

DEFENDERS HURL BACK ARMIES MARCHING ON PEKIN

CHANG CLAIMS VICTORIES IN MAJOR FIGHTS

Ends Unconfirmed Rumors of Steady Advances by Invaders.

ANSWER JAPAN'S EDICT

Violation of International Law Is Charged by Chinese Chief.

BY D. C. BESS

United Press Staff Correspondent

PEKIN, China, May 26.—Marshal Chang Tso Lin today announced the nationalist threat against Pekin had ended after the southern army had been decisively defeated by his northern troops below Pao-tung-Fu.

Chang claimed sweeping victories on the Pao-tung-Fu sector of the semi-circular battle front surrounding the northern capital and said these victories definitely had checked the nationalist advance.

Chang's announcement ended unconfirmed rumors in the capital that the northern forces were retreating along the entire front, except for the Nankou Pass area.

There had been unconfirmed reports that the southern army had made smashing victories and that in only one or two remote regions was Chang thoroughly entrenched.

Major Battle Reported

All advices here, however, indicated there had been an engagement of major proportions although details were lacking.

The southern army advanced in two sections—one headed by Chiang Kai Shek and the other by Peng Yu Hsiang—and circled the capital at a distance of between 125 and 175 miles.

Chang sent his men to a similar semi-circular front to protect all approaches to the capital, the ultimate goal of the Nationalists.

It was the first major clash between the two forces.

If Chang's announcement today is correct, it was conceded the strength of the northern force was far greater than many observers had believed it.

Many thought it likely that Chang would not test his strength against the invading Nationalist forces. They thought it more likely he would quietly withdraw from Pekin and return to his own province of Manchuria, thus permitting the Nationalists to take over the capital.

Earlier advices indicated more than 400,000 men figured in the major engagement below Pekin. Of this number Chang was believed to have thrown a force of about 200,000 men into the field.

Answer Japan's Threat

Meanwhile the Pekin government—that presided over by Marshal Chang Tso Lin—has answered Japan's memorandum regarding the situation in Manchuria, to which the northern army may retreat should they meet complete reversal in the protection of Pekin.

Japan had said there would be no Chinese civil strife in Manchuria, and that if necessary the Japanese would draw a line beyond which the civil strife should end. This was done to protect Japanese interests in the northern province.

The Pekin government, in answering this memorandum, said the Japanese action violated the Washington treaty. The Chinese answered Japan to refrain from further violations of international law.

RUN ANNIVERSARY TRAIN

Pt. Wayne Crew Operate Penny Limited on Birthday.

By Times Special

PT. WAYNE, Ind., May 26.—The entire crew of the Manhattan Limited, fast Pennsylvania passenger train between New York and Chicago, which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary this week, is made up of Pt. Wayne men.

The train was inaugurated May 24, 1903, as the third through limited on the Pennsylvania lines between the east coast and the Great Lakes.

The crew includes: E. L. Tenny, W. E. Hobrock, S. H. Meyers, F. A. Thomas, Mart Maguire, H. C. Liebig, Neil Hayes, A. W. Meier, A. J. Zurbach, H. O. Hilker, F. H. Adams and A. G. Woodie.

Oaken Bucket Well Found

By United Press

VALPARAISO, Ind., May 26.—An old-fashioned well which once gave up its water in an oaken bucket has been discovered here by workmen digging a cellar. This city's first steam shovel was being used in digging the cellar when it encountered a solid brick wall. An investigation revealed the old well.

Our Summer Saturday Schedule

Beginning with June 2nd, all the departments of our company will be open Saturdays from 8 A. M. to 1 P. M.; on other week days the hours will be from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

