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Friday again. Time to begin thinking about the Want Ad for the Sunday Morning Edition. Ads accepted till 8 p. m. Saturday. Ads in before 3:30 p. m. will be properly classified on Classified page.

CALIFORNIA FARM WOMAN KIDNAPED

The Capital Parade

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ISOLATIONISM LOSING FAVOR OF CONGRESS

NORRIS SWINGS FROM PACIFISM TO ANTI-FASCISM

NEUTRALITY ACT FAILS TO MEET ACTUAL TESTS

PUBLIC OPINION SEEN AS FINAL ARBITER

Editor's note: This is the second of three articles discussing, on the basis of authoritative information, the United States' foreign policy, including personalities, attitudes and pressure groups.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—George W. Norris of Nebraska, the grand old man of American liberalism, whose whole career has been summed up in the single word "integrity," is the last of those who dared to stand up in the senate and vote "no" when Woodrow Wilson led the United States into the world war.

It took courage to do what George Norris did. That same week he went home to explain his vote to the people. The leaders of his community cut him on the street. The newspapers of his state ignored his presence. He could find no place to hold a meeting, and had to hire a hall. And when he had his hall, he could find no man who would join him on the platform. Alone, unfriended, without introduction, he walked out before the people and told his story.

The courage of that single action, right or wrong, has earned George Norris the admiration of untold thousands. And so now it is peculiarly symbolic—perhaps also tragic—that Norris should be among those ready to consider a preventive war against the fascist nations. In the fear of fascism, George Norris' pacifism has all but melted away.

In this week, when the sky seems as dark over the world as in August, 1914, the story of George Norris is a significant commentary on American foreign policy. His more cautious fellow senators have not echoed Norris' warning to the dictators. The chances are that they have not even thought through the problem of America's position in these changing times. Yet it is undeniable that congressional isolationism, once so strong has weakened immeasurably in the last two years.

If there is war in Europe, America's policy will be passed on by a new congress. Yet there is nothing to show that the attitude of the new congress will differ very greatly from the present one. And in two years the present congress' state of mind has changed from a flaming enthusiasm for the absolute isolationism of the neutrality act to a passive acquiescence in the solemn force which the president and Cordell Hull have played with that act.

The great tests of congressional sentiment are, of course, congressional reaction to application or non-

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Etha Wall recalling the history he and Oli Stuart made when they were war buddies in France.

Jane V. Smith evidently saving all her news bits until her favorite MT reporter comes back from vacationing.

Waive Ender's whipping about in the light fantastic while observing her natal day, she failing to relate which one.

Florence Scherrer doubting that a dense fog in the valley today kept the planes from landing.

Jim Henry going about his chores of filling medicine cabinets with a regular professional medic's air.

Sgt. Harold Howard back from state police training school with colorful yarns of the deadly accuracy with which officers plunked the bulls-eye in shooting competition.

Bill Cunningham playing excellent bridge but losing every time because he didn't hold good cards, of course.

DEMAND \$15,000 FOR RETURN OF RANCHER'S WIFE

Masked Pair Invade Sutter County Home at Early Hour — Husband Left Bound — Getaway in Car

YUBA CITY, Calif., Sept. 2.—(AP)—The eyeglasses and a purse belonging to Mrs. W. R. Meeks, 55, whose husband reported her kidnapped for \$15,000 ransom, were found in his abandoned automobile today.

The tire marks of two automobiles also were discovered in sand beneath a bridge over the Bear river, about three miles northeast of the Meeks' home.

Sheriff A. W. Kimmeler of Yuba county said the marks fitted the three of Meeks' car. The officer said he believed the two kidnappers transferred their victim from Meeks' car to another machine under the bridge and drove away with her.

The spot is only half a mile from a loading platform where Meeks said the abductors told him to leave the ransom money by midnight Saturday "or you will never see your wife again."

SILVERTON, Ore., Sept. 2.—(AP)—Mrs. W. R. Meeks, kidnapped last night near Yuba City, Calif., is a native of Marion county and taught school here 25 years ago.

Her maiden name was Norma Warnock. Her mother, Mrs. John Warnock, who now lives here, was notified of the kidnapping early today by Weaver Meeks of Milwaukee, Ore. Mrs. Meeks' brother-in-law.

