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WICKED TURKESTAN PAWN OF NATIONS IN FORLORN CHINA

Great Britain, Russia, China and Japan Vie for Strategic Positions in the 'Country God Forgot.'

PEOPLE TERMED FIENDS INCARNATE Nippon Seeks Foothold to Outflank the Reds; to England Repulsive Terrain Holds Key to Defense of India.

William Philip Simms, famed Scripps-Howard foreign affairs expert, begins here today a series of five articles on China, the "country God forgot," in which he traces the history of this vast empire from its ancient past to its present position as a pawn of the great powers.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

PEIPING, April 21.—At best, the inhabitants of Sinkiang—Chinese Turkestan, "the country God forgot"—are perhaps the most primitive people in Asia, if not on the globe. At worst, they are fiends incarnate.

Mohammedans for the most part, they naturally hate Christians and when not busy slaughtering "infidels" they turn on one another.

None of the tortures which thousands of years of experience have taught them have they forgotten, and every now and then they invent some new ones.

Recently a sausage caravan was captured by a band of these people. For two weeks the caravan leader was systematically starved while his captors roasted toothsome morsels of lamb and mutton over the coals where he could see and smell them.

Then he was crucified and strips of flesh, cut from his living body, were offered to him to eat.

Flout Chinese Control These people are not Chinese. They are no more Chinese than the headhunters of Borneo are British. Only nominally are they under Chinese flag, and the government at Nanking would gladly get at and pacify them if it only could.

But it can't, and thereby hangs the theme of this story. Here, in the very heart of Central Asia, a spot so far away that the average man scarcely dreams of its existence, and which God seems almost to have forgotten, is one of the principal stages upon which is being worked out the fate of the continent.

Next to it, on the south, is Tibet—"God Land," the lamas call it—up on the roof of the world, a tableland 12,000 feet high, a shelf on the side of the Himalayas, lofty mountains on earth.

Cold and Heat Intense Bordering it on the west is Russian Turkestan, with its glamorous cities of Samarkand, Bokhara, Kulja, Khiva, Tashkent, and Kashgar, bosom of the empire of Tamerlane, the Magnificent.

Mostly deserts, and oases, Central Asia, nevertheless, is crossed by great rivers, one of them almost as long as the Mississippi. But, strangely enough, most of them just meander out and lose themselves in the burning sands.

Winters are so cold that an early Russian expedition was practically wiped out by blizzards while trying to negotiate one of the deserts. Of 10,000 camels and 7,000 men, only a thousand each came back alive.

Another expedition reported a temperature so hot in May that at 10 a. m. the thermometer registered 149 degrees Fahrenheit. At noon the thermometer exploded, ceasing to register.

Four Nations Maneuver In this hellish but historic region, four nations vie for power: Great Britain, Russia, Japan and China. For China, it simply represents a forlorn hope to gain control over territory which geographers mark as hers.

For Japan it is a far-reaching effort to outflank her traditional enemy, Russia.

For Britain the motive is India. Britain fears that if Russia should ever assert herself in that vicinity, India might be lost to the empire. Russia and again Britain and czarist Russia were on the raised edge of war over the mountain passes along India's northern frontiers.

For Russia, a foothold in Central Asia is necessary to maintain some semblance of balance between the lion and the bear.

Threat Over India Russia does not want India. Fifty years ago the czar's foreign minister at St. Petersburg remarked in his instructions to the Russian ambassador in London: "Our position in Turkestan is purely defensive, considering that we have neither the intention to menace nor any interest in menacing England in India. But it gives us a base for operations which if required can become an offensive one."

The meaning of this is clear. Great Britain has many ways of getting at Russia in Europe, while Russia can not get back at Britain. A strong position in Central Asia to some extent remedies this situation.

Chiarist Russia frankly intended that London should understand that if Britain brought too much pressure to bear on her in Europe, she, Russia, had a means of bringing counter pressure to bear against Britain in India.

