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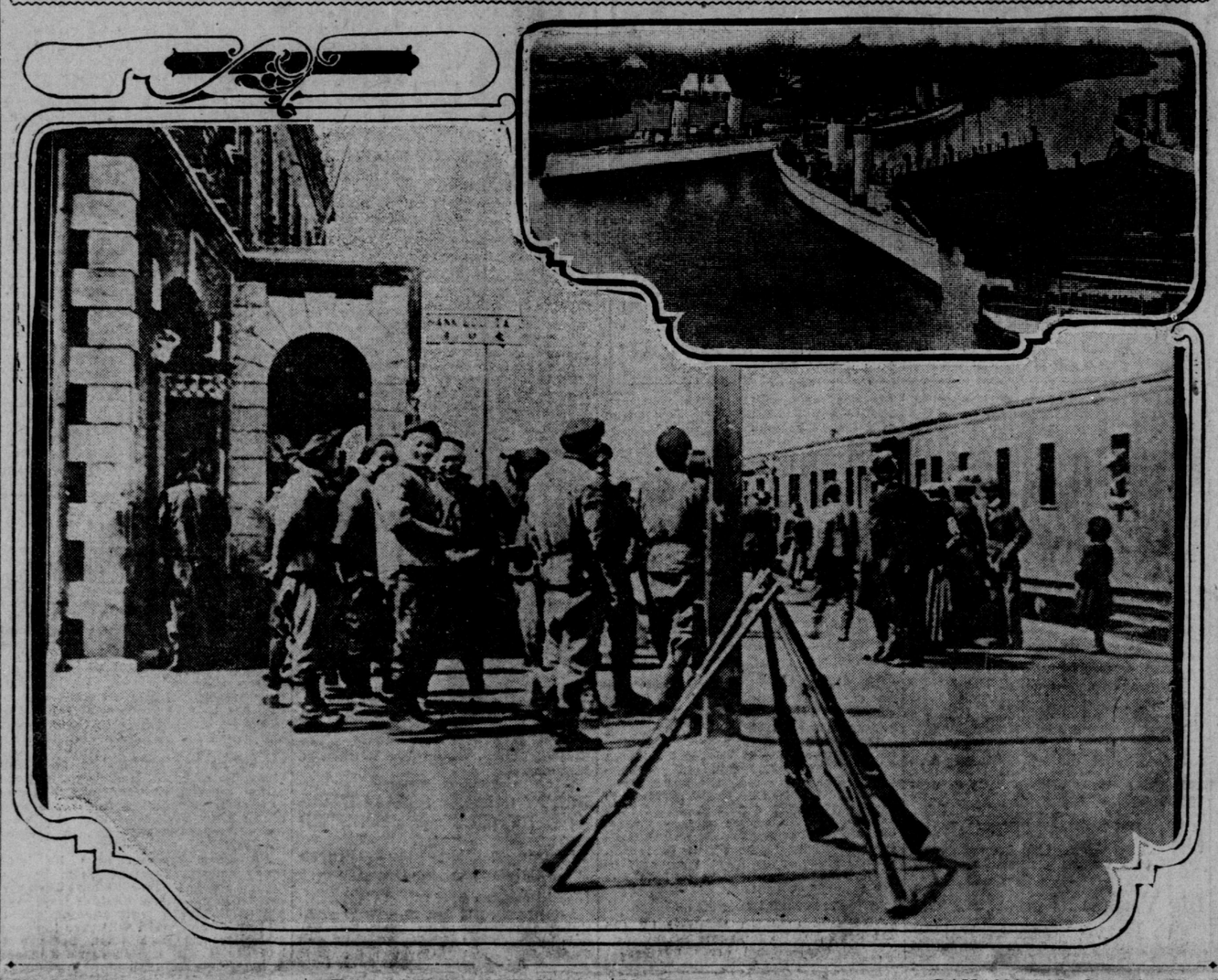
CHINESE REBELS SEIZE TOWNS

Imperial Forces Are Armed With Wooden Shells

SCENES IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ZONE IN CHINA.
The smaller picture shows a number of the torpedo boat destroyers of the imperial navy, which took part in the attack on the rebels at Hankow. The other picture is a snapshot of Chinese revolutionaries on guard at the Hankow railway station. Near them is a group of Americans about to board a train.



