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HULL REACHES CHIEF GOAL IN TRADE PACTS

U. S. Signs Treaties Today With Biggest Customers, England And Canada

SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS

But Agreement Is Seen As Long Step Toward Freer World Commerce

By Lyle C. Wilson
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. — The United States signs potentially important trade agreements today with on the biggest customers—the United Kingdom and Canada.

Chancellor Prime Minister Mackenzie King will sign the pacts in behalf of a persons agreement with the United States.

But the Ronald Lindsay, British ambassador, will put his name to an Anglo-American trade pact formally ringing the world's two greatest trading nations in an effort to erase trade barriers, clear global trade channels and bolster international confidence against economic totalitarianism.

Triumph For Hull

The treaty with Great Britain is a triumph for secretary of State Hull, who single-handed, sold the idea first as a conception, later as a policy then set a course leading ultimately to agreement with the United Kingdom. His successor will represent the United States today.

With signature of the Anglo-American pact, the United States will have 18 such agreements with nations accounting for 40 per cent of our national trade.

The reciprocal trade program has been praised and condemned and some persons who analyzed of its failure. Republican Senator Capper says that our trade with agreement nations increased 88.2 per cent in the fiscal year 1938 over 1934, the 20 agreed average while trade with non-agreement countries was increasing only 47.7 per cent.

Some Disappointments

Scope of agreement may be disappointing in some respects. The United States sought, in the treaties, big reductions concessions on pork, lard, grains and fruits, including dried fruit. Great Britain and Canada sought extremely valuable concessions on their wheats and coal, but British dollar operations will result in extensive market possibilities.

There are substantial indications that the agreements fail far short of all those sought by Secretary Hull. But the agreement, nevertheless, is broader than any of the previous 18 agreements.

'Candy' Gives Stomach Ache To Whole Town

By United Press

BRISTOL, Tenn., Nov. 17.—This town had a big stomach ache today because a train struck a truck at a crossing.

Hundreds of residents salvaged the truck's cargo of "candy" bars. Shortly thereafter doctors were swamped with urgent calls.

The "sour notes" were chocolate coated laxatives.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

Hague Warns Court Order May Cause Riot

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 17.—Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City, N. J., told the U. S. District Court at Camden today that an injunction issued by Federal Judge William H. Clark prohibiting enforcement of a city ordinance might result in "disorder, riot and bloodshed."

Society Girl Kills Herself After Seeing Movie

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 17.—A pretty Springfield society girl committed suicide with poison today a few hours after seeing a movie in which a girl attempts suicide but is revived. Miss Elizabeth B. Dorr, 22, blond daughter of an investment broker, had been dead about 10 hours, doctors estimated, when she was found on the floor of the family garage.

Hopkins Wants Civil Service For WPA Workers

By United Press

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—A new interpretation of Works Progress Administration policies by Administrator Harry L. Hopkins disclosed today that he hopes to put WPA workers under civil service and below them, with a "sense of dignity" so that they will be "proud to work for the Government, and not afraid to tell their neighbors about it."

AAA Renews Drive For Farm Quota Support

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The Administration renewed a vigorous campaign in the South today to enlist farm support for enforcing quota referendums on cotton and tobacco. Officials of the Department of Agriculture officials warned that unfavorable votes on these commodities would reactivate already threatening demands for display changes in the agricultural adjustment act.

High Court Denies Convicted Slayer's Plea

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The Supreme Court today refused to intervene in the case of James Dalhover, Middle Western desperado, under sentence to die in the electric chair at Michigan City, Ind., tonight. The court denied the petition for a rehearing and rejected an appeal for an order staying execution.

Princess Born To Egypt's Young Queen

By United Press

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 17.—Queen Farida, bride of young King Farouk, gave birth to a daughter today, the first child of the royal couple.

