

LINDBERGH'S SEND PLEA TO KIDNAPERS

War Is Over, Tokyo Believes

JAPS DENY BATTLE IN PROGRESS NORTH OF SHANGHAI AREA

Officials Maintain Their Forces Are Holding Same Positions They Had on Thursday

SHANGHAI QUIETER THAN FOR A MONTH

Chinese Prepare to Continue Resistance to Japanese Attacks; Willing To Accept Overtures In Good Faith, in Keeping With National Dignity

Tokyo, Japan, March 4 (AP)—Japanese government officials said today they are "confident" the war is over in China, despite declarations made by W. W. Yen, Chinese representative to the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva yesterday.

Dr. Yen said in his address to the League that the parleys at Shanghai had broken down.

Geneva, March 4.—(AP)—Cessation of hostilities at Shanghai and withdrawal of the Japanese troops was demanded in a resolution unanimously adopted tonight by the League of Nations Assembly.

Shanghai, March 4.—(AP)—The Chinese National government late today rejected the series of new Japanese demands presented yesterday as a basis for further peace parleys just as the city of Shanghai, surrounded by war for a month, had begun quietly to get down to work again.

The announcement was made by Lo Wen-Kan, foreign minister.

Another disturbing report came in Chinese official advices from Nanking, which said that a new battle was under way at Tatsiang, northwest of here. The dispatches said the Japanese eleventh division attacked the Chinese forces there and a severe battle was under way.

Japanese naval and military officials denied late in the afternoon that any fighting was taking place at Tatsiang, however. Military officials issued the following statement:

"The Japanese forces are maintaining the same position as yesterday, calling a halt to their hostilities and concentrating their units within an area east of a line drawn between Nanziang and atling.

Travelers who arrived here from Chengsu said a few miles west of there during the day, however, they heard artillery fire apparently along distance in the northwest.

Everything was quiet in Shanghai. The government note that it would continue resistance was sent here in communication from Lo-Wen Kan to Quo Tai Chi, vice-minister.

"China has not declared war against Japan," the foreign minister's communication said. "Therefore, while China will continue to resist Japanese attacks, she will also continue to accept friendly mediation by the powers.

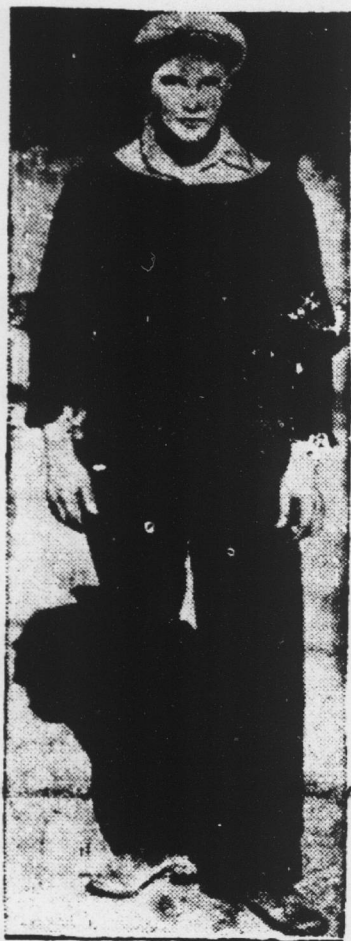
"But she can only accept terms which are compatible with the nation's dignity which are reasonable and do not prejudice her sovereign rights."

There was no din of war. The machine guns, artillery and aerial bombs which have reduced the surrounding territory to a shambles were not rattling the windows today.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

By the Associated Press.) Employment figures: Number placed in State today, 35. Total placed in state, 5,107.

Saw Kidnapers



So far as is known at present this man is the only person who got a glimpse of the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby. He is Luther Harding, of Hopewell, N. J., who told police that a couple of men in an automobile had inquired of him the way to the Lindbergh estate. It is believed that these men were the kidnapers who abducted the baby from his cot in the Lindbergh mansion.

