

**CHINESE—JAPANESE SITUATION EXPLAINED**

(Continued from page 1.)  
80 years to develop her present form of republic, and looking at United States says it has taken her also about the same length of time, and even yet such crimes as the kidnapping of Lindbergh's baby are not impossible. China has been accused of refusing to lift the boycott against Japanese goods. She retorts that she will not buy from an enemy. This has resulted in Japanese goods spoiling and accumulating on the docks, in the go-downs and warehouses. You cannot force China to buy and her attitude is only natural. China says the boycott will only be lifted when Japan changes her attitude and gives evidence in her actions of friendliness and good will.

China presents a united front to a common foe. The efficacy of the boycott itself with its crippling effect on Japanese trade and industry proves this.

The nations adopted the open-door policy in Manchuria. Japan adheres to that policy only insofar as it opens the door for herself. She has adopted the policy of freezing out competition so that she may get all the profits.

Japan's whole course tends to show her aggressive policy. She has over 65,000 troops in Manchuria instead of 15,000 allowed by treaty. She would seem to have deliberately broken the 9-power treaty of 1922 and the Kellogg Briand Pact of 1928 by violating the territorial integrity of China and instead of seeking the arbitration of the League has resorted to arms.

The powerlessness of the League to help China grows more apparent, in spite of cries for disarmament. Can you blame China if she feels that her only hope is to be armed to the teeth and to fight to the last man? A boycott of Japan by all the nations of the League has been suggested as a means of reprisal for Japan's breaking her treaties. It is hardly to be expected that this will take place. It is tantamount to the nation's declaring war on Japan. As an ideal it may be all right but practically and economically it is scarcely feasible. Great Britain's export trade to Japan for the last five years was over \$326,000,000, with China \$322,000,000. Britain's import trade for last five years was \$206,000,000 from Japan and \$288,000,000 from China. To lose Japan's immense trade would be more punishment to Britain than to Japan. The latter could find other mar-

kets. The British government is pledged to promote trade and regain markets, and certainly does not want to bear the brunt of such a boycott. Neither does United States. Further, United States is not going to fight Japan and let Great Britain make the munitions. She is far too wise for that.

Enough has been said to prove that Japan is the aggressor. Japan continually protests that China strikes first, but to use the words of Shakespeare, "Methinks the villain doth protest too much."

It is impossible to suggest what the ultimate solution should be. The League might give a mandate over Manchuria to Japan, but Japan's flouting of the League would scarcely be conducive to that. Also such a solution would be unsatisfactory to China to whom our sympathy goes in these troublous times.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Mr. Alister McIntyre, Toronto, visited with his mother, Mrs. N. McIntyre, for a few days last week.

Miss Margaret Lennox, for the past five years and a half linotype operator in the Chronicle office, has resigned her position and left yesterday for her home at Mount Forest where she will be one of the principals in an interesting event the end of the month.

Miss Susie Bell, also Miss Shirley MacIntyre, Durham, spent Saturday with their friend, Miss Glenna Lawrence, Rocky.

**DO YOUR BEST**

A minister tells how, when a boy, he was a great whistler, and sometimes whistled in unusual and unseemly places. One day, not long since, says an exchange, he came out of a hotel whistling quite low. A little boy playing in the yard heard him, and said: "Is that the best you can whistle?"

"No," said the minister, "can you beat it?"

The boy said he could, and the minister said: "Well, let's hear you."

The little fellow began to whistle, and then insisted that the minister should try again. He did so, and the boy acknowledged that it was good whistling, and as he started away the little fellow said: "Well, if you can whistle better, what were you whistling that way for?"

The world has plenty of poor, slipshod, third-class work done by people who could do better if they would.—"Ram's Horn."