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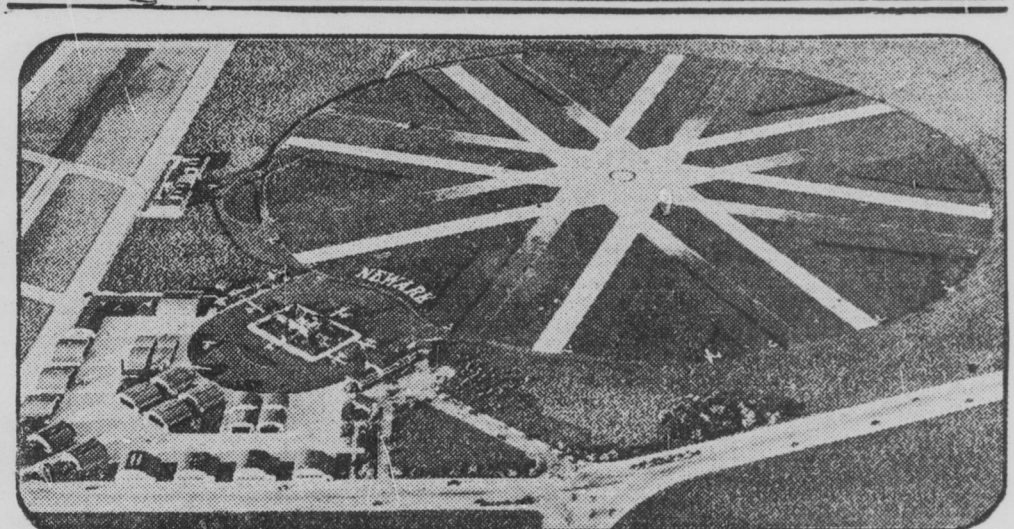
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Aviation



The greatest airport in the New York metropolitan district, designed to accommodate many of the transport lines that are springing up from the South and West, is being built at Newark, N. J. The photo above shows the centrally grouped hangars and the circular building criss-crossed in every direction by landing avenues.

INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT WEATHER

CONDITIONS AT 9:30 A. M.

(Compiled for The Times by Government Weather Observer, J. H. Armstrong and Donald McConnell, Government aeronautical observer.)

North ind., 5 miles an hour; barometric pressure, 29.78 at sea level; temperature, 51; ceiling, 4,000 feet; visibility 10 miles.

Monoplane on Display

An extensive display of air mail, student training and commercial flying equipment is included in the exhibit at the aeronautical exposition of the Embury-Riddle Company, Cincinnati, air mail contractors on the Cincinnati-Indianapolis-Chicago route.

The Cincinnati company had on display one of the Fairchild "all purpose" cabin monoplanes, for which it is sales representative.

In addition to demonstration and passenger flights, a novel feature of the plane, its folding wings, will be demonstrated on the field. Wings of the plane fold back against the fuselage, reducing the width of the plane from forty-four feet to thirteen feet folded. This permits storage in small spaces.

The plane, which seats five passengers and pilot, has remarkable vision from all six seats.

Seaplane Sets Record

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—The seaplane X-PN-12 established a new record for an endurance flight with a pay-load—2,240 pounds—to-day, when it landed at 4:47 a. m., after being in the air 17 hours and 53 minutes.

The record had been established three weeks ago at the Navy Yard here, but the flight of the X-PN-12 had been kept secret.

Dirigible Designer Here

Commander Ralph D. Weyerbacher, United States Navy designer of the famous dirigible Shenandoah, returned to Philadelphia navy yard, Thursday night, after visiting his aunt, Miss Gertrude Weyerbacher at the home of an uncle, Dr. A. F. Weyerbacher, 663 E. Twenty-Seventh St., for two days. He also visited Dr. Weyerbacher Thursday at Nashville.

Plan Aviation Dinner

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., May 26.—Plans are being made by the local Chamber of Commerce for an "aviation dinner" for the general membership to be held at Hotel Gary in the near future. The affair is being planned to create new interest in flying. A committee has recently been appointed and is making a survey in anticipation of building an airport here.

Airway Express Planned

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., May 26.—Plans are being completed here for the opening of the new airway express and freight route by the Airplane and Transport Corporation, with headquarters at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The proposed route is from Ft. Wayne to Marion, Anderson, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, Louisville, Ky.; Cincinnati, Richmond, Indianapolis and back to Ft. Wayne. A regular passenger service is expected to be offered by the new concern.

Scouts Aid at Air Expo

By Times Special

Boy Scouts in uniform are assisting in handling crowds and traffic at the Indianapolis airport during the four-day aeronautical exposition.

