

New Faces Will Adorn Lineup Of Portland Ducks

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29 (AP)—Portland's Ducks, always dangerous in the annual scramble for coast league laurels, will present a flock of new faces this season with the promise of a strong team if for no reason other than Manager Spencer Abbott is still on deck.

Abbott, one of the old firebrands of baseball, made a big hit in his coast debut last year. He made players who had never known the true meaning of the word "hustle," hop around like fleas on a hot stove. Ed Coleman's case is illustrative. With the Seals, Coleman moved around as though working in a slow motion picture. With Portland and under Abbott he worked so hard the management had put him under restraint for fear he would wear out. Incidentally, Coleman was sold to the Athletics, reporting this spring.

Bowman Developed
Abbott also developed Joe Bowman to the point where he will pitch for the Athletics this season, provided of course, he makes the grade with Connie Mack.

Player deals were plentiful during the winter, so among the missing this spring will be Jack Penton, first sacker sent to Memphis; Billy Thiel, second baseman going to Detroit; George Wuestling, shortstop, to Memphis; Larry Woodall, catcher, to Sacramento; Walter Mails and Bill Fosdell, pitchers, to Chattanooga; and Wichita respectively, and in addition, Coleman and Bowman.

Turner lined up plenty of replacements. He obtained a trainload of players from the Athletics for Coleman and Bowman. Scan this list: Hank McDonald and Jim Peterson, right hand pitchers and both prospects; Joe Palmiano, catcher; Pat Higgins, third base; Louis Finney, Bob Johnson and Jimmy Moore, outfielders.

McDonald a Find
McDonald graduated from the Ducks a year ago and served a full season under Mack. He is a youngster and considered a keen find. Peterson was plucked from the University of Pennsylvania campus last year. Palmiano, called "Palm," by coast league scorers for the sake of

convenience, is returning to his old bailiwick. He saw so little service with the A's last year that scorers under the "big tent" used his full name.

Higgins played in the Texas league last year. Finney is a young fellow regarded as having a brilliant future. A hard hitter and good fielder, he probably will play right field. Moore is slated to play center with Johnson, sent down to the Ducks last season, fighting it out with Fred Berger for the left field berth.

Other Additions
Other additions during the winter were Bobby Reeves, shortstop, from the Boston Red Sox and Pitchers Johnny Prudhomme, right hander purchased from St. Paul, and Art Jacobs, southpaw bought from Wichita. Prudhomme had a winning season in 1931. He once brought \$50,000 to Toronto in a deal with Detroit but failed to make the big league grade. Jacobs, a small left hander, was with Hollywood several years ago.

Portland needs a first sacker and a deal is reported brewing with Minneapolis whereby Hale, third baseman, will be exchanged for George Kelly, one time Giants star.

Others who will be expected to report to the San Jose training camp include, pitchers, Charles Shores, Jack Killeen, Herb Lahti and Oesie Orwall; Jack Fitzpatrick, catcher, and Hugh Wise, utility.

EXERTION CAUSES DEATH

ATLANTA, Jan. 29 (AP)—Innis R. Calman of Birmingham, Ala., 21-year-old Emory university sophomore, died today from overexertion in an interclass boxing tournament last night.

Calman collapsed during the third round of the match.

POSSIBILITY OF WAR WITH RUSSIA

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its citizens there, the government said.

M. Kuznetoff, Russian manager of the railway, forbade the transport of the troops over the line on orders from the Russian government at Moscow. M. Kuznetoff pointed out that Russia had refused to transport Chinese troops southward at the time the Japanese invaded the Nonni river bridge area near Tatsienin, and that Japan had suggested that neutrality be observed.

Late today it was authoritatively stated the Japanese government would hold officials of the railway responsible for any delay in the troop movements to Harbin and the accountability would be extended to any damage done Japanese subjects as a result of the fighting in and around the city.

Act On Moscow's Orders
Japanese Consul General Onishi at Harbin reported that the Russian officials had acted on Moscow instructions and Hal Hala reported in effect that the board of directors of the railway, which is partly Chinese and partly Russian, ordered the destruction of a bridge at Sungari which delayed the troop movements a day or two. The consul general said the bridge was dynamited and the Japanese soldiers were compelled to abandon their trains south of Sungari but that they have crossed the river on the ice and started marching on foot for Harbin.

Other reports, however, placed the blame for these delays on Ting Chao's troops.

CHINESE TURN TO RUSSIA

HARBIN, Manchuria, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Rengo (Japanese) news agency correspondent said today that Ting Chao, leader of one Chinese faction in northern Manchuria, had asked the manager of the Chinese Eastern railway to request that soviet Russia send troops into the area between Harbin and Kirin.

JAPS INVADE M. E. MISSION AT SHANGHAI

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Chinese territory, the Chinese, who were still engaged in heavy fighting,

would train their guns on the foreign concession.

