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CALL ATTENTION TO TREATY OBLIGATIONS

Japanese Influence In North China Autonomy Movement Draws Protest.

By Stanley P. Richardson, Associated Press Staff Writer
By Guardian's Special Wire
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Japan was warned tonight by Secretary of State Hull that the United States Government does not look with equanimity upon the autonomy movement in North China.

In a formal statement, which followed close upon a sharper and even more pointed warning to Japan in the British House of Commons, the Secretary of State called upon "all nations" to respect existing treaties. Hull did not mention the name of Japan, which generally has been credited with encouraging the move to separate the North China provinces from the Nanking Government, but his meaning was clear.

His equally obvious reference also was to the nine-power treaty. With Japan, Great Britain and the United States among its signatories, this pact guarantees both China's territorial and administrative integrity and the maintenance of the "open door" to foreign trade.

WIDE SPECULATION

Wide speculation accompanied Hull's statement. It came almost on top of the assertion by Sir Samuel Hoare, British Foreign Secretary, that anything lending color to the belief that Japanese influence was behind the autonomy move, "can only do harm to the prestige of Japan."

This perhaps coincidental concert of statements immediately recalled that Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British Ambassador, had discussed the Sino-Japanese crisis with Hull recently. Rumors that there might be some joint action in the Far East, however, have gone unconfirmed.

Hull's statement, labelled as in response to inquiries by newspapermen, cited the extensive United States interests in North China, as well as this government's treaty obligations.

"The American Government," he said, "is therefore closely observing what is happening there."

Fear Far-reaching Effects

He described this as a "political struggle which is unusual in character and which may have far-reaching effects," and added: "Unusual developments in any part of China are rightly and necessarily of concern not only to the government and people of China but to all of the many people and powers who have interests in China. "For, in relations with China and in China, the treaty rights and the treaty obligations of the 'treaty powers' are in general identical."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

- *Pantry Sale for Basilia Boy Scouts, Holmans, Saturday, December 7th. L-3538-12-5-21.
- *Boy Scouts' Rummage Sale, Trinity Social Hall, Saturday, December 7th, 6:30 p. m. L-3580
- *Come to the dance in Bradalbane Hall tonight, Friday, Dec. 6th. Admission 20 cents. L-3578
- *Reserve Monday, December 16th for Trinity Mission Band Concert. L-3575-12-6-11.
- *West Royalty School, Friday, December 6th, Concert and Box Social in aid of hockey team. L-3528
- *See the Haunted House Play in Brookfield Hall, under auspices of Tanton Lodge, December 6th. Charlot- tetown players. L-3550-12-5-21.
- *Beginning December 10th, we will be buying live and dressed poultry, all kinds, paying highest market prices. Matthew & McLean Ltd., Bridgetown. L-3534
- *Buying live and dressed poultry daily at J. P. Profit's warehouse, Kennington, paying highest market prices. H. S. McEwen and Oliver Campbell. L-3443
- *Fattened Chickens and Fowl, Buying December 11th and 12th. Chas. Gese, Ducks. Buying every day, R. J. MacDonald & Co., Ltd., Cardigan. L-3570-12-5-21.

Plot To Bomb Liner Bremen?

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—An anonymous report to police of a plot to bomb the German steamship Bremen, due at Quarantine at 10 p. m. tonight, resulted in an order for "alert duty" to marine police and coast guardsmen.

Marine police headquarters said a force from their department would meet the ship at Quarantine and be with it until it reaches the dock at 7:45 tomorrow morning.

PREMIER LAVAL MAKES KNOWN PEACE PLAN

Final Effort To Solve Ethiopian War Before Oil Embargo Is Declared.

(By Richard G. Mascock, Associated Press Staff Writer)

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Premier Laval, racing against time in an effort to solve the Ethiopian war before an oil embargo is declared against Italy, has sent Premier Mussolini peace "suggestions," it was disclosed today.

The proposals, which have been drafted with the help of Great Britain, do not constitute a fixed plan for peace, it was stated, but are designed to head off complete rejection by Il Duce.

A final plan may be adopted at the conference here Saturday between Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare, Britain's Foreign Secretary, for submission to Rome.

M. Laval's suggestions, given to Vittorio Cerruti, the Italian Ambassador, yesterday, were said to include:

1. Cession to Ethiopia by Italy of a seaport in Eritrea.

2. A slight modification of the Northern Ethiopian and Eritrean frontier leaving Ethiopia in control of its holy city of Aksum—now occupied by Italy.

3. The granting to Italy of Ethiopian territory south of eight degrees north latitude, including Ogaden province, and west to 38 or 40 degrees east longitude.

4. The remainder of Ethiopia to be absolutely independent.

French and British experts were said to be unable to agree on some points. They have been working here for some time on a peace plan.

M. Laval's move, it was said in diplomatic circles, is his final effort before an oil embargo is applied.

Late News Flashes

(C. P.—Havas, By Guardian's Special Wire)
LONDON, Dec. 5.—Discussions between British miners and mine operators apparently reached a deadlock tonight.

