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Mostly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight, becoming fair Thursday.

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HOME

LEAGUE SEEKS U. S. HELP TO HALT STRIFE

America's Friendly Offices
Enlisted in China-Japan
Difficulty.

GILBERT MAY ATTEND
Consul-General at Geneva
Likely Choice for
Observer.

BY HENRY WOOD

United Press Staff Correspondent
GENEVA, Oct. 14.—Participation of the United States in the efforts of the League of Nations council to obtain a peaceful settlement of the Sino-Japanese conflict in Manchuria appeared certain today.

An informal and secret session of the league council decided to invite the United States participation, provided Japan and China were willing.

Aristide Briand, president of the council, was authorized to consult Dr. Alfred Sze and Kenkichi Yoshizawa, respective heads of the Chinese and Japanese league delegations.

Briand received Yoshizawa at noon, and Dr. Sze soon thereafter. Prentiss Gilbert, American consul-general at Geneva, was regarded as a likely American observer. League officials have stressed the value of co-operation with the United States in exerting war between China and Japan.

If the United States participates in the council's deliberations, the American representative will have the same rights as other council delegates, but no vote.

Avert Trouble in East

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Quick action by Secretary of State Stimson appeared today to have spoused out what might have developed into an inflammatory situation in the delicate Manchurian situation.

As a matter of naval routine, the commander of American naval forces in Asiatic waters ordered seven submarines and a tender moved forward around the Shantung peninsula to Chefoo, the nearest point opposite Japan's Manchurian base at Port Arthur.

Some press dispatches described this as a strategic move pointed at the line of communications between Japan and Manchuria.

Avert Any Suspicion

Immediately on discovering Tuesday night that this movement had taken place three or four years ago, Secretary of State Stimson induced the navy department to withdraw the submarines and send them south to Shanghai, hundreds of miles from Manchurian waters, to efface any possible suspicion that a demonstration had been intended for naval effect on the Manchurian difficulty between China and Japan.

This incident occurred at a most delicate stage when the United States is co-operating with the League of Nations council, now meeting in Geneva, in efforts to reconcile China and Japan.

It held such alarming possibilities that responsible officials spent two anxious hours at dinner time.

Sees Hope for Peace

The state department was confident, however, that the prompt withdrawal of the submarines would quiet any misapprehensions that might exist in Japan.

The submarines, it was explained, had moved to Chefoo purely as a matter of annual routine and not upon orders from Washington. It was said the sole purpose of the movement was to permit shore leave for the personnel.

Officials are waiting the action of the League of Nations council as the most important avenue of hope today in pacifying the Manchurian situation. The state department professed also to be encouraged by what it believed to be a more conciliatory attitude from Japan's part, although no basis for this feeling was divulged.

CAR LOADINGS INCREASE

Largest of Any Week So Far This Year. Figures Show.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Car loadings on American railroads in the week ended Oct. 3 were the largest of any week so far this year, and showed a greater than seasonal gain over the preceding week, according to figures released today by the American Railway Association.

Loadings amounted to 777,837 cars, an increase of 39,808 cars over the previous week, but a decrease of 193,418 cars from the corresponding week of 1930 and of 402,110 cars from the corresponding week of 1929.

Delay Contest

The Tanglana dance contest of the Indianapolis Times and the Indiana ballroom will open next Tuesday night instead of this week, as previously stated.

This has been made necessary because so many people wanted to master the new dance created and taught by Jac Broderick, dancing master in the ballroom.

Pictures showing the various step positions in this dance will appear in The Times starting next Tuesday.

CONSTABLE FLAYED BY JUDGE FOR USE OF GUN IN EVICTION

Officer Does Not Deserve Law's Protection, Says Sheaffer; Witnesses Riddle His Story of Shooting.

TACTICS used by Constable R. J. White which led to the shooting of a Negro Tuesday were denounced today in municipal court by Judge William H. Sheaffer.

"An officer who has conducted himself as you have does not deserve protection of the law," Judge Sheaffer told White.

Charges of assault and battery and vagrancy against Cleon Hizer, 20, Negro, who was shot in the leg by White, were dismissed. Judgment was withheld on a charge of resisting an officer.

White was shot at Michigan and Bella Vista street when he went with his brother-in-law, Horace A. Woodford, Negro, who had been evicted, to see White in an attempt to regain possession taken from Woodford's home.

Former Clown Visits Edison

Tells Humorous Story of Inventor's Early Days.

By United Press

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 14.—

A 75-year-old former circus clown, who called to see his old friend, Thomas Edison, who is critically ill, left with townspeople here today new Edison story.

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The council is desiring American participation to know Washington's attitude on all proposals for action, thus avoiding decisions unacceptable to the United States.

DAILY MCCOY OUSTED

State Purchasing Agent Is Let Out by Board.

Daily McCoy, state purchasing agent, today was ousted by the state purchasing board, acting on recommendations of Governor Harry G. Leslie.

He will be succeeded by Wallace Reiman of Shelbyville.

The group was expected to follow the entire program for the department which also may include slashing the salary of the purchasing agent from \$6,000 to \$4,000 or \$5,000 annually.

With Moses Epstein, chairman of the purchasing board, resigned due to ill health, Leslie today is reported ready to name the superintendent of a state institution to succeed Epstein in the post.

HIT UTILITY RATES

South Side Meeting Tonight to Aim at Reduction.

Driving toward a reduction of rates of all Indianapolis utilities, residents of the south side will gather at 8 tonight at the Garfield Community house.

The public meeting, sponsored by south side civic leagues, will be held for an open discussion of a proposed to demand rate reduction and revaluation of utilities.

J. Ed Burke, chairman of the central committee of South Side League, will preside and a preliminary report of the league's utility committee will be heard.

