

HOSTILITIES AT SHANGHAI MOVE TOWARD CRISIS

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

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The China situation today in many ways appeared blacker than at any time since Japan, five months ago, thrust 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 1911, the 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.

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 saved off between her 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 Tokyo. 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 fall 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 attaches here regard it as quite likely that fighting may develop in the lower Yangtze on a scale comparable with 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.

Should the Japanese succeed in driving 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.

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

Fabric of the craft's silvered envelope was collected by mechanics, the damaged motors were crated, the balloon assembly and gondola were packed for shipment on flat cars 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 Politically.

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.

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 gold from the pocketbooks of their rich boy friends, are played by Ina Claire, Joan Blondell and Madge Evans. The smart dialog follows very closely the stage version, although some of the conversation is not so hot or pointed.

"The Greeks Had a Word for Them," comes under the head of smart and modern movie theater. The cast of the three principals, that 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 women.

The story has quite a wow 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 it was the smartest thing at that time in the big town.

The movie camera has done mightily well with these three dames who dig and 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 rack suffering as a scientist seeks to inject the blood of a living ape into her blood stream.

If she has any taint 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 Bela Lugosi as the mad scientist, by Sidney Fox as Camille with the pure blood, by Brandon Hurst as the Perfect of Police and 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 of this one as usual but I contend it is too horrible diet for me.

Now at the Apollo.

Other theaters today offer: Count Berni-Vinci, at the Lyric; "The Other Wife," at Keith's; "The Mystery of Life," at English's; "The Cat Through the Needle's Eye," at the Civic; Cleo Reno's burlesque, at the Colonial, and burlesque at the Mutual.

WHAT IS HOLLYWOOD REALLY THINKING ABOUT?

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.

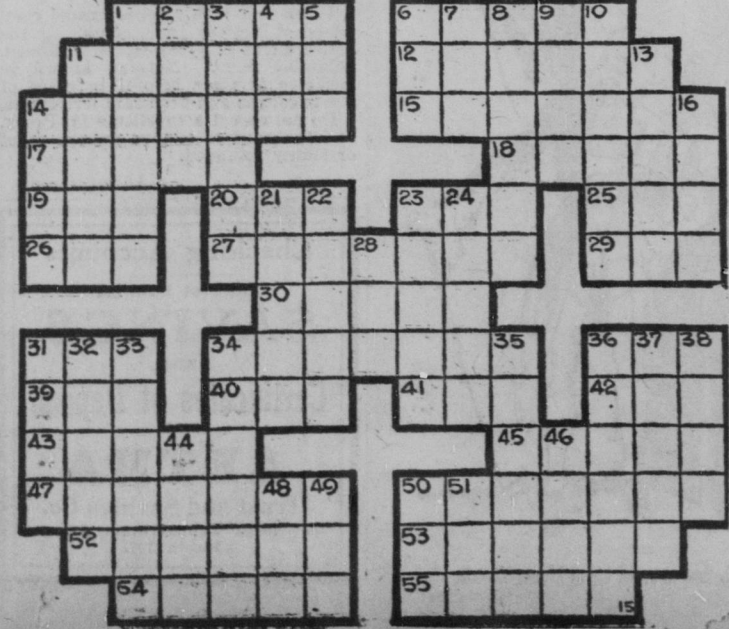
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HORIZONTAL SATURDAY'S ANSWER

1 Portinoting to the nose.
6 Portion of Asia annexed to Japan in 1910.
11 Marine reptile.
12 Standards of perfection.
14 With a.
15 To disparage.
17 Decree of the sultan.
18 To alleviate.
19 House canary.
20 Part of a drama.
23 Prefix meaning three.
25 Wrath.
26 To piece out.
27 Warlike.
29 Donkey-like beast.
30 Conical heap of stones.
31 Erected as a memorial.
32 Call for help at sea.
34 City which has been awarded 54 Common ante the Democratic 50 hope.

VERTICAL SATURDAY'S ANSWER

13 Disfigurements.
14 Mature.
16 Ore launders.
21 Hiding place for provisions.
22 Characteristic.
23 Silken fabric of Moorish origin.
24 To ramble.
28 Twitching.
31 Heavenly body.
32 Engine room greaser.
33 Pieces of bread.
34 Crinkly fabrics.
35 Detestable.
36 Fincial.
37 Mohammedan.
38 Destitute of nobility.
44 Exclamation of good will.
46 To give way to dejection.
9 Title, say.
10 Aphasia due to 45 Silkworm.
loss of control 49 Measure.
of muscles of 50 Mineral spring.
articulation. 51 Tin container.



ROOSEVELT GRIP ON MIDWEST IS STRONGEST NOW

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

BY BEN STERN

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HOUSE RUSHES PLANS TO PASS BANKING BILL

Steagall-Glass Measure Vote Is Set for 4 o'Clock Today.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The house decided to consider the Steagall-Glass federal reserve bill today—and perhaps within the brief space of an hour—the Steagall-Glass bill designed to extend the lending facilities of the federal reserve banks, and to pour millions of dollars of new currency into business channels.

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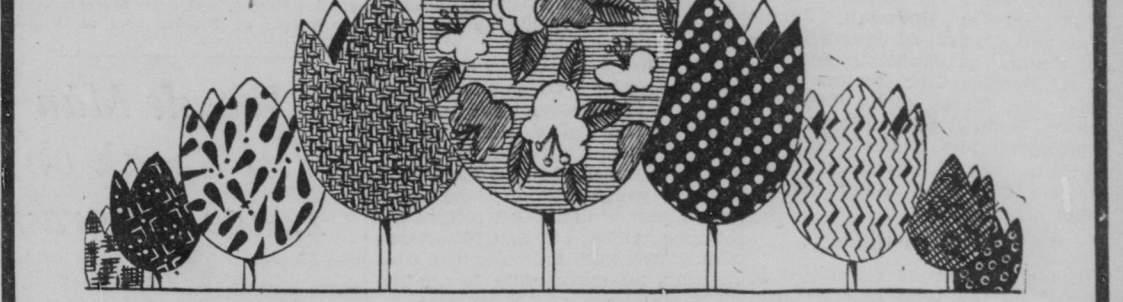
Couple Declared Insane
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 15.—John Nichols, 50, and his wife Lucy, 40, are in custody here pending their transfer to a state hospital following findings that both are insane.

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