

JAPANESE SEND MORE TROOPS TO CHINA WAR ZONE

TOKYO, May 16.—(AP)—A clash between northern and southern (nationalist) forces, who are threatening Tientsin and Peking, was believed to be imminent today.

A dispatch from Peking to Benzo, a Japanese news agency, said 2700 members of the families of northern officers and officials had been sent to Mukden, Manchuria. Most of them were women and children. This was taken to indicate that the northerners believed the battle might decide the fate of Peking.

The Japanese cabinet, at a special meeting today, decided to send more troops to China. The third division from Nagoya, which at present is moving towards Shanghai, may be partly diverted toward the Manchurian border. More troops, therefore, were believed to be necessary to protect Shanghai, where Japanese and Chinese clashed recently.

It was generally indicated that the Japanese would not permit fighting in Manchuria. It was understood that Marshal Chang Tso-lin, northern dictator had been so warned.

There were rumors that Japan unofficially advised Chang to remain in Mukden before hostilities broke out at Peking or Tientsin for thereafter any attempt on his part to seek refuge in Manchuria might not be permitted.

Advices from Tientsin say that Chang has ordered the Peking, Mukden and the Tientsin-Pukow railways to suspend all freight traffic and send 15 trains to the northern capital to expedite troop movement.

The retreat of the northern forces to their prepared positions has thus far been executed smoothly.

LOCAL ROSE SHOW OPENS NEXT WEEK

The Medford Garden club announces the Annual Rose show for Monday and Tuesday of next week. All kinds of flowers may be entered and every one interested in flowers, anywhere in southern Oregon, is asked to exhibit and to visit the show as often as possible.

Announcement will be made tomorrow of classifications, prizes and committees as well as place for holding the show.

SUSTAINS CHANEY'S DEFENSE
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Captain Craddock declared that the name "W. M. Wilkie," on the back of the check for \$319, on which the indictment against Chaney was returned, and the same name on 10 other checks, endorsed by Wilkie, were "entirely different" and written by a different person. The state will endeavor to show that all the writing on the \$319 check, front and back was written by the same hand.

Craddock testified that the letter "W" in the name Wilkie, in the endorsing signature on the back of the disputed \$319 check, and the same letter, in the 10 other checks, were widely different. He also testified that in the 10 checks the letter "W" was dotted, in the \$319 check this punctuation was absent.

The handwriting expert also declared that there was an angle variation in the letters of the disputed check, and the 10 other checks of an average of five degrees.

Another discrepancy pointed out by Craddock, was that in the \$319 check the letter "e" was omitted at the end of the name, and in all the others it was present.

The witness said that he had made his deductions with the name in the microscope, magnifying instrument, and comparison of Chaney's signatures and writing of list of names on legal documents.

Craddock explained in detail his methods of determining the writings, and his 21 years' experience in the study of handwritings. He showed to the jury the asserted difference in the letter "e" on the checks. The witness refreshed his memory, from a memo report, over the vigorous objection of the defense, which the court refused. The defense examined Craddock at great length in an effort to disqualify him as a handwriting expert. Most of the testimony at the morning session was of a highly technical nature.

At the conclusion of Craddock's testimony, the state will call Luke S. Shay of Seattle, Wash., criminologist and handwriting expert. The defense will call E. O. Higgins of Berkeley, Calif., as its handwriting expert, and he was seated at the defense table during the testimony of Craddock.

Trial Will Be Long.

It was originally expected that the trial would be completed by Thursday afternoon, but according to the contending attorneys the trial may be prolonged until Saturday afternoon, with an adjournment over primary day, Friday.

The testimony of handwriting experts for both sides is expected to take up the time today and tomorrow, both sides examining these witnesses exhaustively.

The defense this morning was granted a motion to call the following new witnesses:

Lee S. Tuttle, Charles E. Terrell, former sheriff; Glen Robinson, Charles Higgins and Ed High, auto dealers; Mrs. Mary E. Chaney, wife of the defendant, and William H. Higginsbotham, his brother-in-law.

Public interest in the trial continued strong, with a packed courtroom. Court adjourned 15 minutes early, to allow state's counsel to confer.

W. J. Looker, until April 21, this year, employed in the district attorney's office, called as witness, told of his experience as a court reporter, accountant and banker. In the latter capacity his duties consisted of the comparing of signatures on checks. Looker identified Chaney's script on 20 documents and reports and checks. He testified that he was familiar with his handwriting, and during his employment in the district attorney's office, had charge of the prohibition fund accounts and reports. Looker was excused, subject to recall.

Wilkie Evidence Supported.

I. V. Cunningham of Salem, Oregon, testified that W. M. Wilkie, crippled under-cover agent, had issued for this purpose and had been cancelled. After a short stay upon the witness stand, Treasurer Walker was excused, and his rooming for a week in advance. The defense holds that during this period of time, Wilkie was in this city. Cunningham testified from memory, saying that his hotel register had been misplaced, and he was unable to locate it.

W. M. Wilkie, was recalled to the stand at the opening of court, and denied that he made any statements to Charles W. Robinson, an auto dealer, that he was employed by Jackson county, and had money due for under cover work, after May 15, 1926.

Tuesday Afternoon Proceedings.

Good progress was made yesterday afternoon by the state in the development of its case against Newton C. Chaney, with the examination of four witnesses and the introduction of 15 documentary exhibits. Circuit Judge Skipworth at 5 o'clock suggested the holding of a night session, to expedite matters. Two of the jurors said "they had chores to do," and the third said he had 25 miles to go, so the bench abandoned the idea.

The court, however, held a half-hour extra session, and ordered court to open this morning at nine o'clock, an hour earlier than customary.

The final witness for the day was Mrs. Gladys Wilkie, wife of W. M. Wilkie one of the chief witnesses for the state, who testified that she was the mother of three children, and that at times she had assisted her husband in his under-cover operations in the prohibition cause. Mrs. Wilkie testified that with her husband she had operated in Palo Alto, Woodlawn, and other California towns, and that they came to Medford, with their two children late in April, 1926. Mrs. Wilkie corroborated the testimony of her husband, identified his handwriting, and told of the settlement of May 15, 1926 in the office of District Attorney Chaney, in which \$170 was received. Mrs. Wilkie declared that the endorsing signature on the back of the check for \$319, signed by District Attorney Chaney was not that of her husband.

Under cross-examination by Attorney Neff for the defense, Mrs. Wilkie said she was present when her husband purchased "moonshine" all over the county. She said that after her husband was ordered from Medford, he was forced to pawn his watch to secure funds for her transportation to Salem, Oregon, where relatives reside. Mrs. Wilkie also asserted that the period of their employment by Attorney Neff, but he was overruled by the court.

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