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ROOSEVELT DIRECTS BLAST AT CRITICS

Behind Washington Headlines

By H. R. Baukhage. Copyright 1937, by The North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc. NEUTRALITY LAW DEBATE RAGES SILENTLY. INVOCATION WOULD HIT COTTON'S WAR ROOM. OFFICIALS PRIVATELY SAY ACT "UNWORKABLE". CRACK-DOWN SLATED FOR COMMODITIES GAMBLERS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Despite the roar of conflict echoing from congress over the Black nomination for the supreme court and the crisis of dying legislation, the shells bursting over Shanghai echo through the capital. Translated in official American terms, the Far Eastern problem is the neutrality problem. And that subject, at this writing, is submerged in a sea of official silence.

There is not yet so much as a speck of action under the neutrality law visible on the horizon, although it's the heated topic discussed behind closed doors.

In this connection, a question is borne in on the south wind, perhaps impertinently, since the days of dollar diplomacy are supposed to be over. What might war, with its huge demands, bring to the ailing member of our economic family, cotton, especially if exports are not interfered with? The great war nearly flooded that commodity at first and then made it king.

When neutrality legislation was pending in congress, pounds of printed matter were turned out, hours spent in debate, nation-wide mail and speaking campaigns organized "to keep this country out of other people's wars."

Most of the agitation came from pacifist sources. The administration agreed in principle, but said privately that a neutrality law was all right, but it wouldn't work.

Now they are saying (not for quotation of course) "I told you so!" As one official expressed it unofficially, "the law is on the books and so is Secretary Hull, sitting there."

There are reports that Italy has been inquiring why, since we went neutral so readily and emphatically in the Italo-Ethiopian affair, we can't recognize a state of war when one of the states is China?

These reports are emphatically denied. As a matter of fact, it is said that Italy rather liked our brand of neutrality—at least as compared with the sanctions which the League of Nations tried to apply.

Which is another proof, some say, that neutrality laws don't always work the way they are meant to.

When the great war first closed the commodity markets, cotton went to five cents a pound. By 1915, Senator Sheppard of Texas was reporting to President Wilson that "shipping cotton was exceedingly hazardous, very costly and inevitably limited."

RULE BY MAJORITY HIS ONLY AIM, IS REPLY TO 'TORIES'

Liberty League and Others 'Who Thunder Today' Target of Address at Roanoke Colony Anniversary

MANTEO, ROANOKE ISLAND, N. C., Aug. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today "Democracy—and more democracy" is the answer to "Tory insistence that salvation lies in the vesting of power in the hands of a select class."

The president, renewing his criticism of the Liberty league and others who he said "thunder today," spoke at a celebration marking the 350th anniversary of the founding of the "lost colony."

Macaulay Letter Cited. He based much of his address, broadcast nationally, on a letter which Lord Macaulay, English historian, sent in 1857 to an American friend—H. S. Randall, a New York writer.

Plans are made today to proceed immediately with the repair of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, damaged by fire Monday evening.

Arrangements for reconstruction were placed in the hands of the finance committee of which A. S. V. Carpenter is chairman. Meantime insurance adjusters made an inspection of the building to determine the exact amount of damage. Estimates made immediately after the fire placed the damage at \$500.

In addition to repairs, "badly needed improvements will be made as far as finances will permit," it was stated by Eugene Thorndike, member of the finance committee. Improvements long held to be needed include a general interior and exterior painting and a scheme to reduce temperatures in summer and raise them in winter.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The senate agriculture committee asked the senate today to direct Secretary Wallace to investigate "the influences and factors keeping the price of flaxseed under parity."

The senate approved a resolution by Senator Nye (R., N. D.)

Young Roosevelt's Prank Riles Officials of Riviera

PARIS, Aug. 18.—(AP)—John Roosevelt, youngest son of President Roosevelt, told the Associated Press tonight that he did not squirt champagne at the mayor of Cannes or hit him with a bouquet of flowers at a festival Sunday.

The mayor's aides had said the president's son was the person who thus greeted him during Cannes' battle of flowers.

CANNES, France, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Officials of this swanky Riviera resort reported "great" indignation today among both French and American over the unceremonious twist which they said John Roosevelt gave to Cannes' "Battle of the Flowers."

The 21-year-old son of President Roosevelt, they said, had cut short Mayor Pierre Nouveau's welcome at the height of the fête last Sunday night by squirting champagne in the mayor's face and slapping him with a bouquet.

