

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Washington Bicentennial Opened by President Hoover—Stimson's Stern Warning to Japan—Chinese Pushed Back in Terrific Battle.

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EVERY city, town and hamlet in the United States and most of the capitals of the world paid tribute to the character and achievements of George Washington on Monday, the two hundredth anniversary of his birth. The celebrations, fostered by Congressman Sol Bloom's commission, will continue in this country through most of the year in one form or another. Officially, the bicentennial doings were opened in Washington when President Hoover delivered an address before a joint session of congress which was attended by all high officials of the government, the members of the Supreme court and the diplomatic corps.

President Hoover

Standing before the brilliant gathering, Mr. Hoover called on the American people to rededicate themselves to those principles befitting a free people of which Washington was a living exponent. "We have need again," he said, "to bring forth the picture of the glories and the valor of Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill, the suffering and fortitude of Valley Forge, the victory of Yorktown. We have need to revive the meaning and the sneer moral courage of the Declaration of Independence, the struggles of the continental congress, the forming of the Constitution."

No part of these great events, the President reminded those who packed the galleries, "can be separated from the name and the dominant leadership of George Washington."

There were many other ceremonies in and near Washington. The President laid a wreath on Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon; the Richmond Light Infantry Blues and the Richmond Grays marched in a colorful parade through Alexandria; the National Education association in convention were addressed by Mr. Hoover; and in the evening there was a grand colonial ball in Washington and a "birth-night ball" at Gadsby's tavern in Alexandria duplicating as far as possible the last birth-night ball Washington attended there, in 1793.

THROUGH the medium of a letter to Senator Borah, Secretary of State Stimson served notice on Japan and the world at large that the United States still stands by the open door policy enunciated by John Hay in 1899, recognized by the Washington conference of 1921-22 and implicit in the nine-power treaty and other agreements concerning the Pacific. These facts he declared to be interdependent, and the maintenance of the integrity of China necessary for the welfare not only of China but of the whole world. In effect Mr. Stimson's statement is a threat by the administration that the United States will abrogate the Washington treaty limiting the capital ship strength of the naval powers and restricting American defenses in the western Pacific if Japan persists in disregarding the nine-power treaty guaranteeing the territorial integrity of China. He said if the Pacific treaties had been faithfully observed such a situation as now exists could not have arisen.

COACHED by skillful German soldiers, the Chinese troops in the Shanghai battle area successfully withstood a terrific attack by the Japanese that lasted three days and cost uncounted lives. The invaders shelled the positions held by the Chinese along the line to the Woosung forts almost continuously and repeated attempts to advance the infantry were made, but at the close of the operations the Chinese, badly battered, were still there. Two days later the Japanese airmen made a furious attack on Kiangwan, showering down huge bombs on the defenders; and then the troops again attempted to rush the Chinese positions, without any success. Reinforcements were called for and the Tokyo government, which had just won a victory in the elections, decided to send two more army divisions, and a full general to supersede Lieut. Gen. Kenkichi Ueyeda.

The Chinese government, encouraged and determined to resist to the

last, was hurrying more troops to Shanghai and the energetic T. V. Soong was making marked progress in his great task of raising money to keep up the fight. Large contributions were received not only from all parts of China but from Chinese in many other lands.

As the week neared the close the Japanese, enraged by the resistance they had met, launched a new offensive that was reported to be driving the Chinese back in disorder. This was the bloodiest battle so far in the Shanghai conflict. Japanese planes dropped cans of gasoline on Kiangwan and Miaohungchen, bombs ignited the explosive and conflagrations resulted.

JAPAN'S reply to the latest admonition of the League of Nations council was received in Geneva and was found to be a stiffly worded and resentful retort. The Japanese government, it said, could not understand why the appeal of the twelve powers was made to Japan, instead of to China, the real aggressor. The league pact, it added, does not exclude self-defense, nor does it leave China free to attack everybody in sight. Tokyo told the league that its observations are "obscure" and "superfluous" for Japan entertains no territorial or political ambitions in China. Japan, said the note, cannot consider China as an "organized people" in the sense used by the league covenant, and declares it is impossible to treat the chaos in China as if it were order. Altogether, the reply from Tokyo was little less than a slap in the face for the league council.

