

U. S. ABROGATES FRIENDSHIP PACT WITH JAPAN

Abrogation Of Pact Cannot Take Effect Before Six Months

However, Half-Year Period Will Give United States Time to Decide Whether To Apply Embargo to Japan, and Give Japanese Chance to Remedy Strained Relations Due to Constant Irritation of Americans and American Interests in China; United States Chief Source of War Materials for Japan; Hull Statement Follows Senate Agitation for Embargo Legislation

Washington, July 26. — The United States served notice tonight that it was terminating its 1911 treaty of commerce and navigation with Japan, opening the way toward an embargo on the shipment of raw materials to that country.

On behalf of Secretary of State Hull, Francis B. Sayre, Assistant Secretary of State, handed a note to an official of the Japanese embassy informing him of the step.

The government's action came like a lightning bolt from a blue sky, since the Senate foreign relations committee discussing a resolution calling for the denunciation of the treaty postponed discussion on it today until later in the week.

Earlier today Secretary Hull conferred with President Roosevelt, following talks with his Far Eastern advisers. The President approved, perhaps ordered, the action.

Six months must pass from today before the abrogation can go into effect. They will be up January 26, 1940, at which time Congress will be in session and can discuss an embargo on raw materials shipments to Japan.

Legal Obstacle

The State Department regarded the 1911 treaty as a legal obstacle in the way of a resolution by Senator Pittman (D., Nev.) calling for the embargo. Article 5, Paragraph Three, of the pact, said: "Nor shall any prohibition be enforced by either country on the importation or exportation of any article from or to the territories of the other which shall not equally extend to the like article imported from or exported to any other country."

Consequently, if the United States wanted to embargo shipments to Japan, she would have to do so with regard to all other nations as well as long as the treaty remained in force.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) introduced a resolution some days ago calling for the abrogation of the 1911 treaty with a view to possible negotiation of a new one affording better protection to American rights in China.

Asked by the Senate foreign relations committee for an opinion on both resolutions, Secretary Hull last Friday deferred giving it, but wrote the committee with reference to the Vandenberg resolution that the State Department would be glad to consider it if it were approved.

Was Surprise

The abrogation caught the capital by surprise. At 9:30 p. m. the State Department telephoned to newspaper correspondents and asked them to come to the department for a news release. At 10 o'clock an official handed them the text of the release.

It said that the treaty "contains provisions which need new consideration." It added that the United States was signifying its desire to terminate the pact "with a view to better safeguarding and promoting American interests as new developments may require."

Earlier in the day, Senator Pittman had said, "I haven't the slightest idea whether action will be taken on the resolution in this session."

He said also, however, that "anyone who reads the newspapers must have come to the conclusion that there is a definite change in the Far Eastern situation."

Hull acted tonight following several statements this week by him regarding Japan. On Monday he expressed this government's concern over the increasing number of American-Japanese incidents in China.

Monday and yesterday he commented on the agreement reached Monday at Tokyo by Britain and Japan whereby Britain recognized Japan's "special requirements" in China and gave newspapermen

clearly to understand that the United States policy in China would not be changed by this agreement.

Yesterday came an official notification from the Japanese that the Pearl River at Canton would be closed for two weeks.

On Monday an American naval warrant officer, Robert A. Baker, was assaulted at Hankow by a Japanese naval sentry and arrested. American naval authorities made a vigorous protest and procured his release.

Slapping Incident

Today came a dispatch recounting the slapping by Japanese of two more Americans at Peiping—Father Daniel Scannel of the American Franciscan mission of New York, and M. E. Smithburger, of Hampton, Minn.

News From Battery "B"

Battery "B" of the 113th Field Artillery only National Guard regiment training in the State this summer, under the excellent command of Capt. Chas. P. Green and Lieuts. F. W. Wheelers, Jr., J. A. Wheelers and E. C. Bulluck, completed its two and a half day firing schedule in two days on Tuesday.

After getting in practice with around 240 rounds of sub-caliber ammunition, the men unlimbered the 155-MM howitzers on Tuesday by 5 p. m. and had hurled ninety-five 96-pound projectiles with high explosive or shrapnel from positions to targets more than four miles distant.

