

OMAHAS AGAIN IN 'NEAR EAST'

Boosters in Capital of Wyoming

Boys and Girls Are Finest Crops Omaha Trade Excurionists Find on Westward Trek.

Country Is Improving

By PAUL GREER. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Cheyenne, Wyo., May 21.—Westward from Omaha stretches a fertile country that looks with confidence to the future. The ways in which these westerners are building for the coming years are numerous, but none of them, even the development of irrigation, is more striking than the care that is taken to make good citizens of the younger generation.

The flapper and cake-eater are unknown. Girls may be beautiful without being affected and the boys wear boots instead of dancing pumps. With plenty of elbow room in the apartments, and in the offhandness of homes there are still chores to be done by the younger members of the household.

Certain things that are not evident from the car windows are becoming more and more evident on such a tour as that of the trade excursion of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Stopping at every town along the Union Pacific system from Bismarck, Neb., and Julesburg, Colo., to Cheyenne, the capital of Wyoming, these Omaha business executives got a closer view of the life of the region.

School Best Building

In almost every town the finest building is the school. Sidney and Kimball have particularly fine high schools to which the farmers of Cheyenne and Kimball counties send their children. Both include gymnasiums and fine auditoriums for community gatherings.

The business men of all these towns take a particular interest in the welfare of the boys and girls, sponsoring clubs of various sorts and juvenile bands. At Sidney two children's bands led the parade. One of these, trained by E. W. Mahan, is made up of lads under 12. The other, managed by Rev. S. R. Light of the Presbyterian church, includes both boys and girls. There are two other bands in town, one organized by a Catholic school.

The boys' band at Kimball is to be kept by the Lions club for Iowa and Nebraska to the International Lions convention at Atlantic City, N. J., next month. At Pine Bluffs, just across the line in Wyoming, a bank president, C. E. Byerly, manages another band of boy musicians, which is also under the patronage of a business men's organization. A community church also is being organized.

Country Recovering

But there are other crops than children, though the last two harvests were ruined by drought. It is difficult to believe that these country folk, especially in the face of the rain that has continued all day along the line. However, much winter wheat was ruined this year by lack of moisture, spring wheat and corn that was put in later is said to be going well and so the farmers and those who depend on their trade are optimistic. In spite of a dry winter and a late spring this country is coming back splendidly.

Much credit can be given the dairy industry, alfalfa and irrigation for putting it back on a stable basis after the slump following the inflation of land prices. Sugar beets and potatoes are also grown in the irrigation sections. At Kimball the water from Lodgepole creek is collected in a reservoir and portioned out on the fields. Around Sidney and in a number of other places country underground streams are being pumped into irrigation ditches.

The trade excursion was entertained tonight by the business men of Cheyenne. A night run will be made to Green River, Wyo., farther west, and tomorrow night will be spent in Laramie.

Boosters Bring Rain

Chappell, Neb., May 21.—"The Rain-Makers' Excursion," the new name of the trade excursion of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Western Nebraska is saying it with water. However, every member of the party is provided with an umbrella done in the Ak-Sar-Ben colors, red, green and yellow, and the colors have not yet begun to run.

A day of parading began at 7 this morning after an all-night run from Omaha to Bismarck, Neb., 350 miles. A merchant greeted the trade seekers with the statement that the rain meant \$3,000 to him. At Julesburg, Colo., where the principal industry is raising sugar beets under irrigation, people are ready to vote dry, for they have had an unusual amount of rainfall this season.

Rail Head Predicts Coal Price Advance

Cleveland, May 21.—With the upward trend of labor and material cost and difficulties of mining, the cost of coal must steadily rise in the future, J. Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Railway Fuel association, declared in an address here today.

Mr. Kruttschnitt was the opening speaker at an annual meeting of the International Railway Fuel association. "The United States geological survey warns us that we have been depleting those of our coal deposits most easily mined at a steadily increasing rate; that we have mined more coal in the last 12 years than in the preceding 150," Mr. Kruttschnitt said.

"With the upward trend of labor and material costs and difficulties of mining, the cost of coal must steadily rise in the future and these conditions should stimulate it to produce. In 1921 the railroads used approximately 127,000,000 tons, or 27.93 per cent of the total production of anthracite in the United States and its cost of production was \$594,479,000 and constituted 13 per cent of the total operating expenses."

