

Americans Face Danger In Sino-Jap War Region

Secretary of State Hull Has Early Conference With President.

675 Marooned Marine Shot; Other Nations Throw Up Barricades.

Washington.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull had an early conference with President Roosevelt today regarding the situation in the Far East.

The unusual hour of the conference led capital hill to believe the president was concerned regarding the safety of American in the Tientsin war zone.

It is believed here the government may attempt to move approximately 675 American citizens from the strife-torn Peiping. Secretary Hull announced this possibility after the wounding of an American marine, demonstrating the dangers to which foreigners are exposed in the fighting between Chinese and Japanese armies.

Tientsin.—British, French and Italian troops threw up barricades early today to protect foreigners, including Americans.

President Asks Advice On Matter

Does Not Know Whether To Appoint Successor to Van Devanter Now or Not.

Newshawks who are hanging around the Presidential table for a rumormongering as to who will be appointed successor to Chief Justice Willis Van Devanter are doomed to be disappointed. The President has just gone into conference this week with Attorney General Cummings for an opinion as to whether he must appoint a successor before Congress adjourns or not.

This request, disclosed at the President's press conference, led observers to believe that Mr. Roosevelt will defer the appointment until after Congress goes home, if that is possible.

So far, Mr. Roosevelt said, no direct precedent on the question has been found although in numerous instances other government posts vacated during a session of Congress have been filled after the session ended.

He added, however, that there was some doubt whether this could be followed with the highest tribunal and therefore he asked the Attorney General for advice.

He said where administrative posts had been filled in a recess, the appointments were submitted to the Senate at the next session and he rejected the Congress, as an act of grace, had given the nominees their back salary.

At another point during the press conference, the President said there was no possibility of his making a trip to the Philippines this year.

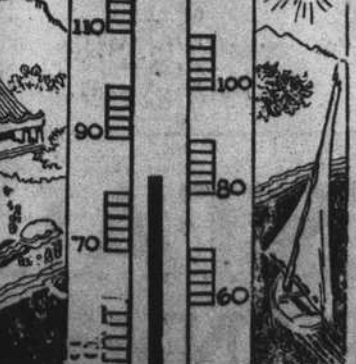
He made the statement when asked about recently revived reports that he may visit the new island commonwealth.

COLLISION OF TWO CARS S. ASHEBORO WEDNESDAY

A collision occurring at the intersection of South Fayetteville and Bulla streets Wednesday afternoon resulted in slight damage to both cars involved. Jess M. Lassiter of Asheboro, was driving south in his Ford coupe and attempted to turn into Bulla street when Paul Russell of Candor came north in a Dodge sedan.

Officers Lee Moore and E. L. Reever checked the wreck and cited both drivers for careless driving. The affair occurred about 6:00 o'clock.

The HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE LAST 24 HOURS



THE WEATHER North Carolina: Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Friday with scattered showers on the coast and in the mountains.

Matron Strangled by Her Lover After "She Asked for Death"



Mrs. Florence Jackson, 37-year-old mother of two, who was strangled with the belt of her dress in her automobile by Stanley A. Martin, Jr., a New York automobile salesman, is shown in a studio portrait with one of her children. Martin told police that he used her belt to strangle her after she asked him to kill her because their love was hopeless. He said both of them had been drinking during their ride in Queens, New York city.

\$671,800 Allotted for State Waterways, Harbors Streams

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Plans for Religious Census Complete; Will Open Sunday

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Homemade Cream Poisons Woman; 14 In Party Ill

Mrs. E. O. Bulla, Asheboro, Hastened to Hospital Here Today.

At Party Saturday

County Health Officer Says Contamination Caused Mass Illness.

Mrs. E. Otis Bulla, Asheboro, is in a serious condition in the Randolph hospital and, Mr. and Mrs. John Raye, also of this city, are confined to their home with illness which Dr. George Sumner, county health officer said was caused by eating contaminated ice cream.

The ice cream, according to the health department reports, was home-made and prepared in the home of Mrs. Raye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCanness, Pleasant Garden. The ice cream was served at a party at the McCanness home Saturday afternoon.

Fourteen guests were present all of whom Dr. Sumner reports have been, or are still, ill. According to his investigation the ice cream was made in a family freezer. While he has not completed his investigation he stated today he believed either the milk or other ingredients or the freezer itself had become contaminated in some undetermined manner. He has taken cultures from the three patients here and has forwarded them to the state laboratory in Raleigh.

