

# CHINA REPORTS RUSSIAN DRIVE ALONG BORDER

## Kellogg Pact Signers Notified of Offensive in Manchuria — Nanking and Mukden Governments in Harmony Is Claim.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(AP) Haver dispatches from Nanking state that the nationalist government has instructed the Chinese minister at Washington to notify the Kellogg pact signatories that Russia has begun an offensive along the Manchurian border.

The Haver dispatches quoted Minister Wang as stating there was no disagreement between the Nanking government and Mukden and stating that Chang Hsueh-shan, governor of Manchuria, was following the instructions of the nationalist government.

"China remains firm," he said. "The Russian associate managers of the Chinese Eastern railway cannot be re-entrusted before the opening of negotiations. China's only course is for the entire nation to unite in resistance to Red aggression, else it will result in the ruin of communities."

The foreign minister also was quoted as asking the government would shortly send the powers another note regarding the problem of extrajudiciality.

**Rosenwald Recognized**  
CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 15.—(AP) Julius Rosenwald, Chicago philanthropist, has been awarded the American government's grand insignia of honor because of his work in promoting industrial programs in Europe.

# HISTORIC ENGLISH OPERA COMPANY IS REJUVENATED

LONDON, Aug. 15.—(AP) A rejuvenated English opera company is being organized for an extensive tour.

The first troupe in its long life is being organized and will be a re-organized one instead of a new one. The troupe will include the London opera, John Gielgud, a 25-year-old English composer and conductor, has been named musical director of the organization.

"We are going to build up a genuine national opera company with headquarters in London, and the nucleus of the movement is going to be youth," said Lord Col. Festina Clive, one of the directors.

For the first time in almost 50 years, Covent Garden closed its London season without suffering a loss. The management of Covent Garden said it hopes that the new organization will provide a year-round financial success. The company has started rehearsal on the opera house with which it will start its first tour in September, according to Haverfax.

In the old Covent Garden opera house, a young organization only during the ten weeks of its London stay, each year necessitating a complete re-assembly of staff members.

The National English Opera company, which had to give up its ambitious program of taking opera to English cities outside London because of financial difficulties, will now cover part of its organization to the enlarged Covent Garden company.

**NEW ORELEANS, La., Aug. 15.—**(AP) Herbert B. Flowers, president of New Orleans Public Service, Inc., and 27 motorists were charged in a federal court here today with violating the city ordinance regulating safety devices for street cars.

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# ROTHSCHILD HAS A NEW 'THEATER'

PARIS, France.—Rothschild millions have created a new theater now in France and Europe and now it is extended to the world. It is a masterpiece where all the modern art and progress could think of has had a chance to be used.

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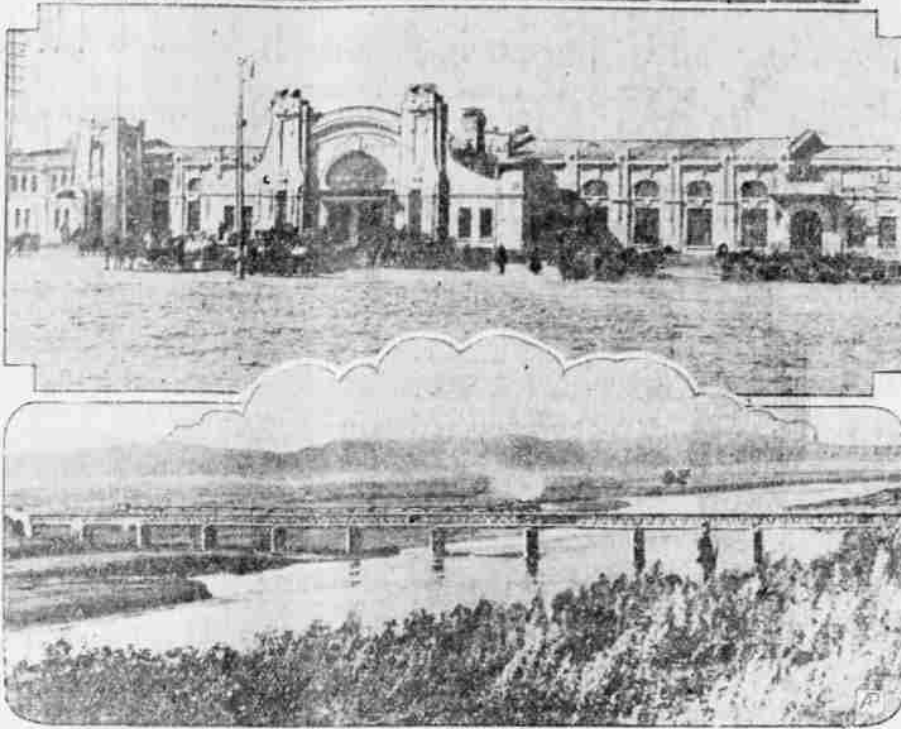
Psychology plays a large part in the design. Modern and brilliant on the outside and in the lobby, the auditorium is simple, dark and comfortable.

