

## Chinese Reds Drive Closer To Nanking

Battle on 35 Miles West of Capital

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NANKING, Nov. 27 (UP)—Communist troops drove within 25 miles of this Nationalist capital today as Madame Chiang Kai-shek prepared to leave tomorrow for the United States to seek quick American aid for her husband's shaky government.

Madame Chiang tried to take off from Shanghai today in a chartered Chinese National Aviation Corp. Sikymaster. But bad weather forced her to postpone her departure until 7 p. m. Indianapolis time, Sunday. She will fly by way of Guam and Honolulu.

(The State Department at Washington announced that a U. S. Naval transport plane has been made available to Mme. Chiang "at her request." The announcement said the plane will leave Shanghai at 5 a. m. Indianapolis time, Sunday and is due in Washington sometime Wednesday. State Department officials said use of the plane was a "courtesy.")

The Red push to Chingpaling, a railway town 35 miles north of Nanking, punched another hole in the Nationalist government's rail communications with embattled Suchow.

**Situation Obscure**  
Government reports said the situation in Chingpaling was "obscure," but was not likely to constitute any real danger to Nanking for the present. They estimated the Communist troops totaled not more than 20,000.

Strong Nationalist reinforcements rushed south from Pengpu and north from Pukow, across the Yangtze river from Nanking, were reported in contact with the Communists along a line from Chingpaling to Tingyuan.

Gen. Chiu Ching-chuan, commander of the Nationalist Second Army group, said the Reds had thrown 600,000 men into the battle in an attempt to encircle the railway junction of Suchow, 45 miles north of Nanking, and isolate it from Nanking. Government troops were estimated to number 500,000.

### Molds Make Allergies

EVANSTON, Ill., Nov. 27 (UP)—A Northwestern University medical specialist says that molds, borne on the air from crop fields, are second only to pollens in causing allergic symptoms. Dr. Theodore B. Bernstein estimates that 20 per cent of allergic persons are sensitive to molds.

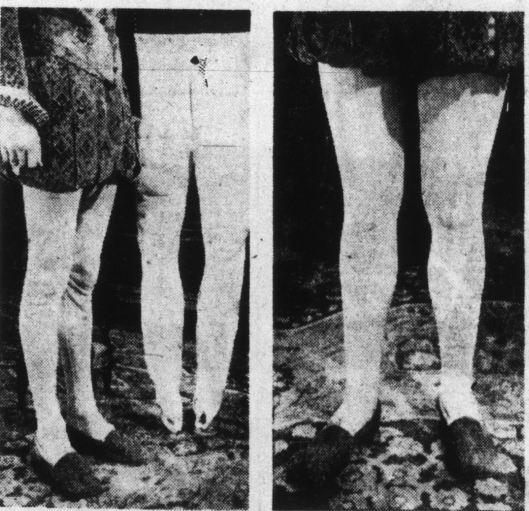
## A Stocking Yarn

Looking at well-turned ankles was not always the exclusive sight-seeing privilege of men. At one time stockings were worn by males with an eye toward attracting the glances of the fair sex.

To trace the evolution of the stocking, Producer Jerry Fairbanks in Hollywood cooked up a short subject, "The Stocking Yarn." Here are some of the scenes from the movie, including the photo of modern Miss Mary Blanchard (right) donning a pair of nylons.



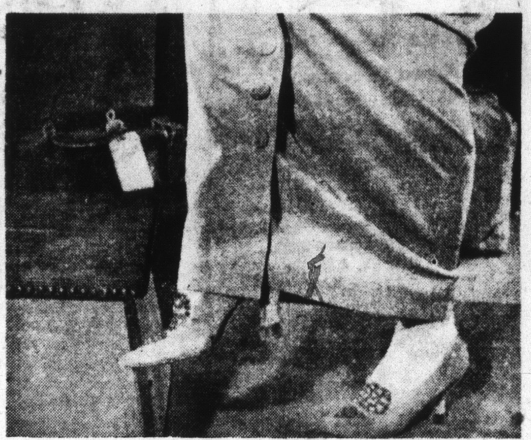
**EXACTING WORK**—Stockings were knitted by hand until the first stocking machine was invented in the 16th century. Here an old stocking maker pushes production (one a day) for English dandies.



