

EFFECT OF THE AMNESTY

French Police Report Crime Increase

AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE

A marked recrudescence of armed robberies and house breaking cases is reported by the French Concession police as the result of the liberation of prisoners from gaol under the amnesty, and still more cases are anticipated as the result of future liberations. Not a day passes without new complaints being registered with the police.

An outstanding case is that of a man with a long list of offences against his name, who was let out of prison under the amnesty on July 18. He has been arrested again by the police after they had carried out a careful watch on districts in which had been reported cases of house breaking.

This man is alleged to have been concerned in the following cases of house breaking reported since July 18: Avenue Joffre, Nos. 896, 1420 and 1428; 81 and 474 Rue Ratard, and 886 Rue Bourgeois. All these are foreign houses, the value of the booty taken amounting to over \$8,000. Most of the stolen goods have now been recovered from various pawnshops in the International Settlement, where they had been pledged for ridiculously small sums.

Police inquiries into this man's activities are continuing, and it is hoped that the rest of the gang, who are still showing activity in various parts of the Concession, will be arrested soon.

JAPAN AND DAIREN CUSTOMS

1907 Treaty To Be Considered Null and Void

Tokyo, Sept. 21.

Although it was recently intimated that Japan would approach China regarding the abrogation of the Sino-Japanese Customs Agreement of 1907, which provides that all appointments to the post of Commissioner of Customs of Dairen are subject to the approval of the Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, a spokesman of the Foreign Office stated to-day that Japan had now decided not to broach the question to China.

He added, however, that if China were to protest against the action of the Manchukuo authorities in taking over the Customs, Japan would reply that she considered the 1907 Agreement null and void, as her recognition of Manchukuo presupposed its abrogation. Therefore, he declared, there was now no room to negotiate.

The spokesman said that Japan would have preferred to abrogate the agreement by negotiation prior to recognising Manchukuo. He contended, however, that if by any chance the Chinese authorities continued to consider the 1915 Treaty invalid, they must logically consider that the 1907 Agreement terminated in 1923, as, according to the Chinese, Japan's lease of the Liaotung Peninsula expired in that year.

The spokesman asserted that there was a possibility of Japan returning the territory to Manchukuo by ex-territoriality, abolished, as it would help to strengthen Manchukuo's position and prestige and thereby contribute to the stabilisation of the situation and bring peace and prosperity. These objectives, he concluded, were Japan's principal aims.—Reuter.

MR. WANG CHING-WEI STILL ABSENT

Central Political Council Gives Him Two Weeks' Leave

Nanking, Sept. 21.

The Central Political Council, which held its first meeting to-day since Mr. Wang Ching-wei's departure from the capital almost three weeks ago, granted him another two weeks' leave of absence during which members of the Council will preside over its meetings by rotation.

The discussions at to-day's meeting which was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Chu Ching-chang, centred on the budget for the next fiscal year.

General Huang Shao-hsing, Minister of the Interior, attended this morning and resumed his duties after a long absence from the capital.—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN FOILED

Live Shell Placed on Track of Bullion-laden Express

Riga, Sept. 20.

As became known only to-day, an attempt was made on Monday evening near Dvinsk in Latvian territory to blow up the Moscow-Berlin Express, which was carrying a huge consignment of Russian gold destined for the Reichsbank. The attempt failed owing to the presence of mind of the driver of the locomotive, who, as soon as he saw the obstacle on the rails, increased the speed and succeeded in pushing aside what a subsequent investigation revealed to be a war-time shell wired to the rails in expert manner.

No trace of the authors of the outrage has yet been found. It is stated by the police that, had the plot been successful, the force of the shell would have been big enough to damage the greater part of the train.—Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

TORY CONFERENCE

London, Sept. 21.

The annual conference of the British Conservative Party will open at Blackpool on October 6.—Havas.

MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES

Witnesses Demonstrate the Alleged Fatal Thrust: Watchman Identified

After a whole day's hearing yesterday, the trial of Yusuf Din, the Mohomedan, charged with murdering one Tseu Ah-yu in Zung Shing Lee, Chapel, on August 2, was adjourned to this morning. The case was heard by the Chief Judge, Sir Peter Grain, and a jury consisting of Messrs. A. D. Kay, F. R. Lamb, W. J. Jarmain, H. Booth, J. F. Lauderdale, J. Isherwood, D. MacLennan, H. R. Fielding, M. Berry, W. G. Clarke, C. J. Merritt and C. B. V. Golding.

Mr. A. G. Mossop, Crown Advocate, prosecuted, while Mr. F. G. Livingston, of Messrs. Hansons, appeared for the defence.

Several Chinese witnesses were called to give evidence on the matter which arose in connection with the removal of certain furniture from 28 Li Tsung Lee. At the instance of the Crown Advocate, the witnesses demonstrated how the accused was alleged to have stopped the removal of a dressing table, struck the deceased with a stick, and then made the fatal thrust. They were unanimous that the incident lasted only a short while, and that the movements were very quick.

Knife Examined

Dr. William King Duncombe, director of medical laboratory of the Public Health Department, Shanghai Municipal Council, gave evidence at the opening of the resumed hearing yesterday morning. He stated that he found evidence of blood on the knife given to him by Sub-Insp. J. T. Shields for examination. As the amount of the blood was so small he was not able to tell what kind of blood it was. He identified the knife which he had examined.

Dr. Thomas M. Burton then testified that he had examined a Chinese corpse in a coffin in the Chekiang Guild on August 5, and found a wound between the fourth and fifth ribs. He stated that the wound could have caused death, but was not able to say whether that wound did cause death or not. He did not perform a post mortem examination. He viewed the body only.

Hoong Kai-fa, tenant of the house No. 28, Li Tsung Lee, said that he was looking after the furniture already removed from his house when he heard a cry. As soon as he reached Zung Shing Lee, where the cry came from, he saw the deceased staggering toward Zee Ching-chuen, while the Indian was running away. He identified the accused as the Indian he saw that morning. He did not notice any other Chinese in the alleyway, and he saw no other Indian.

Cross-examined, witness said Zee Ching-chuen was a friend of his. Zee came to his house to see if he had removed. The first time he saw Zee on that day was at noon time, when he, his wife and two others were having a meal in the house. He said Zee was a bit indisposed.

MASONS HONOUR VISITORS

Dinner Given by Local Residents

The Right Worshipful District Grand Lodge of China (Massachusetts Constitution) gave a dinner on Tuesday in the Astor House in honour of the Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, and his official escort. Mr. Thurston Porter presided, and welcomed their guests, a reply being given by Mr. Gonzalez.

Among the others attending were Messrs. Eduardo del Rosario Tan-kiang, W. Nation, F. G. Penfold, S. C. Young, Hua Chuen-mai, J. J. Evans, I. G. Riddick, E. Masterman, J. Watson, D. H. Wythe, Wm. Vinson Lee, S. S. Hawthorne, W. A. Skuse, and B. S. Jenkins.

Amity Lodge (Philippines) is the home lodge of Mr. Gonzalez, who inspected the local Filipino Masonic organisation. The party left yesterday morning in the President Cleveland.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McIntyre left for Hongkong yesterday on the President Cleveland.

Mr. L. Everett, Jr., and Mr. V. Meyer sailed for Seattle by the Dollar str. President Madison yesterday.

Mme. Huang Hsing, widow of the revolutionary leader, sailed for the south yesterday on the President Cleveland.

Mr. Louis Beale, H. M. Commercial Counsellor, and Mrs. Beale are expected to return to Shanghai to-day from a visit to Tientsin and Peking.

Dr. Anne Walter Fearn is leaving Shanghai on September 30 for Peking, where she will visit the American Minister and Mrs. Nelson T. Johnson for a month.

The U. S. Court Commissioner, Mr. A. Krisel, and Mrs. Krisel left for Seattle yesterday on the President Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Thurston E. Porter are looking after their children.

