

A Big Battle Seems to be Imminent Near Shanghai

Northern Warlords Preparing to Meet Menacing Army From the South — Ten Thousand Troops Stationed in a Forty Mile Area Near Shanghai and Will be Augmented by Another Fifty Thousand.

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SHANGHAI, Dec. 11—Ten thousand troops have been stationed in a forty mile area south of Shanghai following the establishment of the advancing Canton forces at Changahan, near Chuchow, two hundred and fifty miles southeast of here.

Marshall Sun Chuan Fang, acting for the allied northern warlords in opposition of the menacing forces from the south, made the order for the disposition of the troops as soon as he learned that the Cantonese had crossed the border from Kiansi province into Chekiang. He will augment these forces with fifty thousand additional men later.

QUITS OPERATING TABLE TO SAVE GOVERNORSHIP

Buenos Aires, Dec. 11—Learning as he lay on an operating table ready to undergo a surgical operation that he was to be deposed as governor of the Province of Jujuy, Gov. Villafane hurriedly left the table, went to the station and took a train for home.

There is a constitutional provision in Argentina that a governor who is without legal authorization to remain away from his post over a stated period automatically loses his position. The legislature of Jujuy had granted Senor Villafane a short leave of absence to come to Buenos Aires for an operation. Just as he had placed himself in the hands of the surgeons he received an urgent message from a friend at home telling him that a majority of the members of the legislature intended to apply the precept if he did not return on scheduled time.

WIFE HIS FIRST LOVE, YOU CAN BET ON THAT

Rome, Dec. 11—Pietro Mascagni, famous Italian composer, was recently asked in a press canvass to tell the story of his first love so that it might be sent over the radio.

Mascagni answered, "I would willingly tell you of my first love, but my wife, like all ladies, is a radio fan. Therefore, be sure and say distinctly into the microphone that my wife is my first and last love."

EXERCISE AND FRESH AIR THE BEST COSMETICS

Chicago, Dec. 11—Lack of proper exercise and fresh air are more fatal to a flapper's complexion than synthetic gin or cigarettes, according to J. M. Price, cosmetic manufacturer of Indianapolis, in an address here before a convention of beauty experts.

THIS DUCK WAS FAR FROM HOME

Yarmouth, Dec. 10—Two young men of Hawk Point, Cape Sable Island, have just captured a strange bird which they call a wood duck. On the leg of the bird is a metal tag bearing this inscription: "V 20.14 P S: V G A A R D, Viborg, Denmark." Evidently it had taken a long trip.

CHRISTMAS CHEER WAS HANDED OUT

Shediac, Dec. 10—Fishermen report that a large oil burning schooner was in the Northumberland Strait this week disposing of so-called Christmas cheer in liquid form to motorboatmen from the Kent County shore. Scotch whiskey is said to have been sold as low as \$2.50 for a bottle containing three half pints, or \$10 a gallon. The big craft lay at anchor during the big storm well off the beach about 15 miles north of Shediac Point light (Cassie Capt.).

HOLIDAYS OVER, TIME TO WORK, ITALY IS TOLD

Rome, Dec. 11—Mussolini today notified the nation that the annual Fascist celebrations were over and that the time had come for renewal of work. Messaging the prefects, he said: "The period of ceremonies, inaugurations and celebrations is finished. The nation must work tranquilly and with a sense of discipline. The prefects are invited to provide for the postponement to another season of ceremonies of every kind."

TWO CHILDREN WERE CREMATED

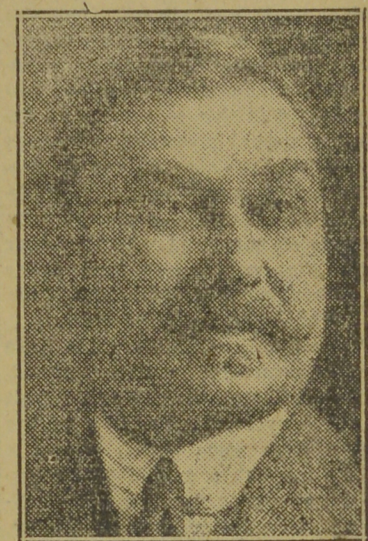
Nunda, N. Y., Dec. 10—Two children are dead and a third dying and five business blocks in the heart of Nunda were destroyed when fire swept the business section of this village tonight.

The two dead are children of Thomas Stewart, who lived over the general store of M. J. Taylor, where the fire started. A third child was not expected to live.

The fire broke out shortly after five o'clock this afternoon, and within a short time has got beyond control of the volunteers.

IS THE WORLD IMPROVING?

New York, Dec. 11—Feminine nudity attracts comparatively little attention when pictorially displayed on the streets. In the lobbies of numerous theatres and supper-dance places are photographs of young women scantily draped, if at all, but few stop for an eye-full, even when the night crowds are thickest. Neither does there seem to be a rush to buy the so-called art magazines at the subway newsstands.



