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## RIOTING IN CHINA

### NOW AT AN END.

#### Other Interesting Extracts from a Letter from Dr. North.

It has been some time since the Watchman has been privileged to publish a letter from either Dr. or Mrs. William R. North, educational missionaries at Chungking, China, probably because they are so taken up with that little baby which arrived in their household that they have not the time nor inclination to do much writing, aside from purely personal letters. But in a letter written just before the Fourth of July last year the doctor tells of Mrs. North being up in the hills while he was sweltering in Chungking. From his letter it would appear that the landlord privateer is getting in his work in that country as he states that "last summer our rooms at Kwansien cost us \$12 for the summer while to get a bungalow in the hills this season would cost about \$250." Continuing his letter he says:

We have been having the hottest weather during the past week that I have experienced since we have been in China. Thermometers have been hovering around 97 during the day and 78 to 80 at night. To-day it rained and the rain and wet breeze has cooled the atmosphere a little. Sarah writes down from the hills that it has been just about as hot up there, so I am not much worse off than the hill dwellers.

I suppose the home papers have been full of the news of the Shanghai riots. Things seemed to be getting pretty serious here for a time but now seem to have cooled off a bit. For several days it was not thought safe for foreigners to be on the streets very much, especially the British and Japanese, who seem to be the centre of attack by the students. Many of the workmen employed by British and Japanese firms have been compelled to quit by the students. For a time it was rumored that the servants of all foreigners would be compelled to quit, but for some reason the students thought better of their earlier intention.

The Americans are in high esteem, and I hope they remain so, but the fortunes of diplomacy are as fickle as those in any other walk of life. I have a great deal of sympathy with the attitude of the students in their desire to reclaim and maintain China's sovereignty over her own land. It is naturally galling to feel that foreigners can kill your own countrymen on your own soil and get away with it.

Being young the students, of course, go to extremes and lose their head; but most any body of students would do that, regardless of race or nationality. It is all very interesting, even though conditions at times make one feel a bit frazzled. Mission school work, under existing conditions in China, is probably the hardest it has ever been since missionaries began coming here. By hardest, I mean the most trying. As long as a fellow can keep it from getting on his nerves he is all right.

The regular February session of court will convene a week from next Monday, the 22nd. Judge Harry Keller will preside. Up to this time no cases of a very serious character on the criminal docket, but the civil list is probably long enough to occupy the time of the court for a full two weeks.

The local order of Moose is planning extensive remodeling of the Moose theatre interior. We have been informed that \$20,000 are to be spent on increased and improved seating, an enlargement of the stage and bring the entrance down to the street level as well as provide a wide foyer.

The fixtures are about all set in the new "Kelfonte," "goodie shop" in the Richelieu building and within a few days the public will have opportunity of inspecting the refreshments that are to be offered there.

Thursday seems to be the day for disagreeable weather, late trains, etc. Yesterday the temperature was well down toward zero, it was quite blustery and the Lewisburg train was an hour and a half late.

W. R. Grazier, of Tyrone, has purchased from Dr. J. R. G. Allison the National hotel at Millheim. The new owner will take possession on or about April first.

Mumps are prevalent among the children in Bellefonte.

FETZER.—William Andrew Fetzer, a lifelong resident of Boggs township, died on Sunday, January 31st, at the home of his son, Lewis Fetzer, at Runville, following an illness of several months as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

He was born at Yarnell on January 9th, 1851, hence had reached the age of 75 years and 22 days. He was a laborer by occupation and a good, substantial citizen. He married Miss Alice A. Watson, who passed away in May, 1925, but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. Mary Solt, of Williamsport; Mrs. Tillie Cole, of Jersey Shore; Mrs. Hannah Heaton, of Expedit; Mrs. Annie Witherite, of Fleming; Mrs. Cora Godsey and Daniel Fetzer, whose whereabouts are not known; Lewis, of Runville, and Samuel, of Dix Run. He also leaves one brother and a sister, Henry Fetzer and Mrs. Tillie Baney, both of Yarnell. Funeral services were held in the United Brethren church, at Runville, on Tuesday afternoon of last week, by Rev. A. L. Barnett, after which burial was made in the Advent cemetery.

