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FRANCE READY TO RESTORE GERMAN COLONY

CHIANG RETURNS TO NANKING TO ASSUME HIS RULE OF CHINA

Meanwhile, His Captor Is His Prisoner and Begs Mercy of Powerful Dictator

CHIANG'S WIFE IS GIVEN THE CREDIT

American-Educated Woman Effected Husband's Release from Mutinous Warlord in Sianfu Province; Tumultuous Welcome Is Accorded

Nanking, China, Dec. 26 (AP)—Rebelling Marshal Chang Huseub-Liang, asserting his willingness to "suffer death," threw himself tonight on the mercy of his former captor at Sianfu, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

The leader of the military mutiny that caused a grave governmental crisis made known his intention in a letter addressed to the premier shortly after his arrival in the capital.

Chang, it was disclosed, is being held under guard at the residence of Dr. T. V. Soong, the generalissimo's brother-in-law, who brought the mutineer from Sianfu by plane this afternoon.

General Chiang, meanwhile, returned triumphantly to Nanking to assume control of the Nationalist government after spending two weeks as Chiang's prisoner in the interior province.

Credit for the dramatic solution to the grim threat of civil war was universally accorded to Kai-Shek's American-educated wife, who stood proudly at his side as he took the tumultuous salute of the thousands who rushed to hail their leader's freedom.

Dictator Freed



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Girl Saves Man Injured In Airplane

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Tragedy was matched by the heroism of an attractive young swimmer as a low-flying biplane struck a tree and plunged into the Meramec river at Sylvan Beach late Christmas day, killing McCoy Sanders, 28-year-old passenger.

The pilot, Al Constance, who suffered serious injuries, was pulled from the half-submerged wreckage by pretty Miss Odessa Lafevre, 23-year-old beauty parlor operator, in a brave rescue effort after jumping off the beach where she was riding along the river shore.

Miss Lafevre was riding with her father, J. J. Lafevre, when the privately-owned plane swooped down a short distance from them, narrowly missed the steel girders of the bridge and rammed into a large elm tree near the water's edge. Bundled in riding clothes, Miss Lafevre kicked off one boot on the run, then plunged in.

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Brisbane Is Honored By The Nation

From All Sections Come Messages On Death of Highest Paid Journalist

New York, Dec. 26 (AP)—Tribute came from all parts of the nation today for Arthur Brisbane, editor and columnist, whose death at 72 took from American journalism one of its best known figures.

The noted writer, in failing health for several months, died in his sleep in his apartment yesterday as newspaper presses rolled out his last column, a Christmas message he had dictated only a few hours before.

Brisbane suffered a heart attack Thursday afternoon, but insisted on dictating his column.

His passing closed the amazingly successful career he began 53 years

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Larger Appropriations For The Next Biennium Asked By Budget Board

Some \$5,000,000 More for State Institutions and Departments, Including Schools, to be Recommended to General Assembly; Governor Approves Requests

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 26.—The report of the Advisory Budget Commission, now being printed and which is expected to be read for submission to the members of the 1937 General Assembly when it convenes here January 5, will recommend a substantial increase in the appropriations for all the State departments and institutions for each year of the new biennium beginning July 1, 1937, it was learned from an authoritative source today. The extent of the increase could not be learned however.

It is understood that the members

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How Long New Prosperity Will Last Depends Upon Applying Christ Spirit

Babson Says Babies and Their Proper Rearing Is Nation's Greatest Job; Relations In Industry Must Also Be on Equitable Basis, Economist Says

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Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 26.—"Is the present return of prosperity to continue some years or is it merely a flash in the pan? With business at normal, this is a question which I am constantly being asked. Those who think only of the vast numbers now employed believe permanent improvement is here. On the other hand, those who think of the millions unemployed, believe the present spurt is only temporary. I have waited for my annual Christmas message to answer this important question.

What Is Prosperity? Let us look at "prosperity" through

a magnifying glass and see just what it is. It surely does not depend merely on the amount of goods produced. We certainly must consider whether those goods make a better and healthier nation or whether they undermine our religion and health. Nor does it do much good to employ men to shovel sand from one pile to another. Hence, when considering prosperity, we must consider what people are doing. Those employed in building useful products are bringing about real prosperity, but those engaged in making whiskey are merely giving us a "shot in the arm." Now, what determines the line of work in which a

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WEARY SEARCHERS HUNT FOR PLANES

More Snow Hampers Hunt for Machine Long Lost in Utah Wilds

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 26 (AP)—Weary searchers depended upon a quick dash to lead them today to the snow-covered wreckage of an airplane missing since a week ago yesterday in north Idaho with two pilots aboard.

In Utah, however, a fresh fall of snow during the night added to the possibility another vanished air liner, carrying seven persons, may not be found until spring.

The Western Air Express plane disappeared December 15. At daybreak today the Idaho dog searchers, led by Fred Cunningham, of Kellogg, Idaho, planned to make a final dash over three-foot-deep snow to a point on Early Creek ridge, three miles away in St. Joe National Forest.

Car Owners Warned To Get Plates

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 26.—

Although automobile owners are buying their licenses more rapidly this year than last, those who have not yet purchased their new 1937 license plates should do so at once in order to avoid possible delay and embarrassment later, Director R. R. McLaughlin, of the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the Department of Revenue, said today. While approximately 100,000 new license plates have been sold to date, as compared with only a little more than 50,000 last year.

