

Eclipse Of Sun To-Day Will Be Longest In Years

Celestial Phenomenon Will Be Visible From Africa To Mid-Pacific; Astronomers Make Preparations For Studying It

New York, May 8. The longest eclipse of the sun in years, lasting five minutes, takes place to-morrow on the opposite side of the world. It will be visible from Africa to Mid-Pacific.

The total eclipse will begin at sunrise in the far south-western corner of the Indian Ocean, almost on the African shore, and will sweep eastward, moving against the oncoming daylight. Its speed will be such that it will meet the sunset five hours and 15 minutes later.

During its first two hours the shadow of total eclipse will fall only on water, a waste space from the astronomer's point of view. In all its long forenoon course it will not touch even one small island where an expedition might make its base. It will strike land first, soon after noon, on the north-west tip of Sumatra.

There, at Ili, it is awaited by a group of astronomers who have been living in huts for weeks, making ready their instruments. After its passage over Ili, for the next 2,000 miles, which will be travelled in a little more than an hour, the eclipse will be "shot."

AVIATION SCHOOL TO BE OPENED

Directors Of Chinese Air Company Hold First Meeting

Nanking, May 7. An aviation school for the training of competent Chinese aviators and mechanics will be established immediately at Nanking, in order that one of the clauses in the contract with the Curtis Aviation Corporation providing for the employment of Chinese in the air mail service may be carried out.

This decision was made to-day at the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the China National Aviation Corporation, when the regulations governing the organization of the Corporation were also passed and the following appointments made: Dr. P. G. Hsieh, head of the General Affairs department; Dr. W. P. Lu, head of the Mechanical department and also acting head of the Air Routes and Air Ports department.—Kuo Min.

"Diversion"

Commencing rather tiresomely, "Diversion," the new production of the Harvard Company, gradually worked its way into a most enthralling drama and finishes with one of those problematical crises which promotes discussion among audiences the world over. Actually there is nothing new in the production except the performers and the climax. It is the age-worn story of a youth's infatuation for a worldly-wise actress and the attendant difficulties. Commencing as a "diversion" in Italy the "incident" gradually ripens into something a good deal stronger on the part of the young man with a gradual indifference on the part of the actress upon her return to London. The usual complications follow. Quarrel, protestations of "eternal love" and the like are made on the part of the inexperienced youth, with the melodramatic climax of a murder committed in the flat of the lady of the stage. The tensest moment of the whole production comes with the handling of a method of quick death to the youthful lover by his father, a prominent specialist of Harley Street, to prevent the former going to the gallows. The curtain is dropped at this stage leaving the audience to wonder and puzzle over the rest.

There are really only three performers in "Diversion," that of the actress played by Elana Ahearne; the father, admirably filled by Henry J. Corner; and the son responsible for the murder, Ormiston Miller.

It is a production well worth seeing and after one settles down to the first act is engrossing to the last curtain.

"Diversion" will be repeated at the Capitol Theatre to-night.

GERMAN MINISTER BACK AT PEIPING

Peiping, May 8. Dr. H. von Borch, German Minister, who has been home on furlough for some time past, returned to his post here last night. Mr. Eiji Amoo, First secretary of the Japanese Legation, by a telegraphic call from Premier and Foreign Minister Tanaka, left for Tokyo this morning.—Tehu.

repeatedly by the photographic devices of astronomers strung along the trail.

Expensive Preparations. Seldom have more expensive and toilsome preparations been made for an eclipse. A dozen parties of astronomers from Europe and America have travelled half around the world for the event. Nowhere does the eclipse touch except at the world's odd corners.

After Sumatra it will cross Malacca Strait and pass over Siam and the Malay state of Kedah, where more astronomers are waiting at Alor Star, Jitra, Kodiah, Pattani and Khoke Rhode.

Next is more water, the Gulf of Siam, and then the southern tip of Cochinchina and the French island of Poulo Condore. Exactly in the centre of the shadow is this island, and French astronomers are waiting there.

From there the eclipse crosses the South China Sea, and then the Philippines, last stand of the astronomers, who wait at Iliolo and Cebu.

Four Minutes In P. I. In Sumatra, the Malays and Cochinchina the weather records are about 50-50 for fair skies. In the Philippines they are better, but the eclipse there lasts only four minutes.

At sunset, far out in the Pacific to the eastward of the Philippines, the eclipse will end as it began, a spectacle for a few ships at sea. United States navy scientists have left nothing undone to obtain every possible bit of knowledge during the eclipse.