Some of the Scouts are patrolling the landing field, protecting on-lookers during take-offs and landings of planes, while others assist State and city police officers keep

traffic flowing smoothly to and from the airport.

Six State police and six city police were on duty at the airport, through courtesy of Richard T. Humes, State motor police chief, and Claude M. Worley, Indianapolis police chief.

Youths Have Exhibits

Among the exhibits at the aeronautical exposition at Indianapolis airport are several prepared by youthful Indianapolis aviation enthusiasts.

These include exhibits of model airplanes by school pupils, Boy Scouts and the Y. M. C. A. aviation ground school work.

Boy Scouts in uniform, members of Capt. H. Weir Cook's school aviation class, Y. M. C. A. aviation ground school students, model airplane club members, and members of the Chamber of Commerce aviation class were admitted free of charge to the exposition today.

Air Mail Box Placed

An air mail collection box, painted red, white and blue, has been placed at the Indianapolis airport during the aeronautical exposition so visitors may mail air letters while attending the exposition. Air mail stamps are on sale at the grounds.

The mail plane operated by the Embury-Riddle Company, Cincinnati, leaves for Chicago at 5:15, Central Standard time, daily.

Interested in Instruments

Early visitors at the aeronautical exposition displayed much interest in the section of the military exhibit containing instruments and instrument boards used by famous fliers.

One of these was a duplicate of the instrument board used by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, grouped exactly as he had them on "We," his famous trans-Atlantic plane, now exhibited in the Smithsonian museum.

Another board is a duplicate of that used by Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger in their Frisco-to-Honolulu hop. Charts used by these fliers in their Pacific jump, showing contact points with ocean vessels en route, also are on exhibition.

A model instrument board is displayed by the Pioneer Instrument Company.

Ready for Australia Dash

By United Press

OAKLAND, Cal., May 26.—Captain Kingsford-Smith and his trimotored airplane, the Southern Cross, were here today to await the beginning of their flight to Australia.

The flier arrived at Oakland airport late yesterday after a "pleasant but uneventful" flight from Los Angeles.

He and three associates planned to leave for Australia Thursday, if weather permits.

Ruth Elder Leaves City

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The defense is claiming that Roman struck his wife in a quarrel and Luczkowski said that he feared she was on her way to get a gun. The case is expected to reach the jury Monday.

PLAN COMMUNITY WORK

By Times Special

Plans for the 1928-29 season of activities for the Jewish Community Center Association are being made by Executive Secretary Allan Bloom following the annual election of officers this week.

The association has more than 1,000 members and conducts various activities at the Kirshbaum Community Center. These include the open forum, Jewish studies, library, gymnasium and swimming classes, orchestra and clubs.

Leonard A. Strauss was re-elected president of the organization; Sidney Sternberger, vice-president; Miss Francis Mazur, secretary; and Jacob L. Mueller, treasurer.

The communal Bldg., 17 W. Morris St., is also operated by the association and will continue its present program.

PETITION BOND ISSUE

By Times Special

Petersburg Water Co. Needs \$8,500 New Plant.

Petition was filed with the Public Service Commission Friday by the Petersburg Water Company, for permission to issue \$8,500 first mortgage twenty years 5 per cent bonds to pay for an additional plant to take care of the increased water demands.

The company has an outstanding obligation of \$5,000 which will be paid out of the issue, the petition states.

CITY BUILDING SLUMPS

By Times Special

Home Permits Total \$117,600, Weekly Survey Shows.

Building permits dropped below the average for the last few weeks according to the compilation for the week made today by the Indianapolis Real Estate Board. Permits for thirty residences, totaled \$117,600. A standard Old filling station, Illinois St., and Westfield Blvd., and a storehouse at Tenth and Dearborn Sts., brought the total to \$123,200.

109 CHARGED IN 70 INDICTMENTS BY GRAND JURY

Two Face Court for Mail Robbery; Liquor and Theft Cases Up.

Seventy indictments, naming 109 defendants, were returned by the Federal grand jury Friday.

Calvin Homes and Carl E. Jennings, Terre Haute, were indicted on mail robbery charges.

