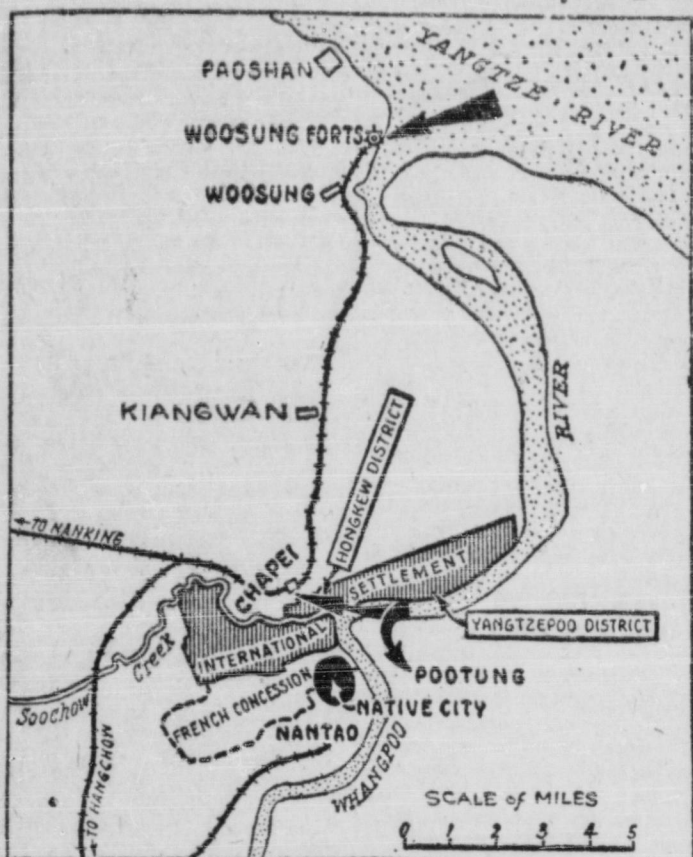


# ORIENTAL SITUATION MORE SERIOUS

## Where War Is Rumbling



This map shows the situation of the various settlements at Shanghai, now in the throes of disturbances between Japanese and Chinese. The shaded portion is the international settlement, peopled by Americans, British and French. Police of these nations maintain order in their own particular districts. To the north of the settlement is Chapel, inhabited by Chinese and a large number of Japs. This is the district where Japanese planes dropped their bombs. U.S. Marines and British troops are standing by inside the settlement to repel any invasion of their concessions.

## LOCAL CASE TO SUPREME COURT

### Cause Venued Here From Allen County Goes To Highest State Court

The case of Kaleel Stephan, Ft. Wayne vs. Clark Fruit Co. of Port Wayne in which a jury in Adams circuit court awarded plaintiff \$12,000 for injuries sustained in a fall at the Clark Fruit Co. building will be appealed to the supreme court. The case was tried here last June and after a legal struggle, the jury awarded Stephan \$12,000 for injuries sustained in a fall down an elevator shaft.

A motion by the defendant company for a new trial today was overruled by Judge D. B. Erwin, who heard the evidence last June. Defense attorneys stated an immediate appeal would be taken. Bond for appeal was set at \$15,000 and 90 days were granted to complete the appeal.

The case was first tried in Allen county and a judgment of \$4,000 was awarded. The cause was then appealed to supreme court and decision was reversed because of a faulty instruction given by the presiding judge.

The case was then venued here and just before the trial started the demand was changed from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and permanent injury to Stephan was shown.

### Bendix Seeks Office

Chicago, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Vincent Bendix, capitalist, inventor and manufacturer of automotive equipment, has been chosen by the Democratic organization to make the race for congress from the 10th district, Mayor Anton J. Cermak announced today.

The district, comprising part of Chicago's North Side, the northern suburbs and all of Lake county, is now represented by Congressman Carl R. Chindblom, Republican.

Bendix, 50, has homes on Lake Shore Drive and in Lake Forest. He has not been active in politics.

### Rioting Is Reported

New York, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Rioting broke out in the eastern section of the Bronx today when City Marshal Louis Novick, supported by 100 policemen, attempted to eject three families from an apartment building.

