

Strategic Railroad Center in Far East Scene for Fighting

TOWN TWICE IS GAINED, LOST

Fierce Battle Reported; 30,000 Soviet Troops in This Area

By The Associated Press
Real war seems to have started along the Manchurian border between the Chinese province of Kirin and the Siberian maritime province in the sector where Russian and Chinese forces for a month have been strengthening their positions.

The strategic railway center of Pogradichaya, eastern terminal of the Chinese eastern railway, has been the scene of fierce fighting for the last three days. It has changed hands twice in the heaviest fighting yet to occur, since the beginning of the Manchurian dispute two months ago.

Dispatches from various points in the far East—Harbin, Mukden, Shanghai and Tokyo, indicate the seriousness of the fighting, artillery and airplanes were used by the Russians however there has been no report of any large number of casualties, which may indicate exaggeration of the gravity of the situation.

For six weeks Russian troops have been moving into the Ussuri district. Reports have said there were 30,000 Soviet soldiers between Vladivostok and Khabarovsk.

Chinese Troops Hurry North
Shanghai reported Chinese reinforcements hurrying northward today in response to reports of pressing along "the entire Manchurian Siberian frontier."

This would mean along a 2,000 mile stretch of primitive country and the report is probably highly speculative.

The inception of the trouble seems to have been the blowing up of a Chinese eastern railway passenger train Saturday after the tracks had been mined with high explosives. Three thousand Russian troops are supposed to have crossed into Chinese territory for raiding purposes. Apparently they were driven back and the Chinese still hold their positions.

Flareup at Bad Time
The new flareup in Manchuria comes at a time when it seemed likely that diplomatic negotiations would result in an amicable settlement of the dispute which arose when Chinese provincial authorities seized the administration of the Chinese eastern railway and ousted Russian staff members.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Sept. 9.—(AP)—The foreign commissariat tonight stated that Soviet troops had been compelled to take firm retaliatory action for the provocation of the Siberian frontier and its peaceful population. It alleged there had been 19 new attacks.

Open Warfare "Rejected"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Despite the serious character of reports of fighting in Manchuria between Soviet Russian and Chinese troops, state department officials tonight maintained their confidence that open warfare between the two nations would not result.

The department had received no information of the reported renewal of hostilities, although all American officials in China were being instructed by Secretary Stimson sometime ago to report fully on all developments in the strained relations between China and Russia.

Menacing Fires Continue Damage
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down today so that the crews could go into the forests. This city is blanketed by smoke and other Coos towns are similarly affected.

One building, one truck and 100 acres of timber were swept away by the flames near Bandon when two permit fires broke away from control and burned over the golf links east of that town. The fire was reported under control.

Eight Families Are Driven Into Streets
Eight families were driven into the streets and one dwelling was burned when a forest fire was carried into the town of Port Orford and reached the Main street of that little community. A timely wind Sunday saved the town, and unless there is a shift in the wind tonight, Port Orford will be safe.

The city is in Curry county on the Roosevelt highway. Men, women and children fought the flames in the vicinity.

Logging operations on Rock Creek are threatened by a fire in that section, and fifty men were rushed there today. At Twelve Mile creek a hundred men were battling a fire with a two mile front which is sweeping into Fog Orford cedar. So far the flames have been kept fairly well checked.

Hundreds of smaller fires, many believed to be incendiary, sprung up during the day, adding to the difficulty of fighting the flames already spreading.

Hike Champ



Miss Elizabeth Brown, Bayonne, N. J., stenographer, arrived home after hitch-hiking from Texas to New Jersey. She estimates that her total journey took in some 2,000 miles and recites many adventures en route.

A fire was still running through timber and that a large force of men was still fighting it. Two donkey engines owned by Stelstrom were destroyed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 9.—(AP)—Major John D. Guthrie of the district forest office here announced that the Rainier national forest in Washington was closed today. Visitors to the forest, which covers 1,000,000 acres, will be allowed to travel only over designated roads and to camp only at government supervised grounds, he said.

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 9.—(AP)—Officials of the Crown-Williams-Paper company camp No. 5, east of this city, reported tonight that forest fire which broke out in the upper Young river district Saturday night was partially under control.