STRUBLE.—Mrs. Alice R. Struble, wife of Andrew B. Struble, died at her home at State College on Sunday at 6.30 o'clock. She was the daughter of David and Jennie Eye and was born in Ferguson township on June 16th, 1853, making her age 72 years, 7 months and 21 days. Surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Jas. H. Holmes, Olive C. Struble, Forrest L. Struble and Frederick V. Struble, all of State College. She also leaves these sisters and brothers: Mrs. Jacob Rhone, of Rochester, Pa.; Mrs. J. C. Struble, of State College; Adam Eye, of Brighton, Col.; Mrs. B. F. Homan, of State College. Mrs. Struble was a member of the Lutheran church at State College and a woman who had the esteem and respect of all who knew her. Funeral services were held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. John F. Harkins, burial being made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

BUCK.—Mrs. Ria Hayes Buck, widow of the late S. M. Buck, for many years a resident of Bellefonte, died in Philadelphia on Monday, February 1, after an illness of several weeks. The body was taken to Lock Haven, where she had been residing for some time, and interment made in Highland cemetery there, on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The Buck family is very well remembered by older residents of Bellefonte as it was prominent in both business and social circles here thirty years ago. Mr. Buck was in the coal business, ran a foundry and machine shop where the Beatty Motor Co. garage now stands and was associated with Archibald Allison in the plumbing business. They had one son, William, and both he and his father preceded Mrs. Buck to the grave.

BIDDLE.—Mrs. Harriet R. Biddle, wife of Walter C. Biddle, died at her home in Tyrone last Friday following several weeks illness. She was a daughter of Decatur and Anna Lightner McAfee and was born at Stormstown, Centre county, on December 15th, 1873, hence was in her fifty-third year. In March, 1893, she married Mr. Biddle and the greater portion of her married life had been spent in Tyrone. In addition to her husband she is survived by four children, Mrs. Ruth Cowher, Robert E. Biddle, Mrs. Norman Boyer and Chas. Biddle, all of Tyrone. She also leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, of Boise City, Idaho; Mrs. Abner Nearhoof, of Tyrone, and Charles McAfee, of Tyrone. Burial was made in Tyrone on Sunday afternoon.

ROYER.—Benjamin W. Royer died at his home in Madisonburg on Tuesday as the result of general infirmities. A son of Jacob and Rebecca Yearick Royer, he was born in Madisonburg on June 20th, 1844, hence had reached the age of 81 years, 7 months and 19 days. Mr. Royer followed the farm all his life until advancing age compelled his retirement. He was an active member of the Reformed church from boyhood.

As a young man he married Miss Amanda Stover who survives with the following children: Clayton E. Royer, of Bellefonte; John of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. May Swartz, of Sherlin, Ill.; Mrs. Kate Krebs, of Selingsgrove; Mrs. Ida Yearick, of Madisonburg; Allen and Pearl, at home. Burial was made at Madisonburg yesterday afternoon.

WERTZ.—Mrs. Susan Rowan Wertz, widow of Michael Wertz, died last Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Merritt, at Winburn, following three years illness with heart trouble.

Her maiden name was Susan Rowan and she was born in Bellefonte on January 19th, 1849, making her age 77 years and 17 days. As a young woman she married Michael Wertz and they had fourteen children, only four of whom survive their mother. Burial was made in the Woodland cemetery on Sunday.

The receivers of the Centre County Banking Company are at work listing the proofs of claims of creditors. The banking room is open every evening from 5 to 6 and all creditors are being urged to call and prove their claims.

The Hon. J. Laird Holmes, of State College, has announced his intention of seeking re-election to the Legislature.

## The Will of an Insane Man.

In the pocket of an old, ragged coat belonging to one of the insane patients of the Chicago poorhouse there was found, after the patient's death, a will.

The man had been a lawyer, and the will was written in a firm, clear hand on a few scraps of paper. So unusual was it that it was sent to a lawyer; and he read it before the Chicago Bar Association and a resolution was passed ordering it probated. And now it is on the records of Cook county, Illinois.

### THE WILL READS AS FOLLOWS:

I, Charles Lounsbury, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in order, as justly as may be, to distribute my interest in the world among succeeding men.

That part of my interests which is known in law and recognized in the sheep-bound volumes as my estate, being inconsiderable and of no account, I make no disposition of it in this Will. My right to live, being but a life estate, is not at my disposal, but, these things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath.

Item: I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise and encouragement, and all quaint pet names and endearments; and I charge said parents to use them justly, but generously as the needs of their children shall require.

