

Policy Of Retribution May Be Adopted By the American Government

United States May Make Demands as Result of Reported Outrages in Nanking Area.

NOTHING GIVEN OUT ABOUT PLAN

It Is Believed America Also Will Demand Guarantees for Safety of the Americans in All China.

Washington, April 1.—(AP)—The American government is believed to be giving consideration to formulation of a policy of retribution for the reported outrages at Nanking, and for the execution of guarantees for the safety of Americans elsewhere in China.

The State Department today however maintained complete reticence, and officials in other departments declined to make a statement.

Press dispatches from London intimated that exchanges were in progress between capitals of various powers involved in the Chinese situation, while conferences at the White House and State Department late yesterday appeared to give foundation to the belief that the drafting of an American policy is occupying the minds of officials.

Conditions at Chungking Worse. Washington, April 1.—(AP)—Conditions at Chungking, where the American consulate flag was destroyed yesterday by the Chinese are growing worse, Admiral Williams, the American commander in China, reported today to the navy department.

He said advices received by him indicated the possibility of serious disturbances present in Hankow, present political capital of the Cantonese nationalist armies, whose forward sweep has been accompanied by anti-foreign agitation.

The admiral reported that twenty-seven vessels of the second Japanese fleet comprising three battle cruisers, five light cruisers, fourteen destroyers, five submarines and auxiliary craft, had been ordered to Amoy. No explanation for the order was given in the report. A news dispatch from Amoy, which was received today, stated that twenty-seven vessels of the Japanese had arrived there on the annual Chinese cruise.

Admiral Williams said the Japanese force, headed by the cruiser Kongo, would remain at Amoy at least until April 5th.

Denies Preparation of Ultimatum. London, April 1.—(AP)—A spokesman for the British government today denied the story printed prominently by several London newspapers that the cabinet had decided to serve an ultimatum on the Cantonese demanding reparation for the murder of British subjects at Nanking.

Downing Street, however, is continuing its negotiations with Washington, Tokyo and Paris, regarding the demands to be submitted to the Cantonese for Nanking outrages, and it is certain these demands will be presented shortly.

American Refugees Reach Hong Kong. Hong Kong, April 1.—(AP)—Twenty-four American men, women and children, mostly from the Christian College at Canton, arrived here today aboard the steamer Fatshan.

Must Leave Kongmoon. Macao, China, April 1.—(AP)—All foreign women and children have been ordered to evacuate Kongmoon, which lies up the river from Macao.

Cantonese Warned. Canton, China, April 1.—(AP)—The provincial government has issued a warning to the Cantonese not to molest peaceful foreigners in Canton.

Considered Proposed Demands. London, April 1.—(AP)—The cabinet met this afternoon to give formal consideration to the government's proposed demands on the Cantonese for reparations for the Nanking outrages.

Hope is expressed here that the United States and Japan will join in the British action, but the Associated Press in authoritative tone stated that Great Britain intends to play a lone hand if necessary.

Japanese Cruiser For Shanghai. Tokyo, April 1.—(AP)—The Japanese cruiser Yakumo has been ordered to leave Yokosuka tomorrow for Shanghai with a landing party of 500 blue jackets.

BRITISH WOMEN TOLD TO EVACUATE CITY OF CANTON

Canton, China, April 1.—(AP)—British women and children are understood to have been ordered to evacuate the native city of Canton and proceed to the foreign quarter or to Hong Kong.

MATRONS NAMED FOR CONFEDERATE REUNION

Mrs. St. John Alison Lawton, of Charleston, Named Matron of Honor for South. Nashville, Tenn., April 1.—(AP)—General Harry Rene Lee, Nashville chief of the staff of Commander in Chief M. D. Vane, Little Rock, Ark., today announced the complete official list of matrons, sponsors and other ladies appointed to accompany the Confederate veterans to the general annual reunion of veterans to be held at Tampa, Fla., March 5-8.

The first of appointments follow: Staff commander in chief, Matron of honor for the South—Mrs. St. John Alison Lawton, of Charleston, S. C.

North Carolina—Mrs. John A. Anderson, of Fayetteville; Miss Irvin Pailor, of Thomasville.

South Carolina—Mrs. N. Burton Bass, of Lane; Miss Sara A. Richardson, of Columbia.

North Carolina—Miss Carrie Springs, of Charlotte; Miss Rose Corigan, of Asheville.

THE STOCK MARKET

Prices Turned Reactionary at Opening and Heavy Selling Resulted. New York, April 1.—(AP)—Stock prices turned reactionary at the opening of today's stock market, and heavy selling broke out in the rail and oil shares.

Weakness of the rails followed the announcement of a decision by the Internal Commission holding that Federal valuation of rate making and other purposes should be based upon 1914 costs instead of replacement values. United States Steel common nevertheless opened 3-4 higher at a new high record of 167 3/4.

