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CHINESE APPEAL FOR POLICE AID

FEAR VIOLENCE IF TONG IS ALLOWED TO ORGANIZE

REPORTS FROM OTHER CITIES

Give Divergent Views of Tong's Activities—Bears a Bad Name in New York and San Francisco

An exclusive story in The Bee Sunday, telling of the fear of local Chinese that a reign of terror will follow the organizing here of a branch of the On Leong Tong Society, was given official verification yesterday.

Police Superintendent Reynolds admitted that a petition was sent him by prominent Chinese in which they state strange members of the race have arrived here to form a branch of the Tong and that if such is done, their days of tranquility will soon be over. They say the Tong is composed of murderers and blackmailers.

Mr. Reynolds, however, declared there is nothing alarming in the situation. As soon as the petition is received, the Tong is said to have branches.

A letter from the New York police department says that the Tong exists there with headquarters at 11 Mott street, in the heart of Chinatown. It is stated in the communication that this Tong is a secret society which protects members whom the police arrest for carrying out its orders. They are blackmailers and many of them are professional gamblers. They gave us considerable trouble up to two years ago, when two of its members were electrocuted. Since then, however, the Tong has been somewhat quiet.

Letters from police officials of Boston and St. Louis state that the On Leong Tong society is composed of law-abiding Chinese who are engaged in uplift work, and that it has libraries, gymnasiums and other accommodations furnished by a benevolent order.

Local Chinese merchants, however, agree with the New York police. They fear that the Tong, if organized here, will not have as its purpose any uplift work. Instead, it is thought by them, there will be bloodshed and murder.

"We are law-abiding Chinese who have at heart the growth and development of the city," the petition reads, "and are opposed to those strangers who want to bring trouble into our midst. It is not necessary for us to tell of the workings of the On Leong Tong Society. Recent doings of gun men and hatered men who made a shambles of San Francisco's Chinatown are enough."

The petition says, as was printed in The Bee Sunday, that strange Chinese have come here to form the society.

According to a certain Chinese merchant, the branch is being organized here at the instance of fellow members of the race who feel that the merchants of Chinatown are charging exorbitant prices. Although the Chinese of New Orleans could buy from merchants who are not Chinese, but are compelled to do so by ethics, so instead of buying elsewhere, they would rather resort to less civilized methods to reduce the prices, it is said.

LARGEST SINGLE COTTON SALE IN SOUTH MADE

Terrell, Texas, May 28.—W. P. Allen today sold to a New Orleans buyer 14,200 bales of cotton. The total consideration was \$1,500,000. It is the largest single sale ever made in the south.

FRACTURED THEIR SKULLS WITH AX

THREE OF GIRARD FAMILY VICTIMS OF MURDEROUS FIEND

LITTLE GIRL THOUGHT DYING

Wesley Mummer, Business Rival, Arrested and Identified by Mrs. Girard—Maintains Innocence

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Girard are in a serious condition and their eight-year-old daughter Helen is dying in the Charity hospital, victims of an assailant who entered their home at 3129 Fern street, early yesterday morning and beat them on the head with a hammer or hatchet.

Girard received a fracture of the skull, fracture of the nasal bone and lacerations of the face and head. His wife's skull was fractured, as was the child's.

Wesley Mummer, Jr., 7611 Fern street, an ice dealer and competitor of Girard who conducts a grocery, is being held by the police. According to the police, Mrs. Girard identified him as the man she saw bending over her with a hatchet. He

was sleeping beside his parents at the time, but was unharmed. The other children, Louis 14, Frank 13, and George 10, were sleeping in the other room.

Detectives Metho and Schaffner, who are investigating the case, found a pair of overalls in Mummer's home which contained blood stains. Mummer scoffed at the statement that the stains were blood. The overalls have been sent to City chemist Metz, who will analyze the stains and learn if it is human blood. If it is, another link will be forged in the chain of evidence around Mummer, the detectives say.

An axe, its handle snapped off in the middle which gives it the appearance of a hatchet, was found in an empty lot adjoining the Girard home and grocery. In the rear of the lot was found the other part of the handle. After a search of several hours, Detectives Metho and Schaffner discovered splinters in the street on Edinburg street, about 150 feet away from the corner. When the two parts of the axe handle were put together, the splinters fitted in exactly.

The police are convinced that the would-be murderer broke the handle in two so as to make the axe more convenient for his use, a long handle being too clumsy. A negro boy employed by Girard positively identified the weapon as being the property of Girard. The negro pointed to a stain of yellow paint on it which came there when he was painting a wagon and showed a dent in the plate which was caused by his trying to cut a nail.

