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The extent of American participation in world affairs comes up for renewed discussion following Secretary of State Hull's address last week in which he urged the nations of the world to adopt a program of economic reconstruction and the restoration of order and law.

American concern with the affairs of other nations is not entirely altruistic. There is the feeling that this country cannot afford to stand aloof and permit other powers to direct events. This would leave to the United States no function except to follow the course set by foreigners.

Lamentable State.

The state of world affairs is indeed lamentable. In Spain, in China and in Central Europe are pressing issues which may involve a general war. The tension in these areas has been created by the aggressive conduct of Italy, Japan and Germany. These three nations have adopted war as an instrument of national policy, they have organized their entire internal economy for the purpose of waging war and they have evidenced a complete disregard of the rights of other peoples.

As Secretary Hull points out, the world is becoming "smaller and smaller" and "it will soon no longer be possible for some nations to choose and follow the way of force and for other nations, at the same time, to choose and follow the way of reason. All will have to go in one direction and by one way."

Disarmament Fails

The force of this observation is clearly apparent when we consider naval affairs. For years following the World War, the United States took the lead in advocating disarmament. The program collapsed when Japan refused to follow. Previously, it had been weakened by the development of aerial fleets of great force and striking power and by the growth of military and naval strength among the dissatisfied nations.

It is apparent to anyone familiar with world affairs that there is nothing like international law in existence. Stronger powers do not hesitate to invade weaker states, to undermine existing governments or to interfere with the internal affairs of other powers. Treaty obligations are disregarded with impunity, the action of certain nations are restrained only by their calculation of the possible forces to be used against them, and, in their military campaigns, no humanitarian rules curb the use of force to strike down, in barbaric callousness, non-combatant populations, including women, children and helpless old people.

Power Politics Gain

It should be fairly obvious to the people of the United States that if the tactics of Germany, Italy and Japan become firmly established through success, the future will witness the use of similar tactics by all powers, even if they are adopted only as a matter of self-defense. It requires little imagination to picture the world in a state of chaos, with peace depending upon the whim of stronger nations and with no principles to be followed except those that derive their strength from the mailed fist.

Threaten New World

The sentiment for isolation in the United States depends for its strength very largely upon the oceans which separate this hemisphere from the aggressive nations. In the final analysis, however, nothing protects the continents of the New World except the fact that Germany, Italy and Japan have pressing problems at home. If they successfully accomplish their purposes in their immediate areas, it is a safe bet that their attention, either individually or in combination, will be turned to the South American Continent. When this develops, the only force that will restrain their invasion will be the fighting power of the fleet of the United States, together with such minor assistance as the South American nations can furnish.

Whether the address of Secretary Hull is in the nature of a feeler to sound out American public opinion, or the forerunner of some positive action by this nation to make a stand for law and order in international affairs, remains to be seen. Certainly, it was a logical and intelligent presentation and an able description of conditions that exist in the world today.

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Sparta H. S. will open on September 5

—according to a recent announcement made by C. R. Roe, principal, Thursday, September 1, had been set

as a tentative date for the opening, but it was later decided to postpone the opening date until the 5th as it is expected that the concrete walks now under construction on the school grounds can be completed by that time.

The faculty will be the same as last year, with one exception in the high school. It is hoped that a Home Economics teacher can be obtained to fill this vacancy.

The mechanic is busy repairing the school buses, to have them in readiness for the opening of school. Eight buses will be operated again this year, with the following drivers: Burton McCann, Bryan Taylor, Arnold Jones, Lonnie Reeves, L. C. Cox, Roe Dickens, Clell Caudill and Paul Richardson.

Laurel Springs school, as well as most of the other schools in the county, is also expected to open on September 5.

America will render assistance to Canada

—in case of need, President Roosevelt said Thursday, August 18, at the dedication of the new \$3,000,000

Thousand Islands bridge that links Ivy Lea, Ont., and Collins Landing, N. Y. The chief executives of Canada and the United States placed the two nations, before the world as an example of friendship which the people of both nations are determined to preserve and defend against any onslaught.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, receiving an honorary degree from ancient Queens University, told an audience of thousands of applauding Canadians:

"The Dominion of Canada is part of the sisterhood of the British Empire. I give to you assurance that the people of the United States will not stand idly by if domination of Canadian soil is threatened by any other empire."

"I think I speak the mind of both countries when I say that not only are we determined to preserve the neighborly relations and the free ways of life which are our priceless heritage, but that we earnestly wish to see them become a part of the common heritage of mankind. x x x "It is a joy to me to be able to join with the president in drawing to the attention of the citizens of other lands, as well as our own, the wide significance of today's proceedings."

