

WANT A VOTE ON VOLSTEAD ACT

PRISONERS IN CHINA TO HAVE BATHS

Foreign Nations' Enquiry Has Brought About Reforms.

AN ERA LIKE LIFE OF RILEY

Desperate Criminals Now Wear a Single Shackle.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Peking, Feb. 23—Foreign nations inquiry into Chinese justice administration has brought about an era like the "life of Riley" in the province. To make a good showing the prisons have ordered that the prisoners shall have regular baths, haircuts and pants pressing, to say nothing of two square meals a day.

The new meat order represents about one and a half meats more than hitherto served.

Desperate criminals are allowed a single shackle instead of the inhuman chains hitherto used.

DUNNING TO BE OPPOSED IN REGINA

Regina, Feb. 22—Canvass of leading men of the Conservative and Progressive parties in the city indicated today that it was almost certain that the Conservatives would oppose Premier Charles Dunning in the Regina by-election, but the Progressives would not.

Among a number of names discussed as probable Conservative choices, the most favored appear to be F. W. Turnbull and A. G. Macdonald, two city barristers.

The former ran against F. N. Darke in the last election and was beaten by 2,079 votes in a three-cornered contest, both the winner and Turnbull being a long way ahead of the Progressive.

In addition to the two mentioned here are discussed as probable choices at a Conservative convention, the date for which has not been set yet: James Grassick, Fred Somerville, F. B. Bagshaw, Dr. W. D. Cowan, S. C. Burton and J. F. Bryant.

ENTIRE CAST OF PLAY WAS ARRESTED

Los Angeles, Feb. 23—The entire cast of "Desire Under the Elms," a play by Eugene O'Neill, was arrested here late last night on a charge of giving an obscene play.

Booked at Central police station, the players posted bail at \$50 each. The arrests came at the close of the night's performance after the play had been attended by representatives of the board of education, Parent-Teachers' association, several ministers and members of the police vice squad.

The play was on its second week here. Previously it had a long run in New York. Immediately after its opening in Los Angeles it was attacked by several ministers as obscene and indecent.

Mr. J. F. VanBuskirk, who has been confined to his home the past three weeks by a severe cold is improving.

DENIAL GIVEN TO REPORTS OF ASSASSINATION

General Wu-Fei-Fu is Still in Land of Living.

REPORTS OF BIG DRIVE

Americans Caught Outside City Wall Were Saved.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Peking, Feb. 23—Reports of the assassination of General Wu-Fei-Fu were generally denied today.

In this connection it was pointed out that an organization was being formed under General Feng Yu Hsiang to drive against Wu who has been bombarding Hin Yang recently, catching a group of Americans outside the city wall. They were brought to safety.

FREDERICTON BRANCH OF N. B. ALLIANCE

Fred A. Saunders President — Organization Meeting in Brunswick Street Baptist Church Monday Night.

The Fredericton Branch of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance was formed Monday night at a meeting held in the Brunswick street United Baptist Church. The officers are as follows:—

President, Fred A. Saunders. Secretary-Treasurer, C. N. Goodspeed. Executive, W. M. Parns, John Webster, R. D. Hanson, A. C. Porter, A. T. Murchie. The meeting was presided over by His Worship Mayor Clark. The Mayor spoke as also did Rev. Thomas Marshall secretary of the N. B. Alliance, J. M. Lemont, Chief Inspector W. L. McFarlane, Rev. I. A. Corbett and others.

The situation in the Province in regard to Prohibition and the enforcement of the Act was discussed.

COMMONS CALLS TO COMMONS CALLS TO SAKLATVALA

London, Feb. 23—The cry of "Up Saklatvala!" echoed through the House of Commons this afternoon as a young man in the gallery who had been listening to a debate was hustled out by an attendant.

A member had been speaking on the not very exciting subject of the Scottish Allotments Bill, when a stranger clapped his hands. An attendant remonstrated with him for thus betraying his emotions and requested him to withdraw. He refused shouting: "Mr. Speaker, I am an unemployed man. What are you going to do with me?"

What the attendants did was to eject him gently but firmly from the Chamber while members on the floor of the House laughed loudly at his appeal to the only Communist in Parliament.

Militia Orders.

The Canada Gazette contains the following militia orders of local interest: Canadian Machine Gun Corps. 7th Bn.—To be prov. Lt.: Harold Byron Brewer. 1st Oct., 1925. Lt. (Paymr.) G. E. Merrithew is retd. 7th Oct., 1925. To be Paymr with the rank of Lt.: Louis Mowatt LeLacheur. 14th Oct., 1925.

