

The Chinese Planning Counter Offensive Against Japanese

An Official Announcement is Made at Peiping;
A Force of 66,000 Men Will Be Thrown Into
Action—Decision Was Reached at a Confer-
ence Participated in by the Acting Premier.

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PEIPING, March 9—A Chinese counter offensive against the Japanese armies massed along the Great Wall in Jehol threatening North China, was officially announced today.

The announcement said 66,000 troops would be thrown into action, of which General Wang Ichies commands two brigades at Kuapikou Pass and General Soong Cheh Yuan 20,000 at Hsinfengkou Pass, 100 miles to the east. The decision for a counter offensive was reached at a conference participated in by T. V. Soong, acting Premier at Changhsintien, beyond the Marco Polo bridge, 15 miles from Peiping.

Resignation Rejected

It was reported Marshall Chang Hsueh Liang's resignation as head of the military council was rejected, after which Marshal Chang Kai Shek, Chinese supreme military chief, left for Shihchia-chuang Junction, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, where he will confer with General Yun Hsi Shan. General Sun Tien Ying, who was isolated between Chengtehfu and Chifeng in Jehol when Chengrehfu was captured, was reported still fighting the Japanese.

DISTURBANCE IN BRITISH COLUM. PENITENTIARY

Ottawa, March 8—A slight disturbance occurred yesterday in the New Westminster, B. C., penitentiary, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Justice, told the House of Commons today. He gave no particulars.

Subsequently Mr. Guthrie stated to The Canadian Press that yesterday 12 convicts at the New Westminster penitentiary went on strike and refused to work. They were taken in hand by the warden and dealt with. No further disturbance had taken place, and the penitentiary is now proceeding according to its accustomed routine.

Mr. Guthrie stated definitely that there had been neither violence nor destruction of property in connection with yesterday's disturbance. A dozen men had gone on strike and refused to work. The disturbance was confined to this exhibition of disobedience.

TOMMY TUBB WAS ABLE TO PUT OUT FIRE

Portland, Oregon, March 8—Tommy Tubb is only seven, but he learned by accident that fire can't burn without air and saved his life at the same time.

He arose early, put on his bathrobe, went to the kitchen and lit a gas jet. Suddenly fire licked out. It caught hold on the sleeves of his bathrobe and rapidly spread, engulfing him in flames.

Tommy ran to his bedroom, jumped into bed, and pulled the covers tightly about him. The flames were stifled. Presently Tommy crawled out of the bed. His robe was almost burned off. But he was unharmed.

NO CHANGE IN POUND VALUE LIKELY SOON

Ottawa, March 7—Changed conditions with changed requirements may come quickly, but for the present it would be unwise for Canada to consider any reduction in the valuation of the pound sterling, Hon. E. B. Ryckman, Minister of National Revenue told the House of Commons today. The Dominion collects its ad valorem duty on British goods on the basis that the pound is worth \$4.86 2/3. However, when the value of sterling depreciated, a special dumping duty was imposed on certain goods to counteract the advantage the depreciated currency gave the British producer. It applied to goods which came into competition with goods produced in Canada.

The special duty at first was the difference between the par value of the pound and the average exchange value. Later as the cost of commodities increased in Britain, the special duty was reduced to the difference between the average value and a fixed value of \$4.40. For example if the department found the average value over a two-weeks' period to be \$4.10 in Canadian funds, then special duty would be 30 cents on the pound sterling.

Hon. W. D. Euler asked the Minister some days ago in view of the further increased commodity costs in Great Britain the ordinary duty should not be collected on a valuation of the pound below \$4.86 2/3.

THE LATE MAYOR CERMAK

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

Chicago, Ill., March 9—The body of Mayor Antonio Cermak, shot by an assassin, arrived here yesterday by special train from Miami, Florida, and was met at the depot by a crowd of people estimated at fifty thousand. A public funeral will be held here.

