

## Secretary Hull III, Planning Vacation

### May Revive Reports Of Early Retirement

Washington, Feb. 12.—(UP)—Secretary of state Cordell Hull, said by his associates to have been very tired and dispirited since the outbreak of war, today plans a southern vacation of several weeks.

His absence may revive reports that the 70-year-old secretary is contemplating retirement from active government service. They were current last spring when he went to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for a rest.

There was no official indication that his present plans for recuperation and vacation mean anything more than appears on the surface.

While Hull is away—probably in Florida—undersecretary of state Sumner Wells will be acting secretary.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a tremendous blow to Hull because he had foreseen such a development and had done everything possible either to prevent it or to delay it until the United States was ready for quick and crushing counter-blows.

The so-called "peace" talks with Japanese envoys during November were a great strain upon him because he realized the stakes of that dynamic diplomatic struggle and the consequences.

When, because of circumstances which he no longer could control, he handed the ambassadors a stern reiteration of basic principles of foreign policy, he told the army and navy that the diplomatic phase had ended—"it's now in your hands."

It is now possible to reveal the background of references to the state department in the Roberts report which fixed responsibility for the Pearl Harbor disaster upon

## Last Journey of Washington Was to His Grist Mill



A very important possession of George Washington, and yet one almost entirely overlooked by historians, was the Dogue Run grist mill, near Mount Vernon, which Washington visited as his last trip before he fell sick and died. The mill, built by Washington's father between the years 1735-39, continued to run for many years after Washington's death in 1799 but it gradually fell into decay as time went on. About 12 years ago interest was revived in it, and restoration was begun. In the past few months the mill has been opened to the public for the first time.

naval and military commanders.

The report referred to a warning to U. S. authorities about a possible attack upon Pearl Harbor as far back as January, 1941. That information, it is now learned, came originally from highly placed sources in Tokyo. The information highly confidential, was regarded as entirely trustworthy and was promptly passed along to Hawaiian authorities.

The Roberts report also refers to a warning of Oct. 16, 1941. That also had its origin in Tokyo.

This government was informed during last September that Japan's war plans had been made. The source informed this government that if the Konoye cabinet were re-

### Here's New U. S. Marine Helmet



The United States Marine Corps has adopted this new type of helmet. Designed and tested by the Army, the headpiece is made in two parts. Without the steel shell, it serves as a sun helmet. The rifle pictured here is the new semi-automatic Garand.

replaced with a cabinet headed by a military personage, it could be taken as an unmistakable indication that Japan had decided to act.

In mid-October the Konoye cabinet was replaced with one headed by general "Razor" Tojo. To state department officials it was a clear signal of danger ahead.

The war and navy departments were notified. A grim race to prepare against Japanese attack began. The Japanese seemingly sensed it and decided to strike at once.

### JAPAN OCCUPIES

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Secretary of war Henry Stimson said today that "we are not idle" in handling the problem presented by Japan in Hawaii and on the west coast, but that the army is not yet ready to talk about steps which are being taken.

Stimson was asked at a press conference what the military authorities intend to do about the Japanese situation to prevent sabotage, espionage or other activity. "I can assure you we are not idle on the Japanese situation but we are not yet ready to talk about it," Stimson said.

Other announcements by Stimson included:

1. The American army force land-

## Fresh Nazi Forces Slow Reds' Drive

### 15 Divisions Sent Into Southern Front

London, Feb. 12.—(UP)—The Russians were reported battering at the gates of Kharkov, Orel and Rzhev today against German resistance stiffened by fresh reserves.

Radio Moscow said Russian soldiers were smiting last summer's conquerors over a wide area, even behind their own lines.

Last night's communiqué reported

that Russian units on the northwestern front had captured eight populated places in 24 hours and had scored victories in other sectors. Nonetheless, military observers here thought the Russian offensive was slowing, probably because of heavy snow, although the Germans reported rising temperatures in southern sectors were creating transport problems for them.

Fifteen divisions which the Germans had intended saving for the spring offensive have been thrown into battle on the southern front, the Russians said.

Birth rate for the U. S. in 1939 was 17.3 per 1,000 population, as compared with 16.6 in 1938, the year with the lowest rate.

## Berne Scouts Gather Three Tons Of Paper

Berne, Ind., Feb. 12.—Berne Boy Scout officials announced today that more than three tons of waste paper, magazines and old newspapers were collected here last Saturday in the first monthly canvass of the town. The Scouts will make the canvass the first Saturday of each month, visiting every home in town. Local scoutmasters are in charge of the work.

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an agreement whereby the former will cooperate in this defense measure.

sure in a manner similar to that agreed upon between the government of Brazil and the Nazis in the case of Surinam.

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