There are four stages, 30 by 47 feet, that can be set before the curtain is raised. They are moved vertically and horizontally, also, so a change can be made in a minute. Two men can run the show, one at the switchboard for lights and effects and one at the board for scene shifting. The orchestra pit, likewise, is an elevator and even the incense burner can be raised and lowered.

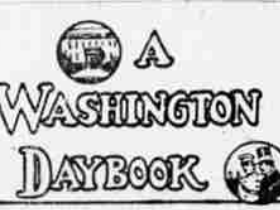
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# CENTER OF DISPUTE BETWEEN CHINA AND RUSSIA



The present dispute between China and Russia hinges on control of the Chinese Eastern railway. Above is the Chinese Eastern railway station at Harbin, principal rail center of Manchuria. Below is one of the Chinese Eastern bridges on the line between Harbin and Manchuria, which is closely guarded during the present trouble.



**By Herbert Plummer**  
WASHINGTON—In a little second-hand book store on the lower end of Pennsylvania avenue we made the acquaintance of Don Platt the other day.

Not in person, of course. Don Platt has been dead many years.

In the sixties he had a wide reputation as a columnist. Daily he reviewed the national capital, gathering bits of gossip from the hill to the White House and passing it on to thousands of others through his column.

In a yellowed and musty volume of these columns, some of them might as well have been written today. They tell us much about today. They have the reputation of being the highest of affairs of the government.

Don Platt had just completed an investigation of these affairs of first hand. In his own words he had "pounded a back-a-back that looked as if it owned a dog house and all private carriages—and drove around among the official people."

**SILKS**  
He found that the great majority of the calves were women, "dressed up regardless of expense or appearance."

"It was a continuous strain of making silk. No one remained more than five minutes, and out of the 100 made some remark about the weather. The poor ladies receiving had to stand four weary hours and hear the weather complimented."

"I said to a lady, 'We have a first class article of sunshine today,' and was rebuffed by a friend. He said it was believed I had taken too much punch. It is in society so it remains—all still things are considered good."

"I am told that a mass of words are left on these occasions. The fair business selects a certain number to invite to her evening reception, when there is much wine and less talk about the weather."

**His a Hack**  
He comments further:

"It is the etiquette in Washington, soon as you arrive, to empty your trunk and give a back to drive around and call on people. It is not necessary to know them as he knows. If you have a power car and a job of kid gloves, the official people are glad to see you."

"They attribute to this effect in the Chronicle and Intelligence:—

"But if you have any doubt as to your moral status in this respect, call upon your immediate representative in the house and say that you want to be presented to all the honorable wives in Washington and such ladies as he may think of."

"I got out of my own car enough to turn around, or to stand on his head, he's not to do it—or die trying."

**COLJAX Wash., Aug. 15.—**(AP)—Democrat fell by Edward Barrett, 45, a mother, due to the fact that a former sweetheart had killed herself over him, but him to attempt to end his own life with a revolver here. Authorities said if he recovers he will face charges of attempted suicide and murder from the U. S. navy.

**YANCOUVER B. C., Aug. 15.—**(AP)—Kevin Han, 39, an Anglo-Canadian, was killed in a head-on collision of coal hauler, which fell into the water while hauling a double cable attached to a winch machine and was electrocuted.

# Screen Life in Hollywood

**By Robin Coons**  
HOLLYWOOD—The studio cutting room is frequently, if not a short cut to a movie director's job, a preparatory school for which many of today's pictures in a k's have been graduated—if the change in position can be so termed rightfully.

