

Foreigners in China May Be Indemnified for Losses

Commander of Nationalist Armies Gives Out a Statement—Makes a Proviso That It Must be Shown That Nationalist Troops Were Responsible For the Yangtze River Incident—A Talk With Newspaper Men.

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SHANGHAI, March 31—Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, commander in chief of the Nationalist armies, today promised to indemnify foreigners or foreign nations for the destruction of life and property at Nanking provided it were proved that Nationalist soldiers were responsible for last week's incident at the Yangtze River port.

Chiang received foreign newspaper men in conference and made his statement to them. He protested against the comprehensive arrangements for the defense of Shanghai and said that defense preparations and the presence of soldiers and warships "was causing growing tensity between Chinese and foreigners." The status of Shanghai, said the Marshal, must be changed.

"The presence of barbed wire and sandbags is most humiliating," the Marshal said. "You had no such preparations when the northern troops were here and why should you have them now? I feel that this represents discrimination in favor of China's militarists. I am able to maintain law and order and the presence of soldiers and warships and the continued preparations with barbed wire are causing growing intenseness between the Chinese and foreigners."

Has Been Exaggerated

"The Nanking incident has been exaggerated abroad. I personally ordered the commanding officer there to deal severely with persons responsible for endangering the lives and property of foreigners. If the Nationalists were guilty, we will take full responsibility and pay indemnity."

"If there were no display of defence and no martial law, Chiang added, "there would be no provocation to the mobs and no trouble."

Defeat Own Ends

"We are reminded daily of trouble by these preparations which defeat their own ends and arouse a feeling of insecurity and danger. The settlement authorities are taking measures usually taken by empire builders against colonials not measures one nation adopts toward an equal."

"The defense preparations in the settlement are befitting those adopted toward savages or semi-civilized colonials. The situation is most intolerable and as the nationalist leader I feel this indignity."

CAMPAIGN TO HELP WIVES DESERTED

London, March 30—The vanishing of husbands has become a national scandal in England, in the view of Sir Archibald Salvidge, who has started a campaign against wife desertion.

Sir Archibald points out a legal anomaly which permits a husband to desert his wife in Britain and take shelter in certain of the colonies or dominions, and Harry Snell, Member of Parliament, plans to introduce in the House of Commons a bill to protect deserted wives.

THE FISH RIVER STORAGE BILL

Augusta, Me., March 30—No progress has been yet made on the so called Fish River Storage Bill before the Legislature it having been impossible to arrange a convenient date for the meeting of the majority of the 30 members of the joint committee.

TIME LIMIT MAY CUT THE M. P.'S SPEECHES

London, March 30 — Parliament, sometimes referred to as the "Westminster Debating Society," suffers so much from long-winded members that a group of M. P.'s has started a campaign to impose a ten-minute time limit for House of Commons speeches. "Most of the members deliver long speeches not because they have so much to say but because they have so little," said one of the advocates of compulsory brevity. "Nothing would be lost by compression into ten minutes. Debates would be finished sooner, more people would speak and there would be greater variety."

BURGLAR GOT OUT OF THE COURT ROOM

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press) Los Angeles, Calif., March 31—When the case of Francisco Tullermo charged with burglary was called for preliminary hearing yesterday the only thing missing was the prisoner. Tullermo had taken advantage of a crowded court room to pass out with the witnesses from the case preceding his own.

REFUSED TO ACCEPT A SNUG LEGACY

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press) Denver, Colo., March 31—Believed dead for nearly 12 years, John Schackelford has been located in Denver and has been informed he was the heir of a \$5,000 estate left by his mother. He refused however, to accept the legacy.

THE N. B. GUIDES ASSN. HELD MEETING HERE

Hon. C. D. Richards and Mr. Allan G. McAvity Were Among Speakers—Officers Chosen.

Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, and Mr. Allan G. McAvity, president of the N. B. Fish and Game Protective Association, were among the speakers yesterday at the 26th annual meeting of the organization.

