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American diplomat; consul, Vladivostok, Russia, 1914-1920; secretary of embassy to Japan, 1921-1924; chairman, United States delegation, Conference on the Limitation of the Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs, Geneva, 1931; consul general, Sydney, Australia, 1932-1935; consul general, Tientsin, China, 1935-1941; minister to Ethiopia, 1943-1945.
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Diplomats--United States.
Motion pictures.
Register of the John Kenneth Caldwell papers

Folder 1
Film shelf

Memoirs and printed matter
Motion picture film, 1930-1942

Scope and Contents note
The descriptions for the motion picture film reels are all taken from the intertitle cards that exist in each film and indicate the content that is contained in the motion picture film.

Reel 1

Peking - 16mm silent film, 1935-1942

Intertitles
The Gleaming Roofs of the Forbidden City Defy the Ravages of Time
The Tombs of the King Emperors Lie Neglected in the Foothills
The Summer Palace Remains Unspoiled Since the Days of the Empress Dowager
Reflections: The Empress' Fish Pond
A Splendid Panorama Rewards the Climber of Coal Hill
The Camels Are Coming!
To This Altar the Son of Heaven Went Yearly to Intercede for His People
The Dragon Kings Were Wont to Enjoy Their Sports at the Winter Palace
Like a Jewel Mirrored in the Ohunghai Lake
The Sheltered Quiet of Chinese Houses Near Peking Still Provides Relief from the Strain of Diplomatic Life
The Proud Disdain the Camels Carry on Regardless of Incidents and "New Orders"
Persimmons Are on Sale Everywhere, Beside the Old Fortune Teller and at the Temple of Confucius
The Feet of the Multitude and the North Wind Stir Up the Dust Outside the Hatamen Gate
From the Tai Miao Stretches a Vista of Yellow Roofs to the Forbidden City

Reel 2

Conte Verde-Gripsholm; Shanghai-New York - 16mm silent film, 1942

Intertitles
On the Conte Verde and Gripsholm evacuees from China reach N.Y. August 1942
The long way home Shanghai to New York via Laurenco Marques on the Conte Verde and Gripsholm June 29 - August 25, 1942

Reel 3

Columbia Country Club, etc. - 16mm silent film, 1930-1936

Access
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Note
16mm reversal original, silent, edited, color. This film was preserved through a 2012 grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation.

Intertitles
Columbia Country Club, August 1930 / Washington Cherries, Spring 1931
Potomac Park and Tidal Basin
Geneva Flower Festival, June 1931
Bangkok, Wat Phra Keo (Temple of the Emerald Buddha), November 1931
Poinsettias at "Tudor," Sydney, June 21, 1934
House and Botanic Garden
Tientsin Army Review
Chinese Funeral in Tientsin, 1936
Reel 4

**British Consulate in Washington, D.C.; skating in China - 16mm silent film, 1937-1938**

- Intertitles
  - Coronation Illumination, Gordon Hall and Our Contribution [nighttime shots of buildings with lights]
  - The Hollyhocks Bloom Despite Poor Soil at 71 Meadows Road
  - The Soft Gray of Spanish Moss at Cypress Gardens
  - Washington in Autumn
  - Tientsin - Peking Hunt at Tientsin, February 1938
  - Tientsin Winter Sports, Curling, Skating "P’ai Tsu"
  - Madame Fuyet Demonstrates the Waltz

Reel 5

**Life in Tientsin and Peitaiho - 16mm silent film, 1938**

- Intertitles
  - The Guillaumes at the Country Club
  - Departure of the 15th US Infantry from Tientsin
  - Presentation by American Community at American Barracks
  - International Guard of Honor at French Square
  - En Route to the Station, March 2, 1938, Led by the British Band, Salute at American Consulate General
  - Smoke of Farewell Fireworks at Victoria Park
  - Arriving at East Station Led by the Italian Band
  - The Marines Have Landed! Admiral Yarnell and Lt. Col. James, Inspection May 1938
  - July 4, 1938, Review on "Can Do Field"
  - At the Haesart's Tennis Court
  - Summer Solace at the Solivas'
  - The James and Orr Families After Ham and Eggs at the Grandstand
  - Peitaiho 1938, "Pine Cliff"
  - Dangerous Curves Ahead! On the Beach

Reel 6

**Racing; flowers; peach blossoms in Tientsin - 16mm silent film, 1937-1938**

- Intertitles
  - A Day at the Races in Tientsin [features horse races, rickshaw stand]
  - Tientsin Hunt Club, Autumn Gymkhana, 27th November 1938
  - War Fund Grand Football Match, Min Yuan Field, Sunday April 14th
  - Peaches and Other Blossoms

Reel 7

**Flood in China; Chinese funeral; farewell review Tientsin, China - 16mm silent film, 1939**

- General Physical Description note: 16mm reversal original, silent, edited, color and black & white

- Access
  - Use copy available on-site for immediate use. Use copy reference number: 76009_f_0009883.

