

Fight Started On Trade Pacts

**Gull Asks Renewals of
Treaties to Open
Controversy**

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Committee signaled the official start of the principal controversy of the present session of congress. It involves one of the few specific pieces of legislation recommended by the president and an issue which, on the basis of today's questions and answers, boils down to the old argument whether tariffs shall be high or low.

Hull, grave and unsmiling at all times, nevertheless displayed flashes of dry wit which delighted not only 100 or so spectators, but the high-tariff congressmen who fenced with him throughout the day.

The first exchange was with Rep. Knutson (R. Minn.). The subject of foreign debts had been raised, and Hull was talking of money "carelessly and recklessly loaned abroad during the wild days of the twenties." Knutson put in that he was endeavoring, by implication, to indict the republicans who were in control at that time.

Treadway Blames bad Business on Pacts
"I'm sorry," said Hull, "I had hoped you would not be sensitive about that."

Again, when Rep. Treadway (R. Mass.) complained that the trade program had brought bad business in New England, Hull produced a report of the New England council, an association of New England industrialists and businessmen, saying business was generally brisk and much improved. The secretary suggested that perhaps Treadway had best "debate" the point with the council.

Treadway objected and said he

could produce witnesses from the New England council who would show the trade agreements program had had effect.

"I can see," said Hull, whose fencing with Treadway reminded both of the days when Hull, too, was a member of the committee, "That you are running true to your old-time form."

Hull Expected British Purchases Soon
In addition to his general argument for the trade agreements program for which he has been battling throughout a long career in public life, Hull let it be known that he expected a big British purchase of agricultural products very soon, and that import quotas had been attached to some of the trade agreements to avoid public criticism that they offered insufficient protection for American producers.

From the republicans of the committee came charges that under the trade agreements act, Hull had made a 40 per cent general downward revision of the tariff rates, something congress would never have "dared" to do.

Summarizing the consequences of the act, Hull told the committee that in 1937 and 1938, American exports to nations with which it has trade agreements increased 61 per cent, while exports to "non-agreement countries" rose only 38 per cent. In reply to arguments that the program has hurt the farmer, Hull said that after two and one-half years of the Smoot-Hawley tariff act farm income had fallen from \$11,200,000,000 in 1929 to \$4,700,000,000 in 1932, but that it increased to \$7,600,000,000 by 1938, inclusive of benefit payments.

"Does this indicate injury?" he asked.

Convention Set

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—(AP)—National representatives of the Townsend plan organization today decided to hold the annual convention from June 30 to July 4, inclusive in St. Louis. The sessions will be held in the Municipal auditorium.

Ex-School Clerk Indicted in Theft

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Hugh L. Guthrie, Jr., former Sandy union high school clerk, was indicted by the Clackamas county grand jury today on a charge of larceny of public money.

The indictment accused him of conversion of \$397 of Union high school funds August 31, 1939.

Borah Rebukes Navy Nominee

**Senate, However, Confirms
Edison as Secretary;
Others to Pass**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Senator Borah (R-Idaho) briefly delayed senate confirmation of Charles Edison as secretary of the navy today to rebuke him sharply for suggesting congress grant the president power to commandeer factories, ships and supplies in time of emergency.

The veteran Idaho senator said the proposal Edison made as acting secretary of the navy was "startling."

"If this could be done in time of peace, then you could also provide for the suspension of the bill of rights, you could prohibit free speech, free press and the right to trial by jury."

Once he had put these observations on record, Borah explained he was not protesting the Edison appointment, and the senate, without a record vote, promptly confirmed the nomination of the new cabinet member along with numerous other presidential appointments.

Edison's recommendations aroused a stir in congress when it was first advanced last week, and subsequently he told the house naval committee that if it contained "possibilities inimical to our democratic system" he was opposed to it and "made a mistake."

During the day, the nomination of Attorney General Frank Murphy to be an associate justice of the supreme court was advanced a step toward confirmation when a senate judiciary subcommittee approved it unanimously.

No hearings were called, but Murphy voluntarily appeared before the subcommittee and in a calm, firm voice, assured senators he had not condoned "sitdown" strikes as governor of Michigan, and believed the supreme court had the power and duty to overturn acts on congress when they failed to come within the federal constitution.

The full judiciary committee and the entire senate also must pass on the nomination.

Along with Edison's nomination, the senate approved these recent presidential selections: James H. R. Cromwell, husband of Doris Duke, tobacco heiress, as minister to Canada.

Daniel W. Bell as undersecretary of the treasury.

John L. Sullivan as assistant secretary of the treasury.

Breckinridge Long as assistant secretary of state.

George S. Messersmith, former assistant secretary of state, as ambassador to Cuba.