A considerable amount of cut logs were reported lost, but the blaze did not eat deeply into green timber, contenting itself with burning over about 500 acres of slashings. Two donkey engines were hauled into creek beds to escape the flames. All members of the camp crew have been fighting the blaze for the past 45 hours.

SEATTLE, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Six new conflagrations sweeping over 10,000 acres and the closing of the Olympic national forest to all traffic except that over the Olympia highway and the Sol Duc and Olympic hot springs roads were the new developments today in western Washington's forest fire situation pronounced "acute" and "alarming" by forestry officials because of continued low humidity and high temperature along Puget Sound and in the interior.

MINER'S BODY IS TAKEN FROM SHAFT
COPPERPOLES, Cal., Sept. 9.—(AP)—The body of another miner was removed today from the rock and dirt-choked shaft of the Calaveras copper mine here where seven men were entrapped in the recent cavern. Mine officials identified the body as that of Joe King, shift boss, from a tattoo mark on the chest.

Two other miners are still buried under tons of rocks and dirt and the finding of King's body led to the hope that the others would be found during the night.

Quezon Soon to Retire and Rest
MANILA, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine senate and for many years a leader in the fight for Philippine independence and Filipino participation in government, indicated today that he soon would retire from public life.

Addressing the senate Quezon predicted that Senator Sergio Osmeña would return to the leadership of the Philippines in government affairs.

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BRIAND TELLS OF GREAT PLAN

28 Representatives of Nations of Europe Hear Of Confederation

By JOSEPH E. SHARKEY
Associated Press Correspondent
GENEVA, Switzerland, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Pan-Europa was born today. Premier Aristide Briand of France, who inspired the pact of Paris for the renunciation of war, known as the Kellogg pact, successfully gave to the vivifying light of Geneva this afternoon his immense project to form the European states into a great confederation.

The infant is weak, of course; its exact destiny is unknown, but its lungs are strong and its baby cries seem lusty.

Twenty-eight representatives of European countries gathered for Pan-Europa's birth today at a banquet board laden with choicest wonders of French culinary art and the finest wine of Europe.

Meeting after this luncheon under the chairmanship of Premier Briand they decided they would attempt to bring into force the idea of a European confederation hitherto described as "The United States of Europe."

Great Project Described
The decision came after the Great French statesman had expounded to his guests his project for creating some kind of a confederation.

Frederic Briand was appointed to draft a memorandum on his favorite project and the memorandum will be sent to all European governments for study. When their replies have been received and digested, Premier Briand will make a new report incorporating them.

A new conference of European nations will then be called at Geneva next year, probably at the same time as one of the league assembly meetings.

Immediately after the luncheon Premier Briand told the Associated Press correspondent that his project, thought several statesmen had stated their preference that any such organization be chiefly economic in its functions.

NORRIS ASKS BAN ON SENATOR VARE
By FRANCIS M. STEPHENSON
Associated Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The three year old dispute over the right of William S. Vare to a seat in the senate was suddenly forced before the tariff minded senate for determination today by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, with a resolution to bar the Pennsylvania republican.

Offered just as the debate on the tariff bill was opened, the resolution was promised precedence over the tariff, to which the Nebraska senator is vigorously opposed. The surprised republican leadership forestalled debate on Norris' resolution for a day but Senator Robinson, Arkansas, the democratic leader, announced later he thought the Vare case should be settled now.

It seemed certain tonight that the issue would side-track indefinitely the republican tariff measure beginning tomorrow or Wednesday.

Senator Watson, the republican leader, forced a day's delay by invoking the senate rule that all resolutions must be over for a day. Norris gave notice he would call it up tomorrow and Vice-President Curtis ruled the resolution was conferred with the special committee which conducted the inquiry into Vare's expenditures in the three cornered republican senatorial primary campaign of 1926. Senator Robinson is chairman of

\$1600 Yet Needed to Put Over Drive For Legion's Drum Corps

And this is where the "On to Louisville committee" stands this morning—September 25 the drum corps has to be ready to leave with the Oregon delegation which leaves by special train from Portland on that date—if it leaves there must still be raised \$1,000. The committee wants to report \$9000 cash on hand that night.

that committee, succeeding Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, who has retired. He contended Mr. Vare was well enough now to defend himself and the case should be settled.

