

LEGATION MAY DEFEND PART OF THE SOVIET HEADQUARTERS

Soviet Grounds Are Considered Most Strategic Point in Defense Plans

BUILDINGS ARE RAIDED

Chinese Police Are Occupying a Portion of Grounds Which Were Raided Yesterday

PEKING, April 7. — (LP) — The American legation here may take over the defense of the western portion of the Soviet embassy grounds if anti foreign disturbances break out. It was pointed out that the soviet grounds would be a vital point in the defense of the foreign quarter in case of trouble.

The United States Legation informed the Chinese police who arrested Mrs. Mildred B. Mitchell and Wilbur Burton, Americans that the pair must be released by tonight unless formal charges were filed. They are alleged propaganda agents for the Cantonese. The Chinese police still occupied portions of the Soviet embassy grounds and buildings which were raided yesterday.

Real Struggle

WASHINGTON, April 7. — (LP) — China's real struggle, the one which will be most decisive in world affairs, is not the fight with the foreigners, but the one which is going on among the Chinese nationalists themselves. It is most important because it is a struggle between the moderates and the bolsheviks, to determine whether the new China will be a progressive country or an extreme communist state like soviet Russia.

Already it is a foregone conclusion that the Chinese nationalists will soon be in control of all China south of the great wall. It is also a foregone conclusion that nationalists will continue to insist on wiping out foreign control of customs, extra territorial rights and foreign concessions.

Serious Question

The overshadowing question, still in doubt is the ultimate character of the nationalist regime. Will it moderate as Kerensky tried to make Russia? Or will it go over to the extreme radicals as Russia did in submitting to the communist soviet. Chiang Kai-shek, the nationalist military leader, is the leader of the moderate wing, with Eugene Chen, the nationalist foreign minister, active in the more extreme wing.

The central executive committee of the nationalist party, the kuomintang, appears to be taking control and it is a question now which faction will dominate within the party council.

Soldiers Dominate

Military leadership has always carried political domination with it in China. Chiang appears willing to relinquish his control over the policy and limit himself to management of the army.

Anti-nationalists are trying to make the most of the rift within the kuomintang in the hope of wrecking the movement. But the fact that the party executive committee has taken control of the situation appears to bridge over this difficulty for the time being.

Woman Banker is Model Prisoner

SALEM, April 7. — (LP) — Harriet Weatherston, convicted in connection with the embezzlement of funds from the Florence State Bank, has been assigned to work in the prison office as assistant to Joseph Murray, chief clerk. Miss Weatherston is regarded as a model prisoner.

A change in prison management was made today when George A. Robinson, principal keeper, was made Chapel guard succeeding Paul Frye.

The office of principal keeper has been abolished.

DURANT PLANS ON A NEW MOTOR COMPANY

Will Challenge the General Motors Company for Leadership

NEW YORK, April 7. — (LP) — William C. Durant, the most spectacular figure in the American automobile industry, has set out at the age of 65 to challenge the billion dollar General Motors corporation for supremacy in the motor trade.

Behind an announcement today that Durant has resigned all his other positions to build up what is to be known as Consolidated Motors, Inc., is the same daring and determination that has made his name a byword in Wall street and Detroit, the scenes of some of his most amazing financial coups.

Durant's challenge to General Motors, the organization which was conceived in his own genius back in 1908, takes the form an announcement that he has given up directorates and chairmanships in half a dozen other big concerns to devote all of his time to development of his new automobile—the Star six.

With this product as a nucleus Durant intends to organize Consolidated Motors, Inc., the same as he used Buick as the keystone of General Motors nearly 20 years ago. Although an announcement does not say what other companies he hopes to absorb, it is reported in Wall street that he has in mind such concerns as Jordan, Chrysler and Hudson.

Durant's move, typical of his aggressive style, was not wholly unexpected. Two weeks ago he told the press that he would have an important announcement to make on April 7. Not until Wednesday afternoon, however, did the nature of the announcement become known in "the street."

MOTOR MAGNATE'S SON IN SPECTACULAR DASH

Airplane, Automobile and Speed Boat Used to Catch Ship

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7. — (LP) — After a spectacular dash from Los Angeles, Horace E. Dodge, son of the late motor magnate, is on the high seas en route to Honolulu.

He was reported to be seeking a reconciliation with his wife, who sailed for Hawaii last month after filing a divorce suit in Detroit.