Moving men were driven back when they sought to enter the building, a block from another apartment house where a week ago tenants battled police under similar circumstances. The tenants refused to pay rent unless a reduction was granted.

## C. H. MUSELMAN IS CANDIDATE

### Berne Editor Seeks Nomination For Joint Representative In State

C. H. Muselman, of Berne, this morning made announcement of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for joint representative for Adams and Wells counties in the state legislature, subject to the decision of the voters in the primary election, May 3, 1932.

Mr. Muselman is well known throughout both Adams and Wells counties. He is the founder and present managing editor of The Berne Review. He has served in the capacity of Democratic committeeman in Precinct A, has served as secretary of the Adams County central committee since 1926 and also since 1927 as Democratic town chairman of Berne. In September 1928, Mr. Muselman was admitted in the Adams County circuit court to practice law. He is a member of the Adams County Bar Association.

Speaking to representatives of the press this morning, Mr. Muselman stated that he stands committed to the following principles:

(1) A program of reduction of expenditures of the State government in all its departments.

(2) A shifting of the tax burden from the farmer and smaller property owner to a reasonable proportion.

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## DREDGE CASE IS IN SESSION

### James Kinney Testifies For Remonstrators At Today's Hearing

The Wabash river dredge case was resumed this morning, court being held in the K. of P. home on Third street, with Special Judge Henry Kister of Princeton presiding.

James Kinney of Jefferson township was the witness on the stand this morning. His testimony will take the greater part of the day. C. J. Lutz, attorney for the remonstrators stated.

Mr. Kinney's testimony concerned certain lands in section 27 in Jefferson township. The case was turned over to the remonstrators last Saturday and Mr. Kinney is the second witness called.

### Quinn To Give Address

Following the lodge meeting to be held this evening, French Quinn, well known Decatur citizen will deliver an address before members of the Knights of Columbus at the K. of C. Hall. C. J. Carroll and the entertainment committee will be in charge of the social program and members of the lodge are invited to attend.

## MOVE TO AID UNEMPLOYED

### Miners Petition Congress For Unemployment Insurance In U. S.

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—A resolution demanding that the federal government enact a law providing funds for unemployment insurance, was adopted unanimously by the United Mine Workers of America, in national convention here today.

United Mine workers will open a campaign immediately to win support of the American Federation of Labor, heretofore opposed to unemployment insurance. Thomas Kennedy, international secretary-treasurer, said.

Support will first be sought from the executive board of the A. F. of L., Kennedy said, and if that fails, the campaign will be taken to the floor of the A. F. of L. convention next October.

## Woman Hurt In Mishap

Berne, Feb. 1.—(Special)—Mrs. Judith Lehman, 67, was injured when she was struck by an automobile driven by John Flickinger at 10 o'clock Sunday evening. Mrs. Lehman was crossing Main street near the Mennonite church when the accident happened.

She suffered two bad gashes on the back of her head, and a number of bruises, and was unconscious for a while. She was later removed to her home, where she is resting well today. The attending physician stated she will recover.

## COURT OPENS HERE TODAY

### February Term Will Be Busy One; Criminal Cases Set Down

The February term of Adams circuit court started at 9 o'clock this morning and all local attorneys but two answered to the call of the docket by Judge D. B. Erwin. John F. Snow is ill and was unable to attend and H. R. McClunahan was out of the city until noon.

Criminal cases were set for the week of February 29. The case of the state vs. Brunner, grand jury indictment charging violation of the prohibition laws was set for February 29. Two cases against Will Workinger, one for receiving stolen goods and the other for failure to procure a poultry dealers license also are set for February 29.

Workinger was arrested on testimony of several chicken thieves several weeks ago, that he had purchased their loot on several occasions.

The case of the state vs. Robert Anderson, larceny will be heard March 1.

Judge Erwin has a problem in his hands for this term of court. There are 62 cases ready for trial and only 54 days in which to try them. Judge Erwin said that he would complete the calendar today and tomorrow and would be ready to hear cases soon.

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## BARTON TRIAL IS FEBRUARY 8

### Former Blackford County Sheriff Will Face Complicity Charges

Portland, Ind., Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Ira Barton, Hartford City, accused of complicity in several Indiana bank robberies last year while he was sheriff of Blackford county, will go on trial in Jay circuit court February 8. Barton will be tried on charges of bank robbery, and with being an accessory before the fact. Both charges hinge on the robbery of the First State Bank of Dunkirk last December 29.

