

What the Trouble is All About in China

Japan Justified in Many of its Actions. Trouble First in Manchuria. The Latest Difficulty in Shanghai.

A great many people have been asking for a condensed statement of what the trouble is all about in regard to China and Japan. As a matter of fact much of the unpleasantness may be traced to the communists sent into China to cause trouble and raise agitation, just as these emissaries of the Soviet have bedeviled a number of other countries by their evil activities. If China would gather up these red-headed fellows and either shoot them out of China, or better still shoot them in China, it is likely that China would have less trouble with bandits and such like and would be better able to agree with Japan.

For a condensed review of the situation one of the best articles noted recently is an editorial in The Ottawa Journal. This editorial covers the situation fairly well, though it might be extended in some particulars. For instance, The Journal suggests that one murder caused the difficulty in Manchuria. There were a number of Japanese citizens murdered in Manchuria. However, here is The Journal editorial as it appeared on Tuesday this week:—

"Mr. Galsworthy once said that half the trouble with the world was that people jumped to conclusions without sufficient data. Mr. Galsworthy was right; and perhaps before jumping to too hasty conclusions about what is taking place in Shanghai, and who is to blame for it, we should try to find out who began the trouble, and where, and when, and how. Japan, being jumped upon by everybody, and seemingly at fault in bombing and partly destroying an apparently undefended native city, nevertheless has a case. Incidentally, according to the Japanese Minister in Ottawa, Shanghai was not an 'unfortified city,' had made 'war-like preparations,' had harboured 'plain clothes soldiers.'"

"All of us are fairly familiar with what has been happening in Manchuria. In that vast, rich country, Japan has an investment of close upon \$1,000,000,000. She owns the famous Southern Manchuria railway; owns rich mines and industries. Mr. Will Rogers, the humorist, who was recently in Manchuria, summed up the position there by saying that 'China owns the lot, but Japan owns everything on it.'"

"Last year Chinese bandits—or so it was alleged—murdered a Japanese officer. The Japanese Government asked the Chinese authorities for suitable action; without result—or a satisfactory result. Then, later on, there was an explosion on the South Manchurian railway, whereupon the Japanese, professing to be exasperated, and proclaiming that a boycott was being carried on by Chinese against Japanese goods, and that the country was being overrun by Chinese bandits, marched an army into the country, are now practically in control of it; or at least policing it. All this was done in practical defiance of the League of Nations. So much for Manchuria.

"The country is immense, immensely

wealthy. Japan may well say that it doesn't lie in the mouth of any great power to tell her that she mustn't take necessary or suitable measures to protect her nationals, to safeguard her legitimate investments. In this, it must be admitted, she can invoke history. And China, moreover, has not shown that she could handle the situation in Manchuria. There, or anywhere else.

"This brings us to Shanghai. Shanghai is the great funnel mouth for half the commerce of China. The Japanese Cotton Spinners' Association own twelve great mills there; have other industries. Japan, moreover, sells nearly one-third of all her cotton goods to China; takes essential raw materials in return. Anarchy in China, therefore, spells ruin to Japanese industry; Chinese prosperity is vital to the development of Japan.

"But China, admittedly, has been carrying on a bitter boycott of all things Japanese. In September last, the first month of the boycott, Japan is alleged to have suffered \$20,000,000 loss of trade. In addition, there is a long list of anti-Japanese ordinances and instructions; an energetic hostility against Japan by all classes of Chinese. These in Manchuria and elsewhere.

"Japan, under international practice, is entitled to take action against this boycott; has precedents for doing so. Therefore, some weeks ago, Japanese cruisers appeared off Shanghai.

"Then came the real trouble. First came a series of anti-Japanese editorials in the Chinese Republican Daily News; then an attack upon five Japanese monks by a band of Chinese, one of the monks being killed.

"Rear Admiral Koki Shiosawa, commander of the Japanese Fleet anchored off Shanghai, issued an ultimatum: all anti-Japanese organizations in the foreign settlement as well as in the native cities must be suppressed 'on pain of drastic naval action.' Tokyo backed him up by sending reinforcements.

"There is no record—none that we have seen in the despatches—of any Chinese guarantees that anti-Japanese organizations would be suppressed, that the anti-Japanese boycott would be put down. The guarantees—things in China being what they are—could not be given. Or lived up to. So Japan attacked Shanghai.

