

# JAPANESE OCCUPY CITY ON THE LWAN

**Capture Lulung and Open New  
Attack Against the Chinese  
South of Kupei Pass.**

## PEIPING PLANS DEFENSE

**Organizes a Corps to Cope With  
Any Air Raids—Japanese Plan  
a Neutral Zone.**

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
PEIPING, Sunday, April 23.—Despite the Japanese contention that their forces were no longer operating in the Lwan River triangle, official foreign sources confirm a report that Japanese troops have occupied Lulung, situated on the banks of the Lwan twelve miles above Lwanchow, further increasing apprehension that the slowly advancing forces will not halt until they shall have reached the Yellow River, 200 miles south of Peiping.

A commission on defense of Peiping from air attacks has been inaugurated under General Wang Shu-chang, the garrison commander. Generals Sun Cheh-yuan and Shang Chen, following conferences with General Ho Ying-ching, the War Minister, have returned to their posts with the troops at Tsunhwa and Kuyeh, respectively, both of which are near the occupied area.

The other military lines are quiet except at Pataoloutze, near Kupei Pass, where Japanese artillery today bombarded the Chinese positions.

The Chinese claim to have repulsed Japanese advances at Tao-yuan, east of Puchengtze, after sanguinary fighting.

General Huang Shao-hsiung, the Minister of Home Affairs, and Cheng Kung-po, the Minister of Industry, who are visiting Peiping, are preparing to inspect the Chinese lines south of Kupei Pass. Meanwhile, all the educational institutions in Peiping and Tientsin have been directed by the Ministry of Education to send their valuable books and scientific apparatus southward, thus further emphasizing the Chinese conception of the gravity of the situation.

### Attache Goes to Tientsin.

The United States military attaché, Colonel Walter Drysdale, proceeded today to Tientsin, where he plans to confer with General Yu Hsueh-cheng, Governor of Hopei Province, and also Colonel Reynolds Burt, commanding the Fifteenth United States Infantry.

Shoichi Nakayama, the Japanese chargé d'affaires in Peiping, called on the British Minister, Sir Miles Lampson, and discussed the present situation, but the nature of their conversations was not announced.

It is understood that the prevailing nervousness prompted the call. The United States Minister, Nelson T. Johnson, sent a note to Mr. Nakayama concerning the second bombing of the Rev. Oscar Kautto's American Church of the Brethren Mission at Taitowying.

Mr. Nakayama acknowledged the note and said he was forwarding it to the Kwantung army. Lieutenant Felber, United States Army, reporting from Chinwangtao, declared that on two successive days a mysterious black airplane had flown low over Chinwangtao. The plane was not identified and the

purpose of the flight was not known.

The Japanese military at Peiping expressed concern because the Chinese allegedly were heavily fortifying the hills and passes south of Kupei Pass.