewed negotiations which had led to the formal exchange of notes.

Concerning the recent passage in the second chamber of the Netherlands parliament of an oil bill granting a concession to the Batavia company in the Djambi fields to the exclusion of Americans the Netherlands reply says that when last January, Mr. Phillips requested that American companies be permitted to participate in the Djambi concessions, the law had already been drafted and the question, pending the approval of parliament, had been settled.

The reply adds, however, that there are rich oil fields in both Sumatra and Borneo and the minister of colonies would be glad to make contracts with other companies for their exploitation similar to that already made with the Batavia company.

The Problem of Rate Making. Cincinnati, O., May 10.—Legal problems are becoming constantly more numerous and more important because of the tendency of legislative tribunals towards an extension of the regulation of business, a tendency stimulated by a loose construction of constitutional guarantees.

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"Substantial relief in freight rate can come only from radical changes in the Transportation Act, 1920. The hampering provisions for a disguised guarantee of income must be repealed and the enormous increases in operating expenses, caused chiefly by and resulting from Federal Control must be greatly reduced.

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Wild Cat in a Tomb. While superintending the city force at the cemetery one afternoon last week, Mr. W. D. Whitaker found where an old mother wild cat had made her nest in one of the old tombs in the southwestern part of the cemetery near the edge of the swamp and had left two little kittens there.

Mexico City, May 13.—Mexico cannot and will not sign a formal protocol as a condition to recognition by the United States, President Obregon stated today.

St. Louis, May 13.—The international fur exchange announced a deficit of more than nine million dollars in a circular to stockholders.

HORRY FARMER KILLED BY SON

Shooting Said to Have Been Accidental—Young Man Placed in Jail

Conway, May 13.—News was received here today that Will Hickman had shot his father on a farm near Myrtle Beach, this county, Tuesday afternoon, and from the wound received the father died on Wednesday afternoon.

The injured man was attended by Dr. Bell of Myrtle Beach, and is said to have made a statement in answer to a question asked him by the physician as to the nature of the shooting. The statement was to the effect that the shooting was an accident, that the accused had been pranking with a pistol and it was fired unexpectedly.

According to reports about town the two men had fallen out concerning moonshine whiskey, and that the elder Hickman had remonstrated his son about being engaged in drunkenness and violating the law.

Senator Borah said the president had not indicated any opposition during a recent conference on the subject, while Senator Hale, Republican, Maine, who also discussed the Borah amendment with Mr. Harding a few days ago, declared that the president thought action by congress unnecessary.

Because of the president's statements to him, Senator Borah said he had paid "little attention" to a published statement of Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington, in charge of the naval bill, that the president opposed the disarmament suggestion.

Senator Borah replied that he had accompanied Senator Poindexter to the White House a few days ago. "We talked over the question of disarmament," he said, "and I gathered from what was said there that the president thought it was not necessary for congress to go ahead in this way with the resolution."

The appropriation bill was a complete standstill all day, while broadsides were fired by advocates of the Borah proposal. Addresses in favor of the disarmament amendment were made by Senators Borah, Norris, Republican, Nebraska; Kenyon, Republican, Iowa; King, Democrat, Utah, and Hefflin, Democrat, Alabama.

Secretary of War Takes Steps to Restore Order in Coal Region. Washington May 14.—The commander of the fifth corps area at Fort Benjamin Harrison Indiana was instructed today by Secretary of War Weeks to send federal troops to Mingo county, West Virginia, as their presence is deemed necessary to quell the disturbance in the West Virginia Kentucky border.

Tornado Hits Horry. One Man and Child Reported Killed. Mullins, May 13.—News reached Mullins this afternoon of a disastrous tornado that swept through the Wannamaker section of Horry county about noon today.

Kitty McCarron, Who Was Killed By Irish Republicans. Belfast, May 12.—Kitty McCarron, killed by masked men, who attached a card to her body inscribed "spies and informers beware, tried, convicted and executed by the Irish Republican army, was the sole support of her aged parents and a mentally defective brother. The police say they know of no reason for killing her.

