

CHINA VIEWED From the Standpoint of Politics and Christian MISSIONS

By Rev. K. H. Beck

There are two viewpoints from which to observe the trend of affairs in China, both of which are of interest to the American.

The first is the political viewpoint. The Young China Party has, during recent months made real progress. In military achievement she has subdued the nation, if it can be called subduing the nation to capture Peking and annihilate the loquacious and practically defunct government there.

In diplomatic achievement, the ministers of Foreign Affairs, Dr. C. T. Wang, led affairs a long way in the direction of winning for China a position of respect among the nations of the world. America, with other nations following her example, has made a new Treaty with China looking forward to a definite time within which extraterritoriality and other "unequal" privileges heretofore accorded foreigners in China will be abolished.

In re-organization, T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, has done much to help the poverty stricken, bankrupt government to get upon its feet. Under his man's leadership, also, several essential projects have been initiated. One of these is the matter of the disbandment of superfluous men in arms. China has had a million too many soldiers, but the matter of throwing out of employment, so large a number of men has long been too serious a project to be undertaken seriously. But Soong has taken definite steps in the right direction.

The governmental framework of the Nationalist organization is essentially that worked out by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. It is vastly different from the governmental framework of the United States. It is the type of government that makes possible an autocratic dictatorship. The question arises, will China submit to such a government, and furthermore, will a strong man come to the top who is able to wield and move the situation?

From the governmental point of view, China has made progress in a commendable direction, yet there is a vastness to the amount of road yet needing to be traversed, that is appalling.

The second viewpoint is that of Christian Missions. The present status of missionary work is not uniform throughout China. There are localities in which the mission work was scarcely molested during the upheaval of 1927-28.

In other localities not only was the work of foreign missionaries stopped but property was despoiled and equipment spoiled. At the present time practically all centers of former mission activity are again occupied by foreign missionaries. Approximately one third of the American missionaries formerly in China are now back in that field. The prospects seem favorable for the return of many more by autumn of this year.

The attitude of the Young People's Party which had been so largely responsible for the reaction against foreigners and against Christian missions, seems now to be less hostile to christianity than to other religions native to China.

The number of Chinese church members has decreased to some extent, for the severe persecutions of recent months weeded out those whose convictions were shallow. But the faith and courage of the faithful have only been accentuated by their experiences of trial.

At almost all points the younger native christians have made a bid for leadership in the christian enterprise. In most cases they frankly request the help and counsel of foreign missionaries. The condition of the native church from the standpoint of financial ability is pitiable. All China is impoverished by Civil War and famine, furthermore, during the months of communist or soviet terrorism in China the christian was discriminated against, so that many who had possessed wealth were impoverished, while teachers and other professional men were often thrown out of position unless they renounced their religion. Hence it is only natural that the Chinese christians still look to America for financial aid to the missionary enterprise. And certainly so long as American christians lend financial aid they shall want, too, to have missionary representatives on the field to help direct the missionary enterprise.

Appointed Postmistress

Mrs. Clara Hinebaugh has been appointed Postmistress of the Boynton, Somerset county, succeeding Lester F. Engle, who resigned.

A new brand of Oleomargarine—Eckonit Brand—especially prepared for table use. Price 20c. Sold by BROADWATER'S MEAT MARKET, Salisbury, Pa. 13-4f

Semi Solid Butter Milk Can, now had at THE NEW MEYERSDALE DAIRY. 12-1f

RAILROAD DETECTIVES ARE SEEKING ROBBERS

Postoffice at Rockwood, Pa., and Railroad Station at Horton, W. Va., Robbed in Recent Nights.

Cumberland police and Western Maryland Railway detectives have been asked to aid in the search for W. R. Kolda, accused of robbing the Rockwood postoffice on Thursday night of last week and escaped with \$250. The postmistress was held up at pistol point and robbed.