GIFT TO DALHOUSIE
Col. R. W. Leonard, of St. Catharines, who, it is announced, has made a gift of \$35,000 to Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia.

NO PROVINCIAL MONEY FOR THE HARBOR BRIDGE

St. John, Dec. 11—In reply to a query yesterday as to what stand the Provincial Government would take towards aiding in the financing of the proposed bridge across the Saint John harbor, Premier Baxter said that the government could not be expected to contribute to this project. The government had a few years ago, spent a large sum of money in replacing the highway bridge at the falls and considered it had done its share in furnishing means of communication between the east and west sides of the harbor.

If the city of Saint John, said the Premier, wished to furnish additional means of internal communication between parts of the city, the Provincial Government should not be asked to help finance such a project. The Premier pointed out that there were many small places in the province that depend entirely on Government subsidies for small ferries and the Government had to furnish the money for these services.

A. E. Sanders of Toronto is in the city.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DUNCAN COMMISSION

The following is a brief summary of some of the matters touched upon by the report of the Duncan Royal Commission, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday:

The commission thinks that the provinces have made out a case for a revision of the grant from the Dominion in support of the government's machinery and activity.

The commission agrees with the contention of the provinces that they have been and are being dealt with differently than the western provinces and think that they are entitled to have their allowances reconsidered.

The commission feels that the claim for allowance in lieu of public lands, though belated, is one that should be looked at in the general financial revision or readjustment which they are suggesting.

The Maritime Provinces have a genuine claim to a readjustment of financial arrangements and in any readjustment their territorial limitations entitle them to still further consideration. While not possible to make a final recommendation as to the increase and form of Dominion aid (which are obviously a matter for detailed determination and assessment), the commission recommend immediate consideration of the whole subject with a view to a complete revision of the financial readjustments as between the Dominion and the Maritimes. In the meantime, pending such reassessment, they recommend that immediate interim lump sum increases should be made in the payments as follows: Nova Scotia, \$875,000; New Brunswick, \$600,000; Prince Edward Island, \$125,000.

The commission recommend an immediate reduction of 20 per cent be made on all rates charged on traffic which both originates and terminates at stations in the Atlantic Division of the Canadian National Railways, (including export and import traffic, by sea, from and to that division), and that the same reduction be applied to the Atlantic division proportion of the through rates on traffic originating at stations in the Atlantic division (excluding import traffic by sea), and destined to points outside the Atlantic Division.

After reviewing the history of the Saint John and Quebec Railway, and based on change of plans made in 1916, at the instance of the Dominions, the commission feel need for further investigation as to the alleged promise of the Dominion to take the railway over, or into the grounds upon which the belief that such a promise was made is founded. They recommend an ad hoc tribunal to enquire into the circumstances surrounding this matter with power, if they are satisfied that the circumstances justify it, to arrange terms and conditions on which the railway should be taken over by the Government.

FELL INTO ARMS OF A WAX SIREN

New York Man Could Not Resist the Outstretched Arms.

WENT THROUGH PLATE GLASS

A Strange Case of Infatuation in New York.

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

New York, N. Y., Dec. 11—Returning from sitting up with a sick friend John Kiernan was unable to resist the alluringly outstretched arms of a wax siren in an evening gown when she deliberately confronted him from the window of Max Vogel's exclusive shoppe.

Kiernan knew women and their wiles but even at that he could not resist. With a despairing cry he went through the plate glass window and surrendered himself to her arms. At this point the police arrived and took him into custody.

SAVED KIDDIES BUT WENT TO HER OWN DEATH

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

Detroit, Dec. 11—After rescuing her three small children from their burning home early today, Mrs. Bertha Smith, 25, rushed back into the flames to save her insurance policy and was burned to death. The family was asleep when the fire started, apparently from an overheated stove on the second floor.

HAVE MANY EYES

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 11—The drone bee can ogle his queen with 13,800 eyes; the bee who does the dirty work about the hive has 6,400, and the queen bee needs only 4,900, since the rest of them do most of the looking, says Dr. D. A. Slocum, bee expert of Washington State College.

Recovery Not Expected.

The condition of Daniel O'Brien, engineer at the Parliament Buildings, today is reported as serious and his recovery is not expected. Mr. O'Brien has been confined to his home for some days.

Unwilling to Agree To the Transfer of Control to the League

Council of Ambassadors Want Inter-Allied Council to Retain Control of German Armaments — The Big Five Held Secret Meeting — The Situation at Geneva Looks Dark.

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GENEVA, Dec. 11—The situation at the Council of the League of Nations appeared dark here today as word from Paris indicated that the Council of Ambassadors, headed by Marshal Foch was unwilling to agree to transfer of control of German armaments from the Inter-Allied Council of which Foch is the head to the League of Nations.