King Facing Hard Task to Name New Prime Minister

No Move Made to Fill Place Left Vacant by Bonar Law—Curzon and Baldwin Candidates.

By Associated Press. London, May 21.—No move has yet been made in the direction of filling the vacant premiership and the name of Mr. Bonar Law's successor is still a matter of speculation. As parliament is not sitting, there is no immediate hurry to fill the vacancy and the king is in communication through intermediaries, with those statesmen he desires to consult before he returns to London for personal consultations.

The task facing his majesty is no easy one, for there is no outstanding strong following among the nominees, while the conservative party itself is completely divided on the subject. If Marquis Curzon seems to be indicated as the most appropriate nominee, Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, also has a very strong following among his party. These two are still chiefly talked of as the most likely successors to Mr. Bonar Law, but it may possibly turn out that their rival claims are so well balanced that the solution may ultimately be found in some third compromise candidate.

The conservative party is expected to hold a meeting on either Wednesday or Thursday to elect a new party leader to replace Mr. Bonar Law. Much secrecy is still being maintained concerning Mr. Bonar Law, who today underwent what is understood to have been a minor operation of the throat to relieve extreme pain which he has recently experienced. He sees nobody but a few intimates.

Should Lord Curzon be appointed minister, it is understood he would also retain the foreign secretaryship, so that practically no change in the constitution of the cabinet would be needed. If Mr. Baldwin is appointed he could hardly retain the chancellorship of the exchequer, for the demands upon the time and energies of the prime minister would preclude his holding of a double office. Thus the appointment of Mr. Baldwin would necessitate a general ministerial shuffle.

5 Children Fall to Death in Well

Covering Gives Way While Youngsters Playing on It—Bodies Recovered.

By International News Service. Drummondville, Quebec, May 21.—The bodies of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Houle were recovered today from an old well on the Houle farm. They had fallen into the well when the covering gave way while they played upon it.

The depth of the well prevented their cries from being heard. When the father went to find his children, he found the covering, which was made of the sixth child, a baby scarcely able to walk, playing upon the ground, unable to crawl upon the well covering.

Convicted Gary Mayor Still Holding His Job

Gary, May 21.—Mayor Russell O. Johnson, convicted of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition laws and sentenced to 18 months in federal prison at Atlanta, still rules Gary. Johnson has voiced his intention of continuing his duties for the present. He will appeal his case and a year or more may elapse before the higher court hands down a ruling.

Weeks at Los Angeles. By International News Service. Los Angeles, Cal., May 21.—Secretary of War John W. Weeks and a party consisting of five United States senators, 22 representatives and a score of high army and navy officers inspecting Pacific coast defenses arrived at Los Angeles harbor today from San Diego aboard the army transport U. S. Grant. They will proceed northward as far as Alaska.

Invasion of Shanghai Threatened

Powers to Start Release Prisoners Within 24 Hours. Captives Expect Death.

By Universal Service. Peking, May 21.—American and other foreign troops stationed in China were preparing tonight to rush to the hills in Shantung province to rescue from the Szechow bandits the American and other foreign prisoners held there. The diplomatic representatives of all countries whose citizens are included in the group of captives today served notice upon the Chinese government that unless the prisoners were released in 24 hours the rescue would be undertaken by foreign troops.

At the same time the diplomatic corps announced that, in the event of action by China's officials, they would take up direct negotiations with the bandits before ordering the troops into action. The peril of the captives became known today through the arrival of Senya Vera, bride of Manuel Vera, the paper manufacturer of Guadalajara, Mex., who was released by the bandits. She was seriously ill and was taken to a hospital.

Captives Expect Death. At the same time a message arrived from the Chevalier Musso, prominent Italian among the prisoners, declaring that he expected to be executed along with the other prisoners and asking that his relatives in Italy be sent a message telling of his resignation to impending death.

This message has stirred the foreigners throughout China and demands are pouring in from private as well as diplomatic sources upon the Chinese government to take action. The situation's political turn has caused grave fears that a general uprising against foreigners may spread throughout China and it is reported tonight that the bandit chiefs, who number among them several who were students in American and European colleges would hold the prisoners as hostages for the resignation of President Li-Yuen-Hung, demanding a president and government of their own choosing.

