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Desperate Fighting Along The Chinese Front Today

MACDONALD TELLS THE LEAGUE

KIANGSU TROOPS ARE DRIVEN BACK FROM SHANGHAI

British and American Marines Landed to Protect Foreigners.

BITTER FIGHTING Rival War Lords are Both Conscripting Men—Many Casualties.

(United Press.)

Shanghai, Sept. 4.—Bitter fighting between the armies of rival Chinese war lords striving for possession of Shanghai continued today.

There was heavy artillery fire, and additional wounded were brought into Shanghai. Kiangsu troops, which advanced toward Shanghai in force yesterday, were repulsed after bitter fighting, and the Chiehing forces claimed to have carried out counter movements successfully at several points along the front.

A number of airplanes passed over Shanghai this morning en route to Quinsay, where the fighting is heaviest. A deluge of rainfall has hampered the movement of heavy artillery on both sides.

Conscripting Troops.

London, Sept. 4.—(United Press)—Conscription by the rival Chinese leaders continues throughout the Shanghai region, according to a Central News dispatch today. Many coolies are being equipped with makeshift uniforms and old rifles. Preparations are being made to establish a camp for the international marine forces in Jessfield Park, Shanghai.

The correspondent says fighting is very difficult because the rice fields are covered with water in which the troops wander about helplessly. Both sides are plentifully supplied with airplanes, but are short of pilots.

Troops of General Lu Yung-Hsiang, the ruler of the contested Kiangsu district, are fighting with four months pay in advance. There is strong reason to believe, the correspondent says, that the Manchurian dictator, Chang Tso-Lin, is financing them.

Couriers arriving from the front at 9.30 a.m. said a pitched battle began at dawn today. The tide of the battle surged back and forth with neither side gaining decisive advantage.

Flee to City.

Shanghai, Sept. 4.—(Canadian Press)—After 24 hours of fighting within 15 miles of the coveted city of Shanghai, forces of General Lu Yung-Hsiang, ruler of the territory, repulsed the armies of General Chi Shieh-Yan and gained about two miles, according to a statement issued from the headquarters of Ho Feng Lin, defence commissioner of Shanghai. Many casualties were reported.

Shanghai, crowded with foreigners who fled into the city from the firing lines, today viewed the opening of hostilities with apprehension, and fear that the battle lines might come closer to the city before nightfall.

The engagement now in progress is becoming general in the area from the line of the Shanghai-Nanking railway to the coast, and heavy cannonading along the railway line was reported.

Marines Landed.

The temper of foreign governors towards China's provincial civil war was indicated yesterday when several contingents of British marines were landed in the foreign section of Shanghai and 400 French soldiers were sent ashore from war-craft now in the harbor here. The French troops supplement a volunteer company on duty to defend the French settlement in any possible emergency.

An indication of the proximity of actual fighting to Shanghai was given yesterday when encounters between the Chinese soldiers and players on the Shanghai Golf Club links, located in the northern suburb of Kiangwan, led to an order from the club governors suspending play until further notice.

Yesterday's Battle.

A pitched battle between the forces of Lu Yung-Hsiang, Tschun of Chiehing, and Chi Shieh-Yan, Governor of Kiangsu, opened at daylight yesterday morning along the Shanghai-Nanking railway near Hwangtu, about 15 miles from Shanghai.

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This Mouse Has Laugh On Cat

New York, Sept. 4.—When the tom cat and the mouse get together things usually break in favor of the mouse. This time fate smiled on the mouse. The tom cat picked it up at North street and Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, toyed with it for a while, to the amusement of people, then took it in its mouth and started across the roadway.

An automobile came along just then. The mouse ran over the tom cat and killed him. The pressure of the great war, he will be evidence in about fifty-seven cases. Mr. Pugsley ruled this morning that he would not hear claims of the victims of the Halifax explosion of 1917, when a large part of Halifax was laid in ruins and 2,000 killed through the explosion of the munition ship Mont Blanc, after collision with the Belgian relief steamer Iino. This was not a deliberate act, he ruled, and his interpretation of the peace treaty placed the result and claims outside his jurisdiction. He said, however, that he would place a brief of one of the claims before the Federal Government.

HON. DR. PUGSLEY ON MARITIME RIGHTS

He Addresses the Halifax Commercial Club—Hearings on Reparation Cases.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 4.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Canadian reparations commissioner, opened hearings in Halifax yesterday afternoon on local claims against the German Government for losses caused by enemy action during the great war. He will be evidence in about fifty-seven cases. Mr. Pugsley ruled this morning that he would not hear claims of the victims of the Halifax explosion of 1917, when a large part of Halifax was laid in ruins and 2,000 killed through the explosion of the munition ship Mont Blanc, after collision with the Belgian relief steamer Iino. This was not a deliberate act, he ruled, and his interpretation of the peace treaty placed the result and claims outside his jurisdiction. He said, however, that he would place a brief of one of the claims before the Federal Government.

