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The Japanese Explanation Of Massacres And Burnings

Commission Addresses Letter to Canadian Missionaries in Manchuria—Gives Warning That the Good Understanding Between Countries May Be Impaired.

Tokio, Dec. 4.—The military commission at Chien Tao, Manchuria, has addressed a letter to Canadian missionaries there, in answer to allegations of massacres and village burnings by Japanese troops. The letter says that the Japanese expedition to the district was the result of Chinese authorities co-operating with outlaws, and declares that churches and schools were burned on evidence incontestable that they had been used as "breeding places of iniquity." It was impossible to hold court-martials, and the troops executed insurgents on the spot after a simple inquiry, which included the evidence of villagers. An indiscriminate massacre was avoided. The letter warns that assistance given by British missionaries to Korean malcontents may impair the good understanding between the two countries. If British Christians assist Korean malcontents, the Japanese Buddhists are entitled to assist anti-British elements in India, the commission declares.

Appeal to the Irish "Parliament" To Negotiate a Truce For Peace

Dublin, Dec. 4.—Resolutions appealing to the Irish republican "parliament" to negotiate a truce with a view to securing an honorable peace were passed by the Galway county council, a republican body, yesterday. The resolutions expressed the opinion that the British government should withdraw the ban on meetings of the Irish republican "parliament" so that the latter might appoint delegates. They declared that the present reign of shooting and burnings, reprisals and counter-reprisals are detrimental to the interests of both Britain and Ireland. It was ordered that this resolution should be sent to Premier Lloyd George, together with a resolution passed by Galway urban council, supporting the appeal of Roger N. Sweetman, Sinn Fein member of parliament for North Wexford, suggesting a truce.

CONSTANTINE NOT SO ENTHUSIASTIC

Ardor to Return to Greece at Earliest Possible Moment Has Cooled.

Lucerne, Dec. 4.—Constantine's ardor to return to Greece at the earliest possible moment seems to have cooled, or perhaps the latest news from Athens is not so encouraging as had been anticipated. There is certainly a hitch somewhere. Ostensibly it is due to difficulties of travel. Several days ago a special envoy left here for the purpose of making arrangements with the Government in Athens for the return in the event of the plebiscite favoring Tito's restoration, but nothing has been heard of or from him since, despite urgent telegraphic inquiries. The extenuating explanation offered is that ex-Queen Sophie is afraid a voyage on a battleship would be too trying for the ladies and the younger members of the family, so everybody in Athens is busy searching for a steamer so big and steady as to guarantee freedom from sea sickness. In the meantime all the exiles, who, including the family and retinue, number 70, are busy packing up three years' accumulation of personal belongings. The hotel corridors are becoming congested with huge new packing cases, all labelled "The baggage of His Majesty, the King of the Hellenes."

Dying Empress Lingers Under Stimulants

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 4.—Hypodermic injections of a heart stimulant are being resorted to daily to conserve the fast-waning strength of former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany. A constant watch is being kept at her bedside and it is said hope for her recovery has been abandoned, although it is believed she may linger until a particularly severe attack ends her sufferings and life. Lights burn all night within the castle.

Another Old Veteran Gone.

London, Dec. 4.—John James, survivor of the famous charge of Balaklava in the Crimean war, has just died at the Chelsea Pensioners' Hospital of pneumonia, aged eighty-six. There are still over twenty veterans of the Crimean campaign in the Chelsea institution. Their old-fashioned scarlet tunics and quaint peaked caps used to be popular with artists.

Workers Not In Position to Accept Wage Reductions

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Tom Moore, at a meeting of the Allied Trades and Labor Council last night, declared that workers were not in a position of having to submit to a reduction of the wage standard, resulting from the cry that prices in general were falling. The depression, he said, had been wilfully brought about by various combinations in order to try, and force labor to accept a reduced wage. The executive committee had brought in a report stating that employers throughout the country were embarking on a campaign for a reduction in wages and an increase in working hours.

FEELING FOR AN IRISH PEACE

London, Dec. 4.—The Times gives prominence to a report that indirect negotiations are proceeding between members of the government and Sinn Feiners. There seems to be no doubt, it says, that Arthur Henderson has an informal mandate to explore avenues which might lead to an Irish peace.

