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U. S. TO INSIST ON OPEN DOOR; WAR FEARS RISE

Washington to Demand That Japanese Keep Troops Out of Foreign Quarter in Shanghai Strife.

ECONOMIC BOYCOTT IS DISCUSSED

Nation's Leaders Feel That Greatest Crisis Since World Conflict Is Faced in Far East.

(Inside story of Manchurian conquest revealed by Washington story on Page One, Section Two.)

BY JOSEPH H. BAIRD
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The United States is insistent that Japan shall not spread her occupation of Shanghai into the international settlement there, blockade the ports or otherwise interfere with international trade.

This position was made known today here as dark news of threatening warfare came in from the far east.

The United States, it is understood, does not protest Japan's right under international law to land forces in the native city of Shanghai if its citizens' lives and property are menaced.

There were no indications that the United States would take any action as the result of Japan's occupation.

Press dispatches from the trouble zone were so full of foreboding that officials, working gravely under great tension, spoke with extreme caution.

Serious Crisis Faced

There was a feeling among many that a new crisis, possibly the most threatening since the World war, impended.

Press dispatches hourly reported landing of more Japanese marines at Shanghai, announcement by Japanese authorities that they had shelled the forts of Woosung, near Shanghai, and finally Japanese occupation of the native section of Shanghai, with savage fighting.

Officials had no information that Japanese forces intended to occupy the international settlement, or to interfere with international trade. Nevertheless, the United States was somewhat disturbed over the possibility that military action in the native quarter might spread to the international settlement or in some way endanger foreign lives.

People of many nations are interspersed throughout the entire port of Shanghai. Few parts of the city are inhabited exclusively by Chinese.

Worked for Peace

Pursuing a peaceful course, the United States has, from the start of the Manchurian trouble, sought to impress upon Japan the wisdom of keeping within the Kellogg anti-war pact and the nine-power treaty, which guarantees the territorial integrity of China.

But almost daily Japan has advanced her forces. She has occupied all of Manchuria, a vast area comparable to the American midwest, an invaluable source of food, fertilizer, minerals and trade, which Japan regards as necessary to her national existence.

Now she is striking at the heart of China proper. Shanghai is the New York of China, its commercial metropolis, and the gateway to the vast interior. Beyond, up the river, lies Nanking, the capital.

Pressure May Be Applied

On the other side are the major world powers, particularly the United States, the champion for a third of a century of the "open door policy." It is almost second to the Monroe doctrine as a foundation stone of American policy.

Its purpose is to protect weak China from grasping hands and preserve it as a free trading area for the world.

The United States is discussing with Great Britain the possibility of economic pressure to check Japan's threatened assault. Great Britain, apparently, is reluctant to act.

This pressure might take one of several forms. A shutting off of purchases, America being one of Japan's best customers, might be one. It might take the form of an embargo on exports, for Japan would have to look to the United States for purchases of many supplies in event of protracted and large-scale military operations.

Might Halt Credit

It also might involve shutting off of credit. Japan, recently forced to abandon the gold standard, must have outside financial aid to maintain any such pace of expenditure as a vast war would call for.

Congress felt grave apprehension over the situation. Representative Morton Hull (Rep., Ill.) recently introduced a bill empowering the President to declare an embargo as a means of exerting economic pressure on a recalcitrant nation. He told the United Press today he would not press this measure unless the administration desired.

"I don't intend to press it unless the state department, the President indicates some action for action," he said. "I believe they are reluctant to go into the matter at this time."

Discussion of such possible action already has brought from Japan

intimations that any drastic economic interference might mean severance of diplomatic relations. Adding to the ominous picture, there also was the potential threat of Soviet Russia being drawn into the situation. Japanese forces have moved on Harbin, a key point on the Chinese Eastern railroad in northern Manchuria, a Soviet-Chinese controlled enterprise.