A secret meeting of the "Big Five" in the office of Foreign Minister Chamberlain of England, broke up with Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany, emerging from the room livid with anger.

Former Minister Briand remained inside, conferring with Chamberlain. The crux of the situation is over an attempt to throttle Germany's war material industries.

PRIZE MONEY AWARDED TO CADET CORPS

The prize money distributed by the Strathcona Trust Committee in New Brunswick to the cadet corps of the Province considered the most efficient, was as given below. Fredericton High School corps winning first place.

Position, instructor, corps number and name and prize-money are as follows:

1st. Capt. J. E. Page, 242 Fredericton High School	\$50.00
2nd. Lt. E. H. Wiley, 799 Boys' Industrial Home	40.00
3rd. J. C. Farthing, 560 Aberdeen School Moncton	30.00
4th. H. W. McCormack, 218 Harkins Academy New-castle	25.00
5th. Major F. A. Good, 235 Nor-School	20.00
6th. H. F. G. Bridges, 415 Campbellton	15.00
7th. I. N. Fanjoy, 1100 Fairville Superior	10.00
8th. K. H. Groom, 1180 St. Stephen	10.00
9th. R. K. Nevers, 924 Charlotte St. School, F'lon	10.00
10th. Capt. W. J. Duncan, 105 Chatham Grammar School	10.00
11th. Capt. D. V. Palin, 951 Albert School St. John	8.00
12th. H. T. Gilmore, 1165 Ed-mundston High School	8.00
13th. J. C. Farthing, 1210 Sacre Coeur, Moncton	8.00
14th. Capt. D. V. Palin, 736 St. Peter's, St. John	8.00
15th. G. E. Scott, 442 Dorchester Superior	8.00
16th. Lt. J. A. McNally, 318 Woodstock Grammar School	8.00

Arrested For Arson.

George H. Hallett of Hanwell was arrested last night by Constable Harry Palmer and was taken to Fredericton Junction on a warrant issued by Magistrate George W. Smith of Fredericton Junction. Hallett will appear before Magistrate Smith to answer to a charge of instigating the incendiary burning of a house at Three Tree Creek owned by him.

On Custom's Staff.

Ex-Sheriff Abion R. Foster of Hartland who contested Carleton-Victoria in the Liberal interests in the late election has been appointed Excise and Customs Officer under the Federal Government. Mr. Foster's appointment will be popular with all parties. He was a good sheriff and should make a good preventive officer.

Col. W. B. Anderson of Saint John was at the Queen last night.

BOY HANGED HIMSELF AFTER BEING TEASED

Simcoe, Dec. 11—After driving his younger brother from the barn with a pitchfork, Lawrence Henry Lee, aged 13, hanged himself tonight. The lad had returned home from Round Plains School in a violent temper, and told his mother that he had been fighting with two other lads, who had been teasing him, the authorities were informed. He went right to the barn, and drove away his brother Reggie, saying he wanted to be alone. At 7 o'clock his body was found by his two older brothers, George and Clemenceau.

Coroner R. J. Teeters of Waterford, who investigated the case, said there would be no inquest. What led to teasing by the other boys had not been discovered, he said.

WEEK-END MARKET.

Large Attendance Today—Eggs Scarce and Dear.

There was a large country market at the Phoenix Square, this morning. All varieties of produce were abundant. Eggs were very high, selling at 70 and 75 cents, per dozen.

Prevailing prices were as follows: Butter, per lb., 40 cents. Eggs, per doz., 70 to 75 cents. Pork, per lb., 12 to 15 cents. Lamb, per lb., 20 to 25 cents. Fowl, per lb., 25 cents. Chicken, per lb., 35 to 40 cents. Beef, per lb., 6 to 9 cents. Carrots, per bbl., \$2.25. Parsnips, per bbl., \$2.50 to \$3. Turnips, per bbl., \$1. Potatoes, per bbl., \$2.50. Cauliflowers, each, 10 cents. Yellow perch, each, 1 cent. Macintosh Reds, per bbl. \$4 to \$6. Wolf Rivers, per bbl. \$2 to \$3. Fameuse, per bbl., \$4. Alexanders, per bbl., \$2.25.

Returned From Tour

W. K. Tibert, Vocational Director for New Brunswick, has returned after his first official tour of the southern and western portions of the Province. He visited Milltown, Woodstock and Edmundston. In the latter town he found a particularly large increase in attendance. Next week Mr. Tibert expects to visit Moncton, Newcastle and Campbellton. In the last named place on Thursday he will attend the official opening of the new vocational building. Fletcher Peacock former Provincial Director will accompany him as he did this week.

R. E. Charman of Wallace, N. S., is at the Queen.