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WAR?

An exchange dispatch from Geneva says the action of W. W. Yen, Chinese delegate in invoking articles 10 and 15 of the League of Nations covenant with respect to the Shanghai situation is tantamount to a declaration of war.

Will Be Sworn In To-Day

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2.—(By The Canadian Press)—Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Fisheries will probably be sworn in tomorrow as Minister of Finance. Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, it is understood, will relinquish the administration of the portfolio sometime during the day. On assuming the duties of Minister of Finance, Mr. Rhodes will continue for the present to administer the Department of Fisheries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

- *Borden Line Club leading hogs, hams, calves, Albany, Thursday, February 4th. 401-2-1-41.
- *Races at McArthur's Wharf, Thursday, February 4th, 2 o'clock. 469-2-3-21.
- *Come to the Leap Year Dance at Orwell Cove Hall, Thursday, February 4th. 475-2-3-11.
- *Come to the Dance in Lot 65 Hall Wednesday night. If stormy, Friday. Special music. 453-2-2-21.
- *Come to the Dance Emerald Hall, Wednesday, February 3rd. Music furnished by Jack Brabouet. 424-2-2-21.
- *Consult J. A. Moore, Sun Life Assurance Co., Charlottetown, before insuring. Experience has taught me many things that will save you money.
- *Come to Card Party and Leap Year dance in Hope River Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Refreshments served. If not fine, first fine night. 452-2-2-21.
- *Musical entertainment, refreshments, and dance, Summerfield Hall, Thursday, Feb. 4th at 8 p. m. Admission, 25 cents. 451-2-2-31.
- *Come to the Card Party and dance, Masonic Hall, Hunter River, Wednesday night, Feb. 3rd. Refreshments served. If not fine, first fine night. 448-2-2-21.
- *The Annual Meeting of the Stanley Dairy Company will be held in the Masonic Hall, Stanley, on Tuesday, the 9th of February at 2 P. M. H. S. MacEwen, Secretary. 478-2-3-4-5-8-41.
- *The Mt. Alton Women's Institute will hold a concert and entertainment in their hall on Thursday evening, February 4th at 8 o'clock. If not fine, first fine evening following. 404-2-3-21.
- *Bradshaw Presbyterian Church. Annual congregational meeting, Tuesday, February 9th, at 2:30 p. m. sharp. Full attendance requested. Rev. R. Moorhead Legate presiding. 472-2-3-3-4-5-8-41.
- *The annual meeting of the Hunter River Shipping Club will be held in New Glasgow Hall Friday afternoon, Feb. 5th at 1 o'clock. Mr. Clay of the Live Stock Branch and Mr. Elliott of the Marketing Board will be present. Signed, Russell Nicholson, Secretary. 445-2-2-21.
- *Annual meeting of the Emerald Shipping Club will be held in Springfield Hall, Thursday night, February 4th at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Elliott of the Marketing Board and Mr. Clay of the Live Stock Branch will be present. Nelson Matheson, Secretary. 470-2-3-11.

JAPANESE EXPECT BIG CHINESE DRIVE

Sensing An Offensive On Large Scale, Japs Have Rushed Reenforcements into line in Chinese Chapei Section Of Shanghai—Shells Drop Near British.

BRITISH HOUSE REASSEMBLES

Situation In The Far East Most Important Matter Before Parliament—British Position Outlined.

LONDON, Feb. 2. (Canadian Press Cable)—A crowded house of Commons had an opening hour full of matters of extreme moment when it re-assembled today after a six weeks' recess. Topping all other matters of course was the situation in the far east. Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, outlined the British position in a statement duplicated by Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Dominions, before the extraordinary meeting of the League Council at Geneva.

Sir John explained that Britain, the United States, France and Italy had joined in presenting to Tokio and Nanking today proposals calling for immediate cessation of hostilities, formation of a neutral area in Shanghai to be policed by neutral forces, and opening of negotiations on Sino-Japanese controversies in the spirit of the pact of Paris.