Moscow is watching this development with concern. The navy department has made no disposition of its naval forces in the Orient because of the situation. There is reluctance to make any shifts of vessels at such a critical time, except on orders of the state department. The chief of the American forces in the Orient, Admiral M. M. Taylor, is at Manila.

Sensors today expressed grave apprehension over developments, but reports that the administration had consulted with various senators regarding possibility of imposing an economic boycott against Japan could not be confirmed immediately.

There was wide divergence of opinion as to desirability of such action. Senators who disagree with the Hoover-Stimson Manchurian policy are reluctant to express their opposition today, explaining they felt it might embarrass the administration at a critical moment.

PIN IN BABY'S LUNG

Two Operations Fail to Remove Obstruction.

An 18-month-old baby is in a critical condition at Methodist hospital today following two unsuccessful operations to remove a safety pin from his lung, it was learned.

The child is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baughman of Brookline, Mass.

According to the mother, Mrs. Baughman, the pin was lodged in the lung for six weeks before the parents became alarmed at the child's loss of voice.

Baughman, a salesman for the Perfection Paint Company here, brought the child to the hospital Saturday night. An operation was performed then, and was followed by another Wednesday night. Both were unsuccessful, physicians said.

Mrs. Baughman said the child may be rushed by plane to a Philadelphia hospital, if his condition does not improve.

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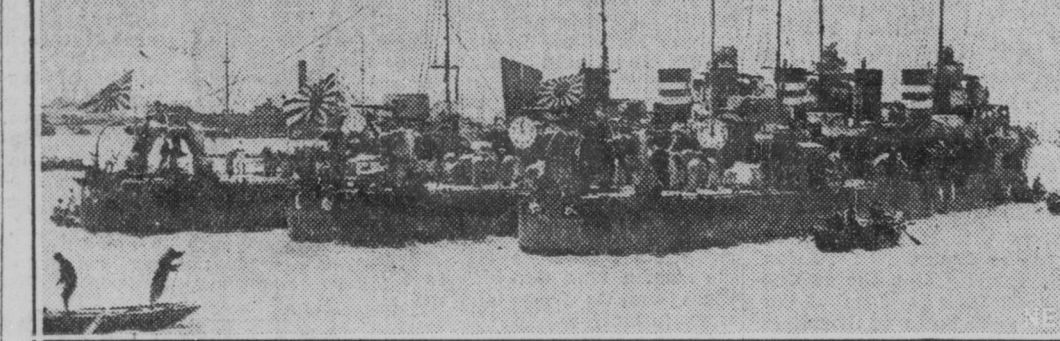
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Invaders Patrol Chinese City



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LEWIS DEFENDS UNION POLICIES

President of Miners Stirs Meeting With Speech.

Heavy artillery of the president John L. Lewis administration of the United Mine Workers of America was turned upon the insurgents at today's session of the thirty-second convention.

Led by the president, five delegates and officials rose to defend the Lewis administration and its wage scale policy.

None denied the figure furnished by John Hindmarsh of Springfield, Ill., veteran leader, to show that under the Lewis administration the membership of the union fell from 400,000 in 1921 to 163,000, as of the last reports.

There was no recurrence of the policy outbreak which featured the Wednesday afternoon attacks and caused a near-riot.

Using satire and sarcasm, Lewis charged that Hindmarsh and his Illinois associates have "for the last

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SEWER CONSTRUCTION MAY GET UNDER WAY

Hope Grows for Disposal of Long Pending Litigation.

Possibility of the long pending \$500,000 Indianapolis sewer construction projects getting under way, and thus giving work for several hundred unemployed, loomed a bit larger today due to efforts to speed action on the litigation pending before the appellate court.

For the court appeared to lend a friendly ear to attorneys appearing today to argue in favor of the bill to advance the suits to immediate hearings.

Opposition to this motion failed to develop to date, but the court said the matter will not be ruled upon until Feb. 4.

Judges indicated that they will not stand for further dilatory tactics.

