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LINDY OFFERS TO PAY RANSOM

CHINESE ARMIES FALL BACK TO NEW DEFENSES

Shanghai Front Is Evacuated in Good Order and Strong Positions Are Held Miles to Rear.

READY FOR RENEWAL OF CONFLICT

Japanese Face Handicap of Fighting Away From Base, With No Roads to Aid Supply Movements.

By United Press
SHANGHAI, March 2.—Chinese defense troops evacuated their fortifications around Shanghai under a withering fire from the Japanese today, and re-established positions miles to the rear, for another dogged stand.

Chinese commanders of the Nineteenth route army, principal defense unit, declared "the fight is just begun" as troops completed an orderly retreat to second defense lines.

The evacuation began shortly before expiration of a Japanese ultimatum threatening to blow up the main Shanghai railway line.

Within a few hours, the Chinese troops were solidly behind fortifications twenty kilometers (12½ miles) away, just outside a zone around the international settlement which the Japanese had demanded they evacuate.

"If the Japanese choose to attack us here, we will defend ourselves," a spokesman for the route army said. "Far from ending the battle, it is just beginning."

Positions Are Stronger

Chinese leaders claimed that whereas the advantage of tactical position was with Japanese attackers in the fighting around Shanghai, the defenders now held the upper hand. The Japanese must carry the fight away from their supply bases and warships, and there are no roads to aid them.

The spokesman claimed the evacuation was a "foregone conclusion."

"The original battle line at Shanghai and Woosung was not a military one," he said. "It was adopted only because of the exigencies of the political situation and presented no possibilities for an offensive, since the Chinese were loath to attack near the international settlement."

Japanese merged land, sea and air forces for a driving offensive, seizing quick advantage of the opportunity offered by the Chinese retreat. Soldiers from the Tazang battle sector closed in on a field arsenal at Hsukong, capturing quantities of Chinese arms and munitions.

They continued in the line of the Chinese march, and at Nanjing joined a second column of troops arriving from Chenju.

The Japanese began raining heavy artillery fire into the evacuated Chinese positions at Shanghai at 2 p. m., fearing that they might advance into a trap or that the district might be mined.

Ruin Is Complete

The heavy shelling appeared destined to complete the ruin of the once prosperous Chinese town, subjected to daily artillery and aerial bombing for more than a month.

While the Chinese were preparing to withdraw to Quinsan, just outside the twelve and one-half-mile evacuation zone, Japanese naval airplanes bombed and destroyed a bridge on the Nanking-Shanghai railway two and one-half miles east of Quinsan. This is between Shanghai and the place to which the Chinese agreed to withdraw.

Ten airplanes participated in the bombing. Foreign observers estimated the total number of missiles dropped at about 130. The Japanese landing operation added 10,000 men to the expeditionary force, already estimated by the Chinese at more than 100,000.

The Kuo Min Sheng agency said the Chinese movement was a tactic withdrawal toward Chenju, designed to test the sincerity of the Japanese promise to end hostilities if the Chinese would withdraw. The Chinese felt they could withstand the Japanese better at Chenju, if the Japanese broke their promise.

Chenju is about nine miles from Shanghai. The wireless station owned by the radio corporation is there.

Evacuation Is Complete

The Woosung and Kiangwan areas, scenes of heavy bombardments and bitter hand-to-hand fighting, were evacuated completely at 1 p. m., Shanghai time (11 p. m., Indianapolis time).

Evacuation of Shanghai, just outside the international settlement, almost was complete.

The Japanese had announced capture of Tazang just before the Chinese evacuation order "became known."

Landing of 10,000 men of the Japanese Eleventh division at Luho, above Woosung in the Yangtze

Kidnaped Child and Relatives



Left to right, Mrs. Dwight Morrow, grandmother; Mrs. Charles Long Cutter, Cleveland, great-grandmother; Anne Lindbergh with Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

U. S. GOVERNMENT JOINS IN SEARCH FOR CHILD

Complete Co-Operation of All Branches Extended Flier's Family.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 2.—The force of the federal government today was thrown into the search for the kidnaped baby of the Charles A. Lindbergh family.

The department of justice offered its complete co-operation in the search.

The coast guard of the New York and New Jersey divisions was instructed to offer its aid to the New Jersey police.