The two held up the mail room at the Terre Haute Union Station, March 26, disarmed and tied up three mail clerks and rifled five mail pouches, officers charge. Postal inspectors reported they obtained only \$65 cash and several Government revolvers.

Liquor Cases Up

The grand jury returned thirty-six no bills. Friday, June 1, was set as arraignment day.

Indianapolis liquor defendants indicted included: Dell E. Barker, 1925 N. Harding St.; Lee P. Barker, same address; Joseph Hayden, Negro, Box 47, R. R. 1; Collins Heard, Negro, 612 N. Senate Ave.; Fred Garnett, Negro; John R. Matelich, 1155 N. Holmes St.; Virgil Lee Cash, R. R. 2; Roy Reiter, 1702 S. Belmont St.; Charles Shiner, same address; Newell Black, 1116 N. Capitol Ave.; Joseph Koegen, 2701 E. Tenth St.; Joseph Radkovic, 2701 E. Tenth St.; Charles Tarrant, Negro, Grand Hotel; Thomas McKinney, Middle Drive, Woodruff Place; Mabel Anderson, 747 S. Noble St.; Clifton Lowe, 409 N. Orange St.; Thomas Thompson, 453 Agnes St.; Elmer Thompson, same address; William Shriner, 1222 W. Ray St.; Frank Pangalis, 812 Elm St.; Michael Delois, 910 Lexington Ave.; Joseph Tritelari, 857 E. St. Clair St.; William Wittingham, Millersville, Ind.; and Zeda Clay, 705 N. Senate Ave.

Other liquor defendants included: Joseph Schroeder, Sr.; Joseph Schroeder, Jr.; James and Margaret Linville, all Greensburg; Anthony Huber, William Byard, Robert Pucini, Michael Buckhaver, and Tom Lineback, all Batesville; Calvin Good; John Walter and Mrs. John Walter, Sunman, R. R. 2; Joseph Lockridge, Pearl Lockridge, Mildred Cheatham, Harry Miles, Theodore Walner, Henry Gibson and Floyd Lee, all Madison; Henry Withy, Linhart; George Menninger and Clarence Smith, Harrison, Ohio; Delmon Clark, Shelby County; George Kluty, R. R. 2, Sanborn, Ind.; Edward Heile, Aurora, R. R. 2; and Mrs. John Salatin, R. R. 7; Madison; Harry Ridley, Mabel Ridley, and William Reedy, Terre Haute.

Charged With Car Theft

Motor theft defendants included: Cecil Wymore, Muncie; Court Argadine, 2726 Olney St.; Herman A. Gloyd, Anderson; Sol Levine and Warren H. Spooner, Philadelphia; Bert T. Spicer, Brazil; Thomas James O'Brien, 2725 N. Meridian St.; Alfred Vance Blackley, Springfield, Mass.; Chester Doty, Willard and Allen Putty, St. Louis County, Missouri; William H. Hyden, James L. Schaefer and Roy Benton, all of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Among other defendants are: Fred Stafford, Negro, Louisville, Ky.; Frederick Wayne Smith, Terre Haute, and Timothy Hurley and Lester R. Connors, both of Shelbyville, all narcotic charges; Henry Yeager, 723 E. Ohio St., and Jake McDonald, Indianapolis, counterfeiting; Dan Baker, Borden, Ind., use of mails to defraud; Lena Robinson, Pearl Smalley and Elmer Robinson, all of Evansville, postal scheme to defraud.

DEMOCRAT PLATFORM

ADVISORS APPOINTED

Will Pass Suggestions to State Committee.

By Times Special

PT. WAYNE, Ind., May 26.—Mayor L. Ert Slack, Charles A. Greathouse, national committee man, and Alexander E. Gordon, rail union official, all of Indianapolis, are included on the platform advisory committee appointed by R. Earl Peters, Democratic State chairman, for the Democratic State convention June 5 and 6.

The committee will meet Monday, 3 p. m., June 4, in the Claypool, Indianapolis, to receive platform suggestions and later to make recommendations to the regular platform committee of the convention.