THE STOCK MARKET

Reported by Fenner & Beas (Quotations at 1:45 P. M.)

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Atchison, American Tobacco, American Smelting, etc.

RELATIVES RUSH TO BUCHAREST AS KING FERDINAND IS WORSE

King of Roumania Takes "Turn for Worse" and Relatives Are Summoned to His Bedside.

CHANGE CAME AS SURPRISE

He Has Been in Ill Health For Several Months and Apparently His Relatives Fear for His Recovery.

London, April 1.—(AP)—The Vienna correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph has received a telegram from Bucharest, reporting a "serious aggravation" in the condition of King Ferdinand of Roumania. Ferdinand's daughter, Queen Marie, of Yugoslavia, left Belgrade at midnight for Bucharest, the telegram added.

Has Influenza. London, April 1.—(AP)—The Roumanian legation in Vienna is quoted by Exchange Telegraph as stating that King Ferdinand is suffering from an attack of influenza.

King Ferdinand Worse. Bucharest, Roumania, April 1.—(AP)—King Ferdinand's condition has taken a serious turn for the worse.

Death Imminent. Berlin, April 1.—(AP)—Reports reaching here from Bucharest and other Balkan points indicate that the death of King Ferdinand, of Roumania, is imminent.

With Our Advertisers. Read the list and low prices of fresh vegetables at the A. & P. Stores in ad. in another column.

The best of service always at Wilkinson's Funeral Home. Open day and night.

New record hits of three great lines at the Kidd-Frix Music and Stationery Co.

Get a new frock and coat for Easter. A wealth of colors and fabrics is on sale at The Hub, Joe Gaskel, proprietor.

Lots of fresh vegetables at the J. & H. Cash Store. Phone 5877.

The Goose that laid the golden egg is back in the form of a savings bank.

Go to the Concord National Bank and get one, and start your goose laying now.

Easter footwear for everybody at the G. A. Moser Shoe Store. Prices \$1.95 to \$6.95. Phone 897.

The electric current will be off Sunday morning from 7 to 10 o'clock, in the Water and Light board advice in a new ad. today.

"The Man From Oklahoma" will be featured at the Concord Theatre tomorrow.

Vaudville and the picture, "The Greater Glory" will be offered at the Concord Theatre tonight.

The S. & S. Motor Co., recently organized here, sells Oakland and Pontiac cars, chief of the sixes, Call 596 for demonstration.

For ready-to-wear for misses and women go to the Gray Shop.

Fisher's has secured much fine Easter finery and if you get your goods there you will look your best when you take your place in the Easter promenade.

Dresses, hats, coats and other smart apparel. Read ad. on page seven.

Schloss Bros & Co. Easter suits \$25 to \$50 at Hoover's. Easter shirts \$1.50 to \$5.00.

STORMS AND RISING STREAMS TAKE TOLL OF LIVES IN WEST

Six Persons Were Killed as Result of Storms and Swollen Streams in Three States in the West.

HEAVY RAINS IN SEVERAL STATES

These Have Added to Damage Caused by Storms Already Running Out of Bounds in Some Places.

Kansas City, Mo., April 4.—(AP)—Thunderstorms of cloudburst proportions, and swollen streams have taken a toll of six lives and caused heavy property damage in central Missouri, northern Oklahoma, southern Kansas, as farmers left lowlands on reports of new flood dangers.

The floods followed heavy rains throughout the Southwest Wednesday and yesterday. Waco, Missouri reported 5.6 inches of rain, within 48 hours, while precipitation at some Kansas points exceeded 2-1/2 inches.

While most Kansas streams apparently had reached the crest, warnings to motorists were issued in Missouri and several Oklahoma streams threatened further rises.

Ray Bunch, 22, of Fairfax, Okla., was drowned yesterday when his motor boat upset in Salt Creek. Leo Russell, 7, drowned when he fell from a bridge over the Washita River near Mountain View. Ivan Fry, railroad employee, drowned near Baxter, Kansas. Three persons were killed by lightning. Joe Burroughs, 45, supervisor of the Gypsy Oil Farm near Davenport, Okla., was struck as he entered his office. The building burned before his body was recovered.

Elvis Truist, 17, Muskogee, Okla., was killed while leading a mule from a barnyard. Leslie Jones, 17, Springfield, Mo., was killed while playing golf.

Continued unsettled weather was forecast for today.

Snow in South Dakota. St. Paul, Minn., April 1.—(AP)—Fifteen inches of snow fell in the Black Hills of South Dakota yesterday, as a farewell from a stormy March.

