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City of Chaoyang Has Been Occupied By Japanese Troops

Was Captured on the Great Drive Through Jehol Province—City of Peipiao Also Taken—Drive Being Made in Defiant of the League of Nations

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

TOKIO, Feb. 25—Japanese troops driving down through Jehol province occupied the city of Chaoyang at 11 a.m. today, it was announced officially here. Chinese troops retreated toward Lingyuan, the announcement said.

Chaoyang is on the direct route from Peipiao to Jehol City. The Japanese announced the capture of Peipiao yesterday.

Word of the capture of Chaoyang followed an official announcement of the beginning of the great Japanese drive to annex Jehol Province to the puppet state of Manchukuo in defiance of the League of Nations.

SAINT JOHN HAS ANOTHER SERIOUS FIRE

Venetian Gardens, On Charlotte Street Seriously Damaged—Loss Will Be Heavy.

Saint John, N. B., Feb. 25—Shortly before press time this morning, Saint John's third major conflagration in two weeks which had threatened to completely destroy the four-storey block housing the Venetian Gardens on Charlotte Street had been controlled. The building is owned by the Berryman estate, two heirs of which reside in Boston, and one in England. Sheriff Amon A. Wilson is agent for the estate.

At two A. M., Police Constable James O'Neill discovered flames breaking through the fourth floor windows on Charlotte Street and turned in an alarm from Box 24. Within a few minutes the blaze was belching through all the top floor windows as well as those of the second and third storeys and through the roof. A second alarm was turned in with ten minutes.

The origin of the outbreak was not immediately ascertained. A private dance had been held in the Venetian Gardens last evening. This was to have been the last dance to be held in The Gardens, which had been leased to the Davis Sisters. The latter, whose Gospel assembly meeting headquarters were destroyed in last week's blaze in the old Y. M. C. A. building on Charlotte Street were planning to reopen in The Gardens Sunday morning.

The building housed in addition to the Venetian Gardens, The Modern Pharmacy, operated by George A. Cameron; Edgard P. Logan's barber shop; a women's and children's clothing shop operated by Mrs. May Embrey, and The Dominion Cafe, a Chinese restaurant.

STOPPED FIGHT

Chicago, Illinois, Feb. 25—Mrs. Myrtle Schwengel of suburban Glencoe sued her neighbor, Mrs. Gertrude Kemper, for \$492 for medical expense incurred after she stopped a fight between the chow dogs they were taking for a stroll. Judge Stanton, pointing out that the Illinois Supreme Court has held every dog is entitled to one bite, suggested they split the bill, fifty-fifty. They agreed.

BASIL JOHNSON PASSES AWAY AT WEST BATHURST

Bathurst, Feb. 24—Basil Johnson, an outstanding citizen, died today in West Bathurst after a short illness.

Mr. Johnson was born in St. Louis, Kent county on May 31, 1861. He was high sheriff for Kent county from 1908 to 1917 and again from 1924 to 1926, when he was succeeded by Telesphore Arseneault, present federal member for Kent.

Earlier in life Mr. Johnson took an active interest in politics, being the standard bearer in Kent county for the Conservative party on three occasions. Mr. Johnson broke with his party at the time of the formation of union government, and since then had supported the Liberals.

He established a flour mill in Richibucto in 1919. He operated it with a general store until 1926, when he retired from active business. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Kent Municipal Council representing the parish of St. Louis for 14 years. A few years ago he moved to Gloucester county with his son, Alphonse. The late Urban Johnson, a former M.L.A. for Kent was an uncle of the deceased.

C. N. R. PAYROLL A HEAVY ONE

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24—The Canadian National Railways paid in salaries \$1,533,210,250 from 1925 to 1932, both years, included, according to an answer tabled in the House to a question asked by G. G. Coote, (U. F. A., MacLeod).

The annual payroll ranged from \$158,433,051 in 1923 to \$106,911,608 in 1932. The figures covered all the rail-operated properties.

Soldiers' Pensions

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24—The question of the introduction of any new legislation on returned soldiers pensions is under Government consideration. This was the statement of Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, Minister of Pensions and National Health, in the House of Commons, today in reply to Alfred Speakman (U. F. A., Red Deer).

