

CHINA FACING LAND GRAB BY GREEDY WORLD POWERS

ONLY ACTION BY U. S. CAN KEEP NATION WHOLE

Congress Apathetic Toward Crisis Threatening Huge Loss in Trade.

JAPAN READY TO STRIKE

Attack on Chinchow to Be Death Blow to Peace Negotiations.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Events in Manchuria are moving swiftly toward another explosion.

Unless the administration snaps out of its lukewarm attitude toward preventing war in the Far East, and congress betrays a keener interest in what is going on out there, a dismembered China soon may slant the door to billions of dollars' worth of American trade.

At Chinchow, on Manchuria's extreme southwestern border, a force of some 30,000 Chinese is quartered, in momentary expectation of attack. Japan, having defeated the United States and the League of Nations, and taken all the rest of Manchuria, has warned the Chinese they must go. This they refuse to do. They say they will die fighting.

Further Japanese aggression, it is said here, will mean the collapse of peace negotiations and probably the beginning of a Chinese-Japanese war, the vast spread of which nobody dares predict.

War Cost Would Be Huge

After nearly three months of waiting for the Kellogg pact, the nine-power treaty, and the covenant of the league to stop Japanese aggression against their country, China's population now is demanding action. If Chinchow is attacked, they will almost certainly get out of hand.

War, even if by a miracle it can be confined to China and Japan, would cost the United States hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars annually.

Germany is hungrier for colonies today than she ever was. And she was among the leaders when, in 1900, China's dismemberment was prevented only by the strong stand of the United States. So is Italy, which country tried to bite off a piece of China a third of a century ago, and failed.

Nations Are Greedy

Great Britain, her dominions gone and her hold on India and her remaining colonies slipping, might see in the Chinese debacle her chance to recoup. And France, already in possession of territory far from south China, would not be averse to acquiring a little more.

Only the United States—which, presumably, would not join in picking prostrate China's bones—would be left outside its most promising future market gone.

Partition of China among Japan and the other great powers would mean the end of the American policy of the open door. Instead, the new masters of that part of Asia would build tariff walls to keep the fast developing trade for themselves.

Expect Japanese Attack

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CHINCHOW, Manchuria, Dec. 7.—

Marshall Chang Hsueh-Liang's 25,000 Chinese troops between Chinchow and Tientsin today expected a Japanese attack on Chinchow, but had orders not to assume an offensive.

General Yung Chen, Chang's chief of staff and commander of the only large Chinese force in Manchuria, told the United Press the Chinese troops planned a defense only.

League Plan Approved

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TOOK, Dec. 7.—Japan instructed the Japanese delegate to the League of Nations council meeting at Paris today to accept the league's resolution for settlement of the Manchurian dispute, reserving freedom of action for the Japanese army.

Acceptance also applied to Aristotle Briand's proposed declaration regarding the right of the army to suppress bandits, with the same proviso for a reservation.

It was believed that the council's final action then would be appointment of a commission of inquiry under article V of the league covenant, without Japanese or Chinese consent.

Japanese in Action

BY D. C. BESS
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MUKDEN, Manchuria, Dec. 7.—Japanese troops were in action today against Chinese units identified here as bandits or disbanded soldiers.

A Japanese battalion went into action early today against 1,000 Chinese, said to be disbanded troops, at Hsin Hsin-Tze, twenty miles north of Mukden. Headquarters reported that airplanes were used effectively.

Part of a large number of irregular Chinese were captured and disbanded Sunday night in the Changtu district. Chinese casualties were estimated at 100.

Japanese headquarters reported continuation of Chinese military preparations and alleged that Marshall Chang Hsueh-Liang's army was digging trenches southeast of Chinchow.

For Bad Sores

Even of Long Standing

"I had four large sores as big as a half dollar for two years and Peter's Ointment has healed them all and I am very glad to let anyone know about your Ointment. From a true friend, George Hempstall," West Haven, Conn.

"I have quickly ends chafing, pimples, itching skin or sore feet. 35 cents a big box—all druggists."

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HIS LIFE HIS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Girl Left Home 'Till Father Dies; He Takes Gas

By United Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Sixteen-year-old Helen Kruckowski, who "wouldn't come home again" until her "old-fashioned father leaves home or dies," may spend Christmas at home, for Anthony Kruckowski was buried today in potters' field.

He had followed one of his "old-fashioned ideas from the old country" to the end.

The girl believed a year ago that if she didn't have her fun before she was 20, she never would have it. Her father protested, scolded, and promised a whipping if she disobeyed him again.

