

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 T'au, 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 overweight 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.

Must Make Changes
"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 incredible difficulties.

Credit Aids in West
In western countries well-articulated credit systems serve to disperse post-war problems perhaps greater than China's but in this country they present themselves in all nakedness which renders evasion or postponement impossible.

"China needs foreign help but it must be help justly given. She pins her faith to the League of Nations and to a dispassionate, non-partisan settlement of her issues abroad, because too often in the past it has been shown that what is desired of her at home is not negotiation but surrender. International generosity will find a swifter reward here than elsewhere."

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 Connersville.

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 Connersville 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 Lenglade, Field Artillery Replacement Reserve, Joe Hilbert, 301 Wagon company; Rhubert 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.

LOGANSPOUT—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.

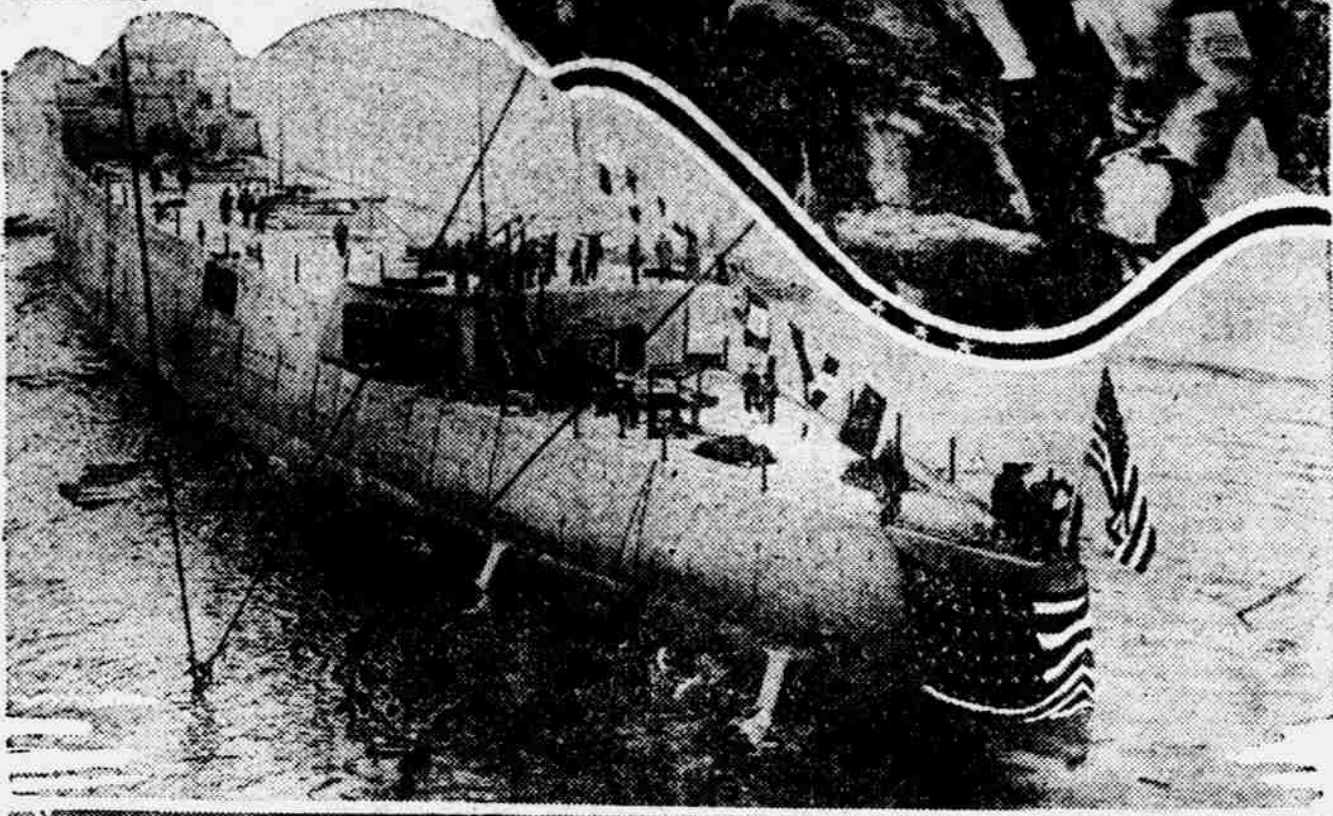
HAMMOND—Poison, believed to have been caused from condensed milk served at the restaurant of the Western Steel Car and Foundry company at Hegewisch, Ill., resulted in the serious illness of three girls who ate their dinner at the plant restaurant. They are Miss Della Kosciuszko, 134 Towle street, Hammond; Miss Mary Moore, Hegewisch; Miss Louise Krui, Hegewisch. Others had mild cases of illness. Only those that used condensed milk in their coffee were poisoned, it was said.