**RELIABLE WEATHER PROVERBS**  
(By Edwin D. Snyder)

Did you ever look at the sky in the evening and try to figure out whether the weather will be nice for a picnic, a celebration, or some other event to which you are looking forward the next day? As the sun was setting perhaps grandma consoled you by telling you that it would not rain because the sky was red in the west. Possibly she recited the saying:

"Sky red in the morning

Is the sailor's warning;

Sky red at night

Is the sailor's delight."

This is an old proverb; very old in fact. How old we do not know, but it has been handed down through the ages. It is mentioned in the New Testament. John referred to it when the Pharisees asked him to show them a sign from heaven. In Matthew 16, we read:

"He answered and said unto them When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather; for the sky is red.

"And in the morning, it will be foul weather today; for the sky is red and lowering."

The foregoing proverb, together with certain others, is recognized by the United States Weather Bureau as scientifically sound, according to Doctor William J. Humphries, and can be relied upon as fully as the weather reports in the daily newspapers. As a matter of fact some of the signs are used by the bureau to aid in forecasting the weather. Other reliable proverbs that Doctor Humphries, who is an authority on forecasting, tells us are worthy and worth remembering are as follows:

"Evening red and morning grey,

Two sure signs of one fine day."

"The higher the clouds, the finer the weather."

"Trace in the sky the painter's brush.

The winds around you soon will rush."

"Where'er the clouds do weave,

'Twill storm before they leave."

"Rainbow at night, shepherd's delight,

Rainbow in the morning, shepherd's take warning."

Here are some reliable proverbs which foretell the kinds of seasons and crops we can expect:

"Year of snow, fruit will grow."

This proverb is scientifically sound,

says Doctor Humphries, for when we have a cold winter with a blanket of snow continually covering the ground,

there is no chance of unseasonable

growth. On the other hand alternate cold and warm spells ruin crops, which gives a scientific basis for

"If you see grass in January,

Lock your grain in a granary."

It is well known that a thunderstorm in the early spring is usually followed by cold weather. This cold spell will prevent buds from growing too early. This is why:

"Thunder in March, betokeneth a fruitful year."

**SECOND YEAR NORMAL COURSE OPTIONAL**

Some seven or eight hundred teachers in Ontario, would be more or less elated with the announcement by Premier Henry, Minister of Education, that in view of present conditions the second year normal course will not be compulsory for the year 1932-1933, although if voluntary enrollment is sufficiently large, second year courses will be taught at Toronto and Stratford normals. According to regulations since the Normal School session class certificates were valid for a period of four years, when the holders of such a certificate was then compelled to attend the second year course in order to obtain a permanent professional certificate. This ruling naturally was not favored by teachers generally and this one year extension will be well received, especially with conditions as they are, as teachers were reluctant to give up their positions as well as deplete their savings of the past four years, by the expense of another year's study. But Normalites, of probably a similar number, will not be so elated with the announcement. Many no doubt entered Normal last term confident that this fall, vacancies would be numerous, as a result of many teachers returning for the second year course, and that a position would thus be comparatively easy to get. This is discouraging news for them we would think.

**MAY SECURE NEW INDUSTRY**

A rumor circulating in Mount Forest, to the effect that a Toronto firm may locate in that town, is greeted with enthusiasm. The firm will manufacture radio cabinets and a possible site is the old carriage factory, which has been closed since April last. This will be quite a boost to Mount Forest as this factory, at one time being worth \$800 a year in taxes, is now yielding no revenue whatever.

**Priceville**

(Our Own Correspondent)