DIPLOMATS THINK JAPS NOW HALTED

Already "Licked" in China, According to Comment At Embassies

WORKED TOO RAPIDLY

Tokyo Originally Feared To Invade Shanghai, but Easy Success In Manchuria Suppressed Them Further

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer Washington, Feb. 4.—Japan already has been "licked" in China, according to the overwhelming trend of comment at most of the embassies and legations (the mikado's not included, of course) in Washington.

The high-powered plenipotentiaries who preside as chiefs of these various establishments are not, indeed, the ones who say so—except in whispers, maybe. Graduate diplomats are too cautious even to recognize that there is an oriental "situation."

Many underlings, however, and especially military and naval attaches (who naturally take an intense professional interest in what has been going on lately in Manchuria and at the mouth of the Yangtze), are more

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Sharp Drop In Failures Nat'l Banks

Only One Government-Supervised Institution Has Suspended In Past Sixteen Days

OPTIMISTIC TREND IN FINANCE STATUS

Conditions Getting Better, Treasury Officials Say; February Bank Failures Only Third of January Total; Three Banks Resume Operation

Washington, March 4 (AP)—A sharp decrease in the number of bank failures, with one national bank suspending operations in 16 days, was hailed today by Treasury officials as marking a distinctly optimistic trend in the nation's financial condition.

Further encouragement was seen in the fact that in February all bank failures amounted to 115 as compared with 334 failures in January. Officials expressed gratification over the decrease in suspension, and said three banks resumed operation in February.

STATE GOES AFTER FINES, FORFEITURES

County Auditors Notified to Inspect All Minor Court Records

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Mr. Walter Hotel. BY J. C. HASKINVILLE. Raleigh, March 4.—(AP)—The public schools of the State are being deprived of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars annually because of the lax methods employed in the counties in checking up on the various courts in the counties, but especially the recorders' courts and the justices of the peace courts, and the failure of the magistrates to keep proper records, according to reports reaching here.

As a result, Charles M. Johnson, director of local government, is getting out a letter to every county auditor and county accountant in the State, reminding them that the law requires them to audit the books of every court in the county every month and require a settlement, and requesting that they immediately report to the Local Government Commission here whether or not they have been complying with this law, and if not, to explain why.

"The matter of the enforcement of this law has just been called to my

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U. S. Agents Join In Hunt for Ohio Kidnaping Outfit

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—The Federal government today placed its forces in the hunt for the kidnapers of the 11-year-old James DeJute, Jr., stolen near his home in Niles, Ohio. It was said authoritatively in administration circles that the Justice Department had offered the same aid in this case as that made available to the searchers for 20-months old Charles A. Lindbergh. Young DeJute was spirited away in an automobile the day after the Lindbergh baby was stolen.

SECOND DEATH FROM HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

Durham, March 4.—(AP)—May Gladys Wheeler, 8, died today of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Wednesday. Her mother, Mrs. W. A. Wheeler, of Creedmoor, was killed in the crash. A brother, Howard, was injured, as was the father and a sister, but these were reported out of danger. Elijah Harrison, driver of the truck from Winston-Salem (Hanes Company) was being held here but no charges have been preferred.

New Photo of Stolen Eaglet



Made just a few weeks ago, this photo of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., shows his striking resemblance to his famous father.

Committee Votes Sales Tax Levies Of 2 1-4 Percent

Washington, March 4 (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today agreed formally on a 2 1-4 per cent general manufactures sales tax designed to bring approximately \$225,000,000 in additional revenue. Acting Chairman Crisp announced the vote was overwhelming, but declined to make known the number supporting the measure. This big item forms the base for the revenue bill expected to bring in approximately \$1,000,000,000 to balance the budget for the fiscal year 1933.

N. C. JOINS SEARCH FOR BABY THIEVES

Close Watch For Cars Kept Following Reports From Richmond

Raleigh, March 4.—(AP)—Acting on reports that suspicious characters had been heading southward through Richmond, authorities in several North Carolina communities early today began a close watch for the kidnapers of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. Captain Charles D. Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, announced early today that suspicious car numbers and other information regarding the search would be broadcast immediately to every highway patrolman in North Carolina, with instructions to search all New York, New Jersey or suspicious cars.

