

Men and Events

N. F. Allman, American attorney, departed this week on a business trip to Hongkong and Manila.

J. M. Major, assistant comptroller of the American President Lines, has returned to Shanghai from a trip to the United States.

The National debt of the United States, reached \$40,000,000,000, legal limit and all-time-high-point in the history of the country. The debt figures out at U.S. \$307 for each citizen of the country.

Jimmy James, operator of two restaurants in the Settlement and a bingo-dancing place at Jessfield, returned to Shanghai last week from a trip to San Francisco where he visited the Exposition.

Nelson T. Johnson, U. S. Ambassador to China, who traveled home by way of the new Burma road, is scheduled to appear shortly before the House of Representatives to report on conditions in China, according to report of *United Press* on March 31.

Japanese police at Dairen, Manchuria, on March 31, arrested Albert Earl, a British Negro sailor on the ship Marlborough, on a charge of slashing a fellow member of the crew, an Irishman named Charles Bright, with a "straight" razor. The affair took place in the Europa Cafe.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, K. C. M. G. British Ambassador to China, who has been in Shanghai for several weeks, is scheduled to depart for Chungking shortly, following a conference here with Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, who arrived in Shanghai on a vacation trip this week.

John Goette, correspondent for *International News Service* (Hearst) who is stationed in Peiping, arrived in Shanghai this week. He travelled to Nanking with a number of Japanese newspapermen on the first train which the Japanese Army operated over the Tientsin-Pukow Railway since the service was resumed, following discontinuance as a result of hostilities in 1937.

Sir Montague Beauchamp, Bt., M. A., who arrived in Shanghai recently from England, spoke at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, April 2. Sir Montague is on his way to visit his son who is connected with a hospital at Peoning, Szechuen. Sir Montague was a member of the "Cambridge Seven" who came to China to join the China Inland Mission in 1885.

The Japanese authorities in North China have announced the formation of a National Match Corporation, composed of 85 Chinese and 11 Japanese match factories. The corporation, which will start operation this month will enjoy a monopoly within territory under the jurisdiction of the Japanese Army which is administered by the Peiping "Provisional," and Nanking "Reformed" Governments. The headquarters of the concern will be in the Japanese Concession at Tientsin. Production will be at the rate of 1,500,000 cases annually, 60 percent of which will be produced in Chinese factories and 40 percent in the Japanese factories.

Instructions have been given to crew and passengers of clipper planes flying between San Francisco and Hongkong, and also to U. S. Naval vessels, to be on the lookout for the Chinese junk bearing Richard Haliburton and party which was last seen in the vicinity of Wake Island on March 23. Haliburton was attempting to sail across the Pacific in order to exhibit the junk at the San Francisco Exposition. The area between Wake and Midway islands recently has been swept by severe storms.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Redfern, who are retiring to England, after nearly 40 years of service in Christian educational work in the Ningpo district, were guests of honor at a dinner held in their honor on Friday evening, March 31, by some 60 Chinese residents of Shanghai who formerly were pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Redfern. The chairman was L. T. Yuan, member of the Municipal Council, formerly principal of the English Methodist College at Ningpo. Addresses were delivered by Dr. C. S. Miao of the China Christian Educational Association; Dean T. K. Van of the University of Shanghai.

The Italian Ambassador to China, who has resided in Shanghai for several months without presenting his credentials to the National Government at Chungking, was in Peiping on April 1 and 2, on his way to Japan where he will confer with high officials of the Tokyo Government. According to reports in the Japanese papers, Ambassador Marquis Toliani de Marchio, following the trip to North China, was expected to arrive in Japan aboard the Italian cruiser R. N. Bartolomeo Colleoni, on April 4 for an extended visit.

Earl T. Russell, vice-president of National Export Advertising Service, New York, is visiting in Shanghai on his second trip of investigation through the Far East. He is accompanied by Mrs. Russell and their daughter and have been the guests of C. P. Ling, proprietor of the China Commercial Advertising Agency of Shanghai.

Col. Nelson Spencer, Canadian lumber dealer, now visiting in Shanghai, stated in an interview in *The China Press*, that the Canadian lumber trade in the Orient had been reduced by 75 percent as a result of Japan's invasion of China. He said that a lumber "boom" which had started in 1937 had been completely shattered. He also said there was little prospect of a revival of the Canadian pulp market in the Far East.