Barton was implicated by three bandits captured after the Dunkirk robbery, all of whom pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 20-year terms.

James Emshwiler and A. C. Ford, prosecutors of Blackford and Jay counties respectively, decided to try Barton in Jay county first, and possibly later in Blackford county. Both sought an early trial, and expressed confidence that sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction.

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### Firemen Make Run

The local fire department was called to the home of O. A. McManama, 803 Walnut street, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock where a small roof fire was extinguished. Sparks from the chimney ignited the roof and a small hole was burned.

### Brotherhood To Meet

The men of the First Evangelical church will hold their regular monthly Brotherhood meeting to night at 8 o'clock at the church in the city. Every man member of the church is a member of the Brotherhood and is invited to the meeting. Dallas Spaulier will have charge of the meeting.

## ARTHUR SAPP TO BE SPEAKER AT MEET HERE

### Former President of Rotary International To Address Business Men

### OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

Arthur Sapp, former international president of Rotary clubs of the world, and well-known Huntington attorney will be the speaker at the annual banquet-meeting of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce next Monday night at the Knights of Columbus hall.

Sapp will speak on a subject of national importance. The address will follow the annual chicken dinner and election of directors. Tickets will be mailed free to all members of the local club, and all other citizens and business men are invited to attend.

Tickets for those not belonging to the Chamber of Commerce will sell for 50 cents and can be obtained at Vance and Linn Clothing store; Hothouse, Schulte Clothing Co.; P. Kirsch and Son or the Daily Democrat office.

No tickets will be sold after Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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## COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING

### Board Has Regular Session Today; Prepare To Take Road Bids

The board of county commissioners met in regular session today. The forenoon was devoted to the checking and allowing of bills and clearing the desk of routine affairs. On Tuesday the board will receive proposals from contractors and material men for the furnishing of all material required by the county highway department.

Bids on stone and gravel, gasoline, oil, bridge planking and other material required by the highway department will be received. The material required totals about \$40,000.

The appointment of a county attorney will be made at the February session. Hearings on four macadam road petitions will also be held.

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### Campaign Will Open

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—The Indiana campaign of the National Party will be opened here tomorrow night with an address by John Zahnd, National Chairman. Zahnd will speak on "Why Stare in a land of plenty?"

The party's convention will be held here April 10.

## FARRAR WILL SPEAK HERE

### Lions Club Will Hear Geneva Congressional Candidate Tuesday

A. L. Farrar, Geneva, former Methodist minister and Democratic candidate for the fourth district congressional nomination will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Decatur Lions club Tuesday night at 6:15 o'clock. It was announced today. The first Tuesday of February is designated as 100 percent attendance night.

Besides the Farrar address, six members of the Berne chorus choir will present several musical numbers to the club. The meeting will be held at the regular time, it was said and will be preceded by a dinner.

Harry Knapp, newly elected president of the club will preside at the meeting. Dr. Burt Mangold is chairman of the program committee.

## Seeks Nomination



C. H. Muselman  
Mr. Muselman is editor of the Berne Review and is seeking the Democratic nomination for joint state representative from Wells and Adams counties. The post is now held by Virgil M. Simmons, Bluffton attorney.

## GRAVER TONE AS JAPANESE ADD TO TROOPS

### Nanking Is Fired On By Jap Gun Boat; Shanghai Battle Rages

### JAPAN ARMY UNIT CALLED

(By United Press)  
War activities in the Far East took on a graver tone today as Japanese, without warning, shelled Nanking which has been the seat of the central government until this week.

Among the items in the ever increasing mass of tragic or dangerous happenings in the Chinese-Japanese conflict were:

Nanking—Japanese shelled city. American destroyer commander reported to Washington he had to move his vessel out of range.

Tokio—Cabinet decided to send a Japanese army unit to Shanghai.

Shanghai—Japanese, following sharp cleanup of Hongkew section of international settlement over the week-end on claim they were being sniped by Chinese, ordered international settlement police today to keep out of zone during Monday night, and abandon stations in Hongkew. Heavy gunfire in Chapel section. Eyewitness claims Japanese ruthlessly bayoneted and shot Chinese in Hongkew.

