



Pekin and Calcutta the Scenes of Rioting and Fighting at Easter

THE CHINESE CAPITAL NOW UNDER SIEGE

Air Bombardment by Manchurians Is In Progress.

GREAT PANIC OCCURS

When Twelve Bombs Were Dropped Near Crowd Gathered for Arbor Day Ceremony.

Pekin, April 5.—Air bombardment of this city grew more intense yesterday and in some quarters was interpreted as the beginning of the real stage of the Chinese capital by the attacking armies of Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian leader, and Marshal Wu-Pei-Fu, his powerful ally.

Two Manchurian aeroplanes dropped twelve bombs today near a crowd which had gathered for the Arbor day ceremony. No casualties occurred. The explosion of bombs created a great panic.

Today's bombardment, following that of yesterday, is viewed as the commencement of the real siege of the city by the armies of Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian war lord, and his ally, Marshal Wu-Pei-Fu.

It is reported on good authority that the representative of Wu-Pei-Fu has arrived in Peking with full power to negotiate with Kuomintang leaders. Marshal Wu's forces have advanced to within eighty miles of Peking. There are reports, however, that Wu is inclined to receive overtures from Kuomintang, who still controls Peking, though surrounded by enemies.

News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

Armistice on Riffian front is expected soon with peace negotiations to follow.

Chas. Ponzl was found guilty of violating anti-trust law of Florida at Jacksonville.

Stray cat leaped on transformer and put 111 mills out of commission at Fall River, Mass.

Collection of very rare books was willed to the Vatican at Rome by late Marquis Ferraro.

Paris announces orders have gone out for complete withdrawal of troops from Saar Basin.

Turkish Government has modified order barring foreigners from engaging in certain occupations.

Italy reports Mussolini may take heroic measures to restore unity to disorganized Fascist forces.

One man is dead and another badly wounded after duel over former's wife at Santa Monica, Cal.

Pat Kelly is in jail at Kirkland Lake after drinking ounce of iodine and then shouting for help.

Five were killed and 92 injured when balcony of motion picture theatre collapsed at Mexico City.

Little hope is held out for recovery of A. Mahybo, 8, kicked in the face by a horse at Conante, Ont.

Twenty are reported killed and 150 injured during riot at Calcutta between a Hindu sect and Moslems.

French headquarters at Beirut, Syria, claim offensive begun against Druse tribesmen is making headway.

Paris reports Third International ordered Communists throughout world to adopt more violent measures.

Frank Parsons, eight years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons, Belleville, broke his right leg in two places when he was run over by a horse and rig near his home.

Lieut.-Col. R. W. Leonard, of St. Catharines, has donated \$200,000 to the Board of Ridley College to help complete the expansion programme that the board has been contemplating.

Because he had no new clothes for Easter, Detroit police say Eugene Smith, 18 years old, shot himself in the chest with a shotgun shortly before noon Sunday in his home on Grandview Avenue, Redford.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the coroner's jury inquiring into the death of William R. Cowain, who died as a result of injuries sustained in an explosion in a fluor spar and zinc mine near Madoc on Tuesday, March 23rd.

Slightly Improved. London, April 5.—Slight but definite improvement in the condition of Princess Victoria, sister of King George, was reported by physicians today. She is suffering from influenza-pneumonia. Her weakness remains great, however.

SPANISH AIRMEN START FOR THE PHILIPPINES. Madrid, April 5.—Spanish airmen, attempting to fly from Spain to the Philippine Islands, took off early today. The first stop will be Algiers. In North Africa, five hundred miles away. Three machines are being used. The planes are said to be able to make an eleven thousand mile journey in eighteen stages.

MAY REMOVE STAMP TAX ON RECEIPTS

Cut in the Super Income Tax Also Possible—What Ottawa Hears.

Ottawa, April 5.—Several changes of interest to the taxpaying public will, it is now understood, be made in connection with the so-called "nuisance taxes" when Hon. J. A. Robb brings down his budget for the present fiscal year. Some of the revisions the minister expects to put into effect are as follows:

The stamp tax on receipts is to be removed; reductions are to be made in the stamp tax on bills and notes, with exemption from the tax of bills and notes of five dollars or less in the case of cheques; cheques made in favor of the receiver general are to be exempt from the excise tax; there is to be a readjustment of the super tax on incomes.