Dodge breezed into San Francisco from the south Wednesday, nearly two hours after the liner Wilhelmina was scheduled to depart for Honolulu. But the ship was held in the stream until Dodge, after using an automobile and a speed boat in rushing from the landing field, climbed aboard.

The millionaire, seeking to hide his identity under the name of "Jack Kennedy" arrived in Los Angeles Tuesday. He chartered an airplane there and during stops at Lakewood and Fresno, arranged for passage on the Wilhelmina.

Rangers in Charge Of a Texas City

BORGER, Texas, April 7. — (LP) — State rangers are taking charge of the city, following the election Tuesday, and have declared war on lawlessness here. Nearly 300 girls who have been given 24 hours to leave the city, have begun a march out of town. Hundreds of slot machines have been taken by officers who have a dozen large trucks at their disposal to haul gambling equipment to police headquarters. A considerable amount of whiskey has been confiscated.

The city jail here is filled beyond capacity and prisoners are being rushed across the Canadian river to the county jail at Stinnett. All dance halls have been ordered closed. Pool and Billiard rooms have been closed in accordance with the order issued by Mayor Miller, who has joined hands with the rangers.

HERE IS THE PROGRAM FOR BOYS' MEETING

Busy Time Planned for Older Boys' Conference to be Held Here

WILL START FRIDAY

Chamber of Commerce to be Hosts at a Dinner Friday Evening

Everything is in readiness for the three day session of the Southern Oregon District Older Boys' Conference which opens officially tomorrow, according to those in charge. The program as outlined follows:

2:00 to 5:00 Registration and assignment of delegates.

5:00 to 6:30 Rally for delegates and their leaders in the Presbyterian Church. Discussion Group leaders will meet at the same hour.

6:30 to 9:00 Conference Banquet.

Invocation, Rev. H. T. Mitchellmore.

Singing led by Henry Enders, Jr.

Call to order by Conference president.

Toastmaster, V. O. N. Smith.

Address of welcome, Geo. A. Briscoe.

Welcome from boys, James Nutter.

Response by Clifford Beckett, Medford.

Solo by Ralph Church.

Special music by High School Girls Ukulele Club.

Address of evening, Dr. U. G. Dubach of O. A. C.

9:10 to 9:30 organization of discussion groups.

The banquet is being provided through the generosity of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and is being cooked and served by members of the domestic science department of Ashland high school under the supervision of Miss Helen French.

The Saturday program is: 9:00—General Assembly.

Singing led by Ralph Church.

Pianist, Aubrey Hahn.

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ASHLAND BASEBALL TEAM PLAY MEDFORD

First Game of Season Will be Staged Here Tomorrow Afternoon

The High School Baseball team will play the Medford team at the High School field tomorrow afternoon at three-thirty.

The prospects this year are very bright and the players believe we will have a successful season. Five lettermen, Kanasto, Abbott, Gandee, Katzer and Bibby are back. Around this nucleus Coach Cope has built a team that has set out to swamp Medford.

James Hartley is the catcher. Although this is his first season he is showing up fine. His batting is good. Pussay Kanasto is tossing the ball from pitchers box. He has the experience of two years behind him and was one of last year's best batters. Roy Abbott is also pitching. He is also of last year's team, where he filled his place well. Everett McGee is playing first base. Although this is his first year his great reach and hard word has made him a good player. He keeps boys busy chasing balls over the fence when he is at bat. Jimmy Nutter is playing second. This is his first year, but he is showing up well. His batting is fair. Sonny Leedom is also making a good showing on second. Billy Hulen is playing short stop. Although it is his first year on the team, he is by no means inexperienced. He plays his position well and is a good batter.

Bud Gandee of last year's team is covering third base. Come out and watch him do his stuff. He is a natural baseball player and a help to any team. Bus Moore

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IN THE BIG LEAGUES

This is one of a series of articles by the United News dealing with the Major League Baseball Team.

DETROIT TIGERS

1926 line-up—Blue 1b, Manush, cf., Cobb, rf, Hellmann lf, O'Rourke 3b, Gehring 2b, Taverner ss, Manion c.

1927 line-up—Taverner ss, McManus 3b, Manush cf, Fothergill lf, Hellmann rf, Blue 1b, Bassler c, Gehring 2b.

Here is a club which has lost the greatest all-around ball player of all time and looks 100 per cent stronger therefore.

