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Unsettled with rain tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature; lowest tonight about 38.

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## ULL IN WAR ENDS; CHINESE BATTLE FOES

Clash Renewed After Order  
's Given by Japanese to  
Cease Operations.

### TERMS ARE REJECTED

Idea of Neutral Zone Met  
With Flat Refusal  
by Defenders.

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SHANGHAI, March 3.—Fighting was in progress tonight at Nanjing and Liuho, the Chinese announced in an official communiqué.

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The British, American, Belgian, Danish, French, German, Italian, Netherlands and Norwegian chambers asked Cunningham to make urgent representations to Japanese authorities.

They claimed the usurpation has been somewhat modified, but that its continuance is injuring trade.

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#### Chafei in Ruins

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With danger over, hundreds visited what a few days ago was a no man's land of sudden death and destruction among abandoned and ruined dwellings along north Szechuan road.

The fighting began at Chafei, Jan. 28, then spread over the eight-mile front. Fierce combat continued until Wednesday, when the Chinese Nineteenth route army announced it was withdrawing to Quinsen, twelve and one-half miles from Shanghai. The Chinese claimed the movement a tactical withdrawal. The Japanese claimed it was a rout.

#### Pledge Troop Withdrawal

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He also communicated a statement from General Yoshinori Shirakawa, chief of the Japanese land forces, ordering his forces to half at their present positions. Debuchi said this statement was issued at 4 p.m. today in Shanghai.

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### Grave Offense

By United Press  
KANSAS CITY, March 3.—Miss Mary Hampton was out of her grave today, but she still was in her casket.

The girl was continuing her 144-hour nap supervised by Rajah Yogi, known as a hypnotist.

The rajah first buried her four feet underneath a tent. The city health department objected, and he was ordered to exhume her "forthwith and immediately."

He did Wednesday night, removing her, coffin and all, around the corner to a theater lobby, where he said she would complete her long trance.

The rajah contended in court he had hypnotized and buried 588 persons.

### ORDER REALTY MEN'S RETURN

Indiana Estates Promoters  
To Be Tried Here.

Removal from San Francisco to Indianapolis of three men, indicted in the Indianapolis real estate frauds in 1930, is expected Monday, dispatches from the west coast said.

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### VEHLING WILL RECEIVE TERM OF 2-14 YEARS

Special Judge Gause Slated to Pronounce Sentence Friday Morning.

#### DEFENSE PLEA DENIED

Former Coroner Also to Be Fined \$100 in Bribe Case Conviction.

Fred V. Vehling, former coroner of Marion county, recently convicted of soliciting a bribe, will be sentenced Friday morning to two to fourteen years in the state prison and fined \$100 by Special Judge Fred C. Gause in criminal court.

Gause announced the penalty would be imposed after listening for two hours today to arguments on a motion in arrest of judgment and motion for a new trial. He did not rule on either, but said both would be overruled just prior to imposition of sentence. Maximum fine, under the conviction, is \$100.

**Appeal is Scheduled**

Immediately after sentence, defense counsel will file notice of appeal and Vehling will be released on \$1,000 bond, attorneys said. Amount of bond was suggested by Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson. Vehling's present bond is \$10,000.

Vehling was in court today with Epia Inman, Fred Barrett and Thomas McGee, his attorneys. He was accompanied by relatives. The courtroom was filled.

In addition to Wilson, the state was represented by his chief deputy, Floyd Maticke, and Oscar Hagemeier, defense attorney in charge of grand jury proceedings.

Inman, in his argument, referred to "poison" that had crept into the case and declared "Vehling would have been convicted without any evidence at all." He referred to a denial of defense motion for a change of venue.

Stigma Called Punishment

"I think your honor would have done well in the interests of justice to have granted a change of venue from Marion county," Inman said. "I realize it was within your discretion to refuse to do so."

Barrett contended the case, as presented at the trial, differed from that stated in the affidavit, but the court pointed out sufficiency of the affidavit had been upheld in a previous ruling. Gause expressed belief that every count of the affidavit had been sustained by the evidence.