Visit to Greece

Prof. R. F. D. Cattley, of the University of New Brunswick, who toured Greece last summer will give a lecture on Monday night in the Provincial Normal School building, on ancient and modern Greece. He will illustrate his talk with lantern slides.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE IN N. S. MURDER HEARING

Eight Witnesses Heard in Case of Henwood and Smith at Amherst; Court Room Crowded.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 24—The admissibility of the two confessions, alleged to have been made by Trueman Smith and Alvah Henwood in connection with the brutal murder of Mrs. Elmer E. Smith, will be the major point under discussion at the reopening of the preliminary examinations Saturday E. R. MacDonald, K.C., of Shediac, who has undertaken the defence of the two 18-year-old boys, has already stated that they will protest the production of these documents on certain legal grounds.

It is understood Henwood made his alleged statement to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police last Sunday evening, and Trueman Smith is said to have made a similar statement some time early on Monday morning after he had been placed in custody near Sackville, N. B. by Corporal Kearney.

To Be Called

Charles R. Smith, K.C., the Crown prosecutor of Cumberland county, is prepared to produce the two documents in evidence at the resumption of the hearings on Saturday before Magistrate A. C. MacKenzie, and will call upon Corporal Rockwell, Constable A. M. King, Detective Constable Tom MacKay and Chief of Police Weatherbee regarding the circumstances under which they were made.

Thus far the lesser witnesses in this case only have been heard, but certain evidence has been secured by the Crown in an effort to link both Henwood and Smith with the most terrible deed of its kind ever recorded in the Maritime Provinces.

Witnesses Thursday testified that Henwood had made several purchases at various stores in the town. Today Trueman Smith was not connected with any large expenditures, but Miss Ellen Bugley, a clerk in a local grocery store, testified that Smith had entered the store and purchased four large packages of cigarettes the night of the murder, between 8 and 9 o'clock.

Mr. MacDonald, who is acting as counsel for Smith, as well as Henwood, was not present this morning, but Crown Prosecutor Smith asked the accused, on every occasion, if he had any objections to register to the remarks of the witnesses or desired to question them. Trueman invariably answered in the negative.

Widowed Mother

Straightforward answers were given the Crown by Mrs. Ida Smith, the widowed mother of the accused Trueman Smith as she appeared this morning and reiterated her evidence of yesterday. She declared that Trueman had been at supper when Henwood called. They had gone out before 7 o'clock and returned home between 8 and 9 o'clock.

Arriving back at the house, Alvah had asked for a magazine and the two had then gone into a front room out of her sight. Mrs. Smith informed the court that Trueman had retired that night between half past 9 and 10 o'clock. She said that he had gone by train to Sackville on February 14 or 15, to visit her brother, Hazen Goodwin, of Beech Hill. He had been there between Christmas and New Years for a few days.

The court room was again filled today, with women constituting the larger number of spectators. Two women were on the court house steps at

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS TO BE INVOLVED

The Reciprocity Negotiations to Take in a Wide Scope

CANADA MAY GET CONCESSIONS

United States Expected to Lower Her Tariff Barriers

(Special to The Daily Mail by the B.U.P.)

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 25—The whole financial relationship between Canada and the United States will be virtually involved in any negotiations between the two Governments concerning reciprocal trade.

There is abundant reason for the belief that immediately after the United States election, President-elect Roosevelt and his advisers conceived the idea of bi-lateral treaties with different countries in order to rehabilitate foreign commerce, which, in the past few years, has been extensively depleted. Canada, it is said, occupied a position at the very head of the list.

It will be to the advantage of the United States to give substantial concessions to this country, having regard to the close financial alliance between the two nations. The annual interest payable by Canada in the United States is roughly \$25,000,000.

U. S. Interests

It is pointed out that the ability to meet these obligations is largely contingent on the volume of merchandise which the United States buys in Canada. Its investments here are no longer being expanded, while the tourist trade, which is a factor in international exchange, has fallen off. Therefore as some economists contend, the United States will be serving its own interests by lowering the tariffs in certain respects against Canada, permitting access to an almost prohibited market and thus facilitating Canadian payment of maturing obligations. It is believed that the adversity in exchange would right itself in virtue of some such arrangement.

There is also ground for the belief that what the American Government may specifically propose is that the Canadian intermediate tariff on numerous commodities should be extended to them with reciprocal concessions through their similar tariff structure.

C. P. R. CRUISERS VISIT NAPLES

Naples, Italy, Feb. 24—Here for a stay of several days, 400 cruise passengers from Canada and the United States arrived early yesterday in the Canadian Pacific Liner, "Empress of Australia". The big white three-funnelled liner will be the operating base for a number of excursions to be carried out during the tourists' visit. Yesterday was spent in auto sight-seeing in and about the city and to Pompeii. Today's plans include a visit to Vesuvius and a drive to Caserta, where the Royal Palace and gardens will be the main attraction.