Mrs. Bulla, according to information obtained late today, has been continuously ill since the Saturday gathering. She has been unable to eat and today with her condition showing no improvement she was taken to the Randolph hospital. Authorities at the hospital told The Courier that "Mrs. Bulla is still very ill."

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New Naval Aide For Roosevelt



Appointment of Capt. Walter B. Woodson, above, of Lynchburg, Va., recently chief-of-staff of the Asiatic fleet, as naval aide to President Roosevelt has been announced by the Navy department. Capt. Paul H. Bastedo, of Buffalo, N. Y., who holds the post at present, has been assigned the command of the U. S. S. Quincy.

City-Wide Union Services Planned

Committee Meeting Friday Night; Noted Preacher To Have Charge.

At a fellowship supper Monday evening, at the Baptist church the organization for the City-wide union evangelistic campaign was effected. The meeting was opened by the invocation by Rev. H. P. Powell, pastor of the First M. E. Church. A delectable supper was then served by the ladies of the Baptist church to the representatives who had assembled from the Baptist, Methodist Protestant, Friend's, Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal churches. There were about forty representatives present.

Following the supper Dr. S. W. Taylor, temporary chairman and president of the Asheboro ministerial association gave a brief outline concerning the reason for the meeting and how the idea of a union evangelistic campaign originated. He then introduced Dr. Lewis S. Gaines, pastor of the First Baptist church, Lexington, who has been secured to work with Dr. George Wood Anderson, the evangelist, as singer and director of the children's and young people's work who addressed the assembly concerning his experience and twenty-two years acquaintance with Dr. Anderson, who had just recently closed a city-wide evangelistic campaign in Lexington. He also spoke of the effectiveness of Dr. Anderson's methods and organization for city-wide campaigns since he had preached in most of the larger cities of the United States.

On completion of Dr. Gaines address, Dr. Taylor, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, was elected permanent chairman and Gerald K. Ford, director of Christian education of the First M. E. church was elected secretary. Dr. Taylor then read a letter from Dr. George Wood Anderson, outlining the plan of organization and the following committees were appointed:

Executive committee, Wiley Jones and H. C. Luther, Baptists; D. B. McCrary and W. A. Underwood, Jr., M. E.; Charlie Cross and I. M. Cooper, Friends; Earl Hendley and L. F. Ross, M. P.

Finance committee, C. C. Cranford, M. E.; J. D. Ross, M. P. (treasurer) W. F. Redding, Jr., M. P.; G. E. Shaw, Friends; W. C. Lucas, Baptist.

Publicity and Advertising Committee, G. A. King, Baptist; Henry Redding, M. E.; Cleta Rich, M. P.; Ruth Edwards, Friends.

Extension Committee, Lee M. Kearns and J. H. Hurley, M. E.; Mrs. M. T. Lambert and Erman Cor, Baptist; Earl Bulla and Miss Kate Hammer, M. P.; L. D. Cagle, and Pauline Steed, Friends. Representatives from the Presbyterian church will be added on the return of Dr. C. G. Smith to Asheboro.

Dr. Taylor was instructed to call together all committees for organization. This he is doing Friday evening, at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Protestant church.

Following the appointment of committees it was moved that a note of appreciation be sent to the ladies of the Baptist church for their services and a vote of appreciation was extended to Dr. Lewis S. Gaines. The meeting was then adjourned.

The spirit of the meeting was fine and gave much encouragement to those who are in charge of such an undertaking. It was thought by all present to be an auspicious beginning to the evangelistic campaign.

THIRD POLAR FLIGHT

San Francisco.—Soviet officials late this afternoon stated that had no information relative to the start of the third Russian north pole flight from that country to the United States. They said they believed they would have been notified had the plane left the Soviet as reported here this morning.

The Soviet nation has set up a refueling station at Fairbanks, Alaska where it is believed the plane will land prior to completing its trip to either Chicago or New York.

CONVICT SHOT

Concord.—Preston Waddell, 34-year-old convict, was fatally shot in an automobile near here early yesterday, and his 23-year old wife, Margaret, surrendered to officers who quoted her as saying her husband was accidentally killed when a pistol discharged as they struggled over it.