Anti-Christian Union Has Decreed Against Missionary Schools

Declares They are Tools of Foreign Aggression — All True Nationalists are Called Upon to Either Destroy Them or Drop Christianity From Their Curricula.

(By Randall Gould, Staff Correspondent, United Press)

PEKING, Feb. 23—The anti-Christian union has decreed that Christian missionary schools shall be driven out of China. The union has issued a proclamation calling upon all true nationalists to destroy the missionary schools or at least force them to drop Christianity as part of their curricula. These schools are tools for foreign aggression, says the proclamation which adds that the schools seek to aid foreign imperialists by preventing the Chinese from developing a spirit of resistance.

Pulling Rickshaws

So heavily have continued civil wars and political upheavals pressed on the poor of Peking that a few girls have started pulling rickshaws for hire.

Children of 8 or 10 drawing rickshaws are a frequent sight here despite police prohibition.

WHIP, RATTLE, NUTMEG GRATER IN OPERA MUSIC

Paris, Feb. 23—In his search for new and delicate tone-combinations Maurice Ravel in his new opera "D'enfant et les Sortilèges" at the Opera Comique, has made additions to the conventional instruments of the modern orchestra. They are a whip, a rattle, a xylophone, a slide-flute, a curious piano with four stops, called a "lutheral," and a nutmeg grater.

Full of daring innovations, both in harmony and instrumentation, Ravel's score, notwithstanding the protests of the music critics, is generally held to and to his reputation as one of France's foremost composers. The book by Mme. Collette, whose animal stories have gained for her the title of the French Kipling, is worthy of the music composed for it. Fanciful and whimsical, the new work is having a splendid reception from the public.

Among the other novelties are two fox-trots, danced by the teapot and to Chinese teacup with the regulation stopped trumpets and eccentric drum beats. They never fail to arouse the enthusiasm of the audience. It is the first time that the orchestra of the Opera Comique has played fox-trots.

COMPRESSED AIR SAVED LIVE OF DIVER

New York, Feb. 23—The guide rope on his diving apparatus fouled at a depth of 55 feet in the East river, but Galen L. Potts, a diver engaged in raising a sunken tug, saved himself from drowning by blowing himself to safety with a shot of compressed air.

After descending he was carried by the tide through a hole in the deck on to a boller. Unable to extricate himself, he opened the control valve in his diving suit and pressure of the 60 pounds of compressed air blew him to the surface.

P.E.I. CAR FERRY HAS BEEN UP AGAINST IT

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 23—The northwesterly gale which began on Saturday and has been blowing steadily ever since, at the rate of from 25 to 35 miles an hour, together with a temperature which was several degrees below zero in the city, and 10 below in the country, seriously affected not only internal communication, but communications between here and the mainland, conditions being worse than they have been at any time since the winter of 1905.

The car ferry has had the worst experience recorded in years, owing to the straits being jammed with heavy ice from the two days northwester. After being in the ice all day Saturday, she returned to Tormentine, left there at 6.25 last night and was in heavy ice all night only reaching within 200 yards of Borden this morning.

At it was found impossible to reach the pier, the 52 passengers on board were landed after some difficulty over the rafted ice but it was found impossible to land the two days' mail, with the exception of letters and registered matter. The captain managed to dock about 3 o'clock this afternoon.

NORMALITES IN N. S. MUST LOWER SKIRTS

Truro, N. S., Feb. 22—Young women students of the Provincial Normal College here will have to consider the latest ruling of the college authorities when ordering their spring attire.

The latest regulation adopted by the authorities has to do with the length of skirts. According to the order young ladies attending the college must wear skirts that reach a point "one quarter the distance from the knee-cap to the ankle."

College authorities do not anticipate that many of their students will be affected, as the majority of the girls they say, already conform to the rule.

A woman member of the staff will be assigned to do the inspecting and only suspected cases will be measured.

A BLACK HAND THREAT AGAINST ITALIAN TENOR

Compelled to Cancel an Engagement at Detroit.

DEPARTED FROM THE CITY

Evident That the Black Hand Gave Him a Bad Scare.

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 23—An anonymous "Black hand" threat against the life of Beniamino Gigli, the Italian tenor, received on his arrival here last night caused hurried cancellation of a singing engagement tonight and the flight of the star from the city.

