

U. S. Hesitates To Drop Relations With Moscow

Breaking of Diplomatic Relations Would Halt Flow of Valuable Information to Washington and Would Lessen Prospects of U. S. Taking Role in Peace Talks

Washington, Dec. 4—Demand for withdrawal of diplomatic recognition from Russia and recall of the American ambassador was made this afternoon by Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, frequently mentioned as a presidential possibility by the Republicans.

This is another indication that the soviet invasion of Finland will figure as an issue in the 1940 presidential campaign.

But withdrawal of American diplomatic representation from Russia would leave the United States in a virtual "blackout" in the gathering of information and reports of incalculable value to us, it was declared in official circles here today.

Furthermore, such action might materially lessen the prospects of the United States for playing a major role in any peace negotiations in the days to come.

Tactical Error

In some quarters here today, there was a tendency to consider that the Roosevelt administration had made a grave tactical error in its haste to show to Germany its annoyance of that country's military policies, through the medium of withdrawing our ambassador from Berlin.

While it cannot be said that the administration is "grieved" or "embarrassed" because of such precipitous action, nevertheless it is not going to repeat it by hurriedly recalling American Ambassadors.

sador Lawrence Steinhardt from Moscow to Washington. In matters such as this, it would appear that American foreign policy has undergone a considerable change, the most important effect being to proceed upon any course with a great deal of caution.

It was said in well informed quarters this afternoon, "We will get awful mad at Russia and Russia will get awful mad at us and then, at least for the present, there the matter will rest." It was added that any way one looks at it, Russia potentially is a good customer for the United States to cultivate. Why unnecessarily antagonize the soviet government, which is virtually the sole purchaser of imports, and let whatever trade is available drift to other lands? is a question asked here. Why take the lead in withdrawing our ambassador and thus openly inviting that country to take a like step?

Just Careful

Jones: "My wife is always asking for money. It's two dollars yesterday and five dollars today and three dollars tomorrow—always money, money, money."

Brown: "What does she do with it all?"

Jones: "I don't know — I've never given her any yet."

Anticosti island in the St. Lawrence river has been the scene of 150 shipwrecks.

The Custom of Thanksgiving Started In 1621

By J. S. HIATT

"Thanksgiving Day is an annual holiday by proclamation of the President for the District of Columbia and of governors for the various states. The custom was originated by the Pilgrims in 1621 following their first harvest. About 10 years later various colonies occasionally set aside a day for prayer and thanks until in 1680 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony it became recognized as an annual holiday. The governors of these colonies appointed the date for thanksgiving and the Continental Congress made provision for the days of thanksgiving annually during the Revolution, with the exception of 1777.

In 1779 Washington proclaimed a day for offering thanks and again in 1795. Acting upon a resolution of Congress, President Madison set aside a day for thanks after the war of 1812. In 1817 New York adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual holiday and was followed in that by many other states, so that in 1858, by proclamation, Thanksgiving Day was observed in 25 States and 2 Territories. In 1864 President Lincoln designated the last Thursday of November for Thanksgiving, as Washington had done, and since that time each President has followed the precedent by an annual proclamation."

That's Right

Student—What happens, sir, if the parachute fails to open?

Tough Sarge—You come back, sonny, and I'll give you another one.

When Panda Meets Panda



BROOKFIELD, ILL. . . . There was no warm greeting forthcoming when the new giant baby panda arrived at the Brookfield Zoo today to provide company for Mei-Mei, by now a privileged guest at the zoo. The 60-pound black and white ball of fur, last of the animal world's leading showmen permitted to leave West China, arrived in Chicago today from its native habitat as a gift to the zoo, only place in the world to have two pandas, there being only three others in captivity.

NO SUCCESSOR YET TO REV. J. P. DAVIS

No successor has yet been appointed to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Rev. J. P. Davis as pastor of the Jonesville Baptist church. Rev. Davis, who served the pastorates at both Jonesville and Boonville, resigned

to accept a call to the Spray Baptist church, which offered full time work. He left last week to begin his duties.

Mr. Davis has been a leader in the Baptist churches of the county during the nine years that he has served as pastor of these churches, and it was with deep regret that his congregations accepted his resignation.

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Kurpees Seeks Fifth District Congress Post

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the fifth district," Kurpees said. "I think Forsyth county is entitled to have the district's representative in Congress. I shall, if nominated and elected, represent all the counties of the district impartially."

Kurpees is 35 years old. He has been a resident of Forsyth county for 20 years. He was born at Germantown, in Stokes county, and resided there until he removed to Forsyth county.

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