Kolda, is an Italian with red hair, five feet, seven inches tall, gray eyes, one of them glass, and wears a shabby gray suit. His arms and chest are tattooed. City and Railroad police were notified that the safe in the pleasantly spent in doing needle work, seven miles south of Elkins, W. Va., was blown open Wednesday night. The station is used by the Baltimore and Ohio and Western Maryland railroads. About ten dollars of the latter company's funds and \$116 of the B. & O. money was taken from the safe. The door of the safe was blown off by the robbers who left no clue.

CUMBERLAND CLUB HAS CHANGED HANDS

The Community Baseball Club, of Cumberland, Md., completed negotiations for acquiring the controlling stock in the Mid-City Baseball Association from James McGuire. The transfer of stock which carries the franchise in the Middle Atlantic League and all rights and interests of McGuire in baseball in Cumberland, was made at a meeting in the offices of Charles Heskett, Dr. H. B. Walker, Harry D. Sanner, Commissioner Herbert Lee Bly and M. F. Prendergast represented the Community Association.

John H. Snyder, who holds a bill of sale on the fence and grandstock of the park, given by McGuire last year for money advanced to the Mid-City Association, also attended the meeting. Snyder offering an extension of time on this bill of sale. The Community Association might obtain the lease and franchise to the park and pay outstanding bills first. Snyder's offer made it possible to proceed with the establishment of the Community Association, and to post the forfeit of \$2,000 with the league.

PRESIDENT HOOVER AVERTS THREATENED RAILROAD STRIKE

The scheduled walkout of several thousand train and shop men of the Texas and Pacific Railway was held up, pending investigation of disputed issues by an emergency board to be named by President Herbert Hoover.

Strike orders calling the trainmen off their jobs had been issued for six o'clock Saturday morning, but were withdrawn by officials of the big four railroad brotherhoods, involved when J. A. Soumeville, Vice President in charge of operations for the T. and P., appealed to the President for arbitration.

ISSUE LETTERS IN SOMERSET COUNTY

Letters of administration have been issued in the following estates during the past week.

Marion Schmuicker Winters, estate of C. C. Schmuicker, late of Boswell Borough.

John Ackerman, estate of Ella M. Ackerman, late of Somerset Township. Windber Trust Company, estate of Elmer R. Pebley, late of Central City Borough.

IMPROVE RAIL SERVICE

Pennsylvania Makes Changes for Convenience of Johnstown, Pa.

Granting of several requests for improvements in service made of P. R. R. officials by the transportation committee of the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce was forthcoming in a communication from S. D. Shank, division passenger agent, located in Pittsburgh.

For the convenience of Johnstown travelers traveling to and from Chicago, the Pennsylvania Limited will stop regularly, effective with adoption of the new spring schedule on Sunday, April 28. Other arrangements will be made for the convenience of travelers, and other trains that stop regularly.

Somerset Branch To Meet April 2nd

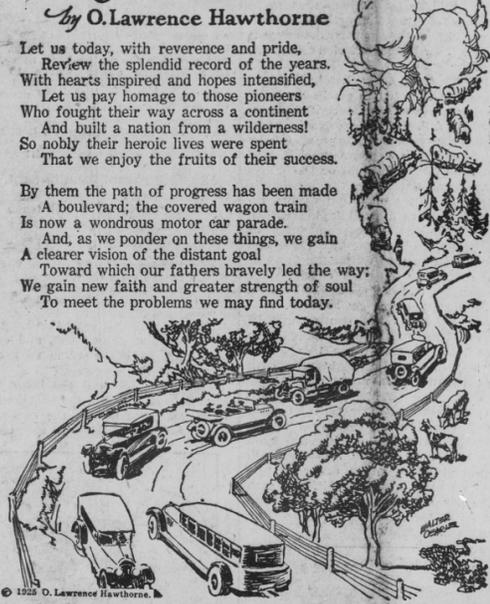
The regular monthly prayer meeting of the Somerset W. C. T. U. will be held in the Church of the Brethren, on April 7th, at 3 P. M. The regular monthly business meeting was held at the home of Mrs. M. A. Bolby, on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 P. M.