- Note
  - This film was preserved through a 2012 grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation.
Reel 8  
**Regatta, soccer, field days, fusiliers in Tientsin - 16mm silent film, 1937-1938**

- **Intertitles**
  - Lancashire Fusiliers in Tientsin
  - Navy Ship Departing
  - French Field Day at East Arsenal
  - Rowing Regatta on the Odoriferous Haiho, Soccer Game, April 1938

Reel 9  
**Polo; dogs; badminton in China - 16mm silent film, 1938-1939**

- **Intertitles**
  - The Country Club, Winter Badminton [sic]
  - I Can't Remember a Worse December, Just Watch These Icicles Form! Susan and Micky [dogs playing in snow]
  - Spring, Building the Tennis Courts [Chinese laborers]
  - Summer, Peking - Tientsin Polo Game, June 1938, The Club Gardens
  - A Tientsin Summer, 1939, From Polo to Boating
  - Place Your Bets! Your Money Will Move as Fast as the Hai Lai Players!

Reel 10  
**Boat picnic; scenery; war damage in Tientsin - 16mm silent film, 1937**

- **Intertitles**
  - A Boat Picnic in Tientsin, June 1937
  - Sea Lyons [sic] at Chinwangta, July 4, 1937
  - The Old Swimming Hole at the Club
  - The July 29th Incident at Tientsin, Shell Hole in Country Club Wall
  - Morning's Corner, Barricade at British Concession Boundary, Refugee Boat Dwellers
  - Yamen River, French Tank and Guard at International Bridge
  - Haiho River from Ex-Russian Concession, Refugees and Corpses, August 1, 1937
  - Tennis at the Recreation Ground, September 1937
  - Tennis at Bruce's, 1937
  - David and Lizette at the Club, October 5, 1937

Reel 11  
**Country Club Ball, departure of British, farewell ceremonies in Tientsin - 16mm silent film, 1939-1940**

- **Intertitles**
  - The 1939 Tientsin Summer Sizzled Behind Barricades and Live Wire Fences as We Went Bowling Over Bumps and Humps
  - Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New! Ready for the Country Club Fancy Dress Ball, New Year's Eve 1938
  - In Preparation for the Tientsin Summer, the House Is Given Its Sheltering Straw Mat "Peng" [Chinese laborers applying straw roof to house]
  - The Consular Residence Serves as a Chapel for the Wedding of Lt. Schartzel of the US Marine Corps, Tientsin, March 1939
  - The Interior of the Consular Residence Radiates Hospitality for Visiting Admirals and High Commissioners, May-June 1939
  - The Last of the British Brigadiers, Sir John and Lady Laurie Depart, January 1940
  - For Remembrance! Armistice Day 1938
Reel 12

San Francisco passage to Japan and China from Seattle; David in Japan; life in China - 16mm silent film, 1937

Note
This film was digitized by the California Audiovisual Preservation Project (CAVPP).

Intertitles
From Mark Hopkins Hotel Roof, Fairmont and Mark Hopkins Hotels Down California Street
The Bay Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Golden Gate Bridge Through the Fog
After the Crash, Oil on Life Boat, Movie Tug, Back to the Pier, All Off the Ship [SS President Coolidge and oil tanker collided]
Golden Gate Bridge, Frank H. Buck [oil tanker] and Ohio Aground Near Seal Rocks [sinking ship]
En Route to Seattle, President Jackson, March 13, 1937, Victoria BC
A Stormy Passage Nearing Yokohama on Deck in Kobe, A Cotton Lighter Burns
Whangpoo River, Shanghai, March 31, Purple Mountain, Nanking
American Consular Residence, The English Church, British Consular Residence
The Lancashire Fusiliers Attend Church
The Astor House, Tientsin Club, Keilan Building
International Track Meet at Min Yuan Field
International Guard of Honor on Colonel Lynch's Departure

Envelope A

1 print depicting the ceremony deposing the Governor of Vladivostok, 1917 March