The theory of the detectives is this: The assailant, whoever he was, was familiar with the Girard home. He took the axe from under the house. The handle was too long for him to wield freely so he decided to break part of it off. Through a rear entrance on Edinburg street, the would-be murderer went to the sidewalk and cut the handle in the middle with a knife. Then he struck it against a post, where the splinters were found, and snapped it in half. He could have done this in his yard, but the noise would have aroused Girard or a member of his family.

After breaking the axe handle, the assailant threw the disassembled piece over the fence into the lot, or it flew into the air and fell where found, then, entering the lot again through the side gate, he forced open a rear door of the house and had little

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Allies Devise Plan to Crush Austria

By International News Service. London, May 28.—The Italians are continuing their smash toward Trieste.

It is rumored that at a recent conference between Lloyd George and French and Italian representatives in southern France a plan was made to crush the Austrian empire. Up to date sixty thousand Austrians are counted as killed, wounded and missing. Vienna claims that thirteen thousand Italians were captured.

There are strong indications that the Russians are about to join the Italian offensive. The Austrian statement admits increased Russian activity.

Vienna, May 28.—The war office reports says that fighting on the Isonzo front has slackened, artillery actions constitute the only fighting. The Carso plateau is also less active.

CYCLONE VICTIMS APPEAL TO U. S.

By International News Service. Chicago, Ill., May 28.—The series of cyclones which swept seven states

according to the latest estimates. Reports still are incomplete and some estimates are higher. Illinois, 125; Kentucky, 41; Arkansas, 22; Indiana, 7; Tennessee, 34; Kansas, 26.

A nation-wide appeal for funds to care for the homeless of the middle west and south during three days cyclones issued by Mayers of devastated towns. Between 1,200 and 1,400 injured. Some will die. Property damage will exceed \$5,000,000.

GLADYS WAS GREGARIOUS

Invented Thrilling Tale to Insure Herself Company Gladys Robinson, a negro servant in the employ of Mrs. Wogan, 1226 Louisiana avenue, was afraid to stay in the house alone, so she hit upon a novel scheme to make her mistress show more consideration.

Yesterday morning Gladys, while Mrs. Wogan was out, excitedly notified the police that a white man and a negro, armed with revolvers, entered the house and asked to be shown where the "jury" was concealed. She screamed and fled, the girl said. Detective Chief Long and a squad of detectives rushed there in an automobile.

But the story seemed "fishy" to Chief Long, and after a severe grilling, Gladys admitted she was telling the untruth.

"I just did it to make Mrs. Wogan not let me home alone," the negro said. "I was afraid to be in the house all by myself."

PLANTS TINY GARDEN BETWEEN SKYSCRAPERS

Portland, Ore., May 28.—In a little spot of ground scarcely ten square feet, squeezed between two skyscrapers in the business section of Portland, is a crude board sign stuck on a peg in the ground, reading: "Do your bit by keeping off those spuds." The tiny spot formerly was covered with grass, but some patriotic gardener believed in the present crisis potatoes would look better than grass, and transformed the plot into a potential producer of foodstuffs.

FIVE ENSIGNS FROM LOUISIANA

Paul L. Meadows of Louisiana stands fifteenth in a class of 200 which will be graduated at the United States naval academy at Annapolis, June 28. Other Louisiana boys who will be graduated at this time are: Victor B. Barringer, Jr., Robert R. Ferguson, Mays L. Lewis and Christopher C. Miller.

NEW HEAD FOR THE FEDERATION

MRS. VAN METER CHOSEN PRESIDENT YESTERDAY

PERFECT HARMONY REIGNED

Mrs. E. J. Graham Ends Two Years as President During Which Much Was Accomplished

Mrs. W. W. Van Meter is the new president of the New Orleans Federation of Women's clubs. She was elected at the meeting yesterday afternoon in the Grunewald. Decision to purchase Liberty bond and the appropriating of \$10 for the State Loan fund marked the session.

Officers for the year elected followed: Mrs. E. J. Graham, first vice president; Mrs. T. J. Friedericks, second vice president; Mrs. J. Nichols, third vice president; Mrs. Henry Altus, fourth vice president; Mrs. T. A. Palmer, fifth vice president; Mrs. Charles Grainger, recording secretary; Mrs. A. H. Johnson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles Altman, financial secretary; Mrs. W. Roach, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Lombard, first auditor; Mrs. A. E. Phelps, second auditor.

In retiring from the chair, Mrs. E. J. Graham gave an account of the club's progress under her administration. During the two years which she has been in office she raised the club membership from thirty-one clubs to fifty-two clubs and the individual membership from 6,000 to 8,000. She made several recommendations to the club, the chief of which was that the federation purchase a Liberty bond and appropriate \$10 toward the State Loan fund.