Three Ship Survivors Rescued By Coast Guard

By United Press

BOSTON, Nov. 17.—Three survivors and the body of the skipper of the 62-foot New Bedford fishing trawler Valencia were rescued from the Nantucket lightship by the Coast Guard cutter Ossipee boat Thetis today. The 46-foot Valencia sank Tuesday and the three crewmembers with the body of their captain at their feet rowed their boat for 36 hours in freezing temperatures before being sighted and picked up by the lightship crew.

Calling All Fans—For Southern-Howard Battle

Calling all fans! Drop everything and come out to Legion Field Saturday for the second "Battle of the Sheiks!" There's the ivy tower from the Hilltop to East Lake to the supporters of both Birmingham-Southern, everything their vocal organs. You can't hear them in this photo, but you will Saturday.

and and the amazed gridiron fans. Above are Josephine Key, left, and Mildred Jo Wiggins, two of the clean bodies at Birmingham-Southern, in this photo, but you will Saturday.

—Staff Photo.

FOUR CHOSEN IN WELFARE STUDY

Board Members Will Work With Legislators In Financial Round-Up

E. Dorsey Thompson, chairman of the board of directors of the Jefferson County Department of Public Welfare, today announced appointment of four members of the board to work with a committee of the State Legislature delegation in studying the relief situation here.

Those appointed are Raymond E. Thompson, H. P. Lipscomb, Alton P. Swearne and Mrs. Mabel Jones Weil.

Hugh Ike, Jones A. Simpson, who announced Monday night that he would name three members of the legislative delegation to make the study after the DPW board named its committee was not of the opinion today. It was reported he will name the legislative committee at a meeting next Monday night, it said before.

To Determine Changes

Purpose of the study, Mr. Thompson said, is to determine the legislators of DPW's need for additional funds, to devise means of providing such funds and to determine what changes, if any, are needed in the state welfare laws.

Mr. Thompson, who requested the investigation said at the time that he expects the study not only to establish in the minds of the legislators the "dire need" for more relief money but also to convince them that Mrs. Ruth Edwards, DPW director, and her staff are doing "an excellent job" administering relief, contrary to charges buried by critics of DPW.

Trustee Decided

At the hearing before the legislative delegation Monday night Mrs. Weil, differing sharply with her fellow members on the DPW board, declared that relief is "handled/mismanaged by the agency and is "bogged down with red tape."

The board decided at a meeting yesterday, Chairman Thompson said, to transfer the distribution of discretionary pensions to "one man" instead of the present board of directors in order to keep this function entirely separate from the relief program.

PARADE 'AS FINE AS EVER' DESPITE FIRE

Christmas Carnival Substitutes Santa Claus Heads, 400 Flags And Big, Brilliant Stars For Street Decorations Lost In Blaze

Officials of the Christmas Carnival Assn., although admittedly hampered by a lapping blaze which early yesterday destroyed some $2000 worth of parade decorations, declared that next week's carnival parade would be as colorful as ever staged by the carnival in past years.

Large Santa Claus heads will be substituted for the reindeer cut-outs that were to have drawn the carnival was in elaborate wired trees that were to have lined Third Ave. 20th-21st South First-as to mid-ch.

Thirty of these trees, enough to grace Third-st from First to Fifth-ave, were destroyed in the fire.

"The fire has not crippled our lighting effects system," Mr. Rhodes said. "The stars which we purchased to erect at intersections are fine but in duplicate, with globes that give a tremendous amount of light."

Carrying officials today contracted with the Works Progress Administration plan to repair the Stanley, for so much decorative equipment as can be turned out before noon next Friday, Nov. 25, the date for the parade.

Working 24 Hours A Day

The shop will construct ornamental Christmas trees and remodeled old-style on a 24-hour basis, carnival officials said.

The carnival parade is the midevent in this year's three-day celebration, set for Nov. 24-26. Other events include the Alabama-Auburn football game, Shadrak street dancing, a beauty contest and a ball at the Municipal Auditorium.

