

ECONOMIC FACTORS LARGE IN MANCHURIAN CRISIS

Washington, Nov. 18—The clash of two ancient powers in the garden spot of the far east is testing to the limit the safeguards of peace set up by modern, western nations.

Students and government officials here say the Manchurian controversy is more than a struggle between Japan and China for control of a fertile plain twice as large as California; dotted with rich industrial cities. It is a challenge to modern civilization's ability to settle disputes between nations without war.

Japan Over Population

Officials find causes of the Manchurian crisis divided into three classes: (1) economic, (2) political and (3) military.

In viewing economic causes, it must be borne in mind that Japan is a small country, faced by the problem of feeding a growing population on a little island slightly more than half the area of Texas. Japan is supporting 60,000,000 persons, almost half the population of the United States. Japan has been forced to import much food. Under these conditions, she has had to turn to industry and international trade to feed her people with imported agricultural products.

But modern industry demands certain essential raw products—coal, iron and oil, and Japan's supply is woefully inadequate. In search of them, the

island's statesmen, in those years around the turn of the century when a new industrialized Japan was being born, turned to Manchuria.

As a result of the Chinese-Japanese war of 1895, when Japan won, Tokio made demands for economic rights in the Liaotung peninsula, the southern tip of Manchuria.

But Russia, backed by France and Italy, stepped in and thwarted Japan's ambition. Three years later Russia seized the peninsula itself to lose it to Japan again after the Russo-Japanese war of 1905. Tokio then took over the railroads and economic rights Russia had acquired in southern Manchuria.

Japan proceeded to build a network of new railroads and to attempt colonization as an outlet for the island's growing population. Tokio's business investments in Manchuria flourished, but its colonization efforts failed. The Japanese farmer did not like Manchuria.

Chinese Pour In

Meanwhile, Chinese were pouring into this new eastern empire at the rate of 1,000,000 a year.

But if Japanese wouldn't live in Manchuria, they could trade there. Today one-third of Japan's exports—chiefly textiles—go to China, and a large part of that third goes to Manchuria. Japanese investments in the three eastern provinces have increased \$1,000,000,000.

BOB RIPLEY WILL GIVE A TURKEY TALK

New York, November 18—Oscar of the Waldorf and Robert L. ("Believe It or Not") Ripley, will talk turkey over an NBC-WJZ network, tonight (Wednesday, November 18th) at 8.45 P. M., during the Esso Program.

Oscar Tschirky, world famous chef, will match stories with Ripley, student of strange facts. They will tell about the million-dollar pie eaten by a king, the \$75,000 dish served to Josephine wife, of Napoleon, and famous dinners at the old Waldorf.

BULGARIA RULERS LEAVE ITALY

Venice, Italy, Nov. 17—King Boris and Queen Ioanna of Bulgaria left for Sofia today after a three-week vacation in Italy. Queen Elena and Princess Maria, mother and sister of Queen Ioanna, were at the station to see them off.

With a billion dollars at stake in Manchuria, Tokio feels that it must preserve stable conditions there. At the same time Japan's great volume of trade with China gives the latter a powerful weapon of defence to use when it thinks Japan is seeking political control—the boycott.

INTERESTING RADIO NOTES FROM ABROAD

France has a law compelling all owners of radio sets to declare them and pay the equivalent of twelve cents in taxes, but it is more honored in the breach than in the observance. Recently an owner who had not paid this tax was fined four cents for his dereliction.

The new director of the literary and artistic department of a German broadcasting station, Konigsberg, is advertising for radio plays. He wants them with as few characters as possible, no crowd scenes and no sounds necessitating the construction of costly apparatus.

The eighth French radio exhibition in the Grand Palais, in Paris, was reported to be disappointing in both the number of exhibitors and the character of the exhibitions.

The exhibit which attracted most attention in the radio section of the Vienna Autumn Trade Fair was a loud speaker pillow with a small loud speaker concealed in it so that when one rests one's head upon it and turns the button the program is there, to be heard by no one else, not even by the occupant of a nearby twin bed.

At the Berlin Radio Exhibition crowds continually surrounded the exhibits of "electrical music", made by such instruments as the trauntonium, the hillertion and the therramin.

Jugoslavia has a new half-million dollar broadcasting station at Skoplje, working with 20 kw. on a wave length of 2,300 meters.

Four hundred musicians applied for the position when it was announced that the Copenhagen broadcasting orchestra would be increased from twenty-eight members to fifty eight.

Prizes of money are being given to unemployed persons who make the best suggestion for features for the "Radio for Unemployed" program of the Central German Broadcasting

About 65,000 radio receiving sets are licensed in New Zealand, where the Government will take control of all broadcasting as soon as the present contract with a commercial company runs out.

During a protest program against attacks in the Argentine press directed at radio advertising, the officials of one broadcasting station imposed a solemn five minutes' silence as a "gesture of protest against criticisms they had been subjected to."

HER BEDTIME STORY

Each night at 10 Milady cries, "From lack of sleep I'm dead." She stretches, yawns and rubs her eyes;

Then off she goes to bed.

But though she tongs so much for sleep,

She'd have no pleasant dreams; Her slumber would not be so deep Without her beauty creams.

And so, while hubby loudly snores, Untroubled by his skin, With creams she feeds her facial pores,

And pats her double chin

This done, she manicures her nails, And next she sets her wave, And envies all the lucky males Who sleep while women slave.

Next morning, weary from these tasks,

For bed she has a yen.

"Not tired, are you?" hubby asks.

"You went to bed at 10."

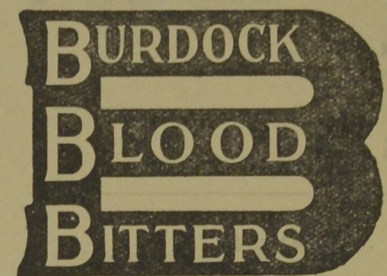
—VIRGINIA WEIL in New York Sun.

It is thought likely that in the Chicago revised version of the Scriptures, the Prodigal Son will be taken down to the stock yards to select his own veal.

Sores Broke Out All Over Her Body

Mrs. T. E. Cliff, Kelwood, Man., writes:—"My little daughter's hands and arms broke out in sores which spread all over her body."

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A professor suggests that the taxing system be run like a golf game. It's all right, if they don't count the way some golfers do.

It is true, no doubt, that statesmen are no longer born in cabins, but, of course, they still find the logs useful for rolling purposes.

An unreasonable husband is one who thinks a hole in the toe of his cotton sock ought to worry a wife more than a run in her silk stocking.

The north wind doth blow and we shall have snow, and what shall the Gandhi do then, poor thing?

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