DUNNING IS MENTIONED AS RAIL HEAD

Montreal, March 9—An Ottawa dispatch to the Star says: While no appointment will be considered until the railway legislation gets through Par-



HON. C. A. DUNNING

liament, an interesting report, circulating in the lobbies today, suggests the name of Hon. C. A. Dunning, former Minister of Finance and of Railways as possible chairman of the Board of trustees of the Canadian National Railways. Mr. Dunning, as former minister, is familiar with the C. N. R. problem. Being at present connected with a C. P. R. subsidiary, he would doubtless be acceptable to that corporation, while, being a Liberal, his selection would disarm the criticism of that party about all the trustees being of one political color.

ENGINEER TELLS WHY LOCOMOTIVE IS CALLED "SHE"

St. Albans, Vermont, March 8—A question frequently asked but seldom correctly answered: "Why is a locomotive called 'she'?" was answered to the satisfaction of most railway men who have ever asked it here today by W. S. Scarboro, road foreman of engines on the Central Vermont railway.

"Engines", Scarboro declared, "are called 'she' for many reasons. For instance, they wear jackets with yokes, pins, shields and stays."

"They have aprons and laps, too. Not only do they have shoes, but they sport pumps and even hose while the drag trains behind him. They also attract men with puffs and mufflers, and sometimes they foam and refuse to work, and at such times they need to be switched."

"Then, too, they need guiding and they need a man to feed them. They all smoke and last, but not least, they are much more steady when they are hooked up."

TRADE IN CHECKS CARRIED ON

Miami, Fla., March 8—A laborer at Daytona Beach who had spent more than a day trying to cash a cheque on John D. Rockefeller had the benefit of groceries today—but no cash from the cheque.

A groceryman, like all other merchants, refused to cash the cheque for \$60 but granted him credit on it.

Hon. J. A. Murray, of Sussex, immigration commissioner, is in the city.

PLEADS GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF MURDER

Murderer of Mayor Cermak Acknowledges
His Guilt

CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAIR

United States Justice
Moves Swiftly at
Miami, Fla.

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

Miami, Fla., March 9—Giuseppe Zangara pleaded guilty today to a charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Mayor Cermak of Chicago who was shot here Feb. 15 in an attempt on the life of Franklin D. Roosevelt. As capital punishment is in vogue in Florida he will no doubt be sentenced to die in the electric chair.

Zangara since his conviction and sentence to eighty years imprisonment a fortnight ago, has been confined in the jail here occupying a cell on the twentieth floor of the building. He shot and severely wounded Mayor Cermak on the afternoon of February 15th, at an outdoor gathering assembled to greet President-elect Roosevelt. The bullet which fatally wounded Chicago's mayor was intended for the President. In the case of Zangara American justice has moved swiftly.

VERIGIN IS THREATENING A NUDE PARADE

Winnipeg, March 7—Peter Verigin, spiritual and temporal ruler of the Doukhobors, will request a Royal Commission to investigate the whole Doukhobor situation, he said in an interview here tonight. If his request is refused, he added, he and 15,000 followers will parade in the nude from their western settlements to Winnipeg.

The Community leader, who is on his way to his home from Halifax where he was released last week following a fight to prevent his deportation to Russia, made it clear he has no animosity against the Dominion of Canada. He had no thought of suing government for their recent action in attempting to deport him. "Justice will prevail, that is my satisfaction," he declared.

The Community leader left here tonight for his home at Verigin, Sask., with the intention of visiting his wife and mother and relieving their anxiety and the anxiety of his people.

CEMETERY WREATHS ARE HIS ASPIRATION

London, England, March 9—Jean Varda, French artist, uses everything but the kitchen-sieve in creating his "pictures". They are made of painted cement, wire, glass, bootlace eyelets, slabs of stone, and beads from old cemetery wreaths. Nails, pieces of lace and artificial bowers are also among his ingredients which are fixed to wood foundations.

Varda is said by some critics to be an instinctive artist with a good taste in color.