Yesterday's fire, which razed the Harden-Bradley Co. paint store and Easley, destroyed toys and Christmas decorations worth $2,000. More than $1,000 of the loss was recovered by the carnival association.

Beware Of Darkness On City Streets

Pedestrians and motorists, beware of the dark streets at night!

Only 13 days remain in the month in which four lives can be saved and Birmingham's safety record lowered to the 50 per cent mark.

Of 17 persons killed during the last two months of 1937, 14 were pedestrians—12 of them killed at night.

Blame for the massacre did not rest so much on careless drivers as hasty pedestrians as on a condition which neither could help.

Unlighted streets.

While the city cannot hope to adequately illuminate its boulevards, since the present appropriation (24 cents per capita while other communities average $1.14 per capita), safety minded citizens may help themselves by using extra precaution on dark streets.

The city has had a "break" on the weather so far this year. But with the arrival of chilly, misty, windy days the present safety score of 23 lives saved in traffic can be maintained only by city-wide co-operation in caution, traffic officials point out.

YOUTH FACES TRIAL

James Bonner Jr., 16-year-old resident of the Alton community in Jefferson County, went on trial in Circuit Judge J. Q. Smith's court today for the "foul" rifle shooting of J. D. Moore, 15. Officers who arrested young Bonner said that a feeling had existed between the Bonner and Moore families for some time.

AUTO GAS TANK FIRE TAKES SECOND LIFE

GADSDEN, Nov. 17.—(Special)—Death toll from an automobile gas tank explosion Tuesday, which set fire to the car's rear in two today with the death of Hugh, the 25-year-old Alabama City resident.

Mr. White was a passenger in the car of Albert Raine, Gadsden attorney, when automobile ran off an embankment when he apparently lost control of his car as he watched the approaching burning car, suffered serious injuries. Coroner Lee Bradley said his investigation indicated that the two cars did not collide.

WOMAN IS WOUNDED AS PISTOL GOES OFF

Shot accidentally by her husband, Mrs. Frances Clapp, 35-year-old Negro woman, was in the Carraway Hospital today with a bullet wound in the right foot.

Mrs. Clapp said that her husband, G. D. Clapp, was examining his automatic pistol at their home, 1321 Vanderbilt-rd, when it was discharged.

PROSECUTION ASKS DEATH FOR BARNES

Invalid Physician Pictured As Fearless Plotter Of Wife's Murder

JURY TO GET CASE SOON

Bible Is Used In Lawyer's Argument Concerning Infidelities

By Harold Heller
United Press Staff Correspondent

HAMILTON, Nov. 17.—The jury in the trial of Dr. Reuben H. Barnes was asked by the prosecution today to send the brutal physician to the electric chair for plotting the murder of his wife.

Summing up for the state as the sensational trial neared an end, Special Prosecutor Fred Jones described Dr. Barnes as a cool, scheming "brain without fear" who perpetrated the murder that was actually accomplished by Brad Sears, the former hired man in the Barnes home who is now serving a life sentence for the slaying.

Meanwhile, the defense counsel, J. M. Pennington, charged to the jury that persons rumors had been spread throughout the community to pervert Dr. Barnes from receiving a fair trial.

"There was no intent for the doctor to kill his own family, saying the bluebeard and the poisoner, because of the way the doctor's home has been denounced to the world, he called in a voice heard all around the Courthouse square.

Mr. Jones of the prosecution pictured the physician as having "complete control" over Brant "weakminded and as a man "completely without fear."

"Dr. Barnes is not scared of the whole German Army, the prosecutor said. "He's not afraid of anything on earth or in Heaven or hell. He's not afraid of the devil himself."

"The only thing he is afraid of is the electric chair . . . and that's (See Trial, Page 12)

CHEST APPEAL IN FINAL LAP

School Pledges Lift Fund To $385,423.98, Or 82.6 Per Cent

Bolstered by a thumping pledge from employees, teachers and officials in city and county schools, the Community Chest total today registered a gained collection total of $385,423.98.

