

## HOSTILITIES AT SHANGHAI MOVE TOWARD CRISIS

Terrific Battle Impending as Japanese Plan Coup to 'Save Their Face.'

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The China situation today in many ways appeared blander than at any time since Japan, five months ago, thumbed her nose at the world and set her face towards conquest.

With heavy reinforcements for both sides coming up at Shanghai, and the goriest fighting the Far East has seen since Port Arthur in prospect, three disquieting factors were blocking peace efforts here and abroad.

1. The Japanese general staff is seen as preparing a bloody and spectacular coup in an effort to regain some of the "face" lost both at home and abroad in its fortnight of reverses.

2. For reasons which likewise have to do with politics and "face," the Nanking government—recently at war with Canton—must give utmost support to the Cantonese troops now defending Shanghai. Otherwise, President Chiang Kai-Shek will lose his hold.

### Powers Oppressive

3. European powers, the writer is informed reliably, are increasingly hesitant about taking any positive steps against Japan. And America, aware of the peril of being pushed out on a limb and having the limb sawed off between them and the tree, is disinclined to rush matters.

Thus the stage seems set for a lot more bloodshed in the mud flats of the Yangtze before the curtain falls on the Shanghai tableau of Japan's gory extravaganza.

Matters now have reached a stage where neither Japan nor China very well can withdraw without serious political repercussions at home.

The war party only recently came into power at Tokio. It did so claiming that now is the time for Japan to settle her quarrel with China. To withdraw from Shanghai without first having smashed China's resistance, therefore, would be regarded back home as a defeat of the policies of the militarist party in power.

### 60,000 In the Field

For the Chinese to withdraw, as the Japanese demand, without further fighting would be disastrous to the political fortunes of the leaders at Nanking. Canton and Nanking long have been at odds and now the Cantonese have electrified China and the world by their heroic defense of Shanghai.

Should the Nanking faction now fail to do its part, and leave the Cantonese to face the Japanese alone, it would be the end of President Chiang Kai-Shek and his group.

Military attachés here regard it as quite likely that fighting may develop in the lower Yangtze on a scale comparable to some of the world's greatest battles.

Already upward of 60,000 effectives are engaged at Shanghai or are immediately in reserve. The Chinese are believed to have another 50,000 men in the Nanking-Hangchow area quickly available, with several hundred thousand within reach in the Japanese attempt to advance up the river.

### Move to Block Reinforcements

The Japanese likewise are understood to have at least 40,000 additional troops with thirty-six hours of Shanghai, ready to move at the first signal.

As the Chinese thus far have been able to draw on reserves of both men and ammunition from outside Shanghai area, the indications are that the Japanese shortly will invest completely the New York of the Orient to cut off the defenders.

This would require a large number of troops and would expose them to attacks both from the direction of Shanghai and from outside.

The battle of Shanghai, therefore, seems destined to continue in crescendo as the week wears on, while Washington and the European powers mark time, awaiting further developments before launching any more moves for peace.

### SALVAGE BLIMP WRECK

Mechanics Save Fabric, Motors and Gondola of Stricken Dirigible.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Salvage of the wrecked Goodyear blimp Columbia, which crashed Saturday with the loss of one life, has been completed.

Fabric of the craft's silvered envelope was collected by mechanics, the damaged motors were crated, the tailfin assembly and gondola were packed for shipment on flat car to the Goodyear plant at Akron, O.

Funeral arrangements were made for John W. Blair of Rockford, Ill., chief mechanic for the Goodyear organization in New York, killed in the crash.

### BAKER KEEPS SILENCE

Former War Secretary, Back From Mexico, Refuses to Talk Politics.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in Woodrow Wilson's cabinet, refused to discuss politics before he left Sunday for his home in Cleveland.

Baker and Mrs. Baker returned Sunday from a pleasure trip to Mexico. Baker will return to New York Wednesday to attend a directors' meeting.

The former secretary is viewed by many as a potential candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

### LOCKWOOD RITES HELD

Ashes of Muncie Publisher Will Be Placed in Peru Cemetery.

By United Press

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 15.—Brief, simple funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon for George B. Lockwood, publisher and political figure, who died Friday of heart disease. The body was taken to Indianapolis for cremation.

The ashes will be buried in the Peru, Ind., cemetery where Lockwood's father, W. W. Lockwood, is interred.

## GREEKS HAD RIGHT NAME FOR THEM

'Murders in the Rue Morgue' Gives Rise to Some Serious Thoughts on What Is Effective Movie Theater.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

HAVE every reason to believe that the Greeks had the right name for the ladies who work men for their living. Some seasons, or a season ago, the Broadway stage turned out a successful farce and the movies have taken the play and named it "The Greeks Had a Word for Them."

In the movie version of the three gold diggers, who dig more than any of the three principals, the cast of the three girls, is the three girls, has been wisely chosen, as Miss Claire is an adept at this sort of thing. The movie has been exceptionally well dressed. I believe you will get a kick out of Lowell Sherman, a classical pianist who does not go in for classical music.

The story has quite a wavy ending with the three gold diggers leaving New York for Paris again for some more gold digging.

Unusual care has been taken with the recording and the lighting. I remember when this play was on Broadway, Rae Samuels, the Blue Streak of vaudeville, told me this was the smartest thing at that time in the big town.

The movie camera has done mighty well with these three damsels who dig and who are always double crossing themselves. Now at the Palace.