YUBA CITY, Calif., Sept. 2.—(AP)—Two masked men kidnaped Mrs. William R. Meeks, 55-year-old wife of a Sutter county rancher, from her home this morning demanding \$15,000 ransom her husband said he could not raise.

"We'll contact you in a couple of days for that fifteen thousand," Meeks said the men told him as they carried his wife, bound hand and foot, from her home.

They left Meeks lying trussed up

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NEWSPAPER OFFERING DECREASED RATE FOR YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION

The Mail Tribune's annual bargain days, giving residents of southern Oregon and northern California the opportunity of subscribing for a period of one year at substantially lower rates than at any other time, opens Friday morning at 8 a. m., and closes Monday, September 12, at 9 p. m. There will be positively no extension in the time limit during which bargain day rates will be in effect, Gerald D. Latham, circulation manager, stated.

During the 11-day period of the bargain days, subscription price of The Mail Tribune for one year by carrier will be \$5, or by mail, \$4.50 in Jackson, Josephine and Siskiyou counties only. Mr. Latham pointed out that this special offer amounted to a saving by carrier of \$3 a year, or a 33 1/3 per cent saving. By mail, the saving is \$1.50. He pointed out that the actual cost of the paper, if received under the special subscription carrier rate, was less than two cents a day.

Because operating costs of daily newspapers have increased at such an alarming rate the past two years, The Mail Tribune, like almost every other newspaper, has been forced to put into effect new subscription rates, effective September 1. These rates are 75 cents a month by carrier, \$9 a year by carrier, \$8 a year by mail. However, Mr. Latham explained, these rates won't apply to yearly subscriptions purchased during bargain days, giving subscribers an excellent chance to save 33 1/3 per cent over the monthly rate.

Subscriptions during bargain days will be received during office hours of 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. on week days, and 8 a. m. to 3 p. m. on Saturdays. If unable to call at The Mail Tribune office, Mr. Latham said, a telephone call would bring a carrier to handle the transaction. Subscriptions may also be mailed to the "file."

It was further explained by the circulation manager that all subscribers must be paid up to September 1, 1938, in order to take advantage of the bargain day rates, and that all renewals and new subscriptions must be paid for in cash or check at the time.

Win in Primary Upsets



Sheridan Downey (top), who upset political prognosticators by winning the California Democratic nomination over Sen. W. G. McAdoo, is shown as he received telegrams of congratulation. Senator E. D. (Cotton) Ed Smith, shown below with his granddaughter, Farley Lawton, following his victory over Gov. Olin D. Johnston, for the South Carolina Democratic nomination for senator.—(A. P. Photos).



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ARREST OF BOYS SOLVES THIEVING

With the arrest last night by state police of two 16-year-old boys, one from Medford and one from Ashland, a series of burglaries of cabins and homes in the Butte Falls and Eagle Point districts was solved. Today, state officers were accompanying the youths to locations where they had cached their loot, which consisted of watches, jewelry, pistols, guns and about \$25 in currency.

Both boys were on parole from the state reform school, state police said, and would undoubtedly be returned there upon revocation of their paroles. Additional charges may be filed against them this afternoon, it was stated.

The boys were arrested last night after they had rented two horses from the Dodge riding academy early in the morning and had been gone all day.

Information furnished state police by residents of the Eagle Point district led to the arrest, the boys being apprehended late last night in the woods north of Eagle Point.

Although police have not yet obtained a complete list of the cabins and houses entered by the boys, they include the cabin of Jack Grov of Reese creek, Louise Grov of Eagle Point and other residences at Butte Falls. Mr. Grov reported the loss of jewelry and money.

ROOSEVELT HEARS SECRET OF BRITISH LABOR TRANQUILITY

Special Commission Reports Mutual Confidence and Cooperation Keeps Industry Free of Strikes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(AP)—A special commission told President Roosevelt today British industry and labor maintain industrial peace thru mutual confidence and cooperation.

The commission, which made a first hand survey of labor relations in England offered no recommendations.

It said, however, where collective bargaining agreements mutually satisfactory to national unions and national employers' associations had existed for a long period, strikes had been few and violence rare.