This sum, which is 82.6 per cent of the established goal of $466,-737.44, signifies that the Chest-minded community has pledged a total of $81,313.98 more than was collected during the nine days of active campaigning.

The daily average Chest officials report, is an all-time high for Jefferson County and Birmingham.

From the city school people came a lump contribution, of $2451.50, Tutwiler having augmented by a $1400 pledge from the school system. Canvassing within the schools has not been completed and officials expect several thousands more from this source before the campaign ends.

With only $81,313.98 to go, less than 20 per cent of the total, yet to be raised, the Chest's board of directors met today at board rooms in the First National Bank where wind-up procedure was adopted.

Officials pointed to the high daily average to date, feel certain that this 16th annual appeal for funds will be ended this week-end.

Several outlying industrial canvasses are yet to report and pledges from them, together with the returning canvassed by the 18,000 workers still in the field, should send the Chest dial over the 100 per cent mark before Saturday night.

Collections by divisions to date: Commercial $277,497; women's, $30,134; industrial, $122,941; Brookside, $7484; Homewood, $981; Lewis, $1,000; Mountain Brook, $1,000; headquarters, $3725; Negro, $1234.

Bessemer Workers Raise $7464.66

BESSEMER, Nov. 17.—(Special)—C. E. Hawkins, chairman of the Bessemer division of the Community Chest, announced today that his workers had raised $7464.66, or 82.9 per cent of the Bessemer's $9,000 goal. Hawkins said that Chest canvassers in the area are making a concerted effort to wind up their part of the drive by tomorrow night.

Threat Seen In Tributes To Slain Nazi

ERNST VOM RATH . . . his death set off current wave of anti-Jewish violence in Germany.

HERSCHEL GRYNSZPAN . . . tired the shot that killed Vom Rath and gave Nazis excuse to persecute Jews.

Hitler Present, But Fails To Talk, Although Other Leaders Speak Out

By Richard Scholik
United Press Staff Correspondent

DUESSELDORF, Germany, Nov. 17.—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, high party officials and tens of thousands of Nazis and the Nazis paid final tribute today to the slain Ernst Vom Rath, whose death unleashed hell, Nazis's anti-Semitic fury.

In the huge Rheinhalle Pictorium, where Vom Rath's body lay in state, Hitler sat beside the bier. He did not speak, but a funeral oration was delivered by Ernst Bohle, Gauleit leader in behalf of the Nazi Party.

"The entire nation again is deeply conscious of standing in mourning at the bier of the young German who lost his life only because he was German," Bohle said.

"He is the eighth victim among German officials and leaders of the Jews and Bolshevists Churchill, Vom Rath and the German murderer in New Spain across that Jew Bolshevist system which unscrupulously murders as a political weapon.

"The Jew who killed Rath paid for wanted to hit Germany. We may admit he succeeded. Jews forget that every blow makes national socialism stronger.

"Rath's memory will remain all Germany, spread that every German, Fuehrer has remarked, is to his first place a national (See Hitler, Page Eight)

U. S. DIPLOMATIC AID WILL LEAVE BERLIN

He's Expert On German Commercial Affairs

By United Press

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—Douglas Miller, American commercial attache, has been recalled to Washington, it was announced today. He will follow Hugh R. Wilson, United States ambassador, now in Paris on his way home.

Miller has been in Germany for years. He was recognized as one of the leading authorities in the Reich on the commercial, financial and trade structure.

PARIS, Nov. 17.—Hugh Wilson, American ambassador to Germany, arrived today from Berlin. He refused to comment regarding his return to Washington. He will call on President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull tomorrow morning. The latter was scheduled to sail tonight but was delayed by fog.

GERMANY OPENS MOVE TO SEIZE HOMES OF JEWS

Decree Will Force 8000 To Vacate Dwellings In Berlin Alone, Goebbels Estimates; Nazis To Take Over Houses

By United Press

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—An official move to drive Jews from their homes in Germany was announced today by Dr. Angriff, organ of Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, propaganda minister.