During the session, Mrs. Graham was presented with a beautiful beaded hand bag by members of the federation as a token of the splendid work she had done during her term of office.

WILL CONSULT WITH DR. RUCKER

The proposed conference between State and Federal health authorities, and the local dock board as to the desirability of ratproofing the public dock system at once has been postponed until the arrival here of Dr. W. C. Rucker, of the Federal health service. Dr. Rucker is expected in the South in a very short time on a tour of inspection.

A couple of weeks ago, Dr. French Simpson, of the U. S. Health service, stationed in New Orleans, reported that the special quarantine restrictions imposed on ships docking here would be modified at the four p.m. Dr. Simpson and members of the State board of health, were to confer with President Thompson, of the dock board, and urge immediate action in the matter of ratproofing the remainder of the dock system.

When Dr. Rucker visits the city, another effort will be made to arouse the Jefferson parish authorities to the necessity of carrying out a ratproofing campaign across the river. Until this is done the menace of bubonic plague will continue to hang over this section, but so far the officials across the river have failed to cooperate with the Federal authorities, even at a time when the latter offered to pay the cost of supervising the anti-rat campaign.

CLAIM THEY SELL BREAD AT A LOSS

FIVE NEW ORLEANS BAKING FIRMS SUBMIT FIGURES

WORKMEN DISPUTS THE CLAIM

Wide Variance as to Proceeds From Barrel of Flour—Last of Dough Dope Thursday Morning

Five of the leading bakeries of New Orleans presented statements at the broad hearing yesterday morning showing that they are losing between \$3 and \$4 per barrel of flour on all the bread they are now making. The statements went into details, and mainly were drawn up and certified to by a public accountant.

The committee from the Central Trades and Labor Council consisting of R. G. Dearie, A. O. Leamont and I. G. Fernandez, remained insistent that the bakers were making a good profit. Incidentally some figures on bread production submitted to Commissioner Harold Newman by the labor representatives were entirely at variance with the figures compiled by the master bakers.

The labor committee filed a report showing that from the estimates it had obtained a barrel of flour would yield 518 loaves of bread weighing eight ounces after baking, and selling for 5 cents each. This would give a yield per barrel of flour of \$25.80. The bakers claim that a barrel of flour will yield less than 160 loaves of eight-ounces.

George Landwehr, testifying for the labor committee as a baker of 12 years' experience, told Commissioner Newman that for each barrel of flour of 196 pounds used in a bakery the following ingredients would be added: Water, 15 gallons, or 120 pounds; sugar, two and a half to three and a half pounds; salt, same amount; yeast, one pound. Total weight of barrel of flour, made into dough, 5,167 ounces.

Mr. Landwehr was subjected to a vigorous cross-examination by the master bakers, who contended that they added only about 90 pounds of water to the barrel. Mr. Landwehr insisted that his figures were correct, despite the contention of the bakers that a barrel of flour made up into dough would weigh only 1,800 ounces. It was brought out, however, that there is a shrinkage in weight of the dough by evaporation of four per cent, amounting to 120 ounces before the dough goes into the oven. The bakers also sought to show that there is a loss in weighing the bread.

Mr. Landwehr stated that ten ounces of dough would bake into an eight-ounce loaf of bread; and 20 ounces of dough into a 17-ounce loaf.

The bakers, on the other hand, contended that it required generally about 11 ounces of dough for an eight-ounce loaf, and that twenty-three ounces of dough would make a loaf weighing from four to six ounces less than that amount.

On these two main points of dispute the master bakers and the labor representatives could not reach an agreement. In order that the laboring men might be satisfied that the bakers were representing conditions as they actually exist, the West Baking Company and the General Baking Company extended the committee an invitation to inspect their plants, which will be done. Commissioner Newman's suggestion that it might be in order for other bakeries to extend similar invitations met with no response from the bakers, however.

Commissioner Newman had placed

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Brazil is Again Feeling the Water

By International News Service. Rio De Janeiro, May 28.—The chamber of deputies today voted by 130 to 3 a resolution revoking its declaration of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany.

This, it is believed, is the first step toward a declaration of war on Germany by Brazil.

FRENCH REPULSE THREE ATTACKS OF TEUTONS

By International News Service. London, May 28.—The French repulsed three infantry attacks against their lines in Champagne. Berlin claims the capture of a French trench south of Morronvillers. Strong artillery action rages at Dead Man's hill.