Amongst the changes which the Guides and N. B. Fish and Game Protective Association have been urging are the placing of control of the fish and game resources of the province and administration of the game laws in the control of an independent commission, prohibiting the sale of game meat and the establishment of more game refuges. For these reforms the two organizations will work closely together.

In the matter of game refuges the setting aside of an area in Charlotte county is immediately desired.

No action was taken on an invitation for the Guides Association to exchange representation on the executive boards with the New Brunswick Tourist Association.

A legislative committee was appointed to present several resolutions which were passed to the provincial government, but these resolutions will not be made public until they have been presented to the government.

The Minister Speaks.

Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, attended at the opening of the meeting and addressed the guides, dealing with several problems which have been under consideration between his department and the association.

President William Griffin afterwards expressed the appreciation of the association at the sympathetic spirit and desire to co-operate with the Guides Association which the minister of lands and mines had shown. The association especially appreciated the assistance which the Department of Lands and Mines had given the guides by sponsoring the New Brunswick exhibit at the New England Sportsmen's Show which, they feel, will be productive of much benefit to the province.

Perley Marsten, of the Carleton county branch of the Fish and Game Protective Association, gave the guides a summary of some startling evidence which had been obtained of violation of the fishery regulations on the Miramichi River which he claimed, if properly protected could be made equal to the Restigouche River as a fishing river.

Officers Chosen.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, William Griffin, Cross Creek; vice-presidents, for Upper Miramichi, Harry Munn; for Lower Miramichi, Arthur Pringle; for Sunbury, Welling Phillips; for Tobique, Bert Moore and Henry Ogilvie; for Restigouche, William Craig; for York county, Robert Craig, George Allen and Vincent Miller; secretary-treasurer, J. Harold McMurray, Fredericton; executive, Arthur Pringle, Stanley; John Ogilvie, Plaster Rock, and Charlie Cremin, Fredericton. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Plaster Rock, Victoria County.

B. B. Jennings of Montreal is a guest at the Barker House.

Ex-Warden F. R. Brooks of Southampton was a visitor to the city today.

Mr. Fred M. Sproule, ex-M. P. P., of Hampton is in the city on Legislative business.

FIREMEN WORK HARD TO FREE A PIGEON

Bird Was Caught in the Copping of Office Building.

INCIDENT AT DENVER.

Crowd Cheered Firemen When Success Crowned Their Work.

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Denver, March 31—An entire truck company of firemen worked for nearly an hour to free a blue pigeon which had become imprisoned in the coping of an office building yesterday.

While hundreds of persons watched from the street, firemen at the top of a tall ladder worked with a 12 foot pole and finally affected the bird's release. Cheers from the crowd followed the bird as it soared away in freedom again.

WILL TRANSMIT POWER ON THE GATINEAU

Ottawa, March 30—A bill incorporating the Gatineau Transmission Company, a subsidiary of the International Paper Company was approved by private bills committee of the House of Commons today with amendments.

The bill will permit the company to transmit power from its plant on the Gatineau to its mill at Hawkesbury.

The amendments removed clauses in the bill which had been objected to by the Ottawa-Montreal Power Company which feared possible interference with its power rights in the territory concerned.

SPUDS TAKE SLIGHT DROP IN MONTREAL

Montreal, March 30—A feature of the export trade in grain on the Montreal market today was the increase in the demand from continental buyers for Canadian western barley and a very fair amount of business was accomplished for May loading.

There was also some demand from the United Kingdom for Manitoba spring wheat and sales of a few loads were made for nearby shipment.

Owing to the very mild weather prevailing and the more liberal supplies of potatoes coming forward an easier feeling developed in the local market and prices were reduced 10 to 15 cents per bag. Sales of odd cars of Quebec varieties were made at \$1.10 to \$1.15 per bag of 90 pounds in bulk, ex-track.

MARINES HAVE BEEN LANDED AT FOO CHOW

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Tokio, March 31—Twenty-nine marines have been landed at Foo Chow to guard the foreign quarters there from invasion by nationalist demonstrators, an exchange telegraph dispatch from Hong Kong said today.

Plans for speedy evacuation if necessary were made but the situation was quiet today.