Other members are: E. G. Hoffman, Ft. Wayne; Thomas Taggart, French Lick; John McFadden, Rockville; Joseph M. Cravens, Madison; Dan Simms, Lafayette; W. H. O'Brien, Lawrenceburg; Walter Chambers, Newcastle; Harry M. Williams, Ft. Wayne; John De Prez, Shelbyville; John Paris, New Albany; Abram Simms, Bluffton, and Dale Crittenberger, Anderson.

CALLS CONVICTS BRAVE

By Times Special

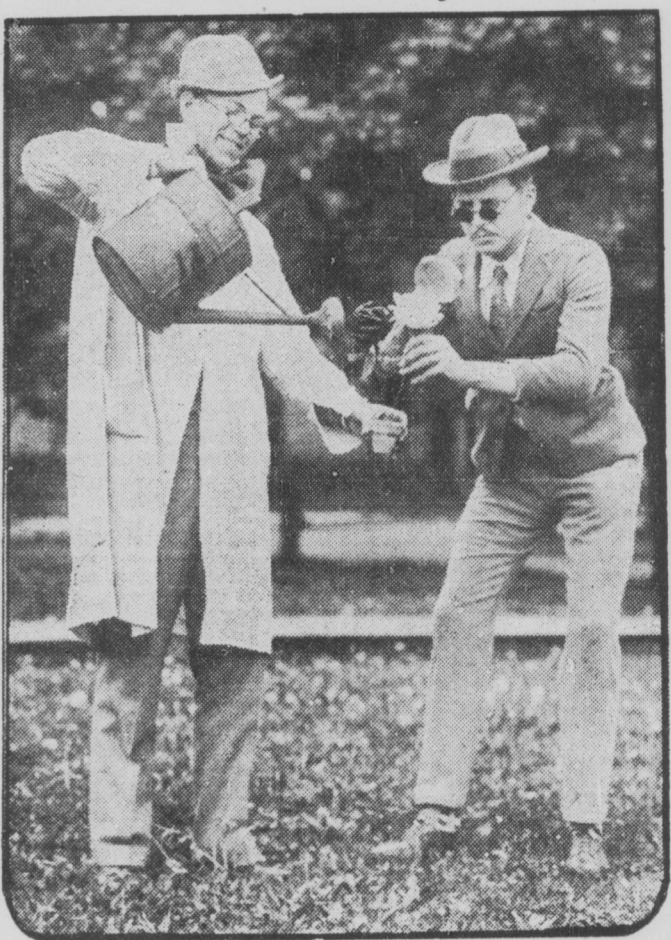
NEW YORK, May 26.—Writing in the June World's Work, Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing draws the following generalities from his experience with more than 100 condemned prisoners. That they are usually poor; that they are usually ignorant, and that they are always courageous.

Lion Bearded

By Times Special

NASHVILLE, Ind., May 26.—Clarence Long, prosecuting attorney of Brown and Johnson Counties, is putting forth an extra effort to run down an auto thief this week, who stole his car. The car was stolen while Long was in a barber shop at Franklin.

Caricature Professors



Caricatures of professors will be a feature of the pageant to be held by the students of Butler University on the new campus, June 1. The picture shows Rex Dauhenmire, 2325 N. La Salle St., and George W. Fischer, 5657 N. Pennsylvania St., dressed to represent a "biology crank." The reasons students think he is a crank is that he can take forty girls on a field trip and still teach "em flowers. Other students declared that such a biology professor "made the wild flowers wild."

HOME CITY JOYOUS; HONOR PAID LESLIE

Lafayette and its sister town, West Lafayette, held an all-night celebration last night in honor of the nomination of Harry G. Leslie as Governor on the Republican ticket.

Leslie, his wife and three sons live at West Lafayette, where he was born.

Almost everybody in Lafayette knows Harry, or "Skillet" Leslie, who rose from grocery boy to his present high place in Republican circles.

Leslie was a grocery delivery boy, at attending high school, when he was elected town clerk. This job gave him enough money to go to Purdue University, where he established the record of being president of his class four years.

He was captain of the baseball and football teams in his junior year. During his senior year he was among the football players in the train wreck at the Indianapolis Railroad yards when sixteen of the football squad were killed.