Four scientists from the Naval Observatory have set up their apparatus in Iliolo, on the Visayan islands, a part of the Philippines. Large scale photographs will be secured with a 65-foot camera and intensive study will be made of the sun's corona and shadow band phenomena.

Members of the expedition are: Comm. C. H. J. Keppeler, Prof. W. A. Cogshall of the University of Indiana, Lieut. H. C. Kellers and Paul Sollenberger. The men probably will have less than four minutes in which to make their observations and photographs and there is a 50-60 chance that clouds will obscure their vision.

Photograph Comparison. Photographs secured with the powerful long-focus camera will be compared with pictures taken with a similar instrument by Prof. J. A. Miller of Swarthmore College, who is located on the Island of Sumatra.

Such comparison will determine whether there are any movements or changes indicated in the form of the corona in the interval of time taken for the eclipse to pass between the two stations.

Naked eye observations will be made of the form of the corona and shadow bands and a special attempt will be made to determine whether the bands persist during the period of totality.

Shadow bands are narrow, dark, parallel bands seen to rush across the landscape just before or after totality in a solar eclipse. Whether they exist during the period of totality may be determined at this time.

Times of contacts of the eclipse will be determined and compared with Professor Miller's observations to find the relative position of the sun and moon at the time of the eclipse.

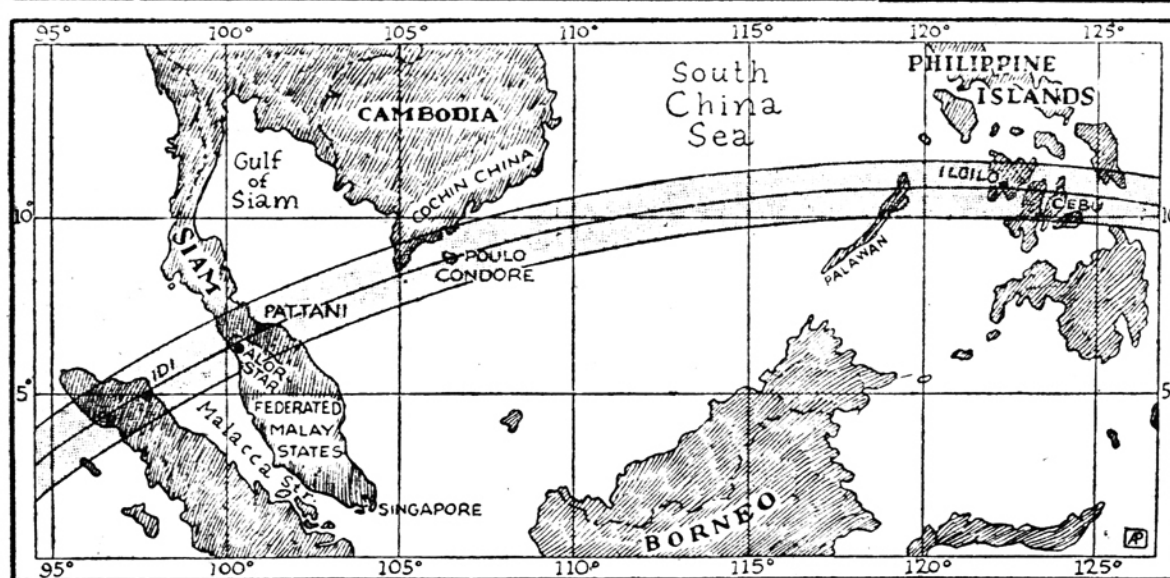
Amateur Astronomers. Besides the naval expedition two other groups of scientists, one from Hamburg, Germany, and one from Manila observatory, will be in the Visayan islands, in addition to the Waterfield-Lloyd expedition.

The members of the last-named expedition are Dr. Reginald L. Waterfield, instructor in medicine at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and Mr. Wyndham E. B. Lloyd, of London. They are two young Englishmen who are amateur astronomers. They came to the Philippines in their own interests, and are not connected with any organization. Their equipment consists chiefly of a 12-foot photographic telescope, a spectroscope, and a 6-foot photographic telescope, which is located at Iliolo, on the island of Panay.—Associated Press through Reuter.

MOVIE CONTROL IS ALLEGED

Washington, May 7. Charging that theatre owners are being subjugated to the control of the organization of which Mr. Will Hays is president, Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Senator Smith W. Brookhart (Republican, Iowa) has introduced a Bill in the Senate which provides for sweeping regulations of movie bookings.—Associated Press through Reuter.