The department of commerce prepared a request to all commercial airport authorities to watch incoming and outgoing planes and for their pilots to report anything which might be of value.

Assistant Treasury Secretary Seymour Lowman, in charge of customs, announced customs agents at border points or elsewhere will give all possible aid.

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LINDY CANCELS REWARD OFFER

\$25,000 Price for Kidnap Gang Is Withdrawn.

By United Press

TRENTON, N. J., March 2.—After Governor A. Harry Moore had announced a reward of \$10,000 for the capture of the Lindbergh baby kidnapers and the state senate had resolved to increase the amount to \$25,000, the reward was canceled, out of consideration for Colonel Lindbergh.

Moore telephoned the distraught father and told him of the proposed state action.

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Congress Plans Prompt Action to Curb Gangs' Ransom Forays.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Demands for prompt action by congress on bills empowering the federal government to act in kidnaping cases were made in both the senate and house today by speakers, who called attention to the Lindbergh baby abduction.

Senator Barbour (Rep., N. J.) who succeeded the late Dwight W. Morrow, spoke from the senate floor while Representative Seger (Rep., N. J.) made a similar plea from the floor of the house.

The house postoffice committee acted promptly today on a measure aimed at kidnapers, reporting out the bill of Representative Cochran (Dem., Mo.) which fixes a penalty of twenty years in jail and \$5,000 fine for sending threatening, blackmail or kidnaping letters through the mail.

Senator Bingham (Rep., Conn.), a close friend of the Lindberghs, said the kidnaping "brings vividly to the minds of the American people the need for some legislation to curb this growing crime."

Senator King (Dem., Utah), a member of the senate judiciary committee, said the "horrible situation may call for legislation."

"The Lindbergh case emphasizes the necessity for the government stepping in, without encouraging on state powers, to help stamp out the most cruel and vicious racket in the nation," Senator Patterson said.

COURT GAG FAVORED

Senate Group Seeks to Restrict The Hague on U. S. Questions.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A resolution refusing the world court the right to give advisory opinions on matters in which the United States is interested, unanimously was adopted today by the senate foreign relations committee. It was agreed the resolution should be incorporated in the senate article of ratification of the Root-Hurst formula.

\$50,000 DEMAND MADE BY NOTE LEFT IN CRIB WHEN BABY IS KIDNAPED

Child, Suffering Cold, Stolen After It Is Put in Bed for Night.

WOMAN IS IN GANG

Widespread Search Made Throughout East After Alarm Is Sounded.

By United Press

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 2.—Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr., blue-eyed and fair-haired, 20-months-old child of Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh is held today for \$50,000 ransom.

Seized in his crib Tuesday night as he lay slumbering and ill of a cold, the baby was taken away by kidnapers, one of whom is believed to be a woman.

With cold daring, the actual kidnapers crept up a short sectional ladder into the second-floor nursery some time between 7:30 and 10 p. m., took the child down the ladder, and left behind the ransom demand, a note dropped in the empty crib.

Lindly Willing to Pay

Colonel Lindbergh is willing to pay the kidnapers the ransom they demand, it was stated authoritatively here today. "If they will make known the means and the occasion for so doing."

The note, demanding the \$50,000 for the child's freedom, was reported to have said in substance:

"We will be back tomorrow (Wednesday) to talk business. Don't talk to the police or the papers."

Colonel Lindbergh, grim and reticent, aided in searching for the kidnapers, and was represented as ready personally to enter direct negotiations for the child's return.

Sensation Is World-Wide

Meantime, the kidnaping created a world-wide sensation.

Literally thousands of police and state troopers were on alarm guard, watching highways, and state and national boundary lines.

Over the teletype wires of the eastern states and up along the Canadian border flashed word that one of the nation's most famous babies had been stolen.

The kidnaper apparently had not realized the furore and resentment their deed would cause.

Police everywhere went to work with a will to come up with the kidnapers, while the federal departments of justice, commerce and treasury in Washington offered to do all within their power to track down the criminals.

President Hoover manifested his interest.

Aviators from many parts of the country offered their services, and an air command was sent aloft this morning to see if from the skies he could see anything along the roadways of value to the search.

The commerce department was ready also to help with pilots.

Colonel Leads in Search

Colonel Lindbergh, worn by the anxiety of his predicament, worked side by side with the state police. During the night he helped to trace down tracks on his property in the fastnesses of the Sourland mountains.