WILL NOT GIVE WAY TO LABOR NOMINEE

Lanark County Labor Man Must Submit Himself to Convention.

Brockville, Dec. 4.—The labor party of Lanark county claims the right to nominate a candidate to contest the riding at the next federal general election, and is asking the support of the U.F.O. D. H. Gemmill, of Smith's Falls, vice-chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, is a former M.P.P. for Lanark, claimed that Gemmill should submit himself to the convention, and if he did so and received the nomination, he (Johnston) would support him. Mr. Johnston stated that he would oppose any proposal which might be advanced in the legislature at the next session with a view to the inauguration of an eight-hour day in industrial establishments.

WINNIPEG ELECTS BREAD MAKER MAYOR

The Labor Party Failed to Secure City Council Majority.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—Edward Parnell, bread manufacturer, the candidate of the citizen's committee, was elected mayor yesterday, receiving 15,115 votes against 14,014 cast for S. J. Farmer, accountant, labor candidate. The aldermanic vote is on the proportional representation plan and only first choices were counted last night, but it seemed that labor had failed to secure a majority in the city council.

GROUND FOR PROPAGANDA

Spreading the Doctrines of Bolshevism Over the World. The Hague, Dec. 4.—Absence of peace times, of any strict control of immigration in most South American countries, makes it particularly easy, the Associated Press correspondent was told by a member of the Brazilian diplomatic service, for Bolshevism to reach South America. Recent investigations by the correspondent in several countries of Central Europe have indicated that a continuous effort is being made, through use of a courier and propaganda system that includes perhaps 25,000 Moscow paid workers, to spread the doctrine of Bolshevism throughout the world. In this effort, South and Central America are considered by the Bolsheviks not only as excellent fields for local "missionary work" along the lines of strikes and political unrest, but also as advanced field bases for promoting Bolshevism in North America, where stricter immigration laws prevail.

WOMAN FOR SENATE

Alberta Agitation in Favor of Mrs. Murphy.

Edmonton, Dec. 4.—An effort, according to current here, is being made to secure the appointment of Mrs. Emily Murphy, police magistrate of Edmonton, to the Senate as one of the representatives of Alberta. Vigorous canvass is being conducted by Premier Meighen and members of his cabinet, as well as by influential men both in eastern and western Canada in favor of this appointment. Mrs. Murphy, as "Janey Canuck," has won considerable recognition as a writer. She is president of the National Federation of Women's Institutes and past president of the Canadian Women's Press Club.

MANNIX IS BARRED.

Is Ordered to Keep Away from Liverpool District.

London, Dec. 4.—Archbishop Mannix, of Melbourne, Australia, has been forbidden to keep a speaking engagement at Bootle, a suburb of Liverpool, Saturday, and will not be allowed in the Liverpool area, according to the Evening Standard. The Home Office and the military are responsible for the prohibition. Officials of the Home Office, however, refuse to say anything concerning the archbishop.

Moved to Geneva.

Paris, Dec. 4.—European headquarters of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association are being moved to Geneva in order to be in closer touch with the many international organizations centered there and also because the communication facilities with the various centers of work are better there.

English Bride Badly Burned.

Dorchester, N.B., Dec. 4.—While painting a stovepipe, Mrs. Samuel Coleman placed the can of paint on the edge of a hot stove. An explosion followed, throwing the burning liquid over her clothing. She may die. Mrs. Coleman came from England as a bride on the return to Canada of her soldier-husband.

Will Increase Stipends.

London, Dec. 4.—The Baptist Union of Great Britain has succeeded in raising a quarter of a million pounds sterling to increase minimum stipends in its missionary efforts.