Washington.—State department made clear that dispatch of army and Marine forces and additional warcraft to Shanghai was purely for protection of American lives and property in Shanghai.

Manchuria.—Japanese in sharp clash with Chinese troops defending Harbin, next objective in former Soviet-controlled area.

Tokio.—American, British and Italian ambassadors in concerted verbal protest against Japan's activities in China.

Manila.—Vanguard of United States army and navy reinforcements sails out of Manila Bay for Shanghai; 1,000 men in 31st infantry to follow on transport.

London.—Britain orders more troops and ships from Hongkong to reinforce defense forces at Shanghai. A third note of protest was sent last night to Tokio.

### Battle Rages

Shanghai, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—Japanese and Chinese fired heavily today in shattered, fire-damaged Chapel, as Japanese sought to tighten their strangle-hold on the Hongkew area, scene of week-end sniping and bitter Japanese retaliations.

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### Will Observe Feast

The feast of St. Blase will be observed in the St. Mary's Catholic church Wednesday. St. Blase is the patron saint of those afflicted with throat trouble. The custom of blessing throats will take place following the seven-thirty o'clock mass Wednesday morning and at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

## KIDNAP LEADER ESCAPES JAIL

### Suspect Impersonates Brother And Walks Out Of Chicago Jail

Chicago, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—A brazen escape plot today had freed Alfred Russell, held at the county jail under indictment in a \$500,000 kidnap ring.

Before the eyes of jailers, Russell impersonated his brother Stanley whom he greatly resembles and walked from the prison without questions.

Russell was one of five men indicted in the kidnapping of Dr. and Mrs. Max Gecht. Investigator Pat Roche who was instrumental in Russell's arrest declared he was an especially valuable prisoner since he had negotiated for leniency in exchange for evidence of the kidnap ring.

The prisoner's escape was one of the most daring ever attempted.

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## SHIPS AT CAVITE LEAVE FOR SHANGHAI

### Marines And 1,000 Infantrymen Proceed To Jap Battle Area

### ET HELD IN READINESS

Manila, P. I., Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—The entire American fleet anchored at the Cavite navy yard for Shanghai at 10 a. m. today. The last of the destroyers, the USS. Pope, and the USS. Blue, making a group of nine destroyers.

Patrols from Washington ordered units of the fleet in winter quarters. U. S. marines and 1,000 of the 21st Infantry, to proceed.

Admiral M. M. Taylor, in command of the Asiatic fleet, on the cruiser Houston, his staff, headed the naval expedition.

The 21st Infantry in command of Lorenzo D. Gasser, ordered the transport Chamont, expected to sail not later Wednesday.

Destroyers in the naval expedition in addition to the transport, included the Peary, the Smith-Thompson, J. D. Pillsbury, Ford and the

attachment of 300 marines arrived in Manila on the transport boarded the Houston. The 100 were attached to transport warships on regular service. They are fully equipped for service.

Houston and destroyers expected to reach Shanghai

units in the Asiatic fleet and here were ready to proceed to Shanghai on a few hours' notice. Admiral Taylor told the press.

He said he considered the

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### and Gives Program

Riley Harmonica Band entertained the pupils of Central building a program of band music and regular chapel hour, Friday. Several selections were played by the entire band as well as group numbers by the members of the Riley building. Miss E. E. Hanley, directress has charge of the program.

### Brief Campaign Starts

Washington, Feb. 1.—(U.P.)—A drive for direct federal relief for the unemployed was opened in the United States today with appeals for national appropriations being made by labor committee.

Representative Huddleston, Democrat of Alabama, sponsor of a bill for \$100,000,000 for direct relief, made conditions in a voice that at one point, he said the government is the only agency that can cope with the situation.

## JUSTICES IN MONTHLY MEET

### County Schools Will Be Dismissed April 29, Board Decides

Meeting of the township trustees of Adams County was held in the office of Clifton E. Striker, township superintendent, this morning for a general discussion of problems relating to the rural schools.

A program had been planned for representative of the State Fire Insurance Association to speak, but the representative was unable to be present. All trustees were present excepting of D. D. Habegger of Blue Creek township.

The meeting was suffering with an infection of foot caused by stepping on