

# RUGGED WARRIOR IS CHINESE POWER

General Hsun Anchors Army at  
Strategic Points Along  
Railway Lines.

PEKING WATCHES HIM

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)  
Peking, Nov. 1.—General Chang Hsun is the man of the hour in China. Members of all parties and factions are keeping their eyes on the rugged old warrior, who has control of the railway connecting Shanghai with Peking and holds the most important strategic position in China.

Chang Hsun is the military governor of Anhwei province, and is supposed to live in that province together with his powerful army. But Anhwei province is not located along the important north and south railway connecting Peking and Shanghai. Consequently General Chang Hsun has moved his forces to Hsuehchowfu, in Kiangsu province, where he commands the railway and holds a powerful club over the head of the Peking government, as well as over the various factions which are endeavoring to upset the present government.

Many prominent Chinese who desire to travel from South China and Shanghai to Peking are compelled to make the trip from Shanghai to Tientsin by sea, as they dare not pass through Hsuehchowfu and run the risk of falling into Chang Hsun's hands.

A Vital Factor.

The conference of military leaders, which General Chang Hsun recently held at Hsuehchowfu, created a great hubbub in political circles. This meeting was called for the purpose of forestalling action on the part of the parliamentarians unfavorable to the military, and was a vital factor in preventing Tang Shao-yi's acceptance of the ministry of foreign affairs. The conference adopted resolutions against the appointment of Tang Shao-yi and also resolved against the endorsement of the present minister of justice, Chang Yao-tseng. Parliamentarians rallied against the Hsuehchowfu conference, and have adopted resolutions denunciatory of General Chang Hsun and his associates, but the intrepid old warrior has not been moved by any such action and sternly refused to return to his post in Anhwei province.

Demands have been made by the press and public for the punishment of General Chang Hsun. He has been denounced as a military tyrant, who is defying all organized authority in China. However, the government is apparently powerless to drive him out of his important position. A policy of reconciliation has been adopted, and he is mentioned as a probable candidate for the vice presidency.

Knows His Power.

It is unlikely, however, that he would accept the office of vice president, were it offered him on condition

that he comes to Peking. He is more powerful at Hsuehchowfu than any other man in China, and has shown no disposition to yield this advantage.

General Chang Hsun is an old time Chinese, who has been prominent in military affairs for many years. He first came into prominence in Szechuen province, and was later commander-in-chief in Kansu province. In 1911 he was commander-in-chief at Nanking when that city was attacked by the revolutionary forces, and made a masterly retreat to the northern bank of the Yang-tse river. He then commanded a large quantity of the rolling stock of the railway between Nanking and Tien-Tsin, and made it a movable camp for his forces. He waged war in a barbarous manner, but won great admiration from military men by the wonderful discipline he maintained among his troops and the effective manner in which he policed the railway. His support of the crumbling Manchu dynasty was very effective, and after the republic was established it was necessary for the Peking government to reconcile him by giving him important posts. He has stoutly refused to accept any appointment which would carry him away from the railway which is the life blood of China, and is building up a great army which is loyal to him rather than to the central government.

Keeps Pig-Tail.

General Chang Hsun has stubbornly refused to have his queue cut off, and all of his soldiers have followed his example. Chang Hsun's troops are always referred to by the Chinese further north as the pig-tail soldiers. They are notorious for their brutality, and are more feared than any other troops in China.

## Korean Leper Eats Little Boy as Cure

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Seoul, Korea, Oct. 30.—Justifying his act by the Korean superstition that the eating of human flesh is a cure for leprosy, a Korean leper named Sin Yung-sun has confessed to the murder of a five-year-old boy whose mutilated body was discovered in a field in South Cholla province. According to the police the accused also admitted that with another leper he killed a girl in the mountains on September 15, and that both had eaten of her flesh.

Lepers in Korea hitherto led a miserable life. With the exception of those cared for by missionaries in a small hospital near Fusan, they have been left to roam at will and eke out their own living. The superstition as to cannibalism is very general. Not infrequently cannibalism has been reported from the remote districts.