Prime Minister King and Lieutenant Governor Albert Mathews of Ontario met Mr. Roosevelt at his special train and rode with him in an open car through lines of applauding spectators to Queens University.

There, President Roosevelt recalled to his listeners that a Brazilian audience had cheered when he "included the Dominion of Canada in the fellowship of the Americas."

The president expressed the hope that Canada and the United States could contribute to world peace. But if this hope does not materialize, he added, "we can assure each other that this hemisphere at least shall remain a strong citadel where civilization can flourish unimpeded."

Senator Minton, of Ind., may be named to the Supreme court

—by President Roosevelt. His name received mention anew Sunday in speculation over the president's probable choice to succeed the late Justice Benjamin Cardozo on the supreme court.

Some persons highly placed in the capital expressed the opinion that Minton had the "inside track" for the appointment, although they conceded some factors might weigh against his chances.

The Young Women's circle met on Thursday night

—August 18, at the home of Mrs. Graham Myers, with Miss Lillie Ervin as hostess.

Miss Marie Perry, the president presided, and also led the program, on "Service." Those taking part on the program were Misses Florence Warren and Jean McMillan and Mrs. P. H. Tompkins, Jr.

The hostess served delicious refreshments at the close of the program.

The September meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. P. H. Tompkins, Jr.

Eight pouches of first-class mail were destroyed

—recently in the rear compartment of the truck in which it was being transported, bound for New Bern

and vicinity. An undetermined number of parcel post packages were also destroyed. The truck was driven by Thurman Bennett, New Bern, formerly of Sparta, Mr. Bennett hauls the mail between New Bern and Wilmington.

The remainder of the mail, comprising approximately eight pouches and parcel post packages, were turned over to Robert Mattox, Maysville postmaster, on instructions from postal inspectors at New Bern and Wilmington. Letters and packages not damaged were to be dispatched from Maysville.

Mr. Bennett said he did not know whether the loss contained any registered mail.

He discovered the blaze as he stopped in front of the Maysville post office about 3:10 p. m., en route to New Bern from Wilmington. The fire was burning from the bottom of the truck upward through the stack of mail pouches, and Mr. Bennett hastily removed the blazing load. He sustained a burned right hand in saving the mail.

The fire, he believed, could have started from a live spark getting in the rear compartment as he drove by the Jacksonville post office, where trash and leaves were being burned. Mail was added to the load there and could have been placed atop the live spark, which was fanned into a blaze during the 16-mile trip from Jacksonville to Maysville.

It was the first incident that has occurred to the U. S. mail on the star route for a number of years. The New Bernian has had the star route contract for two years, and "I wouldn't have had anything happen to it for any thing," he said last night. "I've taken as good a care of it as I would a baby. Why, I've even wrapped it up when it has rained."

Glade Valley H. S. will begin its 28th annual term

—on Tuesday, August 30. E. B. Eldridge, superintendent, reported recently that many new applications have

been received and that a full enrollment for the opening is expected.

A friend of the school in New York recently donated a set of books for the Home Economics department, and a few additional books have been added to the library. The school has a library of more than 2,600 volumes.

The faculty for the 1938-39 term will be as follows: Rev. C. W. Ervin, principal and teacher of History and Bible; Dan D. Rhodes, English; Miss Annie Belle Corry, Mathematics and French; Miss Lillian Cooper, Home Economics and Science; Mrs. Ellen Guerrant, Music and Dean of Girls, and Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, Dietitian.

Mr. Rhodes will be the only new faculty member. He is a graduate of Davidson college, being a member of the class of '38, and is highly recommended by the Davidson faculty as having been an outstanding student of the college.

New Heat Wave Drives 'em In



SPRING LAKE, N. J. . . New heat wave drives bathing beautifuls back into the Atlantic. Anxious for a cooling "dunk" at Allaire Beach (and the last one in is a something or other) are (l-r) Barbara McClees, Charlotte Mount, Betty Sauta and Jean McEvoy leaping off the boardwalk.

Nearly 100 contestants were entered

—in the various events held at the Old Fiddlers convention Friday and Saturday nights in Felts park,

Galax, sponsored by the Galax Moose lodge and the Parent-Teachers association. During the convention, contests in Dulcimer, Folk Song, Tap Dance, Guitar, Banjo, Violin and Flat-foot dance were held, in addition to a contest between various bands, included in which were violin, guitar, banjo, etc.

The grandstand was filled both nights, and many other persons were present.

It was estimated that the attendance Friday night, when the crowd was the greatest of the convention, was approximately 3,000. The highlight of the program Friday night was the public wedding staged in front of the grandstand, when Miss Edna Hundley, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hundley, Austinville, became the bride of Gordon New, 19, son of Mrs. Lura New Sexton, Galax.

