

CANDIDATE OF WAR PARTY NAMED JAPANESE PREMIER; PRESSURE SWAYS EMPEROR

Logical Appointee Shunted to Side, With
Militarists in Saddle; Saito Suc-
ceeds Slain Inukai.

CLASH WITH SOVIET SEEMS NEARER
Empire Headed Back to Feudalism, With
Army and Navy Clique Seizing
Reins at Tokio.

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WASHINGTON, May 23.—With war between Russia and Japan believed to be in the balance, the military camilla of Nippon has acted to give itself virtually dictatorial powers.

Such is the meaning of the army and navy clique's dogged and successful insistence upon their own men being selected to head the new government in place of Premier Inukai, assassinated by a "death band" of young army and navy hotheads a week ago Sunday.

Under all the ordinary rules of the game, Kisaburo Suzuki, president of the Seiyukai, or dominant party, should have succeeded the murdered premier.

But pressure was brought to bear against the civilian and Admiral Viscount Saito was named today by Emperor Hirohito instead.

Ruled by "Big Stick"

Thus, while the world anxiously awaits the frequently predicted clash between Japan and Soviet Russia over Manchuria, the party of the big stick has obtained for itself a free hand at Tokio. The civilian element within the government now is only a shadow. The empire has gone back to feudalism, to a dictatorship of the clans or Satsuma and Choshu—the army and the navy.

Amazing though it seems to outsiders, the Japanese militarists are demanding farm relief and fewer favors for the moneyed class. In western lands, the generals and the admirals devote themselves to bigger and better armies and navies.

Congressmen from agricultural districts usually are the exclusive champions of the farmer, and it is left mostly to the Communists to denounce capitalism. Yet in Japan the general staff appears to be doing all these, and more.

Would Form Autarchy

Alm of the militarists in Nippon, however, is the formation of an autarchy—complete nationalization of the country's economics and finances to make itself absolutely self-contained.

To accomplish this, as the general staff sees it, the Japanese farmer as well as industrialist must be able to make himself self-supporting within the boundaries of the empire.

Accordingly, part of Asia must be brought under the flag of the rising sun, cost what it may. Korea, annexed in 1910, does not fill the bill. South Manchuria, taken over from Russia in 1905, is not enough.

All Manchuria, eastern Inner Mongolia and many Japanese claim—the Maritime provinces of Siberia, belonging to Russia, are necessary to make Japan self-sufficient and sufficient unto herself.

The appalling danger to which this program exposes the world is clear. Already the Japanese army is fighting inside the Russian zone in northern Manchuria, astride the Chinese eastern railway, jointly the property of China and the Soviet Union.

Ready for Conflict

And at Vladivostok, Russia's eastern seaport and railway terminus, a big force of defenders is waiting, while all along the trans-Siberian line everything is reported to be in readiness to rush reinforcements.

What will happen, of course, only a handful of people know. It depends upon four main factors. First, what is in the minds of the Japanese general staff. Second, just how far France and Great Britain, in particular, and some of the other European nations in general will go with Japan just now in support of an attempt to crush Soviet Russia. Third, the extent of China's chaos and, fourth, the attitude of the United States.

World problems, like politics, make strange bedfellows. The interest of China, Russia and the United States are almost identical, yet Russia and China are not speaking, and the United States does not recognize the Soviet Union.

Historically, the European powers would welcome, at least in principle, the dismemberment of China, but America, Russia and China stand to benefit by exactly the reverse.

**TAX LIMIT PLANKS
URGED BY REALTORS**

Board Asks Both Parties to Push
\$1.50 Tax.

Both major political parties parties will be asked by the Indiana Real Estate Board to include planks in their platforms limiting real estate taxes to \$1.50 on each \$100 of assessed valuation, the directors of the organization have announced.

A resolution will be given to the Marion county delegations to both conventions which will ask the parties to "assume their proper and necessary responsibility to the people" and include the \$1.50 tax pledge.

The statement also points out the urgent necessity for equalization of the tax burden.

PHILIPPINE TRADE GAINS

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FILE SUIT TO CONDEMN PROPERTY FOR ROAD

State Highway Group Proceeds in
Road 31 Resurfacing.

State highway commission today filed suits in superior courts to condemn land required for re-routing of road 31 north out of Indianapoli.

Defendants are James W. and Ora Jackson, whose land is desired for that part of the highway from Chelsea avenue to the Marion county line; David F. and Alice C. Smith and Homer G. and Maone Hamer, owners of land near Williams Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo K. Fesler, land in Warfield addition.

The Smiths and Hamers have a petition on file in circuit court seeking an injunction to restrain the highway commission from carrying out the project.

FIND BODIES OF BOYS

Five Are Missing After Storm
Lashes Sandusky Bay.

SANDUSKY, O. May 23.—The bodies of two of five men missing in a storm that lashed Sandusky bay over the weekend were recovered today by coast guardmen.

Bodies of Ford Sharp, 18, and Junior Pentecost, 16, both of Toledo, were recovered as guardmen searched the storm tossed waters for their companion, Frank Daily, 15, and two Cleveland men. All are believed to have perished when their fishing boats capsized.

Good Pickup

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 23.—Joseph Edward Tracy thought up a fine racket, based on the universal knowledge that a uniform is always appealing to some young women.

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The peculiar part of this tale is that Joseph conducted himself properly all the time.

"Aw, I just like to wear a uniform," Joseph explained. "I never meant no harm."

AW, OLD SPINACH!

Worse Than Pain, Says Codona



—By New York World-Telegram Staff Photographer
Clara Codona

BY JOSEPH MITCHELL
Times Staff Writer

NEW YORK, May 23.—The spinach has been worse than the pain," said smiling Clara Codona, the pink-lighted "Queen of the Flying Trapeze," who has been lying in a plaster cast in Polyclinic hospital for twenty-nine days.