Many of the passengers left the main body by train for Rome last night, and before rejoining the Empress at Venice, will tour, visiting Rome and Florence enroute to Venice.

7.45 a.m., and remained there until the doors were opened by Sheriff C. D. Shipley at 9 o'clock. With the evidence of eight witnesses completed this morning, Mr. Smith, conducting his first murder case in 50 years of legal practice, asked that Trueman Smith be remanded until Saturday. The youth was escorted back to the jail by Corporal Rockwell and Constable King.

Herriott May Go To Washington For Conference

France Learns That the United States Administration Will Consent to Discuss Debts Without Requiring Payment of Amount in Default.

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

PARIS, Feb. 25—Former Premier Edouard Herriot is likely to head the French war debt delegation to the United States in March, it was indicated today as France received with relief reports that the incoming United States administration would consent to discuss debts without requiring France first to pay the debt it defaulted last December.

The British Delegation

London, Feb. 25—The British delegation to the war debt conference, to be held soon after the inauguration of President Roosevelt, will consist of Premier Ramsay MacDonald, Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Hon. Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, admitted on all sides to be a very strong team.

REDUCTION IN SALARIES TO BE CONTINUED

Ottawa, Ontario, Feb. 24—The Government won the first skirmish today in its plan to lop \$8,000,000 off the national payroll. Without division preliminary to introduction of a bill to cut ten per cent. from civil service salaries and the indemnities of members of Parliament and Senators. The bill would continue for another year the ten per cent. cut made in 1932.

The salary slash will exist just as long as general economic conditions make it necessary, Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, announced. It was hoped last year the cut would be for this year only, but the drain continued on the national treasury, necessitating extension of the salary reductions.

60,000 Affected

The cut will affect 60,000 people, 12,000 being residents of Ottawa. It will have the treasury \$8,000,000, residents of Ottawa alone losing \$2,000,000.

BETTER TIMES ARE PREDICTED FOR CANADIANS

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24—A prediction of better times to come for all classes of Canadians was handed out in the House of Commons today by Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Labor, when presenting his annual unemployment relief budget.

"Certainly," he said, "when you find the direct relief to those who are needy and practically indigent falling from \$41,500,000 in the fiscal year 1931-32 to less than \$25,000,000 in the fiscal year 1932-33, even though the number receiving relief has increased, it is a hopeful sign to the taxpayers of the country."

"I have a confident belief," continued the Labor Minister, "that with a gradual turn toward other avocations than those which have afforded a certain sense of security to our people in the past and better business conditions, it will not be long delayed until the granting of direct relief to our citizens will disappear."

REPORT ON UTILITIES HAS BEEN TABLED

Regret Expressed That Companies Operating Under Federal Charter Cannot Be Reached.

A bank balance of \$796.98 existed at April 30, 1932, to the credit of the New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, according to the report of the board for the year ending on that date, tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. A. J. Legler, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

Total receipts were \$27,840.56 and outstanding checks amounted to \$182.

Five matters dealt with during the year by the board were reported. They concerned the Carleton Electric Co., Ltd., the Hartland Electric Co., the Moncton Tramways Electricity and Gas Co., Ltd., the St. Andrews Electric Light and Power, Ltd., and the St. Martins Telephone Company, Ltd.

During the year certificates were issued to seven companies and licenses to 31 brokers and 61 agents. "The board regrets," the report continues, "that the companies operating under Dominion charters are not within its jurisdiction and recommends that the government memorialize the Dominion Government to pass legislation bringing these companies under its jurisdiction."

A list is carried of 44 public utilities which reported in the period 1929-1930. That reported as having the largest income in 1930, \$1,461,275.46, was the New Brunswick Telephone Co., Ltd.; the second largest, \$927,648.99, the New Brunswick Power Co., and the third \$568,474.21, the Moncton Tramways Electricity and Gas Co., Ltd.

CAT STOPS PRESSES

Youngstown, Ohio, Feb. 25—A cat stopped publication of a newspaper here today temporarily, at least. It was the press-room cat of "The Youngstown Vindicator", and it made the fatal mistake of choosing the interior of one of the big presses as its sleeping place.

After figuring out the new-fangled system of contract bridge scoring, the task of making out an income tax report will seem simple.