ON THE PATHWAY of PROGRESS

By O. Lawrence Hawthorne

Let us today, with reverence and pride,
Review the splendid record of the years.
With hearts inspired and hopes intensified,
Let us pay homage to those pioneers
Who fought their way across a continent
And built a nation from a wilderness!
So nobly their heroic lives were spent
That we enjoy the fruits of their success.

By them the path of progress has been made
A boulevard; the covered wagon train
Is now a wondrous motor car parade.
And, as we ponder on these things, we gain
A clearer vision of the distant goal.
Toward which our fathers bravely led the way:
We gain new faith and greater strength of soul
To meet the problems we may find today.



Bandit Holds Up Woman; Gets \$250

Mrs. Charles Cunningham, Postmistress at Casselman, Robbed on Way to Home.

While on her way home from the Casselman postoffice, at Casselman, four miles west of Rockwood, Mrs. Charles Cunningham, the postmistress, was held up and robbed at the point of a revolver and the bandit escaped with \$250 in cash. Mr. Cunningham was with his wife at the time, but was able to offer no assistance as the highwayman also covered him with the gun.

After taking a satchel containing the money from Mrs. Cunningham the bandit escaped in the darkness. The postal authorities and local police were notified and are working on the case, but as yet no trace of the bandit has been found. The police are searching for a Casselman man, who is alleged to have committed the robbery. He is described as being five feet, seven inches tall, red hair, gray eyes and wore a gray suit, and his chest and arms are tattooed.

Local Men Drawn As Jurors in Federal Court

Oscar F. Walker, of Garrett, is one of the jurors selected for service for the first week of the April term of Federal Court, beginning at Pittsburgh.

Following this term of court the May term will be taken up with the calling of a grand jury and new petit jurors, indicating that there will be sessions of court from now until the last of June.

The following local men have been drawn: J. R. Davidson, Connellsville; O. R. Johnson, Ohiohope; Harry Tetter, Bedford; John Dehaven, Sand Patch; Hampton Potter, Ohiohope; and W. L. Whipkey, Connellsville.

Schedule Mine Tests

Examinations for mine foremen, assistant mine foremen and fire bosses will be held April 16-18, in the Connellsville Christian church. These tests include the fifth and ninth bituminous districts. Members of the examining boards are: Inspector, Silas S. Hall, chairman; Richard Maize, associate inspector; H. E. Mason, superintendent, and Edward Dunlap, miner.

State Offices Closed

All State offices were closed Good Friday, because of Holy Week and remained closed until Monday morning. Governor Fisher appeared at his office early Friday morning in the Capital to check up on the legislation put on his desk by the General Assembly.

NOTICE

The party that took a hand saw, brace and square from the Charles F. Glessner place, will take notice that if the articles are not returned in ten days, they will be dealt with according to law, for they were seen with the goods. Adv-14-1t B. J. SMITH

Operators Expect Anthracite Boom

A decided boom in the anthracite industry is anticipated within the next few days.

With the 60 cent per ton price reduction effective April 1st, mining companies throughout the field are preparing for a deluge of orders.

Railroad companies are preparing for a rush of business and during the last few days the Reading and Pennsylvania companies have set more than 3,000 empty coal cars on storage tracks in the vicinity of the hard coal region.

Beautiful Wedding in Garrett County, Md.

A pretty wedding was solemnized, Thursday morning, March 28, 11 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Turner, Shade Mills, Garrett county, when Jacob Ross, of Berlin, and Miss Ida Enfield, of Elk Lick Township, were married.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. D. Bright, pastor of the Reformed Church, at Salisbury. The bride wore a beautiful wedding dress of cocoa brown and carried pink rose buds. Misses Sara and Laura Turner, who served as flower girls, carried bouquets of sweet peas. The nuptial music was played by Miss Gertrude Lynn, of Meyersdale.

