

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL HIT BY FIRE

FLOODS AND WAR CHINA'S PORTION NOW

Crops Washed Away in Ankin Province and Much Property Destroyed.

MEN OF ARMY TURN BANDITS

Belief That Canton Gov't Will Carry Its International Troubles to Washington.

Shanghai Sept. 7.—A flood has destroyed a tremendous amount of property in Anhui Province along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and a wash-out on that line is preventing direct communication between Shanghai and Peking. The crops of tobacco, millet, beans and kaoliang, staple articles of food, have been destroyed. There is a possibility that the rice crop still is unharmed, but undoubtedly famine conditions will result.

Fighting continues in Hupeh and Hunan Province and also is beginning in Kiangsi Province. General Li Lie-Chun, representing Canton, is attacking and cutting off General Wu Pei-fu's rear and setting up the Canton Government in the Yangtze Valley.

There is much local criticism of General Wu Pei-fu because he has seized the revenues of the Peking-Hankow Railway and also has forced the Hankow Chamber of Commerce to make him a loan. His apologists lay those actions to the absolute failure of the Chinese merchants and bankers to assist the general in fighting for their interests. The complete apathy of the masses is causing a weakening in the moral of the anti-militarist forces.

Soldiers Turn Bandits.
Should General Wu Pei-fu march against Shanghai, the capital of Hunan, the war would become more prolonged, possibly extending into next year. Meanwhile, with all the opportunities for business, the soldiers are turning bandits and the masses are suffering from floods and wars.

The visit of Dr. Schurman, the American Minister to the war area is proving popular, since the people hope his study of the situation there will result in some definite action by the powers prior to the Pacific conference. In spite of the armistice conference, China's delegation has not been appointed yet and her program undecided. There is fear that China will attend the conference unprepared while the Nation is in the midst of civil war and all its Governments are without prestige. There is a likelihood that the Canton Government will select a conference delegation as well as Peking, and thus China would carry her internal quarrel to Washington, creating an absurd spectacle. The local merchants are launching a movement to force both Governments to adopt a serious attitude toward the conference.

Large Profits In Boston Baked Beans

Mutiny Aboard Shipping Board Vessel—Police and Sailors Injured in Fracas.

Boston, Sept. 7.—The average plate of baked beans served in arm chair lunchrooms in Boston contains 295 beans, which together with bread and butter furnished with it, cost about two and one-half cents, the State Commission of Necessaries of Life reports. The usual charge to the public is 15 cents, the commission's investigators found.

Blacks And Whites In Wild Battle

New York, Sept. 6.—Sixty police and sailors were injured in two terrific battles aboard the freighter, Chester E. Lewis, a Shipping Board vessel, before a mutiny which broke out shortly after midnight was quelled today.

Duke of Manchester Becomes Movie Star

New York, Sept. 7.—The Duke of Manchester is going into the movies. He will arrive in America in November and make his pictures here, according to an announcement today by Jennie Jacobs, a booking agent. "The Duchess will not accompany her husband," the statement continued. "I do not believe she sanctions His Grace's debut as a film satellite."

THREE PARTIES ALIKE UNREADY FOR THE BATTLE

Victory in the Dominion Elections Likely To Go To Meighen or Agrarians.

LIBERALS STRICTLY OUT OF RUNNING

Outside of Quebec They Have Neither Organization Nor the Necessary Support.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Sept. 7.—The unexpected announcement of the dissolution of Parliament has left political parties entirely at sea, and considerable time will elapse before active campaigning can begin. There is little organization in any of the parties and before there can be an active platform campaign there must be the creation of political machinery. Of the three parties the Liberals are in the worst dilemma. From Montreal to Victoria they have neither organization, candidates, and in fact little known support. It is quite possible they may almost entirely default the contest in the four Western Provinces and waste but a sham battle in Ontario. The Government's organization in these provinces is in a state of chaos, but rapidly regaining its form, and they will have a candidate in every constituency. On the prairies the farmers have a fine organization, but in Ontario the crusade that carried them to victory in the provincial contest has lost its vigor and enthusiasm. It will take considerable time for all parties to locate their friends and weld them into an aggressive fighting force.

