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Washington Sees Grave Prospects in Far East

Fighting South of Great Wall Would Involve Foreign Interests

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The possibility that fighting between Japan and China in the Jehol region may spread south of the Great Wall of China and involve extensive foreign interests is causing increasing uneasiness in Washington official circles.

The administration is standing on its announced policy, to which President-elect Roosevelt said today he would adhere, of upholding the sanctity of all treaties, and no new approaches to the troubles in Manchuria are likely at the present time.

But a spread of the hostilities into the Tientsin and Peiping areas would bring new worries, and military developments in the Orient are being watched with more concern than the Japanese occupation of Jehol.

Below the Great Wall in this territory lie Great British coal and railway interests, and any military movements into the sector almost certainly would involve Tientsin, the only important port in North China.

JAPANESE AGAIN TAKE SHOT AT UNITED STATES

Tokyo, Jan. 17.—Cable dispatches attributing a renewed anti-Japanese atmosphere at Geneva to American influence were prominently displayed by Japanese newspapers today.

The dispatches mentioned in this connection the activities of the American embassies in London and Paris.

Japanese officials said news from Geneva indicated that the League of Nations, considering efforts to conciliate Japan and China to be futile, would proceed to frame a report in accordance with Paragraph 4, Article 15, of the league covenant.

The nature of this report, they asserted, will determine whether Japan will quit the league. The paragraph in question provides for recommendations of league action.

From the Manchurian front came news that Monday and Sunday Japanese airmen bombed Chinese troops in the Kailu district of northeastern Jehol province.

The bombings, plus "internal disorders," are breaking up the numerous Chinese volunteers concentrated in that section of Jehol, Japanese military leaders said. They asserted the expected attack by the Chinese on the city of Tungliang, in Manchuria, about 60 miles east of Kailu, probably would not eventuate.

The war office issued a statement saying that alarmist reports to the effect that China in preparing for large scale warfare against Japan are propaganda. The purpose, the statement continued, is to scare Western powers into the belief that a world war will result unless something is done to stop the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The war office warned the Chinese that any such propaganda activities amounted to playing with loaded guns—that they might actually produce a war, in which case, in the view of Japan, the full responsibility would be on China's shoulders.

Small Will Speak Monday

Congressman To Speak At Noon Recess of Su- perior Court

Greenville, Jan. 18.—Former Congressman John H. Small of Washington, D. C., will speak at the courthouse here Monday at the noon hour in behalf of "Some Important Political and Industrial Issues," it was announced here today.

The speaking will take place at the noon recess of superior court and was expected to be largely attended by reason of the prominence of the former Congressman who has long been in the national limelight.

Mr. Small, now a member of a law firm at Washington, is well-known in Greenville. He represented this district in Congress for many years and his constructive work has long been the admiration of his friends. He spoke here sometime last year in opposition to the Eighteenth Amendment, and his comprehensive treatment of the subject won favorable comment.

Everybody interested in the political and industrial life of the nation is cordially invited to attend and hear the former statesman who is familiar with conditions existing in every phase of American life.

Brumstick county hog growers have had considerable trouble with their animals recently due to the high eating ground sweet potatoes in the soil. Dist. Attorney in the state charges the main business of the hog.

House Passes Seed Loan Bill

Measure Providing Farm Loans Passed Under Suspension Of Rules

Washington, Jan. 17.—Under suspension of the rules the House of Representatives yesterday passed the Seed Loan bill for crop production during the year of 1933. Republican Leader Snell and other Republicans vigorously fought the measure, but its friends were able to muster the two-thirds vote by which it was necessary to pass it. No amendments could be offered. Representative Warren of North Carolina, asked unanimous consent to offer an amendment to make the loans applicable to local farm organizations, and Representative LaGuardia tried to get the interest rate fixed at 3 per cent but a single objection on the part of Clarke of New York blocked same.

Representative Lindsay Warren who introduced the seed loan measure on the first day of the session took part in the debate and replied to Snell of New York and Stafford of Wisconsin. Mr. Warren told the House that the measure was vital and absolutely necessary and its failure would mean disaster. He said that the new regional agricultural credit corporations were almost worthless under the rules prescribed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and that no average farmer could secure loans from them on account of the security demanded. He also read to the House the high rate of re-payments from the Southern states. The bill now goes to conference and it is hoped that it will reach the President in a week. The Department of Agriculture will administer the loans as formerly.

They're publishing a magazine in New York entitled, "Strange Suicides."