While nothing is definitely known regarding the proposed revision in the super income tax, it is thought that it may provide for considerable reduction. The tax as it stands has been the cause of much dissatisfaction.

No intimation has been given as to when the budget is to be presented.

D. M. KENNEDY NOT LIKELY TO RESIGN

All Conservatives Can Hope for is to Have Election Declared Void.

Ottawa, April 5.—While the Peace River election is in a sad tangle, there seems very little prospect of D. M. Kennedy, Progressive member, being forced to give way to J. A. Collins, the Conservative candidate. The very best that the Conservatives can hope for is that the election be declared void and a bye-election be held.

It is learned here that a petition was filed against the election of Mr. Kennedy, within the twenty-eight day period allowed under the Election Act. This petition was filed in the Supreme Court of Alberta, and it is now up to that court to act upon it.

PROHIBITION HEARING. Begins Before the U. S. Judiciary Sub-Committee.

Washington, D.C., April 5.—The senate judiciary sub-committee, conducting the first comprehensive congressional hearing on prohibition, began its hearings today with the Wets given four hours to lay the ground work for their case. The Wets have four hours a day for a week and the Drys have the same time next week. The Wets leaders have set out with the primary purpose of getting their case formally before Congress and the people with an eye to the future.

Little Girl Burned To Death in Toronto

Toronto, April 5.—Dolly Martin, two and a half years old, was burned to death when fire broke out in the store occupied by her parents on Queen street west early today. Her parents, Albert Martin and his wife, are in the hospital suffering from severe burns. The blaze is thought to have originated from defective wiring.

New Form of Vandalism Uncovered at Brockville

Brockville, April 5.—A new form of vandalism has been uncovered here in the activity of a man or men who climbed a telephone pole in the heart of the town at dead of night and chopped through a telephone cable with a hatchet, severing 47 pairs of wires and placing over 50 telephones out of service before the source of the trouble was discovered.

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Big Fire in Cairo Causes 32 Deaths. Cairo, Egypt, April 5.—Thirty-two persons are dead and four thousand homeless through a great fire, which raged in the Tanta district on Saturday and Sunday. Six hundred odd dwellings were destroyed. Recurrence of village fires is a serious concern. The Government is sending instructions to the local authorities on preventive measures.

Leaves Ontario Hospital. Brockville, April 5.—Dr. F. H. C. augh, assistant physician at the Ontario Hospital here, has left the Provincial hospital service to become attached to the staff of the Home-wood Sanitarium at Guelph.

300 MOSLEMS UNDER ARREST IN CALCUTTA

Police and Soldiers Have Reduced the Rioting There.

TWENTY-THREE DEAD

By Fighting Between Hindus and Moslems—Leaders Could Not Control Their Followers.

Calcutta, April 5.—The situation between rioting Hindus and Moslems was greatly improved today, the presence of many police and soldiers having a salutary effect. The arrest of forty-four Moslems for assisting Assistant Police Chief Banerjee brings the total Moslems in custody to three hundred.

Twenty-three Dead. London, April 5.—Furious rioting between Hindus and Moslems, which has lasted for three days in northern Calcutta, resulted up to late last night in twenty-three deaths and a great many wounded. Unofficial reports estimate the casualties much greater.

Despatches from Calcutta show it is difficult to get details of the disturbances. The disturbed area is enclosed by police and troops. Religious antagonists, who started the fracas by obstructing a procession of Hindus, were joined by roughs, and several mosques and temples were attacked and desecrated. It is reported the police fired on the struggling mobs on one occasion. Rival religiousists refused to be controlled by the leaders. The worst of the outbreak was quelled on Saturday by strengthening police and soldiery.

AGED WOMAN DIES OF BURNS

Miss Anne Elizabeth Watts Was the Victim of Gas Stove Explosion.