PATH OF TO-DAY'S ECLIPSE OF SUN



Along the path marked by three lines on this map the eclipse of the sun will to-day loom across the world meeting the sunset five hours after it starts. Marked on the map are the stations set up by scientists to study and photograph the total eclipse.

PRINCE HENRY PLAYS GOLF AT KOMAZAWA

Gives Banquet To Japanese Notables; Ball At Embassy

Tokyo, May 8. After a strenuous round of official entertainments since his arrival here on May 2, the Duke of Gloucester, despite rain, spent the morning and afternoon riding and playing golf with Prince Asaka, Prince Konoye, Prince Higashi Kuni and others, lunching informally at the Komazawa Golf Club with about 30 of the members.

In the evening his Royal Highness is giving a banquet to Japanese notables at the Kasumigaseki Palace in return for their hospitality, after which he will attend a ball at the British Embassy.

NEGROES NOMINATED FOR U. S. SERVICES

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WORK FOR DISBANDED SOLDIERS

Nanking, May 8.

Measures for the employment of disbanded soldiers in afforestation, mining and reclamation works in Mongolia and Kokonor have been formulated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Mining. These schemes will be jointly submitted to the Executive Yuan and the Central Disbandment committee for consideration and adoption. Among other things, the Ministry recommends that a technical institute be established for the purpose of training and fitting the men for special work before sending them to the north.—Kuo Min.

Stamp Deal Leads To Case At Provisional Court

A deal in stamps had its sequel before Judge Hyui, in the Provisional Court yesterday, when a Russian philatelist appeared as complainant in a prosecution, another as the accused and a third as the sole witness.

The charge against the accused, M. D. Oloppoff, of 1743 Aleck Road was one of obtaining \$180 worth of stamps from A. Katkoff, the man to whom he sold the stamps. B. Vensovitch, stated that he had paid \$55 for a collection which was not worth more than \$50 according to a letter he had received from a dealer in Harbin. The accused had originally asked him \$90 for it.

The evidence for the prosecution was that Oloppoff had called at the complainant's shop and offered to sell his stamps and left with a collection which he was told to sell for \$180. The salesman failed to return with the stamps or the money and the complainant took the matter up with the police. Oloppoff was arrested.

Relating how he had sold the stamps, the accused stated that he offered it to Vensovitch for \$90 and received a counter-offer of \$55 which he rejected. On his return home, however several Chinese merchants called and demanded payment for some of their goods which had been stolen while in his possession. Threatened with legal proceedings he returned to the house of Vensovitch with the stamps and closed the deal at \$55.

MR. J. J. MANTELL ARRIVES HERE

Mr. J. J. Mantell, who was chosen by the National Government as consulting manager of the Chinese Government Railways to carry out the railway programme formulated by Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways, has arrived in Shanghai and will shortly take up his work. Mr. Mantell arrived here on the liner President McKinley. The new consulting manager will be assisted in his work by six American railway engineers. They will begin the work of surveying the railways of this country soon, a work which it is expected will require seven months or more.

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MEXICAN ARMY IS BEING DISPERSED

Sent To Other Fields After Breaking Recent Revolt

Agua Prieta, May 7. The army of 10,000 Mexican Federal troops commanded by General Almazan is being dispersed to other fields after striking the final blow at the recent rebellion. The disposition of the rebel troops which have surrendered will be considered by the Minister of War, General Calles, and General Almazan, acting in conjunction with the civil authorities.—Associated Press through Reuter.

FUTILE CONFERENCE ON BOMBAY STRIKE

Conciliation Board Will Give Binding Decision

Bombay, May 7.

Sir Frederick Sykes, the Governor of Bombay, has called a round-table conference to deal with the textile strike.

The Mill-owners' Association states that the situation has improved and that 35,000 operatives are now employed. On the other hand, the Textile Trade Union claims that the strike is extending.

It is understood that the round-table conference convened by the Governor, Sir Frederick Sykes, with a view to reaching a settlement of the mill strike, has broken down.

It is reported that the Governor informed the delegates present at the conference that Trades Dispute Act will be enforced to-morrow. This means that the dispute will be immediately submitted to a conciliation board the decision of which will be binding on the parties.—Reuter.