There is no reason to believe that Soviet Russian policy has materially

Johnson Condemned by Mrs. Pinchot in Strike Meeting Here

General Not Enforcing NRA, Wife of Pennsylvania Governor Charges; Company Unions Are Flayed; The Times Is Praised.

Condemnation of General Hugh S. Johnson for failure to enforce NRA coupled with an attack on the company union formed the highlights of an address last night of Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of Pennsylvania's governor, at a mass meeting in the national guard armory building.

The meeting was a sympathy session sponsored by the Central Labor Union, Indiana State Federation of Labor and railroad brotherhoods on behalf of the striking workers in three Indianapolis hosiery mills.

Mrs. Pinchot termed the company union as "a tool whereby the employer may cheat the worker."

She declared the strikers at the Real Silk Hosiery mills and the other plants were protesting to obtain the right granted them by the government under NRA to bargain collectively, through representatives of their own choosing, with employers.

"Unemployment insurance and a minimum wage law for men as well as women are two kinds of legislation which are essential to the new order," Mrs. Pinchot declared.

Morrissey 'Fair,' She Says Criticizing lack of uniform enforcement of NRA, Mrs. Pinchot asserted her approval of the national recovery act, at the same time rapping its administration.

"The trouble is," she declared, "we are not getting the real NRA because General Johnson has been more interested in building dividends in Wall Street."

Mrs. Pinchot's address was broadcast. She was introduced by James Lynch, marshal, who attended the ceremonies as an escort of honor to Bishop Ritter.

A liturgical choir of 150 male voices selected from the choirs of ten local churches will assist the Schola Cantorum and the clergy choir.

Assisting at the mass will be assistant priest, the Right Rev. R. R. Noll, pastor of the St. Phillips Neri church; deacon, the Rev. Cornelius Bolser, pastor of St. John's church, Vincennes; subdeacon, the Rev. John T. O'Hare, pastor of St. Simon's church, Washington, Ind.

The assistant priest at the throne will be the Rev. Maurice O'Connor, pastor of the St. Joan of Arc church deacons of honor, the Rev. William P. Garrity, pastor of the St. Vincent's de Paul church, Bedford, and the Rev. Herman Gadage, pastor of the St. Maurice church, Greensburg; notarius, the Right Rev. Joseph E. Hamill, Ph. D., prothonotary apostolic.

The chaplains to Bishop Ritter will be the Rev. Francis Schaub, pastor of the Immaculate Conception church, Rushville, and the Rev. Charles Duffy, pastor of the Little Flower church of this city.

The Times Is Praised "You are to be congratulated on having a newspaper like The Indianapolis Times that is not afraid to speak the truth," she said.

Mrs. Pinchot left Indianapolis immediately after the meeting for Erie, Pa., where she will address radio audiences today.

Other speakers last night were William Smith, Philadelphia, general secretary of the American Federation of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers; Joe Galloway, president of the local union; John E. Smith, Indianapolis Central Labor Union president; Claude M. Baker, San Francisco, vice-president of the International Typographical Union, and Paul W. Fuller, Washington, educational director for the American Federation of Labor.

Mercury Rise Also Slated for Tomorrow. Warmer and partly cloudy weather is in store for Indianapolis tomorrow, after several days of chilly temperatures, according to the weather bureau forecast.

Temperature tomorrow is expected to be considerably higher, in comparison with the last several days.

Light frost was reported in Indianapolis and other cities of the central and northern sections of the state. While the mercury dropped below freezing in these sections, the lowest being 23 at Wheatfield, 35 was the lowest recorded here during the night.

Navy Airship Passes Phoenix PHOENIX, Ariz., April 21.—The navy airship Macon forged steadily eastward today, charting a leisurely course to Miami, Fla., where she will rejoin the United States fleet for Atlantic maneuvers.