At the same time the message of the Chevalier Musso indicated that the foreign-baiting element of the bandits might bring death to the captives at any moment, despite the more pacific leanings of the student leaders. Musso's message read: "Immediate steps must be taken or we will be killed. I await death calmly. Wire my family in Italy."

Senya Vera was hysterical when she arrived at Shanghai, though she said her husband would be killed. She called her experience in the bandit camp a "ghastly nightmare."

U. S. Ready for Action. Washington, May 21.—Practically the entire Asiatic fleet of the American navy, consisting of 18 destroyers, a cruiser, a gunboat, a supply ship and other auxiliaries, are concentrated at Tsingtao, Shantung port nearest the bandit stronghold, ready for any emergency.

These vessels are prepared to make landings of a crew detachment of men necessary. The units, if sent into the interior, would greatly weaken the ships' complements, but it is believed the engineer forces left aboard to take care of the machinery could hold off any possible attack from shore. A few gun crews would necessarily be left behind and the deck forces would be drawn upon for the landing party.

Chefs in 60 miles west of Weihaiwei, the English possession, and 100 miles south of Port Arthur. It was made the base for the American vessels after most of them had been sent ashore at Tsingtao, 150 miles to the south.

First as Usual

Twice in the last few days The Omaha Bee has scored notable news "accops."

First, through the agency of the International News Service, The Omaha Bee carried the first eye-witness story of the Chinese bandit invasion of the Omaha newspaper. The Omaha Bee gave its readers the amazing eye-witness story by Lloyd Lehman, a passenger on the captured train, who risked his life to escape with the thrilling news. His story beat the world by 11 hours.

Swiss Send Hot Answer to Reds

Geneva, May 21.—The Swiss government's reply to the soviet note of protest concerning the assassination at Lausanne of Vorovsky, soviet envoy declared that Switzerland had a better right to demand explanations for the violence suffered by thousands of Swiss in Russia under the soviet regime than to give them regarding the death of one Russian who was an unofficial and unwelcome visitor. The reply, which was drafted by M. Molta, chief of the political department, has been approved by the federal council.

In regard to charges that Vorovsky was not sufficiently protected, the reply asserts that the Swiss police cannot give special supervision for the protection of every visitor to the country. It concludes with the statement that the trial of Maurice Coste, who shot Vorovsky, will be held in due Swiss legal form and that foreign interference will not be tolerated.

Cabinet Members Favor Action to Rescue Captives

Strong Pressure Brought to Bear Upon White House to Take Initiative in Situation.

Washington, May 21.—Strong pressure was brought to bear upon the State department and White House today, urging the United States to take the initiative against the existing chaos in China.

The situation is scheduled to be the chief subject of discussion at Tuesday's cabinet meeting. Inquiries made of individual members of the cabinet indicate complete unanimity of opinion favoring an immediate ultimatum to the Chinese government, to be followed by military action in case of failure to comply.

The first problem to be solved is that of securing the safety and freedom of Americans and other foreigners held by the bandits. The second is the urgent necessity of keeping open the large trade avenues which are practically closed.

It is frankly admitted that the State department has yielded to a policy of procrastination, hoping from day to day that the representations of the diplomats at Peking would secure the release of the captives. Developments of the last few days indicate that diplomatic representations cannot yield satisfactory results, as the Chinese government itself is impotent and commands no respect from the outlaws.

Joint Action Likely. The release of the captives will be a signal for joint action of some kind. In fact, such action is not found to be necessary. The movement of a considerable body of foreign troops into the bandit-infested region is known to be under contemplation, and it is thought probable that the Chinese railway system will be secured by the great powers for several years, or until a stable government shall have been established in China.

One of the greatest problems in the contemplated action revolves about Japan, which wishes to participate without aggravation the situation, is the question.

Negotiations Fail. The American legation at Peking reported to the State department today the utter failure of all negotiations between the Chinese government and bandit leaders for the liberation of the foreigners. Further efforts to secure their freedom in that way are believed to be useless.

The only hope of early release of the prisoners, the cablegram to the state department said, "is by direct foreign negotiations."

U. S. Can Force Collection of Protested Taxation. Washington, May 21.—The federal government can compel the payment of taxes on the assets of those protesting the assessments must bring suit later if they want to recover the amount alleged to have been unlawfully collected.

Can the Peacemaker Make Peace?