Following the wedding ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the Turner home, after which Mr. and Mrs. Ross, left for Akron, Ohio.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Price and daughter, Mardred, and Miss Eva Nash, of Frostburg; Mr. and Mrs. Asa Fresh, of New Germany; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner, Mr. and Mrs. George Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Turner, Mr. and Mrs. William Turner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Blocher, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Blocher and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Blocher and daughter, Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Layman, and daughters, Clara and Lena, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Layman, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Michels and son, Julius, Mrs. Annie Durd and son, Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poleman, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Broadwater, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pope and sons, Scott and Oliver, Peter Layton, Grant Winebrenner, Fay Ravenscroft, all of Shade Mills; Mrs. Mahlon Thomas, Mrs. Clara Martz, Mrs. Henry Loehel, of Salisbury, Pa.

MISSIONARY MEETING, GRANTSVILLE, MD.

Mrs. Marshall Beachy, entertained the Missionary Society of the Reformed Church on Thursday afternoon of last week. A very interesting lesson was given by Mrs. Francis Boucher. Rev. K. H. Beck and Mrs. Beck gave splendid talks on Missions.

Mrs. Frances Boucher gave a report on the Missionary Convention, held at Somerset last week. Those present were: Messdames J. H. Folk, Bryon Bender, Robert Annyl, C. A. Bender, Fred Livengood, Floyd Durst, and daughter, J. A. Beachy, Frances Boucher, Rev. and Mrs. Beck, and son, Mrs. Lillie Younk, Mrs. Shtetzer. Refreshments were served.

BOROUGH MILLAGE Increased to 14 Mills at Regular Meeting of TOWN COUNCIL

The Borough Council met Tuesday night, April 2nd with Messrs Leckenby, Diveley, Bittner, Donges, Rickard and Hartley present, Hostetler absent.

A committee was present from the fire department, Mr. Keim and Mr. Rosenberger, to inquire about the donations received yearly from the Foreign Fire Insurance Companies which amounts to about \$300.00 a year. It seems that this amount had been turned over to the local firemen's relief fund until three years ago and has since been turned into the borough funds. Council decided to pay it to the firemen as soon as able.

N. E. Miller was present to try to get relief from water in the basement of his store. The street committee was instructed to meet Mr. Miller and give him any assistance possible.

After other routine business was transacted the subject of the millage for next year was taken up. This caused a very lengthy discussion with Donges and Hartley on one side arguing that as our debt is being slowly lowered and with the general hard times that we are now having it would be too much of a hardship on the people to raise the taxes but we should cut expenses as much as possible and let the taxes as they have been.

Diveley, Bittner and Rickard wanted to raise the taxes so as to be able to pay off the debt faster. Donges moved and Hartley seconded to set the millage at 12 mills, same as last year, and the vote was Donges and Hartley for it, Bittner, Diveley and Rickard against. Then Diveley moved to raise the millage 2 mills to 14 mills and it was carried with Diveley, Bittner and Rickard voting for it and Hartley and Donges against.

Gene Walters Winner in Boxing Match

The amateur boxing bouts held at the Garrett Athletic Club on Tuesday evening, April 2, drew a capacity house. The main go between Gene Walters, of Garrett, Pa., and Clyde Byrd, of Somerset, was the real feature of the evenings entertainment. Walters gained the judges' decision after 6 rounds of fast boxing.

Byrd put up a wonderful exhibition and it is a certainty that these two will be rematched for a go in the very near future.

The semi-final was between John Tucker, of Garrett, and Curley Courtney, of Meyersdale, which went the limit of 6 rounds, Tucker gaining the decision. Tucker is a stablemate of Walters. The bout between Battling Gene Turner and Dynamite Banks both of Meyersdale, was the sensation of the evening. The Cossie Brothers of Garrett put up a wonderful exhibition.