ONE seeming result of the war in the Orient was the approval by the senate naval affairs committee of the Hale bill authorizing the expenditure of \$775,000,000 for the building of our navy up to tonnage parity with Great Britain and to the treaty ratio with Japan. Reversing its attitude of several weeks ago, the committee voted unanimously to report the measure to the senate with a recommendation that it be passed at once. A similar bill is still stuck in the house naval affairs committee.

BEFORE getting too far away from China, the latest developments in Manchuria must be recorded. With the assistance of friendly Chinese, including General Ma, who formerly fought them, the Japanese have carried out their plan to make Manchuria a state independent of China. They created a new state of Ankuo—which means "land of peace"—and it was announced that it would be ruled by Henry Pu-Yi, the young man who for a time was the "boy emperor" of China. Changchun was selected as the capital of Ankuo and public buildings there were being prepared for Henry's installation which was set for March 1. It was believed he would be declared president or dictator for life. Of course the government of Ankuo will be quite subservient to Japan.

This new state will not be permitted to exist unchallenged, however. Already rebellious forces have been collected and are reported to be moving against Hsi Hsia, governor of Kirin province, and one of the leaders who organized Ankuo. Their attack was directed primarily at Imlempo, 90 miles from Harbin.

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FRANCE'S new premier is Andre Tardieu, and his ministry and policies have been promptly given a vote of confidence by parliament. Tardieu will make no change in the French disarmament and reparations policies, he told the deputies. The government, he said, will participate in negotiations with a view to adjusting the reparations schedule, but it will not permit repudiation of existing agreements. In the field of disarmament the new ministry agrees with the last that security is a prerequisite to reduction of arms.

One change made by Tardieu, however, was the subject of hot debate. He has united the army, navy and aviation ministries into a single ministry of defense, the portfolio being given to Francois Pietri. The premier defended the plan warmly, pointing out that the unified ministry gave France a tremendous advantage over other countries in discussing any scheme of

disarmament and would enable the nation to make drastic cuts, both budgetary and direct, in certain branches of armament without sacrificing defensive strength.

GOV. WILLIAM H. MURRAY of Oklahoma is now a full-fledged candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Calling the newspaper men to the executive mansion in Oklahoma City, "Alfalfa Bill" handed out a statement to that effect. In it he declared he would "make no trades, form no combination nor compromise on any principle" for delegates or for the nomination. "If successful my hands will be free of baneful influences," Gov. Murray he said. "I feel reasonably certain of the election if nominated."



Gov. Murray

Thereupon this spectacular gentleman departed for Indiana where he made a number of addresses calculated to further his ambition.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana wrote to Governor Murray asking his opinion of the senator's bill to establish a bimetallic currency, and the governor's reply shows he thinks as did William Jennings Bryan.

SPEAKER GARNER'S plan for an economy committee to survey the possibilities of a reorganization of the government and reduction of federal expenditures was accepted by the house, the resolution being adopted by a surprisingly large bipartisan majority. The committee, which is to report by April 15, was named and began its work by asking President Hoover for his detailed views on reorganization and economies.

Drafting of the revenue bill increasing taxes to meet the deficit was started by the house ways and means committee. The measure will include a manufactures sales tax that is expected to bring in \$900,000,000. Secretary of the Treasury Mills told the committee that he didn't wholly approve of this feature but that the treasury would prepare a workable plan for assessment and collection of such an impost. It is proposed to apply the tax at the point of final processing before the article goes to the wholesaler. The same tax is to be levied on imported articles in addition to the tariff.

Representative Beck of Pennsylvania made an eloquent appeal to the house to refuse the appropriation of \$11,369,500 asked by the appropriation committee for the enforcement of prohibition during the fiscal year 1933. The house applauded him generously and then voted to sustain the appropriation.

EAMON DE VALERA'S flanna fall party won the elections in Ireland and he is almost certain to be the next president of the Free State. With seven districts yet to elect, he and his labor allies have 77 seats in the new dail eirann, to 68 for the government party and its independent supporters. President Cosgrave said he and his party had decided to go into opposition and not to seek any alliance to keep the flanna fall out of power.



Eamon de Valera

The Irish Labor party, according to its leader, Thomas Johnson, will go along with De Valera in his program of economic reconstruction, but it stands by the treaty with England, and if De Valera tries to abrogate this, the Laborites will turn his party out of office. They can do this, holding the balance of power.

