

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
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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 Fatotung-Fu.

Chang claimed sweeping victories on the Paotung-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 Nankau Pass area.

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

Major Battle Reported

All advances 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 Feng Yu Hsiang—and circled the capital at a distance of 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 answer to this memorandum, said the Japanese action violated the Washington treaty. The Chinese answer urged Japan to refrain from further violations of international law.

RUN ANNIVERSARY TRAIN

Ft. Wayne Crew Operate Pennsylvania Limited on Birthday.

FT. 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 Ft. 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. Hobrook, S. H. Meyers, F. A. Thomas, Mart Maguire, H. C. Liebig, Neil Hayes, A. W. Meier, A. J. Zurcher, H. O. Hilkir, F. H. Adams and A. G. Woode.

Oaken Bucket Well Found

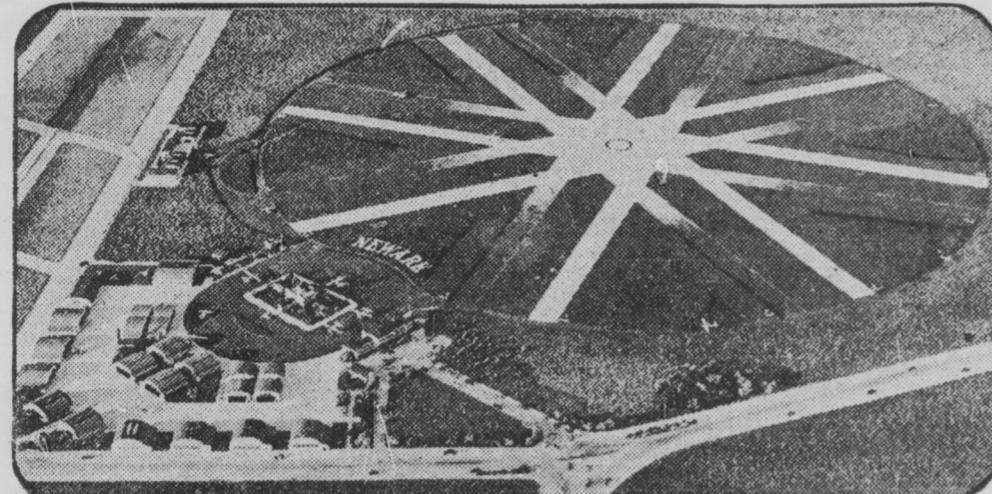
VALPARAISO, Ind., May 26.—An old-fashioned well which once gave up its water in an oaken bucket has been discovered here by workmen digging a cellar. This city's first steam shovel was being used in digging the cellar when it encountered a solid brick wall. An investigation revealed the old well.

Scouts Aid at Air Expo

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 onlookers during take-offs and landings of planes, while others assist State and city police officers keep

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 field 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 aeronautics section.)

North, Ind., 5 miles an hour; barometric pressure, 29.75 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 Embry-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 55 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.

Ready for Australia Dash

By United Press

OAKLAND, Calif., May 26.—Captain Kingsford-Smith and his trimotor 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.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

George Putt, 2116 Napoleon St., Chevrolet, 48-494, from Capitol Ave. and Washington St.

Henry Schreiber, 4218 Carroll Ave., Nash, from garage in rear.

Freddy Montgomery, Rushville, Ind., Chevrolet, 205-901, from Rushville, Ind.

Ort McDaniels, Advance, Ind., Ford, 448-973, from Delaware and Walnut Sts.

M. J. Meeks, Centerville, Ind., Chrystie, 574-327, from Newcastle, Ind.

F. T. Holliday, 3947 N. Meridian St., Duesenberg, 10-330, from Vernon and Meridian Sts.

Graham-Paige Company, 1030 N. Meridian St., Graham-Paige, 10-3030, from Tenth and Illinois Sts.

Columbia School Supply Company, Franklin, from rear of 1910N. Delaware St.

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BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Fred Wolfe, 431 Harris Ave., Ford, found at Walnut St. and east bank of White River.