The officers have been doing excellent in preparing data for firing their problems and the men at the guns have been doing likewise in following their instructions and placing the ammunition where the firing officer commanded.

For the first week Battery "B" stayed on the range until Friday morning when they moved into Fort Bragg proper for a regimental parade on Saturday morning. During this first week the men obtained a good sample of actual army life by being in rain and having their tents blown from over them leaving as their covering the sky above from which the rain was falling in torrents getting everything soaked and most went into bathing suits until it was over.

Outside of a few colds the men of Battery "B" withstood these conditions mightily well. The parents of the men as well as the citizens of whom they represent should be proud.

First Sergeant Fred Frazier gave this to the reporter: that of all the years he has been coming to camp and all the men he has had under his control, the men of Battery "B" of this encampment are the best he has ever had. They know their duties and everyone does his duty, placing it on no one else. Staff Sergeant Sidney Holmes also states that the men this year are considerably better than before.

Captain Green states that he could ask nothing of any of his section of the Battery which has not been fulfilled to the utmost extent in order to keep Battery "B" leading the top of the list in being prepared. The Battery has become proficient in fighting this "war."

TAKE AN AIRPLANE RIDE

Announcement is being made that a government licensed Airplane and pilot will be at the local airport on the Curran farm South of Louisburg next Sunday and will take passengers up to see Louisburg from the air. All persons are invited to visit the airport on that day.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, July 29th:

Saturday — Double Feature—Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "Blue Mountain Skies" and Lloyd Nolan in "Undercover Doctor." Also first chapter of the new serial "Daredevils of the Red Circle."

Sunday Only—Shirley Temple and Randolph Scott in "Susannah of the Mounties."

No shows Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thursday-Friday—Irene Dunne and Fred McMurray in "Invitation To Happiness."

Last Times Today—Henry Fonda in "Young Mr. Lincoln."

FOR GOVERNOR



HON. A. J. MAXWELL
Commissioner of Revenue of North Carolina

announces his candidacy for Governor in the 1940 campaign, indirectly, in a statement at Winston-Salem this week.

Johnson-Foster

A wedding of much charm and dignity was that of Miss Dorothy Foster and William Lee Johnson, of Mt. Gilead, N. C., Sunday afternoon, July 23rd, in the Louisburg Baptist Church. The vows were spoken with Rev. C. E. Ruffin, of Mt. Gilead, officiating, and using the impressive ring ritual in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and relatives.

Prior to the ceremony, a program of wedding music was rendered by Miss Frances Truitt, of Greensboro, and Miss Elizabeth Nanney, of Mt. Gilead. Miss Truitt sang "Because" and Miss Nanney sang "At Dawning." Miss May Marshbanks, of Buie's Creek, acted as the organ player.

The bride, a lovely blonde, wore a graceful model of white figured marquisette over tulle, with a V-neckline trimmed with alencon lace caught with an heirloom brooch of diamonds. The sleeves were short and puffed, the skirt full and floor length. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell in soft folds from a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of white asters, gypsophila and tube roses. She was met at the foot of the stairs by her father who gave her in marriage.

The groom was escorted by his best man, his brother, Robert West, of Warsaw. The bride and groom met at the altar and knelt under the lighted arch twined with althea and ivy.

The bride is prominently connected in Virginia. She is a descendant of one of the early Virginia families through the Mountcastle and Gummel line. She is a graduate of Louisburg College. She made her debut in Raleigh several seasons ago.

Mr. West, son of Mrs. J. J. West, of Warsaw, and the late Mr. West, is a graduate of Louisburg College and Duke University. He is affiliated with the Great American Insurance Company in New York City, where the couple will reside after August 1, at 413 Riverside Drive.

For traveling the bride wore a chic model of navy and chartreuse with navy accessories. Her shoulder corsage was taken from the wedding bouquet.

Immediately following the wedding service the parents of the bride entertained at an informal reception.

Mr. MacMurray Ferguson greeted guests at the front door. Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. West received in the living room. Mrs. George Wombie received in the hall, and Mrs. Robert West invited guests into the dining room. Mrs. Harry H. Howell, of Suffolk, presided at the Bride's Register. Goodbyes were said by Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Bennett, of Elizabethtown.

