

WAR ONLY WAY FOR NIPPON TO SAVE HER FACE

Boycott Reprisal Fails; May
Invade China or Go
Back North.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Once the Japanese have extricated themselves from the hot water they got into at Shanghai, a move against Nanking, Hankow or even Loyang, the provisional capital, is deemed likely.

Only one other alternative remains, according to military observers here; namely, to give up further operations south of the Great Wall, withdraw to Manchuria and consolidate their gains there.

But that, it is pointed out, would be tantamount to an admission of failure, and orientals attach vast importance to what they call "face."

The avowed reason for attacking the Chinese in China proper was to kill the boycott of Japanese goods, and it now is clear that regardless of what happens the boycott will go on.

China Now Aroused

This means the Japanese either must crush the Chinese government at Nanking, Loyang, or wherever the government goes, or give up the whole thing as a bad job, and go back to Manchuria, which they now apparently regard as their own.

Never for an instant have officials here believed the Japanese entertained the slightest territorial or political ambitions in the region of Shanghai. The Yangtze valley is Great Britain's claim, should China ever fall apart or be partitioned, and of this the Japanese are aware extremely well.

The blow at Shanghai, therefore, was a blow at the Chinese boycott and as such it has failed of its purpose. The events of the last ten days there have roused the Chinese more than the preceding four months did in Manchuria.

So, the Japanese must push on, beyond the mouth of the Yangtze, or take their licking and go back to Mukden.

Mobilization Order Ready

A campaign as far inland as Loyang—or Kaifeng, as it is also called—doubtless would necessitate open declaration of war. For while Nanking or even Hankow could be taken by a naval expedition, particularly in the summer, when the melting snows of Tibet make it possible for deep draft vessels to navigate the Yangtze, the capture of Kaifeng would be another story.

It is reported that Premier Inukai now has an undated general mobilization order signed by the emperor for use whenever the Japanese general staff asks for it. The above may serve to explain.

Kaifeng, six times the capital of China, again is the seat of government. President Chiang-Sheh and some of the country's ablest generals are now conferring in this stronghold. As long as they can continue to hold out there, it is difficult to see how the Japanese can win.

Additional Conquest?

Tokio from the first has insisted that Japan and China must be allowed to settle their quarrel without outside interference. At the same time the Japanese demand a free hand in Manchuria and the Chinese, just as categorically, refuse to treat on any such basis.

The defeat of China in war, therefore, appears to be the only possible way out. If Japan insists upon having her way, even had the Chinese been willing to discuss Manchuria with the Japanese before Shanghai—which they were not—since Shanghai there doesn't seem to be a chance.

Capture of Kaifeng would require virtually Japan's whole army and navy. Occupation of the much coveted Shantung peninsula probably would enter into the Japanese plans. If formal war is declared they probably would remain there, as well as in Manchuria, retaining this valuable area as part of the spoils.

PYTHIANS PLAN PARTY

Public is Invited to Fete in Lodge
Hall Thursday Afternoon.

A bridge, euchre and bunco party, open to the public, will be sponsored by the Friendly Needle Club of Banner Temple, No. 37, Pythian Sisters at 2 Thursday in the lodge hall, 119 East Ohio street.

George Grant, committee chairman, is assisted by Allie Archiborn and Lillian Swift.

CROONERS SLIPPING; WHITEMAN'S CLAIM



Having reduced a hundred pounds in the last year, Paul Whiteman's opinions may not carry as much weight now as formerly, but he still has his views on things. These pictures show what Paul's dieting has accomplished.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE JOB CANVASS SCHEDULED

Legion to Seek Work Monday for
Unemployed Men.

American Legion post officials today were completing plans for starting Monday of a state-wide house-to-house canvass to obtain odd jobs for unemployed men and to induce employers to add at least one more man to their present forces.

The campaign was discussed at a meeting of Legion heads Monday in the Indiana department headquarters here. More than 275 Legion posts in the state are to participate.

"Crooning will die out," he says. "Something will replace it. Maybe Rudy Vallee will find out what that something is and supply it."

Or maybe he will step out of the picture for a time and then come back. There is always a brief respite before the end."

Whiteman twirled his mustache a twirl-and-boom, boy, that's a trick in itself!

"A good musician doesn't mind playing what the public wants," he said. "The catch is to find out what."

Paul lost his poundage by careful dieting. And he's making a comeback as a music king through radio and the four-a-day in the theater.

Fish with eyes that shine like motor headlights in the dark have been received at the London, England, zoo.

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