

EVENTS AND CURRENT RUMOURS.

Canton: 3rd March, 1928.

~~General~~ <sup>Mrs. Li</sup> Li Chai-sum was cordially received at Hongkong yesterday. He was entertained by the Hongkong Governor at a dinner party last evening and will be entertained again by the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to-day.

The Kwangsi General Li Tsung-jen is reported to be proceeding from Nanking to Hankow to confer with his allied military leaders there about participation in the forthcoming general attack on the Northern Front decided upon by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. It is stated that General Pai Chung-hsi is no more opposed to Marshal Chiang and will divide a large portion of his troops to join the Northern Expedition after settlement of the situation in Hunan.

General Teng Yen-hua, Police Commissioner, has not yet handed over charge as previously reported. He has been strongly <sup>urged</sup> ~~persuaded~~ to remain <sup>at</sup> ~~in~~ his post by the Mayor, Mr. Li Yun-kai. But it is understood that General Teng will soon leave Canton for the East River district to take the command of the 5th Army personally.

According to official circles, the Canton Government has decided to restore the Salt Gabelle ( ) in Canton with its original staff and the Foreign General Inspector appointed by the Salt Inspectorate, in Peking. The Canton Salt Office building is however still occupied by the military as Headquarters of the Garrison Commander.

It is reported that the French Consul-General is unwilling to hand over his old Yamen to the Government. Yesterday he sent money to the Bureau of Foreign Affairs to pay the annual land rent for the site of his yamen, but the payment was not accepted and returned to him.

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