Relatives and out-of-town guests were entertained at a buffet supper by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips.

Out-of-town guests here for the wedding included: Mrs. J. J. West, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee West, Milton West, Dalton West, Miss Virginia Peyatb of Liberty, Miss Elsa Craig of Chapel Hill, Mr. Thomas Gresham, of Warsaw, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood West, Mrs. E. A. Sutton, Mrs. A. E. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Mariner, of Warsaw, Mrs. H. H. Howell and Miss Lucille Howell, of Suffolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Allen and Jack Allen, of Raleigh, Rev. S. L. Morgan, Creedmoor, Mrs. Henry Dunlap, and Mrs. B. F. Moffit, of Bonlee, D. C. Phillips, Southern Pines, and Mr. and Mrs. George Irving Griffin, of Raleigh.

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WPA Dismissal Notices Mailed

Dismissal notices have been mailed out to 4,100 North Carolina WPA project workers with 18 months of continuous WPA employment, State Administrator C. C. McGinnis announced Monday.

This number is slightly less than half of the approximately 8,500 project workers in the State affected by the 18-months proviso in the 1939 Relief Act. Notification of all the project workers the ruling affects will have been completed by the end of this week or early next week, McGinnis said, and all of the 8,500 will be off the WPA rolls by August 5. The workers have five days of grace after receipt of the notice.

The above orders have been received by many WPA workers in Louisburg.

THERE IS CONFUSION

Upper Marlboro, Md., July 25. Tobacco growers want the chanting auctioneer at the local market replaced by someone they can understand.

"We can't understand that North Carolina fellow," one leaf grower declared. "Let's send him back home and get somebody who can speak English."

Members of the tobacco marketing committee of the Prince Georges County Farm Bureau who voted unanimously to demand that the auctioneer be replaced said their tobacco had been sold at prices they would refuse to consider if they were able to understand what was going on between the chanting auctioneer and the buyers.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

West-Phillips

In a ceremony marked by dignity and simplicity Miss Willie Eloise Phillips and Herbert Jackson West, of Warsaw, were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Cone Phillips. The officiating minister was the Rev. Sam L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist Church of Creedmoor.

For the nuptials the lower floor of the spacious Phillips home was thrown en suite. Illumination was provided by burning tapers interspersed with native pines, English ivy, mock orange and flower baskets of gladioli. The improvised altar was placed in the living room and banked by greenery, with an ivy-twined arch.

As guests assembled a musical program was rendered by Miss Rose Malone, soprano, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. H. J. Lewis. The traditional wedding marches were used as processional and recessional. During the ceremony Liszt's Liebestraum was played.

First of the bridal party to enter were Dr. E. C. Bennett, of Elizabethtown, brother-in-law of the bride, and Milton West, of Warsaw, brother of the groom. They descended the stairway, lighting the myriads of candles that lined the railing. Miss Imogene Phillips, sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor. She wore a ruffled pink net gown with dainty bows of blue velvet, and carried a bouquet of pink asters and blue delphinium tied with pastel ribbons.

Little Miss Barbara Jean Bennett, of Elizabethtown, descended the steps next, scattering roses in the bride's path. She was dressed in blue tulle net over blue tulle and wore a matching bonnet of net trimmed with blue and pink. She carried a basket of pink rose-buds.

Master John Earle came next, carrying the ring on a white satin pillow. He was dressed in a white satin suit.

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GEORGIA TOBACCO AVERAGE WELL UNDER 1938 FIGURES

Valdosta, Ga., July 25.—Growers watched buyers move down row after row of bright leaf tobacco in the first 1939 bright leaf auctions today with bids that ran seven to nine cents lower than opening day prices last year.

Some farmers "turned tags" and rejected first bids on their baskets, but most sellers apparently were expecting lower prices.

Early sales ran under 20 cents a pound, much of the bright leaf going at 16 and 18. This contrasted with last season's opening day range of well above 20 cents for an initial average of more than 25.

Growers collected cash for their tobacco in 15 Georgia auction centers and two in Florida. Both sellers and observers expressed the view that bids would strengthen as the season progressed, citing small quantities of the better grades on the warehouse floors.