Southern Baptist Convention

Resolution Endorsing Disarmament Introduced—Will Be Sent to President Harding

Chattanooga, May 13.—A resolution favoring disarmament was introduced in the Southern Baptist convention here this afternoon by Dr. Henry Allen Tupper of Washington, D. C., who declared that the question of reconstruction of the world on a peace basis was supreme at the present. The resolution would give indorsement to the movement now being pressed by certain members of congress, and provided that a copy be forwarded to President Harding. The resolution was referred to a committee.

Unanimous approval of the convention was also given to efforts to strengthen the Volstead act now pending in congress, the matter having been presented by Dr. A. J. Harton, chairman of the standing committee of social service.

Birmingham won the new headquarters of the Baptist Women's Missionary union this afternoon following the decision of the body yesterday to remove the headquarters from Baltimore, after the closest race in the history of the organization. Upon the recommendation of the locating committee the names of Atlanta and Memphis were dropped and the race narrowed to one between Nashville and Birmingham.

Practically all of the officers of the Woman's Missionary union were re-elected late today as follows: Mrs. W. C. James, Birmingham, president; Miss Kathleen Mallory, Baltimore, corresponding secretary and Mrs. H. M. Wharton, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes and Mrs. Juliet Mather, all of Baltimore, recording secretary-treasurer and young people's secretary, respectively.

The title to several million dollars worth of church property in Southern states will be made secure through the application of recommendations as to the legal status of boards operating under the Southern Baptist convention presented this morning by Clifford Walker of Monroe, Ga., and adopted by the convention. Hereafter title will be vested in controlling boards rather than in the convention directing the boards to transfer title to the properties to the organization in accordance with the laws of the state in which it is located instead of the convention. It was decided that such action was necessary to safeguard the church properties in the future.

Among the more interesting reports made to the convention today was that of Dr. A. E. Brown of Raleigh, N. C., on the mission of 40 mountain schools conducted by the Baptist church, especially those in the Ozarks. The educational advantages afforded these children was outlined, the report emphasizing the isolation of the mountain people and declaring that in whole counties there was not an automobile.

The secretaries announced that registration for the session had reached 4,598. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, Baptist commissioner for Europe, read a special message of greeting from the Baptist union of Great Britain.

A telegram of greeting was read from Dr. W. C. Bitting of St. Louis, corresponding secretary of the Northern Baptist convention, and Dr. J. Y. Atchison of New York general director of the board of promotion of the Northern Baptist convention, sent a telegraphic report of the year's work, setting forth the fact that the Northern Baptists had had the greatest year in their history increasing the contributions and sending out more missionaries than before.

Dr. Henry Allen Tupper of Washington offered a resolution asking President Harding to call a world conference on disarmament and the matter was referred to the committee on resolutions.

President E. Y. Mullins and Dr. J. F. Love were named to reply to the communication brought by Dr. Rushbrooke.

Chattanooga, May 13.—Total cash collections for the causes fostered by the \$75,000,000 campaign since the launching of that movement have reached the sum of \$25,036,324, according to the report of the conservation commission, through Dr. L. R. Scarborough, chairman, to the 65th annual session of the Southern Baptist convention here today.

Of this sum \$12,907,843 has been collected during the past convention year, the remainder having been reported a year ago.

Regarding the future interests of the campaign, Chairman Scarborough recommended that during the summer and early fall months all the forces of Southern Baptists go afield for winning souls for Christ; that as speedily as possible all the local churches be brought to a system of regular and systematic giving to the causes of the campaign, rather than depending upon special roundups and that either through the continuation of the conservation commission or some other medium the convention promote a united program for conserving the interests of the campaign and a vigorous program of publicity.