A NARROW ESCAPE FOR PASSENGERS

Engine and Three Baggage Cars Go Down Embankment On D. A. R.

Kennettcook, N. S., Sept. 4.—One hundred passengers on the express from Truro to Windsor, on the midland division of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, had a narrow escape from a broken coupling releasing the engine and three baggage cars left the rails and toppled down an embankment, according to a report from the International Marine Forces in Jessfield Park, Shanghai.

Shale and Brick Co. Loses Plant by Fire

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Fire tonight destroyed the machine shop of the Cookeville Shale & Brick Company, on the Dundas Height, 12 miles west of Toronto. Six months will be required to replace the ruined structure and secure new equipment, says the manager, A. U. Cole, and in the meantime 150 men will be out of work. The property loss is covered by insurance and is said to run nearly \$400,000.

Wire Briefs

Brussels, Sept. 4.—The Belgian military evacuation of the Ruhr will begin tonight with the withdrawal of a battalion of the 16th artillery. Other units will be drawn out from time to time.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 4.—(United Press)—The body of Edward (Pop) Geers, veteran race driver, was sent to his home in Memphis today. Burial will be made in the family plot at Columbia, Tenn.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—(United Press)—Hon. Sir George E. Foster, K. C., M. C., is celebrating his 77th birthday. Sir George, accompanied by Lady Foster, is at present in South Africa with the Canadian delegation attending the conference of the Parliamentary Union at Cape-town.

Geneva, Sept. 4.—The British Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, declared last night that he favored holding the proposed disarmament conference here instead of Washington, because it should be attended by the premiers of Europe, who would thus be able to devote time to the conference.

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Farmers' Day attendance at the Canadian National Exhibition totalled 110,000, as against 100,000 for the corresponding day last year, an increase of \$600. For the ten days of the exhibition to date this year attendance is 1,179,000, as against 1,184,000 for the like period of 1923, an increase of 29,000.

AIRMEN AT PICTOU TODAY; LIKELY TO BE HERE TOMORROW

Plan to Leave Nova Scotia Port Early in the Morning.

MAKING REPAIRS They Hope to be in Boston Before Friday Evening.

St. John can expect the United States globe-circling almanac some time tomorrow morning, if present plans of Lieutenant Lowell H. Smith and his companions, now at Pictou, N. S., are followed.

PRINCE OF WALES HAD A QUIET DAY

Was Guest At Stag Party—Called at Home of John W. Davis.

Syoset, N. Y., Sept. 4.—The Prince of Wales prepared for a more active day today, after indulging in twenty-four hours of almost complete rest as far as athletic exertions were concerned. He watched others knock the golf ball around yesterday, and attended his first formal stag party since he landed. As guest of the Piping Rock Club, at Locust Valley, he shared the honors with the British and United States polo teams, for whom the dinner on the eve of the international matches has become a custom.

The Prince when attending two polo games late yesterday studied the major portion of two audiences that were as much intent upon seeing the future King as upon seeing the practice games of members of the British and United States teams that will battle for the cup beginning Saturday. At the Meadowbrook Club, where he sat alone, and while only a few were conscious of his presence, he escaped by conceding no more than a few snapshots; but at the W. R. Grace Grounds, where the United States team played, he was discovered and followed by a crowd that, though small, was persistent enough to cling to him until he stepped into his motor car after climbing a six-foot fence.

The Prince paid a call at the home of John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for president, on his way to the polo ground. Mr. Davis was not there, but engaged in making addresses in the west, and the Royal call was received by Mrs. Davis.

NEWSPAPER MAN IS KING'S PRESIDENT

Was Also Anglican Clergyman—Rev. Arthur H. Moore Comes to Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 4.—Rev. Arthur Henry Moore, M. A., of St. Johns, Que., is the new president of the University of King's College, Mr. Moore having accepted the post, which was offered to him following a meeting of the Board of Governors of the university held last Friday. He will take over his duties early in October.

"The new president," according to a statement issued by College authorities, "is one of the outstanding younger men of the Church of England in Canada; a man of broad experience and outlook, a forceful speaker and debater, a writer and journalist of a high order, a born leader of men, and a strong and magnetic personality; just the kind of man needed by King's at this time."