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GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT of New York took the bull by the horns defied Tammany and ousted from office Sheriff Thomas D. Farley of New York city. The governor said he was not satisfied with Farley's explanation of his income as revealed by the legislative investigation committee.

Farley has said he would give his support to Roosevelt's candidacy for the Presidential nomination, regard less of what action the governor might take in his case. Politicians did not agree on the possible effect of the governor's action.

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G. W. BICENTENNIAL OPENED BY HOOVER

President Addresses Joint Session of Congress.

Washington. — George Washington contributed more than any other one man to founding one of the few human institutions that has endured from the days of the tallow dip to the incandescent light era. President Hoover said in addressing a joint session of congress.

The President formally inaugurated the bicentennial celebration of Washington's birth. The observance is to continue nine months.

Mr. Hoover, while paying high tribute to "the father of his country," declared that Washington needed no canonization and made it clear that he did not sympathize with efforts of those who "undertake the irrational humanizing of Washington."

In commenting on the situation today, 200 years after the birth of Washington, the President, in the presence of the justices of the Supreme court, of members of congress and of the diplomatic corps, said:

"Proudly we report to our forefathers that the Republic is more secure, more constant, more powerful, more truly great than at any other time in its history."

"What we have need of today in this celebration," said Mr. Hoover, "is to renew in our people the inspiration that comes from George Washington as a founder of human liberty, as the father of a system of government, as the builder of a system of life."

Washington, which was named for him; Alexandria, which knew him as a neighbor; Mount Vernon, where he lived, and now lies buried, were the triple shrines for people from all parts of the country who came to honor George Washington on the two hundredth anniversary of his birth.

The President of the United States laid a wreath on the first President's ivy-grown tomb on the banks of the Potomac. The famous Richmond Light Infantry Blues and the famous Richmond Grays marched in a parade of memories down the streets of Alexandria. And in the capital more than 75,000 visitors came to attend the opening of the bicentennial.

In the evening many ladies in lace gowns were bowing low at Gadsby's tavern in Alexandria, where the "birth-night ball" duplicated as far as possible the last birth-night ball Washington attended there, in 1793.

Back in Washington, too, dancing closed the birthday. Frags' costumes from grandmother's trunk, fresh costumes from a clever dressmaker, mingled together as it suddenly grew fashionable to be white haired, and statesmen put on brocaded breeches to do their bit for the bicentennial.

News dispatches told of celebrations of the day in every American city and in the capitals and the cities of nearly every nation on the globe.

Valley Forge, Pa.—Gen. John J. Pershing, on the historic camp ground of Gen. George Washington and his continentals, paid tribute to the first President as "the ideal American citizen."

To 9,000 Boy Scouts and more than that number of other persons at the Washington Memorial chapel, the general also extolled the military genius of Washington by describing him as "the great commander."

Outlaw Moros Run Amuck, Killing Ten With Knives

Manila, P. I.—Running amuck with native knives, outlaw Moros killed ten men, including Soliman Penita, vice president of Manila, in the province of Davao, the Philippine constabulary was advised.

The Moro outlaws fled from Malita into the mountains pursued by 22 constabulary men.

Father of "Train Baby" Seized on Robbery Charge

Gait, Ont.—The father of a child born on a train as it traveled through Nevada was held on a bank robbery charge. He is Harry G. Blundell. Mrs. Blundell became a mother as she and her husband were traveling eastward from the Pacific coast. When he stepped from the train here, Blundell was arrested.

Harvard Lecturer Gives 11,000 Art Objects Away

Boston.—Dr. Denman W. Ross, lecturer at Harvard university on the theory of design, has given a total of 11,000 art objects to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He has specialized in collecting textiles, having gathered some 4,000 from Europe, the Orient and America.

Murder and Suicide
San Francisco.—In an argument over \$21 Karl Kassow shot and killed John Evans, manager of a "social club," and committed suicide.

Neal's Mother Has Right Idea



Within a few months there will be no more feverish, bilious, headachy, constipated, pale and puny children. That prophecy would surely come true if every mother could see for herself how quickly, easily, and harmlessly the bowels of babies and children are cleansed, regulated, given tone and strength by a product which has proved its merit and reliability to do what is claimed for it to millions of mothers in over fifty years of steadily increasing use.

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