The funeral service of the late Mr. D. G. McLean was held on Thursday afternoon from his residence to St. Columba church, at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Bartlett officiated and preached a comforting message to the bereaved from Chapter 64, Verse 6. The church was filled to overflowing with sympathetic friends who came to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of one who held the high esteem and regard of the community. The pallbearers were: Peter Muir, Robt. Parslow, Angus McArthur, Tom Nichol, William Aldcorn, Malcolm McInnis, Colin McLean. The many beautiful floral tributes bore silent messages of love, consisting of: Gates Ajar, from the family, wreath from son, Donald, Winnipeg; sprays from Mr. Allan McLean and family, Priceville; Baby Donald Richardson, Toronto; Doris McLean, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Jelly, Shelburne; Mrs. Neil McKinnon and family, Toronto; Mr. Gorrie McTaggart and sisters Minnie and (Katie) Mrs. McNeil, Toronto; Miss Minnie Little, Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mino, Owen Sound; W. M. S. St. Columba church, Priceville; wreath from staff of Fort Saskatchewan jail; spray from Miss Edna McHugh, Priceville; Mr. and Mrs. John McRae, Toronto; wreath from Miss Minnie Sinclair, Toronto; spray from St. Andrew's Presbyterian choir, Owen Sound; spray from St. Andrew's Presbyterian W. M. S. and Ladies' Aid, Owen Sound; spray, National Grocers, Owen Sound. Those present from a distance were: Rev. and Mrs. Sinclair Jones and Mrs. Jones, Sr., Cooksville; Mr. and Mrs. Jelly, Addie and Morris, of Shelburne; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark, Messrs. Owens and McParlane, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williams, of Mount Forest; Mrs. Horsborg, Holstein; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McDonald and daughter, Miss Leona McDonald, R.N., and Mr. Munroe, Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richardson and baby Donald; Mrs. McKinnon and son, Bob, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Percy Chambers, Misses Marjorie McLean and Doris McLean, Mr. Leroy McDonald, Mrs. McNeil and sister, Miss Minnie McTaggart and Mr. Gorrie McTaggart, Mr. Alice McLean, Mrs. Harry Pedlar, Miss Eva Carson and Mr. Alex. Knox of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson, Markdale; John McLean, of Fort Saskatchewan, besides a number of friends from Boothville, Durham, Proton and Flesherton. Interment took place in McNeil's cemetery. The whole community extends deepest sympathy to the sorrowing friends in their sad bereavement.

Mrs. Sandy Whyte spent a few days visiting with Mrs. Archie McLean and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Angus McCormack on the arrival of a baby boy last week.

Mr. Murray McMillan of the Bank of Toronto, Markdale, is home for a while.

Mrs. George Campbell and Miss Lily visited one day last week at her sister's, Mrs. Sam McLean's, Proton. J. D. who spent a week there, returned home with them.

Mr. Shackleton spent the week-end at his home in Lucknow.

Mr. John Livingstone has purchased a truck to cater to the wants of the shippers.

On Tuesday night an enjoyable evening was spent at the Young People's meeting in St. Columba church. Miss Edna McHugh presided. After the devotional exercises, Miss Anna Shortreed gave a splendid paper and Miss Sadie Oliver gave a reading, which were much enjoyed. A debate, "Resolved, that reading is more educational than travelling," was given and created much enthusiasm. Mr. Earl McLeod and Mrs. Sam McDermid had the negative side, and Miss Kathleen Burnett and Mr. Donald Reilly the affirmative. The judges gave their decision in favor of the negative, after which a recreation period was had. The meeting closed with prayer.

Mr. Johnnie McKechnie spent the week-end with his friend, Mr. Bert Morton, Wareham, and played the violin at the fowl supper held there.

Married, on Saturday, February 27th, Sadie, youngest daughter of Mrs. Ward, of Flesherton, to Mr. Harry Akins, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Akins. Rev. Mr. Scott, of Flesherton, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. John McMeekin attended them.

Mr. Andrew Hincks had a wood bee on Friday and a lot of wood was cut and split.

A number of farmers around here tapped the maples on Saturday.

Mr. Jim Oliver has purchased a new Ford car.

Mr. C. E. Hincks, of Clifford, and sister Beth, of Dromore, spent the week-end at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Black, Swinton Park, Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Corbett, Proton Station, visited last week at Andrew Hincks'.

Mr. Mitchell, student of Toronto College, occupied the pulpit Sunday in the hall.