The first official act of President E. Y. Mullins was the appointment of the committee on committees, which is charged with the duty of naming all the special committees that will serve at this session of the convention. The committee includes the four newly elected vice presidents, along with Dr. Livingston Johnston of Raleigh, N. C., Dr. J. W. Gillon of Mayfield, Ky., the Rev. B.

Thousands of Chinese Aided in Getting Food.

Washington, May 12.—As the result of the recent appropriation by the American Red Cross of a second \$500,000 for famine relief in China still more highways are to be constructed in the famine area. It is by providing employment in this road-building that the Red Cross is enabling tens of thousands of Chinese to obtain food for themselves while the roads will also have permanent value in reducing the inadequacy of transportation means that plays a large part in bringing about famine conditions in China.

An offer has been made through the United International Famine Relief Committee to extend the highway through the province of Chihli, provided the authorities will furnish the land without expense to the American Red Cross. A limited amount of construction work will also be made in the province of Shansi. The latter will reach at Fenchou an important commercial center and the largest of the interior American mission stations. Already a thousand men have been collected for this work but gang after gang have reported that as many as ten per cent could not reach the scene of work because of weakness from hunger.

Because of the fact that they are too far removed from the central sources of grain supply these operations will differ somewhat from those in the Shantung province. Instead of being paid in food rations workmen will be paid on a piece work basis and will buy their grain delivered by the Yellow River from the far western interior.

League of Women Voters. Among the matters of national importance presented to the league by Judge Purdy last night of special interest to the women were the efforts to provide a fund for national aid of education to wipe out illiteracy and to Americanize the foreign element in our country, the Shepard-Towner bill for the protection of women and children and the establishment of public welfare to educate the nation in health and hygiene. Other problems discussed were tariff, immigration, the Japanese question and divorce. These matters were presented in a pleasing manner and enjoyed by those present.

The following officers were unanimously elected to take the place of the chairman and secretary and treasurer elected at the organization of the league six months ago: President—Mrs. C. L. Stubbs. Secretary—Mrs. R. B. Furman. Treasurer—Mrs. Ferd Levi.

Sad Things. A loost wind sighing in a wood, A wistful soul misunderstood, A friend that never comes again, A puppy whimpering in the rain, A rose half bloomed torn from its stalk, A child that never learned to walk, A house forsaken and forlorn, A tree by storm wind overborne, A wreck wave beaten on the shore, A song forgot and sung no more, Two hearts estranged by broken plight, A wanderer homeless in the night, A nest wind blown and reef of song, A grave bed scarcely three feet long, A garden ravaged by the hail, Fair shops that never homeward sail, Oh, sad are these, but sadder yet Remorse that never can forget! —Emma A. E. Lente, New York Herald.

Grandma's Old Song. Tell me the tales that to me were so dear, Long, long ago, long ago; Sing me the songs I delighted to hear, Long, long ago, long ago. Now you are come all my grief is removed, Let me forget that so long you have roved, Let me believe that you love as you loved Long, long ago, long ago. Do you remember the past where we met Long, long ago, long ago. Ah, yes, you told me you ne'er would forget, Long, long ago, long ago. Then to all others my smile you preferred, Love, when you spoke, gave a charm to each word, Still my heart treasures the praises I heard, Long, long ago, long ago.

Though by your kindness my fond hopes were raised, Long, long ago, long ago. You by more eloquent lips have been praised, Long, long ago, long ago. Though by long absence your truth has been tried, Still to your accents I listen with pride, Blest as I was when I sat by your side Long, long ago, long ago. —Thomas Haynes Bailey, Kansas City Star.

Prelude. Words, words, Ye are like birds! Would I might hold you In my hands and hold you Till ye were warm and your feather a-flutter; Till, in your throats, Tremulous notes Foretold the songs ye would utter.

Words, words Ye are all birds! Would ye might bigger Here on my finger, Till I kissed each, and then sent you a-winging Wild, perfect flight, Through morn to night, Singing, singing, and singing! —Josephine Preston Peabody, in The Indianapolis News.