David Efron, secretary of the Pan-American Committee for Democracy, in an address before the Academy of Political Science of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, exhibited maps alleging that Hitler had prepared claims over parts of Peru, Brazil, Argentine Republic and the Antarctic Continent. He said that Germany had leased harbors in Peru which were within striking distance of the Panama Canal and in addition the German Lufthansa concern had leased 39 airports in Brazil. He also said that Italian influence was strong in Peru. The German Embassy at Buenos Aires denied the allegation of German claims for Argentine territory, alleging that the reports had originated with documents allegedly forged by a German named Heinrich Jürges, formerly a secretary on the staff of Dr. Joseph Goebbels, German Minister for Propaganda. Jürges was arrested in Buenos Aires on April 1.

Sylvia Chen, daughter of Eugene Chen, former Chinese Foreign Minister, is now giving dance-recitals in New York for the benefit of Chinese war orphans. According to a *Havas* report, Miss Chen was billed as "Si Lan-Chen," her dance numbers being entitled, "Death from the Skies," "In Conquered Nanking," "Portraits," and a Russian number called, "Uzbek Dance."

Japanese mesenuamt over the European situation, as reported in the March 22nd issue of Tokyo *Chugai Shogyo Shimpo*: "When Foreign Minister Arita explained at the Cabinet meeting how Japanese Ambassador Fujii went to call on the Czech Foreign Office immediately after Hitler's announcement, and found that the Czech Foreign Office no longer existed, all five ministers at the Japanese Cabinet meeting burst out laughing in unison."

Capt. Evans F. Carlson, formerly Assistant U. S. Naval Attache, stationed in Hankow, is now with the Fleet Marine Force at San Diego, Cal. Capt. Carlson recently lectured before the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations at San Francisco, telling of his experiences in traveling in China's northwestern territories. When Capt. Carlson departed from China late last year, he intended to resign and devote himself to writing, but after a conference with officials in Washington decided to remain in the service.

J. Welden Jones, financial adviser to the U. S. High Commissioner in the Philippines, was a passenger on the President Coolidge last week bound for Manila. He spent three months in Washington discussing amendments to the Philippine Independence Act with members of Congress. He expressed the opinion that amendments providing for reciprocal tariff differentials between 1946 and 1960 would be adopted by Congress. Mr. Jones was accompanied by his wife, to whom he was married while in the United States.

Members of the faculty of Cheloo University, Tsinan, Shantung, held a memorial service on March 18 in honor of the late Dr. Peter C. Kiang, who died on Jan. 28 at the age of 55-years. Dr. Kiang, following his return from studies in the United States, served as member of the faculty and from 1934 to 1937 as Dean of Medicine at Cheloo. His specialty was biochemistry and pharmacology. He was active in the China Medical Association and assisted in the translation of medical books into the Chinese language. More than 300 Chinese doctors had attended his classes.

Judge Milton Helmick of the U. S. Court was guest of honor and chief speaker at the annual dinner of the Oxford and Cambridge Society held in Shanghai on the evening of Friday, April 1. Judge Helmick was introduced by J. R. Jones, newly elected president of the Society. He spoke on the subject, "Heritage of the Common Law in England and the United States," pointing out that it was a philosophy of human conduct as between man and man which should be preserved at all costs. Unfortunately, this heritage is now in peril, he said, due to the activities of others. The heritage disapproved of assassination as a political weapon, it stipulated fair instead of mock trials, it stood for justice between rich and poor, personal liberty. Officers elected included, President J. R. Jones; vice-president, J. McNeil; secretary, P. J. Innes; treasurer, N. J. Stabb; committee, A. V. T. Dean, R. J. Heyworth, Dr. J. H. Jordan, Dr. Sze Ming-sze and Judge Y. H. Lou.

The Japanese Ministry of Communications announced on March 29, a general reduction of rates on cable messages dispatched from Japan to points abroad. The rate from Tokyo to New York was reduced from Yen 2.55 a word to Yen 2.47 and from Tokyo to points in Europe, from Yen 2.48 to Yen 2.32. The reduction will cost the Ministry a loss in revenue amounting to Yen 1,000,000 a year, but it was hoped it would stimulate the export trade.

Three large-scale exhibitions of Chinese art objects for the benefit of Chinese war refugees, will be held at the Sun Company, Nanking Road, beginning April 10. Each exhibition will last for 10 days. The exhibits will include more than 300 choice Chinese paintings and calligraphical scrolls, covering all dynasties from the Tang. All will be supplied from local collections which heretofore have not been open to the public. Among the masterpieces will be the paintings of Wu Chang-shih of the Manchu Dynasty. Dr. Ting Hung's photographs of the Imperial Palace will also be shown.

