

Peace Efforts Gaining on Anniversary of War's Outbreak

Disarmament Hopes Higher

Friendly Turn in British and German Relations Gives Peace Hope

LONDON, July 28.—(AP)—Efforts to rid Europe of her chief menace to peace were gaining ground today—just 24 years after the first world war declaration.

There were brighter prospects for a halt in the feverish rearmament race. Today—as in 1914 Austria-Hungary, backed by Germany, launched a war on Serbia that brought on the general conflict—Britain and Germany are the key powers in the European situation. A friendly turn in the relations of these two powers bolstered European statesmen's hopes of averting a repetition of events of 24 years ago.

Britain's move to mediate the Czechoslovak minority quarrel—with German consent—promised to lead to broader political talks between the two big powers. Air Pact Secured An air pact, limiting armament in this field upon which both nations have been concentrating, was believed in some quarters to be high on the agenda of these negotiations.

Such was hinted by Prime Minister Chamberlain himself when he praised the British-German naval agreement in parliament Tuesday and called it proof that the two countries could reach an understanding—vital problems.

Reports that Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, Adolf Hitler's adjutant, was returning to London this weekend to resume talks with Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax he started July 18 to a belief in some quarters that he was coming to discuss prospects for an air pact.

Britain gave new evidence, however, that her present vast rearmament program will not slacken until threatening Spanish civil war and Czechoslovak problems are nearer a solution.

Leslie Hore-Belisha, war secretary, promised faster promotions and other features to attract more men into the army he is revolutionizing.

He announced lower retirement ages and higher retirement pay, estimated to cost an additional \$1,500,000 annually in first years of the plan's operation and increase to an extra \$3,000,000 a year over 20 to 25 years.

Immediate effect of the changes, which are in line with the common secretary's policy of injecting more youth into the army command, will be the promotion of more than 2,000 officers August 1.

Seaman Bit Hazy About Fish Rule

THE DALLES, July 28.—(AP)—At least one seaman with the fleet boats now in Portland was a little hazy as to whether the Columbia was fresh or salt water.

He thought salt water fishing regulations applied on the river and went fishing near here without a license and landed in justice court.

Judge H. C. Meredith took a charitable view of the matter and suspended a \$5 fine on provision the sailor, Robert Blackmer Harris of the USS MacDonough, buy a license.

Yamhill May Cut Relief Expenses

McMINNVILLE, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—County Judge William O. Powell notified the state relief committee today that Yamhill county tax collections were so low the county would have to cut relief expenditures 25 per cent.

Judge Powell said only \$252,550 had been paid on rolls of \$470,017.

Fishery Official Dies

ASTORIA, July 28.—(AP)—Oscar A. Wirkkala, Columbia River Packers' association vice president, died at his home here today after a heart attack.

'Pirates' Get Church Sentences

With reform school sentences suspended, three youthful "pirates" of Santa Cruz, Cal., were released on probation with the following provision: 1. That they go to church on Sunday until they are 21; 2. that they abstain from liquor and tobacco; 3. that they report to probation officers monthly; 4. that they make no public appearances or have photographs taken without authorization; 5. that they leave the Ten Commandments and be prepared to recite them from memory to officers. Photo shows, left to right, Lew Foote, owner of the yacht; James Henniger, 17; Lyle Tarr, 17; William Grace, 16. The three boys took the yacht Tica from Santa Cruz harbor, seeking adventure on the high seas. They were arrested in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, when they put in for provisions.

Throngs See Suicide Plunge From 17th Floor



Deliberating 11 hours on a narrow window ledge 17 stories above the street, John W. Warde, 26, recently plunged to death as thousands of New Yorkers jammed streets and nearby buildings. Mrs. Katherine Bull, Warde's sister, is seen in photo trying to persuade her brother through the grotesque drama was taking place pennant and cream vendors reaped harvest among the thousands of spectators. Even a bookie was taking bets on whether Warde would jump. Warde was described as a frustrated playboy who never, in business or social life, could feel he had succeeded in anything.

Employers Expect Loading of Craft

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—Waterfront Employers association spokesmen today said they "expected" to see 2,500,000 board feet of lumber from the West Oregon Lumber company loaded on the schooner W. R. Chamberlin, Jr., Friday morning.

They denied, however, the employers had issued an "ultimatum" to CIO longshoremen who refused to pass a CIO lumber workers' picket line.

The lumber union picketed the yards and dock after the company recognized the AFL. The ship has been tied up for more than a week.