In the Air Weather conditions at 9 a. m.: North wind, 6 miles an hour; temperature, 41; barometric pressure, 29.99 at sea level; general conditions, scattered clouds, smoky; Radio, unlimited; visibility, five miles.

Hourly Temperatures 6 a. m. 36 8 a. m. 40 7 a. m. 38 9 a. m. 42

League to Ask Showdown in Japan Stand on China

Powers Seriously Concerned by Nippon's Latest Declaration of 'Hands Off'; Action Slated for May 14.

GENEVA, April 21.—Japan's startling "hands off" Chinese declarations may be raised in what will amount to a world conference with the league of nations committee on Manchukuo meets here May 14, it was indicated today.

League of nations officials, already chagrined over the complete defeat of the league's efforts to curb activities of Japan in Manchukuo, frankly took a serious view of the latest Tokio statements.

Confronted with a new step forward in Japan's aim to assert full leadership in Eastern Asia, league officials seemed inclined to favor a showdown and to welcome a general discussion of far eastern affairs at the May 14 meeting—the first in

nearly a year of the Manchukuo committee.

From the standpoint of the league as a body, there was no doubt that a strong stand against Japan would be welcomed. But as Geneva is but the shell of the organization, and its members have their own problems in the far east, there was some speculation whether a "strong stand" could be adopted.

DILLINGER PLOT TO FREE THREE TERROR MOBSTERS BARED BY OHIO WARDEN

Significant Quotes From Bible in Letters to Pierpont, Makley and Clark Arouse Suspicions of Official.

LABOR'S BANK DEPOSITS HERE HIT \$6,599,000

Daily Figure Is Put at \$2,710,000, According to Estimates.

The American Federation of Labor carries cash deposits in Indianapolis banks of approximately \$2,710,000 daily making it one of the biggest businesses in the city, labor leaders revealed to The Times today. Bankers estimated the total of all deposits daily as \$123,360,000.

The amount of annual banking business done by four affiliates of the federation totals more than \$6,599,000. This huge sum is accumulated at the national headquarters here of the International Typographical Union, the Barbers' International Union, and the United Mine Workers, all of which are members of the A. F. of L.

The Journeymen Stone Cutters' Association and the International Carpenters' Union both are also located here and clear all their business through the local banks, but figures on the amount of their deposits were not available.

The following table shows how organized labor's deposits are distributed:

	Approx. Annual	Approx. Daily
Typographical Union	\$2,225,000	\$600,000
Barbers	2,000,000	550,000
Mine Workers	2,040,000	570,000
Barbers	334,000	90,000
Total	\$6,599,000	\$2,710,000

Labor leaders added that these sums did not represent the amount of money expended by the unions in Indianapolis for rent; pay roll and other incidental expenses.

They pointed out that the unions borrow little from the banks so that these deposits represent extremely liquid assets available as credit to build up and finance local industries.

The leaders expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the service which they were receiving from the banks of the city, which, they said, probably holds the largest pool of flower capital in the United States.

ROTARIANS TO HEAR GARDEN CLUB HEAD Mrs. Perry O'Neal Will Speak on Plan for Community Plots.

Mrs. Perry O'Neal, Marion county chairman for the Indiana state relief commission, will discuss at the Rotary Club luncheon Tuesday the plan to have Indianapolis "ten thousand garden plots" this year. Mrs. O'Neal had charge of the community gardens last year. She is president of the Indianapolis Garden Club.

DOUMERGUE TAKES AIR TO REQUEST SUPPORT Premier's Appeal Follows Radical Riot; 940 Arrested.

PARIS, April 21.—Premier Gaston Doumergue planned a radio address to the nation tonight, asking support of his economy plans in face of turbulent sentiment.

Fifty persons were injured last night in riots of Communists and Socialists, who tried to storm the city hall in a demonstration celebrating their new union. Nine hundred forty were arrested.

Block's Honor Worker Department Manager Completes Twentieth Year With Firm.

