

REBELS GAIN IN PORTUGAL, REPORTS SAY

Federal Officials, However, Have No Information to Release.

CABINET HOLDS ALL NIGHT MEET

British Land Force at Funchal, Madeira to Protect Nationals During Revolt.

FUNCHAL, Mancharia, Apr. 9 (AP)—(Delayed)—A force from off the British cruiser London, sent to Funchal when the revolt on this island broke out last weekend, was landed here today.

The population received the officers and men enthusiastically, and the civil governor of the island wrote a warm letter of friendship to the captain of the vessel, which was in the charge of the British troops.

British troops were landed at Funchal, Madeira, to protect British nationals and property in the event of disturbances here.

REVOIT SPREADING: Apr. 10 (AP)—En route to the Azores, the steamer Lima was recalled by wireless today by her owners who said they had been informed that both Sao Miguel and Ponta Delgada were in the hands of rebel forces.

Government officials, however, insisted that they had no information as to the spread of the revolt from the Madeira islands to the Azores and were skeptical of the shipping company's information which they believed to be based on groundless rumors.

Army "On Fence": There was an air of tension here today, with the widespread feeling that the quiet of the past 24 hours was a lull before a storm. In the opinion of military observers, the army was sitting "on fence."

Several officers of the aviation corps of the army failed to appear at the airport at Funchal this morning and they were believed in some quarters to have departed for the northern provinces to organize agitation against the government.

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Marriages And Divorces Both Show Decrease

Cruel and Inhuman Treatment Complaints Listed — One Man Files Suit Against Wife.

C. K. McCormick, county clerk, has compiled statistics to show that the number of divorces has decreased during the first quarter of 1931 as compared with the same period during 1930.

The marriage rate has also decreased, the statistics show. During the first quarter of 1930 there were 15 divorces granted in Union county while during the same period in 1931, 14 divorces were granted.

The decrease in the marriage rate is more appalling, falling from 32 in the first quarter of 1930 to 24 in 1931, Mr. McCormick states.

There are many causes for divorce in the state which are held as valid, but Union county seems to "go in" for the more "strong and silent" type of cruel and inhuman treatment.

In the other 13 cases, the wife was the plaintiff. Sixteen children were involved in the protection of the state, six of whom had no children, four had one child, and four had three children, Mr. McCormick points out.

Practically all of the marriages are those which have been contracted during the past five or six years, the records show.

The report which Mr. McCormick has compiled will be sent to the secretary of state, Hal E. Hoss, and will be filed with reports from the other counties in the state.

Boy Shoots At Another, But His Aim Was Faulty

What might have developed into a very serious case was averted yesterday afternoon merely because a boy did not have the ability to shoot straight with a .22 rifle.

When a boy named John, a boyish prank, although not of a commendable nature, almost took a serious turn. A boy, passing a house on Pennsylvania avenue, flashed a .22 rifle in order to get a laugh, and "scared" another boy who lived there.

As a matter of fact the revolver was pointed at the head of the boy, but the other boy was not aware of this.

Instead of becoming frightened, the other lad dashed to the house, secured his father's .22 caliber repeating rifle, and took a shot at the other boy. Luckily he missed, but the bullet came within a few inches of the boy's head.

The police, investigating the case which was reported by the people, secured the complete story of the affair from the two boys involved, both of whom are quite young. Disposition of the case is still pending.

Frank Tyler Hurt During Class Race

Frank Tyler, a high school sophomore, suffered painful injuries yesterday when he stumbled while running the 100-yard dash in the inter-class track meet.

His fall was caused by a slip on the track, and he was badly bruised, and his collar bone was badly broken and splintered.

He was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital, and this morning underwent an operation. It was necessary to remove several splinters of bone which had been forced into the flesh, and to remove the loose ends of the broken bone together.

Enterprise To Be Older Boys' Host

F. A. Crosby, of Portland, high school secretary for the Northwest council for boys work in Y. M. C. A., is in the county jail, with bail set at \$2000, after charges of bigamy concerning the approaching Older Boys' conference. The conference will be held at Enterprise on May 2.

Crosby was arraigned and plead not guilty to the charges. Preliminary hearing was waived and the case is set for trial in the county court at Enterprise on May 2.

Home Entered; Gun, Watch, Robe Taken

Mrs. Jim Parker, of 1201 Tenth street, reported to the police last night that someone entered her home between 7:30 and 10 p. m. and stole a .32 caliber automatic pistol, a gold watch and a red and green Indian robe. The police are investigating.