At the conclusion of arguments, Gause said:

"I feel Mr. Vehling's greatest punishment is the stigma of conviction, and for that reason he should be released on bond pending ruling on appeal."

Vehling, it was charged, solicited a bribe of \$150 following the gas deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Stickel and William Coble, under threat that if it was not paid, he would change a verdict of accidental death to one of suicide, thus blocking relatives in efforts to obtain insurance money.

### START HUNT FOR TWO, LOST IN MOUNTAINS

Pennsylvania Girl, Fiance Feared Suffering From Exposure.

By United Press  
LAS VEGAS, New, March 3.—Miss Robin Kreutzberger, 21, daughter of a wealthy Bethlehem (Pa.) business man, and her fiance, Henry Adams, 21, also of Bethlehem, were lost on French mountain today in a region of deep crevasses and abandoned mine shafts.

A posse began to comb the region at dawn, fearing the couple may have slipped from a ledge or be suffering from exposure. The searchers began climbing the mountain late Wednesday and were overtaken by darkness.

### LESLIES WIRE LINDYS

Express Sympathy in Kidnapping; Governor For Death Penalty.

Sympathy for Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh was expressed in a telegram sent to the Lindbergh home Wednesday night by Governor and Mrs. Harry G. Leslie. The Lindberghs were held as guests at the Governor's mansion.

Leslie also stated that he will urge the death penalty for kidnappers in Indiana at the next legislative session. The law now provides life imprisonment upon conviction.

### FARM WOMEN CONVENE

700 Attend Annual Meeting of State Bureau at Severin.

Approximately 700 women are attending the second annual farm bureau women's conference at the Severin today.

### VETERAN ACTOR DIES

William Holden, Noted For His Character Parts, Succumbs.

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 3.—William Holden, veteran character actor, died at his home today after a long illness.

### LADDER CHIEF KIDNAP CLEW

By United Press  
HOPEWELL, N. J., March 3.—Capture of kidnappers who stole the Lindbergh baby from its crib in a second-floor nursery was believed today to hinge on a three-section white pine ladder, a \$50,000 ransom note and shoeless footprints in the mud outside the home.

A multitude of clews have been reported. Many have been run down. Others, barring immediate safe return of the child, will be investigated. Most of them will be shown to be false.

Each section of the three-section ladder is seven feet long. The sections are made so each section will telescope into the other, each section being slightly wider at the bottom than at the top.

Penciled markings on the ladder were examined carefully in the hope that they might reveal the lumber yard from which the timber was obtained. The markings consisted of a classification label, "YP Class D," and faint initials, probably those of some inspector.

The middle and top sections of the ladder were made with care. The steps were mortised into the uprights so their tops are flush with the side pieces. Four new eight-penny wire nails were used to fasten each step to the uprights.

Newly made saw marks are distinguishable on the raw ends of the ladder.

The bottom section is believed to have been made after the kidnappers first made one trip to the Lindbergh home and discovered that two sections would not reach. This conclusion was reached when it was discovered that the steps are nailed to the uprights, without being inset into the beams.

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### Abducted Child's Dimple Most Marked Feature



Latest picture of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., given to The Times and NEA Service by Colonel Lindbergh, disclosing to the world for the first time the charm and beauty of the kidnapped child.

By United Press  
HOPEWELL, N. J., March 3.—A pronounced dimple in the chin is the most readily recognized feature of little Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., according to Richard S. Scandrett, Jr., Mrs. Lindbergh's cousin.

Few complete descriptions of the baby have been given by the public, Scandrett said.

The baby is 20 months old. He has blue eyes, light, curly hair, and resembles his famous father. He weighs about 30 pounds, and is 33 inches tall—about normal for his age.

He just has begun to walk and can take a few toddling steps.

He can say a few words.

When taken from his crib Tuesday night he was dressed in a white flannel and silk "sleeper."