"There was no attack upon the foreign settlement. Up to 1840 Shanghai was a second rate Chinese city sitting on a mud flat at the mouth of the Yangtze River, but in 1842 became one of the five Treaty Ports opened to foreign trade. This after the Opium War. Later on other nations saw the importance of the city; nations like France and the United States. Today, in what is known as the International Settlement, here are British, French, United States, Italian and Japanese troops. The city is popularly known, we are told, as the Paris of the East; boasts an excellent golf course, race track, yacht club, an enormous number of reputable resorts; also the Shanghai Club, with the longest bar in the world.

"The Japanese did not bombard nor attack nor invade this part of Shanghai. Only once, according to the despatches, did they set foot on it. But they bombarded and machine-gunned and burned

part of the native city; \$10,000,000 worth of it was burned we are told, but as much of it consisted of flimsy shacks the estimate may be loose.

"With what justification? No one may justify the bombing of a civil population of any city or town; not even by invoking the cruelties of war. But, admitting this, and deploring what has happened at Shanghai, let none of us go off at half-cock with the idea that Japan has not had provocation; or that in taking stern measures to protect her nationals and to break down an anti-Japanese boycott she is outraging any international law or usage. She is, in point of fact, following United States and British precedents.

"In 1926-27 there was a Chinese boycott of British goods, attacks on British nationals. Britain landed troops in China, prepared to protect her rights. Landed troops at Shanghai.

"In the course of a debate in the British Parliament on February 16, 1927, a member of the Labour opposition asked under what treaty rights British troops landed on Chinese soil. Sir Austen Chamberlain, then British Foreign Secretary, replied: 'The right of a State to protect the lives of its nationals abroad does not depend on any treaty.'"

"And later on, in the same year, Mr. Baldwin, dealing with the same subject, told the House of Commons this: 'Our troops are being sent to the Far East to safeguard British lives in China, particularly at Shanghai. That is the only policy of His Majesty's Government.'"

"With this modern history in the memory of all of us, there should be perhaps less haste in jumping on the Japanese, in condemning them with bell, book and candle, and in disregard of all precedents and conditions. We are being told that Japan's conduct is in violation of the Briand-Kellogg pact. But against this is Sir Austen Chamberlain's declaration that the right of a State to protect the lives of its nationals abroad does not depend on any treaty. Nor have we noticed that Britain or France or the United States have raised this point at all. Their only care, thus far, apparently, is for the International Settlement. Their latest note objects to the use of the Settlement as a base for Japanese operations.

"In the circumstances, and having regard for the solemn assurances of the Japanese Foreign Minister that Japan only desires peace and order in China, talk of Britain jumping into a war with Japan, or of interfering beyond the protection of her own rights, is sheer folly. One destroyed Chinese city is deplorable, and so is loss of Chinese life; but it should take much more than these things to justify the stupendous calamity of a war between England and Japan. Besides, England has her own troubles just now in India. They are going to be very costly for the British taxpayer. India might be regarded as quite sufficient share of the 'white man's burden' for one nation to carry. If this China-Jap war is to be stopped or won by an outside country, we cheerfully elect a nation other than Britain to do the job."

CANADA HAS BEEN A LEADER IN MANY LINES OF ENDEAVOUR

(From The Canada Lumberman)
The idea of the telephone originated in Canada, and the first long-distance trials of the instrument were made in Ontario between Paris, Ont., and Brantford.

Canada pioneered in the field of electro-chemistry with the discovery of calcium carbide by Tom Wilson, of Hamilton.

Canada originated the idea of standard time, which has since been adopted by every civilized country in the world.

A Canadian physician, Dr. F. G. Banting, of Toronto, discovered insulin, a serum for the treatment of diabetes.

Canada built and demonstrated the first compound steam engine in the history of the world. The effect of this invention was the doom of the sailing ship as a factor in ocean commerce.

Chess and Checker Club Established

Annual Meeting of Pioneer Chess and Checker Club. Officers Elected for the Ensuing Term. Room for More Members.

