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General Civil War Follows Declaration of Chinese Leader

ST. JOHN BIDS VISITORS WELCOME

CHINESE TROOPS ARE ON THE MOVE TOWARD SHANGHAI

Chang Tso Lin Sends Death Warning to His Opponents.

FOREIGNERS ACT

1,100 Troops Landed From Warships to Protect Foreign Settlement.

(United Press.)

London, Sept. 9.—Reports from all Chinese battlefronts today and from headquarters of the rival war lords of the north, who are preparing to enter the fray, indicated that general civil war followed immediately upon the martial declarations of the Manchurian chieftain, Chang Tso Lin.

General Wu Pei Fu, leader of the Chi Li party, arrived at the Liubo battlefield before Shanghai to direct personally the assault of Chi Hsieh Yuan's forces upon the city.

Learning this, Chang Tso Lin sent word that he would kill Wu Pei Fu and also President Tao K'un of the Peking government.

Another powerful war lord, Sun Yat Sen, is sending large numbers of troops northward to Shanghai, but it is pointed out that Sun's troops will have the greatest difficulty in establishing contact with Lu Yung Hsiang, whom he desires to aid.

Lu Gets Big Check.

General Lu is reported to have received a check for \$400,000 sterling from Chang Tso Lin as evidence of the latter's entry into the conflict.

Chang Tso Lin and Sun Yat Sen, powerful leaders of the north and south, have aligned themselves with Lu Yung Hsiang at a moment when reports from the Shanghai battlefield indicate Lu met with severe defeat.

General Wu Pei Fu and President Tao K'un of Peking are backing General Chi, Lu's rival.

Foreign Troops Land.

Shanghai, Sept. 9.—While the preliminary battles in China's civil war continued today with renewed intensity in the vicinity of the prize city of Shanghai (Continued on page 2, sixth column.)

PRINCE SUFFERS A SLIGHT EYE INJURY

Flying Tuff From Pony's Hoofs Is Cause—Soon Removed.

Sydney, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The Prince of Wales suffered a slight injury to his right eye yesterday, when in the midst of a rough polo game, a piece of dirt, hurled by the flying hoofs of a pony, lodged under the eyelid of the Royal athlete. The irritation caused him considerable pain for half an hour, until Dr. Medwin Beale, a Glencove physician, who was immediately called, removed the dirt.

The game was stopped at the end of the sixth period and the Prince drove to the James A. Burden house to await the physician. It was said that the injury was not likely to prove serious, and the Prince decided not to allow the mishap to interfere with his presence at the dinner and dance party tonight at the home of F. Ambrose Clark in Westbury.

Threatened Prince; Sent To Asylum

Williamstown, Mass., Sept. 9.—(United Press)—Marc J. Geroy, Canadian World War veteran, charged with sending to the British consulate in New York a letter threatening the Prince of Wales, has been arrested and committed to the State Hospital at Ogdenburg.

Officials notified the Prince at Syoset, Long Island, of Geroy's arrest. The veteran, who was examined and pronounced mentally unbalanced by physicians at Pulaski, was preparing to leave for northern Michigan when arrested. His alleged letter was received in New York last Thursday.

Chases Kidnapper On Roller Skates

New York, Sept. 9.—Five-month-old Frederick Magliano was kidnapped from a parambulator where his mother, Gertrude, had left him sleeping in front of their home at 2,101 Third Avenue.

Eugene Gotsch, a 12-year-old boy, said that while coasting on roller skates he saw a woman, hatless and with dark bobbed hair and wearing a black dress, take the baby out of the carriage.

The boy said the woman boarded a passing Third Avenue trolley car and that he pursued the car for two blocks. Though unable to catch up with it, he got the car number, and the police later visited the car and interviewed the crew. Neither conductor nor motorman recalled having seen the woman or infant, but said travel had been heavy, and the two might have escaped their observation.

BIRKENHEAD'S ACT CALLED TRICKERY

Danger Now Of De Valera Regaining Hold On Southern Ireland.

By C. F. GRANDALL. (British United Press.)

London, Sept. 9.—The reaction in Southern Ireland to the publication of the Birkenhead correspondence which appeared in the Times is both swift and bitter. Even the newspapers which oppose the Republican idea and support the treaty are unanimous in their disapproval of Lord Birkenhead's attitude, which they describe as "tricky," and declare that the treaty would never have been accepted if the Free State had realized that the British government in consenting to a demarcation of the northern boundaries by a commission really meant nothing more than a petty readjustment of the lines. The actual powers of the commission in the north are, however, largely determinative by itself.