It is quite evident that he was given a bad scare. His present whereabouts are unknown to his friends here.

PHYSICIANS HEARD LECTURES OF INTEREST

Meeting and Dinner at Barker House — Dr. MacKay and Dr. Bazin of McGill Were Heard.

The physicians of Fredericton and vicinity gathered at the Barker House Monday night on a pleasant occasion when dinner took place and lectures were delivered by Dr. A. T. Bazin, Professor of Surgery, and Dr. F. H. MacKay, Lecturer of Neurology, both of the faculty of McGill Medical School, Montreal.

Nineteen physicians from this vicinity were in attendance. All but two Fredericton doctors were there. Others were Dr. B. M. Mullin of Devon, Dr. M. L. Jewett of Millville, Dr. O. E. Morehouse of Upper Keswick, Dr. Robinson of Keswick, Dr. Donald Porter of Minto and Col. J. W. Bridges, R. C. A. M. C., of this city.

Dr. W. H. Irvine presided at the dinner and outlined the program. He explained the Extra-Mural Courses which were being given for the benefit of physicians to which the Sun Life Assurance Company contributes.

Dr. Bazin lectures on "Tumors on the Spinal Cord" and Dr. MacKay "Affections of the Gall-bladder and Liver." Lantern slides were used to illustrate the lectures. Discussions also took place.

A vote of thanks was tendered by Dr. Irvine on the motion of Dr. Sterling seconded by Dr. Charles MacKay.

The lectures are the first of the kind given in the Province.

THE PRESIDENT OPPOSES NEW BOOZE POLICY

Washington, Feb. 23 — President Coolidge is opposed to any proposal for Government ownership and distribution of bonded medicinal liquor.

A terse statement of the President's position was made today at the White House, disclosing that the Executive's views on the matter coincided with those held by Secretary Mellon of the Treasury.

Assistant Secretary Andrews of the Treasury, who is in charge of Prohibition enforcement, is conducting a survey of the situation, however, with the view that eventually the Government must take over the bonded stock to prevent leaks to the illicit trade.

REFERENDUM ON VOLSTEAD ACT LIKELY

Wet and Dry Issue May Be Voted in the United States.

PROGRAMME IS ADOPTED

Many Speakers Voice the Evils of Prohibition.

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press) Washington, D. C., Feb. 23—A programme to force the wet and dry issue before the nation for a referendum at the 1928 Presidential election was adopted by the second "face and facts" conference of the association against the prohibition amendment.

After speakers from all parts of the "evils of prohibition" in a ten hour session, Captain W. H. Stanton, chairman of the association, announced that political and legislative committees had been formed for modification of the Volstead Act.

DANCED TO PAY BURIAL EXPENSES

New York, Feb. 23—Dancing girls careened to the tune of rollicking jazz and applause of merry-makers in a Brooklyn cabaret to save one of their former dancing companions from burial in Potter's field today. When the program ended early this morning with a Charleston number as the final entertainment the girls had enough money to pay the undertaker's bill and Elsie Regan, their dead friend was assured of burial in the Lutheran cemetery.

Hiss Regan was found murdered in the street last week. No one claimed her body and plans were being made to bury her in Potter's field when the chorus girls staged their special cabaret show to pay for the funeral and for a burial plot.

PERSONAL MENTION

Akeley Holmes, M. P. P., of Donk town is a guest at the Queen.

A. D. Taylor, M. P. P., of Minto, is a guest at the Queen today.

R. E. Pineo of Milo, Me., and F. H. Leadbetter of Lincoln, Me., are registered at the Queen.

Dr. Roy M. Maclean of Metapedia, Que., passed through the city last night.

T. Oscar Lanctot of Moncton is a guest at the Barker House.

H. L. Matheson of Truro is registered at the Barker House.

Bridge Party

Mrs. Rigby entertained very pleasantly last evening at the home of her mother Mrs. A. G. Robinson, George Street, to four tables of bridge. The prizes were won by Mrs. Belyea and Miss Kinghorn.

Paid Official Visit

Mrs. Mabel Grierson of Saint John, Grand Chieftain of the Pythian Sisters, paid an official visit to Celestial Temple, in this city last night. Mrs. Grierson is a former resident of Fredericton.

The Antimony Mine.

J. V. Rochester of New York is a guest at the Queen. Mr. Rochester is interested in the operation of the Lake George antimony mine and the shipment of ore to New Brunswick, N. J. The mine is now in operation.