Offering of inferior leaf at the first sales was reflected in bids as low as two cents a pound. Last year's top of 40 cents for best grade leaf was approached only in

scattered instances, with 32 cents the top for 1939.

Tobacco Specialist E. C. Westbrook of the Georgia Extension Service, observing sales here, called on growers to withhold the bulk of their leaf. He said unfavorable weather conditions in Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina might result in higher prices.

Critical of crowded sales, Westbrook declared "Georgia" farmers should not expect to receive the full value for their crop until the tobacco is marketed in a more orderly manner.

The major markets reporting early in Georgia established a trend toward an 18-cent average for opening day. There were 58 warehouses in Georgia which, with those at the two Florida auctions, serve upwards of 35,000 growers, mostly in South Georgia, North Florida and a few in Southeastern Alabama.

Last season Georgians sold 92,533,931 pounds for \$18,818,763, a season average of 20.34. The 1937 average was 19.58. In 1936, it was 20.96.

Recorder's Court Detour By 56 or 39

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday morning with Mr. John F. Matthews "pinch hitting" for Prosecuting Attorney Charles F. Green, who is off on encampment. He did the job well and assisted Judge Hobgood in disposing of cases as follows:

Herman Moore, f. and a. paid and discharged.

Josephine Harris, f. and a. continued.

Ashley Branch f. and a. paid and discharged.

Katie Marshall f. and a. continued.

James Smithwick, assault with deadly weapon, continued under former order.

Jarvis Evans, assault with deadly weapon, continued under former order.

Haywood Lawrence, unlawful possession of whiskey and transporting, not guilty.

Ira Winston, unlawful possession of whiskey, transporting, not guilty.

R. C. White, unlawful possession of whiskey, transporting, not guilty.

Charlie Baas, unlawful possession of whiskey, transporting, not guilty.

Richard Moore, carrying concealed weapons, assault with deadly weapons, found guilty and given 60 days on road.

The following cases were continued: Tom Neal, f. and a.

John Henderson, violating automobile law.

Waverly Lewis, assault with deadly weapon.

John Crudup, unlawful possession of whiskey.

Bassie Wheelers, assault with deadly weapon.

Jim Wheelers, assault with deadly weapon.

Livestock shipping losses from death and injury were 13 per cent less in 1938 than in 1937, according to a report of the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board.

Field, Va., Bolling Field in Washington, and Floyd Bennett Airport, New York.

On the second 1,000 kilometer (621.4 miles) lap, it made 200.9 miles an hour.

Under the same conditions, an Italian plane last year averaged just under 251 miles an hour for both laps.

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Mr. C. A. Ragland requests the TIMES to say to the traveling public that because of construction work going on on Route 59, the new highway to Raleigh, making it almost impassable, all persons contemplating going to or from Raleigh on this Route will please change their plans and go by 56 to Franklinton and take Route No. 1 or use 39 to Bunn and Zebulon, or the reverse.

This will make their trip a great deal more comfortable and pleasant and not interfere with the progress of the work. Yesterday the forces were busy topsoiling the road near the old Freeman home and plowing up, mixing and reshaping the road bed. It is expected that pouring the tar and gravel will begin from the Wake end within the next week or two.

Buncombe Votes Dry

Asheville, July 25.—Buncombe County voted overwhelmingly against establishment of ABC stores in today's special election, unofficial returns from 52 of 53 precincts showed tonight.

The vote was: for, 9,290; against 14,838, the majority was 5,548.

The returns indicated that approximately 25,000 votes were cast, the figure reaching the highest estimates of political observers. The 52 precincts reported 24,128 ballots cast.

Nice Specimen

Dorsey Bibby, colored, of near Mitchiner's Cross Roads, brought a nice specimen of Sudan grass to the FRANKLIN TIMES office Monday.

He said he had an acre and a quarter of land to which he seeded 63 pounds of Sudan grass on May 29th. The specimen brought to Louisburg on Monday measured very nearly nine feet high. The hay was not cut and weighed, but was in abundance and was relished by his stock which was given free access to a large bin, which was kept full of the hay in a green stage.