For it is an axiom in the industry that upon the skill or lack of it demonstrated by the "cutter"—the highly individual who takes the reels of film, eliminates excess scenes and combines the remainder into the final product that is flashed on the screen—depends the success or failure of many a costly picture.

The latest such "graduate" in Hollywood is Ralph Dawson, who as a result of his prowess at cutting now is directing Loreta Young and Charvet Nye in his first picture, "The Girl in the Glass Cage."

**Scissors to Megaphone**  
The man who sits in those impenetrable little cubicles where the important work of cutting is done has the opportunity, says Dawson, to profit directly by any mistakes made by the director whose picture he is cutting. By the time he has thrown away thousands of feet of celluloid representing superfluous camera grindage, he has more than a fair idea of what really should go into a picture, known as "shots" in the trade and what to avoid. Frequent conferences with the directors during the cutting process also are helpful.

Dawson, a former newspaper and movie publicity man, went into the scenario department of a local studio, thence to the cutting room of others. His cutting of "The Singing Fool," "The Desert Song" and other recent pictures earned him the "hook" as a director with another studio.

**Saving the Movies**  
Instances are numerous of pictures being "saved" by an unassuming cutter's prowess. A rather unusual case, however, was that of Stuart Heisler, who was given the film product of a well-known director to whip into shape. After struggling with it for a time, Heisler went to the studio powers and asked to be allowed to insert a few more sequences. Permission was granted, and in himself took the megaphone and directed the additions. That completed, he returned to the cutting room and more sequences were added. When the picture eventually was shown in the studio projection room it was agreed that he had indeed what appeared a better film than the original had after all.

**FRENCH DEATHS RACE AWAY FROM BIRTHS**  
PARIS, France.—(AP)—Latest vital statistics for France are the most disconcerting in recent years. They show that in the first three months of 1929, there were 20,200 more deaths than births, an average of more than a quarter of a million a year.

The ministry of labor warned against making alarm, explaining that the influenza epidemic of last winter was responsible for the large proportion of deaths, and adding that figures for England were even worse. In the first quarter of 1928 there were 7700 more births than deaths in France.

Marriages and divorces showed a discouraging trend also. There were 6948 fewer marriages than in the same quarter of 1928, and 510 more divorces.

# About New York

**By Richard Mascock**  
NEW YORK—Now it's the architects who are being enlisted in the interest of aviation.

One of them—Kenneth Franzheim, who designed the Democratic convention hall at Houston last year—already is planning \$10,000,000 worth of airports.

Forty men in Franzheim's offices on Madison avenue are busy laying out on drawing paper 18 centers of commercial aviation which the architect predicts will be the finest in the world. Six others are pending.

**Classy Terminals**  
Himself a wartime pilot, Franzheim four months ago began thinking about the possibility of making people more air-minded by designing airports in a super-country-club style. There were, he thought, too many tin hangars and not enough surrounding beauty.

So he decided to specialize in airports and with that in view intended to visit Europe to pick up ideas. Before he could get away, he had landed the big contracts on which his staff now is busy.

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Richard Mascock

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Carefully enough, Franzheim was commissioned by aviation corporations—the Curtis Airplane Corporation and the Aviation Corporation. Like the publicity firm that handles most of the local aviation accounts, he has to be ready about his contracts.

Completion of the first of his airports is promised for next year. At each place the site has been selected, not by files, incidentally, but by drainage engineers, a dry field being of primary importance.

**Non-Partisan Enclaves**  
There are other airport architects including Francis Kealey whose staff makes preliminary models out of soap. But like Franzheim, they continue to take on other jobs.

Franzheim's experience with management has shown for the Houston field. It called for a row of circles around the exterior. After the hall was complete, even to the birds that spread proud wings against its wooden sides, someone protested frantically that the circle was the symbol of the Republican party.

"That is all right," said the architect, who is not a Democrat. "Those eagles are the national emblem."

Apparently the reply was satisfactory for Franzheim has since designed a skyscraper for the Texas city.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, ENGL., Aug. 15.—(AP)—**An explosion resembling like a burning shell caused extensive damage in the business section today, injuring 16 persons, some of them seriously. The explosion apparently was due to escaping gas.

Seen Lindbergh and Tore von Waechter will attempt a trip from Sweden to Africa in a home-made airplane.

17 Pass. Tex. plans a subway system.

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