Meanwhile, as flames licked up a wide section of the Chinese quarter of Chapel, there were bursts of machine gun fire and sharp reports of the rifles of snipers indicating that though the Japanese had reached the objective they see for themselves they were having their troubles holding it.

This development came after reports that an armistice had been signed were denied by both sides.

The Japanese command denied that they had participated in any such negotiations, but the Chinese leaders said Japanese consular officials had proposed an armistice which was rejected.

The Chinese said these officials were merely playing for time until they could bring up reinforcements.

This the Japanese consulate denied also.

Edwin S. Cunningham, the American consul general, talked to the Chinese mayor of Shanghai late last night but said they had discussed nothing of importance. Other consular officials said they knew nothing about the reports of an armistice.

Chinese Fight Frantically

Little groups of Chinese, fighting frantically, were holding off the Japanese at several points while the ramshackle Chinese houses blazed around them and the crash of falling walls punctuated the rattle of gunfire.

Refugees who managed to make their way into the international settlement said the Chinese casualties since the beginning of the occupation ran into the thousands.

The Chinese business men in the settlement closed their shops and banks, and business practically was at a standstill.

As midnight approached fighting was still going on at several points. Once a Chinese band pushed across the boundary of the international settlement and fired on the Japanese military headquarters, but they were repulsed after a brief skirmish.

Night of Horror

Never has there been such a night of horror in Shanghai, those who watched it said.

It began when the Japanese arrived, pushing through the twisting streets, clearing the way with machine guns.

Airplanes added to the carnage, swooping down every twenty minutes like clockwork and dropping cargoes of bombs which started fires at six separate points.

The railroad station, objective of the first drive, burned to the ground. The railroad line to Nanking was broken and telephone and telegraph lines to the capital went down.

The wounded came in by the score to emergency dressing stations and it seemed certain many women and children had been killed. The Chinese placed their losses at 300 killed and wounded. The Japanese said they had lost only a handful.

One shell fell in the international settlement, but nobody was hurt and the damage was slight.

The Chinese commander asked for reinforcements and the Japanese military attaché also wanted more men but Japan's naval commander said he thought his men were able to handle the situation.

CHAPEL AREA MASS OF FLAMES

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29 (AP)—The battle of the Chapel section of Shanghai, which has raged practically continuously since last midnight, when the Japanese invaded the city, had become a virtual massacre today as leaping flames and roaring air bombers withered the place with destruction.

Onlookers who thronged the roof tops of the buildings in Shanghai's business section throughout the day to watch the area become a shambles of terror and death said the slaughter among the 200,000 Chinese inhabitants was enormous.

Japanese airplanes roared over the spot every twenty minutes releasing a thundering mass of bombs against which the Chinese were powerless to defend themselves except with their feeble rifles and machine guns.

Roaring Conflagration

The fire which was started by the first bombing last night grew into a roaring conflagration as the attack continued. It licked its way through the narrow, warren-like streets of the mud hut and cobblestone city as a prairie fire might attack the nests of a colony of field mice.

Six separate conflagrations roared

their way at once. There was no one to check them and they soon outstripped the military action in danger, threatening to wipe out the greater part of Chapel.

The Commercial Press building and the railway station, against the latter of which the Japanese had directed several destructive bombing attacks, were finally reached by the flames and gutted. The freight station further west ward also was blazing by 5:30 p. m., and another fire, fanned by a slight northeasterly breeze crept dangerously close to the international settlement.

Bomb Badly Aimed

Earlier in the afternoon a badly aimed Japanese bomb landed within the boundaries of the western end of the settlement and started a fire, but the blaze was put out without casualties although considerable damage was done.

The huge bombs which the airplanes dropped with clock-like regularity sent up eruptions to a height of at least 150 feet. The sky was partly obscured by clouds of smoke from the fires and the airplanes swooped down through them.

The terrified people were faced with a dilemma of terror. They had the choice of staying in their huts and being burned to death or fleeing into the open to be shot or torn to pieces by bursting bombs.

The fire department of the international settlement was gravely alarmed over one of the fires which by 6 o'clock was creeping perilously close to the settlement border on the north side. Every possible preparation was made to begin fighting it as soon as it reached the boundary in order to prevent its crossing.

Printing Plant Destroyed

The printing plant of the Commercial Press, reputed to be the largest in the world, was destroyed. It turned out an enormous number of English language books, newspapers and magazines and millions of books in Chinese.

Reliable reports received at 5 o'clock this afternoon said 2000 additional Japanese troops were on the way to reinforce the 2000 marines then in Chapel.

Following the bomb which fell into the settlement about 2 p. m. another landed on the edge of the district, in the residential area where many foreigners live. These immediately began evacuating their homes and moving into the settlement for protection.

As darkness again descended tonight it was apparent that Chapel's ordeal was far from finished and that another night of horror was in prospect for the people who have been terror-stricken through the day by the battle and the fire.