PERU CABINET QUILTS

New Government to Be Formed Later Today.

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night, reinforced by mine sweepers and other craft, forced to suspend by darkness.

Hope for finding any of the men alive was almost gone.

If the submarine is intact, the air is not yet exhausted, but none of the men appeared to have reached the surface by using their "safety bulbs," so it seemed they must be dead.

As my launch reached the spot, I saw that search had been feverish.

Trim mine sweepers glided before me and resumed their dragging operations. Carefully their crews directed nets over the bottom of the sea. Occasionally they halted as the sweeps touched some hidden bulk.

But each contact proved to be one of the relics of Dead Man's bay, the scene of a thousand shipwrecks. In their midst, naval experts feared, the M-2 was resting.

I saw divers fully robed and ready to risk their lives by descending into the dangerous channel.

They stood by, prepared to identify any object that the sweepers might encounter in their blind but persistent groping in the ships' graveyard.

King's Fish

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Senator Huey P. Long, who said he was just a little fish in a big puddle here even if he was "Kingfish of Louisiana," forgot his role when he challenged the argument of a senate veteran, the many-worded William H. King of Utah.

The senate freshman interrupted King's discussion of an amendment to the latter's alien seaman bill to suggest, "Just put a period at that point and then stop."

King was irritated and showed it.

"As I repeatedly have said," he resumed, with the air of explaining something to a backward child.

Long did not seem overawed in the slightest degree.

DRAFT WAGE REPLY

Rail Unions' Answer to Be Given Carriers Today.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—David B. Robertson, spokesman for 1,900,000 union rail workers, said labor today would make its final answer to the plea by America's railroads for a 10 per cent voluntary wage reduction.

Robertson gave no indication of what attitude the twenty-one major unions had taken in their balloting on the proposed reduction, which railroads say will save them from possible bankruptcy and will enable the re-employment of many of the 600,000 union workers now jobless.

There were indications the unions might accept the reduction, despite the known personal objections of virtually all the labor leaders to smaller salaries.

CHIEF MORRISSEY IS INJUNCTION TARGET

Bondsman Obtains Writ Barring Police Court Ejection.

Temporary restraining order prohibiting Police Chief Mike Morrissey from barring Eli Gmil, professional bondsman, from police courts, was issued today by Superior Judge Joseph R. Williams.

Gmil obtained the order after Morrissey banned him from signing prisoners' bonds in the courts of Judge William H. Sheaffer and Clifton R. Cameron.

Williams set Monday as date for hearing on a permanent injunction. Gmil charged in the complaint that Sheaffer and Cameron have permitted him to sign bonds, but that Morrissey instructed matrons and turnkeys to bar the bondsman.

PROBE MELLON CHARGE

Judiciary Subcommittee Ponders Impeachment Evidence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The impeachment charges brought by Representative Patman (Dem., Tex.) against Secretary of Treasury Mellon were referred by the house judiciary committee today to a subcommittee for detailed study.

Mellon during hearings concluded recently, entered a general denial of Patman's charges that he was violating an old law forbidding the secretary of treasury to engage in business and commerce.

Names U. S. Judge for Minnesota

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—President Hoover today sent to the senate the nomination of Matthew Joyce to be United States district judge for Minnesota in place of Judge Sanborn. Joyce has the endorsement of Senator Schall (Rep., Minn.).

BILLION TO BE TAX BILL GOAL

House Democrats Eliminate Retroactive Provision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Democratic members of the house ways and means committee decided today against retroactive application of the tax increase bill on which they are working.

This means that increased taxes to be included in the bill will not have to be paid this year on incomes of last year. The present rate will apply.

Chairman Collier said no other decisions were reached at the conference except that the Democrats would seek to balance the budget.

This means their tax increase program will be designed to raise around \$1,000,000,000.

THIEF TAKES PURSE IN CRIMINAL COURT

Woman Attorney Robbed Under Nose of Judge, Attaches.