Peaches Barred From Theaters in Two States. Pittsburgh, Pa., March 31.—Mrs. Frances "Peaches" Browning, estranged wife of Edward W. Browning, New York real estate operator, has been barred from appearing in any of the 400 theaters affiliated with the Motion Picture Theater Owners association of western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Representatives of the organization, at a meeting here yesterday, reiterated its policy of employing no performers "who have not earned, by hard work and ability the right to appear as a member of the theatrical profession."

Federation of Music Clubs Meeting. High Point, April 1.—(AP)—With the election of officers of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs scheduled as the principal feature of the morning sessions, the third day of the annual convention opened here today with Mrs. William A. Harper, of Elon College, presiding.

In addition to the naming of the executives and various department heads for the year, annual reports of committees and clubs were given by the representative delegates.

Three Children Burned to Death. Modesto, Cal., April 1.—(AP)—Three small children were burned to death before their mother's eyes in a fire that razed Juan Sandoval's home at Escalon last night. The fire was caused by an exploding oil stove.

Are North Carolina Farmers To Cut Their Cotton Acreage

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April.—What is the real cotton situation and outlook in North Carolina? Is there really going to be a substantial acreage reduction, as a result of the McLean-Brooks-Graham diversification program, or are the suppositional results of this program already being knocked into the proverbial cocked hat by the present fertilizer war in the state? And is the tobacco situation also threatening to become serious?

This is a question that has been discussed much the past few days, and upon which opinion still remains pretty evenly divided. However, there seems to be a growing conviction among observers who have been out through the country, observing the preparations of the farmers and talking with them about their planting intentions, that they are going to plant about as much cotton as usual, and in some cases more.

However, the opinion is still held by W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, that the diversification program is going to have a decidedly beneficial effect, and that a material reduction in cotton acreage will result from its adoption. He holds that it is still too early to get any accurate indication of planting intentions, and that while in a few cases some farmers more of the state are going to raise more of their crops-foodstuffs for their own use, and other marketable produce—than increase their cotton acreage.

"I am firmly convinced that there will be a reduction in cotton acreage though I cannot at present venture to say how much," Commissioner Graham said although he indicated that he did not think it would amount to a 30 per cent reduction, the figure set as a goal at the beginning of the diversification campaign.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, of State College, also believes that the diversification program is proving successful, and that the cotton acreage will be reduced.

But there are others far less optimistic, who are of the belief that the majority of the farmers have smiled tolerantly at the efforts made to "educate" them about diversification, and these same farmers are going about the task of planting approximately the same amount of cotton as they planted last year, and in some cases even more. Especially is this true since the "fertilizer war" started, with the result that farmers may now buy fertilizer at from \$8 to \$10 a bag, for which they paid \$4 and \$16 a bag last year. Enough fertilizer for one acre of cotton may now be purchased for from \$8 to \$10—and these the best grades of fertilizer.

Among those who admit that the situation is serious and the outlook anything but encouraging, is U. B. Blalock, general manager of North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, and Dr. B. W. Kilgore, president of the same association. And unless the farmers in the cotton and tobacco belts alter their intentions immediately, and plant less than they are planning to of both cotton and tobacco, there is likely to be a tremendous over-production in both of these crops, these men declare.

But these are not the only ones who see indications of big plantings of both cotton and tobacco, and who are fearful of another season of over-production.

"Farmers in Harnett county seem to be planting as much cotton as ever, and they are planting more tobacco," said Senator Neal Salmon of Harnett county, while in Raleigh today. "Farmers are plowing up cotton that they did not pick last fall, and planting it right over again in cotton. And on almost every hand new tobacco barns are being built, indicating that many are going to increase their tobacco plantings this spring," said Salmon. "So it seems that another big crop is in prospect."

And many others, who have been out through the cotton and tobacco sections, are of the same opinion. However, only time will tell which of two varying opinions are correct.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at Decline of 4 to 7 Points Under Selling—July Off to 14-24. New York, April 1.—(AP)—Cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 4 to 7 points under selling which appeared to be influenced by prospects for better weather in the South and the rather easier ruling of Liverpool.

July sold off to 14-24 and October to 14-38, net declines of about 12 to 14 points on active months, but some trade buying helped to absorb early offerings, and prices steadied up 3 or 4 points from the lowest by the end of the first hour.

Private cables said the Liverpool market was inactive, with trade called supplied by hedge selling, but reported a better inquiry for cotton cloths from India.

Cotton futures opened steady: May 14.15; July 14.34; October 14.57; December 14.75; January 14.77.

Ford Expected To Announce Six-Cylinder Car Very Soon. New York, March 31.—The Herald Tribune says definite information that the Ford Motor company will make an important announcement Sunday was received in the financial district today and is understood to mean Mr. Ford will introduce a six cylinder gear shift car which can be marketed at a price slightly above that of the present model. The Ford Motor company, is declared to have made an investment of \$10,000,000 in reorganizing its plant for quantity production of the new cars.

