

Long Civil War In China Appears Now To Be A Certainty

Shensi Province Local Government Abolished as Nanking Takes Complete Control

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S RELEASE IS SOUGHT

His American-Educated Wife and Her Brother, Dr. Soong, Nanking Leader, Leave for Kidnap Retreat To Negotiate for Freeing of the Generalissimo

Peiping, China, Dec. 23—(Wednesday)—(AP)—A reputed offer from Chang Hsueh-Liang to "submit to any punishment Nanking decrees" if Chiang Kai-Shek will only adopt a policy of resistance to our foe, was circulated in this ancient capital early today.

There was no official confirmation. The so-called offer from Chang, who is holding the generalissimo prisoner at Sainfu, in an amazing demand for military resistance to Japanese "aggression," was reported contained in a telegram to a group of university chancellors here.

The chancellors had telegraphed Chang urging him to release the generalissimo.

Nanking, China, Dec. 22 (AP)—A wife and a government worked side by side today to force Chinese rebels to release a husband and generalissimo.

Madam Chiang Kai-Shek, flying to the mutineers' headquarters at Sianfu hoped to gain her purpose by friendly activities.

Government officials, negotiating at Nanking and Taiyuanfu, backed up their declarations with warnings of eventual military action against Chiang Hsueh-Liang.

Kai-Shek's wife, accompanied by her brother, Dr. T. V. Soong, flew to Shensi, where her husband has been held for two weeks.

WIFE AND HER BROTHER TO PLEAD FOR KAI-SHEK

Nanking, China, Dec. 22—(AP)—The American-educated wife of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek flew to her husband's prison today, despite the urgent protests of high officials for what was possibly a final effort to

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Building Is Speeding Up Over State

Raleigh, Dec. 22—(AP)—Construction in North Carolina continued at a rapid pace in November, the Department of Labor reported today, with building permits calling for 81.9 percent more construction than in November, 1935.

The 21 cities covered by the report issued permits calling for \$1,079,786 worth of work, compared with \$593,526 authorized in November last year, but the total was down 4.4 percent from the \$1,129,009 in October this year.

Residential building showed an increase of 2.5 percent over October, and 129.8 percent over November a year ago, the department report showed.

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Baby's Corpse Is Found In Gutter

Burlington, Dec. 22—(AP)—The corpse of newly-born baby, wrapped in a piece of paper and abandoned in a gutter just off Highway No. 10, near here, was discovered by hunters late yesterday when a dog sniffed the gruesome find.

DRYS MAY NOT OBTAIN BALANCE OF POWER

County Option Stores Group In Majority at Present Time, Observers Declare

But Wets See No More Reason for State Referendum on Liquor Than on Sales Tax; Split Revenue With State Regarded Now As Being Wholly Unlikely

Raleigh, Dec. 22—The lines are already being tightly drawn for the liquor fight in the forthcoming General Assembly as a result of the report of the State Liquor Control Commission which has just been made public.

At the present time, those favoring liquor stores on a county option basis as recommended by a majority of the members of the liquor control commission, are regarded as being in the majority. But it is already apparent that the United Dry Forces, the W. C. T. U., and other "bone dries" who are opposed to the legislation of the sale of liquor in North Carolina, have been greatly encouraged by the minority report submitted by three members of the commission, in which they consent to Statewide liquor stores plan only after the approval of the State liquor control law by a Statewide referendum election.

The dries believe this minority report is going to be of great help to them in their drive not only to prevent the opening of any more liquor stores in the State, but to close those now in operation in 18 wet counties.

Strategy of "Drys."

Two lines of strategy are going to be used by the "drys" in opposing the enactment of a Statewide liquor control law, political observers here already agree. The first of these is to foment disagreement between the 18 counties now having liquor stores and those favoring the combination State-county control system as advocated by

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"The kind of rains we have had for the past two weeks, especially in the eastern part of the State, are the worst in the world for any kind of roads, especially dirt roads," Waynick said. "For these were slow, steady rains that soaked down deep into the soil. Of course, all of the county roads have been muddy and there have been many hundreds of miles of county roads which we have not yet been able to improve which were very muddy and slippery."

"However, there has been one encouraging feature, according to our engineers out in the field. That is that the hundreds of miles which we improved this summer by adding

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Liquor Counties To Fight To Keep Their New Funds

Raleigh, Dec. 22 (AP)—Representatives of 17 counties now operating liquor stores in Eastern North Carolina met here this afternoon to consider the liquor study commission's report and lay plans to keep the revenue for the counties.

Now the counties get all the net profits from the stores, but the liquor commission recommended State supervision of the stores with the net revenue being split, 20 per cent to the State and 80 per cent to the counties.

Thomas Woodard, of Wilson county, is advisory committee chairman of the Eastern Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

PRESIDENT OF CUBA IS PLACED ON TRIAL WITH OUSTER SURE

Pope Will Speak Despite Illness

Vatican City, Dec. 22—(AP)—Pope Pius meditated today upon the Christmas eve message he will broadcast to the world.

A semi-official Vatican bulletin said his health "continues to improve." Vatican sources said physicians to Pope Pius were dismayed by the Holy Father's intention to broadcast a message to the cardinals.

Madrid Hit By Terrific Air Bombing

Madrid, Dec. 22—(AP)—A squadron of Fascist airplanes bombed the northwestern Rosalis district today in the first air raids for many days.

Attack from Planes Worst in Many Days; One Ship Crashes to Earth

Government authorities announced the closing of the Portuguese consulate at Gijon, northern coastal port. The instruction, issued on a 24-hour notice, was accepted by the Portuguese consul.

Fascist insurgents earlier had shellied Pozuelos and launched a fresh attack on government lines near the San Fernando bridge.

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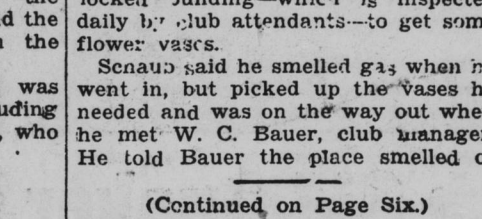
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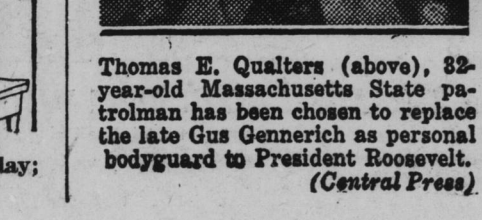
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Shopping Days Till Christmas

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Wednesday; somewhat colder tonight.



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Miguel Gomez All But Deposed as Senate Hears Charges Brought by the House

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 22—(AP)—Miguel Gomez, whose ability to win, then lose, high places is becoming almost traditional, stood ouster trial on impeachment charges before the court of Cuba's Senate today—all but counted out of office.

INCURS ANGER OF MILITARY LEADERS

Vetoes Sugar Tax Bill Intended To Raise Money to Teach Children by Military Men, Step Called By Gomez "Fascist Tumor" on School System

He was generally conceded the complete loser in his struggle with the island's military iron man—Colonel Fulgencio Batista, the army chief of staff—on the decisive issue of a sugar tax to open hundreds of rural soldier-taught schools.

Impeached by the House of Representatives early today by a three-vote margin, Gomez seemed definitely on his way out of the presidential palace, and quickly.

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No word had been received late in the morning from the main party, headed by Fred Cunningham, an experienced woodsman. The group left Kellogg yesterday afternoon.

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