Canada's Coal Imports Drop

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2. (By The Canadian Press)—Canada is diminishing its purchases of anthracite coal, an imported fuel. During the last five years imports from United States have dropped one million tons and the increase from Great Britain 350,000 tons has not been sufficient to offset it. In the calendar year 1931, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canada brought 2,236,400 tons of anthracite from United States, 876,300 tons from Great Britain, 60,700 tons from Germany and 4,590 tons from French Indo-China.

B. C. Premier Is Improving

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 2. (By The Canadian Press)—A minor operation which Premier S. F. Tolmie underwent last week has failed to stop the severe nose bleed which has caused him considerable trouble and he is still confined to his bed. A slight improvement in his condition is reported. Visitors are not allowed and the Premier is debarred from taking part in government affairs, although his condition is reported not serious enough for any alarm.

- *Come everybody to the races today at Oyster Bed. 472-11.
- *Hockey at Milton Wednesday night, Wheatley River Stars vs. Milton Hornets. Skate after match. 484-11.
- *Victoria Ramblers versus Granite, Highfield rink tonight. Skate after match. Cornwall Thursday. 482-11.
- *Victoria rink, Thursday, February 4. Summerside Hockey Club versus Victoria Unions. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Skating after game. 481-2-3-21.

(By Morris J. Harris, Associated Press Staff Correspondent) (Copyright, 1932, By The Canadian Press)

SHANGHAI, (Wednesday), Feb. 3.—Convinced that a big Chinese drive would be launched within forty-eight hours, the Japanese command today rushed bluejackets reinforcements into line in the Chinese Chapei section of Shanghai and strengthened the Japanese defenses along the Shanghai-Woosung railroad. These reinforcements were during a lull that followed a long artillery duel Tuesday, in which neither side appeared to have profited to any extent.

Japanese officers declared the purpose of the Chinese during the bombardment was to reduce the Japanese strongholds within the Chapei section. About 450 men were moved in from the warships in the Whampo, bringing the total Japanese strength to approximately 5,000.

SHELLS DROP NEAR BRITISH

During the artillery duel shells from a Japanese mortar fell near

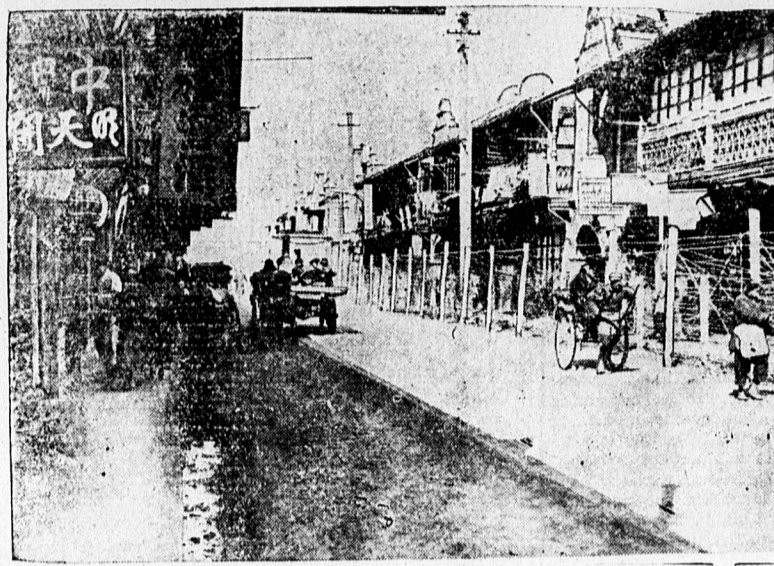
British volunteer units within the international settlement. No casualties were reported. Japanese 18 pound guns poured a rain of shells on Chapei during yesterday afternoon from positions behind the butts of the Hongkew park rifle range. The Japanese began to mobilize a force of about 2,000 bluejackets, and it was expected the bombardment would be followed up by an attack, but no advance materialized. The day's work was left to the guns.