He was in the hospital for thirty-eight weeks, and now has a steel plate in his jaw as a result of the crash.

After being graduated from Purdue in 1904, Leslie was graduated from Indiana Law School and became United States commissioner. He was elected Tippecanoe County treasurer in 1912, being re-elected in 1914.

Leslie dropped out of politics for a while when he took up farming in Warren County. Later he became a deputy internal revenue collector.

In the next few years Leslie was Purdue alumni secretary, then joint representative from Warren and Tippecanoe counties in 1923. He was re-elected in 1925 and 1927, serving as speaker of the House in the last two sessions.

Leslie was 50 April 6.

PLANE BURNS; FLIER PLUNGES TO SAFETY

By United Press

FIELD, N. Y., May 25.—Lieut. Stanley M. Umstead, U. S. Army pilot, leaped to safety with a parachute when his plane caught fire at an altitude of 2,500 feet today.

Umstead's leap was spectacular; and only luck saved him from death. When the plane, a Curtiss P-3, took fire, he started to climb out for the jump. His parachute strap caught on the seat and before he

could free himself, he dropped a thousand feet, landed in the blazing whirling plane.

When he fought clear he leaped and made a good descent. He had slight burns on his hands and face and his parachute was singed off. The plane crashed west of the field. When it came down the gasoline exploded, blowing the tank nearly 200 feet. The plane was demolished.

ENGINEERS TO ELECT MILLER

Power Chiefs to Close Annual Parley Today.

C. Leroy Miller, Evansville, Ind., is slated for election to the presidency of the Indiana Association of National Power Engineers today at the close of the twenty-fourth annual convention and exposition at the Indianapolis Power and Light Company hall, Pine and Daly Sts.

Miller now is vice president, and Ralph H. Zeller, Anderson, Ind., is president.

F. L. Clifford, Kokomo, Ind., will be re-elected secretary and E. G. Heeger, Evansville, will be re-named treasurer.

APPROVE BOND ISSUE FOR SANITARY TANKS

\$50,000 Sale Is Authorized by State Tax Board.

The State Tax Board has authorized the Indianapolis Sanitary District to issue \$50,000 bonds bearing 4 per cent interest for the construction of concrete resetting tanks.

The issue was fought by the Taxpayers League and at a hearing held March 13, Russell MacFall, former member of the Sanitary board protested the bond issue saying that the tanks were unnecessary and would not do the necessary work.

His contention was opposed by C. H. Hurd, consulting engineer for the board, who declared they were vital to take care of the augmented demand upon the sanitary system.

Woodmen Initiate Tonight

Modern Woodmen of America will hold an initiation tonight at the M. W. A. hall, 322 E. New York St., for about eighty-five candidates with M. T. Wright, district deputy, in charge. Ramon Camp will hold an open public meeting Wednesday night, Wright announcing.

HEADS WEARING CROWNS UNEASY OVER ELECTIONS

Politicians Agreed Almost Anything Can Happen in November.

BY C. J. LILLEY

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Almost anything can happen in the coming election, according to members of congress who are wondering what will happen to themselves.

The situation with Herbert Hoover as the probable Republican nominee and Governor Al Smith as the Democratic standard-bearer is so uncertain, particularly on the Democratic side, that most congressmen are reluctant to discuss it.

Many a representative of a congressional district who has sat undisturbed for many years is looking into the future with anything but serenity.

Expect Southern Shake-up

Certain senators aren't any too sure of coming back and just who will be the political leaders in their home states after the election is something they will give a good deal to be able to answer.

The greatest shake-up foreseen is the South. In some States, Congressmen have been too quick to espouse Smith's cause and are discovering that reaction is already setting in against them. In others the strength of the Smith movement has been underestimated and the Congressmen are trying vainly to find a safe toe-hold on the Smith carriage.

Even if Smith is nominated and carries the solid South, as his most optimistic supporters predict, the uneasy congressmen do not know whether this will make them secure or not. In some states a minority of the voters may give Smith the state electors while the majority in protest stays away from the polls.

Everybody Cautious