The Consular Body will be giving a farewell tiffin to the Shanghai Club to-day at 12.30 p.m. to Mr. K. Mura, the retiring Japanese Consul-General, who has been transferred to Sydney, Australia. Mr. I. Ishii, Mr. Mura's successor, will also be a guest of honour.

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, the Most Worshipful Master of Freemasons of the Philippine Islands, and a delegation of some 15 leading Masons of his jurisdiction, who came to Shanghai to visit Amity Lodge No. 106, P. I. Chapter, and perform certain degree duties, left for Manila yesterday by the Dollar str. President Cleveland.

CHOLERA REPORT FOR WEEK

Epidemic Now Rapidly Dying Out

100,000 CASES THIS YEAR IN CHINA

Reporting on the cholera situation for the week ending September 17, Dr. Wu Lien-teh, director of the National Quarantine Service and chairman of the Central Cholera Bureau, says that the cholera epidemic throughout the Shanghai district is rapidly dying out. For the week under review the number of cases recorded was only 47 (six fatal) as compared with 110 (10 fatal) for the previous week and the maximum of 504 (41 fatal) which was reached on July 30. The figures for the week September 11-17 are as follows:—

Cases	Deaths
Greater Shanghai 11	2
Inter. Settlement 25	3
French Concession 15	3
Total 47 (0*)	6
B/F 4,213 (73*)	311 (19*)
Grand Total 4,260 (73*)	317 (19*)

Asterisk indicates foreign cases.

Information from other cities also point to a similar decline in the prevalence of the epidemic, thus:

Cases	Deaths
Nanking 13	1
Canton 1	1
(Week-ending Sept. 17)	29
Hankow 2	0
Tientsin 0	0
(Week-ending Sept. 10).	

Since the first case on April 26, 144 days have passed and it is possible that another fortnight may elapse before the last case is seen. The Director of the National Health Administration, Nanking, in an interview given to a news agency on September 2, estimated that this year's outbreak has claimed 100,000 sick in China.

Five Big Outbreaks Since 1900

Going over past records, one notes that during the present century there have been five big outbreaks of cholera, namely, in 1902, 1909, 1919, 1926, and 1932, on which occasions the infection spread widely from south China to north Manchuria and also into inland provinces.

A study of 3,037 cases admitted into the 16 Shanghai Hospitals receiving patients suffering from summer complaints this year shows that 1,831 confirmed cholera cases were treated at the Chinese Infectious Disease Hospital, 1,005 were female, giving a percentage of 65 and 34 respectively, that is, two male to one female patient.

A more detailed description of this year's cholera epidemic will be given at the conference of the Chinese Medical Association to be held on September 28-October 5 at the Lester Institute, where it is expected that doctors of all nationalities from the various parts of China will attend to discuss this important aspect of public health work.

Under the auspices of the Central Cholera Bureau, four meetings of the propaganda committee and four of the epidemiological committee have been held between May 18 and September 8. At these meetings representatives of the four health authorities (International Settlement, French Concession, Greater Shanghai and National Quarantine Service) were present.

The final bulletin will be issued next week, when it is a brief summary of the chief events connected with this epidemic will be given.

PROPAGANDA BY AEROPLANE

In Furtherance of Chinese Aviation

Subsequent to the air "drive" over the week-end, when a brief flying tour to the China Aviation Co. flew over the more prominent sections of Greater Shanghai and disseminated propaganda in the nature of 100,000 coloured slips of paper, furthering the cause of aviation in China.

The leaflets contained the following inscriptions:—

Aviation makes the country strong, aviation makes the country wealthy. The salvation of China depends upon the air force.

Great a glorious aviation history for China: we adore aviation.

It is impossible to obtain 10,000 aviators from 400,000,000 people, have you the ambition to create an aviation record?

Do you travel by aeroplane? Young men, you must determine to be aviators. An aviator is a glorious human being. We are masters of Chinese air. Aviation construction is a defence against external diatribe. Aviation construction will solve the national crisis.