**PADDING**—Henry VIII, a man with well-formed legs, promoted fancy, hip-length stockings for men. But this fellow on the left didn't have the "shapely" legs for such limb exposure. So he donned the padded stockings which were hanging beside him. The result is at the right. These "symmetricals" were extremely popular with skinny-legged fellows.



**FROM ONE EXTREME**—Oh, so you think the men's stockings were funny? Well, the women went from hoop skirts to the can-can costume, although this outfit and the mesh stockings worn by Vera Lee weren't worn on the streets.



**TO THE OTHER**—But this skirt was. In 1914 a display of ankles and the wearing of hobble skirts were correct. Boarding a train was almost impossible.

## French Reds Lose Long Mine Strike

Confess Defeat By Order to Work

PARIS, Nov. 27 (UP)—Admitting defeat, the Communist-led General Confederation of Labor today called off the nation's eight weeks old coal strike and ordered all miners back to work on Monday.

Officials of the miners' federation, faced with the fact that 80 per cent of their 350,000 men had drifted back to work, announced it was necessary to "regroup to continue the battle in other ways."

The victory was Premier Henri Queuille's, who fought the strike with mechanized troops and republican security guards. But it was a costly victory.

France lost an estimated 5 million tons of coal and was forced to divert credits from the purchase of petroleum and other vital supplies to buy emergency coal imports.

Clashes between soldiers and striking miners broke out all over France during the strike. But the premier's firm stand was supported by almost all political leaders in the National Assembly except the Communists.

## 4 Marian Seniors In 'Who's Who'

Four Marian College seniors have been selected for inclusion in the 1948-49 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Those selected were Mary P. McCarthy, Sarah Page and Patricia Parker, all of Indianapolis, and Mary Jane Porter, Dayton, O.

Selection was made on the basis of general scholarship, leadership and participation in college activities and the probability of achievement in professional or business careers after graduation. Miss Parker is president of the student association. Miss McCarthy is vice president of the student association. Miss Page is editor of the Florett, semi-annual anthology of prose and poetry, and Miss Porter is editor of the Phoenix, monthly school paper.

**FRENCH DEPORT RIGHTISTS**  
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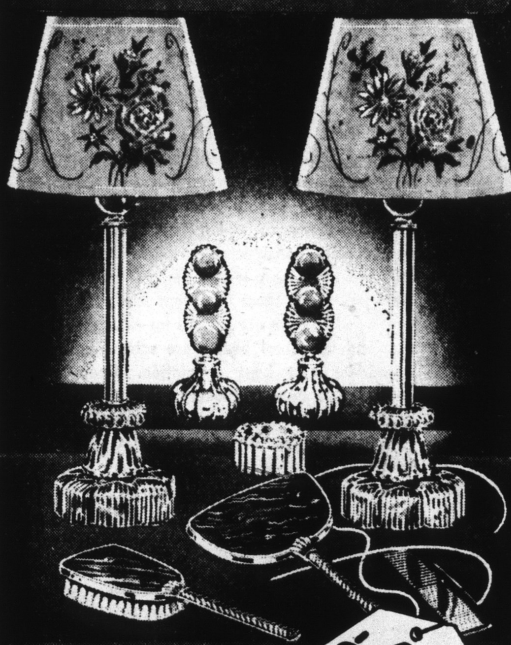
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Mr. Jones starts 1200 chicks in a battery brooder house, then moves them to a heated section of a broiler house 233 feet long. At the same time he starts 1200 more chicks in the brooder.

The system gives them a shipment for market every week.

### Bloomington Doctor Heads Medical Group

Times State Service  
BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 27—Dr. William Krasell, local physician, has been elected president of the Owen-Monroe County Medical Society succeeding Dr. Philip T. Holland, also of this city.

Dr. Karsell and Dr. Frederick Smith, Spencer, were named delegates to the state medical convention.

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