Cloudburst Hits Colorado Town; Rain in Nebraska

Union Pacific Track Washed Out and Farm Lands Flooding—Planting Delayed in This State.

By International News Service. Denver, Colo., May 21.—A cloudburst struck Cornish, Colo., in Weld county, northeast of Greeley, today, according to advices to the Union Pacific railroad officers here, inundating Cornish, washing out 1,500 yards of Union Pacific railroad tracks, and flooding miles of farm lands in the vicinity.

The cloudburst following a 24-hour downpour of rain, and turned Coal Creek, normally a shallow stream, into a raging river. No loss of life is reported, but a great damage was done to livestock and growing crops and virtually every business building and residence in the village was flooded with water.

Rain in Nebraska. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Norfolk, Neb., May 21.—Rain is falling all over north Nebraska and southern South Dakota, seriously retarding corn planting, which is now far behind.

Replanting Delayed. Scottsbluff, Neb., May 21.—Rain all day in the North Platte Valley Monday delayed the work of replanting sugar beets injured by the forest of last week. The rain was generally welcomed by farmers.

Dry Spell Needed. Beatrice, Neb., May 21.—Corn in some fields in Gage county is up and is a good stand. Farmers say the ground, dry weather is badly needed for the grain.

Three Missing in Flood. Sayre, Okl., May 21.—Three persons were missing here last night after a cloudburst which precipitated six inches of rain in 45 minutes. Short Creek was out of its banks and had spread into a stream five blocks wide through the middle of the city.

A family of three which moved into a home late Saturday night had not been accounted for at a late hour last night. No others were reported missing.

The water was receding at midnight, but not until nearly 300 farm laborers, oil field workers and their families had been rescued from the tops of their tents, houses, trees and wagons which were swept by the flood.

American National Park Idea Takes Hold in Japan. Tokio, May 21.—Japan is to have seven national parks, similar to those in America, if the plans of the home department are adopted.

Reds Refuse to Yield to Britain

Differences Between Two Countries Can Only Be Adjusted by Conference.

By International News Service. Moscow, May 21.—An anti-British demonstration of military nature was reported from Petrograd today.

By Associated Press. Moscow, May 21.—Leonid Krassin, Russian soviet representative in London, is unofficially understood to have been instructed to inform the British foreign office that Russia cannot yield in principle from its recent note replying to the British ultimatum.

The instructions, it is said, were sent as the result of a soviet government conference last night. While willing to make some temporary arrangements regarding the fishing rights of the British trawlers off the Marmara coast such as limiting the territorial zone and adjusting other secondary points pending general negotiation, Russia still insists that the differences between the two countries can only be adjusted by a conference. It is pointed out that England, despite numerous requests from the soviet government, has never since 1920 stated explicitly what the British policy and interests in Persia and other eastern lands actually are.

The body of Vaslav Vorovsky, the soviet representative at the Lausanne conference, assassinated May 10, was buried last night beside the walls of the historical Kremlin. A crowd that packed the great square witnessed the simple committal ceremony.

His grave is beside that of John Reed, former leader of the communist party in America. There was no religious note to the ceremony. More than 100,000 persons escorted the body from the railroad station to the square.

University Students' Wedding Kept Secret. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Neb., May 21.—A secret marriage between John Townsend, 19, and Helen B. Brown, 19, Omaha students at the state university, October 21, 1922, was made public today. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Townsend, St. Regis apartments, Omaha, and the bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rodman M. Brown, 6719 Florence boulevard, Omaha. The romance opened at the Central high school, Omaha.

Treasury Revokes Exemption on Corporation Dividends. Washington, May 21.—The treasury today revoked its decision of two weeks ago declaring exempt from taxation corporation dividends distributed out of profits or earnings accrued prior to March 1, 1913. The ruling, officials said, would have resulted in the refunding of many million dollars in taxes.

Bank Robbers Get \$3,000. Los Angeles, Cal., May 21.—Holding up a branch of the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings bank this afternoon, two armed bandits escaped with approximately \$3,000 in cash.

Greece and Turks Near Conflict

M. Alexandris Says Delegates Will Quit Peace Parley if Kemalists Insist on Collection of Indemnities.

Well Equipped to Fight. By Associated Press. Lausanne, May 21.—If Turkey insists on war to settle the question of the indemnity it claims is due from Greece, then Greece will accept the gage of battle, M. Alexandris, the Greek foreign minister told the foreign correspondents today. The Greek delegates, he added, will be withdrawn from the Near East conference this week if Turkey persists in its reparations demands.