It is possible that the reassurance to Ulster contained in Lord Birkenhead's letter may induce the northern government to participate in the commission, and if this is so the grave difficulties between the two governments seem still capable of adjustment. If this is not effected there is obviously serious danger in sight, for the irreconcilable of both England and Ireland are eager to set the heather afire again and any weakness on the part of the present government in the direction of enforcement of the treaty in the fullest sense and without reserve or equivocation, to earlier treatment of suspects and to the increase of sanatoria and the spread of propaganda regarding sanitation.

PREDICT EARLY END OF TUBERCULOSIS

British Health Ministry Takes Hope From Declining Casualty Rates.

By C. F. GRANDALL. (British United Press.)

London, Sept. 9.—The dread scourge of tuberculosis will be stamped out within a decade. This is the prediction of the Ministry of Health, a high official of which department said today.

The reduction during the last decade of the 12 per cent. of cases and 25 per cent. of deaths is due to preventative measures, to earlier treatment of suspects and to the increase of sanatoria and the spread of propaganda regarding sanitation.

Wire Briefs

Moscow, Sept. 9.—Twenty-four persons suspected of implication in the revolt in the Republic of Georgia have been executed.

Mitchell Field, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The U. S. army round-the-world fliers hopped off from Mitchell Field for Washington at 9:35 o'clock this morning, daylight saving time.

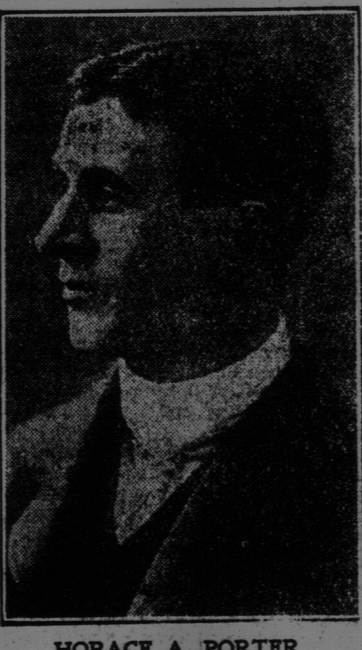
Paris, Sept. 9.—The Duchess de Mouchy, intimate friend of Empress Eugenie and one of the last survivors of the famous Tuilleries Court, is dead. She was a granddaughter of Napoleon's Marshal, Murat.

Tucson, Arizona, Sept. 9.—Fireman George Ward, of Tucson was killed when the Sunset Limited, the Southern Pacific's crack east-bound passenger train, went into a ditch one mile west of Boon, near here, late last night. Other members of the crew and all passengers escaped unhurt.

London, Sept. 9.—Canon Frederic Lewis Donaldson, of Peterborough, Northamptonshire, has been appointed Canon of Westminster in succession to Canon E. W. Barnes, recently appointed Bishop of Birmingham. He is a personal friend of Premier Ramsay MacDonald and has helped to found the Church Socialist League.

St. John People Prominent in Canadian Clubs' Convention

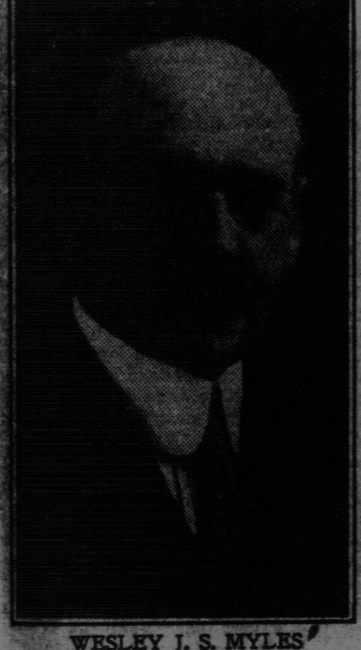
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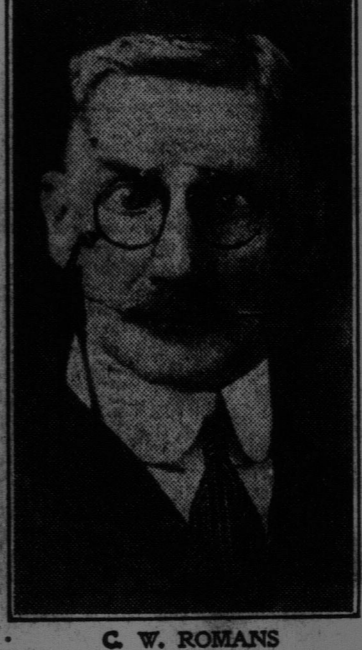
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WESLEY J. S. MYLES



G. W. ROMANS

HUNGARY PLEADS TO NATIONS' LEAGUE FOR PROTECTION

Says Country is Jeopardized by Armament of Surrounding States.

