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The local press reports that the Gold Franc case has been settled and that the Diplomatic Body in Peking is preparing for a conference to discuss the Customs Tariff ^{subject} ~~subject~~.

General Fan Shih-sheng is ^{said} ~~stated~~ to have met with a reverse on the front near Nanning, and his troops have been compelled to fall back on Kweih sien. The troops of Tang Chi-yao are gaining more influence in Kwangsi, a number of Kwangsi and Cantonese military leaders having joined them.

Advices from Swatow state that General Hsu Chung-chih, the Commander-in-chief of Cantonese Forces, left there for Canton on the 12th instant. Headquarters here have refused such information and it is presumed that General Hsu has probably gone to Hongkong, ~~or postponed his date.~~

The Kuomintang Executive Committee has issued circular letters to the effect that a public enlistment of new members will be held from the 20th April to 31st May. At the same it is announced that on the 1st May a General Labour Convention will take place at Canton.

As a result of the luxury articles dealers' strike, it is reported that the number of ~~annual~~ workmen out of work is about 30,000. The 11 guilds concerned and the unemployed are planning a joint demonstration for cancellation of the new taxes. The director of the Luxury Tax Bureau, seeing the trouble to come, has tendered his resignation to the Finance Department.