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JAPS INFLICT HEAVY CASUALTIES ON CHINESE

French Cabinet Defeated

PREMIER LAVAL IS DEFEATED BY VOTE OF FRENCH SENATE

Vote of Confidence Regarding Deferring Debate on Government Policy Unfavorable

RESIGNATIONS ARE ALREADY ACCEPTED

Effort To Defer Debate On Policy of Government Pending Outcome Of Geneva Meeting Responsible

Geneva, Feb. 16.—(AP)—News of the defeat of the French government burst upon the disarmament conference today with startling effect.

Andre Tardieu, French minister of war and head of the French delegation, prepared to leave for Paris immediately and it was thought that other members of the delegation would follow him.

Paris, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Defeated by 23 votes in the Senate this afternoon Premier Laval and all the members of his cabinet presented their resignations to President Doumer.

The vote was on the premier's request to defer debate on the government general policy until February 19 because of the importance of the negotiations now going on.

HARWOOD HEARING HELD IN RALEIGH

Superior Court Judge Waives Preliminary Hearing In Police Court

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Judge John H. Harwood waived preliminary hearing in police court here this morning on charges of tampering with records of the state touching on civil and criminal actions against his daughter Miss Lola Harwood, of Bryson City.

The jurist was bound over to court under \$1,000 bond, the same as was required when he was arrested here Saturday.

Tomorrow the criminal case of the state against Miss Harwood is scheduled to be held in Wake Superior Court. She was alleged to have been short some \$4,828 in her accounts, a portion she resigned a year ago.

Willis Smith, of counsel for Miss Harwood, said the case will be fought out on its merits.

COUNTIES PAY UP STATE OBLIGATIONS

Fifty Counties Have Paid Large Amount Of Money Due To State

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Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The 50 counties that owed the State Treasury more than \$700,000 on January 1 in back payments on interest and principal to the State Literary Fund, from which they had borrowed this money, paid more than \$550,000 of this amount before February 10, figures released today by State Treasurer John P. Stedman, show.

On February 10 about 40 counties had paid the amounts they owed in full and most of the remaining counties had made substantial payments, so that only \$148,533 of the \$700,000 that had been due Jan. 1 remained unpaid, the figures show. Since time two other counties have paid the balances they owed, leaving only 38 counties that are still in arrears.

Treasurer Stedman has heard from almost all these counties within the past month and the officials in most of them have assured him that the balances still due will be paid as soon as possible.

Japanese Strategy Shown In Map



This map clearly shows how Japanese land and sea forces are attempting to drive Chinese from Shanghai outposts as the crisis approaches in the Far East hostilities. Below is the type of Japanese destroyers which have been bombarding the Woussung forts.

Lillington Child Reported As Kidnaped Returned Home

Lillington, N. C., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Helen Bolling, seven year old daughter of a Harnett county farmer, was taken from her home by two youths and a girl yesterday, driven around all night in an automobile and released at daybreak.

She suffered from exposure but apparently was not harmed otherwise.

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—(AP)—The Raleigh Times was told over long distance telephone today by police authorities at Lillington, that Helen Bolling, seven year old girl, missing since yesterday when she was taken from school by three persons, had been returned to her home.

LAME DUCK BILL PASSED IN HOUSE

Measure Has Now Been Ratified By Both Houses of Congress

Washington, Feb. 16.—(AP)—A resolution proposing to the states a constitutional amendment to abolish the "lame duck" sessions of congress was adopted today by the House.

The vote was 335 to 56.

It was approved by a two thirds vote as required for a proposed constitutional amendment. Having already been approved by the Senate it will be sent to conference where minor differences will be composed.

By not fixing a limit on the second annual session the Democratic House terminated at ten year old controversy between the two branches.

The resolution must be ratified by three-fourths of the states within seven years.

MAN CHARGED WITH ATTACKING MINISTER

Rock Hill, S. C., Feb. 16.—(AP)—The Rev. S. P. Chapman, pastor of the First Wesleyan M. E. church of Rock Hill, swore out a warrant against James Rainey, former textile worker today charging that Rainey assaulted him with a walking stick on a downtown street.

The Rev. Mr. Chapman said Rainey attacked him with a stick near the office of Magistrate H. P. Dunlap, Jr.

Senator Returns.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Smith (D. S. C.) who was confined to his home over the weekend by an attack of grippe, returned to the Senate Monday and reported he was "feeling fine."