John Cudagy, former minister to Ireland, as ambassador to Belgium.

R. Henry Norweb as ambassador to Peru.

Robert M. Scott as minister to the Dominican republic.

Clarence E. Gauss as minister to Australia, a newly created post.

Big Neutrals Patch Quarrel

**Italo-American Relations
Strengthened by Act
of US Customs**

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tions find themselves faced with many identical problems of neutrality. Moreover, both have the same prime political interest in preventing the spread of the war.

Their simultaneous opposition to soviet Russia's advance into Finland is another point linking the policies of the two governments. The United States sent money to Finland. Italy sent airplanes. Both indulged in some outspoken talk about Russia.

Steamer Service to US Reestablished
Italy suspended her transatlantic steamship service when the war broke out, but resumed it to the United States. The maritime commission recently authorized the largest American liners, Manhattan and Washington, to operate on a new line from New York to Italy.

The renewed surge of friendliness between the two governments may be the portent of an eventual "peace front" line-up. President Roosevelt is sending a personal representative to the vatican, Myron C. Taylor, the vatican undoubtedly will keep close in touch with Mussolini's government in any preparations for peace.

A common effort by the United States, Italy and the vatican may have some chance of success—when the opportune moment arrives.

Russ Army Shakeup Noted

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other near Salla on the east central front.

The Finnish daily communiqué reported there was nothing new on the other fronts, including the Karelian Isthmus where the Russians have been digging in after unsuccessful assaults on the Mannerheim defense line.

Scandinavian newspapers described a "sleek tank," which Finnish troops have captured on the eastern front recently, as "Stalin's secret weapon," but said the Finns discounted its usefulness.

The speedy tanks had an armored body mounted on skis and driven by an airplane motor and propeller. Its light armor, difficult steering and non-adaptability to broken terrain were said by the Finns to be weaknesses, however.

Illinois Requests Return of Bioff

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Gov. Henry Horner signed and mailed to Gov. Culbert L. Olson tonight a request that William Bioff, Hollywood labor leader, be returned to Illinois to complete a 1922 jail sentence for pandering.

Before he signed the requisition for Bioff's extradition, the Illinois governor issued a statement suggesting that the defendant "be given an opportunity to relate before a grand jury how he has been able to evade for 17 years the serving of his sentence."

Bioff is Hollywood representative of the international alliance of theatrical stage employees and moving picture machine operators.

Pearson Reports Prison Tobacco Loan Is Repaid

A loan of \$1000 made to the state penitentiary by the 1911 legislature, to be used for the purchase and resale of tobacco to convicts, was repaid Thursday, State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson announced.

While the amounts advanced was outstanding 28 years, similar advances to other agencies often are never returned, Pearson said.

The amount repaid will be placed in the general fund.

Club to Conduct Court of Honor

Court of Honor for Eagle class Boy Scouts will be held in conjunction with the Scout council by the Salem 20-30 club, it was voted at the regular meeting of that organization at the Quail last night. Work for the coming year was outlined and reports from committees, including that of formation of a Woodburn club by the project committee, were read.

The Court of Honor will be held next Thursday.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Gonzaga university staged a last-minute rally against the University of Portland basketball team here tonight but it wasn't enough, and the Pilots chalked up their second victory over the Bulldogs, 41 to 37.

TACOMA, Jan. 11.—(AP)—College of Puget Sound upstage a mid upset by defeating Pacific university, 51 to 38, in the opener of a two-game Northwest conference basketball series here tonight. The Loggers piled up most of their margin in the second half after holding a 24-19 lead at the rest period.

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Portland Buckaroos moved into first place in the Pacific Coast Hockey league tonight after playing a 1 to 1 tie with the Seattle Seahawks in an overtime contest.

Federation Head Opposed to Tax

BALTIMORE, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American farm bureau federation, said tonight President Roosevelt hinted during their conversation at a special tax to raise funds for parity payments.

But, O'Neal told the Maryland farm bureau, "We don't have a federal tax for relief, do we? Why penalize the farmers? Instead, let all the people pay."

"One of our main concerns is continuation of the soil conservation act and crop control with parity payments just as long as federal subsidies are allowed in industry through tariffs and a floor stays under the wages and hours of labor."

Hope Still Held For Buried Men

**Rescue Crews Work Within
200 Feet of Victims
of Explosion**

BARTLEY, W. Va., Jan. 11.—(AP)—A ray of hope that two or three score of the 87 men still entombed in the explosion-riddled Bartley No. 1 coal mine may still be alive beamed down tonight upon the haggard, forlorn crowd of relatives gathered about the pit like sunshine breaking through heavy clouds.

Four bodies already have been located since a blast yesterday afternoon wrecked the tunnels 600 feet beneath the surface.

