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MUSSOLINI PLANS INVESTIGATION

Italy Expects to Take the Lead in Probing Dirigible Disaster

ROME, July 23 (AP)—Premier Mussolini told the council of ministers today that a complete investigation into all phases of the Italia disaster would be made by Italy and that any other proposed investigations would be immediately rejected.

Such inquiry, the premier stressed, will naturally be made in Italy and by Italian personalities, any other hypothesis is absurd and offensive and whatever it might be or wherever the proposition came from, it would immediately be rejected.

Meanwhile, it should be recorded, he said, that the first to see the beleaguered group, was Major Maddalena, the Italian flier, who went north with a Savoia-Marchetti machine.

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The premier then paid tribute to the brilliant flight of Ferrarin and Del Prete from Italy to South America, as "having exalted the nation's righteous pride."

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Macy Players To Show in La Grande

The Mary players, the original Toby show, will present a series of plays in this city, commencing Thursday, July 26, it is announced. The show this year will feature Howard Macy as leading man and Jean Row as leading lady. It is at present showing in large crowds in Bar.

Several features will be shown here never before presented in this city by the company. The tent will be located at the corner of Cherry and Adams.

FACES MURDER CHARGE

ROCKFORD, Ill., July 23 (AP)—Formal charges of murder were filed today against Paul Reed, 24-year-old draughtsman, accusing him of the slaying of Vernon Packer, Rockford realtor, who was killed when a bomb exploded in his automobile last Thursday.

Stubbornly silent while the state's attorneys sought to ensnare him in a web of circumstantial evidence, Paul Reed maintained his innocence today of the plot that led to the death of his former sweetheart's husband by a dynamite blast.

TAX DECISION GIVEN

SALEM, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Although the state of Oregon is inhibited by an opinion of Federal Judge Bean of Portland in the case of the Brotherhood Cooperative National bank against T. M. Hurlburt from taxing national banks, it is not inhibited from taxing state banks. This is the substance of an opinion from the attorney general's office today in response to an inquiry by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner.

KNIGHT TURNS IN PERFECT CONTEST

Pitches No-hit, No-Run Game for Portland Against Oaks

Pacific Coast League Standings table with columns for team, W. L., Pct., and games played.

By the Associated Press. Jack Knight, Beaver twirler, got the first no hit no run game of the season by blanking the Oaks 5 to 0.

Taking the double header the Mission Seals won their series with the Angels 4 to 3. Schuler's homer was the only Angel run in the morning game which closed 7 to 1.

Second Jolley's bat came to the Seals and snubbing them to give the Stars a double licking, Jolley's homer in the first game gave the Seals the game 4 to 3.

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PRELIMINARY TO THE BIG FIGHT



There's going to be a big fight in Yankee Stadium, New York City, on July 26, and here's photographic proof of it. Champion Tunney, in the center, is shown putting his James Joseph on the dotted line of the contract brought to his camp by Tex Rickard, left. At the right is Billy Gibson, Tunney's manager.

Urban Faber, Veteran of 15 Summers Breaks Winning Streak of Yankees

By the Associated Press. It's the pitcher with baseball brains that give the Yankees the most trouble—veterans like Jack Quinn, "Red Sam" Jones, George Uhle, and Urban Faber, whose right arm has been puzzling American league swarms for 15 years.

Faber's last one may have lost most of its zip and that curve may not be what it was ten years ago, but backed by a brain that tells him where to put each ball and the control to obey his brain's directions, "Red" is doing very well indeed, thank you.

After the Yankees had taken over the Sox in the first three games of the current series, Faber yesterday took up the task of stopping the champions and saving something out of the wreckage.

He was quite equal to the emergency. The Yankees hit him hard and often but the veteran's courage and brain, as well as his bat, carried the Sox through to a 6 to 1 victory. Incidentally the champions saw an eight-game winning streak snapped. As usual, "Red" pitched skilfully and successfully to Babe Ruth who made four official trips to the plate and baffled precisely nothing flat.

To add insult to injury, it was a single by Faber that drove in the winning runs in the eighth. After a disastrous visit to Philadelphia, the third-place St. Louis Browns got out of their slump with an 8 to 5 win over the Cleveland Indians.

Washington went into fifth place, two games back of the White Sox, by taking Detroit's measure, 8 to 2. Bratton pitched steadily ball for the Senators, while Hollaway was ineffective.

Cubs Down Giants. In the National league the Chicago Cubs strengthened their hold on second place when Charlie Root held the Giants to four hits and won, 4 to 2. The Cubs failed to gain any ground on the Cardinals, however, for the Phillies reverted to type and bowed to the league leaders, 8 to 7.

Root, showing further return to the form that made him the outstanding pitcher of the league last season, had the Giants shut out until the eighth when Melvin Ott, the "Boy Wonder" hit a home run with one on base. More than 50,000 saw the game.

Doubles by Douthitt and Holm in the ninth enabled the Cards to nose out the Phillies. Horn's thirteenth homer of the year in the first half of the same inning had tied the score.