Miss Anne Elizabeth Watts, aged seventy-two years, died at the Kingston General Hospital on Sunday afternoon as the result of burns received from a gas explosion which occurred at the home of Mrs. F. Welch, Clergy street, about noon Saturday. The deceased was engaged in preparing dinner, and was lighting the gas oven when the fumes exploded, the flames igniting the dress of the deceased. Her cries brought Mrs. Welch, who immediately grabbed a coat, and wrapping it around the victim, extinguished the flames as soon as possible.

Dr. Keyes was called and found that Miss Watts was very seriously burned from the knees to the head. She was rushed to the General Hospital unconscious. She regained consciousness before she died about three o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The deceased was born in Barrie, Ont., but lived in New York City for the greater part of her life. She had been acting as companion for Mrs. Welch, Clergy street, for some time. She is survived by one brother, John Watts, of this city. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon from the residence of her brother to Castaraqui cemetery.

ARCTIC EXPEDITION ON ITS FIRST LAP

An Attempt to Be Made to Fly Around the North Pole.

New York, April 5.—The Byrd Arctic expedition, seeking new land in the great unexplored portion of the polar regions, today set its face northward on the first lap of the journey. Lieut. Charles Byrd's expedition sailed on Chantier for Spitzbergen, the base of operations, carrying two aeroplanes in the hold. An attempt to fly around the North Pole will be made.

The National Council of Education at Montreal

Montreal, April 5.—The third triennial conference of National Council of Education and citizenship opens here this evening with a reception in honor of speakers and delegates given by E. W. Beatty, Chancellor of McGill University, and chairman of the conference committee. Conference will be in session till Friday and will be addressed by distinguished educationists from France, England, United States and the Dominion.

Ontario Educational Association. Toronto, April 5.—Educational leaders from all parts of the province gathered in Toronto today for the 65th annual convention of the Ontario Education Association. Many prominent persons, including Premier G. Howard Ferguson and Sir George E. Foster, will address the delegates. In addition there are present educational experts from a number of United States cities.

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500 CANADIAN LIVE HOGS REACH ENGLAND

Ottawa, April 5.—The arrival at Birkenhead, England, of a consignment of five hundred live hogs from Canada marks a new development in the shipment of live stock from this country. All but ten arrived in good condition, and the weights were satisfactory.

FAVORABLE OUTCOME EXPECTED IN PARIS

Of the Peace Negotiations Between Riff Leader, France and Spain.

Paris, April 5.—The newspaper "L'oeuvree," well informed in diplomatic circles, says conversations, now going on between accredited representatives of Abel Krim and the French and Spanish Governments are important and likely to have a favorable outcome. The Petit Parisien, however, warns that the last news from Morocco indicated the beginning of a new Riff offensive, and that it is not clear whether his action is designed as a diplomatic pressure or is a forerunner of larger operations to come, which the present overtures are making.

MOVING MASS OF BRILLIANT COLORS SEEN

In the Easter Sunday Parade at Atlantic City.

THE WEATHER PERFECT

Skirts—Were Knee Length—The Men Also Bloomed, Appearing in Bright Hues.

Atlantic City, April 5.—A monster throng, forming a moving mass of brilliant colors, and with numbers estimated at well over 200,000, Sunday wound back and forth along the boardwalk, staging one of the greatest Easter Sunday fashion parades in the history of the resort.

The extraordinary success of the famous annual event was due, primarily, to literally perfect weather. The sky was cloudless and the air balmy. Furs and coats were largely discarded, giving unimpeded view of the display of feminine finery.

The fragrance from myriads of blossoms worn by fair promenaders was noticeably diffused. Snow white waves crumbled softly on the sands. Graceful yachts manoeuvred along the shore and airplanes roared overhead. In fact, the day and event were so generally flawless that old residents declared it to be without peer at the shore.

There were several gatherings of hatters, both men and women, while some of the beach chairs were occupied.

The bright colors of feminine dress, including every pastel shade but with green and grey predominating, were particularly striking. Coats were knee length and with little fur trimming, although many fur neck pieces were worn. There were countless numbers of bright hued scarfs.