Mrs. Wright Irwin, of Dundalk, spent

Thursday visiting her aunt, Mrs. Eva Spicer.

Mr. J. A. McCuaig and sister Mary, and Mrs. Archie McCuaig and Miss Annetta Tucker visited Sunday at Mr. Henry Tucker's and Mr. David Hincks'. On Thursday night Mr. Hermie McLean's car, a Ford coach 1930 model, was taken out of his garage. He had left the keys in it and was gone in the morning. So far no trace has been found.

Mr. Allie McLean also lost a number of jars of fruit recently out of his cellar.

On Tuesday night, March 15th, a Hard Times Social will be held in the hall. Also a Hard Times Supper. The managers are in charge of the program.

The W. M. S. and Willing Helpers will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15th, at 2 p.m., when every lady in the congregation is cordially invited to attend. Come and make the meetings more interesting. Mrs. Dan Campbell and Mrs. Donald Stewart are on the lunch committee.

Later word has been received that the stolen car of Mr. Hermie McLean's has been found near Misscoe.

**ALLAN PARK U. F. W. O.**

The March meeting of the Allan Park U. F. W. O. was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Torry with twelve members and three visitors present. The meeting opened by singing of ode and repeating of creed. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted and several letters from the central office were discussed by members. The roll call, Irish Joke, certainly called a hearty laugh by all present. The Easter Offering totalled 12 dozen and 2 eggs, including money paid instead of eggs donated. The social evening will be held at Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander's on March 18th. A good program by Group No. 2 will be the evening's feature. A program by Mrs. Joe Reay and Mrs. Fred Torry followed, including community singing, an instrumental by Miss Eva Adlam, readings by Mrs. Geo. Turnbull, Mrs. Geo. Mighton, Mrs. Geo. Reay and Miss Gladys Alexander; solos by Mrs. Wm. McCulloch and Mrs. Fred Torry and a contest by Mrs. Almer Reay. "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" closed the meeting. The hostess assisted by Mrs. Geo. Turnbull and Miss Eva Adlam served a dainty lunch. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Geo. Turnbull's on April 1st. All are welcome.

The social evening held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Torry was a pleasing event. A good program by Group No. 1 were the following numbers: Community singing, instrumental by Mr. Johnnie Coutts and Mr. Wilford Adlam, a reading by Miss Gladys Alexander, instrumental and singing by Mr. Wilford Adlam, a recitation by James Porter, a reading by Mrs. Robert Johnston, a song by Mr. David Adlam, a chorus by Group No. 1 and a contest by Mrs. George Turnbull, "Find the Owner," closed the program when lunch was served and dancing, playing cards and a social chat brought the evening to a close.

**THE SONG OF THE GRIP**

With tonsils swollen and sore,  
With eyes all watery and red,  
A patient lay impatiently,  
And tossed on his fevered bed.  
Cough! Cough! Cough!  
Till the chest will fairly rip,  
And still with a voice that rasped like a file,  
He sang the "Song of the Grip."

Sneeze! Sneeze! Sneeze!  
Till my neck is stiff with pain.  
Sneeze! Sneeze! Sneeze!  
Till I almost sneeze my brain.  
Pills and physic and powders,  
Powders and physic and pills,  
Till my heart will swell and my head will swim,  
As I study the druggist's bill.

O men who drug me up!  
One lesson well I've learned.  
It is not grip I'm coughing up,  
But every cent I've earned.  
Doc! Doc! Doc!  
He docks me for every trip,  
And still with a voice that rasps like a file,  
Would that its wall could restore my pile!

I sing this "Song of the Grip."

**ADVICE ON FEAR**

Do not form the habit of being afraid, of cringing, of sulking or running away. Men who go through life afraid of losing their jobs never get very far up the ladder. Those who live in fear of losing their friends have few friends to lose. Doctors know that the people who are fearful of losing their health are the most hopeless patients.

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