Helen left home.

Tuesday, her mother received a letter from her which read:

"Dearest mother, I am happy. I am working and I love you.

RATE PARLEY IS POSTPONED

Utilities Meeting Delayed Until Dec. 17.

Postponement of the conference on electric utility rate reductions from next Thursday until Dec. 17 was announced today by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan.

On that date, the mayor and his committee, representing petitioners for lower electric rates, will meet with officials of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company for purposes of compromising on a rate schedule.

Change in the date for the hearing on water rate reductions, from Tuesday until Dec. 14, already has been announced.

The conferences were called by Harry K. Cuthbertson, public service commissioner, who suggested the compromise method and who will sit as arbiter at the hearings.

Further data to support their appeal for reductions by the Indianapolis Water Company will be gathered by members of the water committee at another meeting this week.

BANK REALTY FIRMS CONFERENCE CALLED

Appointment of Stockholders Group a Receiver Aid Is Object.

Stockholders in the four subsidiary realty companies of the Washington Bank and Trust Company were called into conference at noon today by Probate Judge Simeon N. Chambers to discuss appointment of a stockholders committee to work with the Fletcher Trust Company, receiver for the four companies.

The companies are the Hanover Realty Company, net appraisement \$82,000; preferred stock outstanding \$15,000; Capitol City Realty Company, net appraisement \$138,000; preferred stock \$140,000; Realty Mortgage and Securities Company No. 1, appraisement \$140,000, preferred stock \$140,000; Realty Mortgage and Securities Company No. 2, appraisement \$101,000, preferred stock outstanding \$124,600.

BUS, TRAMWAY FARE PARLEY TO BE HELD

Civic Club's Committee to Meet With Tretton Late This Week.

Conference of a committee of the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs with Indianapolis Street Railway Company chiefs, in an effort to equalize bus and street car fares will be held the latter part of the week.

Announcement of the proposed conference was made by Samuel Harrig, president of the East New York Street Civic Association, and chairman of the civic clubs' committee.

Members of the civic organization object to the difference between 7-cent street car fares and 10-cent bus fares. James P. Tretton, superintendent of the street car company, said he will meet with the committee at the convenience of its members.

SIDEWALKS TO BE LAID FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Works Board Answers Pleas of Mothers for Needed Paving.

In answer to pleadings of their school children, the works' board today adopted a resolution for laying sidewalks from Emerson avenue to Worcester avenue on English avenue.

Mothers demanded the walks because about 200 children must walk in the street on their way to school. Only one property owner objected to the improvement.

Several property owners protested against paving Lynn street, from the B. & O. railroad to New York street at a first hearing on the proposed improvement.

They requested the board to block the resolution unless the Polar Ice and Fuel Company, which agreed to pay 15 per cent of the cost, would assume one-half the assessment obligation. The board postponed action on this condition. Estimated cost of the improvement is \$5,270.40.

\$22,000 BILL UP TO MEET POOR AID DEBTS

Ordinance Is Introduced at Special Session of County Council.

Ordinance for obtaining a temporary loan of \$22,000 to meet poor relief expenditures in five townships was introduced today at a special session of the county council. The ordinance and other financial proposals introduced will be acted on finally by the council Tuesday.

Majority of the poor relief issue, \$205,889.32, will be used in Center township with the remainder divided in Perry, Washington, Wayne and Warren districts.

Other ordinances presented the council:

Appropriation of an additional \$600 to boost the annual salary of John Cordon, circuit court bailiff, to \$2,400 as ordered by the court; \$271 for per diem pay of Warren township assessor, and \$700 to meet criminal court jury expenses.

Legion Chief on NBC Network

Dangers of modern life as compared to pioneer days hazards will be explained by Henry L. Stevens Jr., American Legion national commander, in an address to be broadcast over the NBC network Tuesday afternoon from 3:15 to 3:30.

Detective Busy on Own Case

DETROIT, Dec. 7.—Detective Sergeant Howard Siler has a little private sleuthing to do. For the last three days some motorists have pushed his car forward beside a hydrant and Siler has drawn three \$5 fines.

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'HAYSEED FARMER' FAKE, SAYS STAR

'Seth Parker' Here With 'Jonesport Folks' at Cadle Tonight.

Phillips H. Lord

"There's just as much religion in people who never step inside a church, as in regular churchgoers, if you just can get at it."