Skirts Continue Short. Despite reports to the contrary, skirts continued short, many extending barely to the knee, with sheer silk hose usually matching the skirt in color. Several of the fair promenaders wore their silk stockings rolled just above the knee, bare legs being glimpsed as they strode or sat in chairs while brilliant red roses or other flowers were embroidered on their hose immediately below the knee line.

Others wore golden bracelets about their ankles. The footwear was extremely attractive, golden colored slippers being prevalent. There were heels of every shade, while many of the fancy foot coverings were practically sandals.

And the men really bloomed also. They appeared in new suits of bright grey, new overcoats and hats, and loud neckties. Collegiate pants with bell bottoms were in evidence. Nothing entirely new, however, was reported by the bustling news photographers. The flapper who smoked a cigarette with assumed nonchalance, as she trundled along in a rolling chair, the girl who exploited a pet monkey as a bid for cynosure of all eyes, and even the rather hard featured young lady who displayed a hundred dollar bill showing plainly through her sheer silk stockings, were all on hand.

Everybody was happy and the crowd revelled in the sunshine and the warm air.

Scene on Fifth Avenue. New York, April 5.—Mantled in brilliant sunshine that mellowed a chilling wind, the Easter parade moved leisurely up and down Fifth avenue yesterday. It was a vivid procession of mode and color with more persons out to see or be seen than at any time in recent years.

FINAL APPROVAL. Is Given The French Government's Tax Measures.

Paris, April 5.—The vote by the Chamber early yesterday morning of the government's new tax measures, in accord with the Senate, leaves the 1926 budget balanced as far as can be calculated to-day. The maintenance of this equilibrium depends on the maintenance of business and economic confidence, which is to say, on the maintenance of the franc at least at its present level, that in turn depends largely on whether the Chamber will allow the country something resembling political tranquility for a period which will permit industry to adjust itself to the new tax burdens.

French Government is puzzled by Abd-el-Krim's action in preparing a great offensive while negotiating for peace.

INSISTS THAT ALL IS WELL WITH EUROPE

Senator Dandurand Flays Correspondents Who Fan Militarism.

BLOWING ON EMBERS

Of European Hatred Has Damaging Effect—Unfounded Despatches of Intrigue Cabled.

Montreal, April 5.—Senator Raoul Dandurand, last year's president of the League of Nations assembly, who returned to Montreal Saturday, elaborated on a statement made in New York Friday regarding the trouble alleged to have been caused by war correspondents in European affairs.

"I was giving a brief outline of the thoughts that I expressed at the conclusion of my speech in London just before I left," said the senator. "I then said, 'I crave your indulgence to add one word concerning a most vexing subject which represents a very perturbing element and is a threat to the peace of the world. When the armistice was declared and later on when peace treaties were signed, the signatories to these conventions forgot to demobilize the war correspondents. The result is that under another name as foreign correspondents they have remained on the war path, and although the League of Nations have agreed on a protocol which eliminates the use of poison gases, the foreign correspondents continue to poison public opinion every morning by raising suspicion rivalries and hatred between the peoples.

"They daily pretend to have discovered some plotting by some group of nations against another group. It seems that they cannot live except by fishing in troubled waters and they keep stirring the pond. They feel that they soon will lose their raison d'etre if they simply cable to their newspapers that all is well in Europe.

"Blowing on the embers of European hatred cannot be too strongly condemned. It must have a most damaging effect on the general public of the United States, if they only believe one-tenth of the fantastic stories which they read on European discord and plotting.

"I have now been at three assemblies of the League; I have met intimately most of the leaders of the various countries and in spite of the war correspondents, I have enough confidence in the good will in each country to report that notwithstanding a certain degree of nervousness, which is quite natural following such a formidable clash, all is well in Europe.

"I still hold to that view. It reminds me of the story of Aesop that the tongue can be the best thing and the tongue can also be the worst. Perhaps the correspondents can apply that story."

DRUGGIST ACQUITTED OF O.T.A. VIOLATION

Ottawa Chemist Purchased Brandy in Hull for an Emergency.

