

BIG FOUR

L.T. - Kaiser. To Sunday,

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(Helen R. G.)

A dispatch from Berlin reveals that the Big Four Foreign Ministers will hold a secret session on Monday. The proposal was made by Secretary of State Dulles. The reason - to overcome the deadlock on Germany.

Only four members of ~~maximalist delegation~~ each delegation are to attend the secret session. On this point, it was possible for the Foreign Ministers to compromise, Dulles proposing five members, Bidault three, and Eden ~~suggesting~~ suggesting four. And all of the Foreign Ministers agreed - four members to attend.

The secret session will deal with two main points. First, ~~second~~, the question of a Big Five meeting - to include Red China. The Western diplomats hope that Molotov will abandon his demand for this on Monday. Secondly, the secret session will take up "procedural questions." For example, whether the problem of Austria should be taken up after the German issue is ~~is~~ set aside.

Dulles proposed the secret session, after the three

Western Ministers ^{Agreed} ~~pointed out~~ that Molotov had ruined any chance for an agreement on Germany. Our Secretary pointed out, that the Soviet proposal would mean the control of all Germany by Red tyranny. Said Dulles: "In the name of peace, Mr. Molotov proposes a method of extending the solid Soviet bloc to the Rhine."

[He added that Molotov obviously knew that ^{the} ~~his~~ plan would not be accepted. And that the Soviet delegate was just trying to hold ~~it~~ onto East Germany - by preventing free elections.]

So there was the deadlock. Molotov producing his plan for Germany. And the West rejecting it. Dulles, Eden and Bidault realized that there was no point in going on with the dispute. So Dulles proposed the secret session - in the hope that progress might be ~~a~~ made on the problem of Austria. This was one thing that Molotov did agree to. So the four Foreign Ministers will meet secretly on Monday.

INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, the Communist advance has been checked - temporarily at least. Red columns were pushing rapidly toward Luang-Prabang, capital of the kingdom of Laos. The defenders are Indo-Chinese troops, plus French Army forces - Moroccans and units of the Foreign Legion. They set up a line of resistance forty to fifty miles north of Luang-Prabang, and were holding the Communists - at last reports.

Meanwhile, the French Minister of War was wounded today - at the front in Indo-China. He's on a mission from Paris - and, today, was on an inspection tour with a party of officers. He stepped on a booby trap, which exploded. But he was lucky. The Cabinet Minister from Paris - only slightly injured.

Add INDO-CHINA

In Washington, it's announced that two hundred American experts are on their way to Indo-China - to help the French airforce. They'll work on the maintenance of the American planes in that force. And we hear that it's possible more of them will be sent out before long.

STASSEN

Russia may be having difficulty with her economic system. So stated today by Harold Stassen. Our Foreign Aid chief, speaking at a newsconference in Washington.

[One reporter noted that Moscow had offered to buy a billion dollars' worth of goods from Britain. Then the reporter asked whether the Russians were trying to get strategic material.

~~In reply,~~ Stassen pointed out that the Soviets have been dumping things like gold and oil on the European market. Malenkov, offering to buy surplus materials in the West. These offers, in Stassen's words, "indicate that the Soviet Union is in some economic difficulty."

[Stassen supported his argument by saying that Russia is trying to export heavy equipment - which previously had never been sent beyond the Iron Curtain. According to Stassen, no nation would ship such valuable material abroad - unless it had to.

Our Foreign Aid chief also referred to a statement by the British Board of Trade. A statement - that no critical materials are being sent behind the Iron Curtain. According to Stassen, if strategic items were exported to Russia, it might cause a halt in U.S. foreign aid. But, he added that the list of forbidden equipment is continually being revised. And so Britain might legitimately ship some of the mentioned items to Russia.

BEESON

There was a bit of drama at a Congressional hearing in Washington today - when Albert Beeson stepped forward. And said - he'd resign from his business firm, and give up his pension rights.

The California industrial executive has been named a member of the National Labor Relations Board. He must be confirmed by the Senate, but the Democrats are opposing this - on the ground of his business connections. There was an argument over whether or not he had severed them.

At the hearing today, Albert Beeson was among the spectators - when the Committee Chairman, Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey, spoke up--Asking-- would Beeson resign formally?

Whereupon the nominee stepped forward, and said - yes, He'd give up his business interest - and pension too. He said he had talked the matter over with his wife, and they had agreed - that he should make the sacrifice, if confirmed by the Senate.

POPE

Today's medical bulletin on Pope Pius the Twelfth says - the Pontiff has weakened. The reason - he is able to take liquid food only, and in small quantities! - The result - of a lingering attack of gastritis.

The medical bulletin says - the Pope will be given radiological tests, to determine the extent of the complications from which he suffers. ~~There are rumors that the Pontiff may have cancer, but the medical bulletin today tends to deny this~~

TALKS

A stage favorite of thirty years ago comes forward in Chicago - with a dramatic offer. Irene Castle, who, back in the "Twenties, was one of the most famous of dancers, making history with her husband, Vernon Castle - in the art of ballroom dancing. Today, at Chicago, Irene Castle offered - to let herself be ~~human~~ bitten by a mad dog. Her contention is that - no human being ever got rabies from the bite of a dog.

All this comes about because of the scare in Chicago, where one hundred and twenty mad dogs have been found since the first of the year. ~~And~~ The Board of Health has ordered that all dogs, and cats, must be inoculated - with anti-rabies serum. This - Irene Castle denounces.

~~Today~~ The dancer of long ago directs a shelter for animals, and claims - the inoculations would injure the dogs and cats, ^{that} ~~she claims~~ there's no need for it, and offers to risk her life ^{in proof} ~~to prove~~ by letting herself be bitten by a mad dog.

To this there's a quick retort from Dr. ~~Herman~~ ^{Herman}

Bundesen, President of the Chicago Board of Health. Who states:

"I assure you that, if she were bitten by a rabid dog, and didn't receive the vaccine shots that are necessary, she would die."

[Meanwhile, in spite of opposition, the Chicago authorities are going ahead with ^{the} ~~an~~ inoculation program.]

CONTEST

An interesting essay contest is coming to a close.

The subject - Pakistan. ^PThat Moslem nation in Asia wants to make itself better known to the people of this country. So the Pakistan Embassy in Washington sponsored the contest - held among high school students, junior and senior classes, throughout the United States. There are a number of prizes - with two at the top. A boy and a girl - to get a free trip to Pakistan, as guests of the government there.

The two winners will tour one of the most

~~fabulous~~ ~~interesting~~ lands on earth, including - the Kipling country, around Khyber Pass.

Add BOY

At Waukegan, Illinois - the speechless boy has regained his voice. The reference being to young Ira Kaphart, ^{who} ~~He~~ was found lying in a ditch - and ~~wasn't~~ couldn't ~~not~~ speak. Six other boys were questioned ~~about~~ by the police - and here's how they describe ~~what~~ what happened to Ira.

They say that he was the - "school bully," - - Always - picking on other boys. So the six ganged him.

P On the way home from school, they stopped him, produced a rope and said - they were going to hang him. Then they put the rope around Ira's waist and pulled him along until he fell down in the ditch. They say they just wanted to scare the school bully and they sure did. They literally scared him speechless!

Ira was taken to the hospital for observation. And ^{eventually} ~~eventually~~ his voice came back. However, he hasn't used it much yet - doesn't want to talk about the episode. Anyway - he's home now - after being scared speechless.

FIRE

Here's hot news! - it sure was hot at the News. -

The New York Daily News, where they had a three-alarm fire today. Twenty-four employees of the paper trapped, and had to be taken out of windows, down long ladders.

The fire broke out in the press room - with dense, choking clouds of burning printers ink. The twenty-four who were trapped were in the press room, which extends up to the fourth floor. They were driven to the windows - ~~where the firemen~~ where the firemen came promptly to the rescue, with ladders ~~and ladders~~

The Daily News television station is in the same building - and never was a fire covered more quickly by T.V. The cameras were right there - for fast coverage of the hot news.

BOOKS

The fair city of Springfield, Illinois, has been the source of a whole series of explanations, in the past few days - embarrassed explanations, none too clear. Today brings another - of a surprising sort.

The uproar began when it was discovered - that the state library had stamped a series of books - "for adults only." Books - not fit for children to read. Which could make sense.

But the volumes marked "for adults only", included - "Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales," Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress", and - "Twenty ^{Thousand} Leagues under the Sea" by Jules Verne. Why those books were considered "unfit for children," was a mystery.

Today a library official stated that, in the case of the Fairy Tales - they were not trying to protect the children from Hans Christian Andersen. It was the other way round. They were trying to protect Hans Christian Andersen from the children. The volume is an old one, valuable - and they wanted to save it from the ^{grimy} ~~gray~~ fingers of the kids.

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Which still doesn't explain the stamping of the
other books - like "Twenty ^{Thousand} Leagues Under the Sea." But there's
another explanation - that some books were stamped by mistake.

So now they'll be un-stamped -- the kids permitted
to read about that wonderful submarine, the Nautilus, and its
remarkable skipper, Captain Nemo.

JAGUAR

Here's a terrifying story - a South American jaguar getting loose in an airplane, high in the sky. You can imagine how the people in that plane felt, seeing the terror of the Amazon jungle, stalking down the aisle.

It was a ^{Cargo} plane with ~~South American~~ ^{full of} South American animals, bound for St. Petersburg, Florida. The wild beasts were kept in wooden cages - and so was the jaguar. But the ferocious ^{cat} ~~feline~~ has powerful jaws, and gnawed through the wood, - The Jaguar - getting out of the cage.

When the crew saw him coming, there was a stampede. They made a dash for the pilot's compartment - and, there, locked themselves in with the flyer at the controls. That was all right, but one man of the crew was missing - the steward.

[Shortly afterward, there was a beating at the door of the pilot's compartment. They opened cautiously - and let the steward in. He was pale and shaking.]

It seems, he had been asleep ~~at~~ during the commotion. Then woke up, and saw the jaguar sniffing at him.

His alarm was vivid - but the jaguar seemed frightened, also. The big cat went skulking back to the rear of the plane, while the steward made his dash forward, to the pilot's compartment.

The remainder of the flight was made that way, the crew-crowded safely in the small space up front while the jaguar - prowled among the cages of other animals.

This tale of terror ends, -- with an anti-climax. The animal plane landed at St. Petersburg, and the question was - what to do about the jaguar? That was answered by -- a woman. Trudy Jerkins is the co-owner of a zoo at Tarpon Springs, and she knows how to handle wild animals. She got herself a net and a lasso, went into the plane, and threw the net over the jaguar's head, - which would keep the critter from biting. Then she lassoed one leg, and dragged the

jaguar into a cage, where she locked him in.

The crew of big he-man fliers looked on sheepishly
- at the lady and the Jaguar. How, Mike, - if you'd
been there ---!