The Turks have given no indication of an intention to recede from their reparations demands and M. Alexandris' declaration that Greece was resolved not to pay a cent of indemnity brought increased pessimism in conference circles.

The Greek foreign minister denied that he had come to Lausanne in a bellicose mood but said the Greek army had been reorganized since the overthrow of Constantine and was now well equipped and able to take care of itself.

Can Defend Honor. "I think," he said, "if the worst comes to the worst, the Greek army will be able to defend its honor."

M. Alexandris added that he would like the American people to realize Greece's position, especially that although Greece had numerous provocations which would reasonably justify it in reopening the war with Turkey, it had ignored them all because it was sincerely desirous of peace.

The seizure by the Turks of the impoverished refugee funds in the banks of Constantinople, continued the foreign minister, and the abominable treatment of Greek prisoners of war recently arrived from Asia Minor constituted such provocations. The Greeks and Turks had signed a separate convention at Lausanne in January instead of 3,000. The latest provocation, according to M. Alexandris was the steady dispatch of Turkish troops into eastern Thrace, violating the Mudanya armistice.

"I have just received a telegram from Athens," he added, "that on Saturday 7,000 additional troops crossed the straits as reinforcements to the Turkish army already mobilized in Thrace."

With reference to possible war, M. Alexandris said: "Turkey seems to feel that Greece was beaten in the war and therefore owes an indemnity. But this is a grave error, as Greece was merely beaten in battle in Asia Minor and hostilities were suspended by an armistice, which Greece is trying to transform into peace. But if the Turks propose to resume the war to obtain an indemnity, then Greece accepts the challenge."

Threatens to Quit Parley. "My government has determined to retire from the conference next Wednesday or Thursday, when the indemnity question comes up in a plenary session, if Turkey insists upon an unjust position or any effort is made to force Greece to accept this position."

M. Alexandris repeated the Greek contention that Turkey and Greece should mutually renounce reparations as the only possible solution.

The second month of the second conference will open Tuesday in a troubled atmosphere, with none of the great issues settled.

Woman Burned to Death in Auto

Car Catches Fire After Collision—2 Others Severely Scorched.

By International News Service. Sterling, Ill., May 21.—Mrs. Myra Heard, Valparaiso, Ind., was burned to death early today and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jacobs, were severely scorched, when their automobile caught fire after a collision with another motor car. Leroy Jacobs and Arlie Edwards, two other principals in the crash, were less severely burned. The Jacobs live in Tappan, Ill.

Esperanto Congress to Meet. By Associated Press. Nuernberg, Germany, May 21.—Thirty-five different countries are represented by the 2,500 delegates at far registered for the international Esperanto congress which will be held here August 2 to 8. A number of governments, as well as international organizations, have indicated they will send representatives.

A feature of the week's program will be the presentation in Esperanto of Lessing's "Nathan the Wise," and a vocal selection from Mozart, also in Esperanto.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., May 21:	High, 72; low, 52; average, 62.
Total since January 1, 1923:	Deficiency, 1.1.
Precipitation, inches and hundredths:	
May 21	0.0
May 20	0.0
May 19	0.0
May 18	0.0
May 17	0.0
May 16	0.0
May 15	0.0
May 14	0.0
May 13	0.0
May 12	0.0
May 11	0.0
May 10	0.0
May 9	0.0
May 8	0.0
May 7	0.0
May 6	0.0
May 5	0.0
May 4	0.0
May 3	0.0
May 2	0.0
May 1	0.0
Hourly Temperatures:	
7 a. m.	52
8 a. m.	54
9 a. m.	56
10 a. m.	58
11 a. m.	60
12 noon	62
1 p. m.	64
2 p. m.	66
3 p. m.	68
4 p. m.	70
5 p. m.	72
6 p. m.	70
7 p. m.	68
8 p. m.	66
9 p. m.	64
10 p. m.	62
11 p. m.	60
12 noon	58
1 p. m.	56
2 p. m.	54
3 p. m.	52
4 p. m.	50
5 p. m.	48
6 p. m.	46
7 p. m.	44
8 p. m.	42
9 p. m.	40
10 p. m.	38
11 p. m.	36
12 noon	34