GERMANY'S STATUS

Question of Her Entry to the League is Subject of Discussion.

By HENRY WOOD. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Geneva, Sept. 9.—The League of Nations Assembly finished today with discussion of the Council's annual report, which appeared in the Times is both swift and bitter.

Geneva, Sept. 9.—Without causing any disquiet or any weakening of the general faith at Geneva that something concrete and helpful will emerge from the present League of Nations Assembly on the problems of arbitration, security and disarmament, the debate has gone far enough to indicate clearly to all the delegates the stupendous task confronting them.

Two years were required in building up the famous draft of mutual assistance (Continued on page 2, third column.)

LAKE STEAMER IS BURNED IN DOCK

Crew of 16 Negroes Escaped—Boat Was Valued at \$500,000.

Holland, Mich., Sept. 9.—The steamship South American, one of the finest passenger boats on the Great Lakes, virtually was destroyed by a fire which broke out early this morning while the boat was in drydock for the winter here.

The crew of 16 negroes, which has been cleaning the boat since it came into dock here five days ago, escaped.

Many summer cottages along the shore near the burning boat were ignited by embers blown by a stiff wind, but all were extinguished without serious damage. A warehouse, under construction near the drydock however caught fire, and was badly damaged, as was the drydock which had recently been completed at a cost of \$500,000. The total loss had not been estimated early today. The value of the boat was placed at \$500,000.

Greek Officers Plan New State

Athens, Sept. 9.—El Efiteron Vima, leading Athens newspaper, declared today that four dismissed Royalist officers had gone to Epirus to attempt to obtain support of the garrison there for formation of a separate state under Prince Nicholas of ex-King George.

The new state, the newspaper says, would consist of Northern and Southern Epirus and Corfu. It forecasts that Italy would support the movement.

Prince of Wales, Unrecognized By Policeman Ordered To Move On

New York, Sept. 9.—Entering Belmont Park unheralded Saturday afternoon, and avoiding the crowd, the Prince of Wales succeeded so well in achieving the status of a private person as to get a rough order from a park policeman to move on.

Arriving after the first race, the Prince crossed the tracks and took a position near the last jump of the steeplechase course. There was so little fuss in his vicinity that Policeman Timothy Brogan and another park policeman came running after him.

"Hey, boy, you there!" shouted Brogan. "Get out of that. Get back out of that. You can't go there."

The Prince, taken aback, turned to Joseph E. Widener, who was near him.

"Must I get out," he said. "I think they'll let you stay here," said Mr. Widener.

Enlightenment soon came to Brogan and he backed off, muttering apologies. The second policeman, who had followed Brogan to help drive the Prince away from the steeplechase jump, grasped the situation at the same moment, but saved himself from embarrassment by displaying intelligence of a high order. He did not slacken the speed with which he was rushing toward the Prince, but he swerved and seized, instead of the royal camera man who was at that moment engaged in snapping the Prince's picture.

"You can't do that here," he told the photographer. Then the second policeman retired in good order and joined his discomfited colleague.

At 93 Engineer Is Still at Work

London, Sept. 9.—Although Sir Bradford Leslie, famous engineer, is 93 years old, he has just completed plans for replacing the wooden floating bridge over the Hooghly, at Calcutta, which he built in 1874.

The original bridge, which he guaranteed for 25 years, has lasted twice that time. He worked out all the estimates and plans for the new bridge himself, a feat which at his age is thought to be unparalleled in engineering annals.

After the armistice the Archduke settled in Switzerland and became engaged to the wealthy middle-aged widow Burkhart of Basel. The Countess, who was infatuated with the Saxonianian Hapsburg, is alleged to have repeatedly tried to induce him to break the engagement but he refused, and despairing of altering his decision she committed suicide.