The announcement said:

"The government is preparing a decree cancelling for Jew [illegible] the privileges of [illegible], together with its provisions, that action is to be quickly in order to oust tenants.

"It is officially announced that 8000 houses in Berlin alone will be vacated because Jews in the future will be forbidden to afford the expenses of the home. Large or five apartments probably will be partitioned among Germans."

Provisions of the decree were expected to be issued shortly.

Goebbels' establishment collaborated with a press authority against President Roosevelt.

The chief attack was contained in an article entitled "Roosevelt's Mouthpiece," directed by Otto Kriech Jr. charged that "American circles" were dictated the President's "acting from certain affairs" by the statement on Germany's treatment of Jews.

The newspaper By Am Rhine attacked President Roosevelt as "the great Jew" for his conference at Lima, which it charged Chairman Hull would not attend to evaluate its purpose.

"The aim is to hammer into South American nations—in the interests of Jews and North American capital investments—that their prosperity depends only upon their well-being lies only under protection and auspices of the Star Spangled Banner."

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U. S., Britain Believed Agreed On Jewish Aid

By Wallace Carroll
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that the government is considering the question of settling refugees from Germany in the British colonies as a matter of policy.

Chamberlain said he has taken up the question with several colonial governments, including the governor of Tanganyika, and is trying and hoped to be able to make a statement next week.

Chamberlain's promise of a statement was taken as an indication that Britain and the United States have reached agreement on resettling some 700,000 Jews from Germany and Austria, and that only details remained to be worked out.

The plan, initiated by American Ambassador Joseph Kennedy and which would require approximately $150,000,000, was expected to be submitted to a five-power directorate of the inter-governmental Jew committee.

In essence, the plan calls for Great Britain to provide land in her colonies, while America and other private organizations of the United States provide funds and, in other cases their settlement. France and other colonial powers, as well as South American countries, might also be asked to contribute land.

If the negotiations succeed the five-power directorate, including representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, The Netherlands and Brazil, would be summoned within two weeks.

Diplomatic circles warned there were many difficulties to overcome

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CITY TVA VOTE FACES PROBE

Election Of 1933 Probably Will Be Investigated By Congressional Group

Birmingham's unlimited power-ship election in 1933, in which plans to bring Tennessee Valley Authority power here were voted down at the polls, probably will be probed by the congressional committee investigating TVA, it was learned on Washington today.

The Post's Washington correspondent reported there is talk today of sending a subcommittee to Birmingham to conduct hearings as to matter.

It was learned that the committee has had special investigators in Birmingham for some time making a preliminary probe.

It is understood the committee is particularly interested in determining what part private interests played in defeating the proposal to establish in the city a municipalowned electric system which would be the purpose of serving Birmingham with TVA power at "parity" rates.

The subcommittee, if it comes to Birmingham, probably will inquire also into commercial activity in the last municipal campaign in Bessemer and Tarrant, where TVA was agitated at the polls in 1937.

Steps to carry out the TVA plan in the two suburban municipalities were begun only recently after a five-year delay in the courts.

The TVA investigating committee last Summer probed an election at Chattanooga in which the TVA power proposal was approved.

DISTRICT'S STEEL RATE TO REACH 75

Ensley Furnace To Be Fired Next Week

Steelmaking operations in the Birmingham district will rise from the present rate of 68 per cent of capacity to 75 per cent next week when the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. puts the fire to another open hearth furnace at the Ensley works.

The Tennessee Co. at present is running 10 of its 18 open hearth furnaces. The 11th open hearth will go into operation about Monday.

Republic Steel Corp. is operating five of its eight open hearths at its Gadsden works, and indications are that still another furnace will be started producing steel before the year is out.

The Ensley fuel mill of the Tennessee Co. also is expected to resume operations for a short period about Dec. 1.