SILENCE CHINESE GUNS

At 6:30 p. m. the Japanese put their heavy pieces into action, drowning out the noise of machine guns and lighter artillery, and the French mortars of the Chinese. When the firing died down the only Chinese gun heard from was a long trench mortar with a range of about 2,000 yards. The Japanese set up 28 or more barbed wire barricades and sand bag emplacements in the Hongkew area, marking each stronghold with bluejackets' equipment.

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Native Section Attacked By Japs



SHANGHAI CITIZENS MASSACRED BY JAPS

The battle of the Chapei section, which raged almost continuously for 24 hours on Jan. 29 when the Japanese invaded the city, became a virtual massacre as leaping flames and roaring air bombers whirled the place with destruction. Onlookers who thronged the roofs of the skyscrapers in Shanghai's business section to watch the area become a shambles of terror and death, said the slaughter among the 200,000 Chinese inhabitants was enormous. Japanese aeroplanes roared over the sport every 20 minutes releasing a thundering mass of bombs against which the Chinese were powerless to defend themselves, except with their rifles and machine guns. The fire started by the first bombing grew into a roaring conflagration as the attack continued. It licked its way through the narrow, wren-like streets of the mud hut and cobblestone city as a praetere fire might attack the nests of a colony of field mice. The terrified people were faced with a dilemma of terror. They had the choice of staying in their huts and being burned to death, or fleeing into the open to be shot or torn to pieces by bursting bombs. The printing plant of the Commercial Press, reputed to be the largest in the world, was destroyed. The ABOVE picture shows a view of the native quarters which were heavily bombed.

FLYERS TO AID MOUNTIES IN CAPTURE

Of "Mad Hermit" Of Rat River—Dynamite Bombs Will Be Used To Oust Trapper From His Lair.

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 2. (By the Canadian Press)—A war-hero of the air is to join Canada's mounted police in a spectacular attempt to capture the mad murderer of a "Mountie" in the barrens of the Arctic circle. Capt. "Wop" May, noted northland flier, is to drop dynamite bombs on the lair from which Albert Johnson, crazed trapper, has resisted arrest by a police posse.

Ammunition and provisions for the force which has been seeking the hermit of Rat River since he shot to death Constable E. Millen last Saturday will be rushed immediately to McMurray, End-of-Steel, 240 miles north of Edmonton. Pilot C. H. "Punch" Dickins, one of the ablest of barren land airmen, will hop off for the north tomorrow morning. From McMurray, Capt. May will fly in his own plane with the transferred supplies leaving probably

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THE SENATE GOVERNMENT DISARMAMENT VACANCIES APPOINTMENT CONFERENCE

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2.—(By The Canadian Press)—Appointments to the vacancies in the Senate are expected to be made and announced tomorrow. Four vacancies at present exist in the upper chamber, one for Ontario, another for Quebec and two for Nova Scotia. Filling of these vacancies will give the Conservative forces a majority of two in the Senate. The party standing will then be Conservatives; Liberals 47. The ranks of both sides of the chamber, though, have several senators who are not in the best of health, and there is considerable doubt as to whether these senators will be able to be present for the early part of the session.

The existing vacancies were created by the deaths of Sir George Foster, (Conservative—Ontario); Hon. G. G. Foster (Conservative—Montreal); Hon. E. M. Farrell (Liberal—Liverpool) and Hon. Nathaniel Curry (Conservative—Amherst).

Labor Minister On Way Home

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2. (By The Canadian Press)—Senator G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, has left Bermuda where he has been recuperating from a recent illness. He will arrive back in Ottawa about the first of the week.

Attorney Will Prosecute Client

HULL, Que., Feb. 2. (By The Canadian Press)—An attorney prosecuting a client is an oddity in the Hull Courts, but tomorrow it will be a fact. F. B. Major, Crown Attorney, will conduct the prosecution when John Graham, of London, Ont., faces a manslaughter charge, arising from the death of Jean Labonte, 10, fatally injured in an automobile accident.

