

LEAGUE FACES LIFE OR DEATH IN JAPAN CRISIS

Lytton Report on Far East
Situation Will Call for Showdown.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—The fire-power Lytton report denying Japan the fruits of her conquest in Manchuria will come before the League of Nations on Nov. 14 for its most momentous decision.

The problem of world peace is nearing a showdown. The League of Nations, the Kellogg pact, the nine-power treaty, the four-power pact of the Pacific—in fact, the whole laboriously created post-war peace machinery—have reached the crossroads.

At the crossroads, too, is American foreign policy—the nature and extent of America's future co-operation in the direction of international peace and disarmament.

That the hour probably is the greatest since the armistice is admitted at Washington and in the capitals of Europe. The league's decision will determine which way the world will go for decades to come. It will decide whether the peace machinery will survive, or whether the world will revert to conditions worse than they were prior to 1914, with every nation an armed camp.

Case Against Japan

Specifically, the case against Nippon is this:

Thirteen years ago Japan, along with the powers, signed the covenant of the League of Nations, solemnly pledging herself not to resort to armed aggression against her neighbors.

Ten years ago Japan signed the nine-power treaty, solemnly pledging herself not to interfere with China's territorial or administrative integrity, and not to take advantage of China's weakness.

Four years ago Japan signed the Kellogg pact, outlawing aggression, solemnly pledging herself to refrain from afar as an instrument of national policy.

Within the last thirteen months, however, the Lytton report indicates, Japan has violated every one of these pledges. She has driven China out of Manchuria at the point of the bayonet.

She has set up a new "state" which she has named "Manchukuo," openly and officially put it under her armed protection, and defied the rest of the world to say her nay.

Showdown Faces League

Now comes the Lytton report. The commission, appointed by the league, investigated in Japan, China and Manchuria, and tells us what it found. After more than a year of hedging, the league must now do something. It must dispose of the report—by far and away the gravest act of its entire existence.

Japan is the first major power thus to challenge the peace machinery. If she is left off with a whitewashing, the whole thing admittedly collapses—becomes a pile of junk.

Three nations, largely, will decide the fate of the peace pacts. Those nations are the United States, France and Great Britain.

Three courses are open to the league:

First, it can sidetrack the Lytton report, whitewash Japan, and camouflage her Manchurian protectorate.

Second, with the United States, it could bring additional moral pressure to bear on Japan, to make her disgorge the fruits of conquest along the lines laid down by the report.

Third, it could set up a boycott, with United States concurrence, and cut Japan off from the rest of the world, diplomatically, economically, and financially, until Japan chose to make good her pledges.

If the league, under British and French domination, chooses to follow the first of the three courses, that is all that friends fear, it will doom the peace machinery in its entirety.

If the second or third course is followed, a solid front of all the great powers becomes imperative. For should any one of the nations, or even any likely combination of them, dare to challenge Japan alone, it would spell almost certain war.

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Have you written your gags for Laurel and Hardy? If you haven't, get busy. This is your last chance.

The Laurel and Hardy full-length comedy feature, "Pack Up Your Troubles," finishing its exclusive engagement at Loew's Palace the other night, is so full of gags that the comedians must have more of them before they can begin work on their next feature.

Don't forget that this is your last opportunity to see "Pack Up Your Troubles" in this city. After this engagement, it is gone from the city, never to return!

Because of the lack of gags for their next feature, Laurel and Hardy are offering readers of The Indianapolis Times \$25 in cash, divided into four prizes of \$10, \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50 and ten additional prizes of two guest tickets for Loew's Palace theater each, for the best gags submitted for their next production.

"Gags" are anything which will amuse an audience, laugh, and may consist of dialog, action, or both. Have you got a gag?

If you have, don't forget to send it in. You may be the lucky person. Rules are simple. First, it is suggested that you see "Pack Up Your Troubles" so that you'll have the Laurel and Hardy brand of humor fresh in your mind. Then write from one to five gags and send them to the Gotta Gag Editor, in care of The Times, being sure to have your letter in the mails not later than midnight, Friday, Oct. 7, when the contest closes.

