

## U. S. WORRIED OVER SHANGHAI CLASH DANGER

Japanese-American Argument in Defense Area Leads to Higher Tension.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The tension between United States and Japanese forces at Shanghai caused much anxiety at the state department today.

Officials long have feared that the presence there of troops of many nations might lead to trouble. They hoped there would be no further friction between American and Japanese detachments.

On the basis of press reports, officials considered that men of the Thirty-first infantry were discharging their legal duty when they expelled Japanese marines from the American defense area.

It was pointed out that the Shanghai municipal council in assigning troops to various areas made them responsible for maintenance of order in their districts.

The Thirty-first infantry, 1,000 strong, has been in Shanghai since Japanese forces invaded the city in January. The state and war departments recently decided not to withdraw them until peace and stability seems assured.

### Bomb Kills Japanese

SHANGHAI May 4.—A Japanese marine was killed and another wounded in a bomb explosion today, the second directed against Japanese in the last week.

Marine headquarters declared the bomb was concealed in a horse's feeding trough in the Chapel district where Chinese and Japanese clashed recently in bitter warfare.

The explosion occurred while a strong guard from the Thirty-first United States infantry was on duty in the American defense sector of the international settlement to prevent further raids by Japanese. The marines climbed aboard a Japanese boat Tuesday, and today a Japanese sentry stabbed a Chinese suspected of sniper activities in Chapel.

The invasion, from which the Japanese withdrew suddenly, brought the marines and the American soldiers dangerously close to an open clash. The Japanese commander released two Chinese prisoners, who were being dragged to the Chapel quarter, after an argument.

Peace agreement between China and Japan at Shanghai will be signed at 10 a. m. today (8 p. m. Central standard time). Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese minister, and Quo Tai-Chai, Chinese vice-foreign minister, will sign the agreement from their sickbeds, both having been the victims of recent attacks.

### Fight Plane Carriers

GENEVA May 4.—Japan attacked aircraft carriers and ships with airplane landing decks as "the most typically aggressive weapons" today before the naval commission of the world disarmament conference, and Great Britain proposed limitation of submarines to 250 tons if the conference was not prepared to abolish undersea ships.

Hiroshi Saito of Japan said abolition of aircraft carriers, in which the United States is superior to Japan would "alter very little the naval strength fixed at the Washington and London conferences."

"Unless a fleet takes aggressive action, aircraft carriers are not needed," the Japanese delegate said.

### PLAY ROMANCE LEADS TO MARRIAGE PLANS

Austrian Baron, Eleanor Acosta, Will Wed in June.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., May 4.—A romance involving an Austrian baron that budded in the scenes of a romantic play, will be culminated in marriage in June.

Baron Kurt Von Forstmeier, German instructor at Union college, and Miss Eleanor Acosta announced their engagement today.

The baron is the son of Baroness Paula and the late General Joseph Von Forstmeier of Vienna.

Miss Acosta and the baron fell in love while rehearsing for a romantic production given by the Schenectady Civic Players.

She played the part of a Spanish beauty, and he of a young Madrid lawyer.

The wedding will take place in the Austrian embassy at Washington.

### EARLY MURDER TRIAL

IS ASKED BY FLIER

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## Chicago 'Bachelor Daddy' Loses His Baby in Court



Oval—Samuel E. Epstein, bachelor, assistant city prosecutor of Chicago, holding Joan McConnell, 14 months, whom he adopted after the child was turned over to the city as a public charge.

Miss Agnes McConnell, 23, the mother, who has won a court fight to regain possession of her baby.

### Mother Defeats Chicago Prosecutor in Fight to Regain Child.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Samuel Epstein, assistant city prosecutor, Chicago's "bachelor father," today was without the red-haired Irish baby girl whose smiles won adoption by the young attorney in a fiction-like drama.

Judge Thomas J. Lynch heeded the plea of Miss Agnes McConnell for the return of her daughter Joan, and Epstein consented through his fondness for the child first led him to evade service of a writ requiring his presence at the hearing.

Joan is to be cared for by Mrs. C. B. Kuble, the baby's aunt, in a small Wisconsin town, the name of which was not disclosed as a protection to the mother and child.

Epstein adopted Joan after he found the baby abandoned in a basket at his door last February. The court said he would be permitted to see her whenever he wished.

Miss McConnell said her daughter was abandoned by a nurse who was caring for the baby while the mother was seeking employment in Detroit.

On her return to the city she discovered what had occurred and instituted proceedings to regain the girl.

### ONE FOR MR. RIPLEY

Woman Gets 2,924 Words

Out of Two; Wins Prize.

The anti-skeptic, Mr. Ripley, may be pleased to know that there are 2,924 words to be got out of "Colfax gasoline," excluding the Scandinavian.

It took Mrs. Sylvia Doughty, 24, of 1443 West Thirty-second street, two months to dig them out of dictionaries and win the \$500 living room suite offered as a prize.

Mrs. Doughty, who is employed by the Indianapolis office of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, asked out her 2,924 words during her lunch-hour and at night.

"I worked until 11 every night during the contest," she said.

Mrs. Doughty "nearly fainted," she said, when, with her husband, Russell Doughty, and her son Norman, 2, she heard herself declared the contest winner over the radio.

"I thought I might be among the prize winners," she said, "but it never occurred to me I would be first."

Besides Norman, Mrs. Doughty's chief interests in life are swimming and dancing. She likes her job and she doesn't believe there is any depression, certainly not one with a capital D.

Loot Kansas Ranches of Saddles

ELKHART, Kan., May 4.—A thieving epidemic of an unusual sort is prevalent in the northwest corner of Kansas. What apparently is an organized gang is stealing saddles from the ranches. Upward of a score have disappeared during recent days.

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## BILL IN SENATE TO GIVE MASSIE HOOVER PARDON

Kentucky Senator Would Provide President Authority in Island Cases.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Senator W. M. Logan (Dem., Ky.) offered in the senate today a bill authorizing the President to pardon persons convicted of crime in territorial courts and explained he acted in the belief that there now is no federal pardon authority which could free the four persons convicted of manslaughter in the Massie case in Honolulu.

At the same time, Representative Emanuel Celler (Dem., N. Y.) announced that he would oppose in the house, a bill already passed by the senate, designed to prevent the four men accused of having attacked Mrs. Thalia Fortescue Massie, being set free should the jury disagree in their second trial.

"If this bill were enacted," Logan said, discussing his pardon measure, "there would be no doubt of the pardon power where a conviction was made before a territorial court. I doubt if the President has that power now. The bill would not disturb anything in Hawaii regarding the pardoning power. The Governor would retain that right."

Senator Henry F. Ashurst (Dem., Ariz.) said bills proposing that congress pardon Lieutenant Thomas Massie, Mrs. Granville Fortescue and two naval enlisted men, were futile because congress had not the authority.

Logan asked that his bill be referred to the judiciary committee and asked speedy action on it. He contends several of the bills now pending with respect to pardon or review of the Massie murder trial are not practicable.

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"I want to get one good look at that town," said the night club hostess, "and this time I'm not going to have any police escort."

"It's just a pleasure trip, see? I'm going alone and I'll be back in time to open my new supper club at Valley Stream, L. I., late this month."

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