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U. S. DESTROYER HIT BY SHOTS FROM CHINESE

Crew of John D. Ford Suffered No Casualties-- British and American Warships Silenced Fire of Troops Along Yangtze

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The destroyer John D. Ford today fired upon Chinese Northern troops, using her four inch guns loaded with Shrapnel shells and silencing the fire which the Chinese had directed upon the Standard Oil ship Meian.

Official reports on the incident reaching the Navy Department said the Northern troops were entrenched abreast the Ford in the Yangtze River opposite Nanking and had been firing upon the oil ship and exchanging shots with Chinese Nationalist troops on the Nanking side of the river.

The Ford at first returned the fire with machine guns, the report said, and the British cruiser Emerald, anchored alongside, also turned its machine guns upon the Chinese.

The Chinese concentrated upon the Ford, which was hit in many places but suffered no casualties to its crew or material damage to itself.

Terrible Brutalities
LONDON, April 16.—Reuter's Hankow correspondent telegraphed under Thursday's date, says:—"The Peasant's union is carrying out forcible division of land in Honan province. Landowners are being killed, while terrible brutalities are perpetrated in all the cities of Honan, where a monstrous form of Bolshevism now is in control."

"The gradual closing in of the Red Honan troops on Hankow threatens to create a grave situation. These troops are prevented from going down the river by Ching Kai-Shek. Great labor demonstrations are being held daily. It is felt that a tragic climax may be approaching, and there is question whether the present naval force at Hankow will prove adequate."

"The Americans are depressed by their government in refusing to have a ship ready for possible evacuation. The British, French and Japanese all have ships ready for an emergency."

Eight Lives Lost In Chicago Fire

(Special to the Guardian)
CHICAGO, April 16.—Eight persons were killed and their bodies burned beyond recognition and four buildings were razed, the result of an explosion followed by fire at West Harrison Street and South Trumbull Avenue early today.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL

Premises of World's Greatest Munition Factory Suffered Considerable Damage.

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, April 16.—The greatest munition factory in the world, the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, has been the scene of yet another mysterious fire, creating panic in the neighborhood and suspending alarm throughout the entire country.

During the past two years there have been more than half a dozen fires, usually within working hours. Causes and explanations have been shrouded in mystery.

There is a large communist element at work within the arsenal and Bolshevik influence is being indicated as responsible for the sinister conflagrations.

The latest fire broke out in D4 shed on the Plumstead side of the arsenal built during the war on the former site of the arsenal football ground and near the danger zone where thousands of tons of high explosive shells, fuses, detonators, hand grenades and chemical used in gas warfare are stored in a series of sheds which run from Plumstead to the river marshes.

A large portion of machinery used in making the fuses—the metal part of the shells for time and percussion explosion—was destroyed, and the upper part of the premises was destroyed, the lower part suffered considerably.

Had any part of the explosive factories of the arsenal caught fire, there is no doubt that the whole of the district would have been blown up into the air.

Rolled Golf Ball For 251 Miles

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, April 16.—Tom Monchell came into Ottawa today, having rolled a golf ball from Rochester, N. Y., a distance of 251 miles. The veteran was accompanied by his pal "Bud" Jacobs.

A Number of Fires During The Week End

The fire department Friday responded to two alarms, one in the forenoon and the second last evening both in Ward 1.

INHABITANTS FLEE BEFORE THE TORRENT

Over Half of Arkansas Flooded by Unprecedented Rise in Mississippi River.

(Special to the Guardian)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 16.—An unprecedented rise in the Mississippi flooded the lowlands in over half of Arkansas today and spread out to engulf sections of Missouri, Mo., and Tennessee. Snapping like a match stick the levee at Judsonia, Ark., went out this morning despite the labor of hundreds of men augmented by women. The water was four feet deep in Judsonia streets and hundreds of the inhabitants from the surrounding lands fled before the torrent.

With two million acres under water and six counties asking for more than 11,000 additional tents the Arkansas national guard is out of supplies. A plea has been sent to Governor Martineau and to the Adjutant General at Washington soliciting more tents. More than \$250,000 damage occurred at Branson, Mo., and Hollister, Mo., when flood waters of the White River left their banks and swept down into the fields.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 17.—The crest of the Mississippi river flood is travelling down the valley at a rate of 135 miles a day, and will reach here tomorrow. The United States engineering department ofices announced today. Flow of water from the Ohio and Upper Mississippi rivers into the main stream is five times normal totalling 1,800,000 cubic feet a second at the present rate, the engineers said.

