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FAR EASTERN CONFLICT ADDS TO HULL'S WORRIES

"ROOTS OF WAR" HIT IN TRADE BARRIERS

SPECIALIST IN ECONOMICS SINCE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who has spent his term of office tearing down the tariff barriers of the world in the hope of killing what he calls "the roots of war" that sprout behind them, now finds himself facing the responsibility of keeping America out of the bitter conflict in the Far East.

War, when there is no official war, is presenting acute problems to the nation's minister of foreign affairs, already faced with a situation that few secretaries of state have ever been forced to meet. The misnamed neutrality law has made Mr. Hull's job no easier.

But those who know him best are thankful that the president has such an adviser.

The secretary of state is moving from the diplomacy of peace into the fringe of war relations. How well he may acquit himself may be judged by his record.

Cordell Hull, serious, soft voiced, white haired, is the perfect picture of the elder statesman, courtly, wise and kind. But although he is slow to anger, once deeply stirred he has a fighting vocabulary and action to suit his words.

Tariff walls are Mr. Hull's specialty. He has gazed across their tops so long and steadily that he knows more about internal economic policies of most countries than many of their own foreign ministers, and far more of our own than many people suspect.

At the ill-fated economic conference in London, he won the astonished respect of the foreign delegates, who were accustomed to quite a different type of minister of foreign affairs. In Europe, the foreign minister is a politician—statesman, he defines it—who knows all the devious ways of international politics, but concerns himself far less with economics.

The impetus that started Cordell Hull on his public career grew up in a school that no longer exists—the atmosphere of a county whose interests in political affairs was so keen that, as he says, "even the boys awaited election news with the same interest that they do the outcome of their college football today."

In what is now Overton county, in the mountains of Tennessee, where there was no railroad and travel was difficult, Cordell Hull was born on October 3, 1871.

Mr. Hull's family was not actively engaged in politics, but his father took an active interest in his son's career.

The boy completed his education in the common schools and went to Cumberland university, in Lebanon, where he was graduated in law in 1891. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice in the nearby town of Celina.

Two years passed and Cordell Hull found himself at the Tennessee state house, where he served as representative from 1893 to 1897. In the spring of 1898, came war with Spain. It was natural that this serious and

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CRUISER AUGUSTA AGAIN NARROWLY ESCAPES SHELLS

Shrapnel Showers Dollar Liner, None Hurt—Nippon Airmen Rake Native City Of Shanghai.

By JAMES A. MILLS

SHANGHAI, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Japan's great air bombers today carried the war into Nantao, old native city of Shanghai, and inflicted 600 civilian casualties in an area which had been relatively unscathed by the two-week battle for Shanghai.

Shrapnel showers participated in a leisurely, thorough bombing of Nantao, strewn death and destruction through its narrow, crowded streets. Mayor O. K. Yu of Greater Shanghai said 200 were killed, 400 wounded, all Chinese noncombatants.

Nantao is the old walled city that stood on the banks of the Whangpoo before the foreigners came 100 years ago to make Shanghai. Its walls were raised in the sixteenth century to keep out Japanese pirates. It lies just south of the French concession in which most Shanghai Americans have their homes.

Savage Fight Ashore The bombing of Nantao and renewal of savage fighting along the Whangpoo, Shanghai's outlet to the sea, brought the war and its perils to foreigners back to the gates of the international area, which yesterday had enjoyed a day's respite.

Today Americans fleeing from Shanghai's perils again were under fire and the cruiser Augusta, flagship of the United States Asiatic fleet, had another narrow escape from shelling.

One hundred sixty Americans, carried on a tender down the Whangpoo to board the Manila-bound President Lincoln, witnessed a battle between Japanese bombing planes and Chinese land forces in the Whangpoo and the Yangtze.

The Americans saw two big Japanese bombers shot down in flames, the most decisive blow struck at Japan's air forces in the warfare immediately around Shanghai.

Shrapnel showers and shell fragments from Chinese and Japanese guns alike fell on the President Lincoln's decks, causing passengers to seek safety below, but none was hurt.

The Augusta was endangered when a Chinese battery in Chapel, northern native district of Shanghai, went into action against Japanese shore positions in Hongkw. A projectile fell into the Whangpoo close to the cruiser, moored off the international settlement.

Warship in Line Fire The detonation and shower of fragments caused the Augusta's crew to take refuge below decks, but neither the ship nor her crew suffered hurt. Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, ordered stricter precautionary measures to prevent repetition of the shelling of August 20, in which one of the Augusta's seamen was killed and 17 wounded.

Chinese authorities estimated that the toll taken in Nantao raised the list of civilian casualties in Shanghai's two weeks of war to 6,000, nearly all Chinese.