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GOODYBYE CONCERT FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

A goodbye concert to the 1st. Bn. the Lincolnshire Regiment was given in the British Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening. The Lincolnshires are to leave for Hongkong shortly, and the occasion was taken by many to wish them god-speed. The hall was crowded, there being fully 500 persons of all ranks present. Major E. H. Impey, M.C., second in command of the departing battalion, spoke appreciatively of the programme provided, and expressed the regrets of the commanding officer, Lieut. Col. E. J. de C. Reys, M.C., that he was unable to be present. He also expressed appreciation of the good work done by the Y.M.C.A. and thanked the committee for what they had done for the men of the regiment. Miss Venn Brown was responsible for the arrangement of the popular programme of the concert, others contributing being Mrs. Lupton, Mrs. Newcombe, Miss Walmark, Mr. Nobbings, R.S.M. P.H. Segon, Mr. Moisey, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Marquis, and the "Four Boys".

CHINESE SEIZE "CONTRABAND"

Japanese Goods Taken on Settlement Roads

Two incidents of the seizure of Japanese goods on Settlement Roads, similar to those preceding Sino-Japanese trouble, occurred on Tuesday, although it would not appear that an organised body was responsible for the action. Both took place in Sinza district.

At 3.30 p.m., a coolie transporting four bales of goods, manufactured by the Dong Shing Spinning and Weaving Mill (Japanese) was stopped on Yates Road by unknown persons. The coolie left post haste, whereupon a crowd collected, but were dispersed by a police party. The goods were removed to the station, where they were awaiting identification yesterday.

While transporting 60 bales of cotton to a shop on Avenue Joffre some minutes later, several Chinese, including the owner, were assaulted near Mohawk and Taku Roads by a number of looters, who stole the goods. The police later arrested four men and recovered eight rolls. Accused appeared at the Special District Court charged with highway robbery. They were sentenced to eight months' imprisonment each.

Court Proceedings

The case was heard by Judge Koh yesterday. Mr. Y. D. Wong, Assistant Municipal Advocate who prosecuted, told the court that the 60 bales of cotton were transported in two carts from Shun Ta cotton cloth store at 707 North Chengtu Road to the Yi Chong Hsiang piece goods store at Avenue Joffre at 8.40 p.m. on Tuesday. Mr. Yang Ka-chia, the proprietor of the Shun Ta store, together with his two assistants, Koo King-piao and Yue Hsi-ling, followed the goods as they went.

While on Bubbling Well Road, the bales attracted the attention of several coolies who, after examination, shouted: "Japanese goods." This attracted several pedestrians to the scene, and the number was considerably increased while the carts reached the corner of Mohawk and Taku Roads. The coolies then seized the cargo, and attacked the proprietor and his two assistants.

When police arrived on the scene, the goods had been snatched by the coolies who dispersed in all directions. Police chased along the streets resulted in the recovery of eight rolls and the arrest of the four accused.

The proprietor corroborated the statement, and said that he purchased the goods for Yi Chong Hsiang store for some commission. Chao Ta-tsai, Yu King-ling, Tung Chen-hsu and Kung Hsi-chong, the accused, denied that they participated in the highway robbery. They said that they picked up the abandoned rolls in the streets. Judge Koh thereupon sentenced the accused to eight months' imprisonment each.

CONSUL-GENERAL FOR JAPAN

Mr. Ishii Calls on Local Japanese Officers

Mr. Ishii, Japanese Consul-General, the successor to Mr. K. Mura, yesterday morning, paid his official greetings to the members of the Consulate-General. Later, he made a round of visits to Vice-Admiral Sakonji, Commander of the Third Naval District, at the Japanese Consulate, Mr. Yokotake, Commercial Counsellor, Captain Sugisaka, Commander of the Naval Land Infantry Party, and other leading Japanese resident officials.