Levine Extorters Handed Sentences

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 28.—(AP)—Werner Fred Luck, 23, and John Penn, 15, convicted of attempting to extort money from Murray Levine, were sentenced to prison today by Judge Frank H. Coyne, who described their crime as "despicable, low down and dastardly." He said his only regret was that he could not impose a heavier sentence.

Judge Coyne sentenced them to serve from three years and nine months to seven years and six months. The two young men wrote ransom notes to Levine, whose 12-year-old son Peter was kidnaped and slain.

Portland Customs Grabs Opium Tins

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—Customs Collector Fred Fisk said today 400 tins of smoking opium, valued at \$80,000 to \$100,000, had been seized aboard the Norwegian motorship Granville here.

Fisk said the opium tins, sealed in burlap covered containers, were linked together with 100 feet of rope, apparently ready to be thrown overboard where a contact boat would pick them up.

Landscaping Bids Opening August 12

Bids for landscaping the new state capitol grounds will be opened in Portland August 12, it was announced yesterday.

The work, for which \$12,500 has been set aside, will include grading, top-soiling, fertilizing and planting of the lawns.

The job will be supervised by George Otten, landscape engineer for the state highway department.

Oddities in the News

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 28.—(AP)—Illinois highway police are brushing up on their mathematics so they can measure the speed of automobiles by a new formula designed to eliminate perjury from motorist's stories—after the crash.

The formula involves the car's rate of deceleration, its weight, braking effort and the skid resistance of the roadway.

All you have to do, Chief Walt Williams explained, is to double the length of the skid mark, multiply it by the rate of deceleration and take the square root of the result.

ROME, July 28.—(AP)—Music and the movies, and music were ordered today to observe new fascist customs through which an attempt to transform Italian life is being made.

The ministry of popular culture in a new decree ordered that the fascist salute be substituted for the handshake in stage and screen productions and that orchestra conductors at open air concerts and operas wear the summer dress uniform of the fascist party.

MIAMI, Fla., July 28.—(AP)—A woman charged her dentist with assault and battery today after an incident that had police scratching their heads.

Answering a terse radio message, "Disturbance—woman screaming," Policemen J. Burkhardt and R. C. Groover rushed to the office of Dr. Justin G. Holland, dentist.

There they found Mrs. Blanche Bailey in hysterics. She complained the dentist had taken out her teeth. Fuzzled, the policemen telephoned J. P. Burkhardt and Capt. Virgil Mathis to bring in everyone involved.

After questioning the dentist and his wife, and Mrs. Bailey and her brother, Mathis said this is what happened: "Dr. Holland gave Mrs. Bailey an estimate of \$47 for a lower plate, repairs to upper bridge-work, and other items. She paid him \$25 and was to pay the remaining \$22 when the work was finished.

Mathis said that when the job was done Mrs. Bailey started to walk out and when the dentist asked her for the \$22 she said she had paid him in full. The dentist, Mathis said, took her by the arm, led her back to the chair and removed \$22 worth of dentures work despite her screams and protests.

Mrs. Bailey, claiming she had been scratched on a shoulder, obtained the assault and battery warrant. The dentist was fined \$25 and costs in municipal court.

Cooks' Union Asks Benefits Hearing

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—The state unemployment commission yesterday was asked by the culinary union's executive council to grant immediate hearings on the applications of striking hotel workers for benefits.

Union spokesmen, who said applications had been returned, asked permission to present evidence why their members should get assistance. The union called a strike at 15 hotels in June but the hotels remained in operation with other labor.

Indians' Fishing Sites Loss Eyed

THE DALLES, July 28.—(AP)—Indians who have lost their fishing sites because of the high water in the Columbia created by Bonneville dam have a "just claim for damages," O. L. Babcock, superintendent of the Umatilla reservation declared.

"Every tributary where the Indians used to fish should come under investigation" by the United States government so that treaties with the Indians can be preserved to the letter, he said.

Five-Year-Old Boy Dies From Injury

INDEPENDENCE, July 28.—(AP)—Gerald Wheeler, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Wheeler, independence, died in the Salem hospital at noon Thursday as a result of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile near his home last night.

State police said they had not yet received the name of the person driving the automobile which ran over the boy.

This is the second time within a year that tragedy has struck the Wheeler family. A son and daughter were drowned in the Willamette river near Independence, on August 9, 1937, when Richard Lee Wheeler, 15, lost his life in a futile attempt to save Mildred Fay Wheeler, 17.

The Wheeler family came to Oregon from Oklahoma last year.

Blow From Driver Results in Death

LAKE CHARLES, La., July 28.—(AP)—An accidental blow from a golf club in the hands of her husband during play on the municipal golf course caused the death today of Mrs. W. G. Caldwell, Jr., wife of an official of the Louisiana state employment service.

