

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 way and means to make good this 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 complete exposition April 2 to 10, who were named Tuesday by Norman Metzger, committee chairman, will meet to announce their decisions at 11 Friday. The judges named are: Herman P. Lieber, H. Lieber Company; Randolph L. Coats, artist; Wilbur D. Post, John Heron Art Institute director; Paul Ritchey, Russell M. Seeds advertising agency; Miss Erie Long, Sheldrake artist; Chas. Jackson, cartoonist; Charles R. Kuhn, News cartoonist; and Lee Williams, The Times artist.

BRANDS SCHOOL UNSAFE

Civic League Asks Inspection of Unused Building.

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.

BARGAIN EXCURSION FARES

Each Week-End CHICAGO . . . \$5.00

Good on all trains from noon Friday until early morning train Sunday, good returning until Monday night.

\$3.00 Round Trip to Louisville. Good going Fridays and Saturdays; return Monday.

Sunday, February 21

CINCINNATI . . . \$2.25

GREENSBURG . . . 1.25

SHELBYVILLE75

Leave Indianapolis 7:30 a. m.; returning leave Cincinnati 6:15 p. m. or 10:00 p. m., same date.

Tickets in coaches only. Children half fare.

Tickets at City Ticket Office, 112 Monument Circle, and Union Station.

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 holder 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 Woolling soon will toss in his cap.

That's one side of the picture. On the other is the circuit judge-ship. The incumbent, Harry O. Chamberlin, is a Republican, so the Democrats' 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 by 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 Woolling 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 Woolling'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.

HELP 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 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 waking the family.

Despondent, Hangs Himself

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

MUSCULAR-RHEUMATIC PAINS

DRAW them out with a "counter-irritant." Muscular lumbago, soreness and stiffness generally respond to good old Musterole. Doctors call it a "counter-irritant" because its warming action penetrates and stimulates blood circulation and helps to draw out infection and pain. It gets active and is not just a salve. But do not stop with one application. Apply this soothing, cooling, healing ointment generously to the affected area once every hour for five hours. Used by millions for over 20 years. Recommended by many doctors and nurses. All druggists.

To Mother—Musterole is also made in milder form for babies and small children. Ask for Children's Musterole.



BUILD UP THAT RUN DOWN SYSTEM WITH KOLLOIDAL IRON and COD LIVER OIL EXTRACT TABLETS Sold and Guaranteed AT ALL DRUG STORES

LOANS AT REASONABLE RATES FOR ALL WORTHY PURPOSES The Indianapolis Morris Plan Company Delaware and Ohio Sts. Riley 1536

GUARANTEED WATCH REPAIRING AT CUT PRICES DAVIS JEWELRY CO. 140 N. Illinois St.

To celebrate seven busy years of public service, our Bargain Basement Birthday Sale starts Thursday with some of the most surprisingly low-priced items of the new year.



Thrifty folks who have been enjoying the big savings daily at Pettis' Basement will find these Birthday Sale Offerings especially interesting, as will many new friends.

Bargain Basement 7th Birthday Sale!

Thursday Morning at 9 o'Clock— 300 Spring Dresses



You'll Be Able to Get Three or Four New Dresses to Start the Season at This Low Price!

Here's good news for many Women who have been hoping that they would be able to discover "finds" in Spring apparel. Cleverly fashioned and well made of fine quality rayon prints. Sizes 14 to 46. Better come early for them.

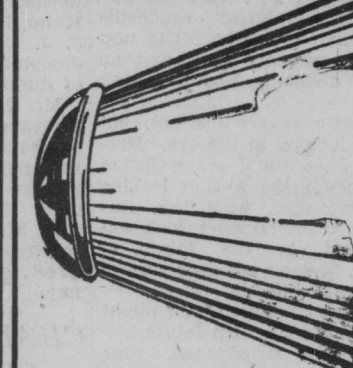
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Winsome Styles for Women and Misses and You'll Feel at Home in Them for 'Most All Occasions!

And in these new colors one would feel like cheering the return of Spring—beautiful blue, green, red, black and glorious all-over prints. Favoring flared skirts, interesting sleeves, boleros, buttons—all new fashion points.



PETTIS' SPOTLIGHT SALES



Thursday! Hundreds of New Spring Hats

\$1.37

Bought Especially for This Sale! Every Hat Is Worth \$2 or More!



Cellophanes Peanuts Shiny Straws Rough Straws Many Other Novelties

Close-fitting Turbans, smartly styled Beret effects or Tams, small and medium brims for either Miss or Matron. All headsizes are included in group.



Tweed Raincoats

All the styles included in this lot are \$1.95 to \$3.95 values. For Women and Children. Broken sizes.

97c

PETTIS'—basement.

Dainty Brassieres

The very latest of up-lift and cup-form styles. Lace trimmed or plain. Dainty and serviceable. All sizes.

47c

PETTIS'—basement.

Service Silk Hose

Pure thread silk, with lisle tops and runstop feature. Spring shades. Narrow French heel. Sizes 8 1/2-10.

47c

PETTIS'—basement.

Men's Union Suits

Fashioned of fine quality medium weight cotton. Both long and short sleeves. Cream color. Sizes 38 to 44.

47c

PETTIS'—basement.

Curtain Materials

Floral and printed patterns. Width, 36 and 38 inches. Blue, gold, rose, green, orchid and cream colors.

17c Yd.

PETTIS'—basement.



Men's Police SHOES

Made of Good Quality, Long-Wearing Black Calf

Full leather lined. Has two full soles. Sizes range from 6 to 11.

\$2.87



Strap Slippers Soft black kid comfort slippers, with rubber heels.



Children's Dress Oxfords



Good quality patents or black calf. Sizes to 2.

77c

PETTIS'—basement.



Thursday Only!

200 Pairs New Spring Curtains

57c Pair

Fast color marquisette in sweet pea and wild rose patterns. Priscilla style with wide ruffles. Length, 2 1/4 yards. Colors are gold, rose, green and orchid. Very special.

PETTIS'—street floor.

Boys' Sweaters

Part wool, slipover style. Tan, blue, green and red colors, with contrasting stripes. Sizes 28 to 30.

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PETTIS'—basement.

Children's Dresses

Girls' attractive cotton knit school Dresses, in both light and dark colors. Broken sizes. Special value.

47c

PETTIS'—basement.

Cannon Towels

Double thread, extra heavy quality. Size 20x42 inches. White, with borders of rose, blue, gold, green.

17c

PETTIS'—basement.

Priscilla Curtains

Sheer marquisette, with figures. Length, 2 1/4 yards. Regularly 98c. Rose, gold, green and orchid trimming.

77c

PETTIS'—basement.

Ruffled Curtains

Dainty Curtains in fine quality plain marquisette—cream and ecru colors. Length, 2 1/4 yards. Special.

67c Pr.

PETTIS'—basement.