BRITISH PEERS FACE TROUBLE

Accepted Hospitality of American Supporter of Eamonn de Valera.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Developments of a highly piquant character, to say the least, may shortly ensue in Great Britain in connection with the recent visit to North America of Lord Pirrie of Belfast and Lord Inverforth, British Minister of Munitions and Supply, writes Frederic W. Wile. The two peers, who may still be in New York or already en route to England, returned a week or ten days ago from Mexico. They went there as the guests of Edward L. Doheny, the California oil magnate. Doheny is the leading figure in the new Irish movement in the United States. While he was entertaining the two British peers on his private car and private yacht in Mexico and Mexico City, Doheny was being elected to Eamonn de Valera's newly-organized American association for the recognition of the Irish Republic. Trouble is understood to be in store at home for the British noblemen, one of them a Minister of the Crown, for these conspicuous and public hobnobbing with the America, who is now the financial spearhead of the crusade to embroil the United States in difficulties with the British Empire over Ireland.

SEEK AMENDMENT OF NURSES' REGULATIONS

Which Would Close Up Hospitals in Some Small Towns.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—A deputation of doctors and nurses from Fergus, Guelph, Kincardine and Orangeville, waited on Provincial Secretary Nixon and urged that the proposed regulations for the regulation of nurses be amended. The deputation claimed there was discrimination against the smaller outside hospitals, the new "order" being very much to the advantage of the hospitals in the cities. Judge Fisher, of Orangeville, declared that, if the regulations were carried out in the present form, they would practically have to close the hospital in Orangeville. Dr. Groves, of Fergus, stated that the smaller hospitals simply could not afford to live up to the regulations in their present form, respecting certain conditions under which nurses are obliged to receive training. Dr. Hobbs, of Guelph, spoke in a similar strain. Mr. Nixon assured the deputation that he would give the matter serious consideration.

USE IS MADE OF THE BARBED WIRE

Which Was Left on the Battlefields of Europe—Make Nails of It.

Riga, Latvia, Dec. 4.—A use has at last been found here for the vast quantities of barbed wire left on the battlefields of Eastern Europe. Riga inventors have devised machinery for stamping nails out of the wire and hope by this method to relieve the shortage of nails in the Balkan states. Riga has been the center of so much fighting throughout the war that most of the lakes, streams and roads about the city are thoroughly lined with barbed wire entanglements and great numbers of full spools of wire are lying about. The expense of collecting wire for making nails is made light. Many of the piers at this port are stacked high with wire suitable for nail making.

FEAR FLOUR SHORTAGE.

Newfoundland Importations Are Lower Than Usual.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 4.—Owing to the falling markets and the general depression prevailing here, Newfoundland is faced with a serious shortage of flour this month, before imports have been received. Imports for the month of November 30th amounted to 40,000 barrels. Included in the imports were large shipments from Montreal, and the week will considerably reduce future shipments. It is estimated that the shortage at the end of December will be about 100,000 barrels, as compared with normal years. Disturbances around the extensive seaboard of the colony after New Year's Day will be difficult and some remote settlements will have but a meagre supply until spring.

POOR RELIEF FUND

The annual meeting of the Kingston Poor Relief Association, held Thursday, revealed the somewhat startling fact that the society's total receipts for the year amounted to only \$586.05. The city was asked to vote \$600 toward the work, but granted only \$300. The society's receipts are woefully inadequate to cope with the demands upon it. Five hundred dollars will not go very far in providing food and fuel for destitute families in these high-cost-of-living days. During the past few years, when work was plentiful and wages were high, the amount of assistance required was at the minimum, and the society's small revenue was not a serious drawback. Conditions are vastly different to-day. Hundreds of breadwinners are out of work, and their number is bound to be augmented as the days go by. The society is appealing for additional assistance. The civic finance committee has voted another \$100, and Mayor Nickle suggests that, while help should be extended at the Christmas season, the society should make arrangements to help the destitute families throughout the winter. That is sound advice. To do so, however, requires additional funds and further contributions of food, clothing, etc. The Whig will gladly receive and acknowledge all cash contributions to this worthy cause. The Poor Relief Society will investigate every case most thoroughly before assistance is extended, to the end that the money may be wisely expended. Distress this winter is going to be much more widespread than ever before, and additional help is urgently needed.

WORK PROMISED FOR VETERANS

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Premier Meighen promised the fullest consideration to representations made at an interview last night with J. Fred Marsh and Herbert Capewell, of the Grand Army United Veterans, who pointed out that unemployment among the veterans was extremely serious, and requesting the government to take relief measures. Marsh subsequently stated that the premier had intimated that public works will be gone on with as speedily as possible, in order to employ veterans, and other measures will be considered to meet the situation.