Chinese workers throughout Shanghai threatened tonight to go on a general strike tomorrow as a protest against the Japanese action at Chapel. It was expected if the strike materialized the public utilities would be paralyzed and that a stoppage of the movement of foodstuffs into the international section might create a serious situation.

Banks Not To Open

Chinese banks also declared they would not open tomorrow.

The Chinese chamber of commerce declared a general strike in the settlement as a protest against the Japanese attack. Business was at a complete standstill.

British consular and military authorities viewed the situation with growing anxiety as the battle spread with growing fury along the borders of the settlement and Chinese troops began to arrive in thousands from Nanking to resist the Japanese invasion.

Both British and United States authorities anxiously awaited news from London and Washington. Surprise was expressed by many British residents that there had been no word that British warships were speeding to Shanghai to give protection to the foreign communities in a situation, they said, that grew more dangerous every hour. Every bit of available man power in the settlement was mobilized on the borders

of the area this evening.

Ambassador W. W. Yen, Chinese spokesman at the league, said in informed circles at Geneva to be acting in close harmony with the United States government, shifted his country's demands for league intervention today, calling on the council to preserve China's integrity under articles ten and fifteen of the covenant which call for drastic action.

The Russian manager of the Chinese Eastern railway at Harbin, in North Manchuria, where the Japanese have been endeavoring to send troops as a result of fighting there between Chinese factions, denied the use of the railway to Japan for troop transportation, on order of the soviet government at Moscow.

London Anxious

London papers expressed deep anxiety over the Shanghai situation, even those who ordinarily support Japan's policy toward China.

The Japanese navy department at Tokyo ordered two more aircraft carriers, three cruisers and a flotilla of destroyers from the Sasebo naval base to start for Shanghai. At Shanghai it was reported 2000 additional Japanese marines were to be sent into the city to reinforce those already in the Chapel section.

The Japanese foreign office began the preparation of a general statement on the situation, in which it was expected to say Japan has no intention of promoting political or territorial ambitions there, but is acting entirely in defense of Japanese citizens.

A Chinese wireless station which normally communicates directly with Europe and the United States went out of commission today when the control lines from the international settlement through the Chapel district were destroyed.

Temporary Circuit Set Up

American engineers set up a temporary circuit by way of Manila and Java.

This afternoon Japanese planes bombed a stretch of track on the Shanghai-Nanking railway, bottling up a Chinese armored train.

The break severed railway communication with Nanking and presumably cut off all telegraph and telephone communication. Before the wires went down there was word with Nanking that additional Chinese troops were on the way to Shanghai.

The Japanese military attaché recommended that Tokyo also send reinforcements.

TRUCE REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Through the combined efforts of the British and American consuls general, the Japanese and Chinese at Shanghai agreed to a truce to be effective at 7 a. m. (eastern standard time) today.

Great relief was felt here with reports of news from Colonel Richard S. Hooker, commanding the United States marines in the international settlement, that the embattled Japanese and Chinese forces had reached a truce.

Hooker also messaged that a meeting of the international defense committee will be held at 10 a. m. Jan. 30 (9 p. m. Jan. 29, eastern standard time).

Colonel Hooker said concerning the truce that in view of promises made heretofore by both sides, the British consul general had urged no precautions be relaxed.

JAPANESE DENY TRUCE

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29 (AP)—Japanese authorities denied tonight reports that they had signed a truce with the Chinese.

At 11:30 p. m. more than two hours after the reports said the armistice was to have gone into effect, fighting was still going on.

At that time a number of Chinese soldiers made their way across the northern boundary of the international settlement where a Japanese detachment was watching for just such a move.

The Chinese attacked a Japanese close to the boundary and one small group fired on the Japanese mili-

tary headquarters. The skirmish was brief and the Chinese were driven back.

An inspection of the northern areas just before midnight revealed heavy machine gun fire had been renewed in Chapel and had been augmented with continuous rifle fire.

Although it was impossible to determine the seriousness of a Chinese counter-attack upon Japanese headquarters, it was widely believed the observers said the Japanese were moving their headquarters nearer the settlement.

Reports that American mission buildings and other American properties within the settlement and without had been bombed by Japanese planes could not be confirmed.

Nevertheless, consular officials penetrated the embattled areas and suggested that several American mis-

tionaries living there withdraw to the settlement.

LEAGUE ASKS FOR REPORT

GENEVA, Jan. 29 (AP)—The twelve neutral members of the league of nations council were reliably reported today to have proposed that the ambassadors of the great powers at Tokyo assemble quickly in Shanghai to investigate the situation there and report to the league.

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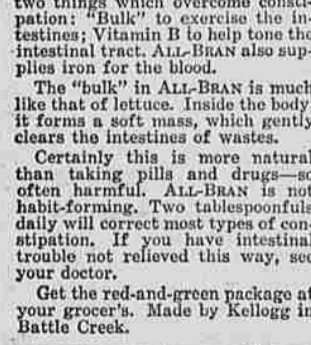
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