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400 CHINESE SOLDIERS ARE ANNIHILATED

Entire Regiment, Refusing Retreat, Wiped Out By Japs

NONE SERIOUS AFTER WRECKS

Rain, Faulty Vision Blamed For Accidents Over Weed End

Rainy weather and faulty vision were partially blamed for a series of wrecks over the week end in and near the city. Despite the large number of crashes there were no serious results, only one person going to the hospital.

Marcella Brown, 10, was admitted to the hospital Sunday morning when she sustained hip injuries in a collision at Jefferson and Fifth streets. Five other children: Dorothy Brown, 12; Vera Brown, 17; Richard Brown, 8; Raymond Schultz, 14 and Vera Schultz, 12, who were riding in the car driven by Lawrence Brown, suffered cuts and bruises. The other car was driven by John Smiley. Police Chief Melchi investigated.

At 12:10 o'clock this morning Herbert Avery, of Willshire, Ohio, escaped injury when his car crashed into the base of the signal flasher at the Mercer avenue-Erie railroad crossing.

It was necessary to call ahead and flag traffic until the car could be extricated from between the tracks, where it had become wedged. Avery was unhurt except for shock. Policeman Adrian Coffee investigated.

At 10:50 o'clock last night cars driven by Harriet Marguad, of Monroeville, and Harry Allen of Keystone, sideswiped at the curve on 224 east of Decatur. Both cars were damaged but the two drivers escaped unharmed.

At 9:15 last night a car driven by Lee Owens, of Decatur route four hit the bridge rail two miles south on road 27. He told Policeman Coffee that a car with bright lights crowded him into the rail.

Rainy weather and faulty vision were blamed for the latter three accidents by investigating authorities.

Orlie Ritter, of this city, reported to police Saturday night that a car had hit his auto, while it was parked on Eighth street. Chief Melchi checked the license number secured by the man and found that the other car belonged to John Hoffman, of Eleventh street.

34 Coal Miners Are Killed By Explosion

Mulga, Alabama, Oct. 18.—(UPI) — The cause of the explosion in the Mulga coal mines that killed 34 men was fixed tentatively today—a miner struck a match and set off accumulated mine gasses.

One of the group of miners working in an isolated section of the huge mine which employs 1,750 men survives to tell the story. Thirty-three were killed outright and one miner, brought out alive, Ivan Cox, died yesterday of severe burns and the effects of black damp.

CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL PARTY

Birthday Party For All Members Of M. E. Church Wednesday

A birthday party for every member of the church will be held Wednesday night at 6 o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal church here, sponsored by the young married peoples class.

Tables are to be set for each month of the year and persons attending the party will sit at the table conforming with the month of their birth.

Each of the tables will be decorated. Stunts from members of each of the 12 tables will be provided.

Families attending will be expected to bring sufficient food for each member of the family. Coffee will be provided at the church.

Birthday offerings consisting of a penny for each year will be taken during the program.

The young married couples class, which is sponsoring the program, is doing it as its part in raising funds for the improvement plan. Mrs. Walter Krick is chairman of the committee, whose other members are Mrs. Mel Barber and Mrs. Dee Fryback.

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Pipe Line Worker Has Leg Broken

Harold Bell, pipe line worker, was admitted to the Adams county memorial hospital Sunday shortly after noon when he suffered a fractured right leg.

The accident occurred when a falling pipe struck him. The attending physician stated that he was resting easily today.

Broadcast Tonight Hyde Park, N. Y. Oct. 18.—(UPI) — President Roosevelt addresses the nation at 9:30 p. m. CST tonight in a radio appeal for support of community chest drives.

Mr. Roosevelt will speak from the library of his home on the mobilization for human needs program. His speech will last five minutes and will be broadcast on all networks.

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Traffic Blocked For Time This Morning

Traffic on Second street was temporarily blocked at 10:30 o'clock this morning when a barrel of paint fell from a truck, when the driver suddenly applied his brakes to avoid hitting a pedestrian.

