

Chamberlain Deposes British War Minister

Hore Belisha Replaced by Oliver Stanley, After Reported Conflicts with Associates Over Policies

Sir John Reith Named Minister of Information as Lord MacMillan is Removed in Departmental Shakeup

CENSOR CRITICIZED

Prime Minister Chamberlain replaced War Minister Hore Belisha yesterday with Oliver Stanley, president of the Board of Trade.

Sir John Reith was named as Minister of Information to replace Lord MacMillan.

Hore Belisha was reported to have been in conflict with the air ministry and with Lord Gort, head of the British expeditionary forces, over matters of policy.

Lord MacMillan had been criticized by newspaper publishers for his methods in censoring information. Sir John Reith, an official of the British Broadcasting Corporation, has had newspaper experience.

BRITAIN AIDING FINNS

Reports from London stated that Great Britain was sending arms to Sweden and was aiding Finland in the war against Russia.

WHAT TO DO AND SEE

Today

Putting tournament for ladies this afternoon at Pinehurst Country Club. All invited.

Tim Whistles tournament today, medal play, best ball of pair.

Silver Foils tournament continued today.

Keno at The Carolina tonight.

AT THE THEATRES

Southern Pines

Tonight at 8:15, matinee at 3:00, "What A Life," with Jackie Cooper and Betty Field. Also the Blue Danes Overture with the National Philharmonic orchestra.

Aberdeen Theatre

Tonight at 7:00 and 9:00, matinee at 3:00, "Days of Jesse James."

WEATHER

Fair and slightly colder Saturday. Sunday, increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold.

ROARING NOISES WITH SOUTH CAROLINA QUAKE

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 5.—Two earth tremors, neither doing any damage, but accompanied by heavy rumbling noises, were felt this morning in Summerville.

Hugh Hamilton, town clerk, said that the tremors occurred about 8:45 a. m. The first lasted about 30 seconds, and the second, coming about two minutes later, lasted about half that time.

He described the tremors as minor, but accompanied by a "heavy roaring noise."

ACTION LIKE THIS TOMORROW



PINEHURST SCOREBOARD

by ROBERT E. HARLOW

Custom is a peculiar thing. Nothing is thought when thousands of people pack grandstands to witness big league baseball, pro football teams, turf classics etc., but it would be considered odd to suggest that sometime there will be a national professional polo league, composed of metropolitan cities, which will play to tremendous crowds.

Polo is a thrilling game which lends itself easily to promotion. The billboards which could be made to promote interest in polo would surpass in glamorous sporting art anything which up to now has been presented to arouse public interest and attendance at athletic contests.

Which brings us back to the immediate polo situation here in Pinehurst. Earl Shaw and Merrill Fink, who have had wide experience in promoting competitive polo, in training ponies and in instructing players, are going to hold a series of exhibition polo matches in Pinehurst during the season.

The first match will be played tomorrow, Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 p. m. Later a schedule will be arranged, and in April a tournament will complete the program.

It will be seven years since there has been any organized polo in Pinehurst, and a revival of the sport here on a successful basis would mean a great deal to this community. There are excellent fields here and the background of pines and scrub oaks sets off the action of ponies and players.

It was only a few years ago that polo games were attended only by friends of the competitors, but the movement to make it a popular sport is under way and gaining in popularity. A great deal of polo is played today in the cities of this country, but aside from the International matches, America vs Great Britain, no units have gained wide national recognition.

Ten years ago professional football was making a start. Many said it could not make progress against the competition of college football, but this fall pro teams filled the Yankee stadium, and competent critics maintain that aside from those with sentimental attachments to a campus, the pros gave a better show than the students.

Professional football is now established, and league franchises in the metropolitan centers are worth what the sporting writers call "important money."

There is a similar future in professional polo, or better still, in open polo, because the public cares not a whit if the man making a daring ride down the field is an amateur player or a professional. Talent, in the long run, is what draws crowds.

Polo is the most ancient of games played with a stick and a ball. The name is derived from Tibetan pulu. The earliest records of the game are Persian. From Persia it spread to Constantinople eastwards through Turkestan to Tibet, China and Japan. Polo flourished in India in the 16th century. For 200 years records of the game became lost. It was next introduced in India in 1863, and in 1869 was brought to England. In 1871 the first match was played at Hounslow Heath, England, with eight players on a side.