Ottawa, April 5.—A case unique in Ontario police court annals was decided by Magistrate Hopewell today when he dismissed a charge of bringing liquor into the province, although the defendant admitted the fact and brought witnesses to prove that he had done so.

The defendant was Horace Desjardins, druggist, who testified that he had not had sufficient brandy on hand to fill a prescription which was presented to him; and that after trying several other Ottawa druggists, whose supplies were also exhausted, he had sent to Hull for the necessary quantity.

Magistrate Hopewell declared that while the act might technically have been violated, he believed that the facts warranted the step taken by Desjardins. He did not think that the act was framed to impose hardship in cases of illness or other disability where alcohol might be employed beneficially, in the opinion of a qualified medical man.

Boy in Dying Condition Following Kick by Horse

Renfrew, April 5.—Albert Mahybo, aged eight, was kicked in the face by a horse on his father's farm at Conante, a small village, twenty miles from the railroad and forty miles from here. He was rushed to the hospital here but little hope is held for his recovery. The trip to the hospital took ten hours.

Renfrew Prepares Plans To Rebuild Hospital

Renfrew, April 5.—Steps were taken by the Renfrew council to prepare plans for the rebuilding of the Victoria Hospital, which was burned down early in January. Approval for the town to borrow \$100,000 to build the hospital was granted by the Private Bills Committee of the legislature.

Fortune for Ottawa Man. Ottawa, April 5.—Robert Gilmeur, Stewart street, is likely to participate in a large estate in Ireland, created by his uncle, Hugh Gilmore, of Kircubbin, a linen manufacturer, who died in 1888 leaving his entire estate to his daughter on the understanding that on her death it would pass to his sons. Both the sons and daughter have since died, the daughter leaving no will.

Brig.-Gen. Hughes Better. Ottawa, April 5.—The condition of Brig.-General St. Pierre Hughes, who has been confined to his home through illness for some time, was reported as "much better" this morning.

HALF OF PRISONS CLOSE IN BRITAIN

London, April 5.—In consequence of a decrease in the prison population, nearly half the prisons in Great Britain have been closed in the last twelve years. Since the war twenty-five jails have been converted for other purposes.

The prison commissioners are at a loss as to what profitable use the disused prisons can be put to. Several of them are being used as temporary dwellings for victims of the housing shortage.

BURNED IN EFFIGY.

Judas Iscariot Suffers Indignity in Mexico City.

Mexico City, April 5.—Judas Iscariot was burned in effigy throughout the city Saturday, and sometimes suffered the added indignity of being blown to bits by the explosion of firecrackers as he burned.

The streets were thronged with gay crowds, which seemed to have inexhaustible applause for the tortures of Christ's betrayer. The strange Easter rite is believed to be peculiar to Mexico. Its origin is uncertain.

RADICALS TRIUMPHED AGAIN.

Favor Force After Constitutional Means Falls.

London, Ont., April 5.—Radicals again triumphed in Saturday's session of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor party in annual convention here when on motion of Jack MacDonald of Toronto majority support was given to a resolution declaring that constitutional means should be pursued only while effective, and that force should be then an accepted policy of pursuing social reforms.

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Gen. King Takes Command Of the Montreal District

Ottawa, April 5.—The Department of Defence announces the appointment of Gen. W. B. King, commander of No. 1 Military District at London, to succeed Gen. Charles J. Armstrong as commander of Montreal District. Gen. Armstrong will take Gen. King's command at London. The transfer will take place May 1st.

DOUG AND MARY DEPART. Will Remain Year, Perhaps Longer, in Europe.

New York, April 5.—Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford sailed for Europe Saturday aboard the liner Conte Biancamano, for a year's stay. Mr. Fairbanks said they possibly might remain abroad two years and that he and Mary would produce a film in which both will take leading parts.

MARKED "HERRING" BUT WAS WHISKEY

Halifax, N.S., April 5.—Customs officials seized whiskey valued at \$20,000 on Saturday morning as the Prop Patria from St. Pierre was discharging her cargo. The whiskey was packed in cases marked "Newfoundland herring" and each case contained a ten gallon keg of liquor in tins. The liquor was consigned to Detroit.

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