Rev. A. C. Meadows, pastor of the Galax Christian church, performed the marriage ceremony in which B. D. Beamer, mayor of Galax, gave the bride away.

Following the wedding, 87 of the musicians entered in the contests, vied for honors on violins, guitars, banjos and other instruments.

The bride was clad in white satin while her attendants wore pastel colors. Bearing the ring was five-year-old Jimmie Bowie. Little Miss Doris Grimsley bore the bride's train while flower girls were Betsy Bowie and Nancy Jane Jett.

The Moose Melody Boys, Galax string band, played the wedding march.

Miss Eleanor Hale, Galax, was maid of honor and Mrs. R. A. Anderson, also of Galax, was matron of honor.

Dr. R. C. Bowie, Galax, acted as master of ceremonies during the convention, although various members of the Moose lodge announced for most of the individual contests. Dr. Bowie is dictator of the Galax Moose lodge and president of the Virginia Moose association.

Age was no obstacle in the way of the dancing feet of C. W. Spencer, 76, and S. L. Henderson, 67, of Rugby, both of whom lightly jiggled in "flatfoot" dance. A loving cup offered the best all-around musician in the show was awarded Arthur Wooten, Sparta.

Prizes were awarded in the various contests as follows: Dulcimer—Raymond Melton, Woodlawn, 1st, and Jake Melton, Woodlawn, 2nd. Folk Song—Clinton and Whitt Lowe, Galax Route 2, 1st, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ball, Rugby, 2nd.

Tap Dance—Jean Williams (awarded prize of 3.00, being only contestant). Guitar—Ray Hawks, Gary, W. Va., 1st; Oscar Jarrell, Mount Airy, N. C., 2nd; William Shelor, Meadows of Dan, 3rd, and E. C. Ball, Rugby, 4th.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

METHODIST EDITOR KILLED

Amelia, Va., Aug. 17.—Dr. J. M. Rowland, 58, widely-known Methodist editor, author and minister, was killed in an automobile accident near here this afternoon. Mrs. Rowland and her mother, Mrs. D. T. Lewis, of Asheboro, N. C., were seriously injured, and were taken to a hospital in Richmond.

HUGO BLACK IN PULASKI

Pulaski, Va., Aug. 18.—Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black, of Birmingham, Ala., and his two sons spent last night at Maple Shade Inn enroute home from Washington.

The soft-spoken Alabamian, who took his seat after his opponents had hurled Ku Klux Klan charges at him, was immaculately dressed and appeared to be a man of no more than 40 years of age although he is really 52.

LINDBERGH VISIT MOSCOW

Moscow, Aug. 18.—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh watched Muscovites at play tonight. The American couple paid an after-dinner visit to Gorky Park of Culture and Rest where they watched a performance of the ballet, "The Prisoner of Caucasus," in the picturesque "Green theatre."

FRANCO SCRAPS PLAN

London, Aug. 22.—Insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco today scrapped Britain's plan for getting foreign fighters out of Spain.

In a suave diplomatic note, the insurgent leader "accepted" the withdrawal plan proposed through the European non-intervention committee and then qualified it apparently to death.

N. Y. CONVENTION ENDS

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 19.—A five-months convention to revise the basic law in President Roosevelt's home state wound up tonight with 57 proposed constitutional changes, including a "bill of rights" for labor and what opponents of the new deal term a "curb" on governmental bureaucracy.

BANDITS ARE CAUGHT

Dallas, Tex. Aug. 21.—Floyd Hamilton and Ted Walters, Texas gunmen hunted for four months by State and Federal officers, were captured today without a show of resistance.

CORRIGAN TO VISIT VA.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 22.—Douglas Corrigan will arrive in Norfolk Aug. 30.

Definite assurance of the visit by the New York to Dublin "wrong way" flier was received today by Francis E. Turin, manager of the Norfolk advertising board, in a telegram from Walter V. Reich of Garden City, Long Island, Corrigan's secretary.

MARY ASTOR INJURED

Santa Monica, Calif., Aug. 23.—Mary Astor, screen actress, was thrown from her horse today as it shied at an automobile and suffered back injuries her physician said would keep her in a hospital two or three days. She struck a concrete floor. X-rays showed no broken bones.

A proposed water and sewer bond issue for Sparta was discussed Monday night

at a meeting in the Court house. An election will be held Sept. 6

—in which citizens of the town may vote for or against the bond issue. A number of the citizens and voters attended the meeting Monday night,

and the feasibility of the proposed bond issue for the construction of a water and sewer system for the town was fully discussed. Town Council has passed a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$40,000 worth of municipal bonds for this purpose and has called the election for Tuesday, September 6.