The China Bible Society announced last week that 3,448, 796 publications of a religious character were distributed in China in 1938, the list including 67,488 Bibles, 73,708 New Testaments, 3,347,603 portions of the scripture. Among the publications for which a fee was charged was a new pocket Bible, which was sold to students for \$1. Great difficulty was experienced due to interruption of mails caused by the war situation and one shipment was air-bombed and destroyed by the Japanese at Nanchang. It was estimated that more than 1,000,000 books in Chinese colleges and universities have been destroyed as a result of the Japanese invasion.

Three Chinese youths connected with the "Lone Battalion," which was interned when the Chinese unit entered the International Settlement after holding out for several days in a warehouse on Soochow Creek, following the evacuation of the Chinese troops, escaped from the internment camp on Singapore Road, on Friday evening, March 31. The camp is guarded by the paid Russian Volunteer unit, S. V. C.

Members of the faculty and students of Shanghai University announced that a memorial service would be held at Moore Memorial Church, Yu Ya Ching Road, at 10 o'clock A. M. April 7 in honor of the late Dr. Herman Liu, former President of the School who was killed a year ago. Dr. Liu was murdered by gunmen employed by the Japanese-supported puppet administration in Pootung. The assassin when arrested, admitted that he had been hired to kill the well known university president.

The North-China Railway Bureau, Japanese military organ established for the purpose of operating Chinese Government railways which were seized by the Japanese Army in 1927-28, has announced plans for a "communications' network" between Japan, North China, Manchukuo, Korea and Formosa, which will be inaugurated this month. Through tickets will be sold at from 20 to 40 percent discount to enable tourists to visit scenic places. Tickets will be sold through the Japan Tourist Bureau, the Japanese Ministry of Railways, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Korean Railway Bureau and Manchukuo Railway Bureau. The round-trip Oriental Tours, all on Japanese controlled land and sea lines, will be widely advertised abroad, particularly in the United States.

Randall Gould, editor of the *Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury*, sailed for Hongkong April 6 on the s.s. *Empress of Canada*. From Hongkong he will proceed by air to Chungking. He is expected to be absent from Shanghai for about three weeks.

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Owing to demands upon the authorities of the International Settlement concerning the status of the First Special District Court, by the Japanese and puppet officials of the Ta-Tao Government, the British military authorities and Settlement police have established a strong guard about the Court buildings and compound, located on North Chekiang Road. Only lawyers wearing badges and accredited newspapermen are now allowed to enter the court and others who wished to enter the gates were carefully searched.

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Indian merchants who are engaged in business in Shanghai, held a meeting on Thursday evening, March 27 and formed an Indian Merchants Association. The president is H. A. R. Savul, who announced that each group Indians in Shanghai would send two representatives to serve on the managing committee. This will include Shanghai-Parsee, Hindus and Muslims. P. B. Shroff reported that there are now 28 Indian merchants in Shanghai who are eligible for membership. Among those active in the organization are N. B. Dooha, Mr. Kima and Mr. Gidhumal. The organization recently entertained Dr. H. N. Kunzru, President of the Servants of India Society and D. R. R. Saksena, Indian Trade Commissioner, who is stationed at Osaka, Japan.

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Dr. John Alfred Silsby, who was engaged in missionary work in China for many years with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, died recently in California. He came to China in 1887 and remained here for 41 years, spending much of the time as principal of Lourie High School. He also was interested in the translation of books into the Chinese language and assisted in the translation of the Bible into the Shanghai dialect. He also collaborated with Dr. H. Davis in the compilation of a Chinese-English dictionary. He is survived by Mrs. Silsby, formerly Miss Anna Moore of Long Island, to whom he was married in 1889. He also is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Cross and three grandchildren.

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Dr. P. F. Greene of the Yale-in-China Hospital at Changsha, was prevented from returning to Changsha by the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway by the Japanese occupation of Nanchang on Monday, March 27. He had been in Shanghai purchasing a large quantity of medical and hospital supplies and had reached Ningpo on the return journey when the Japanese military made its drive on Nanchang, resulting in the cutting of the railway. As a result Dr. Greene was compelled to return to Shanghai early this week in order to obtain further equipment for a motor caravan consisting of several trucks. According to present plans, Dr. Greene and his party intend to travel by way of Kihwa, Chekiang and thence over new motor roads through the mountains across Kiangsi a considerable distance south of the Japanese lines. Those who accompanied Dr. Greene included Dr. C. C. Talbott of the United Evangelical Mission at Changsha, two volunteer doctors, one American and the other a German-Jewish refugee, several Catholic priests and nuns, two foreign motor mechanics and several Chinese women nurses. Most of the medical supplies were contributed by the American Red Cross, China Medical Association and the British Lord Mayor's Fund. The route they planned to follow was more than 1000 miles.