Count Terauchi, until recently governor-general, took up the leper problem vigorously last year and as a result an island called Sorok off the southern coast of Korea has been selected as the seat of a leper asylum. It is proposed to take in at first some hundred lepers selected from the thirteen provinces in proportion to the number in each. During their stay on the island the lepers will be taught modern farming.

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# MEDICAL ARMY TO CARE FOR SOLDIERS

Organization of Physicians and  
Surgeons on Border Is Best  
in Country.

GREAT CAMP HOSPITALS

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)  
San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 18.—With in the last five months the most complete medical organization known to the United States army has been developed to care for the 150,000 state and regular troops stationed at border points and in Mexico.

The system includes five base hospitals, located at strategic points in the long stretch of border territory; eight camp hospitals at other points where troops are stationed, a cantonment hospital at Columbus, N. M., to serve the force on duty in Mexico; and twenty-six ambulance companies and forty-one field hospitals distributed among troops in the field.

The base and camp hospitals afford accommodation for a total of 4,600 patients and have medical and surgical facilities equal to the final hospitals. Not more than half the beds have been occupied at any time since the nation's militia strength was called into the federal service, but the room is available in case of need.

Hospital Train.

Back of this array is the potential organization. A hospital train of ten Pullman cars, with a capacity of 250 patients, has been placed in use to transport patients from the camp to the base hospitals and from base hospitals to general military hospitals in various parts of the country, should a campaign in Mexico be undertaken. These larger institutions are the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, the General Army and Navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., and the Lettman hospital at San Francisco. About 1,200 beds are vacant in the three hospitals at the present time.

In addition, a number of army posts have been selected for transportation into general hospitals in case of emergency. This list includes Fort McPherson, at Atlanta; Fort Oglethorpe, also in Georgia; Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, and other army stations where barracks are available for hospital purposes.

Complete Equipment.

The medical corps has complete equipment in storage for twenty evacuation hospitals and two base hospitals. An evacuation hospital takes care of 300 patients and a base hospital accommodates 500, so the total reserve equipment ready for use at a moment's notice is sufficient for 6,000 men. Evacuation hospitals are entirely under canvas, and are intended for use along an extended line of communication.

The base hospitals now in service are located at Fort Sam Houston, Fort Bliss, Brownsville, Eagle Pass and Nogales. Serving as feeders for these institutions are the camp hospitals located at the following points: Laredo, 120 beds; Del Rio, 75 beds;

Maria, 150 beds; Deming, 180 beds; Douglas, 300 beds; Llano Grande, 200 beds; McAllen, 150 beds, and Fort Clark, 150 beds.

Last July when state troops began arriving at the border the only army establishments for the care of sick were the post hospitals at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Bliss and much smaller places at Laredo and a few other border points. Practically the entire system of base and camp hospitals has been built since the call on the National Guard was made.

New Health Record.

As a result of the scientific methods adopted by the medical corps and the steps taken to insure absolute sanitation in border camps, the big command of regulars and militia has set a new health record. From May 1 to October 31 there were only seventy-five deaths from disease in the force of more 150,000 and of this small number, only twenty-one deaths were due to infectious maladies.

Typhoid fever was formerly the worst scourge of camp, but it has no place among the troops along the Mexican border. From May 1 to October 18 only twenty-one cases of typhoid developed and no deaths resulted from the disease. All of these cases were among the National Guard organizations, where in some instances the men were not inoculated with typhoid serum until after regiments had come to the border. There was not a single case among the 42,000 troops of the regular army engaged in patrol duty and stationed in Mexico with General Pershing's command.

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## French Aviator Learns Flying Art From Birds

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Paris, Nov. 15.—A French army aviator, Captain G., when not directing the squadron he commands, gives his attention to the ways of certain birds in the air.