Mr. Ishii, the new Consul-General, and Mr. K. Mura, the departing Consul-General, will be the guests of honour at a luncheon party to be held at the Shanghai Club under the auspices of the local Consular Body.

NATIVE BANKS' JOINT RESERVE BOARD

The members of the Chinese Native Banks' Joint Reserve Board having paid up their sinking funds, an examination of the accounts of the board was completed yesterday afternoon by the Board's Inspection Committee. It was also announced yesterday afternoon that the Board will be formally inaugurated on October 1. The occasion will, however, be devoid of any ceremony.

The Board was formed recently to promote the native banking, and has secured the premises near to the Shing Shui alley in Ningpo Road as its offices. The paid-up sinking funds amount to more than \$50,000,000. Messrs. Shao Yen-shan, Ho Tsung-shao and Chien Yue-hsing, members of the inspection committee, examined the accounts with the assistance of several officials of the Board.

WORK IN KIUSIN DOCK FULLY RESUMED

Following the settlement of the dispute between the strikers and the management of the Kiusin Dock, Nantao, the situation in the dockyard is again normal. Work on the special pontoon and bridges for the Mingchow Creek, which are urgently awaited for the opening of the Shanghai-Hangchow Highway, has been fully resumed.

According to the management, the agreement settling the strike is to the effect that the workmen No. 821, who originated the dispute, are dismissed without any compensation. The workers of the steel window department are paid five days' wages for the period of strike (12 days), while those of the dockyard get four days' wages by virtue of the agreement. The workers were ordered to resume work immediately, on Monday morning.

PEKING ANGLO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Peking, Sept. 21.

Mr. Hardy Jovett, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, has been elected President of the Anglo-American Association of Peking for the ensuing year. Mr. H. R. Ekins, of the United Press, as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.—Reuter.

STRESSA PARLEYS ENDED

Provisional Relief For Debtor States

SATISFACTION OVER RESULTS

Stressa, Sept. 20.

The Economic Reconstruction Conference, which met as the result of a resolution passed at the recent Lausanne Economic Conference, for the purpose of considering the financial rehabilitation of the States of South-Eastern and Central Europe, ended its labours to-day. One of the chief recommendations of the last meeting of the Conference was the creation of a stabilisation fund for the re-establishment of credit in Central and Eastern Europe through loans to central banks.

The Conference also approved the report of the Financial Commission advocating direct negotiations between debtors and creditors for the settlement of short-term debts. In addition provisional relief for countries unable to meet long-term credits was endorsed by the Conference.

The report of the Agrarian Committee advocates the creation of a fund of 75,000,000 gold francs in order to provide a subsidy for the exportable surplus of Danubian grain.

The Conference was comprised of the delegates of 15 Powers. Owing to the suggestion of France, Bulgaria, and Greece were permitted to send delegates as well as the other Balkan Powers.—Reuter.

Satisfaction Expressed

Stressa, Sept. 20.

The chairman, Mr. Bonnet, expressed his satisfaction as to the results achieved, which he considered would materially contribute to the success of the forthcoming World Economic and Financial Conference.

Before closing the Conference adopted the reports of its two committees recommending bilateral treaties as preferable to high tariff walls and the establishment of a common fund, and furthermore requesting the Danube States to put their house in order.—Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

CANTON WORKERS ON STRIKE

Serious Labour Situation in Fatsan Cloth Factories

Canton, Sept. 21.

Serious labour unrest is reported from Fatsan, one of Kuangtung's industrial centres.

Ten thousand employees of the cloth and carpet factories have declared a general strike, demanding wage increase. Agitation is also prevalent in other establishments.

The situation has been aggravated by the strike of the paper shops called in protest against the imposition of a special tax on paper. 631 establishments dealing in paper business have suspended operations, resulting in over 30,000 men and women workers being at least temporarily thrown out of employment.

Fatsan is one of Kuangtung's prosperous towns located on the West River, its various industries providing employment for thousands of craftsmen. The annual output of paper alone is estimated at over a million dollars.—Reuter.