The Herald Tribune says that by making his announcement Sunday Mr. Ford will steal a march on William C. Durant who has promised to "startle the industry" with an announcement April 7.

The British telegraph service has never paid its expenses since it was taken over by the Post Office fifty years ago.

FORD IS IMPROVED SO MUCH TODAY HE IS TAKEN TO HOME

Able to Leave the Hospital Where He Was Rusted Following an Automobile Accident Sunday Night.

FORD WANTED TO GET BACK HOME

Did Not Like to Remain in Hospital so the Attending Physician Agreed to Have Him Taken Home.

Detroit, April 1.—(AP)—Henry Ford, injured in an automobile accident last Sunday evening, was taken back to his Dearborn estate from the Henry Ford Hospital last night, it became known today.

The same secrecy that surrounded Mr. Ford's admittance to the hospital last Tuesday, 48 hours after the accident, attended the return to his estate, near where his small coupe was forced from the road by a heavier machine.

While officers of the Ford organization were reported to be preparing an official statement, they declined at first to confirm or deny that the injured motor king had left the hospital.

The removal from the hospital was made shortly before 9 o'clock last night. Mr. Ford, it was understood, was chafing under hospital restraint, and with the approval of Dr. R. D. McGuire, chief surgeon of the hospital, the ten-mile journey back to Dearborn was undertaken.

In giving his approval of the return home, Dr. McGuire said that the injured man could be treated as well at his home as he could at the hospital. The bulletins issued throughout yesterday from the hospital described Mr. Ford as progressing satisfactorily. Only time now is needed, Dr. McGuire said, to complete full recovery. He added, however, that Mr. Ford would have to "lie flat on his back."

Took Poison to Find Out if There is a Hell. Asheville, Mar. 31.—Jack Hilton, 19 year old Grove Park boy, who took poison to find out whether or not there is a hell, was reported to be recovering so rapidly that he may be able to leave Mission hospital where he was rushed for emergency treatment in a day or so.

The poison was taken by the Hilton boy in his room in the Asheville Y. M. C. A., where he spent the night. His condition was first discovered by the Y. M. C. A. officials when he toppled over in the lobby of the building. He was placed in a taxi and rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment.

"I didn't have anything to live for," he declared, "and I wanted to find out if there is a hell. I'm sorry that poison didn't take effect. I meant business. I wasn't fooling. I wanted to die."

Says Klan Growing in State. (By International News Service.) Greensboro, N. C., April 1.—Following the recent "Klan revolution" in the State, the hooded order is now out to show its numerical strength. Morgan S. Belser, North Carolina representative of Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans, declared here.

"The Klan has stopped its policy of passiveness," Belser declared, "and is now becoming aggressive. We intend to make North Carolina one of the biggest Klan states in the Union."

Belser is now on a tour of the state, visiting various district Klan meetings. He was here this week.

Belser declined while here to comment on newspaper reports that Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, who resigned after being Grand Dragon of North Carolina for four years, intended to organize a rival organization in the State.

Fish rise and fall in the water by means of an air-bladder inside them; they fill the air-bladder to rise, and expel the air to sink.

Another Tremor Rocks Japan. London, April 1.—(AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Tokyo says a heavy earthquake was reported this morning throughout western Japan.

Federation of Women's Clubs. Durham, April 1.—(TNS)—The 25th annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will be held here May 2-5, inclusive.

Plans for the convention are now rapidly taking shape, and indications are that the meeting here will be one of the largest attended ever held by the federation, according to local officials. Who have charge of making the arrangements.

Young doctors in England can now raise capital to buy themselves practices by a new insurance plan.

Partly cloudy, probably rain or west portion tonight and Saturday, colder in extreme west portion tonight and in central and west portions Saturday.

Ten Pages Today Two Sections

NOTICE! The Electric Current will be off Sunday Morning from 7:00 A. M. until 10 o'clock, on account of necessary changes at Southern Power Sub-station in Concord. Water and Light Department

TONIGHT VAUDEVILLE AN EXTRA GOOD CLEAN BILL and "THE GREATER GLORY" A Super-Special Featuring Conway Tearle and Anna Q. Nilsson and a VERY FUNNY COMEDY 25c—50c CONCORD THEATRE

The Goose That Laid The Golden Egg Has Come To Life In the form of a Savings Bank COME TO SEE US FOR YOUR "GOLDEN EGG" BANK. START YOUR GOOSE LAYING The Concord National Bank

ANNOUNCEMENT The 59th Series in this Old Reliable Building, Loan and Savings Association will open April 2nd. Running Shares cost 25 cents per share per week, matures \$100.00 in 328 weeks. Prepaid Shares cost \$72.25 per share, matures \$100.00 in 328 weeks. Tax Returning Time Is Here, Remember That All Stock is Non-Taxable. Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association OFFICE IN THE CONCORD NATIONAL BANK