He said he would communicate all such information to the South Carolina Highway Patrol also, and requested the Associated Press to keep him posted on developments.

Committee Holds Bankhead Was Not Honestly Elected

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—A Senate elections sub-committee found today that Senator John S. Bankhead, of Alabama, was not elected in 1930, and that his seat should be declared vacant.

The Bankhead-Heflin contest sub-committee divided along party lines on the report prepared by Chairman Hastings holding that the election was fraudulent because of widespread violation of election laws.

The sub-committee report will be submitted to the full committee and not approved by it before reaching the Senate.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday; rain Saturday; somewhat colder in east portion tonight.

SOME SAY MCNEILL WILL ENTER FIGHT

He Knows and Speaks Language of the Farmer and the Wage Earner

WOULD HIT FOUNTAIN

Albert Cox and Willis Smith Have Virtually Faded From the Picture; McNeill Likened to Alfalfa Bill Murray

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Mr. Walter Hotel. BY J. C. HASKINVILLE. Raleigh, March 4.—With General Albert L. Cox and Speaker Willis Smith, of Raleigh, fading rapidly from political consideration as possible candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor—a good many think they have already faded completely from the gubernatorial picture—political dopesters are having a much more difficult time in eliminating the rural, rugged figure of Solicitor Tom McNeill, of Lumberton, Robeson county, from the picture.

Despite all the talk about Cox and Smith and the certainty felt by many here until a few days ago that Cox especially would become a candidate, opinion here now is that if there is a fourth candidate for governor, McNeill will be that candidate. Few of the political observers here believe McNeill will have much of a chance to win the nomination if he does become a candidate, largely because of the lateness of his entry into the campaign—if he does get in—and because opinion here now is that the three present announced candidates, R. T. Fountain, J. C. B. Ehringhaus and A. J. Maxwell, have the situation pretty well tied up. Friends

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Senate Unanimous For Broad Inquiry Of Stock Exchange

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—The Senate today ordered a broad investigation of stock market operations. The resolution of inquiry, approved yesterday by the banking committee, was voted by the Senate without opposition and without a record vote. A fund of \$50,000 was made available for the first investigation into the stock exchange in recent years.

GOV. RITCHIE AGAIN DENOUNCES DRY LAW

Columbia, S. C., March 4.—(AP)—National prohibition, which he said makes cowards and hypocrites of men in high places, was assailed here today by Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, an aspirant for the Democratic nomination for President, in an address before the South Carolina General Assembly. In bringing his campaign into the "Old South," Governor Ritchie charged that the Republican administration promised an early recovery when the worst was still to come, erected tariff barriers which heightened the collapse; resorted to the "worldwide alibi," and "blamed our troubles on peoples across the sea."

Direct Dealings With Thieves Are Sought By Parents

Pledge Safety of Representative and Faithful Observance of Promises Made; No Negotiations Begun Yet

Hopewell, N. J., March 4 (AP)—The Lindberghs offered today to negotiate directly with the kidnapers of their baby. In a statement issued to the press, the Lindberghs announced that they wanted to make personal contact with the kidnapers, and said the child's return was their only interest. The kidnapers were assured that no harm would come to any representative they might send to open negotiations, and that any promises the Lindberghs might make would be faithfully observed.

Stevens Pledges Aid From Legion

Philadelphia, March 4.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh may call upon the American Legion "to a man" in aiding him in finding his kidnaped baby, Henry L. Stevens, Jr., national commander of the Legion, declared in a statement here today.

"The flying colonel is among the Legion's best friends," Stevens said on arriving here to attend a nine county rally of southern New Jersey Legion posts tonight in Camden. "There is not a member who would fail to respond to a call for help to find the Lindbergh baby and bring the criminals to justice," he said.