For the third straight time, the Cincinnati Reds trimmed the Boston Braves by one run. The score this time was 5 to 4. Delaney's wildness in the eighth inning gave the Reds the game. Laque was in control of the Braves' batsmen after he was slugged for three runs in the first inning.

Vance Holds Pirates. The Pittsburgh Pirates and Brooklyn Dodgers continued their bitter battle for fifth place now held by the Dodgers. They split even in a double bill at Brooklyn yesterday.

Dazy Vance was in form in the first game, allowing the Corsairs only four hits and fanning eight men. The Dodgers carrying off a 5 to 0 decision. Burleigh Grimes pitched great ball for the Pirates but he met his match in the dexter, Henry Kremer enabled the Pirates to make it an even break when he outpitched five Robin pitchers and won 6 to 5, in the nightcap.

Major league standings today follow:

AMERICAN LEAGUE table with columns for team, W. L., Pct., and games played.

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Prohibition agents at Malone, N. Y., raided a circus train just across from Canada and found 700 bottles of liquor. Customers who visited the circus next day probably saw a real wild man from Borneo.

When Noah called the waters blue he had his troubles, same as you. For forty days he drove the Ark. Before he found a place to park.

U. S. Athletes To Taper Off This Week in Holland

AMSTERDAM, July 23 (AP)—The American Olympic teams today began their final week of training in the same fine weather which has greeted them since the President Roosevelt left America nearly two weeks ago.

Double workouts daily will be held until mid-week when the track and field men who compete next week will taper off.

The marathon squad was out early today for their 18-hole job about the flat course they will follow in actual competition against the world's best distance aces during the games. Joe Kay, the converted miler, appeared particularly strong. The confident Chicagoan is up to his natural weight and is in high spirits.

The rowers were ready for a big day of speed tests at Sloten. Major General Douglas MacArthur of Baltimore, president of the American Olympic committee, yesterday traversed the crew course and returned to the Roosevelt enthusiasm about the crew and as a boy over the showing of the University of California eight.

"It's the finest crew I've ever seen in the world," he exclaimed. "Every man is magnificent in power and steadiness."

A shower during the night alarmed citizens who fear the stadium track won't be ready in time but it was of less than an hour's duration.

Portland Theater Robbed of \$1000

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Police without a trace today in their search for a tall, roughly dressed man who held up the manager's office of the Portland theater and escaped with \$1,000 in currency, which he forced the cashier to turn over. While the patrons of the theater were enjoying a film drama, a real life play was being enacted behind their backs.

The robber held up Harry Wareham, house manager, Robert Blair, theater manager, and Steve E. Cheever, treasurer, and walked out of the building with the currency, leaving \$542 in silver on a table.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS Including Games of July 22 (By the Associated Press)

Batting—Hornaby, Braves, .352. Runs—Bottomley, Cards, 82. Hits Batted In—Bissonette, Robins, 41.

His—Douthitt, Cards, 121. Doubles—Bottomley, Cards, 22. Triples—Bottomley, Cards, 13. Homers—Wilson, Cubs, 22. Stolen Bases—Frisch, Cards, 16. Pitching—Benton, Giants, won 15, lost 4.

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His—Manush, Browns, 113. Doubles—Flagstead, Red Sox, 22. Triples—Barnes, Senators, 13. Homers—Ruth, Yanks, 29. Stolen Bases—Mottil, White Sox, 15. Pitching—Hoyt, Yanks, won 12, lost 2.

Jobs Supplied With Surplus of Men Over State

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23—Employment in all parts of the Pacific northwest are reported today as follows, by the Four L Lumber News:

The small fruit harvest in the Portland-Willamette valley district is virtually over and help is shifting to other work. Hop harvest will start about Aug. 19. Logging camps in this section are 75 per cent active.

Marshfield, Ore.—Cooe Hay logging camps and manufacturing plants are well supplied with local help. Building, farm work, dock and road work seasonally active.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Logging has been slowed by forest fires and fire insurance. Fire fighting is at present requiring hundreds of men. Supply of help is sufficient to meet all local needs.

Tacoma, Wash.—Considerable number of unskilled workers here seeking jobs. All wood-working plants are busy. Most camps have resumed since July 4.

Spokane, Wash.—Labor turnover has been increased by the putting on and taking off of night shifts at several Inland Empire sawmills. Woods work active. Wheat harvest now well under way.

Leavenworth, Wash.—Wheat harvest in full swing. Resident labor rally employed.

La Grande, Ore.—Haying, agricultural and lumbering work well supplied with local help. No outside help needed.

Beard, Ore.—Mills working on short-time week. No shortage of help in any line. Boise, Ida.—There is still surplus of help in the lumber industry of this section.