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LIQUOR RING CHARGED BY PROSECUTION

Government Introduces First Evidence in Toozee-Brown Trial

JOHN GILLILAND FIRST ON STAND

Witness Says He Often Delivered as Much as 50 Gallons of Liquor at One Time.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 10 (AP)—Charging that a well-organized liquor manufacturing and distributing syndicate was operated by the defendants in Oregon and Washington, the government today introduced its first evidence in the Toozee-Brown liquor conspiracy trial.

Walter L. Toozee Jr., Portland attorney and former republican state committeeman, and Joseph Brown, alleged leader of the ring, were indicted with 34 others in connection with the case.

John Gilliland, government witness, who has pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charges, testified that while employed to haul whiskey he was instructed to call Toozee or Frank Hodgson if he ever got "knocked over." The "gang," he said, agreed to pay him \$5 a day for time spent in jail. He testified he often delivered as much as 50 gallons at a time.

Officer on Stand: Frank Dodel, state prohibition agent, and former federal officer, testified today that he was called by George Moffett, one of the defendants, from a downtown Portland district to the Pullman ranch near Salem. The truck was escorted, he said, by a small coupe. Six of the alleged conspirators, a still and equipment were seized there, he said.

Dodel's story was corroborated by J. Zimmerman, federal agent, who told of following other trucks, always escorted by passenger cars, and carrying "hot haulings" signs.

Earl Hartman, of Silverton, an automobile dealer, told of selling two trucks to Joe Brown, and described him. Other witnesses were Sheriff G. W. Manning of McKinville, who testified to seizure of a still at Amity, Ore., which he said, first led to the undercover investigation of the alleged ring.

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Heat Wave Hits Mid-West; Warm Here Thursday

Temperature Up to 65 in La Grande — One Prostration Reported in Lincoln, Kan.

Although today opened cloudy, La Grande experienced another warm day yesterday when the temperature mounted to 65 above, halving honors with a day earlier this week for the warmest weather since last fall.

The weather forecast indicated possible showers tonight and tomorrow, with colder weather for Eastern Oregon.

Throughout the city, with the ground drying, gardeners have been busy and a considerable number of shrubs, flowers, etc. went into the soil yesterday. Continuation of the present weather will see the first trees coming into bloom within a day or so, and other spring activities opening up in earnest.

HEAT WAVE IN MID-WEST: KANSAS CITY, April 10 (AP)—A spring heat wave that led to one prostration and established temperature records at several cities was the talk today in plains states dotted by snowdrifts 11 days ago.

Abnormal weather conditions were reported from Northern Oklahoma to the Canadian border. L. S. Ruggles, an auctioneer, was overcome while crying a sale in Lincoln, Kan. Dust storms swept North Dakota and Minnesota.

Temperatures ranging from the high 70s to 80 inspired increased activity among farmers.

The mercury soared to 80 degrees at Pittsburgh, Kan., and remained there three hours. The same reading at Fairmont, Minn., established the highest mark for April in 44 years. At Davenport, Ia., April 8 went down as the hottest on record with 88 degrees. Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., also set records.

At St. Louis, Mo., the thermometer recorded 88 degrees. A maximum of 88 was recorded in Chicago.

DEATH IN OHIO: YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 10 (AP)—A record breaking heat wave which swept over Ohio yesterday, caused the death of a young man, 21, who was working in a steel mill.

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NEW PROBLEM LOOMING FOR FARM BOARD

Production Increase of 40 Million Bushels of Wheat is Expected.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (AP)—The farm board faced a new barrier today in its drive to reduce the surplus of domestic wheat.

Piled high in front of it was an estimated production of 644,000,000 bushels of wheat, 40,000,000 more than last year.

This bumper crop was seen as a nullifier of the board's success in obtaining a 3 per cent reduction in total acreage planted, both winter and spring.

Should normal weather prevail and a normal yield be harvested the total 1931 production would be 865,000,000 as compared with 851,000,000 last year.

Another Emergency Loan: Such an indicated production possibly would create another emergency in view of expected large world carry-overs and only a slight reduction in world acreage exclusive of Russia which has said it would increase its plantings.

A relatively light winter, conducive to good wheat growth, and a winter wheat to a high April 1 condition of 88.8 per cent of normal. The abandonment was only 4 per cent.

With a winter growing season considered abnormally favorable, it is possible the indicated yield may be cut through adverse weather prior to harvest time. Some economists believe that even under normal conditions the production will not equal 644,000,000 bushels.

The United States surplus available for export and carry-over on July 1 was placed yesterday by the agriculture department at 300,000,000 bushels, 15,000,000 more than last year.