VOICE OVER PHONE ASKS OF IMMUNITY

Anonymous Speaker Talks To Lindbergh Home Just After Midnight

Hopewell, N. J., March 4.—(AP)—State police revealed this morning that an anonymous telephone call to the Lindbergh home shortly after midnight this morning asked whether immunity would be granted to the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby.

The call was discovered by Captain J. J. Lamb, of the New Jersey State Police stationed at the Lindbergh home, in a telephone interview through Lieutenant Conklin of the State police.

The police intercepted the call and immediately made an effort to trace its source.

No details of the conversation were made public, and Lamb refused to say whether any messages had been received.

Lamb declined to say what he told the questioner over the telephone, or to disclose what significance police attached to the incident. He would only admit that some one had made the call.

Captain Lamb also declined to answer questions as to whether Colonel Lindbergh would be willing to grant immunity for the return of the child.

Asked whether Lindbergh would grant ransom, Lamb answered, "Yes." Today Captain Lamb refused to answer when asked whether Lindbergh or his representatives had established contact with the kidnapers. Yesterday the answer to a similar question was a definite no.

Baby's Nurse Is Quizzed By Police

Hopewell, N. J., March 4.—(AP)—Betty Dow, the handsome young nurse of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby, was subjected to lengthy examination by police at the Lindbergh home today. It was learned that police questioned Miss Dow at length last night and started again early this morning. No statement was issued as to the nature of the questioning, or as to what police hope to develop by their protracted examination. It was Miss Dow who discovered the kidnaping when she went into the Lindbergh nursery at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night. She put the baby to bed at 7:30 p. m. When the baby, who has been ill with a cold, was put to bed, Mrs. Lindbergh started to follow the usual procedure of opening the nursery windows and closing and fastening the wooden shutters. She found, however, that one of the shutters was so warped that it would not close. This shutter, was therefore, left open, and through that unguarded window the kidnaper stole the child.

A few minutes after this appeal was made public, Governor Moore announced that he had sent telegrams to President Hoover and to mayors of the larger cities as far west as Chicago summoning their representatives to conference tomorrow to arrange for coordination of all the efforts being made to run down the kidnapers. Police at the Lindbergh estate had little to report today, but it was learned that they had made a long examination of Betty Dow, the stolen baby's nurse.

Reports that Colonel Lindbergh had already deposited \$50,000 in small bills in Newark or Englewood in readiness to pay the ransom were officially denied. It was pointed out that the Lindberghs' appeal directly to the kidnapers today clearly showed that no negotiations were yet under way and that no definite demand for specific ransom had so far been made.

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V. Y. POLICE COMMISSIONER PERSONALLY WORKS ON TIP New York, March 4.—(AP)—One of the scores of tips received by New York police headquarters on the possible whereabouts of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby has impressed Police Commissioner Muldoon with its potential value that he has been working on it himself, he disclosed today.

KIDNAPING IS DISCUSSED BY PRESIDENT'S CABINET Washington, March 4.—(AP)—The concern of the country for the safety of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., was reflected at today's meeting of President Hoover with his cabinet. The kidnaping "brought various expressions from the government leaders in an informal discussion, but there was no suggestion of further action by the government to recover the child or apprehend his abductors. Federal agencies are already aiding state authorities in the search.

LOCAL SALARIES TO BE SCRUTINIZED NOW

Raleigh, March 4.—(AP)—Following its investigation of State employment, which resulted in cutting departmental salaries by more than half a million dollars annually, the division of personnel today launched a study of county, city and town personnel set-ups.

ADmits OWNERSHIP OF DEADLY PISTOL

Winston-Salem, March 4.—(AP)—Jesse Buff, 33, of near Reidsville, broke down today and admitted he owned the pistol with which police believed Jim Burrus, Mount Airy taxicab driver, was slain early last Saturday. Buff, one of the suspects held in connection with the slaying, said the pistol was taken from his home Friday night by Clyde Yorke, his brother-in-law, held here.