Trouble Among Seamen

Canton, Sept. 21.

A general seamen's strike is looming here as the result of a dispute between the Tungkan Company and the crews of steamers which the firm operates.

The trouble arose through the dismissal of certain members of the crew and the situation became more serious when the firm refused to accede to the demand to reinstate them. A deadlock now exists.

Already four Hongkong-Canton boats are tied up, as the crews struck this morning, while two more vessels on the Canton-Macao run are likely to be affected to-morrow.

The Seamen's Union has presented 10 demands, including the immediate reinstatement of the dismissed men, and has also appealed for the assistance of the local Tangpu.—Reuter.



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VON GRONAU DUE TO-DAY

Plans for Reception Unchanged

Captain Wolfgang von Gronau, the German world flyer, who was due to arrive in Shanghai from Kagoshima, Japan, yesterday, was unexpectedly delayed at the last moment and postponed his departure until this morning.

The cause of the delay is not yet known here but it is hoped that he will land just below the Tinghai Road bridge, 300 yards below the Riverside Power Station at 1.30 clock, to-day. The preparations which were made yesterday for his reception will, it is ascertained, hold good for to-day. At 5.30 p.m. the famous aviator will be the guest of the Royal Air Force Association in the Doris of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and to-morrow the German community will fete him in the German Country Club, 454 Avenue Haig, as previously intimated.

A later message received by Mr. F. A. R. Fowles, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company making all the necessary arrangements for Captain von Gronau's landing, stated that he left Nagoya yesterday morning and was due to land at Kagoshima some time during the afternoon. As this was the last leg of his Japanese tour it may be expected, with some confidence, that he will leave Kagoshima for Shanghai at 8 o'clock this morning.

IRISH CITY PULLS DOWN UNION JACK

Newry, Sept. 21.

The Union Jack, which has flown for ten years over the city hall of this Ulster town, was hauled down yesterday morning. The Labourites in the municipal council have long fought for this step, the Ulster Government having left municipalities free to decide for themselves. The Nationalists and Labourites won and the flag came down.—Havas.

EUROPEAN MAILS ARRIVE

On Tuesday the local Post Office received 330 bags of Siberian mails by the N.Y.K.S. Nakasaki Maru from Japan, including mails from London dated August 25 to 31; Paris, August 24 to 30; and Berlin, August 26 to September 1.

EUROPEAN FARES REDUCED

Important Announcement by N.Y.K.

The local N.Y.K. office announces a considerable reduction in first class passage fares to Europe via Suez, the new rates for Naples, Marseilles and London being £83, £85 and £90, respectively, against the former rates of £95, £100 and £105.

Consequently, a return ticket to London now costs only £157-10-0. Round-the-world fares have been correspondingly reduced.

Local passage fares to Hongkong by European liners are now being quoted in Japanese currency instead of gold dollars.—1st class Yen 90 (about M.100) instead of G.\$40 (about M.80); 2nd class Yen 50 (about M.55) instead of G.\$25 (about M.120).

AMBULANCE CALLS YESTERDAY

Fire Brigade ambulances responded to seven calls yesterday from 7.28 a.m. to 4.05 p.m., each accident having been from a different source. In the first, a pedestrian suffered contusions when a cyclist ran into him at the intersection of Nanking and Chekiang Roads. On Broadway at 10.23 a.m. a tram struck a pedestrian, while at 10.55 a bus struck another pedestrian near the Garden Bridge. The pedestrian had walked from behind a tram. Shortly after noon West Hongkong reported a strangulation case and at 2.20 p.m. a coolie broke his arm while unloading a lorry. Thirteen minutes later another ambulance was called to the China Soap Works to remove a workman who had been scalded. On their last call, during the period under review, they found that the patient had been removed before their arrival.

FINANCES CONSIDERED AT GENEVA

Geneva, Sept. 21.

The Finance Committee of the League of Nations has met for its 47th session yesterday. The committee will examine the financial position of Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Hungary and Rumania.—Havas.

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