

ENGLISH FACE FIRE

English Flind Advance in Tibet Barred by Obstructions and Angry Thibetans

RIFLES OPEN ON RECONNOITERING PARTY

British Surrounded by Enemy and Excel Shots, but No Casualties Result

ENGLISH LEARN DELAY GAINS NOTHING

British Reconnoitering Party Was Trying to Cross Pass When Attacked

DISPATCH RIDER BRINGS BACK NEWS

Further Side of Karo Road Strongly Held by Thibetans and the British Expect a Stubborn Fight

LONDON, May 4.—A report, brought by a mounted dispatch rider, is to the effect, says a Times dispatch from Gyang Tsé Fort, Thibet, that the further side of the Karo pass, on the direct road to Lhasa, is strongly held by the Thibetans, some of whom were drawn from the late garrison of Gyang Tsé fort.

The British reconnoitering party, after crossing the summit of the pass and descending a short way, as if toward a road barred by a wall, and suddenly a heavy fire from the Jings and European rifles was opened, bullets striking the ground all round, but causing no casualties.

The number of Thibetans is estimated at 150 and that the British force consists of about 40 men. The reconnoitering party consisted of 15 men. The British line of communication with Khamsa, no reply was made to the Thibetans except two or three shots to keep down the enemy's fire during the retirement.

This action on the part of the Thibetans finally disposes of the possibility of any useful purpose being served by the visit of the ambassador, from whom Colonel Young has received no further communication. It suggests, indeed, that the only object of the visit is to gain further time for the defense of the Lhasa road and probably anticipates help from the north.

TAKES FORMAL CONTROL OF CANAL

United States Assumes Possession of Property on the Isthmus

PANAMA, May 4.—The United States Canal Commission today took formal possession of the canal route and of the property of the Panama Canal company.

From today the canal works will be under the direction of Mark Brooke of the engineer corps of the United States army, who represents the canal commission at the ceremony of the transfer. Immediately after the transfer the United States flag was hoisted over the legation and over the canal offices in the Cathedral Plaza.

SOUTH AMERICAN WAR IMPROBABLE

RIO JANEIRO, May 4.—The Associated Press correspondent is assured by government officials who are in a position to speak by authority, that while both the Brazilian and Peruvian armies are being reinforced on the frontier between the two countries, war is improbable. The differences over the boundary line are the subject of diplomatic negotiations and will probably result in arbitration. There is no excitement here, the people are utterly indifferent upon the matter.

HURRICANE DESTROYS LIFE

SAIGON, French Indo-China, May 4.—A hurricane ravaged Cochinchina. About a hundred natives were killed and great damage was done. All the telegraph lines in Saigon were destroyed. Many native vessels sustained injuries, but otherwise there was no damage to shipping here, though small craft in minor ports suffered.

Canadian Merchant Falls

LONDON, Ont., May 4.—The assignment is announced of C. J. Woods, of Wood's Fall. The store covers seven stories, and the company contains several stores in Ontario. The assets are placed at \$100,000; liabilities not stated.

Will Demolish Migrants Progress

LONDON, May 4.—Charles Foxman has arranged for the dramatization of "Pilgrim's Progress," which will be produced next season in New York and London. There will be fifteen scenes and over two hundred persons in the cast.

PRISONER AND CAPTOR GONE

Nothing Has Been Seen of Alleged Murderer and Deputy Sheriff Since Tuesday

OGDEN, Utah, May 4.—No trace has been discovered of Charles Lennox, the escaped prisoner, and Deputy Sheriff Miller of Silver Bow county, Montana, who disappeared from an incoming passenger train yesterday. Sheriff Quinn of Silver Bow county and police officers are engaged in a close search of the surrounding country. The officers believe that the murderer killed the deputy sheriff after leaving the train, threw his body into the Ogden river and escaped here today. He was seen in Montana on the charge of murder. He was captured in Nevada.

FOUR DIE FROM EXPLOSION

Ten Thousand Pounds of Powder Goes Off, Blowing Two to Fragments

NEWPORT, Ind., May 4.—A powder mill owned by the Northwestern Powder company, three miles from Newport, blew up today. Four men were killed and two were injured. The dead: Deola Briggs, Albert Mayhew, George Mayhew, Henry Griffin.

Ten thousand pounds of powder exploded and the bodies of Briggs and Griffin were blown in such small pieces that they could not be picked up. The other bodies were not badly mangled.

SAYS SUBMARINE IS NOT SOLD

Captain of Craft Says No Foreign Government Has Desired to Buy

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 4.—Captain Simon Lake, who has arrived here from Newport on the submarine torpedo boat Protector, was asked about the reported sale of the boat to the Japanese government.

"You can say for me that I have received no offer from any foreign government," he added. "It was true that the boat was examined within a few days by Japanese officers, but naval attaches of other governments have also looked it over."

STOCK GROWERS ORGANIZE

One of the Efforts of the Association Will Be Directed Against Railroads

DENVER, May 4.—The convention composed of delegates of the cattle growers of the state west of the Missouri river today completed the organization of the Cattle Growers' Interstate Executive committee and adjourned.

An assessment of one-fourth of 1 cent on every head of stock by those who join was made. This will furnish a fund of \$100,000. It is said, H. H. Robinson of Denver is elected treasurer. Committees will be appointed by the board of managers, which will begin a vigorous canvass of the various yards and packers of the country. The object of the organization is to employ the services of the methods employed by the association.

SANTA FE ROAD RESUMES WORK

Machinists' Union Officers Say that Men Have Only Begun the Contest

Topeka, Kan., May 4.—Santa Fe railway officials announced today a resumption of shop men all along the line from Chicago to the Pacific coast. They state that in most cases shops are running with a full complement of men. In many places union machinists have gone out, but their positions, the officials assert, will all be filled by the close of the week.