Collective Bargaining

Mr. Roosevelt, making the report public just before Labor day, commented:

"To me, the most salient feature of it is the cooperative spirit, coupled with restraint, which is shown by those who represent both employers and employees in Great Britain.

"Collective bargaining is an accepted fact and because of this the machinery which carries it out is functioning.

"Experiences of other countries, very naturally, have been different from our own but they should be considered and studied as we analyze our own problems. A second report will give us a parallel study of industrial relations in Sweden.

There has been no indication these studies might form a basis for possible revision of the Wagner labor relations act at the next session of congress. Mr. Roosevelt said recently he and President William Green of the American Federation of Labor were agreed some clarifying changes should be made. But John L. Lewis, CIO chairman, has expressed opposition to any revision.

NO CIO Representative

When Mr. Roosevelt appointed the eight-member labor commission last spring, Lewis declined to permit a CIO representative to serve. Robert Watts represented the AFL.

Other commission members were: Gerard Swope, Charles R. Hook and Henry Harriman, representing business; Lloyd K. Garrison and Miss Marion Dickerman, on behalf of education; William E. Chalmers, assistant labor commissioner, William H. Davis, former deputy NRA administrator, and Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, a regional director for the social security board, representing government.

Summarizing its conferences with workers, employers and government leaders in Great Britain, the commission said:

"Repeatedly employers and representatives of employers' organizations stated to us they preferred strong unions to weak ones because the strong union is better able to secure the fulfillment of agreements and is better able to bring competitors up to the wage and hour standards of the industry, as set by the agreements.

"Repeatedly, labor representatives stated to us they preferred strong employer organizations to weak ones, because the stronger the organization the more the industry remains outside the unions which remain outside the industry standards.

"The acceptance and general practice of collective bargaining on an industry basis places upon the employers' and workers' organization, because of the sheer numbers of men and the magnitude of the interests involved, a peculiarly heavy responsibility calculated by its very nature to call forth patience, understanding, and a desire to make and keep agreements, and to achieve industrial peace."

Advent Of School Increases Buying

PORTLAND, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Fall school purchases resulted in a 10 per cent increase this week for wearing apparel and variety store retailers, Dun's review reported today.

Food markets said sales rose in anticipation of the long Labor day week-end.

Lumber industry and harvest field requirements reduced unemployment.

CCC FIRE FIGHTERS CHECK G. PASS BLAZE

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 2.—(AP)—State fire warden's men directing CCC fire fighters last night controlled a 30-acre grass and brush fire on Flanders mountain near the golf course east of the city. A small blaze was also halted near Williams

F. D. R. Favors Election Of Liberal Candidates Even When Republicans

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told reporters today he would have not the slightest objection to the election of a liberal running on the Republican ticket. He said the American people were beginning to think more in terms of principles than personalities.

Asked whether he knew of any Republican liberals who were running for office, the president told his press conference there were several.

He authorized this direct quotation:

"If there is a good liberal running on the Republican ticket, I would not have the slightest objection to his election. The good of the country rises above party."

Unjustified Assumption

"It is an absolutely unjustified assumption which is being made by Detroit papers that a failure to go to dedicate the international bridge at Port Huron (Mich.) is in any way connected with the Michigan campaign."

"It is a deliberate distortion of the fact and the Detroit papers might as well get that."

Asked whether his words about Republican liberals might be interpreted as applying to the sensational race in California, the President said he had been speaking in national terms.

A reporter wanted to know whether, if a Democratic conservative were nominated and a Republican liberal opposed him, Mr. Roosevelt thought the Republican was conducting himself "in the public interest."

The president replied he agreed with that view on the whole, but it was a question of what was inside the Republican's heart.

Dislikes "Purge"

The president was asked, too, whether he felt the word "purge" as applied to his advocacy of the nomination of New Dealers who are opposing conservatives was a misnomer. The president said he regarded it as a headline word and an extremely immature word either for newspaper headlines or leads.

Throughout his remarks Mr. Roosevelt joked and laughed with reporters.

He had been asked to dedicate the Port Huron bridge last month. The president explained, however, it would be difficult for him to get away from Washington for any extensive trip before the general elections. He was asked whether he planned in any way to give help to the candidacy of Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan and said he probably would do the same thing as he had in connection with many other liberals.

Not in Party Politics

Mr. Roosevelt added he was not participating in party politics as such. Immediately following that he gave the direct quotation.