Looks to East.
It is probable Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will open his campaign in the Maritime Provinces. He expects to make gains there. The West will probably ignore recognizing the utility of making a successful fight either on the free trade prairie or in protectionist British Columbia. Hon. Arthur Meighen has not announced his plans, but it is probable he will strike his first blow in the stronghold of the Agrarians and will attack the Farmers' party at Portage La Pric. Hon. T. A. Crozier will open his campaign in Manitoba. He will carry on an aggressive campaign in Ontario with the assistance of Hon. E. C. Drury. It was expected the Ontario Premier would be a candidate, but it is understood he will confine his activities to the platform. The Government will rally a strong agrarian organization on the platform of the present and previous Governments will come to their assistance.

Liberal Party's Position.

The Liberal party is a wreck. Its leaders will go with Government but it is a question where the rank and file will land. Labor is protectionist. If Labor splits the protectionist vote the Farmers gain, but if it remains true to its principles the Government will benefit greatly. Ontario anxiously awaits the announcement of the successors to Hon. Dr. Reid and Sir George E. Foster. If the Prime Minister can secure the men he wants he will immeasurably improve his chances in the premier province. In Ontario the fight is between the Government and the Farmers and the same is true of the prairie. In British Columbia the Liberals will have candidates, but the members will be Government and protectionist Labor.

Discuss Relief For New York's Jobless

New York, Sept. 7.—Plans for aiding New York's army of 600,000 unemployed were taken up at a meeting today of the New Industrial Aid Bureau, created by the legislature.

CHILE STIRS UP TROUBLE AT LEAGUE MEET

Threatens to Withdraw from Conference if Bolivian Dispute is Taken up.

CLAIM RIGHT TO ADMINISTER ARICA

Animated Conferences With the Chilean Delegation Before Business Begins.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 7.—The third session of the third assembly of the League of Nations opened here today under a threatening cloud. Reports were circulated widely this morning that the Chilean delegation would withdraw from the league if the question of Tacna and Arica, the disputed provinces now being administered by Chile, should be placed on the agenda of the assembly as requested by Bolivia.

These reports were categorically denied by Augustin Edwards, head of the Chilean delegation, who was said to have made the threat of withdrawal. Senator Edwards asserted he had made no statement to either the newspaper correspondents or delegates to the effect that his delegation was considering withdrawal. He would make his only statement on the subject to the assembly when the question comes up.

Northumberland's Municipal Council

Councillors of Three Parishes Go to the Chamber by Acclamation.

Newcastle, N. B., Sept. 7.—The biennial election for County Councillors in this county will take place on Tuesday next and by present indications only three parishes will go by acclamation, viz: Southsea, Acklington and Chatham. Nominations from Ledwell, Hardwick and Hillsborough have not been received by the secretary, treasurer as yet. The following are the nominations:

Blackville—Coun. D. G. Schofield and Peter Young, Dennis P. Sullivan, Michael Tucker, Charles S. Ross, Simon Bean.
Derby—Coun. Everett Parker, Albert Bryanton, David Manderville, Earl Wilson.
Chatham—Coun. W. H. Baldwin, and A. S. Hartman, by acclamation.
North—Coun. Richard Gill and Michael Walsh, Michael Fletcher.
Rogersville—Coun. Andre M. Arsenault, Patrick Chaisson, Hedebe Savoy.
Newcastle—Coun. L. Doyle and Joseph McKnight, Allan McLean, Neil MacInnon.
Glenelg—Coun. Donald Watling, Fred Fowle, Andrew Lockerbie, Rogers Quinn.
Southsea—Coun. Marlock Sutherland and James Johnson.
Northsea—Coun. Alfred Sinclair, Herbert Batey, Sinclair Gordon.

Has No Fear of Railroad Strike

Pres. Willard of B. & O. System Believes Men Will Remain Loyal.

Baltimore, Sept. 7.—The threatened railroad strike will not materialize, this belief was expressed to the United Press today by Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Photographs Classified With Dogs And Cats

Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—The "anti-jazz" clause has made its appearance in Washington in lease submitted by an agent for a small apartment house in the north west section. Photographs are classed with dogs, cats and parrots in the lease submitted to tenants, who are also asked for increases in rent. "The lessee hereby covenants and agrees that he will not keep or allow to be kept any dog, cat, parrot, gramophone or photographs in said apartment or upon said premises," reads one clause in the lease.

HISTORIC TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL SUFFERS

Fire Wiped Out Entire Business Section, Causing 1-4 Million Dollar Loss.

NINETEEN FAMILIES RENDERED HOMELESS

Western Union Telegraph Office and Telephone Central Affected.