Area Conference Well Attended

Many Members of Le- gion Auxiliary Gather At Greenville

The Area Conference of the American Legion Auxiliaries of the 5th District held in Greenville on Tuesday was described as one of the best in many months, and those attending from other sections of the State expressed appreciation of the splendid spirit of hospitality shown by the unit there, which acted as hostess.

Farmville extended an invitation for the next meeting to be held in our city.

Splendid reports showing actual achievement the past year were made by district and unit representatives. All but three units were represented in the reports.

Following the business meeting the guests were entertained at a delightful luncheon.

Mrs. W. B. Rodman, Jr., of Washington, district president and division vice-president, presided over the session. Mrs. Wiley Brown, Greenville chaplain, opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. K. B. Pace led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and recital of the preamble.

Following the singing of "America," greetings were extended by Mrs. R. S. McGeehey, national defense chairman of the State organization and president of the Greenville unit.

She urged unit members to write their members of Congress to oppose the movement now on foot for reduction of the Army and Navy.

Mrs. Swanson Graves of Washington, responded in a delightful manner, expressing the pleasure of the area in meeting there.

Miss Beattie Brown, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. G. V. Smith, delighted her hearers with a solo number.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, in a brief and interesting way, outlined the year's work, showing that an ambitious program had been set aside for the various units.

Mrs. Isley of Raleigh, told of the history of the organization, of the Child Welfare Work, Mother's Aid, Boarding Homes and Federal Relief.

Mrs. W. M. Willis of Farmville was elected as District committee woman, for a period of two years.

Among the Farmville Auxiliary members in attendance were: Mrs. W. M. Willis, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. LeRoy Rollins, Mrs. O. G. Spill, Mrs. R. C. Barber, Mrs. J. C. Glass, Mrs. C. E. Baker, and Mrs. W. A. Barrett.



Nation's Flags at Half Mast for Calvin Coolidge
On all federal buildings at Washington, and in cities, towns and hamlets throughout the nation, flags are at half mast for 30 days in honor of Calvin Coolidge, who now sleeps with his forefathers on a Vermont hillside. Photos show, left, Flag at half mast on the Library of Congress with the Capitol in the background; center, Body of the former president lying in state at the church in Northampton, Mass. Right, President and Mrs. Hoover arriving at Northampton to attend the simple ceremony which marked the funeral. "as Calvin would have liked it."

Counties Want Part of Gas Tax

County Commissioners Act Unanimously On Every Proposal Made

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—With their ranks augmented by the impending threat of a bill to abolish tax penalties, some 250 members of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners gathered here yesterday to adopt a legislative program in which they paraded opposition to that bill and a proposal that the legislature remit 1 cent of the 6 cent gasoline tax for use by the counties in payment of their road debt service. The commissioners strongly opposed the diversion of any highway funds to the general fund of the State.

The chances of getting through the gasoline tax division measure were termed remote by State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, former director of local government, whom the commissioners favored retaining that position by consolidation.

Mr. Johnson said there is a possibility that highway funds will have to be issued to refund the general fund deficit of \$12,600,000.

Governor J. C. B. E. Ringhaug appeared at the meeting to advocate "substantial economy" all along the line and to pledge his co-operation. He was given a real ovation by the commissioners, who displayed much more than formal cordiality.

J. W. Whitaker, of Enfield, president of the association, opened the meeting but most of the presiding was directed to stay in Raleigh during the legislative session and further the legislative program.

Mr. Skinner began his task by an appearance yesterday afternoon before the joint finance committee.

Former State Senator Charles Whedbee was present and was asked to draft a tax foreclosure bill to be backed by the body.

Other proposals adopted were: Legislation to require the highway commission to accept 30-day prisoners for highway work. The minimum term is now 60 days and all prisoners serving less than that time are kept in county jails.

An act to permit landowners a longer period to redeem property sold for taxes and to reduce foreclosure costs.

Changes in dates of tax listing from April 1 to January 1.

A horizontal reduction in property values with local readjustment for counties opposing a general revaluation.

Permission to counties to fix salaries of officers and to consolidate offices.

Mrs. Ferguson Is Inaugurated

Woman Becomes Gov- ernor Of Texas For Second Time

Austin, Tex., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Miriam A. (Ma) Ferguson was inaugurated governor of Texas today for the second time after a lapse of six years.

When Mrs. Ferguson served in 1925-26 she was one of two women chief executives in the United States. Mrs. Nellie Taft Ross, of Wyoming, being the other. Now she is the nation's only feminine head of a state.