TWO ARE ARRESTED AT STRIKE-CLOSED PLANT

Police made the arrests at the scene of a two-weeks-old strike at Johnson Manufacturing Co. this morning when striking employees were reported to have refused to allow workers to enter the plant at 6 o'clock.

Officers W. B. Patterson and F. L. Duke ordered the strike-closed shift to disperse at 2604 First-ave. N., and when three men, Gorham and Harbert Smith and J. W. Carlton, refused to leave they were placed under by two of the officers.

Officers arrested Ben M. Crenshaw, 20, of 2004 10th-ave N., and C. E. Tinnin, 22, of 1316 Fifth-ave N., on assault and battery charges.

WOMAN DEMOCRAT DIES

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Nell R. Lamkin, 70, Democratic committeewoman for Missouri, died at her home early today after a two-month illness. She was 65.

GOVERNOR HOLDS UP THREE COMMISSIONS

Official Ruling Is Asked For County Chiefs

Governor Graves will withhold the commissions of Jefferson County's three new commissioners-elect, it announced—R. H. Whatley, Earl Brunner and Henry Sweet—until the attorney-general's office has rendered an opinion on whether they should take office immediately or on Jan. 15, it was learned today on good authority.

The governor, it was learned, has asked the attorney-general's office to clarify doubts which have arisen regarding the meaning and intent of a law passed by the Legislature abolishing the "stagger system" of electing county commissioners here and providing that three offices be filled simultaneously.

Governor Graves' action followed a conference yesterday with the three commissioners-elect, who appear in the day and posted the bond required of public officeholders and takes the oath of office.

However, Mr. Brunner, who said he was authorized to speak for the county two commissioners-elect, declared that they were "putting no pressure on anyone" to have themselves placed in office before next Jan. 15, date when the new state administration takes over.

Until recently it was generally presumed that the county commissioners would take office at the same time the new state officers go in, but lately doubts have arisen as to whether or not the wording of the law does not make the county officials-to-be have to function immediately after the general election.

The election was held Nov. 8.

Do Tell! Piano Dances, Pencil Writes At Alice Bell's Command; Table Floats In Air, Then Says It's Tired, Rolls Over On Side

By Ted H. Maley
United Press Staff Correspondent

JONESVILLE, La., Nov. 17.—Strange things are happening in this town in the Black River bottoms—things which some people call miraculous, some call spiritual, and some call hoax.

They originate from a 13-year-old girl with light brown wavy hair and gray-blue eyes—Alice Bell Kirby, the seventh child in Parson Lem Kirby's family of eight girls.

There are fairly reasons for what she does—automatic movements, levitations, levitations—but Alice Bell doesn't believe of those terms. For the list of it she makes tables move by holding her hands on them, or makes them move without touching them, determines who has been there in the wo,

Most times she performs those feats in pitch darkness in which witnesses may feel but not see, but there are witnesses who say they've seen her do them in broad daylight.

Among the some 1000 persons who have visited the 420-acre Kirby farm four miles south of here during the past 10 months have been business men, plantation owners, Appalachi County officials, educators, and many just plain curious and skeptical folk from near and distant places. Most of the people of Jonesville speak of Alice Bell's "power" in a casual way and one of them merely call it "speaks."

Alice Bell is possessor of unusual poise and personality and somewhat she is much like the other children of the Jonesville Rock School.

Probably most skeptical was Dr. H. W. Wright, who has been superintendent of Catahoula Parish schools 21 years. Alice Bell visited his home early this year to play with his daughter, and asked him what he thought of her "power."

"Alice Bell," he said, "I wouldn't believe it even if I saw it."

But since then he has observed the "miracles" many times and he talks about them willingly and at length, but with no effort to explain them.

"It's just the same miraculous thing I've ever seen," he said.

Wright, Charles C. Elkins, parish supervisor of education, Principal A. L. Brooks of the Elementary School at Early Island, and Principal F. M. Allen of Alice Bell's school, have all been witness to Alice

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