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London Daily Comments On Courage and Persistence of Young Aviators.

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"It would be hard to exaggerate the courage and persistence shown by these young Americans in the face of incalculable dangers. In arrangements for this great flight, American genius for thoroughness of preparation once more proved its efficiency.

"The stimulating effect of this enterprise on the air prestige of the U. S. cannot fail to be immediate and widespread."

REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS PLURALITY OF 33,000 IN MAINE

With Forty Places to Hear From, Brewster's Election is Conceded.

BEATEN AT HOME

Democrat Nominée for Governor is Defeated 421 to 273 in Own Ward.

Portland, Me., Sept. 9.—Ralph O. Brewster, of Portland, Republican, a member of the State Senate, was elected Governor of Maine yesterday by a plurality of more than 30,000 over Wm. R. Pattangall, of Augusta, Democrat.

With returns received from 383 election precincts out of 633, the vote stood: Brewster 136,648; Pattangall 103,273.

The missing precincts included 30 of Eastport which is normally Republican, one precinct of Portland, a number of towns which have too small a total vote to affect the result materially. With the same precincts and one additional Portland precinct missing, United States Senator Bert M. Fernald, Republican, received a revised vote of 138,639 to 91,618 for Fulton J. Redman, Democrat. The four congressmen were re-elected by safe margins.

Pattangall, a former Attorney General (Continued on page 2, sixth column.)

DENIES INTENTION TO NAME DEMPSEY

Husband of Estelle Taylor, Will Charge Desertion in Divorce Suit.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—Kenneth Peacock, husband of Estelle Taylor, denied today that he intended to name Jack Dempsey corespondent in a divorce suit or sue the heavyweight champion for alienation of the actress' affections.

Peacock said he married the movie star in 1911, and after living together for five years they separated. He said that he would soon bring suit for a divorce, but the grounds would be desertion and Dempsey's name would not be mentioned.

"If she wants to marry Dempsey it is alright with me," Peacock said. "After I made a star of her, things didn't go so well, and we virtually agreed to live apart."

Dempsey denies he is engaged to Miss Taylor.

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PLAN WORLD FLIGHT WITHOUT ALIGHTING

Airlships Would Refuel Through Hollow Masts Of Patrol Vessels.

By C. F. GRANDALL. (British United Press.)

London, Sept. 9.—The authorities charged with the development of aviation in Britain do not plan any world flight at present. The Government is wholly uninterested in sporting events and will offer no prizes to encourage private initiative and efforts. The policy of the air ministry is to do everything in its power to promote airship transportation between England and Canada, India and Australia, believing that dirigibles are best suited for long distance and planes for short, quick hops.

Airlships now flying can carry sufficient gasoline to cross the Atlantic and get back again without refueling en route. However, the possibility of a round-the-world flight without alighting, refueling directly from vessels by means of a hollow mast which will serve the dual purpose of anchor and filling tube.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Estate of City Clerk Probated—Work Starts On New School.

Fredericton, Sept. 9.—(Special)—The estate of the late George R. Perkins, city clerk, was probated here yesterday, and letters of administration granted to his widow, Helen S. Perkins. The estate is valued at \$117,000, all personal property, and is bequeathed to the widow.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade last evening ex-Mayor John A. Reid was appointed delegate to the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade at Kentville, N. S.

There has been a large increase in tourist traffic to this city as compared with last season. Up to August 20 not less than 600 people had received accommodations at the tourist camping ground, as compared with 400 for the whole of last season. Upwards of 800 auto parties have called at the Board of Trade rooms for information.

Changes in the time table on the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway are not likely to prove very popular with local merchants. Under present arrangements a train on Saturday makes a round trip, leaving here in the morning and returning in the evening. Under new arrangements, which goes into effect on Sept. 12, this train will not leave until 9 a. m. and will not return until Monday morning.

Contract for the new high school building was signed yesterday by R. A. Corbett of St. John and work on the structure was begun this morning.

Weather Report

Synopsis—A moderate disturbance is moving eastward across the Ottawa Valley and pressure is high to the west of the Great Lakes and off the Atlantic coast. The weather has been showery in Ontario and Quebec and fair in nearly all other parts of the Dominion. Frost has occurred again in some sections of Manitoba.

Gales With Rain. Forecasts: Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds or moderate gales with rain tonight and Wednesday. Maritime—Winds increasing to strong breezes and gales from Southwest with rain tonight and Wednesday.

