

LEAGUE'S EDICT IS TRIUMPH FOR U. S. DIPLOMACY

Warning to Japan Against
Territorial Conquest First
Sounded by Stimson.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Awakened at last to the menace of another world war by the thundering guns at Shanghai, the League of Nations and the United States today were on the point of unified action.

The first step in the new move for peace in the far east was the league's notification of Japan that it will refuse to recognize any changes in China's territorial status brought about by force.

This is a feather in the cap of American diplomacy and confirms the precedent set by Secretary of State Stimson on Jan. 7—A precedent of the utmost importance if the Kellogg pact and the other peace machinery is to survive.

The January note of the American government solemnly warned Japan that it "does not intend to recognize any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the covenants and obligations of the pact of Paris."

New Law It Set Up

Today, it is understood here, the League of Nations followed suit with a warning that it will not recognize any territorial changes brought about by Japanese occupation.

The importance of the confirmation of this new "Stimson doctrine," hardly can be exaggerated. It not only gives potency to the Kellogg pact and the doctrine of the "open door," but in effect sets up a new international law.

The Kellogg pact renounces war as an instrument of national policy. The Stimson doctrine—to which virtually the entire world, through the league, now appears to have adhered—means that benefits acquired by violation of that pact would not be recognized by the powers.

The league's warning is based upon its own covenant, rather than upon the Kellogg pact, but that is a mere matter of form.

Next Step Up to Japan

What the next step will be depends upon Japan. Article 10 of the covenant guarantees the territorial integrity of members. But Articles 15 and 16 provide a ways and means to make good that guarantee, and call for severance of diplomatic relations, boycott and military force.

That the league's action was decided upon as a result of a report from Sir John Simon, British foreign minister, to the effect that Britain, France, Italy and the United States had not been able to influence Japan, is not without significance.

Sir John, perhaps more than any one else, has been responsible for the do-nothing policy of the league. He now is represented as convinced that anything can happen, and soon, unless Japan calls off her dogs of war and listens to reason.

Report Hits Nippon

The report of the league's commission, formed of consular officials on the spot, has shown the gravity of the situation. It boldly states that the entire offensive is exclusively in the hands of the Japanese.

The United States has assured the league of its co-operation in any reasonable plan to put out the fire among the powder kegs in the far east. The trans-Atlantic telephone has hummed with the exchange of the attitude of the principal governments.

The bugaboo of Britain remains the question of what America would do were Article 16 of the league invoked and a blockade against Japan established. The writer learns that a resolution shortly will be introduced on Capitol Hill, pledging the United States not to aid an aggressor nation with supplies of any kind.

RULING SLATED FRIDAY IN POSTER CONTEST

Judges Named for Realtors Model
Home Competition.

Judges for the annual poster contest being held in connection with the Realtors' home completion exposition April 2 to 10, who were named Tuesday by Ned M. Metzger, committee chairman, will meet to announce their decisions at 11 Friday. The judges named are:

Richard P. Lieber, H. Lieber Company; Randolph L. Coats, artist; Wilbur D. Peat, John Heron Art Institute director; Paul Ritchey, Russell M. Seeds advertising agency; Miss Effie Long, Shorthand art teacher; Chic Jackson, Star cartoonist; Charles R. Kuhn, News cartoonist, and Lee Williams, The Times artist.

BRANDS SCHOOL UNSAFE

Civic League Asks Inspection of
Unused Inspection.

Branding an unused school building at Thirty-fourth street and Sherman drive, as "an eyesore and unsafe," the Thirty-eighth Street Civic League Tuesday night adopted a resolution urging city fire prevention bureau to inspect the building.

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BIG FOUR ROUTE



BY BEN STERN

YOU always can tell when it's primary time by the number of trades mentioned.

A big one looms in the Marion county Democratic primary.

It long has been a custom to give a two-year office Holden another nomination, first in repayment of the expense involved in the first campaign, and second, because if his record has been anywhere near decent, it is felt that such action is just.

But the boys are organizing against Tim Sexton, the county treasurer.

Bill Clauer already has announced for the job and the dope is that Frank Woollogg soon will toss in his chapeau.

That's one side of the picture.

On the other is the circuit judgeship. The incumbent, Harry O. Chamberlin, is a Republican, so the Democrat's fight is a free-for-all.

So far those who have announced for the Democratic nomination are Earl Cox, Chalmers Schlosser and Carl Wood.

If the field were limited to the three, Cox would be favored to lead, but in the background stands Jim Deery, city attorney, whose name will be filed at the end of the pre-primary period.

Now here's the alleged trade:

The city hall boys want to put over Deery. Both he and Sexton are of the faith of Al Smith.

They believe that if both Deery and Sexton are on the ticket the load will be too heavy, so they are planning a slate which will include Deery and Clauer.

On the other hand Sexton, naturally doesn't take kindly to the idea of being traded out just to make room for Deery, so in self defense he will have to make a trade, and it is quite possible he may join forces with Cox.

Where the opposition to Sexton is faulty in reckoning is that if Woollogg gets in the race, he will split the anti-Sexton vote with Clauer, and the incumbent treasurer will nose in by a slight margin as he did two years ago.

Until Woollogg's appearance, the set-up was pretty, but now it's quite cloudy.

And, no doubt, before the primary date, a man of the same faith as Deery will be in the judicial contest.

That certainly would muddy the waters and in event of such a situation, the old maestro suggests, lay the money on Sexton and Cox. Did you get it?

JOIN DRIVE ON HOARDING

Universal Club Members Promise to Put Idle Dollars to Work.

Members of the Universal Club resolved to back President Hoover's anti-hoarding campaign and put their idle dollars to work in "safe investments and sound banks" at the club's luncheon at the Columbia Club Tuesday.

HELD IN TAXI HOLDUP

Columbus Man Captured by Cab Driver; Gun Seized.

Captured by a tax driver he is alleged to have attempted to rob Francis Stevenson, 22, of Columbus, Ind., was held by detectives today.

Bennie Brummitt, 3649 Stanton street, the driver, wrested a revolver from Stevenson Tuesday night in from the 2600 block, Napoleon street.

Horse, Harness, Buggy Stolen

By United Press
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 17.—Jeff Choate's walking these days. Somebody entered his barn, stole his horse, harness and buggy and drove away without wakening the family.

Despondent, Hangs Himself

Despondent because of ill health, Richard Devil, 62, hanged himself late Tuesday at the home of his nephew, Charles Fanning, 1321 East Ohio street.

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