Independent observers said they knew of no military objectives in Nantao, but Japanese had charged it harbored Chinese artillery and had threatened to bomb it as they previously had punished Chapel and other Chinese sections of Shanghai.

Chinese artillery retaliated later by shelling Japanese-held Hongkw, inflicting numerous casualties.

Marines On Job United States marines, holding a four-mile line along Sookchow creek facing Chapel and protecting the Anglo-American section of the international settlement, labored in torrid sunshine to strengthen their wire and sandbag barricades. This was in preparation for any drastic change in the Chapel military situation, which might send Chinese soldiers swarming against the settlement's boundaries.

Steel Firm Accused. WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(UP)—The national labor relations board tonight issued a formal complaint against Bethlehem Steel corporation, alleging violations of the Wagner labor act, including refusal to allow employees to bargain collectively.

Roosevelt Foes to Battle Democratic "Purge"

3 RUNAWAY GIRLS FOUND IN FRISCO, RELEASE DELAYED

Maids May Be Held As 'Material Witnesses,' Police Advised In Telegram.

Advices received late Saturday night, through the Associated Press stated the three runaways were picked up in a San Francisco hotel, as runaways, and on a charge of stealing \$20 from their employer.

San Francisco police also said a man was held on a charge of assault on one of the girls.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—(UP)—Police said tonight that three 14-year old girls from Medford, Ore., were being held in the juvenile detention home here as "runaways from home."

The names of the girls were not given but authorities said all would be returned to Medford.

Three 14-year-old Medford girls—Jetta Frazier, Betty Ann Dale and Margie Bell Stone—who last Tuesday evening boarded a stage for San Francisco without the knowledge of their parents, were last night being held in the juvenile detention home in San Francisco, according to advices received here.

Chief of Police Clatous McCredie, after an intensive two-day search for the pretty young girls by southern Oregon and northern California authorities, received at 11:30 p. m. Friday the following telegram from William J. Quinn, chief of police of San Francisco:

"Jetta Frazier, Betty Dale and Margie Stone in custody. May be necessary to hold as material witnesses. Will notify later when they can be released to you."

William J. Quinn. No other explanation of the case was forthcoming from San Francisco authorities. Chief McCredie said yesterday that he knew no particulars regarding the girls' apprehension, nor could he explain why they were being held as "material witnesses."

Possibility that the trio had been victims of an attempted white slavery deal was admitted by Chief McCredie.

Mrs. Joe O. Frazier, mother of the Frazier girl, and the parents of Betty Ann Dale left Medford yesterday for San Francisco. Chief McCredie said. Circumstances surrounding the girls' sudden disappearance Tuesday remained a mystery. Their parents, who had been frantic with worry, told city police that they were certain their daughters had no money previous to their running away. Each girl purchased a stage ticket for San Francisco, a new dress, and had her hair marcelled. One girl also bought a new hat.

Whether the unidentified woman, who was reported to have occupied the same stage seat with the girls, was taken into custody by San Francisco police, was not known. Local authorities said it was possible that the woman had lured the girls from home and had given them money with which to purchase stage tickets and wearing apparel.

The three girls left Medford at 8:45 p. m. Tuesday. According to stage schedules, they would have arrived in San Francisco at 7:03 Wednesday morning. Local police were notified of the "runaway" several hours after the trio would have reached the Bay city, and immediately informed San Francisco authorities. First word of the girls whereabouts was contained in the telegram Chief McCredie received Friday night.

Joetta Middleton and Sarah Noble, 16-year-old Ashland girls who disappeared from their homes late Thursday evening and who were the objects of a state police search all day Friday, returned early Friday night, state police reported yesterday.

The girls, authorities said, gave no reason for their absence from home. Joetta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Middleton of Nutter street and Sarah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Noble of 20 Lincoln street.

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He contended that the "recrudescence of prohibition propaganda is undoubtedly due to the profits it pays to its advocates."

RECKLESS DRIVER AND SPEED CURB URGED BY SNELL

Basic Speed Law Inadequate—Governors On Cars Of Violators Held Safety Need.

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Earl Snell, secretary of state, recommended here today a change in state motor vehicle laws providing for fixed speed limits and the placing of governors on the cars of convicted reckless drivers.

"I am convinced," said the secretary of state, "that our present basic speed law, standing alone as a speed regulation is inadequate. It has widespread interpretation by individual drivers as meaning 'no speed limit in Oregon.'"

He said enforcement officers have been handicapped in enforcing the law as it now stands. It provides that the driver shall not exceed a speed which is greater than will permit him to exercise proper control of his vehicle, having due regard for traffic conditions, surface and width of the highway and the hazards at curves and intersections.

"As stated by many authorities whom I have interviewed," said Mr. Snell, "it is an excellent rule in theory, but left to individual interpretation by 400,000 drivers it is proving dangerous in practice."