His reference to the difficulty in getting away from Washington prompted a question as to whether the international or domestic situations were so delicate he would be unable to remain out of close contact with Washington.

The president said he preferred to call international conditions difficult rather than delicate and said he hated to tie himself up at present. Probably any future dates, he added, will be only a few hours from Washington and ones that can be cancelled easily if necessary.

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Bishop Joins Sourdoughs In Tall Tales of Alaska

By Fred Hampson

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2.—(AP)—From Carmack to Matanuska Bishop Peter Trimball Rowe has been a sourdough. He "came out" this summer on Episcopal church business and to attend the 10th annual convention of the Alaska-Yukon International Sourdough reunion, now being held here.

Bishop Rowe, center of the company of Alaska old-timers today, reminisced with them of the days when flour sold at Dawson for \$30 a sack and the tundra was so thick with moss gardeners had to take it off before they could plant vegetables that grew 24 hours a day under the midnight sun.

EUROPEAN TENSION RISES AS FUEHRER PONDERS SUDETEN

Hitler Closeted With Leader of Czech Nazis—Ribbentrop Reports On British Attitude On Crisis

BERLIN, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The DNB (official German news agency) reported a new incident today on the German-Czechoslovak border.

DNB said a shot fired from the Czechoslovak side narrowly missed hitting a German customs assistant on patrol duty. It charged that the shot was fired by one of the Czechoslovak border officials observed leaving the scene shortly after.

(By the Associated Press.)

Rising tension between Germany and Czechoslovakia pivoted today on a second momentous conference at Berchtesgaden while France, still fearful for Europe's peace, struggled against internal discord and Italy clamped new restrictions on Jews.

In his mountain retreat where much of Europe's recent history has been made, Chancellor Hitler of Germany again saw Konrad Henlein, leader of the Nazi-supported Sudeten Germans who demand autonomy from Czechoslovakia.

Reject Czech Proposals

They met alone for what Nazi informants said would be more important and sweeping discussions than those of yesterday. Then, with high Nazi leaders joining, they were said to have rejected Czechoslovak proposals, specifically for a three-months truce in negotiations, and to have agreed on new counter-proposals.

After Henlein left, an official announcement said Hitler took cognizance "with interest" of the Sudeten German leader's report on the crisis in Czechoslovakia and the two were in "complete accord in their judgment of the situation."

Czechoslovakia anxiously marked time amid conflict reports while waiting definite word of what Hitler plans to do about the Sudeten Germans.

In Aberdeen, Scotland, Joseph P. Kennedy, United States ambassador to Great Britain, held up American and British methods of peaceful settlement as an example to leaders whose "impatience and inability" to work out pacific settlements, he said, cause conflict.

Told of British Stand

Joachim von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister, also arrived at Berchtesgaden. He carried a report to the Fuehrer on the British government's attitude in the crisis given him last night by Sir Neville Henderson, British ambassador to Berlin.

Britain also was said to have sent an appeal for peace to Berchtesgaden in a personal message to Hitler given to Henlein by Viscount Runciman, unofficial British mediator in the Czechoslovak-Sudeten German issue.

British efforts also were directed toward a new understanding with Poland in what was believed in London to be an attempt to "squeeze" Germany into a policy of moderation in central Europe.

Increasing opposition of workers to Premier Edouard Daladier's decree extending working hours beyond the 40-hour week was given attention at a French cabinet meeting along with the international situation.

Almost 600,000 workers have served notice of strikes to be called by September 15, and 14,000 textile employees struck today.

YAKIMA IN FAVOR PEAR AGREEMENT

YAKIMA, Sept. 2.—(AP)—A winter pear marketing agreement was favored by pear producers and shippers testifying yesterday at a hearing conducted by O. Osmond Hyde, senior attorney for the solicitor's office of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Witnesses recommended a change of the minimum standard grade for marketing from U. S. combination to U. S. No. 2 plus punctured fruit, which otherwise would qualify for No. 1 and No. 2 grades. They also urged the termination date be set June 1, 1939, instead of July 1.

The following were recommended for the control board: O. K. Conant and B. A. Penham, alternate for the shippers and E. A. Bannister and Norman Mead, alternate, for the growers.