Northern New England—Showers tonight; cooler in the west portion; Wednesday fair and cooler. Fresh to strong southwest shifting to northwest winds.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—Temperatures: Highest 68, lowest 52. Victoria... 52 68 52. Winnipeg... 40 58 32. Toronto... 54 64 33. Montreal... 62 68 56. St. John... 54 62 50. St. John... 54 62 50. Halifax... 62 68 44. New York... 68 70 64.

Boy Laughs at Joke And Swallows Coin

Beacon, Sept. 9.—Surgeons of the Highland Hospital here performed an unusual operation on William Meade, 10 years old, who had swallowed a silver half-dollar while laughing at a joke.

The half-dollar lodged first in the boy's esophagus and later in his stomach, where the X-ray photographs revealed it. The boy swallowed it on Friday and it was inside him for about twenty-four hours before the incision was made in his stomach and it was removed.

Dr. Ralph Knight, assisted by Dr. Charles Dugan, performed the operation. The boy will be kept in the hospital for a week.

While the coin was lodged in the esophagus the lad was able to swallow only water and liquid food. He was bringing some change from a store to his mother, Mrs. William Meade, Sr., when he began laughing with the coin in his mouth and it slipped down his throat.

"It's pretty hard to get money out of some bodies," remarked a friend of the boy after surgeons had freed the coin.

DELEGATES FROM FAR AND NEAR IN CITY FOR MEETINGS

Association of Canadian Clubs Hears Welcome Words of Mayor.

ROTHESAY IS NEXT

Garden Party This Afternoon—Business Session to Begin Tomorrow.

Dominion-wide attention is focussed on St. John today as the twelfth annual convention of the Association of Canadian Clubs convenes in the Pythian Castle here with delegates from all parts of Canada in attendance.

The upbuilding of a strong Canadian sentiment which finds such a prominent expression in the ideals of the Canadian Club is of national importance and for this reason the deliberations of the three-day convention here this week will be followed with keen interest throughout Canada.

St. John is proud of the privilege of holding the annual convention within her gates and welcomes most heartily those who have come from far and near to discuss matters of paramount concern in the life of this young nation.

Bidding them this time welcome, citizens hope their brief stay here may be a pleasant one for all—that their counsels and decisions may make for advancement and that they carry away with them only the most pleasant recollections of Canada's winter port.

Events of Today. The entertainment aide of the convention has been in the hands of an efficient committee, which has a lawn party on the beautiful grounds of Major-General H. H. McLean's Rotheray home as the chief item this afternoon.

The delegates and guests will motor on to the Pythian Castle hall, previous to which a formal address of welcome on behalf of the city will be extended by Mayor Frank L. Potts in the Pythian Castle hall. Registration of delegates commenced at 2:30 o'clock. This evening an informal At Home will be held in the Pythian Castle hall, with an address by Lieutenant-Governor Todd. The business session will open tomorrow morning.

Committee in Charge. The reception committee for the visiting delegates is composed of Horace A. Porter, national president; Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, national vice-president; and W. J. S. Myles, president of the local Men's Canadian Club. The executive of the Women's Canadian Club has charge of the arrangements of the lawn party this afternoon, with whom are co-operating members of the men's club. The committee is as follows: Mrs. Royden Thomson, Mrs. F. W. Daniel, Mrs. W. B. Tennant, Mrs. Fred Beattie, Mrs. W. Bonnell, Mrs. W. McAvilly, Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, Mrs. T. N. Carter, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. R. Vanwart, Mrs. D. P. Mahoney, Mrs. Andrew McDonald. (Continued on page 2, fourth column.)

GERMANS HESITATE

Proposed Retraction of Admission of War Guilt Causes Discussion.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—Chancellor Marx and Foreign Minister Stresemann will decide at a cabinet meeting next week whether the proclamation, retracting Germany's admission of war guilt, contained in the treaty of Versailles, shall be sent to the world powers and if so, when the step shall be taken.

An official statement given out today announces that the Government attaches such importance to the question that Dr. Marx and Dr. Stresemann, will interrupt their holidays in order to decide it at the cabinet meeting. The statement adds that the Government has received numerous suggestions, especially from economic quarters, regarding the form and time of the dispatch of the note.

The press continues an acrimonious discussion on the question of the advisability of sending the note.