BERLIN POLICE SHOT 17 DEAD

No Evidence That Any Civilian Fired On Constabulary

Berlin, May 7. A post-mortem examination of 17 out of the 24 persons who died as the result of the disturbances which broke out in the evening of May Day discloses that all were killed by bullets fired by the police. The inquiry failed to establish that a civilian fired a single shot against the police.

Shopkeepers in the Wedding district have combined together to claim compensation for damages sustained through loss of trade. They declare that the streets in their district were not endangered by the Communist activities on May Day.—Reuter.

NANKING DRAWS UP POLICE MEASURES

Nanking, May 8. A measure of insuring police expenses was submitted by the Ministry of Interior and adopted at yesterday's meeting of the Executive Yuan.

Following is a translation of the regulations:—1.—The expenses of police stations and police schools coming directly under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior as well as other expenses for police reorganization shall be remitted direct by the National Treasury.

2.—Three-tenths of the police expenses of a municipality, hien or special municipality, may be defrayed out of the National Treasury if necessary.

3.—The provincial government may designate the sources of police revenues for each municipality or hien when police expenses of such municipality or hien come under the control of the provincial government.

4.—The salaries of the police officers and the police force shall be paid according to the regulations formulated by the Ministry of Interior.

5.—The annual budgets for police expenses of each province and each special municipality shall be submitted to the Ministry of Interior for consideration and approval.—Ta Chung.

MOHAMMEDANS LOSE NINGSHIA CITY

General Feng's Troops Capture Place From Moslem Rebels

Nanking, May 8. In a telegram to the Chief Political Officials' Office, dated the 6th from Tungkwang, General Feng Yu-hsiang reports the capture of Ninghsia, from the Mohammedan rebels by General Meng Chi-chung on the morning of the 5th inst. General Meng is chairman of the Ninghsia Provincial Government.

General Feng recommends that with regard to the disposal of the captured Mohammedan rebels, pacification measures be adopted so that the North-western territory may be freed from further disturbances. It is stated that General Ma Fu-hsiang, who is generally regarded as the foremost Chinese Mohammedan leader, is now proceeding to Ninghsia with a view to pacifying the native Mohammedans there.—Kuo Min.

HOW BRIGANDS SHOT MR. H. K. SMITH

Cold-Blooded Murder Of Missionary In Kweichow

Peiping, May 8. Messages from Kweichow state that Mr. Herbert K. Smith, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission at Kweichow, whose murder was recently reported, met his death when he was travelling about 150 li from Singyi (Huangtsaopa), in the south-west corner of Kweichow province. His party were met by a band of brigands who pointed their firearms at Mr. Smith and the Chinese who was accompanying him.

Mr. Smith asked the brigands not to shoot, as he was a missionary, but the brigands disregarded his request and fired, a bullet striking him just above the heart. The brigands then robbed him of \$20, his eyeglasses and other small things, after which they decamped.

Mr. Smith lived for half an hour after he had been shot. Mr. Smith, who was a native of Zionville, Indiana, was on an evangelistic tour of the province, having started from Kweichow, when he met his untimely end.—Reuter.

GERMANY TO ALTER LAW OF DOLES

Berlin, May 7. The Reich Government intends to change the existing law concerning unemployment insurance on account of the enormous burden on the Treasury it entails, although it is acknowledged that very much suffering will be caused by a reduction of the doles to the unemployed, especially as there is little hope for an early improvement of the economic situation and a consequent decrease of unemployment. Grave fears are being entertained among political circles concerning the attitude of the parties towards the proposed change inasmuch as the Social Democrats can hardly be expected to assent easily and as all parties fear that the proposed action of the Government will drive the masses into the arms of the Communist Party.—Transocean-Kuo Min.

ARMoured TRAINS TO BE CONVERTED

Nanking, May 8. The Ministry of Railways has requested the Military authorities to allow the Ministry to convert the armoured cars and armoured locomotives formerly used for military transport on the Kiuikiang-Nanchang Railway into regular passenger and freight cars and service locomotives respectively for ordinary traffic. It is feared that steps are being taken by the Military authorities to comply with the request.—Kuo Min.

DANZING BLOCKS RED ATTEMPT

Danzig, May 7. Attempts of the Communists to demonstrate in the streets of the city which had forbidden such demonstrations in order to avoid bloodshed. One of the Communist orators was arrested but was liberated by the mob which was dispersed only after the arrival of a strong police force which also succeeded in re-arresting their man.—Transocean-Kuo Min.

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