CONCERNING "MURDERS IN THE RUE MORGUE"

There is going to be a wide difference of opinion regarding the merits of Edgar Allan Poe's "Murders in the Rue Morgue."

I am afraid that the directors and the movie powers conspired to turn out something more thrilling than "Frankenstein."

It is not a pleasant sight for me to see a woman on a racket suffering as a scientist seeks to inject the blood of a living ape into her blood stream.

If she has any talent in her blood, she dies when the injection is made. There are many people who are going to ask why this picture was ever made. It is not thrilling to me but shocking and at times disgusting.

If it was not so splendidly acted by D'Arcy Corrigan as the keeper of the morgue (perfect character work), I would not give this picture a second's consideration. But this lurid and at times repulsive story has been tremendously acted and directed. I admit that at times I was sitting on the edge of my seat and at other times I was completely disgusted. Maybe that's the trick.

I think that "Murders in the Rue Morgue" is overdoing this horror wave which has struck the movie screen.

Be your own judge, as usual. I have told you what I think of "Prestige"; it is criminal to waste such talent on such cheap material.

Now at the Indiana.

### BE SURE AND SEE THIS TRAVEL FILM

Just as "Around the World in Eighty Minutes With Douglas Fairbanks" was the high spot on any movie bill, just so will be "Bottom of the World," the Kohl-Larsen Antarctic expedition.

I got a better understanding of sea lions, whales, penguins and the like near the south pole than I ever have had. The camera seems to have been nearer to actual life in these regions than ever before. Some of the shots of the whales fighting against capture are really marvelous. I am not forgetting the Byrd movies to the south pole, but when it comes to the actual photographs of seals, bird and fish life in those regions, this movie, "Bottom of the World," is a Nancy Carroll winner. I wish it were possible for every boy and girl in this city to see this travel movie. To me it is the last word.

The regular release feature on the Circle bill this week is Nancy Carroll, Roll, Richard Arlen and Pauline Frederick.

Here is just another story of the son of a rich woman marrying a New York chorus girl. The haughty and foolish mother wrecks the lives of her son and the girl he married.

This one is no better or worse than others of this type. Now at the Circle.

### D'Arcy Corrigan

After seeing Ann Harding in "Prestige," with Adolphe Menjou, Melvyn Douglas and Guy Bates Post, I wonder what Hollywood was actually thinking about when it did such a "criminal act" against Miss Harding.

Miss Harding is too much of a

HORIZONTAL

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

1 Pertaining to the nose. 11 Sandpiper.

2 Portion of Asia annexed to Japan in 1910. 12 Marine reptile.

13 Standards of perfection.

14 Withdraw.

15 To disparage.

16 To alleviate.

17 House canary.

18 To alleviate.

19 House canary.

20 Part of a drama.

21 Prefix meaning three.

22 Prefix meaning wrath.

23 To pierce.

24 Donkey-like beast.

25 Conical heap of stone.

26 Call for help at sea.

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## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### ROOSEVELT GRIP ON MIDWEST IS STRONGEST NOW

Survey of Pivotal States Show He's Outstanding in Vote Race.

Key states in the corn and wheat belts offer a complicated political picture. Democratic strength is obvious, but exactly where it will be divided is conjectural. Franklin D. Roosevelt seems to have the lead in Indiana, while Smith political analysts say now they agree that the situation may change radically before convention time. The United Press summarized in this story the Roosevelt-Smith alignment in pivotal midwest states.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—If the middle west folk could choose the Democratic nominee for President now and only Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York and former Governor Alfred E. Smith of the same state were in the race, indications are that Roosevelt would win by a comfortable margin.

Roosevelt is accorded more strength than Smith in Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Illinois and probably in some adjoining states.

The "favorite son" phase complicates the situation in Illinois. Michael L. Igoe, Chicago, Democratic national committeeman from Illinois, Democratic minority leader in the state house of representatives and a candidate for Governor, says he is for James Hamilton Lewis and that the Illinois delegation will vote 100 per cent for Lewis.

Republican in 1928

Which way the Illinois delegates would turn in case of a deadlock between Roosevelt and Smith is conjectural. The state went Republican by a large majority in 1928. In 1932 Lewis headed a Democratic landslide that carried him into the Senate. Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago is a Democrat.

Party strife has created an unusual situation in Wisconsin. U. S. Follette progressive faction has absorbed malcontents from both old line parties and is a power to be reckoned with.

The Democratic state organization has been pledged to Roosevelt, a woman organizer is establishing Roosevelt clubs throughout the state, the delegating ticket nominated at a state-wide conference was favored to him more than two weeks ago, and the Milwaukee Journal, leading newspaper in the state, favors the New York Governor.

Smith strength in Wisconsin lies in the personal popularity of John Callahan, national committeeman, who will have his own delegate ticket in the field.

Please don't laugh.

### YOUTH HELD FOR THEFT

Police Claim John Bixby, 17, Has Admitted Drug Store Robbery.

Unless former Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, publisher of the Omaha World Herald, offers himself as a "favorite son" candidate, it is believed Roosevelt will control the Nebraska delegation to the Democratic convention at Vinton City.

The only Smith stronghold in Minnesota is in Stearns county, where an Al Smith Club has some 200 members. Democrats elsewhere in the state favor Roosevelt.

Roosevelt apparently controls the sentiment in South Dakota also.

### BANDITS RUM GROCER; STEAL HIS NEW GUN

Proprietor Drops Weapon When Holdup Men Open Fire.

By United Press