

## Secretary Hull Ill, 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.

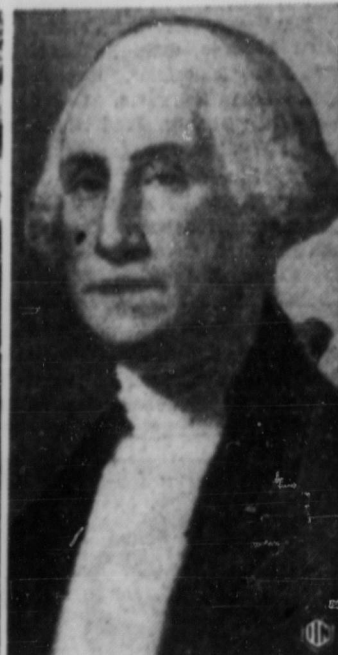
When, because of circumstances which he no longer could control, he handed the ambassadors a stern reiteration of basic principles of foreign policy, he told the army and navy that the diplomatic phase had ended—"It's now in your hands."

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



The mill today



George Washington (1732-1799)

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.

## 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 ski troops were smiling last summer's conquerors over a wide area, even behind their own lines.

Last night's communique report-

ed that Russian units on the north-western 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 1933, 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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sure in a manner similar to that agreed upon between the government of Brazil and the Netherlands in the case of Sartham. "The government of the Netherlands has indicated its wholehearted approval of these measures. "The governments of the Netherlands and the United States have reached an agreement whereby the former will cooperate in this defense mea-

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



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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 Kono cabinet were re-

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## JAPAN OCCUPIES

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Secretary of war Henry Stimson said today that "we are not idle" in handling the problem presented by Japanese 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-

ed recently in northern Ireland will be "self contained"—receiving their own food, military supplies, and athletic equipment from the United States to prevent a drain on the public of Ulster.

2. The reserve officer training corps summer camp for college students between their junior and senior years will be discontinued until six months after the duration of the present war. Instead of taking six weeks camp instruction course, students seeking commissions in the reserve corps will be given complete training in regular service schools now open to them.

## Mrs. Jones Named To Cemetery Committee

Berne, Ind., Feb. 12.—Mrs. H. O. Jones of Berne was appointed by the Berne town board as a member of the MRS cemetery committee which is launching a drive here to beautify and landscape the cemetery. Other members of the committee appointed recently are C. H. Muselman, Dr. Rufus Von Gunten, O. F. Gilliom, Mrs. Grover Neuenchwander, C. T. Michaud and Ezra Habegger.

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