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**CHINA HOLDING ITS OWN ARMS PARLEY**  
 War Lord Working to End Cabinet Crisis and Pacify Warring Factions  
**WOULD GET U. S. BENEFITS**  
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 Mukden, March 17.—General Chang Tso-Ling, China's strongest military chieftain and dictator of the Peking Government, says China must replace its present inefficient Government with one representing the whole people in order to accept the benefits offered by the Washington Arms Conference.  
 An important conference is now going on at Mukden for settling the Cabinet crisis and reconciliation of the national factions. General Chang Tso-Ling, devoting sixteen hours daily to the conference, is hopeful of the outcome.  
 To justify the magnificent and generous treatment accorded us at Washington it is essential that China place its house in order," he states. "It must first establish a stable government and end the fighting. The armies of China are a curse. Not only must the surplus of troops be reduced or abolished, but the people must return to peaceful pursuits."  
 "It is utterly unpeachable that any armed conflict should occur in China. Every effort should be made to reach an understanding before the opportunities offered by the Western Powers for China to control its own affairs may be grasped. Therefore, there must be unification of the principal problems along which line all the Chinese are working."  
 "China is larger than all of Europe and has as many divergent interests as the nations of that continent. Reconciling the various elements will be neither a brief nor easy task. There first must be a spirit of conciliation and concession, and toward the accomplishment of this aim China must bend every effort. There is absolutely no hope of effecting a settlement by arms, for such a settlement would mean nothing."  
 "Co-ordination must be obtained without strife. I still believe that such an outcome is possible and so I am doing everything possible to avoid a conflict."  
 The war lord declined to enter into discussion at this time as to the causes of China's political chaos. He resented charges that he was dominated by Japanese, saying the treaty entered into Peking under the twenty-one demands provided for Japanese police and military advisers in Manchuria, but he steadfastly refused to recognize or consult either.

**GIRL TAKES OWN LIFE WHEN SWEETHEART DIES**  
 Secretary of N. Y. Junior League  
 Suicide at Death of Professor's Son  
 New York, March 17.—Broken-hearted over the death of her sweetheart, Miss Gladys Runkle, secretary of the Junior League, ended her life yesterday by inhaling gas. To make her death doubly tragic, the young woman also swallowed a half bottle of bichloride of mercury tablets.  
 She was found sitting up in bed, a large pile of letters on the floor beside her. Jean de Bacourt, son of an assistant professor at Columbia University, propped on the pillow beside her, "died by a note scrawled in pencil which read:  
 "Cherie, I do not know where I will meet you, but I will look for you."  
 Gladys came to New York from Washington about two years ago. She was the daughter of George L. Runkle, assistant manager of the Western Union office in the Pennsylvania Terminal there. She had been well educated and spoke French and Spanish fluently.  
 Several months ago, at a college dance at Columbia, she was introduced to Jean, the son of Pierre de Bacourt, lecturer in French in the School of Business at the university. Jean was twenty-six years old, two years older than herself, and was studying at Columbia.

**HAYS ACCEPTS 'CHALLENGE' FOR GOOD MOVIE PICTURES**  
 In 'Inaugural' Speech to Film Folk, New Chief Makes Pledge  
 New York, March 17.—The motion-picture industry looks upon the demands made upon it by the American public as a challenge, which are accepted to the ultimate, declared Will H. Hays, the new chief of the industry, in addressing a meeting here last night. A gathering of more than 1000 persons, including more screen stars than were ever before assembled in any one place, heard Mr. Hays deliver his "inaugural address" on taking up the duties of the position for which he resigned from President Harding's Cabinet.  
 "The industry accepts the challenge," he said, "in the demand of the American youth that its pictures shall give the right kind of entertainment and instruction. It accepts the challenge in the righteous demand of American mothers that the entertainment and amusement of that youth be worthy of their value as the most potent factor in the country's future. The opportunity is great, and so in like manner is the responsibility. That responsibility is accepted."

**THEATRE MERGER PLANNED**  
 Combination With \$100,000,000 Capital Reported Under Way  
 Chicago, March 17.—(By A. P.)—A number of leading theatres and theatrical productions of the United States will be merged under one centralized management, according to the Chicago Herald and Examiner, which today printed what it termed plans for a \$100,000,000 combination.  
 According to the newspaper, A. J. Erlanger and J. J. and Lee Shubert, who negotiated a merger of their respective interests here last week, are negotiating with Charles B. Hildemann, Al H. Woods, Florenz Ziegfeld, Sam Harris, George M. Cohan, the Selwyns and others to join them.  
 The proposed merger, it was said, specifically aims at elimination of needless building of new theatres, overlapping of existing ones and exhibitions in the same city of similar types of attractions simultaneously. The theatres would be booked under centralized management to avoid such conflicts and resultant heavy losses. Smaller cities would be allowed only one high-class theatre, it was said.  
 Lancaster Bans Curb Fruit Stands  
 Lancaster, Pa., March 17.—Mayor Munster yesterday sounded the death knell of sidewalk peanut and fruit stands in an order to the police department to give the vendors sixty days to vacate the streets. City officials at that time had objected. The Mayor said the stand that the stands were becoming a "nuisance."

**HANDS OFF FIUME SCHANZER WARNS**  
 Says Italy Will Lose Prestige If It Ignores Treaty of Rapallo  
**DENIES FANTASTIC RUMORS**  
 By the Associated Press  
 Rome, March 17.—The position of the Italian Government in regard to the status of Fiume after the recent overthrow of the Zanella Government was outlined yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies by Foreign Minister Schanzer. Recalling that Italy by the treaty of Rapallo was pledged to respect the independence of the Free State of Fiume, he declared that if she failed to meet this obligation she would lose her place in the ranks of the great Powers.  
 He traced the events in Fiume since the installation of the constituent assembly, and, referring to the recent coup which overthrew the legal Government, said there had been fantastic stories of trainloads of Fascist leaving Trieste for Fiume. This was an absurd exaggeration, he declared. Actually there had been a very small influx of officers, who had entered separately. Their exclusion was difficult in view of the geographical position of the town, and the Italian Government disclaimed responsibility for their entrance.  
 The Government's inquiry had proved that the behavior of the officers and crews of Italian warships in Fiumian waters had been corrected and disciplined.  
 Signor Schanzer condemned the conduct of all who aspired to usurp the powers of state by disposing of the destiny of Fiume against the will of her legitimate representatives, thereby exposing the whole Italian nation to the gravest perils and impeding the economic resurrection of Fiume itself.

**SEIZE SECOND FRENCH SHIP**  
 Athens Hears Another Vessel Is Held as Blockade Runner  
 Athens, March 17.—(By A. P.)—News has been received here of the seizure of another French steamship alleged to be carrying contraband of war destined for the Turkish Nationalists.  
 Greece appears to have reached a deadlock with France over the case of the steamship Espoir, which was seized last month, but released March 2, the cargo being held.  
 Traffic Policeman Arrests Wife  
 Oakland, Calif., March 17.—W. H. Garratt, traffic policeman, appeared in police court records yesterday at the complaint witness against his wife for "cutting a corner" at the crossing where he was on duty.

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