Vaughan Furniture plant at Galax is humming

—with activity as a result of the return to work at noon Monday of many of the workers who had been on strike since July 14, as well as new men.

A number of the new men obtained cards from the office Monday but did not go to work until yesterday, in order that they might see whether there were available jobs for them.

Approximately 125 to 150 men were at work Monday afternoon.

In an interview with a representative of the TIMES Monday afternoon, Taylor G. Vaughan, president of the company, said: "Naturally, I am glad to see the men returning to work, and it will be our policy that no worker who has taken part in the strike will be discriminated against in any way." In answer to a question as to whether or not the company would continue liquidation, Mr. Vaughan said "That is a matter for the directors to decide, but in so far as I am concerned, I hope that business will be so that we can continue operation, and I would like to continue the operation of the factory as long as I live."

According to reliable sources of information, there was no disorder of any kind when the men went to work.

It is understood that the men went back to work at the wage reduction which the strikers protested when they went on strike July 14.

Frank Hawks, the famous speed flier, was killed

—Tuesday night, along with a socialite companion, in a flaming plane crash less than a year after he had

given up the speed flying which made him famous and had taken up "safety and comfort" flying.

Hawks, who for years escaped death in daring speed exploits, lost his life in the crash of a small safety plane which he said he had rather fly than any other. The crash occurred at East Aurora, N. Y.

He died in a hospital in Buffalo, 15 miles away, soon after he had been dragged from the burning wreckage of his ship.

J. Hazard Campbell, of East Aurora, a stock broker who was taking a demonstration ride in the plane, died in the same hospital from his injuries later in the night. Campbell was a brother-in-law of Seymour Knox, internationally known polo star.

The "Gwinn aircar" in which the two men were flying tripped across a group of electric and telephone wires and plunged into a field a short distance from this village.

A native of Marshalltown, Ia., Hawks won renown in Feb. 1929, when he and a mechanic flew non-stop from Los Angeles to New York in 18 hours, 21 minutes for a new transcontinental record.

Hawks entered the United States air service in 1917, during the World War and served as instructor until March, 1919. He ranked as lieutenant commander in the navy reserve air force.

ROCK CREEK SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON AUGUST 29

—for the 1938-39 term, according to a recent announcement made by the principal, G. O. Edwards.

Anyone who desires to vote in the election should register on or before Saturday, August 27, since the registration books will close on that date. Anyone who has been a citizen of Sparta for more than four months, and can meet the requirements governing a voter in any general election in North Carolina, is entitled to register and vote in the bond election.

An application has been made to the Federal government for a loan and grant in the sum of \$50,000.00, under the PWA set-up, to finance the water project. The government proposes to grant, or give, to the town forty-five cents on every dollar this project costs, and further proposes to purchase the bonds, to be issued at an interest rate of four per cent. It is estimated that the actual cost to the town of Sparta would be \$22,000 to \$24,000, with the balance paid by the government. It was thought by some at the meeting that, if the water system was installed and a minimum charge of \$1.50 per month was made for the use of the water, enough revenue from this source would be realized to pay for the system, with but little, if any, tax levy for that purpose. The bonds would be paid in yearly installments of \$1,000, beginning three years from the completion of the project.

There was a further proposal that a sewer system be installed, at an estimated cost of \$45,000, 70 per cent of which would be labor furnished by the Federal government under the WPA, leaving a balance of from \$12,000 to \$14,000 for material, to be furnished by the town. It is proposed that this sum be raised by the issuance of bonds under the resolution, with the sanction of a majority of the voters who vote in the election. The government further proposes to give toward purchasing the material five dollars per man month used in the construction of this system, which means that, if the estimate requires 100 men 10 months to (turn to page eight, please)

Plans are nearly complete for the road celebration —to be held at the Doughton bridge across New river, about eight miles north of Sparta, and at Wytheville, Va., on Monday, September 5 (Labor Day). The celebration in the Wythe county seat town will be held at Wytheville stadium. At the bridge, a young Grayson county woman will unveil a marker, which will be placed on the bridge.

The events will celebrate the completion of the last uncompleted link in Route 21, of the Lakes-to-Florida highway. This link extends from Independence to Wytheville. Governor James H. Price, of Virginia, and Governor Clyde R. Hoey, of North Carolina, have both expressed an intention to be present, and it is expected that Governor Homer A. Holt, of West Virginia, will also be present.

Plans for the celebration are under the auspices of the Wythe-Grayson Park-to-Park Highway association, of which Dr. B. A. Wagoner, Wytheville, is president, and the Lakes-to-Florida Highway association, of which R. P. Johnson, Wytheville, is president.

The Beaver high school band, of Bluefield, W. Va., will furnish music for the celebration at Wytheville.