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WHITE HOUSE HAS TREE, TOO



The Christmas tree in the East Room. As in the past, the White House has a huge Christmas tree this year. And, as usual, it is in the East Room.

—Central Press

TROUBLED EUROPE WAITING DECISION OF ADOLF HITLER

What German Dictator Will Do In Aiding Spanish Fascists Remains Question Mark

BRITAIN DISTURBED OVER THE OUTCOME

French Cabinet Members Curtail Christmas Holidays To Be Available for Any Emergency; Meanwhile, Hitler Ponders Course He Will Take

(By The Associated Press.)

A troubled Europe halted uncertainly at a familiar cross-road today, waiting tensely for Chancellor Hitler of Germany to make a decision on aid to Spanish insurgents, which may lead to a new alignment of powers, and peace or general war. London—Great Britain, obviously disturbed, hoped Reichsfuehrer Hitler would make a decisive gesture for peace, and dispel war clouds overarching Europe.

Paris—French cabinet members curtailed Christmas holidays and kept close contact with the capital in fear of a new "week-end coup" by Adolf

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Legislators Will Attend Inaugural

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Arrangements have been made by Representative Lindsey Warren, of Washington, N. C., for the entire membership of the North Carolina General Assembly to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt in a body. There will be 120 members of the State House of Representatives and 50 members of the North Carolina Senate in attendance. In addition, Clyde R. Hoey, who becomes governor of the State January 7, is expected to attend.

OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer tonight.

WEEKLY WEATHER. Precipitation Monday and again about Wednesday; mild at beginning of week; somewhat colder Tuesday; much colder toward end of week.

PLEDGE OF HITLER TO END EUROPEAN FEARS IS DEMAND

German Dictator Must Agree To Cooperate In Disarmament if Lands Are Returned

PLAN MIGHT SOLVE CRISIS IN EUROPE

Nazi Aid to Fascist Spanish Rebels Not For Glory But As Wedge To Prize Out Much Needed Raw Material Sources Essential To German Nation

Paris, Dec. 26.—(AP)—France is willing to give Germany back her former colonies in return for a "full and lasting settlement" of European worries as to the Third Reich's future path, foreign officials said today.

Such a settlement must include Adolf Hitler's promise to participate in controlled disarmament, as well as his stopping of volunteer German enlistments in Spain, they said.

Hitler must also renounce territorial claims in Europe and agree to return to economic collaboration with the world, it was stated.

On the other hand, the officials said, if Hitler desires the colonies only to make Germany stronger in a warlike way, "he will have to take them from France by force."

The colonies now under French mandate from the League of Nations, which would be consigned in such a deal, are Togoland in the Kameron. Togo is rich in raw materials Germany needs and Cameron produces, timber, hides and ivory, and is especially suitable for raising of livestock.

COLONIAL CONCESSIONS MAY SOLVE NEW CRISIS

Berlin, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Colonial concessions to Germany may solve the international crisis centering on Nazi aid to Fascist Spain, well informed sources said today. These persons disclosed the week's grave conference in Paris between French Foreign Minister Delbos and German Ambassador Count von Helldorf had involved not only the sending of German soldiers to Spain, but Germany's urgent need for raw materials, as well.

Delbos reportedly dropped the hint France was not blind to the theory that Spanish iron, copper, lead and mangaense, rather than the pursuit

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PSYCHIATRIST HALTS RIOT WITH PATIENTS

Women at Bellevue Hospital Quieted By Telling of Stories About Christmas

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Christmas stories told by a psychiatrist quieted a tempestuous ward of Bellevue hospital last night after a two-hour riot by 40 women patients.

A favorite of the patients, Dr. Karl Bowman, director of psychiatrist service at Bellevue, brought order to the ward when he was called from his home at the height of the disturbance.

He persuaded the women, many less than 21 years old, to sit down and talk things over. One of the patients asked for a Christmas story. He told one. That called for another, and presently the ward was back to normal.

Socialists Clash With Rebel Foes

Spanish War Minister Tells Government Troops They Are Near Big Push

Madrid, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Socialist troops, continuing their drive to stem an insurgent advance on Madrid from the northwest, clashed today with Fascist attackers in the Boadilla del Monte sector.

The war ministry asserted the enemy was slowly retreating along the fortified line three miles west of the capital's boundary line.

A proclamation addressed to Socialist militiamen from General Jose Milá, head of the emergency defense council, said in part: "It is sure that if today you can continue your indomitable resistance x x x later you will be capable of transforming heroic resistance in a crushing advance."

26 Persons Lose Lives On Steamer

Explosion and Fire Wreck Italian Vessel at Dock in Eritrea, Africa

Rome, Dec. 26 (AT)—Twenty-six persons were killed and 100 injured December 23, an official communique said today, in an explosion aboard the steamship Desare Battisti in the harbor of Massawa, Italian Eritrea, on the east coast of Africa.

A fire resulting from the explosion spread rapidly over the water front and the port, destroying several buildings, including the offices of the port authority.

Twenty of those injured were reported seriously hurt.

A boiler exploded in the steamer Desare Battisti about 10 a. m. December 23 in the port of Massawa, an official communique said.

"The explosion tore the vessel open amidships and the ship sank near the dock. Twenty-six persons were killed and 100 injured, of whom 20 are in a serious condition."

"Identification of the victims was delayed because all documents aboard the steamer were destroyed."