LEONARD IS NEW WORLD CHAMPION

By International News Service. New York, May 28.—Bennie Leonard, the New York fighter, won the lightweight championship from Freddie Welsh, the English fighter, tonight.

Leonard knocked Welsh out in the ninth round of the ten-round bout.

Technically Leonard did not knock out Welsh, but he received credit for it. The referee stepped into the ring in the ninth round and stopped the fight. Welsh could hardly stand. His end came in the first minute of the ninth round. When the crowd realized that the lightweight championship was won by an American they jumped on the chairs and threw their hats into the ring.

NEW YORK MALIGNED. SUNDAY DISCOVERS

New York, May 28.—This city's reputation as a "pleasure-mad, pleasure-drunk" city has been "blotted out" of the minds of its critics throughout the West, and it has been accorded a "clean bill of health" by the nation as a result of Billy Sunday's revival campaign.

The evangelist made this declaration to 18,000 persons in his tabernacle here, and was roundly applauded.

"The people of the United States used to hear only about the bright lights of New York," he said. "Strangers saw the night life of the city only through the bleared eye of the Tenderloin. They think where I come from that is typical of New York. They say she's pleasure drunk, pleasure made. They had lost sight of the thousands of devoted husbands and mothers who are rearing their children in God's love."

"Through this revival New York has been shown in its true light. The newspapers and the news services are carrying the news of how she is turning to God. The nation now sees that the Tenderloin, with its ghastly horrors, its gaudy, painted shows and skulking gunmen and shades of women that were, is only a carbuncle on the neck of the body politic and that the real New York is embodied in the multitudes who come to this tabernacle and reel, weeping and mourning, down the aisles to give their souls to Christ."

WHALE MEAT IS GOOD. NDRTHWEST DECIDES

By International News Service. Seattle, May 28.—"A whale of a dinner" is the real thing here.

Bucking the high cost of living during the war, Henry Schupp, manager of the by-products plant of the American Pacific Whaling company, has brought another by-product, whale meat, to Seattle.

Whale meat retails at 15¢ per pound. It looks like, tastes like, and is like beef. The meat is imported from the Alaska and British Columbia whaling stations.

PLOTS FOR DEFEAT OF CONSCRIPTION

NIPPED IN THE BUD AND A NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE

FEDERAL AGENTS VIGILANT

Food Survey Bill Passes the House. Italians Want Steel, Coal, Iron and R. R. Equipment

By International News Service. Washington, May 28.—Eleven arrests have been made and nine indictments returned by Federal grand juries tonight in anti-registration plots, according to an announcement by the Department of Justice. The government has prepared to nip plots in several middle west cities.

The department has distributed agents in all sections to see that the registration officers are not interfered with on June 5.

The Italian mission today said that the greatest need of Italy from America is railroad equipment, steel, coal and iron. The question of financing large purchases for Italy was discussed.

The Lever bill for a food survey passed the House today. It appropriates \$14,522,000 for all purposes. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Two or three weeks is the limit set by Secretary Houston for the completion of the survey. About \$500,000 will be required for the survey, and the remainder is to be used for conserving next year's supply of food and promoting production.

The Senate naval affairs committee begins Friday an investigation of the accident which caused the death of two Red Cross nurses on the American liner Mongolia.

TO STRAIGHTEN TAX ROW

Highway Workers and Railroads to Hold Conference

A conference between officials of the railroads and the State highway department will be held at Baton Rouge June 4 and 5. This decision has grown out of the filing of injunctions by the Texas and Pacific and the Louisiana Railroad and Navigation company against the payment of the taxes in support of the parish good roads bonds.

Duncan Buie, chief of the department, has taken up the matter with Governor Pleasant and arranged for the conference.

"The Texas and Pacific has enjoined payment of the road tax in Avoyelles, Natchitoches and St. Landry parishes," said Mr. Buie, returning to the city Monday. "The Edgewood line has already secured judgment in the lower court in Red River parish, on a technical point. We are going to meet this opposition but our plans are not yet formulated. If the railroads can keep from paying this tax it would be a serious blow to road building in the state."

SEARCHING FOR THE BODY

Of Fifteen-Year-Old Kenneth Tegge, Drowned in Lake Sunday

The following description of Kenneth Tegge, the youth drowned at West End Sunday, more accurate than the first one, was sent out to all stations from police headquarters yesterday:

About 15 years old, about 5 feet 4 inches, medium build, light hair, wore khaki knee trousers, white rubber soles, white shirt and black stockings. Efforts to locate the body were still being made last night. If it is found, police were asked to notify J. F. Dupey, 1001 Moss street. The boy fell from a houseboat belonging to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Warwick Tegge, while being towed across the lake.