The operators' issued a statement denying miners' charges they were receiving insufficient wages. The operators added it was impossible for the coal industry to agree to an increase of two shillings (48 cents) a day in miners' wages.

STUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 5.—(A.P.)—Four men were trapped tonight in a coal mine at Wolf Run by an explosion. Thirty-five others were brought to the surface safely.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 5.—(C.P.)—Alfred Eatman, 35, colored resident of Barker's Point, was taken to hospital tonight in a semi-conscious condition after being found in the road near the Canadian National Railway crossing at Barker's Point.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 5.—(C.P.)—The end of the longshoremen's strike which has prevailed on the Vancouver and district waterfront for five months appeared in sight today.

Announcement was made by officials of the Vancouver and district waterfront workers' association that the strike which started June 4 would end Monday, Dec. 9 at eight a. m.

HARTSHORNE, Okla., Dec. 5.—(A.P.)—Russell Cooper, former member of the disintegrated Irish O'Malley gang of bank robbers and kidnapers, was captured late today near Clayton, Okla., and officers confidently expected quick capture of the other four prisoners who fled with him in a bloody prison break Tuesday.

JEMISEG, N. B., Dec. 5.—(C.P.)—One of two young brothers was drowned today while returning to school after dinner when they skated into an air hole on a lake in front of the school house. Rescuers were unable to reach Russell Elges, 10, in time but they saved Lloyd, 12, by means of a pole thrust out from a spot on firm ice. Russell's body was recovered.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(C.P.)—Indications were closing of navigation in the St. Lawrence River channel may be postponed for a week, it was estimated today. Last year the official closing was Dec. 5.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—(C.P.)—Premier Laval today agreed to the demands of the Radical Socialist bloc that he not against semi-military political groups such as the Rightist Croix de Feu.

Informed observers predicted he had thereby won his battle with hostile factions in the Chamber of Deputies and tomorrow would obtain a vote of confidence in the Chamber by a majority of about 25.

ACCOUNTANT HELD FOR QUESTIONING

Police Check Lafleur's Murder Hold-up Story.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
HULL, Que., Dec. 5.—Paul Lafleur was taken to Montreal today for further questioning in connection with the gun-slaying yesterday of his bank clerk companion Armand Nadeau, and the theft of \$15,000 belonging to the Banque Provinciale du Canada where both worked.

The 29-year old accountant was held under a coroner's warrant signed by Dr. Joseph Isabelle of Hull after he had been questioned almost continuously for 16 hours. Before he went Quebec police drove him to the lonely side-road, about two miles east of here, led him to the spot at which he told them Nadeau was shot and ordered him to re-enact step-by-step what happened yesterday.

What Lafleur showed police could not be learned. Officers guarded him so closely that even his lawyer, Paul A. Boivin of Hull, engaged by friends, said he was unable to see him.

Boivin said he planned a vigorous protest to Quebec authorities. Departure of Lafleur and part of the Quebec detective force that came here yesterday left a big question mark over Hull police headquarters. Apart from the question of who killed Nadeau and stole the \$15,000, these points remained unanswered:

How many men participated in the holdup?

Why was Nadeau shot and Lafleur not?

How many automobiles travelled up the side-road where police found Lafleur's car after he had called for help?

Where is the .38 calibre bank revolver which the bank employees carried?

Dr. Rosario Fontaine, Quebec medico-legal expert conducted an autopsy today on Nadeau's body, recovering one .38 calibre bullet from his skull. Police presented the doctor with another they found.

Unless the bank revolver is found, however, he will never be able to tell if they were fired from that weapon as no sample bullets fired from it exist. Lafleur said he thought the bandit took it.

Lafleur told police one man he declared thrust a gun in his face, climbed into the back seat and clamped the weapon against

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Crown Prince Grows Up



A fine closeup of Crown Prince Michael, son and heir of King Carol II, of Rumania, as the 14-year-old youngster appeared during a shoot held near Bucharest, the capital city. Note how tall the youngster has grown. His official title is Grand Voyvoda of Alba Julia.

Countervailing Duty Urged By Potato Growers

N.B. Potato Interests Seek Protection Against American Free Importation Under Washington Treaty.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 5.—Changes in inspection regulations, removal of potato-loading from the list of hazardous occupations, reduced freight rates to the central provinces and a countervailing duty on United States potatoes were recommended here today at a meeting of New Brunswick potato shippers and growers.

They favored restoration of freight rates prevailing prior to 1915, namely 17 cents a bushel to Montreal and 22 cents to Toronto as against 28 and 38 cents at present. They also urged that the rate charged by the workmen's compensation board for potato loading be not in excess of 30 cents on \$100.

More uniformity in the standard of inspection at destination points was necessary to prevent frequent degrading of shipments, the shippers felt.

Allan MacMillan Awarded I.O.D.E. Scholarship

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

TORONTO, Dec. 4.—Formation of new chapters and the awarding of post graduate war memorial scholarships by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire were announced today at a meeting of the national executive.