Simultaneously flow from the two streams is responsible for the unprecedented water levels south of Cairo, Ills., and for the millions of dollars damage being done throughout the lower Mississippi valley. Previously the two principal tributaries have been swollen at different times.

According to engineers the Ohio feeds 1,000,000 cubic feet a second at its mouth today and the Missouri 800,000 cubic feet. This condition presages continued rise in the water south of here and even more critical conditions in territory bordering the lower section of the Mississippi.

GEO. YOUNG FUND IS GIVEN BACK

TORONTO, April 16.—The George Young Trust Fund, which was designed to provide the California swimmer's mother with a home in Toronto, is being returned to the donors. It amounts to about \$5,600 including the \$5,000 initial donation from Sir Edward Kemp. As Mrs. Young has removed to Santa Monica, California, the committee in charge feels that there is no longer any call for the fund and the provincial treasurer is mailing cheques to the contributors.

The Weather, Etc.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT MUST MEAN SENDING SENATORS TO WASHINGTON

TORONTO, April 17.—Maritime light to moderate winds, fair and a little warmer.

Toronto, cloudy 59-44
Montreal, clear 62-38
Quebec, clear 40-30
Charlottetown, clear 44-32
Halifax, fair 48-34
Saint John, fair 66-46
Boston, clear 56-44
New York, cloudy 62-40
High tide this afternoon at 11:40
Sun sets this evening at 6:52 and tomorrow morning at 5:06.
First quarter moon Sunday, April 24th 5:57 p. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET RUSSIA AND JAPAN

Russian Plots in Northern Manchuria Worrying Japanese Govt.—Soviet Consul General at Harbin Has Hurriedly Departed for Moscow.

(Special to the Guardian)
TOKYO, April 16.—Mitsui Mitsubishi, the newspaper, has announced the cessation of all trade with Russia ostensibly because the Soviet foreign trade monopoly makes the business unprofitable. This practically brings to a conclusion the efforts at commercial relations with Russia. The Japanese merchants in Manchuria are refusing everything except immediate orders.

Numerous reports of Russian plots in North Manchuria are reaching Japan giving evidence of the highest nervousness in the relations between the Russians, Chinese and Japanese. The Japanese army is installing a series of radio stations along the Korean border. The Japanese consuls at Harbin, Mukden and Chanchun will meet at the latter point for a consultation.

THE BODY OF THE LATE MR. F. T. WATKIS LAID TO REST

Impressive Ceremony Held at St. James' Church Saturday Afternoon Where Rev. W. Bruce Muir Delivered a Wonderful Oration.

At two o'clock Saturday afternoon, with sad and impressive ceremony, the funeral of the late Mr. F. T. Watkis was held from St. James' Church where for sixteen years he was the beloved and capable organist and choir director.

The church which was draped in purple and black, was filled to capacity by the mourners. The music rendered by the choir of the different churches, the choir of which was the director of the choir, the first two rows in the church while a representation of the St. Dunstan's Cathedral Choir were present in the congregation.

The service opened with the organ Prelude: "Largo From the New World Symphony" (Dvorak). ("Going Home"), by Professor W. E. Fletcher who presided at the organ.

The hymns sung in a most impressive manner: "For All the Saints," "Hold Thou My Hand," "One Sweetly Solitary Thought," "O Lamb of God," "Still With Me." The last named being the closing hymn and the last to be played in the church by Mr. Watkis. At the close, Professor Fletcher rendered "Dead March" (Saul)—(Handel).

The funeral oration was preached by the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Bruce Muir, which was as follows: "1 Samuel XX, 25: 'Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.'"

Dear Brethren: It is not my purpose at this time to dwell upon the historical facts connected with the words of this text. I shall look at them in the spirit of commemoration to the circumstances in which we are gathered here today. How often Brethren as we gather in this old historic church have we to record the fact that some one of our church family is gone. We meet as soldiers of Christ, and when the roll is called they answer not to their names. We dare not say that their voices are wholly silent, or were silent at all for they are singing far away amid the white-robed multitude of the redeemed in glory. Their place was never empty while they were in the midst of us, unless for reasons they could not alter. Their happiest hours were those when in the solemn service of praise they seemed to see their saviour present.