ROBERTSON COUNTY POLICE CONFISCATE TRUCK OF WHISKEN

Nearly Two Thousand Gallons of Bottled In Bond Liquor Seized Today

SECOND LARGE HAUL MADE IN TWO DAYS

Moving Van Parked On Streets of Lumberton Is Found To Contain Contraband—Two Arrests Made

Lumberton, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Police loaded Robertson county jail with 1,990 gallons of Scotch and Canadian whiskey and two men today, a few minutes after they peeked into a truck parked on the street here.

The whiskey bottled in bond, was packed on the five-ton truck carrying a Michigan license plate. The men arrested as drivers of the van gave their names as Fred Scott and George Allen, of Detroit.

They said they had loaded their machine "at some point in Columbus county and were headed north. They refused further information.

Suspicious of officers were aroused when the truck similar to the one loaded with whiskey that wrecked at Dunn yesterday was parked on the street here about eight a. m. while the operators were at breakfast in a cafe.

Lumberton and Robertson county officers assisted town police who made the discovery when the truck came in on the Wilmington road. The drivers refused a search of the truck saying they did not have the key. A search warrant was obtained and the whiskey seized.

FAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE REPORTED

Washington, Feb. 16.—(AP)—The United States had a favorable trade balance of approximately \$100 million dollars during January.

The Department of Commerce announced today that exports during January were about \$150,000,000 and imports \$136,000,000. Exports during January 1931 were \$249,598,000 and imports \$183,148,000.

WILKES TO MANAGE WINSTON SALEM TEAM

Winston-Salem, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Harry A. Wilkes, who captained the Bridgeport club of the Eastern League last season will manage the Winston-Salem club of the Piedmont league this year. It was announced today.

Gubernatorial Situation In State Still In Muddle

Withdrawal Of Daniels Fails To Clarify Situation Materially—Several Others Are Considering Entering Democratic Primary For State Governorship

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, 107 J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The withdrawal of Josephus Daniels from the race for Democratic nomination for Governor has not served to materially clarify the political situation in the DState with regard to the contest for the gubernatorial nomination, according to the opinion of most of the observers here. Daniels' withdrawal has of course removed his own shadow from the course of the campaign, much to the relief of the three announced candidates for the nomination—J. C. B. Ehringhaus, A. J. Maxwell and R. T. Fountain. But so far there has been nothing to indicate which of these three candidates now holds the lead or whether these three will be the only ones in the race.

Some believe that there are still enough of the Daniels' followers who will refuse to support any of the three announced candidates to bring out another candidate. Others believe that if one or more of the three announced candidates will trim their sails and rebuild their platforms along the lines suggested by Daniels in his "Test for Candidates" that one or two may be able to gather in some of the pro-Daniels votes. But the known fact that both Daniels and his supporters have not in the past and do not now look with favor upon any of the present three candidates, tends to make a good many think that a fourth candidate may get into the running before the campaign proceeds much farther.

It has been known for several months that Willis Smith of Raleigh, Speaker of the house in the 1931 general assembly, has been seriously considering becoming a candidate, regardless of what Daniels decided to do. Within more recent weeks it has also become known that General Albert L. Cox of Raleigh has by no means given up the idea of getting into the race, although most of those in political circles here have regarded the Cox-for-Governor movement as being virtually dead for the last three years. But for several weeks now the reports of a revived Cox movement have been increasing and many of his friends have been maintaining with increasing conviction that Cox would run if Daniels did not and that if he did, he would do so with the Daniels sanction and blessing. There are also those who believe that Tom McNeill of Lumberton may now decide to get into the gubernatorial race.

Artillery Opens Fire When Jap Planes Discover Column Of Chinese Moving Forward



Finding acute suffering and distress prevailing in all communities and 8,300,000 people out of work, this delegation of the American Federation of Labor called at the White House to present President Hoover with a petition urging the adoption of the Costigan-LaFollette bill, providing \$375,000,000 for relief. Left to right above are (front row) Frank Morrison, secretary of the A. F. of L.; William Green, president, and Frank Duffy of Indianapolis. Back row, G. M. Suggs, president of Washington, D. C.; A. O. Wharton of Washington, and Martin F. Ryan of Kansas City, Mo.

Popularity Of Chinese Army Worries Japanese

Students Escape When Fraternity House Is Burned

Chapel Hill, Feb. 16.—(AP)—One student was overcome by smoke and another saved himself by leaping from a third story window as the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house of the University of North Carolina burned to the ground here today.