HOOVER MOVES TO FREE JONES' NAME

Prompt Denial of Any Connection With Shearer Comes Monday

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fluence them," he declared, "I was not directly interested in what they were doing. What I want over for was to see that the figures and facts got into the papers."

The navy file, he said, contained figures and other data to show the comparative strength of all the navies in the world and the needs of the U. S. navy.

"Was it a secret file?" he was asked.
"Not exactly secret, perhaps," he replied, "but certainly confidential."

In a large navy envelope, unstamped and marked "U. S. navy official business," the file was mailed to him at the Hotel Grosvenor, New York City, he said, just before he sailed for Europe in 1926 to attend the Geneva conference. He said he did not know who sent it.

Shearer made his statements after denying he had ever in any public statement given as the sources of his information four American admirals.

He also denied today a news dispatch quoting several London newspapers as saying he had been barred from Great Britain as an undesirable alien. According to the London dispatches he applied for a visa to visit the country, was refused, and then appealed in vain to Prime Minister MacDonald.

"I have not even applied for a passport in Washington, let alone applying for a British visa," he said.

AIR CRASH HELD TO BE PILOT'S FAULT

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9.—(AP)—George A. Rice, Western Air Express Pilot who discovered the wrecked T. A. T. plane, City of San Francisco, on Mt. Taylor, New Mexico, Saturday, said upon his return here today that the crash of the plane with its loss of eight lives "appeared to have been an unavoidable accident."

"We all make little mistakes occasionally," Rice explained, "and it just happened that when Pilot Stowe (of the wrecked plane) made his mistake in wind and altitude calculations, there chanced to be a mountain in front of him. The only possible way in which the accident could have been avoided, it seems, to me, would have been for the ship to have remained in Albuquerque or to have had more altitude."

For sale signs, for rent signs, legal blanks, etc., for sale at the Statesman.

TAVENNERS IN THICK OF FIRE

30-Mile Walk Necessary to Reach Destination as Timber Burns

When R. W. Tavenner, assistant principal at the high school, and Mrs. Tavenner started out on their annual vacation two weeks ago they had little idea that a real forest fire adventure was in store for them, but a story of such they brought home. Tavenner was at work at the school again Monday.

The forest fire difficulties began after the couple left Ollalie lake where they spent most of the two weeks in a delightful time tramping old trails and fishing. Leaving their car at the lake, they started for Breitenbusch, intending to pack in there, but had not progressed far when a forest fire from the west crossed their trail. To get back to their starting point it was necessary for them to travel 30 miles, through Jefferson park and Breitenbusch. They spent all night traveling, Mrs. Tavenner on horseback for the most part and Tavenner walking.

SCOUT FORCE WILL CHECK THIS NOON

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ures were available last night on success with which the campaign is meeting. The first reports will be made at a luncheon meeting to be held at the Spa this noon. The luncheon will get under way promptly at 12 o'clock, with chairman McKay in charge.

McKay Heads Push
For the drive workers have organized into a scout troop, with McKay, scoutmaster, W. L. Phillips assistant and W. C. Dyer patrol leader. Leaders of the seven patrols and men who are working under them are:

Flynn Eagle patrol—L. P. Campbell, leader, Newell Williams, assistant, Bill Watkins, Earl Paulsen, Hollis Huntington, O. D. "Frosty" Olson.

Hyena patrol—Charles E. Knowland, leader, Sam Chambers, assistant, H. H. Belt, Sam Laughlin, Willard Wirtz, J. J. Elliott and C. E. Albin.

Beaver patrol—W. W. Moore, leader, D. B. Jarman, assistant, S. E. Purvine, P. F. Meaney and Lynn F. Cronemiller.

Lion patrol—Charles Hudkins, leader, C. A. Swope, assistant, W. H. Bonesteel, A. C. Haag, Leland Smith and T. H. Springer.

Jackal patrol—Sheldon F. Sackett, leader, Dr. D. B. Hill, assistant, Tinkham Gilbert, Fred Duncan, Bernard Kay and Ralph Curtis.