Marion county's boldest thief entered criminal court of his own accord today and stole the purse of a woman attorney, who was defending a client at trial.

The purse, containing \$2.50 and minor articles, was taken from the court's telephone booth, located only eight feet from the judge's bench.

Mrs. Pearl Lee Vernon, Martinsville attorney, owner of the purse, was questioning a witness in the trial of Robert Hackney, charged with forgery.

Special Judge Thomas E. Garvin sat on the bench, surrounded by nine court attaches.

WISCONSIN SENATORS DEADLOCKED ON BILL

Conservatives Brand La Follette Faction as Socialists.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 28.—Wisconsin senate members whiled away the hours by playing cards or slept in their chairs early today, with a night-long parliamentary deadlock holding up a vote on the \$12,000,000 unemployment relief program.

Regular Republicans charged the adherents of Governor Philip La Follette with trying to railroad the bill through the senate. The conservative filibuster succeeded and a recess finally was taken.

The recess came after Senator George Blanchard, veteran conservative leader, charged the La Follette faction was attempting to confiscate incomes to back a "Socialist" program.

WILL CASE TO JURY

13 Days Sees End of Brooks Will Prosecution.

After a trial lasting thirteen days, the case of Robert Hackney, charged with forging a will, was to go to a criminal court jury late today.

Attorneys were allotted the entire afternoon for final arguments, Frederick Steiger leading for the state. Hackney was indicted in connection with a purported false will of Bartholomew D. Brooks, Indianapolis business man, who left an estate valued at \$210,000.

BISCHOFF HELD INSANE

Alienists Report to Court on Killer of Cincinnati Child.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28.—Charles Bischoff, confessed attacker and slayer of Marian McLean, 6 today was declared insane in a report to Judge Charles E. Bell.

The report was made by three alienists who gave Bischoff tests over a period of days after he was appointed by the judge.

JAPANESE TROOPS OCCUPY SHANGHAI; BATTLE WITH CHINESE DEFENSE FORCE

Savage Fighting Reported in Native Quarters as Enemy Enters.

FORTS ARE BOMBARDED

Naval Vessels Turn Guns on Woosung Forts as Boat Is Fired On.

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SHANGHAI (Friday), Jan. 29.—The Japanese shelled the Woosung forts defending Shanghai Thursday night, marched into Chapei, the native city of Shanghai, and were engaged early this morning in heavy battle with the Chinese.

Japanese reinforcements were sent in Chapei to support the Japanese marines.

Two hours after the fighting had been in progress, the international settlement and the French quarter beyond remained quiet. Complete order prevailed.

Events in the momentous Japanese drive on Shanghai followed in dizzying succession all during the night.

Japanese war craft came into the harbor Thursday to increase the force already there; landed marines, and after a first indicating a delay in the occupation of the city, dropped shells into the Woosung forts to silence them, and moved into Chapei, the native section of Shanghai.

Battle With Chinese

Stiff fighting followed. This startling finale came only within a few hours of the announced Japanese delay of forceful action, to see if the Chinese fulfilled demands to drop the boycott and other anti-Japanese activities.

In occupying the city, the Japanese merely announced they would proceed, without explaining or justifying their course. Prior to the movement, Chinese soldiers in the Woosung forts had sniped at a Japanese trawler and there had been some Chinese student demonstrations.

Whether these events were regarded by the Japanese as a breach of China's promises was not revealed immediately.

Battle in Dark

Machine guns rattled on both sides as the Japanese advanced slowly in their occupation of the city.

The night was black, with scudding storm clouds obscuring the moon.

A United Press correspondent accompanied the Japanese into Chapei. The natives had taken to cover and, except for the invaders, Chapei resembled a city of the dead.

Neither Chinese civilians nor soldiers could be seen, the Chinese sniping from the darkness into the Japanese ranks.