LOGANSPOUT—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.



The "Omaha" after the launching, and Miss Louise Bushnell White, who sponsored the new cruiser.

INVESTIGATE DEATH OF MARCUS M'MAHAN

Coroner Edward Cook, of Hamilton, is investigating the mysterious death of Marcus McMahan, 50 years old, father of Mrs. Mary Albrecht, of Richmond and Miss Nellie McMahan, of Monticello.

McMahan, who was employed at the Niles Tool Works, was found lying unconscious in the center of North Second street, between Buckeye and Heaton streets, by Elmer Woodruff and William Morris, who notified the police.

McMahan was removed to Mercy hospital, and from the first indications had been the victim of a hold-up and assault; but further investigations seemed to indicate that he had been struck by an automobile, inasmuch as he had three broken ribs, a broken nose, a broken left arm, numerous cuts and bruises about the head and body. He died in Mercy hospital three hours later.

McMahan had been living with his sister, Mrs. Simeon E. Fox until three weeks ago, when he took a room at the home of Joseph Flynn, 327 Heaton street, to be nearer to his work.

He is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Amelia McMahan, and two brothers, William and Richard McMahan, of Middletown; the daughters in

Richmond Monticello and a daughter in Hamilton, Miss Irene McMahan, a nurse in Mercy hospital, and two sisters, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. James E. Clark, of Hamilton.

Employees of Penitentiary Retire After 50 Years

(By Associated Press)
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.

EXPLOSION AT TOLEDO

TOLEDO, Dec. 30.—Fire caused by the explosion of a transformer in the boiler room of the Yarnan 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.

EARLHAM BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLEANED

Buildings of Earlham college are undergoing a thorough cleaning during the Christmas vacation under the supervision of Oakley DeBeck, superintendent of buildings and grounds. The cleaning is done systematically, the squad of workers taking one building at a time and giving it the "third degree" from basement to garret.

Some repairing and remodeling also is being done during the absence of the students. One of the cloak rooms in Lindsey Hall is being converted into a store room for the book store which has been in need of extra space for some time. The Earlham book store now carries a complete line of all the books and various articles required by the students and considerable space is needed for their storage.

Miss Mary Bertsch, dietitian 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.

Ministers at Oxford Arrange For Week Of Prayer, Jan. 2-7

OXFORD, O., Dec. 30.—Leroy Wright young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wright, suffered a fractured wrist yesterday while attempting to crank an automobile.

Week of Prayer.
Local ministers of the three Protestant churches are arranging for the observation of the week of prayer, Jan. 2-7. Union services will be held the first two nights in the Presbyterian church, the next two in the United Presbyterian, the last two in the Methodist Episcopal. Rev. S. R. Jamieson, Dr. George E. Jackson and Rev. Charles E. Turley will be assisted in these services by Dr. O. T. Corson, former state school commissioner; Dr. Thomas L. Harris of Miami university, and Dr. W. W. Boyd, president of the Western College.

Elect Directors.
The stockholders of the Oxford Loan and Building association will meet Monday evening to elect four directors. The retiring members of the board are: D. P. Beaton, B. Ringold, John H. Hays and William Timberman.

RAIL ORGANIZATION OF SPAIN CRITICIZED

(By Associated Press)
MADRID, Dec. 30.—Criticism of the bad organization of railroads throughout Spain is voiced by the newspaper Correspondencia De Espana, which says conditions are most unsatisfactory in most parts of the country. The newspaper cites the fact that 400 car loads of potatoes are now lying at the village of Membrillera near Madrid while the capital is suffering from a great shortage of potatoes. Similar conditions are declared to exist all over Spain, where railroad transportation virtually has been suspended.

INDIANAPOLIS MEN GO TO HISTORICAL MEETING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Ex-Senator Albert J. Beveridge, C. B. Coleman and E. H. Kemper McComb of Indianapolis, are in Washington attending the meetings of the American Historical association, now being held here. Senator Beveridge greeted many old friends here and visited the Capitol, but his sole mission here is said to be the meeting of the historical association.

ARMY OFFICER TO FIGHT COMPULSORY RETIREMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Col. John W. French, who rose from a private and who served in France, filed suit for an injunction in the District Supreme court today to prevent Secretary Baker from eliminating him from the army by discharge or retirement as recommended by a classification board. Justice Hitz cited Secretary Baker to show cause Jan. 21 why the injunction should not be granted.