His Nomination Confirmed



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BLACK TO RESIGN SENATE AT ONCE FOR COURT DUTY

Will Don Robes in October Following Vacation—Pledges Self to Serve People to Best of Ability

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ROBERTSON RESIDENCE VISITED BY PROWLER

While George Robertson was attending the softball games and his wife was absent from their home at 203 North Ivy street last night, a thief entered the dwelling and ransacked the bedroom, Mrs. Robertson told city police this morning.

Nothing was missing, according to Mrs. Robertson. Entrance to the house was gained by unhooking the screen door from the outside with a sharp object and then climbing through the bathroom window, which was open.

CHINESE SNIPERS PERIL AMERICANS FLEEING SHANGHAI

Passengers Flop to Deck As Bullets Pepper Tender En Route to Liner—Japanese Bombs Fall Near Vessel

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Chinese snipers' bullets three times imperiled Americans while the Dollar Liner McKinley evacuated 294 American women and children refugees off Shanghai today.

Near panic broke out on the tender carrying the refugees to the President McKinley when Chinese snipers, evidently mistaking the craft for a loan flag peppered it with rifle fire.

Passengers on deck flopped to their stomachs, not daring to stand long enough to race for protection below.

Twice, shore snipers opened fire on the tender. Once Chinese bullets whistled over the President McKinley's decks and through her rigging when riflemen along the shore began peppering the riverful of Japanese destroyers.

The first fright came when bombs from Japanese warplanes fell dangerously close to the liner itself in the Yangtze river, although huge American flags flew from every mast.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Japanese warplanes crashed bombs into Chinese positions in a moonlight attack tonight against the Chinese hordes that are pushing Japanese land forces toward the sea.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Secretary Roper said today that "the situation is so unequal" in the undeclared war between Japan and China that application of the neutrality act might "put us in the position of favoring one nation."

Roper told his press conference that "we don't want to do that."

"There is some question," he continued, "as to how effective application of neutrality embargoes might be in carrying out the purposes of our people to maintain peace."

ROSEBERRY NAMED TO CITY COUNCIL; THREE LOTS SOLD

THOMAS J. ROSEBERRY was last night appointed to the city council to succeed W. W. Allen who resigned a short time ago when he moved outside the city limits.

Mr. Roseberry was nominated by Mayor George W. Porter at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the council. The nomination was confirmed by the council on motion of C. C. Furness.

Mr. Roseberry will serve under appointment until the general election in the fall of 1938. He resides at 1022 Sunset avenue and is employed by Jackson county as shop superintendent.

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Confesses



When police booked Simon Elmore (above), reported sex slayer of Joan Kuleba, 4, on Staten Island, it climaxed a series of summer murders in the New York metropolitan area counting 15 victims within two months.

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TRAPPED WOMAN CREMATED IN CAR

SALEM, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Susanna Flannigan, 38, met a horrible death on the streets of Donald last night when a cigarette ignited an open can of gasoline and destroyed an automobile.

The explosion trapped the victim in the closed rear compartment. Deputy Sheriff B. G. Honeycutt said Mike Flannigan, the woman's husband, set the can down in the front of the car and then lit a cigarette before stepping into the rear compartment.

R. H. New and his son Bob, who were picking hops with the Flannigans near Donald, escaped from the driver's seat. The News were taking their friends a mile out of Donald where the Flannigan car ran out of gasoline.

The Flannigans are from Everett, Wash. A sister, Mrs. Jessie Fraser of Mt. Vernon, Ind., survives. The sheriff ordered the body taken to Aurora.

DRIZZLING RAIN FALLS IN NORTH POLE AREA SOVIET NORTH POLE CAMP (BY Radio to Moscow), Aug. 18.—(AP)—Drizzling rain fell today despite sub-freezing temperature. The mercury stood at 30.2 Fahrenheit. Visibility was limited to about a mile.

McIntyre, Famed Minstrel Passes as Partner Lies Ill

SOUTHAMPTON, N. Y., Aug. 18.—(AP)—James McIntyre, 79, died today from uremic poisoning, ending the 64-year-old partnership of McIntyre and Heath, famed minstrel men and one of the best known vaudeville teams of the last generation.

McIntyre had been in a coma for several days. News of his death was withheld from his lifelong comrade, Thomas K. Heath, 84, who lay stricken with paralysis and bronchitis at his home in Setauket, only a few miles across Long Island from Southampton.