During the forenoon he went on a mysterious errand with Lieutenant John Keaton of the New Jersey state police. They set away

'Dislike for Strangers' May Betray Abductors

By United Press

MEADVILLE, Pa., March 2.—Strong resemblance of Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr. to his father, and his "hearty dislike of strangers" may lead to early return of the child, his grand-aunt, Mrs. Hilda Morrow McIlvaine, Meadville, sister of the late Dwight Morrow, believes.

"The baby looks so much like his father that no one could mistake his identity," Mrs. McIlvaine said. "And he heartily dislikes strangers."

"I know he will cry and fuss and be unmanageable with his kidnapers, possibly betraying them."

"He is unusually bright, walking and talking in a way far beyond his twenty months. His aunt, Miss Elizabeth Morrow, takes him to her nursery school in Englewood, N. J., frequently."

"After his first shyness he was at ease in the kindergarten, playing with older boys and girls. He even learned to count to five."

"He can walk faster than many adults. He has some clever little tricks, too, such as talking on the telephone. If he ever gets into a room where there is a telephone he will persist in taking down the receiver, perhaps giving the operator a clue to his presence."

in a fast car and came back a couple of hours later on foot through the woods.

Rumor had it that they had visited Flatgown where a group of suspected bootleggers were believed to be.

Meantime, Mrs. Lindbergh, deeply stirred, bore up with the courage of a Spartan mother.

The first word prostrated her, but it was not long before she was exhibiting the same courage as her husband, and she helped authorities. Once she joined searchers for a short period.

Many Cues Traced

Her burden was all the greater for she had been nursing the child several days because of a cold. And the kidnapers, without even trying to catch up some quilts, dragged the baby off, clad only in its "sleepers."

Moreover, Mrs. Lindbergh is again an expectant mother.

Many clues were run down, only to end disappointingly.

Before dawn, a Philadelphia truck driver reported sighting beside the roadway, not far from the Lindbergh home, a bundle which appeared similar to a baby or a doll.

Troopers hurried to the scene, but fast motorcycles, but found that all the man had seen was a bundle of papers.

More than a dozen motor cars were reported stolen in New Jersey yesterday, and these were checked in the hope of furnishing a clue.

The only one which appeared hopeful was an abandoned car found near Hillside, N. J.—a car stolen from a Brooklyn man. Its headlights were streaming, and it matched description of a blue Nash sedan in which two men, at dark Tuesday inquired at Princeton for the way to the Lindbergh estate.

Dog Fails to See Abductors

Police thought the inquiries might have been the kidnapers or their advance men. But they were at a loss to reconcile this with evidence that the kidnapers were familiar with the field in which they operated.

A faithful dog, always alert, made no sound, as far as is known, during the visit of the kidnapers to the nursery on the second floor.

The man may have made friends earlier with the animal.

The kidnaping visit was well timed. The baby had been put to bed and Mrs. Lindbergh had kissed him good-night at about 7:30.

Later in the evening, the nursemaid, Betty Gow, was startled to find the crib empty, and the child nowhere to be found. She gave the alarm, and then the authorities were summoned.

But by this time the kidnapers had a good start.

The ladder the kidnapers used

On this path, according to footprints, the kidnapers was joined by a woman accomplice.

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ARTIST GIVES HIS CONCEPTION OF LINDBERGH KIDNAPING



Above is an artist's conception of the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby Tuesday night.

The house faces the east, a gable-roofed section at each side extending to the rear.

The nursery is on the second floor, under a gable-roofed section,

which is in the northeast corner of the home. It has windows on the east side, which is the front of the home, and on the north side.

The baby supposedly was taken from that window on the north side, placed against the house under that window on the north side.

When the kidnapers came out they left the ladder near the window. There were footprints under the window, made apparently by

two men. One of these had approximately size 10 feet; the other size 8.

There was mud on the window sill and inside the nursery on the floor. There were no fingerprints on the window sill.

The kidnapers apparently wore gloves. One man probably entered the room, while the other watched outside, and they departed by auto.

Sale Section

The Times today carries an eight-page section, advertising the quality merchandise on sale by Sears, Roebuck & Co., during the big store's spring value demonstration.

Turn to the second section of this edition for complete details.