Special to The Standard.
Annapolis Royal, Sept. 7.—The fire that swept down on this historic town this afternoon and, before it had been conquered by the heroic efforts of the citizens, ably assisted by volunteers from Digby and Bridgetown, no less than nineteen families had been rendered homeless and the entire business section of the town wiped out. The loss will be well on toward a quarter of a million dollars and many did not have anything like enough insurance to cover their loss. Their buildings, including the fire engine house, were destroyed by the flames, many of them fired and the entire business section of the town wiped out. The Western Union Telegraph office and the Telephone Central were among those who lost all in the fire and communication with the outside world was practically cut off for some time.

Stranger Had Offered "Lift" on Road—Drove off With Woman.

Sunbury, Pa., Sept. 7.—Asserting that his pregnant wife had been stolen deliberately by a man in a large touring car, Charles Fillingim, of Geneva, N. Y., appealed to Police Chief Smith for aid.

U. S. Sends New Note To The Allies

Secretary Hughes Again Sets Forth His Country's Rights in Mandated Territories.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The United States government had addressed a new note to all Allied powers on the subject of mandated territories. Official announcement that the note had been despatched last week was made today at the State Department.

Berlin Theatres To Aid Young Lovers

Berlin, Sept. 7.—Fixing a trying place and hour can be done in future publicly on poster columns standing at street corners in Berlin according to the announcement by a local theatre today that it will reserve a black space on all its posters for that purpose and that young lovers not in a position to get into communication or fair inspection of their mail by street fathers, need only pencil their sweet messages on that space and be sure it will reach the eyes of their mate as soon as he or she passes.

DEEP SECRET HIDES TEST OF WAR DEVICE

U. S. Pacific Fleet Begins Its Autumn Manoeuvres Under Veil of Mystery.

NAVY'S STRENGTH IN WEST OCEAN

No Reason Given for Throwing So Much Obscurity About Fleet's Movements.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Beginning today the American fleet in the Pacific will begin its autumn manoeuvres under a complete veil of secrecy. Never since the war has so much obscurity been thrown about fleet movements as will govern this practice routine. No reason is assigned for the new order of fleet practice, although the reason is assumed to lie in the necessity of trying out new units of the fleet under novel conditions.

Pretty Wife Stolen When He Left Auto

He asserted he and his wife were walking along the road near Mifflinburg when the tourist alone, offered a ride. At Mifflinburg the husband got out to go into a store, and the stranger drove off with the woman. Fillingim is 35 years old, and his wife, Nora, is 30. She has dark hair and blue eyes and is pretty, the husband asserted. They had left their home in Geneva, N. Y., and were "hiking" south in search of work, when the stranger, who said he was on his way to Philadelphia, met them.

Bombing Experiments

The bombing experiments which were tried on the Atlantic coast this summer will be tried out under other conditions in the practice manoeuvres in the Pacific. It is earnestly desired to know just what relations the air craft and the battleships are to bear to each other in the future. The manoeuvres will include various strategic enterprises carried out under the most difficult of war conditions.

Business Losses

Among the firms who were put out of business by the conflagration and in estimates of their losses are: S. C. Cargie and Son's big furniture block and their loss is placed at \$46,000; Crowe and Bayer, plumbers, \$5,000; Dr. A. B. Crowe, dental parlor over the Crowe and Bayer shop and his stock, \$10,000; Douglas Ware, grocery store, \$10,000; J. E. Buchanan, dry goods store, \$10,000; building \$10,000; Odd Fellows Hall, over the store, their loss unknown; C. A. Wentzell, shoe store, \$10,000; Hardwick Block, \$10,000; in this block was the Peizer dry goods store, \$10,000; Western Union Telegraph, loss unknown and two tenants; Northrup's grocery, stock, \$5,000; building owned by Mr. Copeland, \$5,000; Queen Hotel, \$10,000; Victoria Block, \$15,000. This block had two families and the following business houses: Lepton's tailor shop, \$3,000; Copeland's cream parlor \$3,000; Telephone Central, loss unknown; W. S. Cummings' fish market \$5,000 and A. E. Adlee, drug store, \$5,000.