Recently The Advance made reference to the fact that the town now has a duly established chess and checker club, there being a surprising number of the devotees of these games in the camp. The club is now away to a great start and has aroused much interest. The annual meeting of the club was held at headquarters, S.O.E. hall, on Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 1932. The following were the officers elected:—

President—W. Rushworth.
Vice-president—C. J. Cummings.
Secretary—S. Burt.
Treasurer—Walter Cook.

Auditors—W. Stanley and D. Cuthell.
Captains—Chess—H. Topolnicky;
Checkers—F. Parent.

Committee—W. Rushworth, S. Burt, W. Cook, P. Parent, P. Topolnicky, H. Burt, M. MacAlinden.

The Timmins Pioneer Chess and Checker Club has made a big hit and is proving very popular, the attendance at the regular meetings being large and much interest being shown. The club has a regular meeting every Tuesday in the S.O.E. hall, over Woolworth's store, and many chess and checker players are taking advantage of the opportunity offered. New members will be welcomed by the club and any who would care to join should see any of the officers who will be pleased to give all particulars. When the club has progressed a little further tournaments with players from other sections of the North are to be arranged and there are other special features planned. In the meantime the chess and checker

players are gathering weekly and are enjoying the play at the Pioneer Chess and Checker Club where all are welcome.

BRIDGE, EUCHRE AND 500 ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

A bridge, euchre and five hundred will be held in the basement of the Church of the Nativity under the auspices of the Altar Society on Monday evening, Feb. 8th. Events under these auspices are always pleasing and all who enjoy a good evening should make special note of the date, Feb. 8th, Monday, in the basement of the Church of the Nativity.

Barrie Examiner.—It takes a high-priced comedian to make the old jokes sound funny again.

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Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 9
This is the week to serve those delicious, piping hot, golden brown Pancakes, dripping with rich maple syrup and topped with a generous slice of butter. Can't you just taste them?
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Maple Syrup, Pint bottle **29c**
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Pancake Flour, Aunt Jemima, pkg. **17c**
Buckwheat Flour, Aunt Jemima, pkg. **20c**

Watch for Red Price Tickets

LENT Commences Feb. 10th
With the Lenten season only a few days off, now is the time to select your meat substitutes. Listed on this page—the majority at special sellings—are items that you'll be needing to make up dishes that will make a duty a pleasure. Make a list of them now—our shelves are piled high with appropriate suggestions.
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Blows Win Again in the Ostrosser Bowling League
In the Ostrosser Bowling league A. Tomkinson was high for the evening with 748 cross alley score.
In their encounter last Monday evening with the Strikes, the Blows took three points.
Blows 942 1112 1039 3095
Strikes 965 974 904 2843
The leaders of the second half lose three points to the Headpins. J. Roberts was the best man for the winners, with 636 total pinfall.
Headpins 893 1017 989 2899
Spares 839 902 1060 2801
Headpins, 3 points; Spares, 1 point.
The honour roll for this week is as follows:—A. Tomkinson, 748 (268); C. Studor, 700 (264); J. Aspin, 678; A. Sauve, 652; J. Stevens, 640; P. Nicolson, 640; J. Roberts, 636; B. Caronvale, 631.

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Gun and Gold Found in Toronto in Kirkland Car

A despatch last week from Toronto says:—"Searching a Kirkland Lake automobile at King and York streets Thursday afternoon, police found gold ore valued at \$1,100 and a revolver. Two Italians, Antonio de Grovanni and Michele Molri, of Kirkland Lake, were arrested charged with illegal possession of gold ore. Police claim to have received information that the men left Kirkland Lake two days previously with gold in their possession. The license number of the car was known. Both men were just getting into the car when detectives approached to make the search. Revolver and gold were found in a pocket of the car and bullets for the revolver in Grovanni's pockets. In police court it was established that the two accused and another man, who has since vanished, hired a taxicab in Kirkland Lake and drove to Toronto. Both the taxi driver and the owner of the taxicab, who accompanied the accused to Toronto, swore that they knew nothing of the gold. "You are still looking for a third man who they all say was there?" defence Counsel James Cowan asked Detective-Sergeants Tinsley and Levitt, who made the arrests. The officers acknowledged that they were interested in a third party. Judge Coatsworth committed the accused for trial."

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Toronto Mall and Empire.—A Kingston man set up a record for late plowing on Thursday. It is believed to be also a record for early plowing.