BOTH SIDES TIMID IN BATTLE ARRAY

First Engagements at Hankow Described as Trumpery Affairs With Few Wounded

CRUISERS RETIRE UNDER FIRE FROM EMBANKMENT

Admirals Report to Peking That Fleet Is Without Coal or Rice and Wants Artillery

DEPUTY REGENT OPENS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Message From Throne Urges Delegates to Give Expression to Wishes of the People

SHANGHAI, Oct. 22.—The British consul here is in receipt of a telegram by way of Kiukiang from the consul at Hankow stating that news has been received that Changsa, in Hunan province, and Ichang, in Hupe province, are in the hands of the rebels. At the latter place 15,000 coolies have demanded their wages in silver, which can not be obtained.

Eye witnesses of the recent engagement between the revolutionaries and the imperialists at Hankow have arrived here. They say that shells fired by the imperialists fell in the German concession. Apparently they were pompom shells, but an examination proved that they were composed of wood. The same conditions existed in the China-Japanese war, the officials having found a contractor with a supply of wooden shells at the same price as steel, the actual difference in the way of money being divided.

BOTH SIDES TIMID IN FIRST ENGAGEMENTS

The North China News says that the first engagements at Hankow evidently were trumpery affairs, both sides being timid.

From the China Inland mission comes an account of the first engagement Wednesday. The rebels moved down near the racecourse, and there was some skirmishing. About noon 25 wounded were brought to the London mission hospital. A mob of rebel coolies destroyed the culvert bridges, and officers of the imperial troops came down on an engine and inspected the damage.

As the imperialists retired toward Kilomstreten station they did not reply to the rebel fire. The rebels advanced cheering, but their shots for the most part fell short. Great numbers of rebels proceeded back of the concessions to the riverside railway embankment.

CRUISERS FIRE ON REBELS TO HELP TOWN

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Chinese cruisers opened fire on the rebels, who were attacking the Chinese town. The rebels retired after the third shot. The cruisers freely shelled the rebel position east of the racecourse, and apparently succeeded in scaring them, for within a short time they were in full retreat.

At 11 o'clock Thursday morning a large body of rebels advanced past the racecourse, the Chinese cruisers having taken up a position farther down the river. There was little firing at this time, but the Wuchang forts opened on the warships, which began to maneuver in order to prevent the forts from taking sure aim. Thousands of coolies followed the advancing rebels.

WARSHIPS RETIRE UNDER REPUBLICAN FIRE

The first gun fired was posted on the embankment, and the cruisers withdrew to the Seven Mile creek. The rebels shelled the north Chinese town and continued to advance, and the cruisers retired around the bend of the river. The march on the station met with no opposition. The advance guard, in cooly garb, carried away the abandoned imperialist tents.

At 5:30 o'clock in the evening the rebels returned to Hankow, having in their possession many captured tents and much ammunition and rice.

There was only one casualty among the foreigners. A German marine of a landing party was shot through the hand.

There is no telegraphic communication from Shanghai in the direction of Hankow beyond Kiukiang, except the wireless of the ships, which is not available for public use.

The wildest rumors are being printed in the native newspapers, but in the absence of efficient telegraph service it is not possible to verify these. It is probably true that fighting occurred two days ago at Nanchang, 60 miles south of Kiukiang. Two 4.7 guns have been mounted at the Kiangnan arsenal, which are the only measures so far taken to protect the arsenals.

The imperial government has sent $1,000,000 for deposit in the native banks, which has materially eased the financial situation.

It is said that Admiral Sah's ships are dangerously short of ammunition.

Late reports from reliable sources say that fighting is now going on at Nanking and Nanchang.

FLEET WITHOUT COAL OR RICE

PEKING, Oct. 22.—The full text of a joint dispatch sent by Admirals Jui Cheng and Sah Chen Ping, in command of the warshipsoff Hankow, is published in the Chinese papers, showing that there has been a sudden and inexplicable relaxation of the censorship. The dispatch says:

"As the second installment of the Tientsin troops arrived at the river station they were attacked by from 2,000 to 3,000 rebels. General Chang Piao led the troops from Human, Hupe and Honan, killing 200 to 300 rebels. They also captured six big guns and numerous other weapons. More than 20 loyalist troops were killed.

"Simultaneously Admiral Sah ordered the fleet to protect the river bank

NEGROES MARCH FOR VENGEANCE IN RACE WAR

Slayer of Attorney Bombarded in House, Wounded and Hanged by Neck

Fearing Attack Lynchers Cut Rope and Hide Captive in Vacant Building

Sheriff Takes Prisoner Who Is Riddled With Bullets and Siege Begins

COWETA, Okla., Oct. 22.—Ed Suddeth, a negro, was shot to death tonight by a mob of citizens that armed themselves after a battle this afternoon between blacks and whites, in which Suddeth killed J. B. Beavers, city attorney, and wounded Carmen Oliver and Steller Thompson, white men. Suddeth was wounded and then strung up to a water tank, but was cut down before being strangled to death.

