

CHINA NEEDS FOREIGN AID, SAYS COUNCILLOR; DENIES MILITARISM

(By Associated Press)
PEKING, Dec. 30.—Charges which have been circulated in some foreign countries that China has become a militaristic nation are denied by Dr. Philip Tyau, councillor of the foreign office, in a statement he has just issued.

"What China today is suffering from is not militarism properly so-called but an over-weight of provincial military organization in relation to the general "administration", said the councillor.

"China, according to independent investigation made by several departments during the last few months, has almost precisely the same population as Europe—440,000,000—at least seven times the population of Germany. If to the field force permitted to Germany by the Versailles treaty are added the men in the safety police and civic guard, and that total is multiplied by seven, it will be found that the ratio in China is inferior to the ratio in an admittedly disarmed Germany. In field troops and provincial patrols, China has 1,500,000.

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"That their present organization and their dependence on military governors must be changed is granted. But until a decision can be properly registered regarding the separation of civil and military power and until the degree of provincial autonomy compatible with the sovereignty of the republic has been settled by parliament and the government, it would be inviting disturbances to attempt change.

"The greatest enemy today is not militarism or provincial militancy but the low standard of living among the mass of the population and the luxury which modern essentials such as railways and roads represent because of their immense first cost in comparative terms. The narrow margin between existence and starvation is so easily wiped out in China's dense population that when to this problem is added the problem of taxation the work of the government presents insurmountable difficulties.

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REP. RICHARD ELLIOTT SPEAKS TO SOLDIERS

Representative Richard N. Elliott gave a brief talk at the Christmas party given for service men stationed at the Fayette Memorial hospital at Connerville.

The party was held in the sun parlor of the hospital. A splendid tree, richly decorated and brightly lighted, radiated Christmas cheer and good fellowship. Representative Elliott spoke to the boys on "The Spirit of Christmas." Following his talk he presented the gifts. Cigars, fruit, home-made candy and many other gifts revealed to the disabled men that they were not forgotten by their buddies.

The Connerville post was assisted in its preparations for the party by the War Mothers, Elks lodge, Knights of Columbus, the hospital superintendent, the nurses, and a number of individuals.

Boys of the Reginald Fisher post are said to be well pleased with the interest Mr. Elliott has taken in their welfare.

Wounded veterans, in whose honor the party was given, were: Louis Langlade, Field Artillery Replacement Reserve; Joe Hilbert, 201 Wagon company; Rhubarb Wolfenbarger, Machine Gun Battalion, 30th Division; Stanley Senefeld, 167th Infantry, 42nd Division.

Indiana Brevities

ANDERSON—Alleged operation of "blind tigers," bootlegging, gambling resorts and houses of ill repute in Anderson is to be investigated by Judge Kittinger of the circuit court, according to an announcement by Judge Kittinger. He said he wanted people to quit their whispering and come out in the open. A list of Andersonians who have been talking loudly about the reputed failure of officers and courts to do their duty is being prepared for submission to the grand jury which will be called into session Jan. 12.

LOGANSFORT—Approximately 50 cases of whooping cough have been reported here within the past few days. Schools have been closed to prevent the spread of the epidemic and health authorities are considering the advisability of preventing public meetings.

HAMMOND—Poison, believed to have been caused from condensed milk served at the restaurant of the Western Steel Car and Foundry company at Hegewisch, Ill., resulted in the serious illness of three girls who ate their dinner at the plant restaurant. They are Miss Della Kosieinak, 13, Towle street, Hammond; Miss Mary Moore, Hegewisch; Miss Louise Kruis, Hegewisch. Only those that used condensed milk in their coffee were poisoned, it was said.

LOGANSFORT—A quantity of tincture of iodine was taken by mistake by Mrs. Henry Hancock, Toledo street. Little hope is held by physicians for her recovery.

ANDERSON—Heavy property loss was sustained when a freight wreck occurred on the Michigan division of the Big Four here. A north-bound freight train split a switch near the Third street crossing in this city and ten cars were derailed. Two cars of coal and four cars of merchandise were overturned. Several hundred feet of track was torn up.

HIGHEST POWERED VESSEL OF U. S. NAVY IS LAUNCHED

The highest powered ship ever built for the U. S. navy, the scout cruiser Omaha, is being rushed to completion. It was launched recently at Tacoma, Wash. It is also the first scout cruiser built for the navy since 1907. Miss Louise Bushnell White of Omaha christened the cruiser. She is a direct descendant of Commodore David Bushnell of revolutionary war fame, who is credited with inventing the first submarine warships built for the United States navy.

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Employees of Penitentiary Retire After 50 Years
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PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—A half century as employees at the Western penitentiary, here, will be rounded out Friday by W. S. Bayne and J. I. Mitchell when they retire on pensions.

Bayne and Mitchell entered the prison as "keepers" fifty years ago and they have devoted the prime portions of their lives looking after "lifers" and other felons within the barred confines of the institution.

Bayne was 17 years of age when he accepted a position in the penitentiary, then located at West Park.

In 1915, Mitchell could have retired on pension and members of his family urged that course but the veteran prison guard refused and he remained on duty.

Miss Mary Bertsch, dietician also is preparing the culinary department for the renewed onslaughts of the hungry youths and maidens. About 150 bushels of spuds which have been cached in one of the fields have been removed to the cellar. A new cement floor was to have been put in the newly erected laundry building but at present it is doubtful whether this will be accomplished by the time school commences.

EXPLOSION AT TOLEDO
TOLEDO, Dec. 30.—Fire caused by the explosion of a transformer in the boiler room of the Yaryan Max heating company plant in the western residence section of the city early this morning caused damage estimated by company officials at \$150,000, and threatened a number of dwellings in the vicinity.

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