Fifteen students were asleep in the building at the time. Most of them dashed to safety.

The loss was estimated at \$19,000, fully covered by insurance.

Officials of the fraternity said the fire is believed to have been caused by defective wiring.

Military Authorities Watch Anxiously Attitude Taken By Chiang Kai-Shek

REPLY TO PROTESTS FILED BY JAPANESE

Says U. S. and British Landed Troops In International Settlement And Japan Should Be Allowed To Do So

Tokyo, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Japanese military and political leaders took little pains today to hide a growing concern over the increasing popularity in China of the 19th Chinese Route army that is defending Shanghai.

Military authorities watched anxiously the attitude of General Chiang Kai-Shek, Chinese military leader and former president. They expressed conviction that he would not enter the conflict personally although they pointed out that he was supporting the 19th army and might feel compelled to enter the conflict himself on account of the growing enthusiasm throughout the country over the army's stubborn resistance.

At the same time the foreign office sent instructions to Consul General Kuramatsu Mural, at Shanghai asking him to say in reply to the British and American protests against Japan's landing troops in the international settlement that Great Britain and the United States also landed troops there so there seems no reason why Japan should not do likewise.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN SMITHFIELD FIRE

Blaze In Business District Believed Of Incendiary Origin

lieved to be of incendiary origin swept one of the principal business blocks here early today to lay waste to two stores and damage another.

The Selma fire department was called to assist local fire fighters in getting the flames under control.

Officials estimated the loss at \$50,000. Firemen said they believed the fires were purposely set and that other blazes here recently were incendiary in origin.

Reinforcements Are Cut To Pieces In Kiangwan Sector by Heavy Gunfire

QUIET DAY IS SEEN IN OTHER SECTORS

Chinese Take Advantage Of Lu's To Strengthen Lines In Chapei Area and Repair Roads And Communications

Shanghai, Feb. 16 (AP)—Shanghai shook to the bombardment of heavy artillery firing across Chapei tonight after a day of comparative quiet.

It appeared that the Japanese had brought up their biggest guns for the cannonading was heavier than in several days.

Before night fell there had been only one incident of importance. That was when Japanese air scouts, flying high over the Kiangwan district between here and Woussung, spotted a large body of Chinese troops moving in to the front lines.

Shanghai, China, Feb. 16 (AP)—Japanese air scouts flying high over the Kiangwan district between Shanghai and Woussung this afternoon spotted a large body of Chinese troops including cavalry moving into the front lines.

Quickly the planes darted back to the Hongkew base and in a few moments Japanese artillery was cutting the Chinese column to pieces.

Heavy Casualty List

The Chinese sought cover but not until heavy casualties had been inflicted, Japanese headquarters said.

In other sectors this was a quiet day. The bombardment of Chapei had subsided and there were no open hostilities at Woussung but Japanese troops were still moving up for the expected offensive

MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY ALMOST COMPLETED

Only Half Mile Through Smoky Mountains Park Unfinished

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Only the last half mile on the highway through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, connecting Route 10 with the Tennessee highway system near Smokemount, remains to be graded, Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the State Highway Commission, said today. As soon as this half mile is graded and the entire strip of new highway surfaced, it will afford a new and virtually the only route through the heart of the Smoky Mountains National Park area, as well as a new gateway into Tennessee.

It will probably be May or June before this entire strip of highway can be surfaced and ready for travel, Mr. Jeffress said, since the road runs at a very high altitude and is in a section of the mountains where the weather is precarious. However, it is expected that the road will be completed and open to traffic in plenty of time for the spring and summer tourist season. The Highway Commission expects it to become one of the most travelled routes anywhere in western North Carolina and that thousands of tourists will use it in getting as far as possible into the National Park area.

GANDHI FOLLOWER TO LEAVE BOMBAY

British Girl Aide Ordered to Leave City By Police Commissioner

Bombay, India, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Madeline Slade, former London society girl who is now one of Mahatma Gandhi's chief aides and almost the only one still at liberty, was ordered by the government today to leave Bombay within 24 hours and to abstain from all unlawful activities.

The order was signed by St. Patrick Kelly, commissioner of police and was issued under the emergency powers ordinance promulgated to put down Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign. Miss Slade, the daughter of a British admiral, was ordered not to return to Bombay without official permission.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy with rain in extreme west portion tonight; Wednesday rain and warmer; fresh north-east and east winds.

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