Harry Pihl, 4144 Cornelius Ave., Chevrolet, found at New York and Pennsylvania Sts.

Adrian Elkins, 512 E. Twenty-Third St., Ford, found at 45 State Avenue.

F. A. Lancaster, 1059 W. Thirty-Fifth St., Chevrolet, found at Fourteenth and Pennsylvania Sts.

Paul Stevens, Brazil, Ind., Ford, found at 748 W. Twenty-Fourth St., Charles Pierson, 4261 English Ave., Chevrolet, found at east band of White River and Walnut St.

CITY BUILDING SLUMPS

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 residents totaled \$117,600. A Standard Oil filling station, Illinois St. and Westfield Blvd., and a storeroom at Tenth and Dearborn Sts., brought the total to \$123,200.

4% on Savings

The INDIANA TRUST COMPANY for Savings

CAPITAL \$2,000,000.00

A Strong Company—Oldest in Indiana

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.

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. C.; Leroy Reuter, 1702 S. Belmont St.; Charles Shriner, same address; Newell Black, 1116 N. Capitol Ave.; George Koegen, 2701 E. Tenth St.; Joseph Radkovich, 2701 E. Tenth St.; Charles Tarrant, Negro, Grand Hotel; Thomas McKinney, Middle Drive, Woodruff Place; Mabel Anderson, 747 S. Noble St.; Clifton Lowe, 310 Orange St.; Thomas Thompson, 453 Agnes St.; Elmer Thompson, same address; William Shriner, 1222 W. Ray St.; Frank Pangalis, 812 Elm St.; Michael Detolli, 909 Lexington Ave.; Joseph Sgro, 914 Lexington Ave.; Louigi Tritaroli, 857 E. St. Clair St.; William Wittingham, Millersville; Henry and Zeda Clay, 705 N. Senate Ave.

Other liquor defendants included:

Joseph Schroeder, Sr., Joseph Schroeder, Jr., James and Margaret Linnville, all Greensburg; Anthony Huber, William Byard, Robert Puccini, Michael Buckhave and Tom Lineback, all Batesville; Calvin Skeen and Charles Reynolds, Osgood; John Walter and Mrs. John Walter, Sunman, R. R. 2; Joseph Kledge, Pearl Lockridge, Mildred Cheatham, Harry Miles, Theodore Wainer, Henry Gibson and Floyd Lee, all Madison; Henry Withycombe, Linton; George Menninger and Clarence Smith, Harrison, Ohio; Delmon Clark, Shelby County; George Klutty, R. R. 2, Sanborn, Ind.; Edward Hehe, Aurora; Mr. 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 Waymire, Muncie; Court Argadine, 2726 Olney St.; Herman A. Gloyd, Anderson; Sol Levine and Warren H. Spooner, Philadelphia; Bert T. Spicer, Brazil; Thomas James O'Bryan, 2725 N. Meridian St.; Alfred Vance Blakesley, Springfield, Mass.; Chester Doty, Willard and Aileen 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 Luther R. Connally, both of Shelbyville, all narcotic charges; Henry Yeager, 728 E. Ohio St., and Jake McDonald, Indianapolis, counterfeiting; Dannie Baker, Borden, Ind., use of mail to defraud; Lena Robinson, Pearl Smalley and Elmer Robinson, all of Evansville, postal scheme to defraud.

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

DEMOCRAT PLATFORM ADVISORS APPOINTED

Will Pass Suggestions to State Committee.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 26.—Roman Luczakowski, 21, took the stand in St. Joseph Circuit Court Friday and confessed to striking his middle-age wife on the head with a hammer.

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.

PLANE BURNS; FLIER PLUNGES TO SAFETY

By United Press

MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y., May 26.—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 to-day.

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 tangled in the blazing whirling wires.

When he fought clear he landed and made a good descent. He had slight burns on his hands and face and his mustache 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.

PICTURE IS CLEW TO OWNER OF VALUABLES