Winners in the contest will be announced in The Times as soon as possible thereafter.

JOBLESS PAIR FREED IN RUM PLOT TRIAL

Three Others Given Long Prison Terms in LaPaz Conspiracy Case.

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 6.—Albert McDonald, South Bend, and Harvey Durbin, Argos, are under suspended federal prison sentences in connection with the huge LaPaz, Ind., liquor conspiracy case. Three other suspects each were given long prison terms by Judge Thomas W. Stick.

The court suspended sentences of a year and a day each for McDonald and Durbin after it was indicated that they—jobless heads of families—were hired to do manual labor at the still.

The second phase of Temperton's trial will begin Thursday, when a hearing on his sanity will be held.

TREASURER TO PRISON

Former Newcastle City Official Starts Term for Embezzlement.

By United Press

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Oct. 6.—Charles L. Messick, 62-year-old former Newcastle city treasurer, today began serving a one to five-year prison term, imposed on a plea of guilty to charges of embezzlement.

It was alleged Messick took \$850 from city funds. He was elected three years ago.

CROOKS HAUL IN \$500

Homes, Groceries, Drug Stores, Autos Looted by Thieves Here.

Looting homes, groceries, drug stores and parked autos Wednesday night, thieves obtained booty valued in excess of \$500, police said today. Thefts were reported by:

Bernard Arnold, 933 Central avenue, \$100; Russell Wiker, Great Eastern hotel, \$50; James Waldon, grocer, 717 Shelby street, \$35; C. Buff, grocer, 1607 East Ninth street, \$45; Fred Arnold, 2120 Ford street, \$68; Ed Stover, 1120 Oliver avenue, \$7; Mrs. August Senne, 1838 Broadview, \$5; George Stivers, 1726 North Oxford street, \$29; and Howard Coldwell, 1636 Broadway, \$1.

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GONE, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen to date.

Frank Tooler, Danville, Ind., Ford coach, from rear of 1250 West New street; Abraham Hamblett, Fountain, Ind., Ford coupe from Harvest and Fleming street.

Herman H. Burgess, 644 East Thirty-first street, Ford coach, \$283, from rear of 556 North Tacoma avenue.

Claude Ragsdale, 941 North Keeling Avenue, Essex coach 33-978, from 609 North Pennsylvania street.

Donald C. Baker, 15 North Webster street, high school.

Oliver Cobb, Seymour, Ind., Plymouth coupe, 29-588, from Georgia and Illinois street.

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BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police to date.

C. Nelson, 3511 Carrollton avenue, Ford coach, found in front of 2334 Guilford avenue.

L. B. Baker, 2126 South East street, Ford roadster, found in Dearborn woods, automobile stripped.

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CITY GETS DETECTIVE PARLEY

By United Press

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 6.—Convention of the National Detective Association in 1933 will be held in Indianapolis, it was decided at the closing session here.

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ASK THE "MAN BEHIND THE COUNTER" WHY HE

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ATLANTIC CITY IS GIVEN NEXT PRISON PARLEY

Officers Are Elected; Clinics to Be Visited Today by Medical Section.

Following election of officers Wednesday, the American Prison Association opened the fourth day of its convention today with a general discussion at which the Rev. John P. McCaffrey, chaplain of Sing Sing prison, presided.

This afternoon the medical section was to visit clinics of the Indiana university hospital, while the wardens' association and the committee on crime prevention met for discussion.

Dr. Walter T. Thayer Jr., commissioner of the New York state department of correction, was elected president Wednesday afternoon, succeeding Oscar Lee, warden of Wisconsin state prison.

John A. Brown Honored

John A. Brown, secretary of the Indiana state board of charities, was elevated from assistant secretary of the association to one of the five vice-presidencies.

Two new vice-presidents, Charles S. Reed, warden of Connecticut state prison, and William J. Ellis, commissioner of the New Jersey department of institutions, were re-elected.

George G. Eyskine, Connecticut reformatory superintendent, and E. R. Cass of the prison association of New York, were re-elected treasurer and general secretary, respectively.

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