

Consulate staff.

### LANDED ON ISTHMUS.

It was stated in London this afternoon that it is now known that in their offensive against Hong Kong the Japanese landed on the east side of the Kra isthmus and walked across towards Point Victoria.

It is not known in London whether the air field at Point Victoria is in British hands.

This landing operation by the Japanese means that they will probably, if they have not already done so, cut across the peninsula.

This may affect air communica-

object at a crucial moment in the history of mankind, was the Viceroy at the annual meeting of the Association of Commerce in Calcutta. Colonel Knox, Navy Minister, arrived in Washington at midnight, saw President Hoover to-day.

### MINES LAID

A British air communiqué to-day says that "The Command Aircraft laid mines in enemy waters last night and one aircraft is missing.

"Enemy aircraft were reported to be in the vicinity of Hong Kong during the morning."

## FATAL FALL

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### FROM RAILWAY BRIDGE

How a little boy named Patrick Bourke, aged 4 years, of Pallasgreen, met his death by falling from a railway bridge was described at an inquest held at Limerick County Infirmary by Mr. J. S. MacNeice, Deputy Coroner, and a jury.

The boy, it appears, with a number of others, was on the railway bridge at Pallas watching a goods train. From the stairs leading to the bridge two laths were missing and it was through the opening, thus made the boy fell.

After hearing evidence at length, Dr. P. Crawford, house surgeon, County Infirmary, stating that death was caused by shock and haemorrhage, due to a fractured skull.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and added that they considered it the duty of the Railway Company to see that the opening was protected.

### SLIGO MAN TO HANG

The Government, having considered a petition, has decided not to interfere with the death sentence imposed on Patrick Kelly, Riverstown, Co. Sligo, for the murder of Mary Brehony, Rosemore, Co. Sligo. The execution has been fixed for Thursday.

## BOUND OVER

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### BREAKING AND ILL CHARGES

At Abbeyfeale District Court before Mr. C. S. Kenny.

A labourer named [name] pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the store of Mrs. Liston, carrying away seven pounds and fifteen tins of paint in December, which were afterwards found in his house. Sergeant Gahan, who took the defendant.

Defendant said he was unemployed at the time. He had received unemployment benefit through the kindness of a number of others to whom he drank. He had no money.

Supt. Mulcahy—This is the first time a house has been broken into in Athea.

Justice—The sergeant is doing his duty and he would give the defendant six months if it were not for the fact that he has a wife and three children. You are bound over for one year to keep the peace. See that you are a man who cannot be trusted without committing yourself. You must also keep the pledge for the next six months. In cases of this kind we would impose imprisonment for the future.