Item: I leave to children inclusively, but only for the term of their childhood, all and even the flowers of the fields and the blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely according to the customs of the children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns; and I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees. And I leave to the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the train of the Milky Way, to wonder at, but subject, nevertheless, to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

Item: I devise to boys, jointly; all useful, idle fields and commons where ball may be played, all pleasant waters where one may swim, all snow-clad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate, to hold the same for the period of their boyhood. And all meadows, with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereof; the woods with their appurtenances; the squirrels and the birds and echoes and strange noises, and all distant places which may be visited, together with the adventures there found. And I give to said boys each his own place at the fire-side at night, with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance and without any encumbrance or care.

Item: To lovers, I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need, as the stars of the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of the hawthorn, the sweet strains of music, and aught else they may desire to figure to each other the lastness and beauty of their love.

Item: To young men, jointly, I devise and bequeath all boisterous, inspiring sports of rivalry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness and undaunted confidence in their own strength. Though they are rude, I leave to them the power to make lasting friendships and of possessing companions, and to them exclusively I give all merry songs and brave choruses to sing with lusty voices.

Item: And to those who are no longer children or youths or lovers, I leave memory; and bequeath to them the volumes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of all other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live the old days over again, freely and fully, without tithes or diminution.

Item: To our loved ones with snowy crowns I bequeath the happiness of old age, the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep.

### A New Bird Has Made Its Appearance.

Lately several people have endeavored to describe to us a bird, new to this locality, that they have only recently noticed.

On Sunday afternoon we had opportunity of seeing the member of the feathery tribe evidently referred to and were utterly unable to identify it as associated with the birds that have been known to habitate this county.

It might, by some who have only a casual interest in such things, be called a black bird. But neither its size, shape nor plumage indicate that it is the variety of merula merula with which we have been familiar. It is egg shaped, with short bill and tail and its plumage is a dull, non-lustrous black. The flock we saw on Sunday was bunched on an apple tree very like sparrows might have grouped, but there wasn't a twitter from any one of them and they were three times as large as a sparrow, rounder and, of course, not of the same colored plumage.

They might be the rusty-grackle or Brewer's black-bird, but if so, they are entirely new to this part of Centre county, at least.

We would be glad to hear from any real ornithologist who has noticed them and have his opinion as to what they are. We are interested and we know lots others are.

### Bellefonte Defeats Mount Union.

The Bellefonte High school basketball team defeated the Mount Union High, on the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor last Friday evening, by the score of 26 to 19. It was one of the snappiest games ever played on the local floor. The score was close enough throughout the entire game to make it impossible to guess the winner. At the end of the first half Mount Union led by the score of 14 to 13. Toward the close of the game, however, Bellefonte took a spurt and came out the victor by seven points.

Bellefonte has two games scheduled for this week-end, Philipsburg tonight and Houtzdale tomorrow night.

The girls' team will play the strong Renovo team, on the Y. M. C. A. floor this (Friday) evening. Last year Renovo won the game 21 to 20, and while the girls from the railroad town are reported to be very strong this year the Bellefonte girls hope to continue their winning streak.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Stover and family, of Coleville, are duly grateful for the kindness extended them by neighbors and friends during their recent bereavement.

### Echoes of Last Week's Snow.

Last Wednesday's deep snow fall has settled down considerably by the few mild days since then and we all view it now as merely an episode of the winter, but it was no joke to the fellows who were unfortunate enough to get caught in it Wednesday night. Something after ten o'clock that evening W. H. Garman and son Robert left Bellefonte to motor to their home at Runville. They got along all right until after they turned toward the mountain at Snow Shoe Intersection.

Three times they stuck in the snow and not having a shovel with them were compelled to literally paw the snow away from in front of the car with their hands and feet. They finally managed to get up as far as the home of Milligan Lucas where they stuck good and proper, and abandoning the car they walked home, then dug the car out on Thursday morning. One of the Morgans got stuck in the snow on Allegheny mountain and was compelled to spend the night there, walking back to Snow Shoe Intersection Thursday morning and going home by train. A half dozen or more cars were stuck on the mountain road but all were pulled out on Thursday.

### The Legion to Show "Three Faces East" at the Moose Theatre.

Under the auspices of Brooks-Doll post, American Legion, "Three Faces East" will be shown at the Moose theatre, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Feb. 23 and 24, with matinees both afternoons at the Scenic. Prices will be 25 and 50 cts.