Women Held For Death of Man

Philadelphia, Sept. 4.—An unidentified man of middle age was shot and killed on the porch of a West Philadelphia house occupied by Mrs. Helen Mayhew, 46 years old, and Hazel Benson, 30. Both women were held on a homicide charge.

Mrs. Mayhew is said to have admitted to police she had threatened the man and three companions with a pistol when they attempted to force their way into the house.

LET'S SHOW CITY AT IT'S BEST WHEN CANADIAN CLUBS MEET HERE

While a good number of the city merchants responded to the request to do their share in dressing up the city for exhibition week, and flags were flown from a number of the business houses and residences having flagpoles, still it is felt that the idea was not so generally carried out as might be. There are still two more days of the exhibition, with that much time to add to the brightening display.

Avers He Has Skull Of Henry of Navarre

Paris, Sept. 4.—Joseph Bourdais, pastry shop keeper at Dinard, has just written President Doumergue that he possesses the skull of King Henry of Navarre, lost since before the French Revolution. He has kept the head of the king secretly for many years, he says. Now, however, he is willing to sell it, and asserts he can give a guaranty of its authenticity. This news, though coming soon after the heart and brains of Voltaire unexpectedly turned up in the national library, is received with some skepticism by antiquarians.

BOLSHEVIKS ARE TRYING TO GAIN LABOR SUPPORT

Using Lenin's Russian Tactics in Propaganda in Great Britain.

WANT REVOLUTION Labor Dissatisfied, But Leadership Sound and Communism Not Favored.

By C. F. CRANDALL (British United Press.) London, Sept. 4.—The Bolsheviki are boring their way into British labor with the same tactics at the moment which inspired Lenin in creating the revolution in Russia, and they make no bones about their intentions and ambition.

An official statement issued today by the secretary of the Communist Party in Britain says bluntly: "We are working to transform the labor unions from purely pacific organizations into mass organizations for revolutionary activity."

There is not the slightest doubt that labor is suspicious, restless and resentful, and class war, instead of being a slogan, will become a fact. The attitude of labor towards this movement is difficult to define. Yesterday the trade union delegates welcomed the Soviet delegates with remarkable demonstrations, but the previous day they had cheered with equal heartiness the protest against the Moscow and Cambridge exposé of the workings of Bolshevism in Russia.

There is also an active Communist minority within the ranks which is working persistently and insidiously to organize discontent into something sinister. The leadership of the party, however, is still sound, and the great majority of members, while dissatisfied with the progress of the Communist movement, are not ready to turn their backs on the traditional British system rather than try new experiments in revolution.

FRANCE ONLY ASKS TO BE PROTECTED

On That Assurance She Would Consider a Further Disarmament Policy.

Geneva, Sept. 4.—The French premier, Raymond Poincaré, today long after the following dealing with Premier Herriot's position on the primary question of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

"M. Herriot and his associates disputed all the aspects of the security and disarmament problems before the Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain.

"It is understood that M. Herriot had the mutual assistance pact, initiated by a former British delegation, was corollary to the resolution unanimously adopted in 1922 by the League of Nations, stating that it would be necessary to treat the disarmament and security question as an indivisible unit.

The Italian Flier Arrives In Boston

Boston, Mass., Sept. 4.—The destroyer Lawrence came back from the naval patrol for the world flyers today long enough to land here Lieutenant Antonio Locatelli, the Italian flier who lost his plane off Cape Farewell and was rescued by the cruiser Richmond, together with his party. There was no official reception. Locatelli said he was hoping to be able to fulfill his plans for a polar flight by plane from Italy next year.

He's Still Town Crier

The onslaught of civilization, with its speedy printing presses and communication by wire and radio, has not caused J. Myers to lose his job as town crier of San Antonio, Tex. For 30 years he has been broadcasting all the news of the town by megaphone, riding on his San Antonio horseback, and he's still at work.

Something Sends Mother 200 Miles Into Hills; Finds Son Ill

Panama, Canal Zone, Sept. 4.—A telegraphic message from her young son, 200 miles away in the Panama jungles; intuition, mother love or whatever it is that tells a mother when her child is in danger started Mrs. S. E. Hedges, of Balboa, Canal Zone, on a hurried journey along the Pacific coast into the hills of Chiriqui, where she found her twelve-year-old son, Dickie, dangerously ill with an acute attack of appendicitis. A call for help brought an army airplane, and the mother and child were brought to the Canal hospital, where the boy is now convalescing from his operation.

The Canal Zone Boy Scouts have been camping in the mountains near Balboa, and Dickie is one of the good scouts of the Balboa troop.