The Detroit Tigers have been slipping, year by year, lower and lower in the final standings of the American league. This year, unless all signs fall, they are due to rebound out of the second division.

The loss of Ty Cobb is irreplaceable, which probably is a good thing for the club. "The Georgia peach," not only was a failure as a manager, but for all his greatness his legs were failing him in 1926, his batting eye was growing dim and he was forced to swallow his pride and put young Fothergill in his place in his line-up toward the end of the season.

George Moriarty should be a success as a manager. This is the first requisite of a successful season for Detroit. The pitching staff always weak, should be better than it was in 1926. It must be, of course, if the Tigers are to finish among the leaders.

Club morale is the most important consideration Detroit has to consider, and there is evidence that this has been improved greatly under Moriarty.

Take first base, Lou Blue could not play ball for Cobb, who worried him to distraction. Moriarty has appointed Lou field captain, and expects to make him the best first sacker in the league.

Marty McManus, obtained from the Browns, has strengthened the infield immeasurably. Although the ideal combination would be McManus at second and Taverner at shortstop, Moriarty has yet to find a fourth man to round out

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CHAMBER SECRETARY MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Many Activities Are Revealed in General Report From Secretary

The reports of the standing committees on various activities are so complete that any lengthy or detailed report of the Secretary is superfluous. We have endeavored to make the money so generously contributed by the individual members and business men of the organization go just as far as possible.

Our advertising activity has extended to every part of the country through literature sent in the mails in answer to direct inquiries and selected lists forwarded to us by the State chamber.

We have endeavored to direct the traveler and tourist to our superior hotels and auto camps through literature, magazines and billboards. We have placed signs in our city directing to our Lithuania Park and mineral springs. We have advertised our central location for visiting Crater Lake, Lake of the Woods, Oregon Caves, the Redwood Highway. Through our information bureau we have directed and assisted not hundreds but thousands who stop at this of-

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DREAM CITY OF WYOMING NOW MASS OF RUINS

Sixteen Are Dead and Seven Are Seriously Injured By Explosion

REFINERY BLOWN UP

Property Damage to the Town and Plant Estimated at Half Million

PARCO, Wyo., April 6. — (LP) — Sixteen men are dead, seven more were seriously injured and Parco, "The city beautiful of Wyoming" was a scene of ruin today as the result of a terrific explosion at the Producers and Refiners plant here.

The blast occurred early in the morning when two high pressure stills exploded. Two process oil storage tanks, one of 1,000 barrels and another of 7,500 barrels were set afire. Flames shot high into the air and for a time threatened to destroy the town.

Twenty-three men were at work in the plant at the time of the explosion.

The charred bodies of the dead were removed during the afternoon to Rawlins, where they will be prepared for burial. The injured were taken to a Rawlins hospital.

Conduct Investigation Officials of the oil plant Wednesday night were still investigating to establish the definite cause of the explosion. Three theories have been advanced so far. Either pressure was too high or low in the tanks, officials believe, or water backed into the tanks.

Property damage to the plant and town has been estimated at \$500,000.

Parco, "the dream city" of Frank E. Kistler, head of the Producers and Refiners corporation, was built at a cost of \$10,000,000. It was chartered officially in 1925.

A Model City It was designed as a model city. All hotels, stores and public buildings conform to an attractive type of Spanish architecture. The city is located nine miles east of Rawlins and is considered the one spot of beauty on the arid plains of southern Wyoming.

All business houses were closed in Parco Wednesday, the ashes twisted, the plaster cracked and

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CHICAGO MAYOR NOW HAS NEW AMBITION

Would Like to Become the Standard Bearer in National Campaign

CHICAGO, April 7. — Pollyanna sings the praises of William Hale Thompson and 50,000 or more boys are boarding the bandwagon, lest their political hopes be dashed by their steam roller movement, but there is more behind "Big Bill's" victory than local politics.

The outstanding thing is that Chicago's new mayor, who was elected over Mayor William E. Dever by 83,072 plurality in the hottest local election ever held, always has had warm ambitions to shine nationally. It was not surprising that he beamed with satisfaction Wednesday when he received this telegram:

"The American party, Chicago advises you that you are the logical standard bearer of American principles in 1928 for the 20,000,000 Americans now being organized."

It is not far fetched to think that Thompson harbors any White House illusions, and his election certainly has had an effect on national politics.