Families Homeless

Among the families barred out were: Mrs. Fetter, Mrs. McPadden, George Rice, Mrs. John Brittain, Jas. A. Langley, George Chagris, Thomas Wood, Mrs. McKay, Dr. Boyd Crowe, Mrs. James E. Crowe, H. A. West, Mrs. Walter McAdley, M. C. MacDonand, Mrs. Sturgeon, Mrs. John Liddle, Clifford Gibbert, B. Herbert, Alexander Blackie and Mr. McPherson, proprietor of the Queen Hotel.

Poet D'Annunzio In Royal Stand

Brescia, Italy, Sept. 7.—Reconsidering published reports that she would never see Gabrielle D'Annunzio again, following his march on Fiume, Queen Marguerite of Italy, accompanied by the King, invited the poet into the Royal stand yesterday during the airplane and automobile race meeting here.

ESTATES BEING BROKEN UP BY HEAVY TAXES

Many Stately Homes in England Daily Go Under Auctioneer's Hammer.

DUKE OF PORTLAND'S ESTATE AMONG THEM

Holdings of Large Tracts of Land Unprofitable and Losing Proposition.

London, Sept. 7.—The auctioneer's hammer is rattling ominously in England. The decentralization of large ownerships accelerated on both sides of the Atlantic since the war is appearing now in the break-up of ancient estates.

Bread Lacking for Four Days

Yet here again the hand reached out but could not be grasped. For the colony has been without bread for four days. Samara has sent none, because she had none. Some might come soon or might not arrive until child after child passed through the little modern hospital near the allegorical statue.

Relief Yet Far Away

Petroleum the relief was reaching Petrograd in that hour, but it might as well not be unloaded on the quays, in so far as it was to affect these particular children in their splendid hospital in the lovely Volga woods.

Hungary Professors Giving Up Jobs

Insufficiency of Their Salaries at University Causes Them to Seek New Work.

Budapest, Sept. 6.—Twenty professors have given up, one by one, their positions at the university here, giving as reasons the insufficiency of their salaries that scarcely are large enough to enable them to meet the most primitive necessities of life. The intellectual classes of the country are suffering more than the workmen from the high cost of living and either are leaving the country or seeking other and more profitable professions, and the university is at a loss how to fill the posts before the winter courses.

CHILDREN ARE STARVING IN VOLGA WOODS

Lacking Bread and With Relief Far off Calmly Await Their Doom.

VILLAS SEIZED FOR CHILDREN

Turned into Hospitals Where Nurses Provide Clean Cots But No Food.

The following despatch is a continuation of the report on conditions in the famine area of Russia by a special correspondent:
Samara, via London, Sept. 7.—Close to every Russian city are the garden villas where wealthy citizens used to spend their summers. Most of these have been seized by the Soviet authorities and transformed into children's villages.

Near Samara fifty farm houses lie in a grove of fine trees. One of the largest of these now is a hospital, and before it is a large fountain with a broken, dry, white bowl, presided over by the figure of a woman eternally poised in the act of reaching out to pick up the urn. That never finished gesture of reaching out, carved in stone, is like a tragic allusion of what the world has succeeded so far in doing for the children in the famine area.

Across the gravel path from the fountain are the windows of the marfan ward, where there are dozens of stricken children. Each child occupies a clean little bed and is nursed by Catholic sisters dressed in meticulously white gowns. The patients have the things that are rare in devastated Russia, such as sheets, pillow covers and attention, and they breathe the pure air that is as sweet as the countryside. They have every thing but quinine.

It's the same story in other villages whose ideals of modern education are emanating from Russia's Minister of Public Instruction, M. I. Janschinsky, and are being carried through to reality. The children live in a natural environment, cared for by the simple, strong and straightforward young women.

Relief Yet Far Away

There is no pomp or ceremony. One school teacher, with hair trimly braided down her back, was barefooted and wore a faded cotton dress like a dairymaid. There is a lack of equipment and clothing, but there is a natural spirit of hope.

Relief Yet Far Away

Even by that strong labor organ the Daily Herald, the breakup of the old estates in the present manner is deplored. "That estates are rapidly changing hands brings no relief," it says. "To the people of the country, the abolition of the old landlordism only means the entry of a new one, often quite lacking in the Tory tradition of patriarchal benevolence, which degrading though it was, served better than the mere commercial doctrine of grab. As it is we are but changing one master for another, or for a host of them, smaller in estate, but equally possessed of rights which should, in full justice, be common property. Nothing is to be gained by the transference of these lovely places from one who lost financially by the war to one who profited. But the continual marketing of the stately homes of England may suggest to the English people that it is time to demand their common heritage."

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