COMMITTED SUICIDE IN EVENING GOWN

Wealthy New York Woman Made Careful Preparation for Ending Life.

Boston, Dec. 4.—After arraying herself in a pink silk evening gown and satin slippers, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Fuller, a wealthy woman of New York and Boston, climbed on a chair, tied a rope about her neck, looped it over a curtain pole, then kicked the chair out from under her feet and died from strangulation. Her lifeless body was discovered yesterday in a suite of rooms in the Hotel Lenox. Beautiful and of a well-to-do family in New York, Mrs. Fuller, who is about 35 years old, calmly registered at the Lenox as Mrs. Mary Wilson, 100 West 22nd street, New York, went to her room, attired herself in her death robe of gay colors, wrote her will, looked about for a convenient place to hang herself and then did so.

DAINTY LINGERIE STREWS FLOOR

Numerous Things Hidden on Persons of Women Found By Customs Officer.

Windsor, Dec. 4.—Hundreds of Windsor women, returning yesterday afternoon from shopping tours in Detroit, were searched at Windsor ferry dock by Mrs. Martha Ogilvie, a special officer assigned by the Dominion Government to break up the smuggling habit among women at border points. Less than an hour after Mrs. Ogilvie arrived unannounced, the freight shed of the Customs officers, where women shoppers were given as "third degree" by Mrs. Ogilvie, was strewn with dainty lingerie, high top shoes, and other "things" too numerous to mention, found concealed on many of the fair smugglers. Mrs. Ogilvie was too busy, she said, to be interviewed by reporters as to her methods of search. Women with stockings concealed in baby buggies, and wearing hats bearing the hall-mark of Detroit fashion shops, were ordered into the sanctum of Mrs. Ogilvie, who searched them to determine whether or not they had dutiable goods concealed in their clothing. One of the first women found smuggling was a relative of a former officer of the local Retail Merchants' Association, which organization has several times protested to the government against amount of smuggling going on at Windsor. Mrs. Ogilvie was no respecter of persons and this woman was compelled to leave behind her smuggled merchandise after being warned that smuggling is a serious offense. Mrs. Ogilvie, who is the widow of a former Collector of Customs at Aylmer, will remain here several days or longer if necessary, she said.

Says Couple Left Body Of Infant in Berth

Detroit, Dec. 4.—The Detroit police are seeking a Syracuse couple, believed to be recent occupants of a berth in a sleeper on the Wolverine express, in which the body of a murdered infant was found yesterday at the Michigan Central depot here. The body, that of a baby girl apparently two weeks old, was discovered by a portman porter as he began preparations to close the berth shortly before the arrival of the crack New York flyer at Detroit.

Hay Touches Highest Price on Record, \$40

Hamilton, Dec. 4.—Hay reached the highest price on record in these parts yesterday, it was said, when it sold for \$40 per ton. Three farmers who brought loads in and sold them said that they received \$76, \$81 and \$80, respectively, for them. When the snow comes the price of hay will be even higher, it is believed, was the opinion hazarded by two of the farmers.

Rural Presbyterians and Methodists Unite

Renfrew, Dec. 4.—Members of the Pembroke District Conference in session here unanimously agreed to a plan for the amalgamation of the rural Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in the county so as to prevent overlapping. Ten Methodist circuits and Presbyterian congregations are affected. The plan will be submitted to quarterly boards of churches interested for ratification. This will release five ministers for work in other fields.

Link With the Past.

London, Dec. 4.—Miss Julia Alexander, who died on October 31st, within a few days of her ninety-fourth birthday, was the last survivor of the thirteen children of Henry Alexander, the celebrated oculist, who died in 1858, and among whose patients were included four Sovereigns—George III., George IV., William IV., and Queen Victoria.

Cabinet Unfavorable.

London, Dec. 4.—It is understood that the British admiralty estimates recommend building one or more post-war dreadnoughts, but the belief is pretty general that the proposition is viewed unfavorably by the cabinet as a whole.

Quebec Bakers Have Reduced Prices.