It was the first time Dickie had been so far away from his parents, and while sitting at lunch at her home in Balboa one day Mrs. Hedges was suddenly struck with a feeling of depression, for which she could not account. Finally she said to her husband: "Somehow I feel that I ought to go to Boquete right away to see Dickie. I feel that he needs me or is in trouble."

"Nonsense," Mr. Hedges replied, "Dickie is all right. He's twelve years old now."

"Well, I'm going to find out if I could get a boat to Chiriqui, anyhow," the mother declared. "If anything should be wrong with Dickie I'd never forgive myself if I didn't go to him."

Dickie, although he lost his vermiform appendix and part of his camping time with his fellow scouts, is enthusiastic over the flight of over 300 miles in a Martin bomber.

Birthdays of Three Together

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 4.—What is believed to be a unique record in the matter of birthday celebrations is claimed by the family of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Goodman of Berkeley, just north of Elizabeth River from Norfolk. A few days ago Irving, aged eight, Elizabeth, aged five, and Sidney, aged four, held a birthday party at their home.

THREE WARS RAGE AS LEAGUE MEETS

One in China, One in Trans-Caucasia and One in Morocco.

London, Sept. 4.—(United Press)—With the League of Nations discussing international and world disarmament at Geneva, three wars were progressing simultaneously today in China, Trans-Caucasia and Morocco.

The Chinese war at present is centered about Shanghai, but considerable apprehension expresses lest it spread to involve the great war lords of the north, Wu, Pei, Fu, dictator of Peking, and Chang Tso Lin, governor of Mukden. The former is backing the forces of Chi Hsieh-Yan in Uelr march on Shanghai, while the latter is supporting the defending forces of Lu Yung Hsiang.

Gales; Rain; Then Clearing. Maritime—Strong northeast winds or gales with rain today and part of Friday, then clearing. Northern New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, slightly warmer tonight in west portion; moderate northwest to west winds. Toronto, Sept. 4.—Temperatures: Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday night. Victoria... 56 74 54. Kamloops... 56 88 56. Calgary... 44 78 40. Edmonton... 50 68 46. Winnipeg... 55 68 42. Montreal... 56 61 48. St. John... 56 66 52. Halifax... 56 70 56. New York... 58 70 54.

MACDONALD SAYS BRITISH EMPIRE BACKS THE LEAGUE

No Peace in the World, He Declares, Without Arbitration.

MUST SET UP COURT Military Alliances Would Bring Back Conditions Existing Before War.

(United Press.)

Geneva, Sept. 4.—The League of Nations Assembly went wild in greeting Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain today as he rose to speak in the start of the day's session. Delegates rose as one man, cheering and applauding the Labor Premier, a spontaneous ovation which continued for several minutes.

MacDonald declared himself reservedly for the League. "If the future justifies our hopes, and war is ended," he began, "it will only be through the League of Nations." After the cheering that greeted his unqualified endorsement had died down, the speaker continued: "National security is our greatest problem, but it must be settled by means that will not entail grave problems later. England is here to increase the authority of the League. Europe is impoverished, owing to the war. We intend through the League to lay the foundations of peace of the world."

Laud Disarmament.

Geneva, Sept. 4.—Before an enthusiastic, applauding assembly of the League of Nations, Premier MacDonald declared: "I want delegates and provided galleries hung on his words. "The subject of land disarmament is more complicated. If such a conference were summoned now it would fail. The League's role now is to prepare the ground. All nations here present must begin preparing themselves for disarmament. First, that all countries be re-armed. (Continued on page 2, seventh column.)"

CROP PROSPECTS MORE PROMISING

So Think Chas. Murphy, of C. P. R. After Inspection of Tour.

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—Crop prospects in the prairie provinces are vastly more promising than expected, in the opinion of Charles Murphy, general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who has returned to Winnipeg after a tour of inspection of western lines.

In parts of Saskatchewan where farmers were reported earlier in the season to be plowing under their crops, are now estimated yields from 15 to 18 bushels per acre. In southern Saskatchewan, Mr. Murphy asserted those who had lived there for 20 years had never seen more favorable crops.

Alberta, he said, will have a better crop than an average for the past ten years. The fields between Calgary and Inisfail were the best he had ever seen, while north of this area the prospects were not so favorable, but improvement was noticeable towards Edmonton.

Bad Gas Brought Down Plane at Yarmouth

Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 4.—The Chicago newspaper airplane en route home with photographs and films of the landing of the United States world fliers at Indian Harbor, was abandoned early yesterday afternoon when about two miles off Yarmouth. Bad gas was stated to be the cause of the trouble. William Alexander, the pilot, plans to take the plane home after repairs are made. H. V. Baker, newspaperman in charge of the plane, left by boat last night for Boston.