Wheelbarrow Tire Blows

An explosion on the WPA project at the New Armory building Monday morning caused excitement to nearby residents until its origin was determined. It seems that the new style pneumatic tire wheelbarrow is used on this job and the tire of one blow out, either from overwork, extraordinary departure from its usual activity or over-inflation. The damage was soon repaired and all was calm again.

Air Corps Chiefs Believe Our Planes Equal Europe's

Washington.—Air corps officers held the belief Wednesday that American military planes are at least the equal of the best abroad despite the failure of the army's prized "flying fortress" bombers to equal German and Italian records.

They hinted that higher standards might be expected from faster and more powerful planes nearly ready for initial tests.

Carrying a load of 11,023 pounds, one of the best bombers Tuesday averaged 204 miles an hour for one lap over an artificial test course bounded by Langley

TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE

Clubs	W	L	Pct.
LOUISBURG	15	6	.714
Epsom	14	7	.667
Greystone	12	8	.600
Pine Ridge	11	11	.500
Warrenton	7	14	.333
	4	17	.190

Schedule For Saturday LOUISBURG at Greystone Warrenton at Epsom

Schedule For Wednesday Pilot at Greystone Epsom at Louisburg

There were no games played in the Tri-County League Wednesday on account of rain. It has been reported to us that the Pine Ridge Club has withdrawn from the League.

EPSOM GETS ANOTHER

Pilot, July 22.—Epsom rang up its fifth straight victory since renewing play in the Tri-County League recently with a 12-2 victory over Pilot here this afternoon.

It was the only game played in the league, Louisburg at Warrenton and Pine Ridge at Greystone were rained out.

Bob Lassiter collected four hits for a 1000 percentage to lead Epsom at bat. Close behind were Howard Hobgood and Tony Galovich, with three for five. Grady Stott and M. L. Hagwood, with two for four, led Pilot.

Score: R. H. E. Epsom . . . 520 200 210—12 19 0 Pilot . . . 092 090 090—2 7 0 Brummito and T. Brummitt; Abbott, Hinton, Pippen and Benton.

LOUISBURG CLUB TAKES VICTORY OVER DURHAM

What started out like it would be a good ball game turned into a slugfest for Louisburg when it won over the West Durham Athletic Club baseball team, 13-5, here Sunday afternoon.

W. N. Fuller, with three for five, and Willard Timberlake, three for six, led Louisburg's attack.

Pitcher James Teasley, with a home run and a single for four, and Russell Hollers, with a double and a single for four, were the top batters in Durham's eight-hit attack. Frank Crawley hit a home run.

Batteries: Durham—Jones, J. Teasley and R. Teasley; Louisburg—Longest, Taylor, Renn and Fuller, C. Doak.

SPENCER-FINCH

Invitations reading as follows have been mailed: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Faulkner request your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mrs. Marguerite Faulkner Finch to

Mr. William Herman Spencer on Wednesday evening, August the sixteenth

nineteen hundred and thirty-nine at seven-thirty o'clock Louisburg Methodist Church Louisburg, North Carolina.

There will be no invitations mailed in Louisburg or Franklin County. An invitation is extended all who wish to attend.

Mrs. Finch is one of Louisburg's popular beauticians and proprietor of Marguerite's Beauty Salon, and with her accomplishments is very popular among a host of friends.

Mr. Spencer is a popular young barber at the City Barber Shop and with his fine personality has won many friends.

ROAD DAMAGE BY RAIN "ENORMOUS," SAYS WARD

Some 30 Wilson County roads are under water at the present time and the recent rains have caused an "enormous" loss in the county and division, T. B. Ward, state highway commissioner, said here today.

Yesterday R. Markham, division engineer, said that the damage to roads in Wilson, Wayne, Wake, Nash and Johnston counties was "very bad" since the recent rains.

"In many places the shoulders of the roads have been completely washed away," said Ward today. — Wilson Daily Times.

THE FIRST INVESTMENT

Property with a high value today may be less valuable in a few years. Securities which look glittering now may face a depressed market tomorrow. Nevertheless, savings in the bank or in stocks, bonds or real property are splendid to have, and a certain share of everyone's savings should be so invested.

But wisdom dictates that the first investment for nine men out of ten, should be life insurance to care for their dependents, if they die