Quebec bakers and Hull bakers have adopted a "cash basis."

The Crew of Burning Boat Had Just Time to Escape

Fire Broke Out on the Schoolcraft at 11 a.m. Friday—Vessel Was Beached—Wireless Message Was Sent to the Barriefield Station.

The crew of the ill-fated steamer Schoolcraft, that was destroyed by fire after being beached at the foot of Wolfe Island, on Friday morning, reached the city on the Cape steamer Mississquoi at 6 p.m., Friday. They were met on arrival by the immigration officials and Captain John Donnelly of the Donnelly Wrecking and Salvage Company. The crew consisted of Captain William Cunningham, Mate Isaac Woolner, both of Midland, Mr. Dunn, chief engineer, and Thomas Suggs, both of Kingston; ten men and one woman, Mrs. Hicks, cook, all of Midland. All are well, and experienced no mishap, except the mate, Mr. Woolner, who bears a slight scar on the face from a burn when escaping from the vessel. He was in bed when the fire broke out. According to Captain Cunningham, who was interviewed by a Whig representative, fire broke out about 11 a.m. when the vessel was rounding the foot of the island, and seeing that it was beyond control he ran her ashore. All of those forward lost their personal belongings, but the crew were more fortunate. Indeed it was with great difficulty that those forward escaped at all. The cause of the fire is unknown.

LINDSAY CRAWFORD REFUSED A HEARING

Fredericton, N.B., Dec. 4.—Lindsay Crawford, Toronto, attempted to address a meeting last night on the Irish question, but a hearing was refused, and the audience dispersed.

CHICAGO HOGS RETURN TO PRE-WAR PRICE

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Hogs on the hoof have returned to what is practically their 1913 pre-war price, judging from figures obtained yesterday from the "big five" packers. Pork and pork products at wholesale are on their way to the same level. The monthly report of the Institute of American Meat Packers indicates and have reached the scale prevailing in April, 1917, when the United States entered the war. Beef, also, is on the downswing, the wholesale price of cattle being having dropped 17 per cent since September 1st, according to the institute's figures. The biggest drop recorded, however, is in live hog prices. The packing-house figures show pork on the hoof brought eight cents a pound in November, 1913. During the war the farmer was virtually guaranteed a minimum average of 17 1/2 cents. In July, 1919, the price reached 23 cents a pound. Today hogs are back around 19 1/2 cents. Retail prices, however, have not kept pace with the falling wholesale market, the packing house officials said, but he declined to be quoted directly, on the ground that retailers might boycott his company.

Over 600 Refused Entry At Windsor in November

Windsor, Dec. 4.—More than 600 persons were refused admission to Canada at this point during November, according to the monthly report of Orval Adams, local inspector in charge of immigration. This is an increase of more than 200 as compared with a year ago. Inspector Adams ascribes this condition to lack of employment in cities of the United States. A majority of those rejected could not comply with the regulations requiring them to have in their possession a certain amount of money.

Arrange to Deliver Mail To Men of Canadian Navy

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Arrangements have been made by the Department of the Naval Service for the delivery of mail addressed to officers, men and boys aboard H.M.C. ships Aurora, Patriot and Patrician, the naval vessels recently presented by Great Britain, so that relatives and friends of the many Canadians aboard these vessels of the navy will be able to communicate with their friends with out trouble.

Denver Sends Tallest Man.

New York, Dec. 4.—Denver has produced the tallest man in the United States Marine Corps, recruiting officers here claim. He is Reuben A. Pratt, twenty-nine years old, who is six feet nine inches tall and weighs 287 pounds.

Cannot Continue As U.F.O. Labor, Premier Declares

Chatham, Dec. 4.—Premier Drury, addressing seven hundred men and women at the Maple City Club banquet last night, is reported as stating that the farmers and independent labor party cannot continue as a U.F.O.-Labor government in this province. Perpetuation of the union, he said, was not in line with public opinion. The farmers of Ontario, he said, did not want class legislation or administration. "If we are to continue in office," said the premier, "the U.F.O. must branch out and broaden out. The old name will disappear of necessity. I would christen it, not the farmer party, but the people's progressive party, and take in every one."