The farm board is believed to have been given the go-ahead to begin an emergency loan should it not be expected to alter its decision not to export wheat.

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THOUSAND MULES SLAIN BY GNATS

Farmers in Mississippi Delta, Oil Their Stock, Build Smudges.

CLARKDALE, Miss., April 10 (AP)—Farmers built smudge fires and oiled their mules along the Mississippi delta today in an effort to save them from a scourge of buffalo gnats that have so far slain approximately 1000 of the animals in this state, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Other livestock in the river lowlands of the three states likewise have fallen prey to the plague of pests that swarmed over the area last Tuesday in unprecedented numbers, but the mules have been the hardest hit.

The oil treatment was instituted at the barn of the Yazoo Mississippi delta levee board and the 35 mules to which it was first applied have remained unharmed by the gnats. The burning smudges prevent the gnats from settling. Livestock men also are taking precautions to prevent an outbreak of anthrax.

Veterinarians say the dead animals in this country, Oshmore, will reach 400 or more. H. J. Hayes, veterinarian at Helena, Ark., reported that the loss on the western side of the river may reach 500 head. A hundred and fifty mules died in 24 hours in five of six communities near here.

Crew of Fishing Boat On Island: JUNEAU, Alaska, April 10 (AP)—The mysterious disappearance in February of the fishing boat, the Monroe, solved today with a message the craft had been wrecked and the four men aboard marooned on Wingham Island.

The Monroe grounded on a reef on the southeast end of Wingham Island on March 21, the message said. Captain O. F. Brown and his crew of three men reached shore safely and have been staying at a fox ranch on the island.

The collector of customs here received word of the disaster from Katala. Katala is about 175 miles east of Seward.

NAVY'S FINEST CRUISER ON INAUGURAL RUN

Here is the U. S. S. Louisville, super cruiser and sister ship of the Chicago, being christened at the Navy yard, Wash., and passed through San Francisco on her maiden voyage to Honolulu.

Monroe Brewer Kidnaped; Heavy Ransom Is Asked

Abductors, in Telephone Message, Demand \$150,000 to Free Wisconsin Man.

MONROE, Wis., April 10 (AP)—Fred J. Blumer, 50, a Monroe brewer of near beer and former president of the Wisconsin Brewers' association, today apparently was in the hands of kidnapers who were demanding \$150,000 for his release.

Blumer, whose friends describe him as not rich, was taken last night after he had left his home to keep an appointment with a man who telephoned him, requesting Blumer to meet him and another man at a local hotel. Later he intended to attend a meeting of the directors of the Monroe country club.

The missing man failed to appear at the club and so far as could be learned did not enter the hotel, leading the authorities to believe his abductors forced their way into his automobile near the hotel.

His disappearance was followed by an anonymous telephone call from Rockford, Ill., in which a man notified R. C. Wells of the ransom demand. Wells and Charles Strook, with Blumer are owners of the Blumer Products company, of which Blumer is president.

While the call came from Rockford, it was reported as having been made from Freeport, Ill.

"Blumer is safe," said the caller. "He will not be hurt if we get the \$150,000 (underworld slang for \$150,000). Tell his wife not to worry and come yourself to Freeport. You'll find Blumer's car parked here."

Auto Discovered: Blumer's automobile was discovered abandoned on the streets of Freeport, but the abductors promised to return it on payment of a ransom demand. Blumer is the father of a daughter, Marian, 19, who with her mother was prostrated by the news of her father's abduction.

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LONGWORTH'S DEATH MAKES CLOSER RACE

Campaign For Control of House Tightens — Republican Plurality One

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (AP)—Washington felt an earthquake today as it tried to believe that one of its most beloved characters, Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, was dead.

From president to humblest clerk, officials and private citizens joined in tributes. They knew he was dead but he had been around so long it was difficult to picture the future without him.

In the House of Representatives he worked his way from the foot of a minor committee to what he called "the greatest office in any legislative branch of any government in the world." That was the speaker's office of the house of representatives.

The removal of the venerable Longworth, whose leadership concededly kept Republicans in line on many votes, renewed discussion of possibilities in the next house. Republican leaders conceded their hope of organizing had suffered a considerable setback.

Longworth's death brought to 210 the Republican seats. Democrats hold 215, the Farmer Labor party one and there are three vacancies. Two of the latter possibly will be filled by Republicans, although Longworth's margin in the last election was not as large as had been expected. There is, too, a Democratic vacancy.

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Ranks at Present Include 216 Republicans, 215 Democrats, One Farmer-Laborite.

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