Altoona Resident Dies in Germany

Charles F. Just, of Altoona, died during the past week at Neuss, Germany, where he was serving as representative of the International Harvester Co.

Just was a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, but resigned from the Navy several years ago to go with the harvester company. He was married in London, England, Jan. 26, 1928, to Miss Irene Conawit, of Clarksburg, W. Va., who with his mother, two brothers, and three sisters, survive him.

NEW JOB FOR WOMAN



One hundred dollars a week and her own airplane, to say nothing of automobiles, restaurants, etc., is what Ruth Haviland, pretty twenty-year-old aviator, gets for being aerial hostess at Fairfax airport, Kansas City, Mo. All Ruth need do is meet incoming aviators, make them feel "at home," etc., just as would the hostess of your favorite summer resort.

Adult Bible Classes Will Attend State Meet at Johnstown

The annual State Bible Class convention will be held in the First Lutheran Church, Johnstown, Pa., April 13th and 14th. It promises to be one of the outstanding state class conferences and the people of Somerset County are fortunate in having this gathering so near their homes.

Every pastor, Sunday School superintendent, and every teacher of an Adult Bible Class, as well as others who are interested in Bible Class work, should attend this Convention in Johnstown. Speakers of national reputation will address the various meetings. No other meeting in Pennsylvania gives as much information, inspiration, and enthusiasm on Adult Bible Class activities as this Convention does.

Please help to boost the attendance. Ask the men of your Bible Classes to take automobile loads. Where you have bus service, entire classes might hire a bus for a special trip to one of more of the sessions. Every Sunday School should send one or more delegates from the Adult Bible Classes.

Delegates' Credentials should be ordered from A. B. Cober, Berlin, Pa., or from Mr. F. K. Sanner, Somerset, Pa. The registration fee is one dollar to be paid when registering at Johnstown.

The program of the convention is as follows:

Saturday Morning
10:00—Song Service, led by Mr. George B. Hunter. Worship—Dr. Osbert W. Warmingham, Boston, Mass.

10:30—Convention Sermon. "Christian Citizenship." Rev. Henry W. Snyder, D.D., Johnstown. First Lutheran Church.
11:00—Address, "Building the Church." Mrs. W. B. Easton, Stroudsburg, Pa.

11:30—Address, "Building the Leadership." Dr. O. W. Warmingham.
12:00—Adjournment.

Saturday Afternoon
2:00—Song Service, led by Mr. George B. Hunter. Worship—Dr. O. W. Warmingham.

2:30—Address, "Cooperation." Dr. W. L. Mudge, Harrisburg, Pa. Federal Council of Churches.
3:00—Business. Reports of officers. Reports of Federation units.

4:00—Address, "Federation Projects." Rev. J. W. Claudy, D.D., Philadelphia Presbyterian Department of Moral Welfare.

4:30—Adjournment.
5:45—"Fellowship Dinner." Toastmaster Judge Samuel L. Reed. Dining Room, First Lutheran Church.

Saturday Evening
7:30—Song Service led by Mr. George B. Hunter. Worship—Dr. O. W. Warmingham.

8:00—Address, "A Nation-wide Movement for Adult Bible Classes." Rev. H. J. Councilor, Washington, D. C., Ass't. pastor, Calvary Baptist Church.
8:40—Address, "What is Evangelism?" Dr. O. W. Warmingham.

9:30—Adjournment.
Sunday morning the delegates will attend the Sunday Schools and Churches of Johnstown where they will be cordially welcomed.

Sunday Afternoon, 2:30
Christian Patriotic Service
Supporting President Hoover in Law Enforcement

Song Service led by Mr. George B. Hunter.

Worship—Dr. O. W. Warmingham. Address, "Enforcing the Law," Commander John D. Pennington, Prohibition Administrator of Western Penna.

Address, "The National Call in Support of President Hoover for Law Enforcement." Mr. Oliver W. Stewart, Indianapolis, Ind., President of the Flying Squadron.