This is one of the wonder pictures of the year. It is from the stage play of the same title by Anthony Paul Kelly and is breath-taking in its mystery involvements from start to finish. While a war picture it has nothing to do with battle scenes, marching soldiers, etc., the whole of its story is with the finesse of war—the spy system and the unwitting use of the German pass work, "Three Faces East" at times and places most unexpected and consequently mystifying.

It was screened under the direction of Cecil B. DeMille and that, alone, guarantees its quality, but with an all star cast and a ten piece orchestra to add to the DeMille stamp of excellence this will be entertainment extraordinary.

—Madisonburg residents are divided on the question of electric street lights. Some of them want it and some don't. As it is a case of all of them having to pay the bill it will be necessary to get together before the streets will be electrically illuminated.

### Bell Telephone Co. Making Good Headway Toward Consolidation.

The average user of the telephone has no appreciative idea of the amount of work necessary in the taking over of the Penn State Telephone system by the Bell company, without in any way affecting the service of both companies. Two new sections of switchboard have already been installed in the Bell company's operating room and hundreds of feet of new wire strung.

Employees of the company will begin the latter part of this week or beginning of next to cut in the phones of the Penn State company onto the Bell switchboard. For several weeks present users of Penn State phones will have the advantage of dual service, as their phone will have connection with both the Penn State and Bell exchanges. This condition will exist until all Penn State phones have been tied up with the Bell system and thoroughly tested, then the linemen will be compelled to go over the route a second time and disconnect the old Penn State wires.

Notwithstanding the big amount of work required to make the consolidation the company is making good headway and if nothing unforeseen occurs will be able to make the transfer complete on or before March first. As soon as possible thereafter all poles and lines now used by the Penn State company and not needed by the Bell company will be removed from the streets and alleys of Bellefonte.

### Piano Recital in Presbyterian Chapel.

The piano recital to be given in the Presbyterian chapel at 2.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, February 20th, will be a rare opportunity to hear good music, as Mr. Morrison C. Boyd, who will give the program, holds degrees from universities on both sides of the Atlantic. His Oxford degree was conferred upon him a few years ago at the completion of the three year's Rhodes scholarship course; and when we reflect that in holding that scholarship, according to its terms of selection of only two each year from each State, and he was one of the two chosen from Pennsylvania, we shall realize that Bellefonte is favored in his coming.

Mr. Boyd will come to Bellefonte at the request of Henry S. Linn and while his guest will give the recital free of charge for the Missionary societies of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church in whose work his mother, now of Philadelphia, took an active part during the two or three winters she spent in Bellefonte at the home of the late Mrs. James Harris, on north Spring street.

### Joseph Lose Stricken in Altoona.

Joseph Lose, a former resident and very well known in Bellefonte, became alarmingly ill in Altoona last Friday and was rushed to a hospital in that city, where it was said his case needed the most expert attention obtainable and at once.

Joe has been for years an inspector for the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. and with its usual concern for the men who have given good service, it commissioned two physicians, a nurse and a man assistant to take him to Johns-Hopkins hospital in Baltimore at once. There he was on the operating table from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon while an abscess and a tumor were removed from his brain. The latest report to friends here is to the effect that while he is in a very serious condition there are hopes for his recovery.

Mr. Lose is a son of Mrs. George Lose, of this place, and has been with the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., for twenty-six years. His wife and son Joseph Jr., who had been in Miami, Florida, came north at once and are with him in Baltimore.

Members of the Penn State senior class and men who were graduated Tuesday night are becoming interested in starting their chosen professions in Florida. Dean R. L. Sackett, of the School of Engineering, returned a few days ago from a southern trip and expressed the belief that there were great opportunities for young engineers and agriculturists in Florida. He said the rapid growth of cities and the great demand on electric generating stations, telephone, water and gas companies is far in excess of the supply at the present time.

Plans are now being formulated at State College for a two weeks nature study camp in the heart of the Seven mountains some time during next August. The camp will be for teachers and those especially interested in the study of the great outdoors, and will be limited to sixty men and women. Prof. George R. Green, head of the nature study department at the College and who was recently elected president of the American Nature Study society, will be in charge.

A class of approximately fifty young men and women received their diplomas at the midyear commencement exercises at State College on Tuesday evening of this week. The class included fourteen engineering students, twelve in the course in liberal arts, and eleven in the educational course. Degrees were conferred and diplomas awarded by Judge H. Walton Mitchell, president of the board of trustees.