Snell recommended the setting up of fixed speed limits throughout the state, well all roads and highways carefully sorted by highway engineers, taking into consideration the nature of the roads and all safety factors and establishing the maximum speed accordingly. Higher speeds would be allowed on straight stretches of well-paved, unobstructed highways in remote sections, the nature of which would permit speed without the element of hazard.

The basic law, he continued, should be retained to regulate all driving within fixed speed limits. Bad weather conditions or other unusual circumstances might easily make driving at the maximum speed dangerous and reckless. The basic rule should be left to apply in those situations. Snell said his recommendations were the result of exhaustive study of highway safety and of innumerable expressions of opinion on the subject from public officials and private sources.

Tests At Oakland Field Prove Worth—On All Transports By Next Summer.

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GOODMAN DEFEATS BILLOWS 2-UP TO WIN GOLF HONORS

Omaha Ace In Front From Start—Big Gamble By Rival Fails In Thrilling Match.

ALDERWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, Portland, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Johnny Goodman, the boy who came from the other side of the railroad tracks in Omaha, to become one of the world's top-notch golfers, climaxed a 10-year quest of the national amateur championship today.

He defeated Ray Billows of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., comparative newcomer to major tournament competition, 2 up as the wind-up of one of the most thrill-packed championships in many a year.

It was a grand finale to a week of blistering rounds that saw the defending titleholder, Johnny Fischer, shoved out by a lop-sided score; three former champions beaten and Old Man Par' maddled around at times in unceremonious fashion.

Billows, the 23-year-old printing company employe who swung his first club six years ago and drove to his first big championship in one of those automobile junkheaps college boys buy for \$7.50 and a football cheer, beat the defending titleholder but he couldn't overcome the Goodman line.

It was Omaha's Johnny who ousted Billows from the national amateur last year, a 2 and 1 setback in the quarter-finals.

Out of the final hole, some 6,000 calmly excited fans formed one background of a golfing picture framed by clever shots in which a veteran campaigner fought grimly to stave off the closing bid of a less experienced but equally determined challenger.

Three up as they left the 32nd hole behind, Goodman saw his lead go down to one as Billows birdied the 33rd with a 4, and took the 34th with a par 3. The 35th was halved in 4.

It was one up and one to go. Goodman played straight down the middle, holding back on his shots to remain straight. He was sixty yards from the green in two.

Billows took the only possible chance—went for the green. His drive whistled down the fairway far out in front of Goodman's first shot.

Billows put everything into his (Continued on Page Two.)

TEACHERS RESENT ELKS CAMPAIGN AS 'RED' BAITING

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 28.—(AP)—A charge of "red baiting" was made by the executive council of the American Federation of Teachers today in a reply to a plea by Charles S. Hart of New York, grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodges, to "run out" any teachers who spread communistic teachings in American schools.

Hart's statement was made in an address before 400 persons at a banquet of the Wisconsin Elks convention last night. He said his remark was prompted by his observation of delegates at the teachers federation convention which ended here yesterday.

The teachers' executive council, headed by Dr. Jerome Davis, formerly of Yale university, federation president, issued a statement saying in part:

"This irresponsible attack, unsupported by a shred of evidence, is another example of the widespread campaign of reactionaries against American educators and against the attempts of organized labor to better its hours, wages and working conditions."

Countess Plans Suit

HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 28.—(UP)—Barring a week-end reconciliation, the second Countess of Casanova, the former Maria Rocafort of Havana, will file suit next week for divorce from the eldest son of ex-King Alfonso XIII of Spain, Jose Luis Pessino, Havana attorneys said tonight.

Poor Mr. Hassett, So Neighbors Said, But He Had Money

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—(AP)—"Poor Mr. Hassett."

No neighbors sympathized when 70-year-old Christopher Hassett, fish peddler and one-time ball player, died last December 24. He had lived for years in a \$2-a-week unfurnished attic.

His estate today was estimated at \$59,908 in a tax appraisal in surrogate court.

MELLON MILLIONS BEQUEATHED INTO CHARITABLE FUND

Huge Fortune Given To Public Betterment, And Held Exempt From Federal Tax.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Andrew W. Mellon's personal fortune will go to a charitable trust under instructions that it be used exclusively "to promote the well doing or well being" of mankind.

Donald D. Shepard, the former secretary of treasury's attorney, disclosed the bequest tonight shortly after Mellon's funeral. He died Thursday night in Southampton, L. I.

Unofficial estimates of the estate vary from \$75,000,000 upwards. Shepard said it was "extremely large." The Sun-Telegraph stated it might reach \$200,000,000.