Never Brethren were their hearts more tender never was their sense of sin more keen, never was their love more intense or their faith more strong in pinion than when they saw and tasted the symbols of redeeming love. They seemed to be emancipated from the cares and fascinations of the world, and could have wished that they had not to bear the one and encounter the other any more. Like the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, seemed a place where they could have remained for ever. They are now gone to a larger feast in the King's own palace, where they sit

MISSIONARY AND DAUGHTER MURDERED

Tragedy Occurred In One of the Wildest Parts of China—Rev. Morris Slichter Well Known in Toronto.

(Canadian Press)
SHANGHAI, April 17.—Rev. Morris Slichter of Toronto, and his five year old daughter have been murdered by Chinese bandits near Yunnan in one of the wildest parts of China. The tragedy occurred while a party of missionaries were trying to make their way to a railroad and safety on the coast.

Mrs. Slichter, wife of the missionary, her five year old son, John, and Miss Mary I. Craig, nurse, whose home is in Philadelphia were taken captives by the bandits and extreme fears are entertained for their safety. No details are available.

TORONTO, April 17.—Rev. Morris Slichter, who with his five year old daughter, has been murdered by Chinese bandits near Yunnan, was formerly connected with Zion Chapel, Toronto. With his wife he has been engaged in the mission field under the auspices of the China inland mission since 1915. Both are well known in Toronto and Mrs. Slichter's mother and two brothers reside here. Mrs. Slichter who is a native of Louisville, Ky., was also a member of Zion Chapel while in Toronto.

Such, brethren, is the simple record of that event which changed the history of the world. Throughout the ages men have refused to believe that the soul goes down to nothingness when the last call comes. "Man, as he dies," He thinks he was not made to die. "Say what he will, do what he will that belief persists. Show its slender basis still stands cover it with clouds of practical nationalism it still emerges. So we make no mistake about the grounds on which we accept Christ's resurrection. We do not trifle with the attempt to fritter it away into a mere metaphor. In the deepest depths of our soul we know that our Redeemer liveth, and we know that these methods only justify a soul in the most tender of its convictions. In the glorious revelation which God has given us, the believing soul with confidence doth ever say "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. And so in this Holy Saturday our minds go back to that rock-bound tomb amid surroundings which better fit us to visualize the scene, in-as-much as the power of Christ's resurrection is the pattern and pledge of our own."

Before us lies all that is mortal of one who has filled a large place in the musical life of Charlottetown. Those beautiful flowers which so profusion surround that noble brow are a token of your strong affection and love for him whose seat is empty now. Out of the goodness of all your hearts you are giving him such a stately funeral that only men of genius can command. You are weaving around him the tender wreaths of memory, and souls whom he has touched with the music of a master hand are silently breathing the prayer "Thank God for Mr. Watkis."

Brethren, I would not presume to say much about the great musical ability of our departed brother. Suffice it to say that in his day and generation he stood in the forefront of British musicians.

No man can be selected as the chief accompanist of the famous Harrison Subscription Concerts unless he had stood in the very forefront of great musicians. To have been accompanist to the greatest singers who have ever adorned the British stage is evidence enough to show that he was no ordinary musician. Above all to have been commanded by the late Queen Victoria to appear twice before her at Balmoral is an honour accorded only to those who stand in the first rank of British musicians. There is no wonder then that the musical life of Charlottetown has been enhanced and enriched by the sojourn amongst you of such a musical genius, and we must today give honor to the musical committee of St. James' Church who had the good sense and foresight to select such a man as Mr. Watkis to be organist of this church. He has left

Vocalist Praised

By Toronto Star

(Special to the Guardian)
TORONTO, April 16.—Commenting on the radio recital of Gladys Bell Owen over CPCA, Toronto, last Thursday night, the Toronto Star today says in both quality of vocal tone and technical brilliancy the recital was out of the common. There is absolutely no forcing in her method and the result is restful and pleasing to a marked degree. She has sung several times over WJZ and has learned how to use a soprano voice effectively on the air, a difficult thing to do.

GRAIN FLEET AFLOAT ON L. SUPERIOR

Thirty-Six Vessels Cleared From Lakehead Ports in Single Day.

(Special to the Guardian)
FORT WILLIAM, Ont., April 16.—Probably the greatest grain fleet on record to clear from the lakehead ports in a single day, a veritable armada of commerce, bearing eastward to the markets of the world upwards of eight million bushels of Canadian grain is now afloat on Lake Superior. Up till noon today no fewer than six vessels, practically the entire fleet that wintered in the twin ports, had moved out of harbor and started the first voyage of the 1927 season of navigation east.