Leaders of the mob kept him captive in a vacant building. Tonight Deputy Sheriff Flowers attempted to take the slayer to Wagoner to jail. As the negro was being lifted into an automobile the mob opened fire on him. Probably 50 shots entered his body.

Large numbers of enraged negroes are arriving tonight from the surrounding country and a race war seems inevitable.

Armed Men Patrol Streets

The white men of the town are patrolling the streets and guarding their homes as best they can, fearing to place women and children on trains that might be attacked by the blacks.

The trouble started yesterday afternoon. A telegraph operator named Swaser was walking with a young woman when Ed Ruse, a negro, in passing, pushed the girl from the sidewalk into the mud. Swaser struck at the negro and another white man held Ruse while Swaser beat him with his fists.

Today Ruse had been walking the streets with a long knife in his pocket, seeking the man who held him. City Marshal Hart ordered the negro to give up the knife and Ruse shot at him.

At that instant Suddeth ran out of a house across the street and opened fire, instantly killing City Attorney Beavers and wounding Oliver and Thompson, all of whom were passing at the time and had taken no part in the trouble.

Bombardment of House

Suddeth took refuge in a nearby house, which was bombarded with guns and revolvers by several white men. The house was set afire and Suddeth fled. He was shot, being seriously injured, and was then taken to the water tank, a rope placed about his neck and he was swung up. It was then decided, however, that to kill him would precipitate a general race war, and he was cut down.

There are 1,200 persons in Coweta, one-third of whom are negroes. The county is largely populated by negroes and it was stated tonight that if the blacks organized they could bring 2,000 men into town before morning.

Negro emissaries have hurried out to surrounding settlements with the avowed intention of bringing enough of their people here to wipe the town off the map. They declare that they will set fire to every house in town.

The sheriffs of Wagoner, Muskogee and Tulsa counties have sent help to Coweta and every means possible will be used to prevent an outbreak.

Negroes March on Town

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Oct. 22.—A long distance telephone message tonight from the sheriff's office at Wagoner says that a large body of negroes, heavily armed, is marching from Red Bird, Okla., upon the town of Coweta. They are swearing vengeance and further trouble is believed certain.

There are rumors of other deaths at Coweta, but this can not be confirmed.

Citizens of Muskogee are being armed by the sheriff and are hurrying to Coweta, 25 miles from here. Sheriff Long of Wagoner county has dispatched all his men to the scene and has been assured of help from the sheriff of Muskogee county.

Company C of the Oklahoma national guard has been ordered to assemble at once and proceed to Coweta.

MILLIONAIRE, 75, TO MARRY CALIFORNIAN

Lumberman Coming West to Wed and Lead Simple Life

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 22.—H. C. Akeley, 75 years old, millionaire lumberman and for a quarter of a century prominently identified with the development of the northwest, is on his way to Long Beach, Cal., there to marry Mrs. Clara Rood Royce.

Akeley took steps before his departure to wind up his business affairs, with a view to making his future home in California. Just before his departure Akeley said he was seeking the "simple life."

"At my age," he said, "one comes to realize that it is worry that kills. Pastor Wagner had the right idea. The 'simple life' appeals to me. I will live in California."

Akeley met Mrs. Royce last winter while on his annual visit to California.

State Employe Is Paid Twice Salary Of His Superior

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 22.—The unique situation of a subordinate getting twice as much salary as his superior presents itself in the case of the state highway engineer and state engineer and the governor may ask the legislature to rectify it at the special session. He is said to be having difficulty in getting a state engineer under these conditions.

The governor desires to appoint a successor to State Engineer Ellery, who is getting $5,000 a year. Highway Engineer Fletcher, under Ellery, is getting $10,000 a year.

The governor is having trouble in making his appointment because of this condition.

McNAMARA DEFENSE TO CALL BROTHER

Both Sides Maintain Silence Regarding Evidence and Court Proceedings

By ARTHUR L. PRICE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—Judge Walter Bordwell will be the figure of central interest when the trial of J. B. McNamara is resumed today for its third week of slow progress. The court has to decide three important questions that will have a bearing on the subsequent proceedings in empaneling the jury.

The points have to do with the concrete cases of three jurors now under challenge, two by the prosecution and one by the defense. But the ruling of the court will lay down the procedure for the examination of jurors that will tend to expedite the case.