Vice President Buckley of the Machinists' association, says that the trouble has just begun and that the railway company nor the strikers are asking for concessions. No report of violence is made.

TELEPHONE COMPANY APPEALS

Tennessee Company Will Not Be Ousted Without Exhausting Legal Remedies

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 4.—President Caldwell of the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph company, has given to the Associated Press a statement concerning Chancellor Allison's decision in the ouster proceedings against the Cumberland company.

The reports sent out concerning the decision in the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph company case are unwarranted. Our attorneys have appealed the case to the supreme court, where it will be tried on a writ of habeas corpus. The railway company is now no longer in the hands of the company. It will be borne in mind that this is a dispute between rivals and not a suit involving money claims. The company was never more prosperous or better situated than at present.

FOREST FIRES IN WISCONSIN

Homesteaders and Farmers Suffer Loss by Reason of the Flames

TOMAHAWK, Wis., May 4.—Forest fires are burning and spreading rapidly in this section and north of here, and along the Soo railroad. Homesteaders and farmers are suffering losses through the burning of buildings.

A ditch from Elmd, Wis., says travelers from the north report the woods full of fire. A message from Eldren, a village nine miles southwest of here, says fire is creeping up on the buildings and asks for assistance.

GIRLS TURNED INTO TORCHES

Gasoline Tank in Laundry Explodes and Employees Are Seriously Burned by Flames

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 4.—Four persons were burned, two seriously, in an explosion in a laundry at Kirkwood, a suburb of St. Louis, today. The explosion was in a gasoline tank and Eva Doyle and Anna Smith, employees, were covered with burning oil. With their clothing in flames they rushed into the street and two men employed at the laundry were burned while extinguishing the flames which completely enveloped the two girls.

FIVE LOSE LIFE IN WATER

Texas Children Drown in Creek Swelled by Rain Near Austin

AUSTIN, Tex., May 4.—As a result of the cloudburst in central Texas and this section, not a train has moved to the north. Several miles of International & Great Northern tracks have been washed out north of here.

Five children were drowned in a creek five miles from the city. Fields are under from four to eight inches of water to the south of here. Rivers and creeks are overflowing.

Two Orders Consolidate

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 4.—(Special Telegram)—At a joint meeting of the two orders here today a complete consolidation of the Highland Nobles and Court of Columbian Circle was effected under the name of the Highland Nobles. The officers of the new society were equally divided between the two orders. The combined order will have a membership of 6,000. The question here today of a complete consolidation of Cedar Rapids is working for that honor.

Family Poisoned by Milk

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 4.—(Special Telegram)—The family of C. Johnson is seriously ill from poisoning, but it is thought they will recover. Bread and milk was served for supper and shortly after the entire family was taken sick. It is supposed that formalin was used to preserve the milk and that it was this that caused the poisoning.

IOWA CAPTURED BY HEARST

His Supporters Dominate Everything in the State Convention

ANTIS HAVE ONLY FOUR OF DISTRICTS

Delegates Selected in These Powers—on Account of State Convention Voting to Enforce Unit Rule at St. Louis

From a Staff Correspondent. DES MOINES, Ia., May 4.—(Special Telegram)—The democratic state convention was a clean-up for the Hearst men today. They demonstrated that by reason of a perfect organization and abundance of money they had secured a solid delegation with about 145 clear majority on any ballot. They seated their contended delegations in four counties and gave their opponents two, then adopted rigid instructions for Hearst with the unit rule imposed.

They chose as delegates at large General James E. Weaver, E. M. Carr, James Parsons and S. B. Wadsworth.

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SAM PARKS DIES IN PRISON

Notorious Labor Leader Succumbs to Consumption at Sing Sing Penitentiary

OSBURNING, N. Y., May 4.—Sam Parks, the New York labor leader who was sent to Sing Sing prison some months ago after his conviction on a charge of extortion, died in the prison today. He had consumption of the lungs and one of two prison officials were at his bedside when he expired.

The prison physician visited Parks in the hospital at 9 o'clock last night. The patient was then barely conscious. Later he became unconscious and remained in that condition until his death. Only the hospital attendants and one of two prison officials were at his bedside when he expired.

Parks, after his first conviction, was brought to the prison on August 27 last. On securing a new trial he was released on bail on September 5. After his second conviction he was brought back to the prison on November 5 to serve a term of two years and three months. He was at first put to work in the fiber brush shop, but his condition soon became such that he was admitted to the hospital and was under treatment there to the time of his death.

Sam Parks was prominent for years in labor circles, being a leader in Chicago. He came to New York and the loyalty to him of his associates was remarkable. He was walking delegate, or business agent, of the local housemiths' and bridgemen's union for several years and it was under his leadership that the big strike of local workmen in New York last year was inaugurated. That strike involved the National Iron Workers' organization and National President Buchanan finally announced himself as an opponent of Parks and the general strike which followed was the result. During last summer charges of extortion were made against Parks and he was finally indicted. It being alleged that he had taken \$200 from an employer on a promise to call off a strike. Other similar charges were made but no time was given on the same charge.

After returning to New York from Sing Sing, the first verdict having been overturned by a higher court, Parks was one of the central figures in the Labor day parade last September. When convicted of the New York extortion charges, Parks announced he had given up the fight for himself and for labor, and wanted to die in peace.

Tim McCarthy, one of Parks' associates, was also convicted and sent to Sing Sing on the same charges of extortion. Parks' New York condition became more serious and death seemed only a question of a few days, there was talk of making an attempt to secure his pardon, but Governor Odell said yesterday that no application for a pardon had reached him.

TALKS OF FIRES IN HOTELS

Member of Hotel Men's Association Says Many Casualties Are Due to Carelessness