Samuel Pritz, veteran department manager of the William H. Block Company, was presented with a floral basket by the company in observance of his twentieth anniversary with the store this week.

CITY CHEMIST HONORED Former Shortridge Student to Join Yale Faculty.

Appointment of Robert A. Cavanaugh, Indianapolis, as assistant in chemistry at Yale university, was announced today. Mr. Cavanaugh will take up his new duties in September, following his graduation from Indiana university in June. He is a graduate of Shortridge high school.

SHOOTING VICTIM DIES Negro Shot in Dice Game Brings 34 Homicides to 16.

Charles Brown, Negro, 32, of 1423 Barrow avenue, who died last night at the city hospital of gunshot wounds, was the sixteenth homicide in Indianapolis in 1934.

Brown was shot in a dice game near his home. Police are seeking another Negro in connection with the slaying.

NATURE CLUB TO MEET Butler Professor Will Speak Before State Organization.

Professor William Clute of Butler university will speak at a meeting of the Nature Club of Indiana at Cropsey hall, Saturday at 7:45 p. m. His subject will be "Plant Families and How to Recognize Them."



John F. Curry

NEW SHAKEUP IS THREATENED

Leaders May Follow Curry; Al Smith Mentioned for Chief.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Some of the Tammany chieftains who combined to oust John F. Curry as leader of the hall, will have to fight strenuously to avoid being ousted themselves, the United Press learned today while the revamped wigwam looked anxiously toward Washington and Albany, wondering if cleansing at the top wouldn't qualify it for just a little bit of patronage.

The head-strong Curry, unconcerned with fighting to the last, hardly was deprived of his powers before influential Democrats were talking of a complete reform of the hall from "top to bottom."

A list of district leaders marked for "elimination" was discussed by some. This list included William F. Kennedy, leader of the insurgents who scalped Mr. Curry.

Those close to the hall were quick to admit that Mr. Curry's removal as leader was in no sense a reform. It was described rather as a matter of expediency by which Tammany hoped to win itself back into the good graces of Postmaster-General James A. Farley, dispenser of federal patronage, and Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

Some talked of a "great cleansing" that would result in some leader of unquestionable integrity, such as former Governor Alfred E. Smith, being placed in command.

Candidates Urged to Report at Employment Office. Civilian conservation corps camps in Indiana need fifteen experienced cooks. So immediate is the demand that the 25-year age limit has been relaxed and candidates may be married.

Applicants should report at once to the Indiana state employment office, 310 North Meridian street. Examination will be held May 9 in the federal building.

Jury to View Crime Scene DEDHAM, Mass., April 21.—A view of the scene of the crime will be taken Monday by the jury completed yesterday to decide the fate of the Faber-Millen trio of alleged killer-bandits. There was no court session today.

Fire Causes \$800 Damage Fire caused by a defective flue, yesterday afternoon caused damage estimated at \$800 to a house at 322-24 East Twenty-third street, occupied by J. Potter.

U. S. Ready to Send Gold Abroad to Steady Dollar Administration Determined to Prevent Currency From Falling Under Par After Paris Decline.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Authoritative sources today described the administration as determined for the present to prevent the American dollar from falling below its gold parity even though it may become necessary to permit gold exports to Europe.

Recently the American dollar has shown weakness abroad. Yesterday in Paris it fell below its new gold parity of 15.5-21 grains of gold. This raised the prospect of early support of the dollar, either directly or indirectly by the United States government, should the decline continue.

The federal government was understood to have made no change in its policy announced last January by Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau that it will sell gold at \$35 per ounce for export to foreign

Underlined Scriptural Pamphlets Hint Effort Will Be Made to Release Trio of Outlaw's Pals.

Federal postal inspectors today were tracing letters containing significant quotes from the Bible which Warden Preston E. Thomas of Ohio state penitentiary regarded as part of a plot by John Dillinger to free his henchmen, Harry Pierpont, Charles Makley and Russell Clark.