VICTORY REUNION IS PLANNED FOR SUNDAY

The seventh annual reunion of the Victory family will be held at Level Cross M. P. church Sunday, August 1. A basket lunch will be spread on the grounds. All who are connected with the family or interested in the gathering are invited to be present.

WPA Labor Now Cleaning County Public Schools

Work About Completed At Seagrove; Randleman Next Week.

Thirteen Employed

All Woodwork, Including Desks, Chairs and Walls Included.

A force of workmen, under direction of T. Fletcher Bulla, superintendent and the county education board are now at work cleaning and renovating the public school at Seagrove and probably next week will commence similar work at the school in Randleman.

Funds for the work were made available through a WPA project requested by Superintendent Bulla and the County Commissioners several months ago.

Thirteen persons, all residents of the county, who qualified for the work under WPA rules are now engaged in the work. All woodwork, ceilings, doorways and side walls are being cleaned and polished. School desks and other furniture are also included in the renovation plans. Superintendent Bulla anticipated the work at Seagrove would be completed this week and that the force would go to Randleman early next week.

Other schools in the county, even the recently constructed buildings will receive attention insofar as time allows up to the opening of the school term this fall.

Survey Reveals Better Business

An Improvement of Nearly 29 Percent Over Same Period Last Year is Estimate.

Survey of state cash registers for the first half of 1937 reveals an upturn of business throughout the entire south. Nine states reported an aggregate tax "take" of \$183,737,000 (in round thousands) for 1937 compared with \$142,325,000 during the similar period of 1936. This increase of more than \$41,000,000 was an improvement of nearly 29 per cent and officials were unanimous in crediting the bulk of the boost to better economic conditions.

Virginia showed the widest advance on a percentage basis, its \$14,772,000 in tax receipts for the first five months of the year representing a gain of \$5,581,000, or more than 60 per cent, over the same months of last year.

Louisiana first in bulk of increase as well as in total collections, ringing up \$47,500,000 in contrast to \$36,500,000 in 1936. Every state reported tax ante up at least \$2,000,000, Tennessee showing the narrowest advance of only about \$2,010,000 from \$14,231,000 to \$16,241,000.

In nearly every state the widest increase were noted in income taxes and in "luxury" imposts such as tobacco and liquor excises.

Figures in round thousands for other states, the total for the first half of 1936 being given first and that for 1937 second:

North Carolina, \$30,171,000—\$36,243,000; Georgia, \$14,881,000—\$19,765,000; Mississippi, \$6,801,000—\$10,213,000; South Carolina, \$10,948,000—\$13,815,000; Arkansas, \$10,265,000—\$12,515,000; Alabama, \$9,378,000—\$12,668,000.

County Board to Decide Date At Meeting Here Monday Night.

The Randolph county board of education, at a meeting Monday night will probably determine the date for resumption of school duties this fall.

Superintendent T. F. Bulla today said no definite date has been decided upon but he believes it will be either September 2 or September 9.

The fact that many families may be away on vacations until after September 1 may defer the opening date until Thursday, September 9.

The school board both in the county of Asheboro and in Randolph county have been continually at work since the term closed in spring preparing for reopening this fall. Problems concerning resignations of members of faculties and filling vacancies caused by resignations have been a major problem this year. Both boards however have about completed this work as well as replacing and enlarging the library facilities in the several schools.

Southerners May Bolt Roosevelt's New Wage And Hour Legislation

War-Time Aide Of Wilson III



Although they ordered him to spend his 79th birthday anniversary, July 26, in bed, physicians said the condition of Col. Edward Mandell House, above, was not serious. The war-time adviser of President Roosevelt is suffering from neuritis.

Mrs. O. W. Vestal Funeral Thursday

Well Known Resident Of Asheboro Star Route Died Tuesday.

Funeral services for Mrs. O. W. Vestal, 65, who died at her home, Asheboro Star route, Tuesday evening, were conducted at the Flag Spring Methodist Protestant church this afternoon. The Rev. E. L. Hill officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Vestal is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. C. Burrows, Randleman and Mrs. E. C. Hughes, Asheboro; three sons, Carl Vestal, Brown Summit and Causey Vestal, Asheboro. Twenty-one grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

Charles Moffitt Fatally Burned

Funeral of Former Resident Of Asheboro Here Saturday.

