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Popular London Clubmen Want to Join Chang's Army

Hatred of Bolshevism and Love of Adventure Prompts Ex-Army Officers to Offer Their Services—Are Willing to Pay Their Own Expenses to the Orient—Want Control of China Kept From the Cantonese.

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

LONDON, Feb. 23—Twelve would-be adventurers, all popular London Clubmen and all former British officers, today awaited a reply to their offer to join the army of Marshall Chang Tso-Lin, of the Northern China forces who are struggling to keep control of China from the Cantonese.

"We desire to fight the Cantonese because we believe if they win the situation in China will be serious and also that it will have a considerable effect on India" said Captain David Livingstone-Learmons, descendant of David Livingstone the African explorer. Captain Livingstone-Learmons is credited with originating the project.

The dozen British officers would pay their own expenses, it was explained.

"Our motives are partly hatred of Bolshevism and partly love of adventure", the Captain said. "Our greatest risk would be capture by the Cantonese, who probably would behead us."

The men originally planned to buy an old destroyer and sail to the Orient but found that impracticable, he added.

JUDGMENT ON BELL TELEPHONE CO'S APPLICATION

Ottawa, Feb. 22—The Board of Railway Commissioners in a judgment rendered this afternoon on the application of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada for increased tariffs in Ontario and Quebec, grants certain increases in business and residence rates. The increases will come into effect on March 1 next.

Today's judgment was rendered by Chief Commissioner McKeown and concurred in by all the commissioners with the exception of Commissioner Oliver and Lawrence. Commissioner Oliver rendered a dissenting judgment, while Commissioner Lawrence is absent from Ottawa on account of illness.

In the judgment the following changes are made in the residence rates as proposed by the company in its application:

In the cities of Montreal and Toronto the proposed one-party rate of \$3.50 per month will be reduced to \$3.25 per month and for two-party lines will be \$2.75 instead of the \$3 per month asked for by the company.

For Ottawa and Hamilton, the proposed rate of \$3.25 for one-party lines will be reduced to \$3.10 per month and for two-party lines will be \$2.60 per month instead of the \$2.75 asked for.

PREMIER KOO OF PEKING GOVT. HAS RESIGNED

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

London, Feb. 23—Resignation of Premier Wellington Koo of the Peking Government in China was reported in a Peking dispatch to the London Daily News.

The Chang Tso-Lin Government reported the resignation and appointed Liang Shih-Yi premier, the dispatch said.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Taylor leave today for Mexico where they will visit their son, Harry.

SPORTSMEN TO MEET HERE ON FRIDAY EVENING

The annual meeting of the York Sunbury Branch of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association will be held in the Salvage Corps rooms Chestnut Building on the evening of Friday, February 25th. After the regular business there will be moving pictures depicting hunting and fishing scenes. Mr. D. S. Moore's splendid collection of motion pictures taken on the Tobique have been loaned for occasion and from the Department of Lands and Mines the splendid fishing pictures taken on the Restigouche last year have been secured. There will also be a film of the Hart's Island salmon pool showing Uncle Henry Braithwaite the noted guide paddling a canoe. Yesterday word was received from the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa, that three films were being forwarded for use at the meeting. Each member of the association has been requested to bring a friend to the meeting.

WETS IN N. S. EXPECTED TO TAKE ACTION

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22—H. R. Grant, chairman of the Central Committee of the Temperance organizations of Nova Scotia in a statement issued tonight declared that since the "wet interests" had so far failed to induce the Provincial Government to bring down a liquor control bill it was not likely that an attempt would be made to have the legislature adopt a resolution favoring a change in the present laws.

The chieftain of the dry forces explained that the reason the Wets had been unsuccessful in their efforts was to be found in the loyalty of the members of the Legislature to prohibition and "the overwhelming opinion of the people of Nova Scotia in favor of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act." He reiterated his belief that the "prohibitory principle is the most effective instrument for really controlling the liquor traffic and assuaging its evils."

ROTARIANS AT TWENTY SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Suitably Observed Tuesday Night — Ladies' Night Combined With It—Interesting Exercises and Addresses.