Cuckoo—Ervin Smith, leader, Leon Gleason, assistant, John Orr, Dr. D. B. White and Bob Boardman.

Stork patrol—H. R. Burke, leader, E. C. Bushnell, assistant, W. A. Cummings, Rex Sanford, Ellis Miller and R. W. Niles.

A number of additional recruits not yet listed under patrols are also helping put the drive across.

Follow the sports in The Statesman; full sport news reports fresh each morning.

On Trial



Mrs. Alexander Pantages, who faces trial for second degree murder in connection with the death of a Japanese pedestrian struck by her car.

WESTERN SENATORS TO MAKE BIG FIGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 9.—(AP)—The Oregonian will say tomorrow that western senators in Washington are only awaiting the arrival of two of their number, Johnson of California and Oddie of Nevada, before going into conference to organize a real fight to restore to the senate tariff bill the rates prescribed by the house on various western commodities.

Johnson, a veteran tariff campaigner, has been detained in California by the illness of Mrs. Johnson but is expected to reach Washington by the end of this week.

The Oregonian will say that Senator McNary will probably call the meeting.

The principal object of the representatives of the Pacific northwest is to restore the house rates on logs, shingles and cedar lumber and to add duties on fir, hemlock and other varieties of manufactured lumber, but they will not include other commodities which have been sliced by the senate finance committee.

SETS LEGAL RECORD
RENO, Nev., Sept. 9.—(AP)—Mayor E. E. Roberts in his capacity as an attorney made a new record in the number of cases handled by one attorney today. He secured five divorce decrees in the course of 20 minutes.

SENATE STARTS TARIFF GRIND

First Test is Deferred; Summons Resolve Asks Report Change

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The senate finally got to work on the tariff issue today, but the first test of strength of the contending groups was deferred after several hours' discussion of the Simmons resolution seeking income changes in import levies.

Indications at the close were that the democrats were not ready for a vote, but hoped greater strength could be mustered for the tax publicity proposal tomorrow resumption of debate.

When the senate will begin discussion of the bill itself was problematical in view of the attempt started at the outset of proceedings by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, to obtain disposition of the long-pending Vare case. His resolution bearing on the senatorial seat contest has privileged status and early action on it can be demanded.

All Leaders in Debate
The day's debate saw all of the tariff leaders of both parties participating with Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking democrat of the finance committee and author of the tax data proposal, and Senator Moot, republican, Utah, chairman of the committee, making the principal arguments for and against the resolution.

Simmons said his sole purpose was to ascertain information that may be helpful to the senate in determining whether industries of the countries are entitled to the increase tariff protection they demanded. If it were shown that industry were making large profits under existing law, he said, they were not entitled to increased duties.

Smoot charged the resolution an attempt "through the consequent delay" to bring about ultimate defeat of the tariff bill.

"The price to be paid is certain," he said. "The consequences are certain. The establishment of the principle of income tax publicity; the opportunity to attempt to harass a few individual taxpayers; prolonged and indefinite delay in the consideration of the bill, these are the real issues presented by the resolution."

A vote for the resolution, he added, would be an endorsement of all of "these propositions," and with each senator appreciating this he was willing to hasten a vote upon it.

He contended the information

sought was irrelevant and already was available in current and periodical corporations reports printed regularly in financial publications. Simmons said there may be publications covering some larger industries but there were none containing the "general" data sought by his resolution, which calls for profits and losses of corporations whose products would benefit under the bill.

Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin, offered an amendment to include in the information sought data showing gross sales, annual inventories, merchandise bought, cost of manufacturing, salaries and wages, compensation of officers, and other figures. A vote on this will be taken before disposal of the Simmons resolution.

TROOPS TO APPEAR
Three members of troop number two, Salem boy scouts, will appear before the Kiwanians at the regular weekly meeting this noon to show something of scout work. Stanley King will give speech on scouting and Rodney Hardman and Phil Ferris will give a demonstration of fire by friction.



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Forest fires were still burning today in Lane county and the situation was not greatly improved over last week. A report from the Steelstrom mill, 20 miles southwest of here, indicated that