Are Reticent

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 2. (By The Canadian Press)—Other than the statement that "negotiations are still in progress" employees and employers were reticent today in regard to the situation in which the two Canadian railways and representatives of the running trades workers are discussing a proposed ten per cent wage cut. Informal exchanges took place between the railways and the general conference of district chairmen today, although no formal meetings were held. These exchanges are expected to continue with possibly a general get-together of representatives of both sides. The four brotherhoods concerned in the negotiations are the locomotive firemen, locomotive engineers, the conductors and the railway telegraphers, numbering some 27,000 men.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA, JULY 18

Official Opening Of Geneva Parley Of League Of Nations Took Place Yesterday.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2. (By The Canadian Press)—Monday, July 18, is the date for the opening of the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa. Intimation to this effect was made in highest official sources tonight.

Great Britain, the Irish Free State, Australa, New Zealand, South Africa, Newfoundland and India will send delegates to the conference in the Canadian capital. For some time the question of the date has been the subject of communication by cable with the various parts of the Empire. The question of the agenda is now expected to be considered. This matter likewise, will be dealt with by cable communication with the different countries.

Lower Ocean Freight Rates On Export Cattle

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, Feb. 2.—Announcement from Hon. Robert Weir, Federal Minister of Agriculture of lower ocean freight rates on export cattle to British ports, featured last night's complimentary dinner in Simpson's Arcadian Court when some 700 livestock breeders and exhibitors of Canada were the guests of the Canadian National exhibition board.

Is Likely To Succeed Sweezey

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 2.—W. A. Black of Montreal, President of the Ogilvie Flour Mills and director of the Bank of Montreal is reported as likely to succeed R. O. Sweezey as President of the Beauharnois Power Corporation in the impending reorganization of the Beauharnois directorate.

To Hold Caucus

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2. (By The Canadian Press)—Liberal members of the Commons and Senate will hold a caucus either on the opening day of the session, or Friday, probably the latter. At this caucus plans for the session will be discussed and the general lines to be followed, laid down. Already a number of prominent members of the Liberal party are here.

Shanghai's Population

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 2.—The British population in greater Shanghai is rated second in the foreign group, according to the latest figures issued on the city's total population of 3,000,000, there being 9,330 Britishers located in the city. Americans compose the fourth largest foreign group with 3,614. The Japanese come first with the Russians third.

Record & Forecast of the Weather

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Ont., Feb. 2.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES

Dawson	23B	20B
Edmonton	16B	20
Regina	10B	20
Winnipeg	4B	2
Toronto	7A	23
Vancouver	21	35
Quebec	6	18
Ottawa	6	16
Montreal	6	18
Halifax	4B	12
Saint John	2B	16
Charlottetown	2	8

FORECASTS

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys—Moderate southwest and west winds; cloudy and mild with some light snow or rain.

Lower St. Lawrence Valley—Moderate southwest winds; cloudy and milder with some light snow.

Gulf and North Shore—Easterly to southerly winds; cloudy and becoming milder with some light snow.

Maritime Provinces—Fresh easterly to southerly winds; becoming milder with snow, probably turning to rain in western districts.

High tide this morning at 8:40 and this evening at 7:30.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:00 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:15.

New moon Saturday, Feb. 6, 10:45 a.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 2.—(By the Canadian Press)—Police today arrested Tom Hrechkoze, wanted in connection with the murder at Elma, Man., last week, of seven members of the Sitar family, according to word reaching here from Contour, 12 miles east of Elma.

Hrechkoze, hired by Martin Sitar as a farm hand, has been sought since discovery was made of the six bodies in the flame-swept farmhouse three miles from Elma early last Friday morning. Martin, his wife and four of their children were stabbed to death, dying almost instantly, while a fifth child died here 36 hours later from knife wounds.

ALLEGED MURDERER IS ARRESTED

According to the report received at provincial police headquarters here, Hrechkoze is being brought to Winnipeg aboard a freight train. He will be locked up here probably late this afternoon or early tonight.

Identification of the captured man as Hrechkoze is said to have been established to the satisfaction of police by neighbors of the Sitar family.

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IF THERE'S ANYTHING WORSE THAN A BIG BUSINESS IT'S NO BUSINESS



CAN FERRY SCHEDULE
Week days—Leaves Horton daily 9:15 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.
Leaves Tormentine daily: 10:35 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.