The majority of the vessels are down loaded for Buffalo. The Tomlinson of the Pioneer Steamship line, which opened the season of navigation at Port Arthur late Thursday was followed closely by the steamer Calceos of the Patterson line which opened navigation at Port William yesterday at noon. The Mantadoc of the same line was but a few minutes in her wake.

Skippers of both of vessels, Captains Jewett and Livingston, reported fair weather and a fair voyage, auguring well for a busy period of lake trade as the spring rush starts.

We look at an organ or other instrument of music and it is silent, hand touches the keys, and it produces the most exquisite sounds. We are told that once upon a time Mendelssohn went to see the great organ at Freiburg, and the old custodian, not knowing who he was at first refused to let him touch the organ. After a while, however, the custodian of the organ consented, and when Mendelssohn touched the keys the whole place was flooded with marvellous music. The old custodian stood astounded, transfixed to the spot on which he stood, and when he learned his visitor's name he exclaimed in shame and sorrow, "and I refused you permission to play upon the organ. All I did not know how and was to touch the keys." Some such feeling as that of the old custodian of Freiburg must have often come into the hearts of the members of this congregation as Sunday after Sunday they have heard the keys of their organ touched by the master-hand of Mr. Watkis. Now we shall listen to that skilled touch of his no more, but the memory of that uplifting power will always be present to dwell upon, and as we meditate upon it, we shall always pray that our lives so full of discord may be brought into harmony by the touch of the great Master musician Who alone can bring life out of death and turn sorrow into eternal joy and thus make our life and work one grand sweet song through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In conclusion let me bear my humble testimony to the harmonious relations which have always subsisted between Mr. Watkis and myself. I have always found him the very soul of honour, uprightness and integrity, a perfect English gentleman indeed, and this I feel sure is the testimony borne by hundreds in Charlottetown today who have had intimate dealings with this friendly gentleman. We may be sure that many do nothing because they try to do too much, I do not believe it to be the will of God that any should undertake all kinds of labor. I do not believe that it is the will of God that men

ETHYLENE GAS WILL RIPEN GREEN FRUIT

(Special to the Guardian)
RICHMOND, Va., April 16.—A discovery in chemistry worth millions of dollars to fruit growers of America was announced today at the convention of the American Chemical Society here.

Ethylene gas, it was announced within a few hours will ripen fruit which would have required days or weeks to ripen in the sunshine on the trees. Dangers of disease are averted. The product is more palatable and a fruit crop instead of being dumped on the market all at once may be distributed over weeks, thereby saving the producer money and providing the consumer with good fruit reasonably priced, for a longer time than as usual.

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Ethylene gas each molecule of which contains two atoms of carbon and four of hydrogen may be produced in unlimited quantities, very cheaply. It takes a small amount of this gas released in air, to ripen a closed chamber full of green fruit.

Cantonese General Denounced by Son

(Special to the Guardian)
MOSCOW, April 16.—With excited fellow students at Sun Yat Sen University shouting "death to Chiang Kai-Shek," the son of the Cantonese General made a speech Friday denouncing his father and later led Chinese children in parade through third International Plaza, where party leaders aroused them.

The Chinese revolution has been greatly strengthened by the split in the Kuomintang party. The trade union of the Internationale has issued an appeal to the workers of the world to protest against events in China while workers in many Moscow factories are holding meetings of regret, at which some shed tears.

KING GEORGE OBJECTS TO ASTRIDE SEAT

LONDON, April 16.—"I do not like to see women ride astride. The other way looks much more graceful."

King George made this remark recently at the inaugural dinner of the Hunter Show at which all the women wore mannish-looking riding kit and hats of masculine cut.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

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**Big annual event of season Tea and Bazaar in St. James Church Hall, Thursday. Doors open 8. Tickets 50 cents.

**Kelly's Cross: See "A Man From Denver" in Kelly's Cross Hall on Easter Monday, Good Play, Good Music, Good Specialties. 4928-4-16-21.

**Mount Stewart—The Morell Dramatic Club will present the four act drama, "And Billy Disappeared," in Mt. Stewart Hall on Wednesday, April 20th. 4717-4-16-21.

**Temperance Meeting at North Wiltshire Mr. W. E. Bentley and Rev. A. A. McLeod will discuss the temperance question at a public meeting in the Hall at North Wiltshire on Wednesday evening, April 20th. 4953-4-18-21.

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