In 1886 an English team came to America and won the Westchester Cup. American horse lovers took to the sport and developed from the small horse of a decade ago a fine tough, good-humored and intelligent fellow of 15 or 16 hands. The polo pony in America

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Steeplechase Meeting Is Set For March 16th

Date of Sandhills Racing Fixed by National Association at Annual Meeting In New York

WILFRED WEHRLE'S 67 TOPS GOLF FIELD IN LOS ANGELES OPEN

Chicago Amateur Three Under Par in Opening Round; Harrison and Hines Tally 68 Each

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—Wilfred Wehrle, an amateur from Chicago, outshot the best professional talent today in the first round of the Los Angeles open when he scored a 67.

Playing over the same tough course of the Los Angeles Country Club where he won the Western amateur title in 1937, Wehrle put together a 34-33-67 to beat the par of 70, and goes into the second round with a one stroke lead over Dutch Harrison, Little Rock, and Jimmy Hines, New York.

Byron Nelson, national open champion and Marvin Ward, national amateur champion, were among those to score equal par of 70. Olin Dutra, Alvin Kruger, Jimmy Demarest and Ralph Guldahl were in this group.

Eleven players scored 71, including Stanley Horne, Clayton Heafner, Victor Ghezzi, Craig Wood and Ben Hogan.

SINGMASTER, ENVOY FOR AUTHOR HINES, VISITS PINE NEEDLES

Gastronomic Ambassador and Wife Make Stop on Way Farther South; Adventures Recorded in Travelogues

In pursuit of his delightful avocation as unofficial ambassador for Duncan Hines, the now famous author of Adventures in Good Eating, E. H. Singmaster and his charming wife have been visiting at the Pine Needles on their way to the far South.

Keen, humorous and strangely enough with a waistline that anyone over 40 might envy, Mr. Singmaster, self styled nomad, was bubbling with enthusiasm over his many adventures and discoveries. Listening to him for half an hour is to acquire a vicarious gastronomic jag.

It was a natural sequence of events, that after picking up Duncan Hines' book for the first time in a tea room in Atlanta, a correspondence should spring up between these kindred souls, culminating in a visit by Mr. Hines to the Singmaster home in Philadelphia.

As Mr. Singmaster's business carries him constantly over the wide area from Scranton, Pa. to Baton Rouge, La., it was speedily agreed that he should spend his

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Local Event Will be First on 1940 Calendar with Aiken Next on March 23

CAMDEN MARCH 30

The Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association meeting will be held on the Midland Road course between Southern Pines and Pinehurst Saturday, March 16, it was announced by the National Steeplechase and Hunt association at its annual meeting held in New York Thursday. The Sandhills event will be the first on the 1940 steeplechase calendar.

Following are the dates approved for the other Spring Hunt Meetings:

Aiken Mile Track Association, Aiken, S. C., March 23.

Carolina Cup, Camden, S. C., March 30.

Deep Run Hunt Club, Richmond, Va., April 6.

Middleburg Hunt Race Association, Middleburg, Va., April 13.

My Lady's Manor Point to Point, Monkton, Md., April 13.

Grand National Point to Point, Hereford, Md., April 20.

Maryland Hunt Cup Association, Glyndon, Md., April 27.

Whitemarsh Valley Hunt Club, Broad Axe, Pa., May 4.

Virginia Gold Cup Association, Warrenton, Va., May 4.

The National Association and the board of stewards of the organization held their annual meetings and elected officers, issued licenses to trainers and approved the spring dates covering meetings to be held in the South.

Henry W. Bull again was elected president of the association and F. S. von Stade was re-elected

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Miss Louise Fordyce Southern Pines Visitor

Miss Louise Fordyce, Youngstown, Ohio, for years one of the leading women golfers of her home state and in the national field, arrived yesterday morning at the Highland Pines Inn for an indefinite stay.

She has played in numerous Pinehurst and Southern Pines tournaments, and has garnered many honors in her links campaign.

MERCURY HITS ZERO IN DOZEN STATES

A wave of zero and below temperatures was sweeping from the midwest to the North Atlantic last night causing under zero to be registered in a dozen states between the Rocky Mountains and Ohio. Cities in North Dakota reported as low as minus 25. Ohio experienced the coldest day since 1936. Colder weather was forecast for the South with freezing temperatures expected to extend to the Gulf Coast.