This is the philosophy of Phillips H. Lord, 28, known to millions of radio fans as "Seth Parker," who with his "Jonesport Folks" will appear at Cadle tabernacle tonight in a two-hour program.

Lord, who has won fame through his radio programs, denies he is an evangelist, as he has been called, but says he merely is "trying to present wholesome entertainment to bring out the good that's in people."

He began his radio sketches three and one-half years ago, when he heard a rural sketch which did not "ring true."

"The characters were using such expressions as 'by gum' and 'by cracky,'" Lord said. "I was born and reared on a farm and I knew this program was not genuine. It didn't have the right touch. So I started writing sketches and putting in the real life touch."

"I try to use certain subtle touches that real farmers will recognize as genuine. It's the same way with sketches about the sea. I was born beside the sea and know it. I have been around sailors and fisherfolk most of my life and know their habits and dialect."

Lord and his Jonesport folks have been on tour nine weeks, with only four nights off. Their itinerary has taken them from Maine to Victoria, B. C.; Seattle, San Diego and east again. Now they are headed for Miami. Then they will head west again, and swing back to the Atlantic coast.

In addition to Seth Parker, Lord is the creator of the sketch, "Uncle Abe and David," which he no longer is able to present, and "The Stebbins Boys," which he now directs, but in which he does not participate. Both won a strong radio following.

Recently the group completed a talkie, "Way Back Home," which has proven a big success. It will be shown here at the Circle Dec. 18.

He is the author of three books, writes 35,000 words a week for various popular magazines with his characters for a subject and has made a number of phonograph records.

CITY GRAIN BROKER IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Otis V. Hicks Passes at Hospital; Funeral Is Set for Tuesday.

Otis V. Hicks, 54, of 3510 North Meridian street, Indianapolis grain broker with offices in the Board of Trade building, died at Methodist hospital Sunday after an illness of three months.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 Tuesday in the Kirby-Dillm mortuary and at 10 in S. Peter and Paul cathedral. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Funeral services were to be held at 3:30 today in Shirley Bros. chapel for Mrs. Laura McKay, 82, of 633 South New Jersey street, resident of Indianapolis sixty-three years, who died Sunday in the Robert W. Long hospital. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. McKay was a first cousin of James Whitcomb Riley and was about the same age as the poet when they played together as children.

Last rites for Harry P. Smith, 71, funeral home clerk, who died Saturday at his home, 2531 Tyrone drive, were to be held at 2 today in the home.

Services for Mrs. Emma Decker Rosenberg, 1110 North Arsenal avenue, who died Saturday, were to be held in the home at 2:30 today, with burial in Crown Hill cemetery. Mrs. Rosenberg had lived here all her life.

Funeral services for Charles F. Miller, 60, who committed suicide Friday in his room at the Y. M. C. A. were to be held at 2 today in Hillman Cemetery with burial in Crown Hill cemetery.

John A. Schultz, 48, of 1131 North Capitol avenue, died Saturday in Sunnyside sanatorium. Services were to be held in Huntington, Ind., at 2 today.

Last rites for Glen Overmyer, 42, poultry commission merchant, who died Saturday, were held at 9:30 today in the Conkle mortuary. Other services were to be held at 2 today in Rochester, his former home.

Frank J. Smock, 61, of 115 North Belmont avenue, Big Four passenger conductor thirty-three years, died Saturday at Methodist hospital. He had been ill about a month.

Services were held at 9 today in St. Anthony's Catholic church. Burial was in Holy Cross cemetery. Bors in Evansville, Mr. Smock came to Indianapolis forty-five years ago.

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HUNT KILLER OF CITY FIREMAN

Bruce Scott Scales Wall of Oklahoma Pen.

Nation-wide search is under way for Bruce Scott, alias Charles Stanley, gun slayer of an Indianapolis fireman, who escaped from the Oklahoma state prison in McAlester Friday night by scaling a prison wall.

Scott was convicted of bank robbery in Oklahoma in May and was serving a life sentence.

Scott shot and killed Henry Milikan, 40, of 525 South Alabama street, a city fireman, in a gunfight with police near Virginia avenue and New Jersey street, Jan. 10, a few days after his escape from the Indiana reformatory.

Scott made his escape from the western prison by changing cells with a convict serving time for auto theft. Guards fired several times at Scott as he scaled the wall, with the aid of a plank, but the convict made a safe getaway.

Discussing profit on sales or exchanges of securities and properties and valuations of them, Colbert said:

"A total of \$28,196,229.53 was recorded as income from this source, which may be accounted for as follows: