

MISSOURI

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In the mishap of the Missouri, Captain Brown says -- he takes all the blame. Facing the naval board of inquiry today, he declared that he alone bore the responsibility for what befell his battleship -- when Big Mo ran aground off Norfolk, and sat on a mud bank for fifteen days. During the long hearings hitherto, Captain William D. Brown has had a dejected air. But today, the veteran of thirty years in the Navy, squared his shoulders, and held his head high -- asking the Naval court to place the full blame on him. The evidence has shown that there were shortcomings on the part of other officers, but the Skipper said that these faults of others did not count. "I could have, and should have, kept the ship in deep water," he told the Board of Inquiry. He explained that, "taking Big Mo out for the first time as her captain, he was unfamiliar with handling the battleship. He said he mistook a buoy which marked shallow water. He took it for a ~~xxxxxx~~ buoy

marking the entrance to the accoustic range.

"I cannot now," said he, "nor will I ever be able to explain -- this lapse of judgment." His attitude was summarized by one sharply worded phrase. "As Captain of the ship, it was my duty to keep her safe and secure. I did not do it. "

Tomorrow the Court of Inquiry will send its findings to Wāshington -- where it is hoped, the handsome position taken by the skipper today will be duly appreciated.

Secretary of State Acheson again states his attitude toward Alger Hiss - saying that he does not condone the crime of which Hiss has been convicted, ^{that} but his Christian ethics impel him to retain his loyalty to a friend.

(This developed at a hearing by a Senate sub-committee, before which Dean Acheson appeared, together with Deputy Under-Secretary of State John Peurifoy. The immediate question at issue was ^{the} a talk about Communists in the State Department. To this the ~~Deputy~~ Deputy Under-Secretary of State replied by saying that two hundred and two employees of the Department have been dismissed or been permitted to resign in the past two years, because their trustworthiness was questioned. Which statement brought up a committee discussion - and the name of Alger Hiss was mentioned, inevitably.

Secretary Acheson said he ~~expected~~ expected to be asked about the Hiss case. So therefore he had brought along a statement, and this he read.) He said his attitude had been misinterpreted, and denied that he had questioned the trial

and the verdict, which imposed upon the former high official of the State Department a five-year sentence for perjury.

As a lawyer with long experience, Acheson said he had always refused to discuss the truth of the charges against Alger Hiss - as long as the case was in the courts. Then he referred to his previous declaration ~~that~~ - "I will not turn my back on

Alger Hiss." (Which, ~~of course~~, has aroused all sorts of

~~criticism~~ ^{Criticism} - since Hiss has been convicted on charges involving Red espionage. People have been saying that, as Secretary of State - Dean Acheson might have kept his feelings to himself.

To which he ~~xx~~ answered today, "The counsels of discretion and cowardice are appealing. The safe course is to avoid situations which are disagreeable and dangerous - but that has bitter and evil consequences.")

Acheson said he had to speak out his attitude ~~toward~~ ~~Alger Hiss~~ in the light of what he ~~said~~ called - "Christ's words, setting forth compassion as the highest of Christian

duties as well as the highest quality in the sight of God."

He pointed out that in Soviet Russia, anybody who had ever known Hiss would have had to run away from him, as from the

plague. "But that is not true of us," ^{added} ~~said~~ Dean Acheson.

BRITAIN

Over in Britain, the Conservatives have decided to let the Labor Government reveal its plans -- before they decide what to do. Today, Winston Churchill held a meeting with what is called his - "shadow cabinet," and the decision was -- wait and see.

The new Labor program will be proclaimed by King George in an address from the throne. If it omits ^{all} Socialist legislation, then the Conservatives will ~~xxxxx~~ play ball -- for a time at least. But, if the Laborites try to press for new schemes of nationalization, then Churchill ~~xx~~ will make every effort to overthrow the government, with its puny majority of seven -- and bring about another election.

Tonight in London Prime Minister Attlee announced his new Cabinet. Nothing new -- most of the Ministers hitherto in office retained their places.

RUSSIAN RUBLE

At the U.S. Treasury in Washington they say that the Moscow revaluation of the Russian Ruble is nothing more than a bookkeeping change -- of little importance. The ruble has no significance, except behind the Iron Curtain, where the figures for trade and exchange are what the Soviet Government wants to make them. In the Western World the value of the Ruble is a big round zero, and today's increase in value means nothing at all.

ATTACHE

Word from Vienna -- that the death of American Naval Captain Eugene Karpe, will be marked down as -- an accident. U.S. Naval Attache to Rumania, Captain Karpe either fell or was thrown off the ORIENT EXPRESS, as the train was speeding through an Austrian tunnel, and the first suspicion was -- murder. But now, we hear that investigation discloses no evidence of a crime. So the official verdict will be -- an accident. Tonight a U.S. Army officer in Vienna is quoted as saying that an enquiry seems to indicate that Captain Karpe, who was limping with a lame foot, was passing through a car, when a sidedoor flew open--and a lurch of the train hurled him out.

Nationalist China ^{has} ~~is~~ prepared to install ^{ed} a new president, or rather the same old one - Chiang Kai-shek. The remnants of the once powerful regime, which guided China during the war, ^{has just reinstated it} ~~made the official announcement today that its~~ ~~old-time war leader will be reinstated as President tomorrow.~~

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The dispatch states that Acting President Li Tsung-Jen, who is in New York, is expected to resign. But this is sharply contradicted by a personal adviser to President Li, who stated in New York this afternoon that the Acting President has "no intention of resigning." And that, therefore, Chiang Kai-shek cannot take over the presidency.

However all that may be, Chiang Kai-shek ^{has been} ~~will be~~ reinstated - and this ^{is} ~~will be~~ the occasion of a lot of ceremony ~~tomorrow~~ on the island of Formosa, with Chiang Kai-shek repeating his determination to return to the Chinese mainland

in a campaign against the Communists. The word is that he still feels that he is China's - "man of destiny," and that he can lead armies to victory again and overthrow the Reds - which the rest of the world would consider a miracle of major proportions.

I knew the Generalissimo during wartime, and was ~~much~~ impressed by ~~his personality. Then, I had a good look at~~ ^{him. Recently I got a few sidelights on} ~~him recently - on a trip to Tibet.~~ ^{him in Central Asia - in Tibet.} At Lhasa, the Ministers of

the Dalai Lama's government spoke ^{much} ~~highly~~ of Chiang Kwa-shek. ^{They} ~~They~~ ^{held a high regard for him.} ~~They~~ ^(hesitated about) ~~refused to~~ ^{ing} ~~recognize~~ ^{the full}

independence of the ^{secluded} ~~secluded~~ theocracy on the Roof-of-the-World.

^{However} ~~But~~ he had no aggressive intentions against Tibet, ~~and the~~ ~~government people in Lhasa expressed a high estimate of his~~

~~abilities and character.~~ Right now, if there are any people on

this earth who hope with all their hearts that the

Generalissimo might accomplish that miracle of major

proportions, and make headway against the Reds of China, those

people are the Tibetans. When they hear about the brave

promises that Chiang K~~ia~~-shek is making, they'll give their prayer wheels ^{many} another spin - desiring, as they do, to retain their strange and age-old customs and culture.

All of which seems curiously real to ~~me~~ ^{me at} ~~as~~ ~~this~~

~~moment~~ - because ~~today~~ ~~today~~ today I spent program goes on the air because I'm giving this broadcasting ~~several hours at~~ ~~at~~ the Newark Museum, where they have a remarkable Tibetan Room.

~~Etc., etc.~~

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looking over the

~~right at this moment I am in the midst of the~~
finest Tibetan collection in America. ^{all} Around me
~~are~~ ^{were} figures in Tibetan clothes, a monk with his
gold hat, a nomad in his picturesque fur cap,
~~also Miss Coffey, Director of this unusual museum,~~
~~and her staff.~~

The story of this collection and how
Newark happened to get it is this: A generation
ago one of the most remarkable of our many ^{un}usual
American missionaries was a certain Dr. Albert L.
Shelton. The Doctor ^{toiled for many years, trying to}
~~tried to win converts and~~
^{win converts} among Tibetans on the Chinese-Tibetan frontier.

There are many Tibetans on the Chinese side of
the border. ^{As he worked} among them ^{he was}
~~that he worked,~~
always hoping that he could ~~extend~~ extend his
mission ^{beyond} ~~across~~ the frontier into the Dalai Lama's
Forbidden country. ^{TP} During those strenuous years,

Dr. Shelton, a huge genial man who was much loved
in the ^{wild} mountains of ^{that remote part of} China, gathered ~~all the~~ ^{all the}
different ^{types} ~~kinds~~ of Tibetan wearing apparell that

he could find, as well as examples of Tibetan art, statues of Buddha, holy vessels of gold and silver, even the ten foot long horns that the monks blow from the tops of the monasteries.

As I stand here in the midst of this collection, I am astounded that one man could have brought back so many things Tibetan from that border country where he lived and preached.

At long last, after many years of trying to get permission, Dr. Shelton received the

Red Arrow letter from the Dalai Lama. The same

Red Arrow letter that my son and I carried ^{on our recent} ~~and~~

^{Journey and} without which it is ^{just about} ~~almost~~ impossible for any

westerher to reach the mysterious city of Lhasa.

But, just as Dr. Shelton was preparing to make

the journey, alas, he was murdered, there ~~in these~~

~~mountains,~~ on the Chinese-Tibetan frontier. ^R And

how did his great collection get ~~here~~ to the

Newark Museum? Some years ago here in Newark there

lived a rich man named Edward N. Crane. He was a

tireless traveller. On one of his journeys, he met

~~met~~ the great missionary, Dr. Albert L. Shelton, *They*
became friends, and in China, Mr. Crane bought
~~maxim in China and bought his collection,~~
the Shelton collection.

~~If you are interested in Tibet, the
last completely feudal country on earth (nearly
everybody seems to be) you will want to see this
Crane-Shelton collection ~~in~~ these rooms full of
Tibetan things ^{here} in the Newark Museum.~~

MURDER

Among the authorities at Los Angeles this evening there was little surprise at the murder of Abe Davidian at Fresno -- gangster guns cutting down a witness who had agreed to turn state's evidence in a big narcotic case. An official of the U.S. Attorney's office said the killing was -- "almost expected". The government offered protection to Davidian, but he refused. So now the prosecution loses an important witness against^a drug smuggling ring -- which had been bringing in dope from Turkey.

LEOPARD

The Oklahoma leopard died tonight -- after everybody believed he would come out of his sleep in good shape. The immediate supposition is that the spotted fury may have eaten more than one kind of drugged meat -- since several pieces of bait, with different narcotics, had been scattered around. In any case, the leopard that made the prodigious leap of escape -- slept all day and never came out of the stupor. A rather mournful end of a story that had the whole nation agog.

IRELAND

President Truman today asked the Senate to ratify a new treaty, negotiated by the Administration. And there is not likely to be much opposition among the lawmakers. History tells how, in times past, presidents have had trouble with the Senate - and then had treaties turned down. But this time we can't imagine Senators getting up and denouncing the country with which the new pact has been made.

It's the emerald isle of Ireland - the Dublin government having negotiated with Washington a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation. Actually, it's a routine pact, which signalizes the independence of Ireland as a nation conducting its own foreign relations. A couple of days ago, the two countries agreed to exchange ambassadors - after having had mere ministers hitherto. So now the treaty of friendship goes to the Senate, and the deliberations are likely to include a lot of emerald oratory, with a waving

of shamrocks. ^P How about a little emerald oratory from you, Nelson?

HOLLYWOOD

The news wire brings a story about the names that people call Hollywood. History relates that the place first got a name when Mrs. Davida Wilcox Beveridge, half a century ago, had a ranch where the motion picture capital of the world now stands. There wasn't any holly, and there wasn't much wood - but Mrs. Davida Wilcox Beveridge called it Hollywood, because that was the name of a home of a friend in Chicago, and she thought it sounded cute.

Damon Runyon once named the place - "Follywood." Bob Hope calls it - "smog-with-palms." Another wit calls Hollywood: "the city where streets are lined with palms - all of them itching." Gag writer Martin Ragaway says it's "where the ulcer half of the people live."

For a contribution of my own, I should like to suggest that Hollywood is - the land of make-believe, where everybody is on the make, and nobody believes anything.

4 Nelson? What if anything do you believe,