GENE TUNNEY IS STILL A PUZZLE

After Period as Heavy-weight Champion, Writers Not Yet Certain

By Edward J. Neil (Associated Press Sports Writer) NEW YORK, July 23 (AP)—Take one portion of extra large method—Gene Tunney, physically perfect and mentally alive to every bit of the world around him. Season with a dash of aloofness, too in a whole handful of self confidence and belief in such a thing as a "man of destiny."

Add a keen desire to be looked upon as a man of intellect, a clear and analytical brain, wise in the ways of the world, oftentimes through experience none too pleasant, more than a little dependable and understanding philosophy; and a deep and abiding love of nature, tingling air, running streams, green fields and wooded trails.

Mix it all thoroughly with a kindness and honesty of purpose, often misinterpreted; freeze it a bit with those same misinterpretations; slice the mixture cross-grain—and any one section will contain most everything that will crop out during a normal day in the life of Gene Tunney, most extraordinary heavy-weight champion, the fight racket has ever known.

Not Many Years Ago. It wasn't so many years ago that Tunney pounded a typewriter for a livelihood in the office of an express company. That was before the World war took him away from Greenwich Village and across the seas to France in the marine corps.

Even closer to the present was the time when the big, blue-eyed fellow, back from the war and eager to gain a new foothold in the game, he really loved, dropped in occasionally on the boys in the old Madison Square Garden looking for a main event "shot" or even a good semi-final to start him again "in the money."

Fight writers knew him as a prince of good fellows, a "great guy" but they were not enough interested in him to probe and find that under the bristly pompadour, behind the smiling blue eyes was a mind already deeply interested in works of Shakespeare and poets, painters, philosophers and musicians.

Not So Good Then. Gene wasn't considered much of a fighter then. Bad hands caused him to fight bad fights and there seemed little probability that he ever would reach fight heights. He knew in his heart that he had the makings of a champion, that nothing could stop him if the chance once came. Gene knew that but no one else seemed to bother about it.

Today Tunney is still a puzzle to most of the writers of that day. Before they really knew him Gene disappeared into the Canadian woods to mend the fractures in his hands by the husky labor of a logging camp. There his body grew, his confidence increased and while other fighters marked time in the cities, Gene laid the foundation out of doors for the physique that lifted him to the throne of all pugilism.

Other Fellows Popular. But the interest, it seems, always was in the other fellow, the chap who could bring "color" to mankind's most ancient, sport—the hand-to-hand battle of giant brawn and stamina. It was no wonder then that the Gene Tunney, who laced the invincible Jack Dempsey that rain-drenched night in Philadelphia, was almost an unknown as far as his mental equipment was concerned when he burst in upon a surprised boxing world as king of the heavyweights.

"But I hadn't changed a bit," Gene says. "I've always loved literature and the classics. I never before had the time and opportunity to seek them out as freely as I now am able to. Life has grown fuller for me, given me more opportunities to learn, but basically there has been no change."

No Need For Pretense. Now Tunney has all the time he wants to do whatever he wants and the wealth to allow self-expression in any direction. He fights but once a year for thirty or forty minutes and his pay is close to a million dollars. There is no need for pretense. The only sham in his whole day comes when, well-dressed and in a well-kept suit, he goes to shake the hand of the champion regardless of what that champion stands for otherwise. Gene smiles then but he doesn't mean it.

"Some night," he said, "I suppose I'll go the way of all champions. I'll pick myself up in defeat and wander alone to my dressing room. I often wonder who'll be there then to shake my hand, who of the men I thought friends will crowd the dressing room of the victor. I know, too, that many a fellow I don't appreciate now will be there that night with tears in his eyes. Others won't know me. Sometimes I think I haven't made a single friend since I won the title."

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PASTOR IS JAILED

MAINE, July 23 (AP)—Pastor of the Methodist church in this town was jailed today for violating an injunction against the building of his new tabernacle which did not conform to fire and safety standards.

Meanwhile women church members toiled to complete the structure. Judge Tom Young (below) ordered work on the building stopped, under penalty of arrest. The city building inspector condemned the tabernacle as unsafe.

There is nothing so very new about experimental marriage. It has always been just about that.

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Mexico Received Carranza's Body

MEXICO CITY, July 23 (AP)—Capt. Emilio Carranza, Mexico's good will flier, came back today to a capital in double mourning for his own untimely death and for the assassination of President-Elect Obregon.

It was a cold gray rainy morning, extremely unfavorable for flying, but squadrons of Mexican army planes took off from Yahuacatlan flying field and met the funeral train, while many school children gathered along the roads to Mexico City. Soldiers lined the streets of the capital, all wearing arm bands of mourning and throughout the city flags were at half mast and most business offices were closed.

EDDIE MACK TO FIGHT. MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 23 (AP)—Eddie Mack, flashy Salt Lake City welterweight, has signed to fight Ole Neishum, of Coos Bay, July 27. Neishum will try for a twelfth consecutive knockout.

WEED THIMS MEDFORD. MEDFORD, Ore., July 23—Weed defeated Medford yesterday 5 to 3, in the Oregon-California basketball league.

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