Admitting that he had frustrated what he considered a plot by the nation's arch-bandit to free Pierpont and Makley, awaiting execution Friday, July 13, and Russell Clark, serving a life sentence for the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber at Lima, O., Warden Preston said that postal inspectors also were tracing a threatening letter received by Governor White a few days ago.

In the letter addressed to the Governor, the sender stated that the official never would finish his term of office, if he did not pardon the gangsters.

In the letter containing the Bible quotes, which the warden regarded as suspicious and withheld from the prisoners, certain passages of St. John's Gospel were underlined. The letter, it was learned, was received a week ago, and was withheld from publication when an extraordinarily heavy guard was posted about the prison.

A second communication containing a Biblical pamphlet also was underlined and contained this marked quotation which the warden regarded as significant: "Have no fear. Jesus has come once. He will come again."

Chapter Is Marked The scriptural pamphlet, badly thumbed, had a page dog-eared and a chapter marked with a parenthesis in blue ink.

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

In the same passage, but not underlined, was the following quotation from the same passage in the Bible: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there shall ye be also. And whither I go, ye know and the way ye know."

Warden Thomas today denied a report that Russell Clark had been taken from the Columbus prison to another penal institution because of threats.

Denies Starting Petition "If Dillinger wanted to free these men, it's not likely he'd broadcast it," said the warden.

While the revelations of the suspicious Bible letters were being made at Columbus, Donald Roe, Mooreville, a clerk in an Indianapolis bank, vehemently was denying that he had anything to do with the circulation of a petition to Governor Paul V. McNutt to grant a conditional pardon to Dillinger.

Roe scoffed at the stories that the petition was being circulated in cities and towns other than Mooreville. He stated that he merely was a signer of the document and when he last saw the petition several weeks ago, it bore about fifty names.

In New York, Governor Paul V. McNutt declined to comment on the petition and said he would withhold any remarks on the amazing document until he returns to Indianapolis tomorrow.

MIDSHIPMEN PLAN TRIP City Boy Wins Right to Take Finals, May 25-26.

Hubert Hawkins, 6115 West Washington street, today was announced as winner of District 8 in the first examination for the \$500 scholarship award offered by the Fire-Insurance Company.

A total of 587 boys took the examination. Winners of the ten districts will compete in Indianapolis, May 25 and 26, at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Burglar Gets \$135 Banjo Henry Stenger, 414 Arlington avenue, reported the theft last night from his home of \$10 in cash, a \$135 banjo, and a diamond-studded Rotary Club pin worth \$50.

FORE! Shooting Part, that breezy golf column written by Dick Miller, makes its 1934 debut today on the sports page. It looks like a real season for the golfers and Miller is on hand to talk over the situation in his daily column. Start reading Shooting Part today.

RACE TRACK Selections

BY TOM NOONE

(Base Results on Page 11)

NOONE'S SELECTIONS FOR TODAY

Day's Best—Chrysmute.
Best Longshot—Drole Polly.
Best Parlay—Strideaway and Bright Beauty.

At Arlington Downs—

One Best—Hildur Prince
1. Phildia, Hardatt, Old Nick.
2. Nell Kuhlman, Onside, So-phist.
3. Drole Polly, Just High, Lam-porte.
4. Burning Up, Open Heart, Re-paid.
5. Strideaway, Clarify, Sarada.
6. Riskulus, Indian Slave, Kieve.
7. Winged Wind, Backward Never, Tempo.
8. Hildur Prince, Representative, Prince Tokalon.

At Havre De Grace—

One Best—Chrysmute
1. King's Pleasure, Arbitrary, Dasher.
2. Drombo, Hack H., Fred Almy.
3. St. Nick, Hastipat, Dornoch.
4. Chrysmute, Sainted, Erebos.
5. Equipoise, Labrot Entry, Gay World.
6. Bright Beauty, Syrac, Fabius.
7. Sun Shadow, Dark Fey, Man-nerism.