

Japanese Likely to Send More Troops To Shanghai Front

The Cabinet Today is Considering the Matter—May Start Intense Offensive on the Shanghai-Woosung Battle Front—Chinese Hold Lines at Tazang.

TOKIO, Feb. 23—The Japanese cabinet today considered sending reinforcements to Shanghai for an intense offensive on the Shanghai-Woosung battle front.

The action would be intended to bolster the present Japanese force at Shanghai and remove the need for the apparent caution with which the Japanese command has planned its advance.

Reports that General Chiang Kai Shek was assisting the 19th route army in the defence of Shanghai was said to be partly responsible for the demand for more troops.

Chinese Hold Position

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23—Japanese rushed reinforcements into the line before Tazang today when waves of green clad infantry backed up by heavy artillery bombardment, failed to drive a wedge of men, steel and guns through unyielding Chinese lines.

VOTE IN IRISH ELECTIONS WAS FAIRLY CLOSE

The Fianna Fail With Labor Members May be Able to Number a Small Majority.

Dublin, Irish Free State, Feb. 22—Presuming support from two Independent Laborites, Eamonn de Valera's Fianna Fail (Republican party) and its allies tonight had the necessary 77 seats to give them a majority in the Dail Eireann, as tabulation of results in the 145 ridings which voted in last Tuesday's Free State election came to an end.

The standing of parties were: Fianna Fail, 68; Labor seven; Independent Labor, two; Government, 53; Independents and Farmers 15. Total 145. Without the support of either Labor or Independent Labor, the Fianna Fail's 68 seats exactly balanced those of President William T. Cosgrave's Government including its Independent and Farmer supporters.

Seven seats are still missing to-night in Sligo-Leitrim, where voting was postponed until March 3 owing to the fatal shooting of a Government candidate and a detective a week ago Sunday.

Nominations Held

Nominations were held today in Sligo-Leitrim, where five Government candidates, five Fianna Fail, one Labor and Independents were named to contest the seven seats. Mrs. May Reynolds, widow of the slain candidate, was among those nominated and became the second woman to enter the election.

The position of the two Labor groups was still somewhat uncertain. The two Independent Laborites in the last Dail voted with the Government, but de Valera's party tonight appeared to be counting on their support. The regular labor group, so far numbering seven, was counted on to support the Republicans, but had already announced its condition that the Fianna Fail adopt its plan for the relief of unemployment. The situation was further complicated by the defeat of

EDGAR WALLACE TOOK OUT DEATH INSURANCE

London, Feb. 22—An apparent premonition of death has brought £10,000 (about \$34,200 at present exchange) to the estate of Edgar Wallace, novelist, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Wallace was understood, just before he went to the United States last November, to have bought a special short-term life insurance policy for that amount, if he died within three months. He paid £112 10s. for it, or roughly, odds of 90 to 1. The policy did not expire until Feb. 20.

Friends said Wallace apparently felt something was going to happen, because before his departure he always qualified talk of any arrangement for matters after he returned to England.

Booked Many Parties

Willis Norrad, manager of Kenmore Camps on the Miramichi River, returned today from a business trip to the New England States. He attended the Boston Sportsmen's Show and afterwards visited New York and points in New York, New Jersey and Maine. While at the show he met many of the patrons of his camps who had journeyed to Boston to see him and talk over good old days. He booked a large number of fishing parties for next season and is greatly pleased over the outlook. While at Old Orchard Beach on Sunday Mr. Norrad saw the Mystery plane, Lone Star, and gave it the once over.

The Labor leader, Thomas J. O'Donnell.

It seemed clear, however, there would be no formal alliance between Labor and the Republicans and that the Laborites would take the position of holding the whip hand in the next house. "Change the Government, but control its successor," was one of the party's election slogans.

Despite the apparent victory for the Republicans and Laborites, every member of President Cosgrave's Cabinet was returned, most of them with good majorities in their various constituencies.

BREEZY TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Woodsworth, Labor Member for Winnipeg, Was the Storm Centre, Wanted to Amend the Criminal Code.