Six Spanish priests, including one who was wounded by rioting Chinese left Wuhu for Shanghai, the dispatch said.

Chinese Mobs Made Raids on the French Concession at Shanghai

Have Broken Through the Unguarded Portions of the Concessions—The Invaders are Frequently Corralled Within the International Settlement—Many Armed Chinese Arrested.

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LONDON, March 31 — A dispatch from Shanghai to the Exchange Telegraph Company today said Chinese mobs were frequently breaking through unguarded portions of the French concession to rush weakly held barriers despite the firing of Annamite soldiers in the French service.

Such invasions, the dispatch said necessitated frequent coralling of the invaders in the International settlement. Many armed Chinese were arrested.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED

Public Accounts Com. Passes Resolution Affecting Rural Districts—Public Health Accounts Meet.

Before the Public Accounts Committee this morning matters connected with the Department of Education were discussed and some resolutions were passed.

Important among the resolutions was one to the effect that all branches of education be brought under the control of one head, Chief Supt. of Education. This would include elementary agricultural and vocational education.

A. D. Taylor of Sunbury moved a resolution on Section 124 of the Schools Act, to the effect that the section be amended so as to provide special financial assistance and a wider distribution of money under the act.

It was pointed out that out of \$4,000 expended \$3,000 had been expended in King's County.

Dr. M. A. Oulton of Westmorland moved a resolution that school boards in rural sections be given greater freedom in the selection and adapting of teachers to the financial ability of the school districts.

It was decided to discuss Public Health Accounts at the next sitting.

Consolidation of Statutes.

The commission on the Consolidation of the Statutes which presented an interim report recently is sitting jointly with the House Committee on Law Practice and Procedure.

TROJANS BEAT MT. ALLISON

Saint John, March 31—Uncovering a dazzling display of teamwork in the final stages of the game, the Saint John Trojans trimmed the Mount Allison University basketball team here last night, 46 to 22 and copped the New Brunswick title for 1927. The game was a playoff of the deadlock created when the Trojans won from the collegians here Tuesday night, by a three point margin, making the home and home series 77 all.

The Trojans will now enter a home and home series with the Acadia College squad, champions of Nova Scotia. The winner of this series will meet the Quebec champions in the first of the Eastern Canada playoffs.

PRESENTATION BY LOCAL K. OF P. TO W. MAXWELL

Honored Member is Leaving City — P. J. Hughes, K. C., Spoke on Duncan Report.

The Knights of Pythias held a very interesting session last evening at Castle Hall, when a large number of the members were present. A feature of the evening was the presentation to the present Chancellor Commander Warren Maxwell, who received a very handsome K. of P. gold ring. Mr. R. B. Wallace, past Grand Chancellor made the presentation in a few well chosen words the gift was accompanied by a well worded address to which Mr. Maxwell made a very fitting reply. Another feature of the evening was the advancement of a page to the rank of esquire.

Before the lodge opened P. J. Hughes, K. C., was introduced and gave a very interesting and instructive address on the Duncan Report. Mr. Hughes was in his usual good form and kept his audience greatly interested in his address.

P. E. I. LIKELY TO GET TAX REDUCTIONS

Charlottetown, March 30—Premier J. D. Stewart tabled the annual budget in the legislature this afternoon.

He told the House that in the last three years, apart from the highways expenditures and in spite of the removal of the poll tax, the government had decreased its liabilities by \$141,489. The government had carried out its promises with regard to urging the claims of the province on the government at Ottawa, he said, and there had been a measure of success. He anticipated that at the inter-provincial conference to be held this summer the claims would be adjusted and additional subsidies would be forthcoming.

The government had promised that is successful in prosecuting its claims taxes would be reduced and these promises, he said, would be fulfilled. He intimated a reduction in land taxes of 20 per cent and an increase in the exemption for income taxes of from \$500 to \$750 for single men and up to \$1,000 for married men. The automobile license fee, he said, would be reduced to \$2.50, a reduction of 50 per cent. This is the last session of the present parliament.