The Fredericton Rotary Club observed the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of the organization, by holding a dinner and Ladies' Night combined at the Cathedral Memorial Hall Tuesday night. The dinner took the form of a chicken pie banquet and was very successful.

President Joseph Dolphin of Marysville was in the chair and delivered the opening address. The thirty-eight countries in which Rotary has established itself then responded through various members. Dr. R. S. Dakin spoke for the United States and musical honors were paid in the form of singing the "Star Spangled Banner". A. S. McFarlane spoke for Canada and Dr. W. C. Kierstead for Great Britain.

R. L. Phillips the first president the Rotary Club ever had conveyed the message from Paul Harris founder of Rotary.

R. B. VanDine second president of the Fredericton Club presented the message of Harry Rogers president of Rotary International.

Later Dr. Kierstead delivered an interesting and instructive address on The League of Nations.

PARIS TO SEE NOVELIST WRITE IN GLASS ROOM

Paris, Feb. 23—A novelist locked in a glass room writing a serial to order in public view is a publicity stunt to be offered Paris. Georges Sims has been engaged by Eugene Merle, owner of periodicals, to write the thriller as a method of attracting attention to a daily newspaper soon to be started by M. Merle. Sims agreed to write a chapter every working hour and the product of his typewriter is to be posted to avoid deception. He will remain in his little glass house day and night until he finishes the story.

AUTO PERMITS EXTENDED TO SIXTY DAYS

Ottawa, Feb. 22—Permits for automobiles driven by tourists entering Canada have been extended from 30 to 60 days according to an announcement today by Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Customs and Excise.

In the past American tourists entering Canada have been permitted to drive their cars in this country for 30 days without the payment of fees. This period has now been extended to 60 days with the option of an extension to 90 days under certain restrictions.

LUMBER MILL AT BIG FORKS WAS BURNED

Grand Falls, Feb. 22—The mill of the Burgess Lumber Co., at Big Forks was completely destroyed by fire a few nights ago. The origin of the blaze is unknown. The company have already commenced rebuilding the mill in order to take care of the large amount of lumber which they have piled ready to saw.

CLAIM MODERN WORKERS NEED MORE LEISURE

The 44 Hour Week to be Standard for Australia.

COURT GIVES DECISION

Matter Has Been Under Consideration For Some Time.

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)
Sydney, Australia, Feb. 23—Declaring that modern workers need more leisure, the federal arbitration court today decided that a 44 hour week of five and a half working days was practicable and for all practical purposes the 44 hour week henceforth would be standard in Australia except in the state of Victoria.

The court's decision was reached after five months investigation in which employers organization solidly opposed labor efforts to show that 44 hours a week work sufficient for the welfare of the Commonwealth and 48 hours too much for the welfare of the workers.

U. S. MARINES GETTING CLOSE TO SHANGHAI

Strict Guard is Being Maintained in International Settlement.

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

Shanghai, Feb. 23—Thirteen hundred United States Marines aboard the transport Chaumont today were reported within eighteen hours steaming distance off Shanghai.

Strict guard will be maintained tonight in the international settlement and in the French concession. The general strike situation was easing today and skeleton delivery was maintained this afternoon. Police said 25,000 of the 100,000 or so strikers had returned to work. Strikers had participated in few demonstrations today at the mills or elsewhere and there had been no riots.

It was expected the marines would remain aboard the Chaumont unless the situation changed.

HATPINS ARE STILL A MENACE

Paris, France, Feb. 23—Hatpins are so out of date that collectors may soon be on their trail. But the Paris police still warn travelers against them.

The world laughed when, thirteen years ago, the Paris chief of police issued an ordinance directed against hatpins with dangerous points. Although not one hatpin user a week rides on the subways, an ordinance two by three feet is still displayed in the subways forbidding long, protruding hatpins.

CHECKS LAY ON BUSY STREET

London, Feb. 23—You can trust Londoners to be unobservant for twenty minutes but not longer. A bundle of checks, mostly negotiable to the value of \$375 lay for this period on the sidewalk of Baker Street a busy thoroughfare, while the loser had time to reach his bank, discover his loss return home make a search, and finally recover the checks where he dropped them. At the last moment, however he had a race for his property with a passerby, who claimed a share in the treasure trove until ownership was proved.