In a brief inauguration address, after she took the ancient constitutional oath, affirming that she never had "fought a duel with deadly weapons," she asked the hearty cooperation of the legislature.

She warned that "the burdens of government are falling heavily on the masses," declaring "reduction of taxes must come and come quickly or the government will fall and fall badly."

By Mrs. side stood her husband, former Governor James E.

House Votes Down Bill To Drop Tax Penalties

Wants Farm Bill Confined to Only Wheat and Cotton

Roosevelt Says Senator Smith After A Confer- ence With Him

Washington, Jan. 17.—Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, said today President-elect Roosevelt told the domestic allotment farm relief bill to be confined to wheat and cotton.

"He was not familiar with the details of the bill as it passed the house but he did insist, Smith told newspapermen, that dairy products, peanuts, etc., be eliminated from the bill, in short, all but wheat and cotton."

Smith added the President-elect told him he would approve any modification of the plan to cover cotton that the "cotton people" might agree upon.

Smith said he had outlined to Mr. Roosevelt a plan of his own under which the regional agricultural cotton credit corporation when asked by cotton producers for loans to finance this year's crop they would loan them the money and would buy off the market the amount of cotton he intended to produce.

Thus he contended the present surplus would be reduced and result in increased price of cotton so the farmer the year later could repay the loan and make money on his crop.

Philippines Cheerful Over Independence

Students Of University at Manila Make Whoop- pee at Campus

Manila, Jan. 18.—Students of the University of the Philippines celebrated the congressional independence act today in a mass meeting on the campus while insular legislators informally discussed whether to accept or reject the measure.

The student celebration was the first general expression of rejoicing by the Philippines over their independence.

There was no demonstration on receipt of the news that the Senate had overridden President Hoover's veto.

Manuel Quenson, president of the Philippine senate, and opponent of the Hawes Cutting measure, made no comment locally, but told newspaper correspondents he was confident the incoming Democratic Congress would approve an act at least as good.

He reiterated that immediate independence would be preferable, as the economic condition of the country without preparation would be worse than the present.

He said he would sail from Manila March 11 by the way of Europe, arriving in Washington April 11. He is expected to definitely announce his stand after the trip.

(Pa) Ferguson, barred by a Senate impeachment court from ever again holding a state office of trust, after his removal from the governorship in 1927.

Alarmance farmers who have turned hides at home following the recommendations of the State College animal husbandry department report good results. Some hides are tanned with the hair on to be used for rugs in the home but most are tanned for leather.

Roosevelt Plans to Meet Stimson and Hoover

Philippine Islands Given Independence

Senate Voted To Reject President's Veto By 66 To 26 Votes

Washington, Jan. 17.—Freedom for the Philippines was granted by Congress today, the senate voting to override Mr. Hoover's veto on the bill. A two-thirds vote was required.

The House last Friday voted 274 to 94 to override the veto more than the margin required.

The senate vote on rejecting the veto was 66 to 26.

The vote was five more than the required two-thirds of the 92 members casting ballots. Forty-five Democrats voted with 21 Republicans and the lone Farmer Laborist, Shipstead of Minnesota, to override the President's veto and make the bill a law.

Under the new law complete independence for the 34 year old American possession will be achieved in from ten to thirteen years provided the island legislature accepts the act within one year from today.

Failure of the island legislature to accept it, and dispatches from Manila, have carried strong objections to it from that quarter, would start the whole controversy over again with doubt existing in some capital quarters that the new Democratic Congress will get as satisfactory a bill through perhaps for years. The Democratic platform promised immediate independence.

In the senate this afternoon Senator Carter Glass Democrat Virginia, who has been mentioned as Secretary of the Treasury in the Roosevelt cabinet, said he would not accept the position under any circumstances. Glass served in that capacity in the Wilson cabinet.

Representative McFadden, of Pennsylvania, again moved in the house to impeach President Hoover and Speaker Garner had the resolution read which was overwhelmingly defeated last December when first introduced by the congressman.

Hull Offers Bill For Farm Relief

It Authorizes Creation of Loan Fund of One Billion Dollars

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Senator Hull has introduced a bill which he believes will give the best aid to agriculture. It authorizes a bond issue of one billion dollars to be loaned to farmers for the following purposes as stated in the bill:

"To enable them for a period of two years from the date of the enactment of this act (1) to make payment of interest on loans made to them and secured by their mortgages in an amount equal to the difference between the rate of interest agreed upon at the time such mortgage loans were made and 3 per cent per annum, and (2) to secure postponement of foreclosures upon the mortgages securing such loans in each and every instance in which the farm mortgagor is exercising reasonable diligence to meet his securing interest and installment payments, and (3) to make payment of any delinquent taxes accrued against the mortgaged premises and in arrears more than one year, less interest and penalties, due the State, county or municipality. The amount of such tax loan shall constitute a paramount lien on the property of the taxpayers. Such loans or advances shall be made without interest and on such terms as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may prescribe."