He has observed that swallows

when migrating fly at an elevation of about 800 yards, while wild ducks, at a similar period, fly as high as 2,000 yards. The green-necked species, he noted, flew at about eighty-five miles an hour when mounting and about ninety-five miles when in horizontal flight. Lapwing were seen by the aviator at over a mile and a half high.

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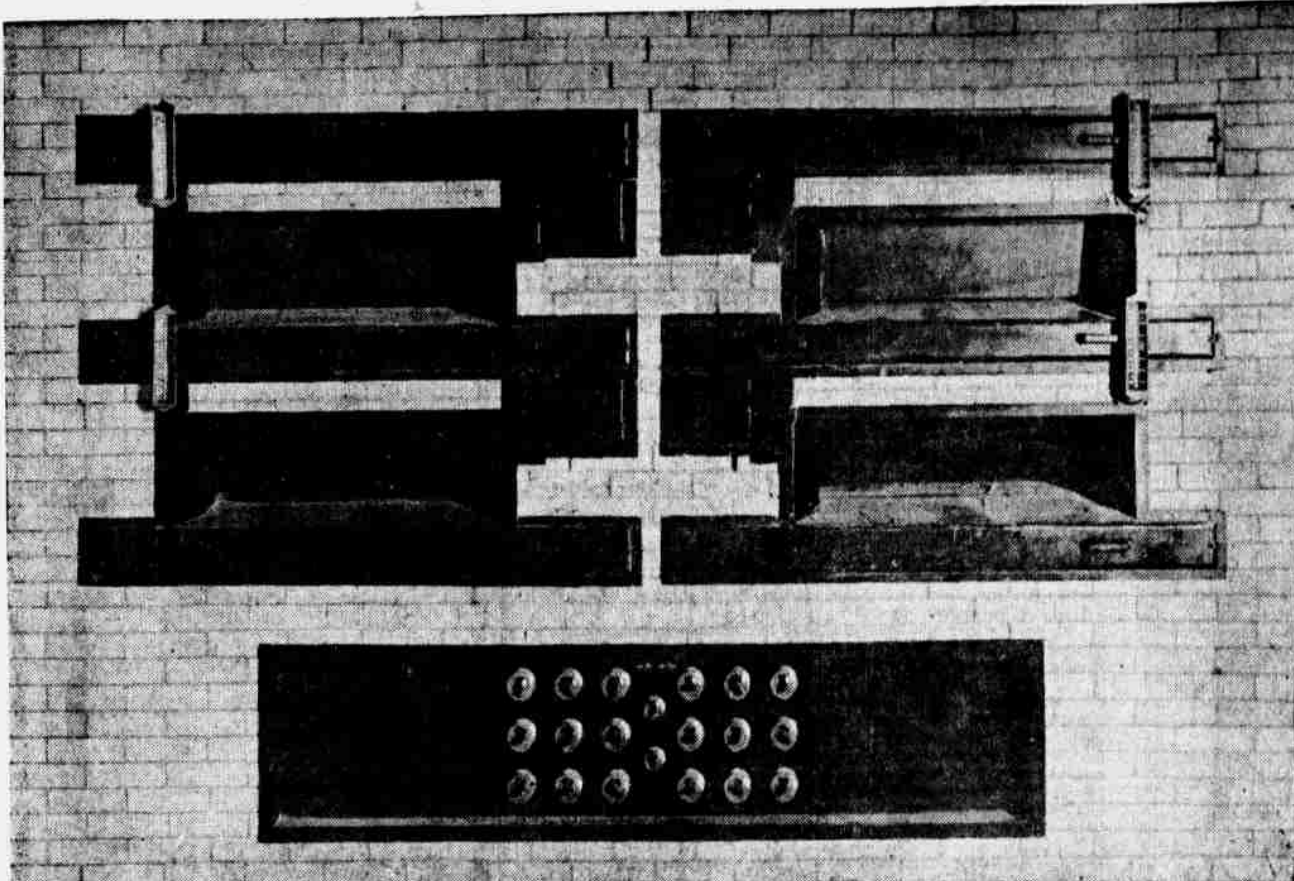
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