Russian Refugees Take Part in Battle In Honan Province

Six Thousand of Them Fought With Chung Chang's Army and Inflicted a Defeat on Wu Pei's Forces—3,000 Casualties Reported in Chang's Army—Fu Fled to the Mountains After the Battle.

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

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23—Six thousand "white" Russians vanguard of Ching Chung-Chang's army, defeated foes of Wu Pei Fu in Honan province in a battle in which the Chang forces alone suffered 3,000 casualties, reports reaching Shanghai today said.

The Russians, believed to be refugees who fled to China to escape the Bolsheviks in their own country, are fighting with Chang's army in its attempt to force its way through the territory in the south.

Wu's forces fled to the mountains after the battle, the reports said.

NOT OPTIMISTIC OVER OUTLOOK FOR POTATOES

Woodstock, Feb. 22—With Mountains quoted at \$1.75, and \$1.50 per barrel being paid for Cobblers by local and upriver dealers there does not exist the usually brisk competition among dealers to secure stocks. Warden Charles W. Clark, prominent Carleton county potato dealer, when seen tonight, was in no optimistic frame of mind concerning the present condition of the potato market.

"The Boston market is much easier," Mr. Clark stated, "and with heavy supplies available there the market has declined."

Larger U. S. Acreage.

Further conditions to which Mr. Clark attributed the present downward trend of potato prices include the larger acreage devoted this year to potato growing in the southern states, Texas being reported as having an increase of 8,000 acres in potatoes over last season. These potatoes, it was stated, will come on the market during the latter part of March or the first of April. Holdings of potatoes in the western states, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, New York and Pennsylvania, are reported heavier than last year, which, if government reports are correct, will further tend to obstruct any upward rise of the market and create conditions conducive to a further downward trend.

The fact that many New York dealers, in quoting to local dealers, now insist on a straight commission basis rather than the customary purchase plan, Mr. Clark interprets as a further reason to substantiate the growing sentiment prevailing among Maine and New Brunswick dealers that the present trend of potato prices is downward.

Asked if there was reason to hope for a better price for potatoes prevailing at a later date, Mr. Clark stated that owing to potato shipments from New Brunswick having been abnormally heavy for the last two or three months, there is a possibility that potato supplies may be cleaned up early. In that case, and in the event that disease and damage, still determining factors in the undug southern crop, may decrease the estimated potato production, there is a chance that potatoes may be short later in the season and that prices may advance. "However," Mr. Clark added, "prospects do not look good enough at present to give the dealers the necessary nerve to stock up, and the general tendency is to keep well cleaned up."

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION ON OCTOBER 11

Ottawa, Feb. 22—The national convention of the Conservative party will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1927, in the City of Winnipeg.

This was the unanimous decision of the committee appointed by the Conservative party, which met here today to fix the time and place for the convention. The committee was appointed at the conference of Conservative members, Senators and candidates held here in Ottawa last October.

The committee also arrived at the number of delegates to attend this conference. The delegates will be made up of the following, according to a statement issued tonight:

Those to be Delegates.

Conservative Privy Counsellors; Conservative Senators; Conservative members of the House of Commons. Conservative candidates at the last federal election; Conservative provincial prime ministers; Conservative leaders of provincial oppositions.

In addition to these delegates each Federal constituency will select as nearly as possible in the same manner as Conservative candidates are nominated for Federal elections, four additional delegates, men or women, or both as the constituency shall decide, to represent the constituency at the convention, and also four substitute delegates to attend and act in the absence of any one or more of the delegates first selected to represent the constituency.

Delegates at Large.

It was also decided that each provincial Conservative organization or association may select in addition to the delegates above mentioned, delegates at large, men or women, as follows:

Ontario and Quebec 15 each.
New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia seven each.

Prince Edward Island, three.
It is also intended to ask and secure the co-operation of organizations representing agriculture, labor, industry and patriotic societies in connection with the convention on matters of public importance.

A committee was appointed to carry out the details in connection with the organization of the convention.

W. J. Willwood of Ottawa is among the commercial men at the Barker House.