Ottawa, Feb. 22—The House of Commons set a precedent today when it refused permission to a member to introduce a bill. Government supporters combined to outvote, 72 to 49, Liberals and other group on a motion to permit James S. Woodsworth (Labor, Winnipeg North-Centre), to introduce a bill to amend the Criminal Code. It was said to be the first time a member had been denied the right to propose legislation on the floor of the House.

The Winnipeg Laborite sought to amend the famous "section 98" of the code dealing with unlawful assemblies. The House since 1926 has passed a similar bill on five different occasions but each time it met defeat in the Senate.

Frayed tempers were in evidence throughout the incident. It was punctuated with interjections flung across the floor and points of order and acrimonious remarks. At one stage Prime Minister R. B. Bennett opposed granting Mr. Woodsworth the opportunity to explain his bill. This brought protests from Robert Gardiner, U. F. A. Leader; Ernest Lapointe, who was leading the Liberals at the time and cries of "Mus-solini" from private members on the Opposition side.

When the bill sponsored by Mr. Woodsworth was called, Mr. Speaker Black put the formal motion as to whether or not the members had leave of the House to introduce the bill.

Immediately came cries of "no" from the Conservative benches, the Prime Minister being one of the number opposing introduction of the bill. A division was called.

Just before members voted Mr. Gardiner rose on a point of order IX, a first stretch, from Lake Vanern to the North Sea, was begun. It was however, the Swedish engineer, Baron Baltzar von Platen, who brought the project to a successful finish.

Other members on the Opposition side of the House concurred in this demand.

Mr. Bennett rose and said that Mr. Woodsworth had the right to explain the bill "but did not see fit to do it."

On a point of order, and amid considerable hubbub the Labor member denied the statement of the Prime Minister. "He has deliberately misrepresented me," declared Mr. Woodsworth. Events had moved so swiftly that he had no opportunity to explain the bill.

Finally after considerable confusion the Speaker ruled that Mr. Woodsworth might make an explanation.

Mr. Bennett replied that it could be done only by unanimous consent. He would not oppose the explanation but it must not be regarded as a precedent.

"I protest against this new manner of running business," asserted Mr. Lapointe. "Are we to have to submit all our bills to the Prime Minister?"

Mr. Woodsworth then went on with his explanation. The clause which he sought to have stricken out had to do with seditious and unlawful assemblies.

THE BIGGEST LITTLE BOY IN AMERICA

Gave Out Some Statistics on Occasion of 14th Birthday

WILL GROW SOME YET
Claims That He Is Seven Feet, Four Inches, and Weighs 302 Pounds

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Alton, Ill., Feb. 23—Robert Wadlow, "biggest little boy" in America celebrated his fourteenth birthday yesterday by releasing the following statistics about himself: Height, seven feet four inches; weight 302 pounds.

He grew one inch since his last birthday and increased in weight 20 pounds. A disordered pituitary gland is the cause of his unusual bulk. His parents are opposed to treatment because Walter is normal in every other respect.

AUTOMATIC WRITER WILL BE USED IN LONDON

London, Feb. 22—In the future the London county council, local government of the metropolis, will use a mechanical check signer for the 800,000 warrants and checks which pass through its hands every year.

In order to indemnify the bank against loss arising out of the honoring of checks signed mechanically, the machine, when not in use, will be kept in a special safe.

CANAL PASSES MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

Stockholm, Feb. 23—One hundred years have passed since the opening of the Gota canal, "Sweden's Blue Belt," which runs from Gothenburg on the North Sea to Stockholm on the Baltic.

From 1815 to 1822 more than 43,000 Swedish army engineers were engaged in building the waterway. The canal was first proposed by Bishop Has Brask. Some hundred years later, during the reign of King Karl IX, a first stretch, from Lake Vanern to the North Sea, was begun. It was however, the Swedish engineer, Baron Baltzar von Platen, who brought the project to a successful finish.

GOLD TEETH PERMITTED

Vienna Austria Feb. 23—Vienna's dentists were back on the gold tooth standard today.

The Ministry of Finance with the approval of the National Bank, extended them permission to buy the necessary metal to provide their patients with gold teeth fillings and bridges. But to prevent a "flight of capital" into the mouths of Viennese they must obtain special certificates.