The Japanese entered the native city using flares to illumine their route. The Chinese allowed the foe to advance a considerable distance before beginning sniping. Two lorries of reinforcements were sent in to the Japanese.

Extent of casualties was undetermined.

The Japanese were equipped with small arms and machine guns and rode in trucks, preceded by armored cars.

Cut Phone Lines

The telephone lines in the native city were cut as the Japanese advanced.

Before starting the advance into Chapei, Admiral Shiosawa delivered a copy of his proclamation to Mayor Heh-Chen, who telegraphed to General Chiang Kai-Shek, asking for instructions.

The decision to occupy the native city came after a day of rapid and conflicting developments. Earlier, the Chinese had given Kuramatsu Murai, Japanese consul-general, a pledge of complete compliance with the Japanese demands.

In return, he postponed the action set for 6 p. m. (4 a. m. central standard time) when the Japanese

League Note Drafted for Orient Foes

By United Press

GENEVA, Jan. 28.—The League of Nations' council of twelve adopted the text of a presidential declaration today to be submitted to China and Japan, which recalls part of the arguments in Secretary of State Stimson's last "open door" note, without mentioning Stimson's name.

The declaration regretted "the deplorable incident of Shanghai" and the fact "the situation already was becoming worse at the time conciliation moves started and when the committee inquiry was about to commence."

The draft declaration urged a peaceful settlement of all disputes instead of the use of force which, it declared, leads nowhere.

It emphasized the necessity of the "open door" territorial economic integrity of Manchuria.

ultimatum expired, and announced he would wait to see if the Chinese could prove their intention of keeping their promises.

United States marines, co-operating with British defense forces within the international settlement, were ordered to take up their positions along the city limits facing the native area at 4 p. m. (2 a. m. central time).

U. S. Warships Ready

Eight United States warships were ready to proceed to Shanghai from their posts on the Yangtze river patrol if called. The destroyer Truxton lay off the bund, in the Whangpoo river, ready for action for the first time since the spring of 1927, when southern forces captured Shanghai in the revolution, the United States marines were ordered into action. The force totals 1,153 men and fifty-three officers in the Fourth regiment stationed in Shanghai since 1927.

The British commanding officer, Brigadier General George Fleming, is in charge of the international settlement defense forces. Colonel Richard Hooker of the United States marines reported his men ready for action. The authorities felt for lives and property were reasonably safe inside the lines. Those living outside the settlement were advised to move in.

British Ships Near

The British defenses total 2,170 men and 100 ships. Three British gunboats lay off the waterfront and seven more were standing by on the Yangtze patrol.

The French have 1,000 men and thirty officers defending the French concession, which lies contiguous with the international settlement. They have two warships.

The allied command also includes two Italian warships at Shanghai and another on the Yangtze patrol.

The state of emergency includes the French concession, where hundreds of Americans reside. The French authorities said French troops, including Anamites from Indo-China, would protect their concession area, but would co-operate with the defense council, which is unusual.

Foreigners Are Registered

The municipal council of the international settlement, where the Americans, British and other foreigners live, appealed to foreign residents to register with the "man power committee" listing themselves for duty as milkmen, abattoir workers, truck drivers, and other occupations, evidently in preparation for eventualities such as a general strike.

Prayed nerves were further shocked when an unidentified person hurled a bomb at the Japanese consulate-general in the international settlement, just back of the United States consulate-general.

The bomb struck a wall of the building in which a number of Japanese prisoners are detained.

It exploded, but the damage was slight. The culprit fled. Japanese marines who occupied the consulate compound said they had not seen the bombing. The guard of Japanese marines and Japanese consular police was increased.

DEB TO AID STATE SEND 'HONOR KILLER' TO CHAIR

By United Press

MORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 28.—Rose Allen, pretty 19-year-old debutante and central figure in the Philadelphia main line society love killing, will revenge the death of her fiancée, Francis A. Donaldson III, by aiding the state in its effort to send her brother, Edward H. B. Allen, to the electric chair.