Traffic was at a standstill while the driver, aided by Police Chief Melchi, rolled the heavy barrel back onto the truck.

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ITALY ATTACKS BRITISH PLANS FOR PALESTINE

Newspaper Leads Attack; Violence Reported Increasing

Rome, Oct. 18.—(UPI) — Premier Benito Mussolini's own newspaper, Popolo D'Italia of Milan, leading a bitter campaign of criticism against Great Britain's Palestine policy, asserted today that "news from Palestine can not but arouse a sense of horror throughout the civilized world."

Coincidentally, dispatches from Addis Ababa reported that Moslem leaders of Ethiopia had telegraphed the League of Nations and the British government expressing disapproval of British policy and solidarity with Arabs in Palestine.

There was some surprise here at the heat of the Popolo D'Italia editorial at the outset of negotiations to remove foreign volunteers from the Spanish civil war.

But the attack fitted in with developments of the last several weeks calculated to remind Britain that Mussolini is not inclined to sit quiet while Britain and France make threats of strong action if the volunteers are not removed.

The Popolo D'Italia article said:

"Laws which for thousands of years guaranteed justice to civilized mankind are openly trampled on and innocent citizens are punished for deeds for which they bear no responsibility."

"Whole streets have been razed as punishment for acts whose perpetrators the authorities are unable to detect and do not wish to investigate."

"If a street or ward in any city in Europe were to be destroyed as punishment for attempts against a European air field, a wave of indignation would arise against those responsible."

"What constitutes an offense against the civilization of Europe should also constitute an offense against the civilization of Palestine. No one entrusted anyone with a mandate for sowing de-

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WANTS DRIVERS OBSERVE SIGNS

Failure To Observe Through Streets Will Bring Prosecution

Stopping at the street crossings is up to the driver, Chief of Police

St. Melchi, commented this morning when a check-up of the auto accidents over the week-end was made.

The crossings are plainly marked, Chief Melchi stated. In addition to the frog-type stop signs in the center of the streets, stop signs on the right hand side of the street have been placed on the designated through streets.

The city has also erected speed limit signs in the residential and business districts and the curbs have been painted at a number of the street intersections, warning the driver that he is approaching a crossing.

Nearly all the accidents could have been prevented if the driver observed the stop signs, Chief Melchi stated. In a few of the cases both of the drivers were at fault.

"It seems that the drivers heedlessly drive into the intersections without paying any attention to the stop signs and then wonder why they have an accident," the police chief commented.

To have an officer at every street crossing in the city would be an impossibility, as there are more than 150 intersections. To employ 150 policemen to guard the crossings would be financially impossible. Even then it would be up to the driver to stop.

Chief Melchi and members of the force will inaugurate a campaign of apprehending offenders and arrests will be made.

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Henry Knapp Is Reported Better

Henry Knapp, Decatur hardware merchant, suffered a severe heart attack in his store Saturday night. He was reported much improved to attend this club tour.

Decatur, Indiana, Monday, October 18, 1937.

Dies Suddenly



W. A. LOWER DIES SUDDENLY SATURDAY NIGHT

Prominent Decatur Man Is Victim Of Heart Attack Saturday Night

The sudden death of W. A. Lower, 65, prominent local educator and business man, which occurred Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock, shocked Decatur and community. His death was caused by a heart attack, while he was at home.

Death came unexpectedly as he was sitting at home, listening to the radio. He had been in apparent good health, having served as clerk at an auction sale on Friday.

Mr. Lower was a leader in the Republican party of the county and district. The son of a prominent pioneer Adams county family, he was born here January 26, 1872 and grew up on his father's farm. His parents were Joseph S. and Rebecca Jane Congleton-Lower. He was married to Dora L. Peterson, who survives.

Mr. Lower in June, 1910 was appointed by the late President Taft to the office of Decatur postmaster, serving in that capacity for four years.

Before retiring from the post office he was in the general insurance and real estate business. In 1889 he was appointed assistant state superintendent of public instruction. He taught school in the county for nine years, four years in Decatur as principal of a ward school.