The brief summary of the will stated that with the exception of \$180,000 for personal employes, and the household effects of the residence, the holdings of the late banker-industrialist would go to the A. W. Mellon educational and charitable trust.

"In explanation of his reason for making no bequests to his children, Mr. Mellon said they already had been adequately provided for," Shepard explained.

A spokesman for the family said the gift would mean three would be no federal or state inheritance tax. He said he believed the state law called for a ten percent levy. If the estate exceeded \$50,000,000, these taxes would have taken approximately 70 percent of the total.

The federal internal revenue bureau contended in its income tax case against Mellon that his educational and charitable trust was not a tax-exempt organization. Robert H. Jackson, government counsel, charged it was "just another Mellon dominated concern" because its trustees included only members of the family and their attorney, Shepard.

The announcement of the will came only a few hours after Mr. Mellon's funeral in the magnificent East Liberty Presbyterian church.

FILM IDOL STIRS BRITISH LADIES

LONDON, Aug. 28.—(UP)—A cigarette butt, innocently dropped from a hotel balcony by Robert Taylor, caused a stampede among hundreds of British women today and brought out police reserves.

The American movie idol, who arrived in London last night, was aroused from his sleep early today by the yelling and clamoring of the women, who tied up traffic outside Claridge's hotel in the fashionable West End.

He finally appeared on a balcony—rarely by anyone less than visiting royalty—and waved to the women.

During the cheering he tossed the cigarette end away and the melee started. Police struggled with the women, each of whom was intent upon recovering the butt as a souvenir.

REPORT PRESIDENT TO REVIVE FIGHT ON WESTERN TRIP

Sen. Burke Plans Reply To Any Attack—Missourian Flays Wild New Deal Spending.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Aug. 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight questioned the attitude toward democratic government of "a small minority, powerful and articulate, which, paying lip service to democracy, seeks by every means within its power to thwart the will of the majority."

The president raised the question, without further identifying this "minority," in a letter to Dr. Everett R. Cliney, director of the Institute of Human Relations. The institute opens a week-long session tomorrow night to discuss "public opinion in a democracy" under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Jews and Christians.

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Summer White House officials said today President Roosevelt has "tentative plans" for a west coast trip this fall.

After showing the chief executive Seattle reports that such a journey was contemplated to survey the growth of administration projects in the northwest, Secretary Harvie E. McHenry told reporters:

"The president says he hasn't made any definite plans and does not know what he's going to do. Of course there are tentative plans. He's been asked to come out there and he's talked about it, but there has been no decision."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Senator Burke (D-Mo.) declared today that if President Roosevelt tours the country in behalf of his defeated court bill it will be final indication that he plans to purge the Democratic party of those unwilling to support "anything the president wants."

Leader of the opposition to the court reorganization measure, Burke said in a statement that recent utterances of the president and of James A. Farley, the Democratic national chairman, have led him to believe there is truth in "rumor" that the issue will be carried to the people.

"If Senator Guffey (D-Pa.), Mr. Farley or the president go into Nebraska to defend the original or substitute court proposals or to criticize me for opposing them," he said, "I shall welcome the occasion to let my people know just how outrageous and vicious a proposition it was."

"And I shall mince no words in describing it. It would be a final indication of intention for a party purge of all who were unwilling to line up, as Mr. Farley said, for anything that the president wants."

Burke's statement came shortly after well-informed persons at Hyde Park, N. Y., where the president now is staying, had let it be known there is a good chance he will make a western trip this fall.

The tone of recent statements by the president has convinced many observers that he intends to press at the next session of congress for enactment of many of the administrative measures shelved in the session just ended.

In a letter tonight to an official of the institute of human relations, which is preparing for a conference on "public opinion in a democracy," the president developed a theme he stressed in a recent speech at Roskilde Island, N. C.

He referred to "a small minority, powerful and articulate, which, paying lip service to democracy, seeks to thwart the will of the majority."

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FAIR AND NORMAL FOR COMING WEEK

Weather forecast for tonight and Sunday: Northern California: Fair Sunday, but local fogs on the coast; no change in temperature; moderate to fresh northwest wind off coast.

BULLETIN

Table with 2 columns: Event and Score/Status. Includes items like State softball finals at Salem, Rotary Bread, M & M, Ruscigno and Hood, Berlant, Endcott, J. Gette and R. Gette, Salem, Ore., Aug. 28.—(AP)—Lind-Pomroy, Portland team, captured the state women's softball championship here tonight by defeating Pade's of Salem 9 to 7, Score: R. H. E. Lind-Pomroy 9 14 3, Pade's 7 6 5, Burg and Frost: Rae Yocum and Moore, Coast (night game) R. H. E. Missions 7 12 4, Sacramento 1 8 2, Nicholas and Outen: Newcombe and Franks.