Mrs. Caldwell was standing behind her husband Sunday as he raised the club to play and the club-head struck her near the left temple. She never regained consciousness.

Logger Killed

MYRTLE POINT, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—Oren F. Solomon, 25, Elkton, was killed by a rolling log at the Sykes and McNair logging camp near here today.



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Soviets Purging Siberian Forces

Aim to Spoil Japanese Sabotage Efforts Is Claim of Press

MOSCOW, July 28.—(AP)—The Siberian newspaper, Pacific Ocean Star, tells of a "great purge" in the Soviet Russian far east to frustrate what the newspaper terms Japan's efforts "to destroy our strength from the inside."

"In the past few months a great purge was carried on, and it still continues," the newspaper says. "The bolsheviks of Primorsk province will smoke from their holes all spies, wreckers and terrorists to the last man."

The newspaper, published at Khabarovsk, near the scene of recent border incidents between red soldiers and detachments of the Japanese army of occupation in Manchoukuo, says the purge was started "on the initiative" of Joseph Stalin, secretary general of the Russian communist party.

(Diplomatic exchanges between Moscow and Tokyo in a renewed dispute over the Siberian-Manchoukuoan border were marked by Russian rejection of a Japanese protest that Soviet soldiers had occupied Manchoukuoan soil near Changkufeng on July 11. Japan since has taken a conciliatory attitude.

Ring Lardner Son Wounded in Spain

BARCELONA, July 28.—(AP)—James P. Lardner, 24-year-old son of the late Ring Lardner, was reported today as among the wounded on the Ebro river front.

A courier dispatch from the front said he was hit in the back by fragments of a bomb. His condition was described as "not serious."

He was in the Gandesa area fighting for government forces. He gave up newspaper work in April to enlist.

Advertising Need To Revive Selling

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28.—(AP)—John M. Palmer, advertising specialist, advised furniture retailers today to keep at their advertising to revive sales.

"The common sense of retail advertising," the spokesman for J. Walter Thompson co., advertising firm said, "is not so much how you tell your message as the regularity with which you tell it." He gave his views to a group of merchants, manufacturers and buyers who attend the western furniture institute meeting here.

Federation Made By German Jews

BERLIN, July 28.—(AP)—German Jews today formed a united front in an effort to deal more effectively with the problem of emigration from Nazi Germany.

Formation of a federation of Jews to constitute their official representation in dealings with the government was announced in the weekly Central Verein Zeitung, organ of German Jewry.

Education Board Approves Nursery

CORVALLIS, July 28.—(AP)—Construction of a new nursery school on the Oregon State college campus was approved by the state board of higher education today. The new plant will be opened in time for the fall term and will replace Corvett House, a remodeled residence that has been operated by the school of home economics for the past 11 years. The cost, to be met from student building fee funds, will not exceed \$10,000.

Soldiers Rescued From Canon Ledge

MARFA, Tex., July 28.—(AP)—Two soldiers marooned on a canyon ledge over the flooding waters of the Rio Grande were rescued late today and were en route back to Fort D. A. Russell here tonight.

Col. Robert Lewis, in charge of a party of 20, which effected the rescue, telephoned the fort the men were brought up safely from the perch in late afternoon. They were expected here about midnight.

Late today plans had been laid to use a block and tackle to rescue the pair, Sergeant Clyde Ryberg and Private Clarence Hensen, who had remained on the ledge in dangerous Santa Helena canyon five days.

Elam J. Anderson Departs Linfield

McMINNVILLE, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—Dr. Elam J. Anderson, retiring president of Linfield college, ended six years of tenure today when he left for Redlands, Calif., where he will become president of the University of Redlands.

Dr. William G. Everson, soldier-pastor of a Portland church, has been named his successor.

Says Wage Cut Need

NEW YORK, July 28.—(AP)—Eugene G. Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel corp., said today there must be a reduction of labor cost or an increase of prices if the steel industry was to make money.

Aid Goes to 7565 Poor Farm Homes

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—A total of 7565 families in Oregon have received assistance through the government's efforts to raise the living standard of low-income and handicapped farmers. Clifford L. Smith, state director of the farm security administration, revealed today that the administration loaned \$2,708,159 to 2139 farmers for livestock, machinery, feed, seed and cooperative facilities during the year ending July 1. Loan collections came to \$575,540. More than 83 per cent of the maturities were met promptly and 274 loans were paid in full.

Correspondent Leaves

ROME, July 28.—(AP)—Paul Cremona, correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, departed for France tonight in compliance with a government order eight days ago for him to leave Italy.

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