The scholarship awards were J. Henry Moore, Moncton; appointed for the second year at Cambridge; Alan MacMillan, Charlottetown; Nell Hutcheon, Roseton, Sask.; and Arthur Barker, Toronto, each given a second year at the University of London. Patricia E. Parker, Calgary, to enter the University of London, Elizabeth M. Halley, Victoria, B. C. to enter Newham College, Cambridge.

New members added to the order's advisory board were M. Balfour, Regina; J. H. Woods, Calgary; President L. S. Klinck, University of New Brunswick; President R. C. Wallace, University of Alberta; D. W. Matheson, Yorkton, Sask.; Peter McAra, Regina.

Mrs. L. E. Smart of Regina, convener of the Girl Guide Committee, reported two I.O.D.E. Girl Guide companies had been organized—the 89th at Preston, Ont., and the 90th at Annapolis Royal, N. S.

The board was told seven new chapters in Alberta and one in Toronto had been formed.

Charlottetown Man Arrested In Saint John

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 6.—James McLean, 34, of Charlottetown, was arrested tonight on a charge arising from an attempt to open a safe in the office of General Dairies, Ltd., last night. Footprints in snow were traced from the building to McLean's residence, police said.

WOULD END CRISIS WITH MAJOR BATTLE

Italians Plan Decisive Engagement In Ethiopia And Force Own Peace Terms On Ethiopia.

(By John Evans Associated Press Foreign Staff)

ROME, Dec. 5.—(A.P.)—The Italian African army plans to untangle the European crisis by forcing a decisive battle with Ethiopia and then confront Geneva Emperor Haile Selassie, informed circles reported tonight.

Friends said Marshal Pietro Badoglio, new Commander-in-Chief in Africa, had demanded and obtained an "absolutely free hand" to pursue such a course.

Thus hopes were entertained in Rome that a big, swift victory over Ethiopia might solve Premier Mussolini's pressing problems.

Race Against Time

It is a race against time to win before rains bog down the armies or an oil embargo might spread the war to Europe, these sources declared.

Some Fascist sources intimated an oil embargo would mean war on a broader section, while a spokesman said it would be regarded as a most unfriendly action.

Diplomats who know what the British and the French Governments are discussing said peace is possible as soon as and if Badoglio can smash the Ethiopians and give Il Duce Haile Selassie's signature to reasonable peace terms.

"They confirmed the assertions of government spokesmen that Premier Mussolini intends to take what he wants in Ethiopia. They dreaded the possibility, they said, of what some have called the probability of war in Europe.

No Negotiations

"Reasonable terms" were said by one thoroughly informed person to be Italian possession of a little more than she conquered, leaving Haile Selassie a homogeneous nation. A Government spokesman said, however, there have been no negotiations on this subject with Il Duce and that he saw "no reason for optimism in the present situation."

Diplomats said if Italy conquered Ethiopia and accepted peace terms the League of Nations would censure the settlement because the besieging nations would refuse to continue sanctions.

Italy, clearly alarmed, at the threat of an oil embargo, is overlooking no loophole to soften such a blow. New sources for oil are being sought and means have been devised to conserve present stocks.

What attitude Washington will take is being closely followed. Although the United States furnishes now only about six per cent of this country's oil imports, it could supply Italy with all her emergency requirements.

BULLETIN

KINCARDINE, Ont., Dec. 6.—(Friday)—Hon. James Macdonald, former Minister of Trade and Commerce in the former King Government died early today at his home here.

Pan-American Airways Ready To Fly Atlantic

(By Richard L. Turner Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(A.P.)—Pan American Airways tonight was reported ready to start flying the Atlantic as soon as international negotiations, now in progress provide landing fields abroad.

Postal and aeronautical officials with the ultimate objective of reaching an agreement which will open the airports of each to the fliers of all.

"We've got our eyes open, and we're going to get a line over there just as quickly as we can," a Pan American official said. "These international complications are blocking us now, but just as soon as they are settled, we'll begin ex-

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KING CONFERS WITH LAPOINTE

Expected to Elaborate On Sanctions Stand.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Prime Minister Mackenzie King, back from a holiday in Georgia, spent the afternoon in conference with Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice and acting Prime Minister and with others of his associates, at Laurier House. He declined to discuss for publication any of the outstanding questions of government pending a meeting with his cabinet, which will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Foremost among the subjects upon which Mr. King is expected to make official pronouncements within the next day or two are the question of Canada's stand toward sanctions against Italy, the Canad-

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16 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

WHEN POLITICIANS BURY THE HATCHET THEY DIG UP THE AXE!



(Canadian Press)
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TORONTO, Dec. 5.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	58B 30B
Aklavik	56B 20B
Edmonton	18 32
Regina	6 22
Toronto	19 35
Ottawa	2 16
Montreal	2 16
Quebec	Zero 12
Saint John	2 14
Halifax	2 16

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Strong north to northwest winds; local snowflurries, but clearing and considerably colder.

High tide this morning at 7.05 and tonight at 7.03. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.10 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.24.

Full moon Monday, Dec. 9, 10.10 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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