John McCarthy, Washington (Ind.) mayor, and several city men will be speakers.

CANNON DEFIES GLASS

Court Intervention Charge "False," "Cowardly," Says Bishop.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Bishop James Cannon Jr. has challenged Senator Carter Glass (Dem., Va.) to prove his charge that he was party to an agreement by which a New York broker convicted of fraud is alleged to have received a lighter sentence in return for protecting the bishop.

"The purpose of this committee is not to seek relief funds nor to compete with the Community Fund, but rather to assist the fund and obtain co-operation of all relief agencies," Mayor Sullivan announced.

This central committee, which will be enlarged, will meet frequently to discuss efficient methods of handling relief. George P. Torrence is chairman.

BOYS DRUNK IN SCHOOL; TWO ARRESTED IN RAID

Millions for Depositors

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14.—Dr. William D. Gordon, state secretary of banking, announced today that prompt payment of \$7,000,000 would be made to more than 125,000 depositors in three closed banks of the city.

A 20 per cent dividend will be made to the depositors of the Bankers Trust Company, the Aldine Trust Company and the Darby Bank and Trust Company. The payments will be made through creation of a special liquidating private bank.

In an effort to save the Integrity Trust Company and other solvent Philadelphia banks which have suffered tremendous withdrawals of deposits in the last two weeks, a group of Philadelphia banks have formed a credit pool. For the immediate use of the Integrity Trust Company, \$50,000,000 was made available.

Not even yesterday, when she had tried on before the pier-glass in her room the first Paris dress she had ever owned. All these were rungs in the ladder of her present happiness.

But when you were as completely, as idiotically blissful as she was at this moment, you had to do something about it, and this was what she wanted to do—just dance, dance on forever with Dirk's arm about her, his dark lean face close to hers, his lips at her ear murmuring tender banter, while the slow rhythm of the tango carried them dreamily down the length of the great ballroom on its sensuous tide.

A Paris dress! And five years ago she couldn't have bought one on Fifth avenue, not even at a marked-down sale. That dress, like everything else good that had come to her in the years since her father had died, a suicide, and her mother soon after, had been the Jupiters' gift.

She owed them everything—even Dirk, in a way. If the younger member of Ruyther & Ruyther, Mr. Jupiter's personal attorneys, had not had to make so many visits to the house with a sachet of legal papers when the old gentleman's rheumatism kept him indoors, and she and Dirk might never have met.

She had been an interval that was painful for both the Harkness children to remember.

SKIES DUE TO CLEAR

Fair Weather Is Promised by City Bureau.

Mary, a hopeless novice and bungler at typing, pitting her superior "advantages" against the experience of other girls and losing out often. Eddie tramping about after office boys' jobs and plainly relieved when he did not get them.

At least, of course, there was the friend of a friend who knew of the children's plight and knew also the Jupiters and their peculiar needs. Some one who belonged in that world to which Mrs. Jupiter was a crass newcomer was just what she needed in a secretary.

Later, when Mary had had to give up the small apartment she and her brother shared because her scruples interfered with his "life," she had felt that life could only be

other heavy rains reported. Terre Haute, 1.98 inches; Covington, 1.02; Edwardsport, 1.02; Decker, 1.22, and Crawfordsville, 1.58.

Gems of Peril

by HAZEL ROSS HAILEY

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HELP OFFERED DEPOSITORS IN CLOSED BANKS

Judge Chamberlin Moves to Bring Receivers and Patrons Together.

HOPES TO FREE ASSETS

Opinions Would Be Sought on Advisability of Selling Realty.

With millions of dollars tied up in assets and deposits of closed Indianapolis banks, and with no prospect looming for payment of dividends to depositors, Judge Harry O. Chamberlin of Marion county circuit court, will take a revolutionary step toward acquainting all interested persons with the true condition of affairs.

Depositors in the defunct institutions, many of whom have their life savings tied up, are clamoring for information regarding status of the banks and prospects of an early dividend, Judge Chamberlin declared.

The family, he said, remained in the house over night, but White came back the next morning and again ordered them out, pointed a gun at Woodford and threatened him.

Woodford then went to Hizer for advice as how to get clothes returned for his children, so the family could move.

Hizer and Woodford were advised by the storage company to see White, who operates out of the justice court of Edward Peck, 2242½ West Michigan street. When they approached White in front of the justice's office, the shooting occurred.

"It is my opinion that the depositors in these closed banks should meet to discuss the situation and appoint committees of three to five persons.

Meeting Is Planned

"On stipulated dates these committees are to appear in the circuit courtroom, when the receivers and their attorneys will be present to explain just what is the situation.

Then the committees will report back to the depositors."

Judge Chamberlin pointed out that most of the closed banks are in a bad position, with assets frozen.

"While it is true that some of the real estate owned by the institutions is valuable, yet to sell the property at this time would mean a 60 or 70 per cent loss.

"If this could be presented to the depositors and their views learned, a policy for the liquidation of the banks could be formulated."

Preferred Claims Filed

He pointed out that scores of preferred claims are being filed for collection.

Every day persons come in to declare they have preferred claims upon assets of the bank, such as trust funds, he said.

"If this court were to allow all these preferred claims, nothing would remain for the ordinary depositors."

"If there was a prospect of stabilization of real estate in the near future, at anything approaching the valuation upon which the loans were made, the receivers would be in a position to know approximately what dividends could be paid, but as the situation is at present, I feel it advisable to sell as little of the real estate as possible.

Wants Depositors Opinions

In the opinion, the wisest course is to confer with the depositors on the question of holding or selling, for after all, it is their money which is involved," Judge Chamberlin said.

Summarizing the evils of the banking situation in Indianapolis, he added:

"The closing of the banks can be laid to the fact that there were too many real estate operators and bond salesmen in the city who wanted to be bankers."

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