The bill reduces pay of chief clerks, now getting \$7 a day, to \$6, and other clerks by \$1 a day. The chief pages were cut from \$4 a day to \$3.50, skilled laborers from \$3.50 to \$2. The pay of pages, \$2.50 a day was not molested.

Arguing for the cuts, Representative Allen of Granville declared that he was not "willing to cut the pay of school teachers in my county getting \$90 a month by 15 per cent, while we are paying our clerks \$150 a month without reducing them."

"We can't afford to cut other State employees and not cut the pay of our own," observed O'Berry of Wayne.

The bill was sent to the Senate by special messenger.

Approve Bill To Merge Counties

The House Committee on counties, cities and towns Wednesday voted a favorable report for a bill proposing the creation of a commission of five members to study possible county consolidations in North Carolina.

The measure provides that the governor, lieutenant governor, chief justice of the Supreme Court and two citizens appointed by the governor comprise the group which would report to the 1935 assembly.

A group of Wilson county farmers bought ten pure bred Guernseys from herd owners in Randolph county in middle December.

President-elect Will Continue Discussion of Foreign Problems

New York, Jan. 18.—Further discussion of America's foreign policy between President-elect Roosevelt and Secretary of State Stimson will precede the conference of Roosevelt and President Hoover Friday, it was learned tonight.

Roosevelt, who will leave here tomorrow morning for Washington, was expected to exchange views with Stimson immediately upon his arrival.

It was learned also that it was a suggestion from the President-elect which led to the invitation from Mr. Hoover to another visit to the White House. Friends said Roosevelt, at the time of his meeting with Stimson at Hyde Park, informed him of his plans for a stop in Washington, and added that if the President wished to talk with him he would be available.

Although Roosevelt insisted his conversations with the President should not be regarded in the light of a conference and that he expected they would be "very general," close associates were of the opinion the Far Eastern crisis precipitated by Japanese invasion of Manchuria and Jehol province would be the principal topic.

Strength is lent this belief because of the seriousness of the situation and the fact Roosevelt's administration will be committed to the Hoover doctrine of non-recognition of puppet governments set up after violations of the treaty of Paris.

Roosevelt would not confirm or deny reports that Norman H. Davis, chief of the American delegation to the Geneva disarmament conference, would "sit in" with him at the White House. Neither would he discuss the possibility of Prof. Raymond I. Moley, his economic adviser, accompanying him, as he did when both men went over the war debts question.

He devoted his final day in New York City to a series of informal discussions with callers, who included Herbert C. Pell, former Democratic State chairman, and Herbert Bayard Swope.

"Have you heard that the Democrats in Congress have decided to wait until you call a special session before attempting to balance the budget?" he was asked.

"Oh, that's just another Washington report," he smilingly retorted.

"What will you and Mr. Davis talk about on the trip to Washington?" he then was asked.

"We plan to take up the progress of the disarmament matter," he explained, "and perhaps the world economic conference in London."

"Will Mr. Davis attend that conference?"

"Why do you ask?" Roosevelt shot back.

"Because," his interviewer remarked, "if he is there, then he cannot very well be Secretary of State."

The President-elect laughed heartily and turned to other subjects.

Will Charge Jury Monday

Asks County Officers To Be Present To Hear The Charge

Greenville, Jan. 18.—Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, who is conducting a two-week term of Superior Court in this city, will stress the civil form of government in his charge to the new six months' grand jury next Monday morning, it was made known today.

Judge Grady will speak on the subject, "The Meaning of the Civil Form of Government," and has asked that all officers of the county be present to hear what he has to say.

The judge's charge to the grand jury is always the highlight of a criminal court session, and especially in view of the fact that juries are chosen now only every six months, and a tremendous crowd was expected to be present.

Preceding the address, a new six months' grand jury will be chosen.

Following the address, court will begin delving into the one-week criminal docket, consisting of two murder cases and a charge of criminal assault. Many other minor charges are to be considered, principal among them being numerous violations of the prohibition law.

Court this week is confining its attention to consideration of civil cases.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Bookkeepers' Association will be held at State College at ten o'clock Friday, January 27th.