A veteran mining man, W. J. Gremar of Pocahontas, Va., who 30 years ago was working with the US bureau of mines before he turned to mining himself, voiced the expression of several others in saying:

"Many of the men in this mine have a better chance to survive than in any mine explosion I have been to, judging from the setup."

To which G. J. Stollings, general manager of the Pond Creek Pocahontas Coal corporation, owners of the mine, added:

"We are hopeful that possibly 50 or 60 can be found alive."

Meanwhile rescuers working in relays continued to bore doggedly through the debris-clogged, gas-filled area in which the mining experts are hopeful the blast was centered and where about 25 men were working. It is those in the area beyond that may be alive. The rescuers have found no evidence of flame or heat so far.

Expansion Plan Would Protect US

**Stark Claims Big Amount
for Navy Needed to
Safeguard Coast**

By REX INGRAHAM
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, told the house naval committee today the proposed \$1,300,000,000 fleet expansion would provide "some degree of protection against any probable enemy coalition" but might not guarantee defense of the Monroe Doctrine.

He asserted that the program, designed to give the navy 77 new combatant ships, would not be sufficient to "defend our home waters, the Monroe Doctrine, our possessions and trade routes against a coalition, that has been mentioned in the committee, of Japan, Russia, Germany and Italy."

The navy's top-rank admiral told the committee that in considering the need for the proposed 25 per cent increase, "we must face the possibility of an allied defeat and then measure the strength of the powers which might combine for action against the Americas."

"If our navy is weaker than the combined strength of potential enemies," he said, "then our navy is too small. It is too small viewed from that angle, so there is just one answer: an increase is necessary."

The ruddy-faced, white-haired officer vigorously challenged statements that the country was getting a "paper navy" because ships authorized two years ago have not been started. Chairman Walsh (D, Mass.) of the senate naval committee had contended those ships should be built before authority for others is sought.

Heat Continues At Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Police guarded ice plants from angry consumers and the heat rose to 15 today as the thermometer touched 98 degrees on the sixth day of a heat wave.

Twelve more persons died today, 90 suffered heat prostration, and 17 others are in serious condition.

More than a score of persons stormed one ice plant in protest against the raising of the price of 50 pounds of ice from the equivalent of 20 cents to \$1.25, and thereafter police posted guards at the plants.

Belgium Protests German Warplanes

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Belgium prepared a quick protest to Germany today after Nazi warplanes flew over Liege and Brussels.

The planes, identified by the defense ministry as German, anti-aircraft guns opened up and pursuit planes took after them. Presumably the planes participated in reconnaissance of British coastlines.

Russ Communique Describes Fights

**Patrol Activities Around
Kiteia Are Reported
by Moscow Office**

MOSCOW, Jan. 11.—(AP)—A soviet military communique distributed by the Tass news agency tonight described infantry clashes and patrol activities in the area around Kiteia, Finnish fighting front on the northeast shore of Lake Ladoga, and scouting activities in the "Ikhta and Repola directions."

(Ikhta and Repola are border positions inside Russian territory, Repola being about 180 miles north of Lake Ladoga and Ikhta approximately 100 miles further north. The communique did not say exactly where the scouting took place. It described the Kiteia area action as in the "Petrozavodsk direction." Petrozavodsk is on the Murmansk railway, east of Lake Ladoga and about 75 miles inside the soviet border. Kiteia however is about 25 miles inside Finland.)

(Finnish sources have reported fighting on the soviet side of the border in the general region of Repola and Ikhta and have reported attempts by Finnish ski troops to cut the Murmansk railway, on which far northern soviet army units depend for supplies.)

Second Warplane Lands in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The second German bomber to make a forced landing on Danish soil in two days came down today in a field near Toender, just across the border inside Denmark.

The bi-motored machine was burned by the four members of its crew who then were interned along with the crew of the plane forced down yesterday.

Obligation Felt By Swedish King

**Gustaf Tells Parliament
Aid to Finland Is
Proper Move**

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 11.—(AP)—King Gustaf V told an opening session of the riksdag (parliament) today that Sweden "feels an obligation to give Finland's brave people every material humanitarian help" which is possible.

In an address from the throne, the king said that "Finland's involvement in armed conflict touches the Swedish people in the deepest way."

"The willingness to hurry assistance to a brother people is manifested unmistakably," he declared.

Gustaf said that Sweden was determined to defend her independence under all circumstances and the riksdag members learned later that a record budget of 800,000,000 kronor (about \$200,000,000) for military defense for the new fiscal year would give the country a deficit for the first time in several years.

King Gustaf said that Sweden must be prepared to make sacrifices and that social and building programs would be reduced to meet defense needs.

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