EXECUTION REPORTED

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

Peiping, China, March 8—The arrest and execution by the Chinese of General Tang Yu-Lin, who governed the province of Jehol until that territory was taken over by the Japanese, was reported here today. An order for his arrest, on a charge of desertion, interfered with the project.

"I hope Galway will get a move on," he says.

The U. S. Congress Meeting Today in Special Session

Was Called by President Roosevelt to Pass Emergency Legislation to Cope With the Financial Crisis—Rainey of Illinois is Chosen Speaker—The President's Message.

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9—The 73rd Congress of the United States convened at noon today in special session. It was called by President Roosevelt to adopt measures for dealing with the financial crisis now prevailing throughout the country.

Vice-President Garner will preside over the deliberations of the Senate, and Congressman Rainey of Illinois, former Democratic floor leader, was chosen Speaker of the Lower House.

President Roosevelt delivered a message to both Houses and promised that a measure for relieving the financial stress of the country would be submitted for prompt action.

He also outlined drastic reforms in the administration of the Government in the interests of economy, and declared strongly in favor of sound currency.

After disposing of the emergency legislation, which should not take more than a few days, Congress will likely adjourn for two or three weeks to allow time for the preparation of other legislation.

THE N. S. HOUSE WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY NEXT

Halifax, March 8—The fifth and last session of Nova Scotia's current General Assembly will open on Tuesday, March 21, Premier Gordon S. Harrington announced tonight.

Premier Harrington will be facing his third session as head of government affairs in Nova Scotia. He was sworn into office in 1930, when Hon. E. N. Rhodes resigned to re-enter federal politics.

The present standing in the House is, Government (Conservative), 20; Opposition, 16. The number of seats authorized is 40, reduced from 43 by certain automatic provisions of a redistribution bill passed in 1929, which would have cut the seats eventually to 38. Four legitimate vacancies which were never filled at by-elections brought the number down to 36, where it stands unchanged from last year.

In the meantime, before the full provisions of the 1929 bill could come into effect, a new redistribution was enacted last year, under which the Legislature will have but 30 members following the 1933 election.

POLITICS, NOT ART, LURES CASH FROM GALWAY

Dublin, Irish Free State, March 9—Apparently Galway does not want possession of two of Ireland's most famous heirlooms, the ancient sword and mace of the city.

After being missing for many years they came into the possession of a Dublin art dealer. A movement started for the purchase of the beautiful General Tang Yu-Lin, who governed the province of Jehol until that territory was taken over by the Japanese, was reported here today. An order for his arrest, on a charge of desertion, interfered with the project.

"I hope Galway will get a move on," he says.

N. B. SENATOR COMPLAINS OF ELECTION COSTS

Ottawa, March 8—Condemning the high costs of Dominion elections, Senator W. E. Foster, in the Upper House today asked the Senate to appoint a committee to study the matter. He suggested that the excessive costs of elections was a deterrent to many good men from entering public life.

Compulsory voting would eliminate the "immense" cost of carrying voters to the polls, Senator Foster declared. If this were not done the only other method would be for the government to provide transportation to the polls, conscripting motor cars for the purpose. The debate was adjourned by Senator F. B. Black.

The federal system of elections was growing more and more expensive, said Senator Foster. It had been claimed that it required \$1,000,000 for the central fund of each of the major parties to carry on a federal election.

"It has been stated," said Senator Foster, "a leader should not know about campaign funds, but I wonder if there ever was a leader who was responsible for bringing about a dissolution of parliament or of a legislature, who did not know there were campaign funds in sight. I must confess I never knew of one."

BARGAIN TRIPS FOR ICE GAME

Moncton, N. B., March 9—In connection with the hockey game between Moncton and Halifax to be played in Halifax tomorrow (Friday) evening the Canadian National Railways are arranging to put into effect a special bargain trip excursion by regular trains from all points in the Maritime Provinces on Friday, returning by regular trains not later than Monday, March 13th. Tickets will be good in day coaches only. It is expected that a large number will witness this game.