Under the law against the sale of gold or foreign currencies, the National Bank previously had taken the position that temporary fillings must be used until the financial crisis had passed.

Mr. Woodsworth was proceeding further when he was called to order by the Speaker and asked to restrict himself to an explanation of the bill. The motion for introduction of the bill was defeated on division by 72 to 49. There were a number of pairs, but Liberals and Progressives voted with the Labor members, and Conservatives against.

Great Britain to Co-operate With U. S. and League

Foreign Secretary Simon Issues an Official Statement of Policy in the House—Affirmation of League's Principles Essential to Solution of the Situation.

LONDON, Feb. 23—Great Britain's policy in the Far East will be to co-operate with the United States and the League of Nations in whatever action may be agreed upon, according to Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary. Simon presented Great Britain's official statement last night before the House of Commons. He said England is convinced that "affirmation of the principles of the League of Nations with boldness and sincerity" is essential to a solution of the Sino-Japanese situation.

U. S. Flier Shot Down

SHANGHAI, Feb. 23—The pilot of an airplane shot down yesterday by Japanese was identified today as Robert Short, an American. Short perished in the flaming plane. Short was attached to a Chinese aviation squadron.

MYSTERY PLANE MET WITH A SLIGHT MISHAP

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Boston, Mass., Feb. 23—The monoplane Lone Star, bound from Old Orchard Me., to Buenos Aires, landed at the Boston Airport just before 11 a.m. today. Pilot Nate C. Browne smashed his landing gear in bring the heavy craft to earth, but neither he nor his flying mate, Edward Muldowney was injured.

A BEER STRIKE ON IN BERLIN

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Berlin, Feb. 23—Berlin went thirsty yesterday as 2,000 bartenders shut off their beer spigots, wiped their hands on their aprons and went on strike.

They went go gack on the job they announced until the brewers lower their prices and the government reduces the beer tax.

Local Woman Dies Suddenly

Friends here and in Blissfield were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Hester Edgar, aged 57 years, last night. The deceased has lived here a number of years but had spent most of her life in Blissfield. Her death was unexpected and was the result of a sudden heart attack. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Reginald Woodbury and Miss Queenie Woodbury, with whom she resided; two grandchildren, Wilson and Beatrice Carrol; two half-sisters, Mrs. Estella Mersereau of Blissfield and Mrs. Francis Weaver, of Boston; four half-brothers, William and Robert Bramford, of Blissfield, and Harold and Arthur Bramford of Fredericton. The deceased was the widow of the late George Edgar. The funeral will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Woodbury, 632 King Street. Service will be conducted by the Rev. George Telford. The body will be taken to Doaktown tomorrow and service will be held at St. Thomas' United Church tomorrow at two p.m. The P. M. Rev. A. V. Morash officiating. Interment will be made in the Doaktown cemetery.

It is much better to be alone than in bad company.

SHORT JOINED CHINESE FORCES AT OWN RISK

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Washington, Feb. 23—The death of Robert Short, American aviator, attached to Chinese fighting forces will not involve the United States government in any international complications. A citizen who voluntarily joins the fighting forces of another nation does so at his own risk and automatically forfeits his claim for protection by his government. Short's plane was shot down by Japanese.

DECLARATION OF THE PREMIER WAS APPROVED

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Paris, Feb. 23—The Ministerial declaration of Premier Andre Tardieu was approved by the cabinet today for submission to Parliament. Tardieu was expected to return to Geneva tonight as head of the French delegation to the disarmament conference.

MORE TROOPS FOR SHANGHAI

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Bombay, Feb. 23—The second battalion of the British East Lancashire regiment will embark for Shanghai tomorrow instead of proceeding to Khar-toum as originally ordered.

THE N. S. HOUSE OPENED TODAY

Halifax, Feb. 23—With appropriate ceremony, the Nova Scotia Legislature was formally opened this afternoon by His Honor Lieutenant Governor W. H. Covert. Crisp winter weather graced the occasion and there was a large turnout of spectators. The speech from the throne referred to many matters of importance, including the report of the Duncan Royal Commission on the state of the coal industry.

The demand for politeness is great, but the supply is short.