Orlando Wellington Springer, 71, retired teamster and farmer of Bobo, died at the Adams county memorial hospital Sunday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock of complications. He had been ill for four weeks.

Mr. Springer had been a life-long resident of Adams county and was born February 23, 1866, the son of Samuel and Penetta Pring Springer. His marriage to Miss Iva Remels took place May 9, 1889. She preceded him in death October 2, 1921.

Mr. Springer was a member of the Mt. Tabor M. E. church of Decatur and of the Ben Hur Lodge of Decatur. For the last 36 years he served as custodian of the church and for the last 11 years as custodian of the Bobo Lodge of Knights of Pythias.

With the exception of the four years spent in Indianapolis in the state education department he lived his entire life in the county. At the time of his death he was thought to indicate Black had entered fully into his court duties.

Participation by Black in the SEC case had been awaited with added interest since he himself was once the object of a somewhat similar legal attack when he was chairman of the senate lobby committee.

The lobby committee, aided by the federal communications commission, seized a group of telegrams sent to and from Hearst newspaper offices. William Randolph Hearst charged in a court suit that the action was unconstitutional and was upheld by the District of Columbia circuit court of appeals.

The SEC case involved similar legal issues since the Florida securities dealers charged that the SEC sought the telegrams for "fishing expedition."

The denial of the SEC attack was the court's principal action to

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BOWERS RITES HERE TUESDAY

Mrs. John S. Bowers Died Saturday Evening At Decatur Home

A heart attack was fatal to Mrs. Mary Laman Bowers, 77, member of a pioneer family here, Saturday evening at 5:15 o'clock. Mrs. Bowers had been ill since Wednesday night.

Mrs. Bowers was born in Delphos, Ohio, April 3, 1860, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Laman. She was married to John S. Bowers, one of the early hardware dealers and prominent in banking and other circles in the city. He survives.

For many years Mrs. Bowers had lived at 105 Marshall street. She was a member of the M. E. church of Decatur.

Surviving besides the husband are five children: Mrs. Lydia Kaugh, of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Gladys Wilkes, of Kendallville; W. S. Bowers, of Decatur; Ruth Bowers Haith, of West Palm Beach, Florida, and Esther, at home. A sister, Mrs. William Lee, of Decatur, also survives. Two brothers are deceased. There are five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and at the M. E. church at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. W. Graham, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

The Zwick funeral home is in charge of the services.

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4-H CLUBS PLAN TO VISIT PARK

Annual County 4-H Club Tour To Wells County State Park Thursday

The annual Adams County 4-H Club tour will take place Thursday, and will be a visit to the Wells County state forest. This state forest is near the Wells-Adams County line about 2 miles west of Newville. Members of the tour will be

expected to begin reaching the state park about 2:30 in the afternoon and then will be conducted on a sightseeing tour of the various wild animal life confined in this park: deer, buffalo, wolves, and game birds.

As special guests the 4-H clubs are inviting the older youth organization, which is known as the Teens and Twenties Club and the Purdue Ag alumnae association members.

At approximately 5 o'clock in the evening, these groups will gather at the recreation grounds and will enjoy a weiner and marshmallow roast. This activity will be followed by organized games. Club members are especially urged to invite the club leaders, their parents and brothers and sisters and friends to attend this club tour.

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TEMPERATURE READINGS

DEMOCRAT THERMOMETER

8:00 a. m. 54
10:00 a. m. 56
Noon 59
2:00 p. m. 60
3:00 p. m. 59

WEATHER

Occasional rain probable tonight and Tuesday; somewhat cooler Tuesday.

Airliner Crashes In Rugged Mountain Peaks In West; 19 Persons Reported On Board

SUPREME COURT DENIES REVIEW OF SEC POWER

Justice Black Participates In First Deliberations

Washington, Oct. 18.—(UPI) — The Supreme court, with Justice Hugo L. Black apparently participating for the first time, today refused to undertake a review of constitutionality of delegation of power to the securities and exchange commission.

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