SPEAKERS FROM INDIANA ARE TO SPEAK AT MEETING OF ALUMNI HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

Dr. B. D. Myers, head of the Indiana University School of Medicine at Bloomington, and a representative of Purdue University will be among the speakers at the meeting of alumni of the state educational institutions at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Knights of Pythias Building. Richmond alumni of the schools will also be on the program and the speakers will urge and point out the necessity for more public support of Indiana and Purdue universities and the State Normal.

Indiana ranks twenty-sixth in the states in her contribution to state-supported universities and normal schools, although it is twelfth in wealth. The three state educational institutions are asking a seven cent levy effective in July, 1922. This will enable the schools to begin their program in the better schools movement. Insufficient funds during the past five years has caused the schools to curtail improvements needed to keep pace with the progress in education.

Leave Native State.

State-supported universities in surrounding states have met the educational crisis as the citizens of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ohio have increased the appropriations to these universities. As a result 1,068 Indiana young men and women left their native state last year to obtain their education in the state universities of these five surrounding states. From these five states Indiana University received by 32 students while Purdue with its nationally famed technical and agricultural courses received but 193 men and women from these five states.

Class rooms and equipment are needed at the three state institutions. During the past five years enrollment has increased by leaps and bounds, while no new class rooms have been obtained. Crowded conditions prevail at all the institutions and only new class rooms will alleviate this situation.

Funds for the purchase of scientific and research equipment is needed by the institutions to keep pace with developments in science and enable the students to obtain the best instruction possible.

When the surrounding states met the educational crisis with more liberal public support the universities drew away the best men from the faculties of Purdue and Indiana universities and the State Normal because they were able to pay much higher salaries than the Hoosier institutions could pay. As a result the faculties of Purdue Indiana and the State Normal have been depleted and must be recruited again.

Denver Harlan, president of the Indiana University alumni association in Wayne county, and Harold Mueller, president of the Purdue alumni association in Wayne county, are in charge of tonight's program. Other members of the committee include Dr. S. E. Smith, a trustee of Indiana university; Dr. L. F. Ross and Lee Dykeman, who is a Purdue alumnus. The committee has invited State Senator Walter McConaha and Representatives James N. Knapp and Oliver Lafuze to attend the meeting. The meeting is open and persons interested in the educational movement are urged to attend.

Mrs. Jacob Shank Is Recovering From Injuries

PHILOMATH, Ind., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Jacob Shank is recovering from painful injuries received last Saturday afternoon when she was struck by a backing automobile. Both bones in Mrs. Shank's right leg were broken below the knee. Mrs. Shank was talking to a neighbor and started to walk around an automobile. The driver, unaware of her presence, backed his car and struck Mrs. Shank, knocking her down.

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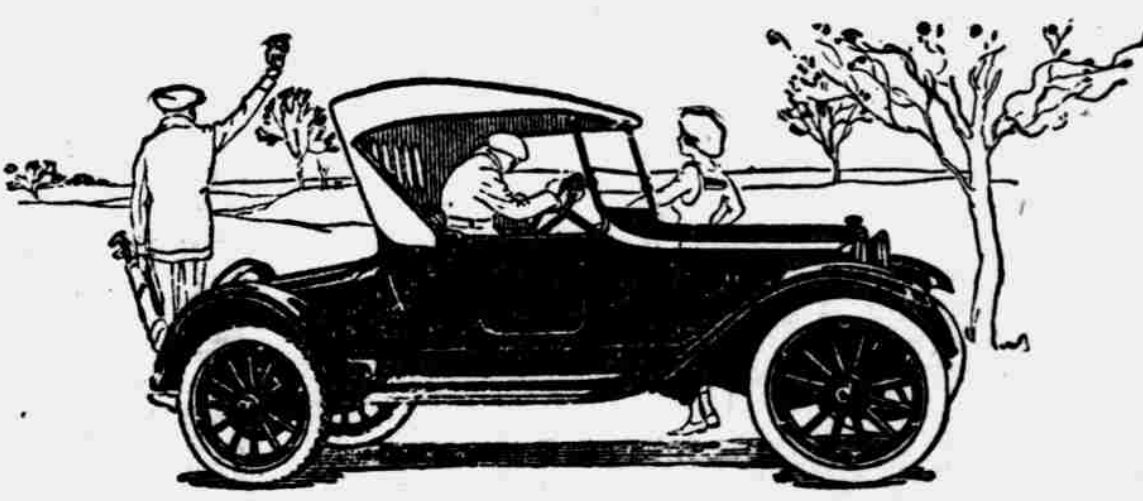
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