Reformed Church Conference

Preliminary arrangements for entertainment of 500 visitors expected to attend the conference of General Synod of the Reformed church in Indianapolis, May 22 to 29, were announced by Rev. G. H. Gebhardt, chairman of the general arrangements committee. The meeting will bring representatives of 14,000 congregations, with a membership of 400,000 to the city.

Forest Fires Rage

Forest fire wardens were kept busy in the section of Galitzen recently when different blazes swept over 100 acres of timber land.

Ashland College GLEE CLUB Will Sing at Berlin SUNDAY NIGHT

Ashland, O., April 1.—The Ashland College Men's Glee Club departs from the campus on April 5 for a ten-day trip through Pennsylvania and many Ohio cities. Among the many places where the club will sing is at Berlin, Pa., next Sunday.

Under the capable leadership of Miss Eva Jaderquist, widely known for her musical ability, the club has mastered both sacred and secular compositions which will insure a varied program that will meet with a general approval wherever presented. A feature number "Mosquitos" by Bliss will be sung by the club ensemble. Other compositions prepared by such eminent composers as Gounod, Del Riego, Handel, Shely, Buck, Schubert, and Coleridge Taylor.

Besides selections by the club, the programs will be strengthened with selections by the California Quartet, as well as vocal and instrumental solos by other members.

The complete schedule follows: Canton, Ohio, Friday night; North Vandergrift, Pa., Saturday night; Berlin, Pa., Sunday; Hagerstown, Md., Monday night; Philadelphia, Pa., Tuesday and Wednesday; Johnstown and vicinity, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Pensions Secured by Congressman Kendall

Representative Samuel A. Kendall has recently assisted the following named soldiers and widows of soldiers in securing pensions and increases to which they were entitled under the existing laws:

Mrs. Mahala Jones, widow of John, Connellsville, increase to \$40 per month.
Charles J. Lewis, Uniontown, increase to \$72.
Frederick Dupont, Rockwood, increase to \$50.
Andrew Ankeny, Somerset, increase to \$90.
Nathan Augustine, Confluence, increase to \$90.
Charles F. Cochrane, Somerset, increase to \$40.
Joseph A. Rankin, Smithfield, increase to \$72.
Mrs. Christianna Holtzapfel, widow of Isaiah, Windber, pension of \$50. She was married before the Civil War.

Hog Exhibit Will Be Big Feature of 1929 Jenner Fair

The annual Jenners Fair will be held Sept. 10-13, a feature of which will be the large list of entries in the Hog Exhibit. C. C. McDowell, extension representative of Pennsylvania State College, on behalf of the Somerset County Agricultural Extension Association, announces that these contemplating entering pigs at the Jenner's Fair must have their entries ready for weighing by May 1st.

Persons desiring further information are invited to communicate with O. C. Friedline, Stoyestown, Pa., R. D. 1 or N. A. Blough, Jerome, Pa. or Isaac Horner, Holsopple, Pa., R. D. 1.

Maryland Highway Chief Plans Road To Fishing Retreat

Shoulders will probably be built on the Emmitsburg road from Lewistown toward Frederick so that President Hoover, will have a road of the boulevard type to travel over according to an announcement of H. D. Williar, chief engineer of the State Board Commission. The work will be started this spring.

It is on the route to Catoctin Furnace where is located the acreage purchased recently by Hoover's secretary for a fishing resort and retreat for the President.

RETURNS TO SOMERSET

Herbert Siford has returned to Somerset, after a visit with relatives and friends in Pittsburgh.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold a benefit picture entitled "The Patriot" on Thursday and Friday, April 18th and 19th, at the Main Theatre.

One of the best pictures of the season "The Patriot" starring Emil Jennings. Comedy and news reel. Admission, 40-20. Children's matinee, Friday afternoon, April 19th, prices 15-10. 14-1t