The Crystal Springs Rebekah Lodge will hold an all day bake sale, Saturday, at Spiegelmeyer's store. Everything you want that is good to eat will be there for you to buy.

### Church Services Next Sunday

**BOALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Services for Sunday, February 14: Boalsburg—Sunday school 9 a. m.; preaching services 10.30 a. m.; Christian Endeavor 7 p. m.  
Shiloh—Sunday school 9.30 a. m. Pleasant Gap—Sunday school 9.30 a. m.  
W. J. Wagner, Pastor.

**BOALSBURG REFORMED CHURCH**  
Services for Sunday, Feb. 14th.  
Pine Grove Mills—Holy communion, 10.30 a. m.  
Pine Hall—Church school, 1.30 p. m. Public worship, 2.30 p. m.  
Boalsburg—Church school, 9.15 a. m. Foreign Mission day service, 7.30 p. m.  
W. W. Moyer, Pastor.

### Academy Banquets Victorious Football Team.

The annual football banquet at the Bellefonte Academy, last Thursday night, was a function of more than the usual interest because the team in whose honor it was tendered this year reached heights never attained by any of the gallant warriors who have carried the blue and gold colors on the gridiron in the past. The 1925 team won the title of American Prep. school champions.

The dining halls of the Academy were crowded with guests and students and between the menu and the toasts almost five hours were spent in the celebration.

Among the speakers were Hugo M. Bezek, director of athletics at State, Rev. Homer Charles Knox and John G. Love Esq., of Bellefonte, and Felix A. Grisette, of the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

The second of the series of current event lectures, under the auspices of the League of Women Voters of Centre county, was given Wednesday evening of last week by Mrs. E. C. Durfee, of Pottstown, substituting for the regular speaker, Mrs. Herman L. Swartz, second vice president of the State League. Mrs. Durfee, who has a most pleasing personality, greatly impressed her hearers with her intimate knowledge of both national and State affairs. Her talk of an hour was full of information as to the laws and law makers, both at Washington and Harrisburg, and the bills before both governing bodies. It is hoped more Bellefonte people will take advantage of hearing these questions discussed and be present at the March and April lectures. At the former the subject will be the State and county government, while in April it will be the two political parties. Mrs. Durfee, while in Bellefonte, was a guest of Mrs. Robert M. Beach, chairman of the League of Centre county.

So far as heard from no fan in this section was able to pick up Gimble's broadcasting station in Philadelphia, last Friday night. In consequence we all missed the Noah H. Swayne II concert. It seems unexplainable, but Philadelphia is rarely picked up by radio in this section. All operators agree that tuning in with stations in that city is the rarest achievement. Reception was good here Friday night. Texas, Chicago, Miami, Schenectady were all coming in fine but nary one of the five sets we visited was able to pick up a sound from Philadelphia.

The fixtures for the remodeled Hazel and Co., dry goods store have arrived and are being put in place. The first floor of the building has been entirely covered with a dark red composition flooring and the new counters, cases and tables are of light walnut and glass. When it is reopened patrons are going to be surprised at the metropolitan appearance of this well known establishment.

### AARONSBURG.

Wm. Talbot and John Laidacker, of Shickshinny, are at present with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weaver.

Mrs. Frank Armagast and sister, Miss Sallie Steffen, spent a day recently with their cousin in Coburn.

William H. Moyer, of Beavertown, was the guest several days recently of his brother-in-law, P. C. Weaver. While in town Mr. Moyer was also entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tomlinson are at present entertaining their younger son Harold, who is stationed at Fort Niagara, N. Y., and is home on a furlough of several months which he will no doubt greatly enjoy after some years of army life.

Mrs. O. J. Auman returned home on Monday from Williamsport, where she had been a patient in the hospital for the past three weeks. Mrs. Auman has been having ill health for the past few years. Her family and friends trust she may have been greatly benefited and may recover her full health and strength ere long.

Notwithstanding the fact that that frisky little animal, the groundhog, failed to see his shadow on the 2nd, we are nevertheless having some real winter. However neither the little animal nor man make or order the weather and a very good thing they do not, else there would be worse doings in this old world of ours.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Stover, their sons John and Frank Burd, spent Sunday afternoon at the L. P. Bower home. Mr. Bower recently was unfortunate while at work in the woods in having one of the bones in his leg broken. His many friends in his old home, were very sorry to learn of his misfortune, but trust he may soon recover and have no ill results.