FORD HAS A HALF BILLION IN CASH

Forty One Million Dollar Gain in Assets is Record for the Year

BOSTON, April 7. — (LP) — Henry Ford's wealth is rapidly forging ahead of even the legendary figure of a billion dollars. It was revealed when the Ford Motor company declared an item of nearly half a billion dollars as its cash balance.

The figures set down in the Ford Motor company's balance sheet for December 31, 1926, were of such gigantic proportions that an increase of more than \$41,000,000 in assets over the preceding year was almost lost in the array.

The balance sheet was filed with the commissioner of corporations and it listed the Ford Motor company's total assets as \$784,208,080. A year ago it was \$742,913,588.

It is regarded as significant of the accumulating wealth of the Ford Motor company—the largest but by no means the only business pouring wealth into the coffers of the Michigan Midas, that more than half its total assets are carried in its cash balance time. This figure was \$413,709,361, including patents and trademarks, securities owned and bills receivable.

WISCONSIN STUDENTS ARE OUT ON STRIKE

Dismissal of English Teacher Causes Serious Situation

SUPERIOR, Wis., April 7. — (LP) — Forty two teachers continue to hold the fort although less than a hundred students remain to man it. The rest of central high school, about 1,000 pupils strong, has been on strike for four days because Miss Louis Dickinson, an instructor of English at the institution for 23 years, has been dismissed.

Superintendent of Schools Paul R. Spencer announced Wednesday that the classes would continue as long as one pupil attended.

The strike has spread to East High school, where 60 students refused to attend classes Wednesday after central students had distributed circulars and urged their fellows to join in the sympathy strike.

Parents have been as indignant as their children and have indicated strongly their desire to stand by their sons and daughters in the strike action. More than 1,000 parents attended eight war meetings and denounced Spencer.

Total of 209 miles of telephone line was built in national forests

MARINES LEAVE SAN DIEGO ON A CRUISE TO CHINESE WATER

Nearly 3,000 Military Men Are On Board Ship, China Bound

FORM NEW REGIMENT

Marines Are Being Rushed From All Parts of the United States to San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 7. — (LP) — Marines comprising the 6th regiment aboard the transport Henderson will begin the 23 day cruise to Shanghai from San Diego tomorrow morning at 8:45 o'clock.

Laden with military equipment ranging from 75 millimeter cannon to small fighting tanks and trucks, the Henderson when it sails out of San Diego harbor will carry nearly three thousand military men, including a large force of bluejackets.

Loading the transport was practically completed last night. All the personnel of the 6th regiment were aboard ship and only the completion of a few minor repairs to the vessel's machinery delayed departure until tomorrow morning.

Start Long Trip Captain Robert Morris, commander of the Henderson, stated that at exactly 8:45 a. m. tomorrow he would start the long journey.

Just as the last man of the sixth regiment left the marine base for the transport, a special train from Puget Sound with a detachment for the new third regiment arrived.

This Puget Sound detachment, commanded by Lieut. W. W. Davis, number 85 men. Two other battalions, numbering more than 1,000 men left New Orleans and Quantico yesterday for San Diego. Arriving here they will be merged with the battalion at the base, forming the newly created third regiment.

New Commander Colonel Henry Davis is coming here to take over its command. Colonel Snyder, early today received the following telegram from Mayor W. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia:

"Regret I was unable to see you off. Sickness prevented. God-speed, good luck and best wishes to yourself and your command."

Colonel Snyder was in command of the marine barracks at Philadelphia from June, 1926, until his departure for foreign duty last week. General Smedley Butler, commander of all marine forces on Chinese duty at Philadelphia, under Mayor Kendrick's.

ASSESSMENT LAW TO FACE NEW ATTACK

Secretary of State Refuses to Prepare Ballot Title

SALEM, April 7. — (LP) — Mandamus proceedings to compel Secretary of State Sam Koser to prepare a ballot title for a measure designed to repeal the new assessment law have been started in the state supreme court.

L. B. Smith, Portland, is the investigator of the proceedings and the court will determine whether it may assume jurisdiction next Tuesday. Smith's request was refused by Koser on the grounds that measures carrying the emergency clause cannot be referred.

Smith contends that the presence of the clause is a violation of the constitutional provision barring use of the emergency clause on revenue measures.

Correction—Charles Wimer states that the deal between himself and the Bar to brothers, which was mentioned in yesterday's paper, failed to materialize and it has not yet been settled.

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