The prosecutor's office announced that early today Frank Jackinovicz, 22, the murdered boy's uncle, and Frank Kaminski, friend of Jackinovicz, had admitted they choked the child to death.

"I don't know why we did it—we just did," Jackinovicz said. Officers said they expected to obtain a positive for the killing later.

Kaminski, also a friend of the boy's widowed mother, Mrs. Emily Comacki, 7, whose body, stuffed into a baby carriage, was found in a shed near his home, May 15, a short time after he had gone out to play.

"The doctor ordered me to eat spinach," she said today. "And I said to hell with it." Then I told him I would stay in the cast an extra week if I didn't have to eat spinach, but he said spinach gives calcium and is good for busted bones. So, all the time I am eating spinach. It is extremely painful."

April 15, early in the morning, Codona was practicing a lofty trap in Madison Square Garden, when a rope snapped in the midst of a swan drop, and she was hurt to the timbers below, with nothing to break her fall. Her pelvis arch was fractured and her hips were wrenched.

She was taken to a hospital and died.

"I wanted to die happy. That's why I did it in a plane."

His parents said he had been rejected from military service because of an eye defect.

MEANS LOTS OF PAIN

"Just a tough break," said the reckless, brown-eyed aerialist. "It does not mean I end my career or anything tragic like that. It means a lot of pain and the loss of a year's work with Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey. It means I got to take a lot of exercise and get in shape for next season. It means I got to go to California and stay in the sun."

"It means I got to take a rest when I don't want one. And, more than anything else, it means I got to eat spinach. But, no matter, people have been kind. The nurses are nice. I am at home in a hospital. And yesterday my divorced husband, the great Alfredo Codona, came to see me and brought me a bouquet. Such nice flowers!"

"He has had tough breaks. His second wife, Leila Leitzel, died in a fall. Then, when the circus was at the Garden, Alfredo ruptured a muscle and was out for two weeks.

WHAT A DREAM!

"Oh, well, nurse gave me a steak with the spinach today. What a steak! And I've been lying here for weeks, dreaming I am married to a millionaire. I have been buying automobiles and yachts and circuses and hospitals and dresses and new tights. What a dream!"

Codona said she had her first accident when she was doubling for Janet Gaynor in "The Four Devils."

A wrenched shoulder. Then one night the rope on one of the traps was too long and she had to break her wrist to keep from breaking her neck. "No matter, I saved my neck." She has had her teeth knocked out in Mexico, four South American countries and Germany. It took her a month to get over it. When she played in the cinema "Variety," doubling for Lya de Putti, she was blinded by the lights and had to leap from the catch to the pedestal instinctively. She said it is a nice feeling to be flying blind through the air.

"Now," she said, reaching for two hand rings a nurse has rigged above her bed. "I just be still and dream of steaks and millionaires."

**CUBAN ENVOY LEAVING
FOR NEW HOME POST**

Orestes Ferrara to Become His
Country's Secretary of State.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The capital today loses one of the best liked members of the diplomatic corps, plump and jovial Orestes Ferrara, ambassador from Cuba. He leaves for New York, en route home to Havana to become secretary of state in the Cuban cabinet under President Machado.

Ferrara fully had intended to go to New York Sunday, but there was such a last-minute round of parties and final conferences that he had to delay his departure a day—which gives an indication of his popularity.

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**MURRAY WARNS: 'DON'T
NOMINATE NEW YORKER'**

Even Gotham Citizens Won't Vote
for Him, Says Alfalfa Bill.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 23.—The Democrats "oughtn't to nominate anyone from New York for the presidency, because even New Yorkers won't vote for a New Yorker," Governor William H. Murray announced here in advance of starting his home-ward trip to Oklahoma.

The Democrat of the nation ought to take the Democracy of New York across its knee and spank it," he said, because the state has a habit of voting Democratic in state elections and Republican in national elections.

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LUDLOW VOTES AGAINST BEER BILL IN HOUSE

Representative Says He
Fears Measure Perils
Constitution.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Representative Louis Ludlow of the old Seventh Indiana district today cast his vote against the O'Connor bill, on the house roll call.

Six Indiana representatives voted for the bill and five against it.

Immediately after the vote Representative Ludlow handed out a lengthy, tortuous and contradictory statement, calculated to enlist the sympathies of both wets and drys.

He said he voted against the beer bill because it "would imperil the Constitution," and likewise because if passed, the courts immediately would declare it unconstitutional.

He asserted no good could be accomplished by passing the bill in the house, because it was "foredoomed to failure in the senate."

Wouldn't Give Real Beer

Then he found fault with the measure because, if passed, it would not provide "real beer." He also criticized it on the grounds that it was "likely to bring unjustifiable discredit on the anti-prohibition cause."

He concluded by admonishing the wets to confine their modification attempts to "orderly processes," suggesting that the only proper way to handle the question was by submitting the eighteenth amendment back to the states for repeal or change.

This suggestion is in direct contradiction to Ludlow's vote a few months ago against the Beck-Linthicum resolution.

Looks to His Oath

Excerpts from Ludlow's statement follow:

"I could not vote for this bill without violating my oath of office—the oath I took when I solemnly swore I would support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

"The pending bill, erroneously heralded as a measure to restore the manufacture and sale of real beer in the United States, is misleading and a delusion. No matter from what standpoint it may be considered.

"Those who expect real beer as a result of it, never will realize their expectation. If beer manufactured pursuant to it is intoxicating in any degree, the United States supreme court will hold the act unconstitutional, and it is not intoxicating, the persons who expect real beer and pay the tax specified will not get what they pay for and will be entitled to feel that they are victims of a bunco game."

"The purpose of