The prosecution has challenged A. C. Robinson of Casa Verdugo on the ground that he would not return a verdict of guilty involving the death penalty in cases of circumstantial evidence, and A. R. McIntosh, a baker of Compton and formerly constable there, on the ground that he would not convict on circumstantial evidence.

Challenge by Defense

The defense has interposed a challenge against George W. McKee, who is firmly of the belief that the Los Angeles Times building was destroyed by dynamite. Judge Bordwell's ruling on that point is watched with the greatest interest by both sides, but particularly by the defendant's counsel, for an adverse ruling on that issue would mean that they must use their peremptory challenges freely to keep the box clear of such opinions, which they hold will be well nigh fatal to the chances of a fair trial for J. B. McNamara, charged with the murder of Charles Haggerty, a victim of the explosion that destroyed the Los Angeles Times building October 1, 1910.

With the certainty that the district attorney's office will put Ortie E. McManigal on the stand to give what is purported to be direct evidence against J. B. McNamara, it is established as a corollary that John J. McNamara will be called as a witness in behalf of his brother, with whom he is joint defendant in the indictments returned by the Los Angeles county grand jury.

Brother Joe to Testify

The appearance of Joe McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, will give a stronger sense of the labor significance of the trial. McManigal, if he follows his grand jury testimony—and he will have to do that—will testify that he was with J. B. McNamara when the defendant, in the office of his brother in Indianapolis, received instructions to come to the Pacific coast.

That will be denied by the defense, of course, and the best form of its denial will be to produce John J. McNamara, with his stronger personality, his alert mind and his effective appearance, to refute that testimony.

On reading McManigal's testimony dispassionately, it seems that if his story is not true no part of it is more vulnerable than that particular incident, and it is obvious that the defense will make a strong effort to shatter it at that point. But John J. McNamara is an accomplice, in the theory of the prosecution, and that will weaken his testimony.

Secrecy Regarding Plans

Both defense and prosecution have preserved the most inviolate secrecy concerning much of their work, and little of their plans has come to light. They will not discuss the case, and Clarence S. Darrow, senior counsel for the defense, has refused to allow the McNamaras to talk of their case, and he has spoken of it but little himself.

The work of filling the jury box again will be resumed today as soon as Judge Bordwell has ruled on the important questions at issue. There are about 20 men on the original panel of 119 who have not yet been excused or examined, and the attorneys will proceed to exhaust that list. There are 1,600 names on the Los Angeles county

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OILMAN IS ROBBED ON WEDDING EVE

Thugs Steal Engagement Ring and Year's Savings and Marriage Must Wait

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

BAKERSFIELD, Oct. 22.—On his way to present his sweetheart with a diamond ring as a token of their engagement, his pockets stuffed almost to bursting with gold and bills, the savings of more than year, John Abrams, a McKittrick oil driller, was held up last night by two thugs near the Southern Pacific tower in Kern, robbed of ring, cash, silver mounted revolver and gold watch, in all aggregating $1,000. Abrams was struck from behind and knocked unconscious, but revived sufficiently to recognize his assailants as two McKittrick men who had followed him to Bakersfield.

The men escaped, but Charles Badger of the bureau of identification has such a good description of the pair that their capture is believed to be only a matter of hours.

Abrams, after buying a ticket to El Paso, where he intended to take his bride to be, had nearly $600 in cash on his person. He knew he was being followed, but being a powerful man, felt that he was able to take care of himself.

Following the hold up Abrams went to his prospective father in law's to spend the night. He has abandoned his El Paso trip temporarily, but the girl says she will stick to him till he accumulates another "pile."

MEXICAN OUTBREAK IS EXPECTED TODAY

Documents Lost by Rebels Reveal Plans

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 22.—It is reported here that tomorrow is the date set for the outbreak of the Reyes revolution in Mexico.

It is alleged documents have been captured revealing this fact, and that the outbreak is to occur at some point in the state of Tamaulipas.

Escobosa, the rebel leader, who has been making trouble in the state of Sonora, arrived here today from Marathon, Texas, where it is said he held a conference with representatives of General Bernardo Reyes. He has been under the constant surveillance of both the United States and Mexican secret service men.

MRS. WARREN FAIRBANKS ROBBED OF JEWELS

Bag Containing Gems Worth $10,000 Taken on Train

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Warren Fairbanks of Chicago, social leader and wife of the son of former Vice President Fairbanks, reported to the police yesterday that a bag containing jewels worth $10,000 had been taken from her on a Pullman car en route from Boston to Chicago a week ago.

SPANISH FESTIVAL OF OLD REVIVED

Riding of Wild Steer Will Be Feature of Celebration in San Rafael

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

SAN RAFAEL, Oct. 22.—The main streets of San Rafael are bright with Spanish colors today in preparation for the elaborate festival Tuesday, when San Rafael day will be revived with all the old sports and customs that made October 24 the event of the year in early days of Marin county.

One of the features of the celebration will be the riding of a wild steer, which will take the place of the old time bull fight. Several young ranchers have volunteered to mount the steer.

Other events on the program are as follows:

Parade of military and fraternal organizations, horses, carriages and decorated automobiles.
Barbecue at old mission grounds.
Fire drill and hosecart races.
Horse races.
Cowboy sports and pastimes at Eastside park.
Cigar race.
Riding bucking broncho.
Foot roping.
Fancy pickup riding.
Pony express riding and mail delivery.
Potato races on horses.
Indian raid.
Stage coach holdup, attack on pioneers and destruction of settlers' houses.
Concerts by San Rafael and St. Vincent's bands.
Mask ball at Armory hall.
Confetti carnival.

Officers of the day: Judge Edgar T. Zook, chairman; Senator E. B. Martinelli, orator of the day; F. Frey, grand marshal; Mayor Richard Kinsella, chairman finance committee; R. S. Rake, secretary; Fred Mehl, treasurer.

INDIGENT LOVERS ON BOXCAR HONEYMOON

Police Find Couple Hungry for Two Days

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Held in the detention home for examination as to their sanity, a bride and groom found asleep in a freight car by the police told today of their start in matrimony on a capital of $2. George Burch, the husband, is 30 years old. His wife, Mabel, is 28.

Burch said that he and his bride had not tasted food for more than two days, his only possession being an old newspaper clipping.

Burch said he and his wife escaped from the home for feeble minded at Hartland, Mich.

BOY, 18, KILLED ON DUCK HUNTING TRIP

Eureka Youth Accidentally Fires Own Gun

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

EUREKA, Oct. 22.—Phillip Mathews, 18 years old, was killed this afternoon while hunting ducks on the bay in company with two friends. They had taken a stand behind a blind on the shore, when a gun in the hands of Mathews was discharged. The charge entered his abdomen, tearing a jagged hole. Mathews died shortly after being removed to the hospital. The safety attachment on the gun was out of order.

NORDICA SHOWS SPEED IN SPOKANE

Singer Spends Day Teaching Sweepers Sweeping and Optimism to Pessimist

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

SPOKANE, Oct. 22.—Lillian Nordica breezed into Spokane today by seizing a broom from the porter's hands as he was sweeping the steps and remarking: "Let me do it; you don't know how to keep house.

She followed this by attending street meetings of the Salvation Army and praising the sunshine of Spokane as she saw the city on foot.

Encountering a meeting of the Industrial Workers of the World, Mme. Nordica criticized Alfred Beck, a member of the organization who sold her a book letter "Fan the Flames of Discontent."

"Why don't you try to spread the flames of happiness?" she asked.

Beck replied that he had come from Germany and had to do something to better his cause, as workingmen "are not treated right."

"If you are discontented, why don't you go back to your own country?" continued the songstress. "We are a progressive people here and believe in spreading happiness and contentment."

FORMER STAR ATHLETE ENDS LIFE IN DELIRIUM

Ralph Dimick Leaps to Death From Fire Escape

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—Ralph Dimick, a young lawyer of this city and well known in the Pacific northwest and in the middle west as an athlete, met death here early today while delirious by jumping from the second story fire escape of a hopsital.

Dimick, who contracted pneumonia 10 days ago as the result of a football game, had been out of his mind. During the momentary absence of his nurse, Dimick jumped from bed, climbed out of the window and leaped from the fire escape. He was dead when picked up.

Dimick, who was 28 years of age, atended the Pacific university several years ago, later going to Whitman college, Walla Walla, and finally graduating from Notre Dame college at Notre Dame, Ind. While at Notre Dame, Dimick became widely known throughout the middle west as a football player.

SLEEP WALKER FALLS; DEATH IS EXPECTED

Santa Barbara Man Steps Out of Window

[*Special Dispatch to The Call*]

SANTA BARBARA, Oct. 22.—In an attack of somnambulism John Benentt, a gardener, employed on the estate of William Miller Graham in Montecito, walked out of a second story window of the palatial home some time during last night and this morning was found dying on the ground. Physicians found that the fall of 25 feet had broken his back. Bennett had been in the employ of the Grahams for years and previously it has not been known that he walked in his sleep.