Funeral services for Charles Moffitt, 26, son of the late O. H. Moffitt and Mrs. Moffitt of Asheboro will take place in the Central Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. S. W. Taylor will officiate.

Charles Moffitt died in Forth Worth, Texas, Tuesday night after being severely burned in an explosion of an oil truck he was operating in his oil business. The body will reach Asheboro tomorrow afternoon.

Surviving, in addition to his mother are the following named sisters and brothers: Mrs. P. V. Freeman, Mrs. Worth Bonkemeyer and Miss Lucy Moffitt; Jack and J. D. Moffitt, all of Asheboro and Vernon Moffitt of Fort Worth.

Fall School Term May Open Either September 2 or 9

State's First Old Age Check Mailed

Durham Woman Receives \$10 A Month; Got 50 Cents A Day.

Raleigh, July 29.—The honor of receiving the first old age assistance check in connection with North Carolina's new social security program, goes to Mrs. Betty Sorrell Adams, of 307 North Maple street, Durham.

A check for \$10 for the month of July was sent to Mrs. Adams, a 71-year-old native of Cary, and she will receive a similar amount each month. Her application for benefits stated that her income amounted to only 50 cents a week, which she received for sewing.

J. A. Stewart, auditor for the public assistance division of the state board of charities and public welfare, prepared the check on special machinery installed for that purpose. Stewart said Durham county was the first to send in certified applications.

House Committee Approves Hours

South Carolina Business In Capital To Fight Proposals.

Harrison Approves

North Carolina Senator Says Measure Will Encourage Strikes.

Washington.—Southern Representatives and Senators, backed by North and South Carolina industry yesterday threatened to bolt the administration and oppose passage of the Black-Connery Wage and Hour bill.

In addition to southern Democrats Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan and Senator Bailey of North Carolina joined hands in bringing up big guns to oppose passage of the measure. The bill however, is apparently headed for passage the latter part of this week or early next week.

South Carolina sent a group of business men and industrialists to Washington to bolster up the courage of that state's representatives and senators in renewing the fight against the bill which they said would ruin industry in the south.

A labor leader turned legislator succeeded in writing into the wage-hour bill today a provision permitting a board to fix minimum wages as high as 70 cents an hour and a maximum work week as short as 35 hours.

The House labor committee approved the provision, which members said had been prepared by Representative Wood, Democrat of Missouri, long-time president of the Missouri State Federation of Labor.

The proposal is a major change from the wage-hour bill as it is now being debated in the Senate. Under the latter measure the administrative board could not compel payment of more than 40 cents an hour, and could not reduce the work week below 40 hours.

The Senate, debating its own form of wage-hour bill, heard Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, object that it would give an administrative board "life or death" authority over industry.

Strait-Jacket Warning colleagues that "the American system of industry may be at stake," Vandenberg said the bill involves "power over price fixing...power over the very creation and existence of jobs."

The legislation, he continued, might place industry in a "strait-jacket," when its pressing need is for "a period of adjustment" to the Wagner labor law.

Senator Harrison, Democrat of Mississippi, offered an amendment to decentralize administration of the law. It would require the board before fixing wage and hour standards to ask State Governors to set up advisory boards composed of representatives of employers, employees and the public.

In letters to constituents Senator Bailey is explaining his reasons for opposing the bill. One such letter reads:

"I do not like to disappoint my friends and constituents. However, I have given careful consideration to the proposed wage and hour bill and I am submitting to you my views as follows:

"I cannot support the wage and hour bill. I believe its consequences in North Carolina will not be good. It puts the control of industries under five men. I am unwilling to do this.

"It encourages strikes. I do not wish to encourage strikes. It will encourage professional strike agitators. I do not wish to encourage them.

"It will make it difficult for sawmills to operate, and thus cut off our timber from markets. This will adversely affect the farmers as well as sawmill men."

Bette Davis, Star Of Screen, Sinks

Santa Barbara, Calif.—Bette Davis, blonde screen star, took a turn for the worse here this afternoon following a sunstroke. Miss Davis' parents, who reside in Boston, Mass., were advised by the actress' physicians to hasten to their daughter's west coast home.

Up to a late hour this afternoon, Miss Davis was believed to be gaining but a sudden relapse caused the message to be sent to her parents.