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FAIR TRADE BILL SIGNED BY F. D. R. WITH RELUCTANCE

Measure Effectuates State Measures Eliminating Price Cutting On Nationally Advertised Products

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed, with expressed reluctance, today a bill designed to eliminate price-cutting of nationally advertised manufactured products.

The measure, which slipped through congress as an amendment, or rider, to the District of Columbia tax bill, effectuates "fair trade" acts now in force in 42 states. It exempts them from federal anti-trust laws.

The extent of the effect of the measure depends on the state laws. Generally, however, it will permit manufacturers of everything from face powder to cigarettes to contract with retailers to maintain their prices.

Sought for Years. The bill has been sought for years by retail druggists organizations, sponsors said, and probably will find its greatest application in that field. Sp. sora said it was aimed especially at the practice some stores follow of slashing the price on a few well-known articles as a means of attracting buyers.

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PETERS FINED \$10 FOR J'VILLE ROW

Frank R. Peters, a logger, charged with disorderly conduct, in a complaint signed by Bert Rippey of Jacksonville, entered a plea of guilty in justice court this morning and was fined \$10 and costs, and given a suspended sentence of 90 days in the county jail, pending good behavior.

Peters, it was claimed, fought, swore, and threw dishes around in Amy's Place at Jacksonville last Friday, as a chapter in turmoil with his wife. Mr. Rippey claimed he was hit in the back of the head, and Peters claimed it was while Rippey was facing him. Mrs. Peters testified her mate called her bad names and hit her, and "hit back."

Both husband and wife agreed they could not get along. Peters claimed his wife had threatened "to have me killed." Last night Peters hid under the bed in the Peters apartment, and the state police were called. Peters told the court, "I was under the bed to get information, and I got it."

S. F. TURKEY BUYER UNDER INDICTMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—(UP)—Clarence J. Molinari, San Francisco produce merchant, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on a charge of fraud in interstate commerce.

The indictment charged Molinari with short weighing and otherwise falsifying weights and prices in the buying of turkeys from turkey raisers of Medford, Ore.

30 P. C. of Those Wishing To Drive Have Poor Sight

SALEM, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Thirty per cent of all persons examined for automobile drivers' licenses have sub-normal vision, including far sightedness, double vision and color blindness, Secretary of State Earl B. Hall said today.

Hall said many persons driving cars cannot read road signs or distinguish between red and green traffic signals.

He reported the case of one man, claiming to have perfect vision, who was unable to distinguish the letters on the test chart. "I can see all those figures perfectly plain," the man said, "but I can't add them up from here."

Car Is Stolen As Jail Holds Owner

ROSEBURG, Aug. 18.—(AP)—While Erick Sutherland, resident of Medford, was serving a short term in the city jail following sentence on a charge of drunkenness, someone stole his automobile which had been left parked in the south part of town. This morning the car was found abandoned east of Roseburg, and sheriff's officers arrested Albert Otto Oht, 38, farm hand, who, according to Deputy Sheriff Cliff Thornton, had admitted the theft.

BASEBALL

Table with columns: National, R. H. E. Chicago 6 9 1, Pittsburgh 7 12 0, Bryant, Root, Parmelee, Shoun, Carleton and Hartnett; Weaver, Bauers, Swift and Todd.

ESKIMOS GIVE CLUE TO MISSING AIRMEN

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Eskimos who for centuries have gathered at remote Barter Island on the northern Alaska coast to trade among themselves brought the first clue today to the possible whereabouts of the missing soviet transpolar flyers.

Dropping out of the murky clouds in the arctic ocean fastnesses late yesterday, Bob Randall, Canadian airman flying a ship chartered for the search by the soviet embassy in Washington, D. C., learned from a group of parka-clad natives they had heard what might have been a plane's engines "four or five days ago."

Arriving later at Barrow, on Alaska's northernmost tip, Randall said "there is a possibility this might have been the Bussell plane."

EX-GOB, HIT BY AUTO, SUCCUMBS IN KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Michael Kumar, 43, a transient ex-sailor, died last night of injuries received Tuesday morning when he walked into an automobile driven by Harvey S. Crumrine at a downtown intersection.

First game: R. H. E. Cleveland 5 14 1, St. Louis 2 9 1. Harder and Pytlak; Hoptat and Hensley.