

Chamberlain to Confer With Mussolini

Appeasement May Be Topic

Viscount Halifax Will Go With Prime Minister on Rome Trip

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, Nov. 28.—Britain's traveling prime minister is to talk over with Premier Mussolini in Rome the British policy of European appeasement which has been halted temporarily by Germany's drive on Jews.

The foreign office announced tonight that Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, both of whom were in Paris last week on an official visit, proposed journeying to Rome in the first half of January.

Il Duce's Suggestion

The announcement said Mussolini had suggested the trip to Chamberlain when they met Sept. 29 in Munich and, in answer to the later British proposal of making the meeting in the first half of January, had stated "he would in principle welcome a visit from the prime minister and foreign secretary at that time."

Authoritative sources said Jan. 10 was a likely date for the statesmen to meet.

Three Questions Up

It was expected that high on the agenda for their talks would be three questions:

1. Improvement of Anglo-German relations, now clouded by Germany's anti-Semitic policy.
2. Improvement of Italian-French relations.
3. The Spanish civil war.

The prime minister was described as confident that by personal contact with Il Duce he might set in motion negotiations which would lead to a broad accord among Britain, Italy, Germany and France.

It was believed that Chamberlain rather would have visited Chancellor Hitler first, since expanding Germany constitutes Britain's great diplomatic problem.

Kermit Roosevelt Involved in Crash

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Official approval of an out-of-court settlement of damage claims today disclosed Kermit Roosevelt, son of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, was a participant October 4 in an automobile accident which injured 7-year-old Mary Ann Johnson at an intersection here.

Superior Judge Louis H. Ward, on petition of Glen R. Johnson, the child's father, approved a \$500 compromise settlement. Cited in the petition, in addition to Roosevelt, were his wife, Belle Willard Roosevelt, and their son, Joseph Willard Roosevelt, all alleged to have been occupants of the car which struck the girl. The child incurred a compound leg fracture.

Australia Feels Doubling Navy Is Best Insurance

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Australia, in doubling her naval squadron and trebling her air force in a program to cost \$60,000,000, feels it is "the best security we can buy," Sir Samuel Walder, Australian merchant and former lord mayor of Sydney, said on his arrival here today, en route to London.

Dog's Barking Prevents Death of Pair in Blaze

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Awakened by their dog just in time, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peabody of Glendale early today escaped from their flaming home above a theatre. They fled in their night clothes. The theatre and a nearby drug store were damaged. The loss was set at \$4000.

Fire Refugees Sleep in Open



In the wake of southern California's worst fire in years, hundreds of refugees from the stricken area were forced to seek shelter at the homes of friends, while others, like those shown in photo, were not so lucky and had to sleep al fresco. Although millions of dollars worth of damage was done, no official reports of any deaths have been made.—(I.N.)

Santa Monica Fire Damage Loss Estimated at \$2,500,000



Charred ruins are all that remain of the once beautiful homes in the Topanga canyon residential district near Santa Monica, Cal. The brush fire swept through the canyon, laid waste to some 300 homes as a high wind fanned the blaze. Photo shows all that is left of the Maramount Studios and courts which was located near the swank Brentwood district. Only a shack, at upper left, survived the scourging flames.—(I.N.)

Irwin Starts Serving Term

Slayer of Model Handed 139 Year Sentence in Dramatic Scene

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—(AP)—For the shocking Easter morn, 1937, slaying of a beautiful young photographer's model, her mother and their apartment boarder, 31-year-old Robert Irwin today began serving a 139-year prison sentence—in a closely guarded padded cell.

Sentence was pronounced by General Sessions Judge James G. Wallace and Irwin—silenced amid a dramatic courtroom oration against "rich man's justice"—was taken immediately to Sing Sing.

Will Be Segregated

Warden Lewis E. Lawes said the "mad sculptor"—who had studied his art under some of America's masters and for the ministry at St. Lawrence university—would be segregated.

Even with time off for good behavior Irwin would have to serve about 92 years. For the murder of Frank Byrnes, Irwin received a sentence of from 30 years to life. To this was added 30 years to life for the killing of Mrs. Mary Geedon and the same for the slaying of her daughter, Veronica.

Sentences Consecutive

"These sentences are to be consecutive and not to run concurrently to assure your incarceration for the rest of your natural life," said Judge Wallace.

Handcuffed, Irwin was taken back to The Tombs by 15 guards and then to Ossining. Deputy Sheriff Joseph Brandt said Irwin told him:

"I'm going to get out within 10 years. No man or prison will hold me."

Jew Haven Offer Is not so Simple

ST. HELENS, Ore., Nov. 28.—(AP)—It appeared today that Mrs. Laura Baxter's offer of a Columbia river haven for Jewish refugees had some strings attached. The county clerk said today the property in the San Francisco woman's name on the tax rolls was not great and that nearly half the 1500 acres specified in her offer was listed as belonging to other heirs.

Suite of Offices Awaiting Holman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A suite of offices occupied by two former Oregon senators will be taken by Rufus C. Holman when Oregon's junior senator comes to the capital.

He has been assigned suite 348 in the senate office building. Robert Parkman, regarded as one of the finest legislative experts on capitol hill and who was a member of Senator Fred Stelwer's office staff was expected to continue on with Holman.

Japanese Warship Held Biggest Yet

German Naval Publication Says 40,000 Ton Ship Is on Ways

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A German naval command publication said today Japan "probably" is building the largest warships in the world, but added that if the United States remains in the Philippines the Anglo-Saxon position in the far east could be made "unassailable."

The statements were made in the "Nauticus," yearbook of the naval command, which appeared on the stands today. Japan is building two new ships of between 40,000 and 51,000 tons displacement, the annual says, each of which would carry nine 40.6 centimeter guns (15.98 inches).

Britain's Biggest Now

(The world's present largest warship, Great Britain's battle cruiser Hood, is of 42,100 tons.)

The statement was considered significant in view of close relations between Germany and Japan.

"Nauticus" said that the only means of ending Japanese-Anglo-Saxon "tension" would be acknowledgement of a Japanese "Monroe doctrine" for the far east. Recognition of such a doctrine, said the annual, "is more improbable today than ever."

Old Indian Scout Passes at Age 86

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Charles F. Caldwell, 86, who was with General Custer on scouting expeditions in Wyoming in the 70s, died of a heart ailment today.

Caldwell, who roamed five western states as a bullwhacker, miner and cook in early days was born at Collinsville, Conn.

When he was 21, Caldwell teamed with a scouting expedition commanded by Custer in western Wyoming. He campaigned with Custer again in 1874 against trespassing gold-seekers and the then-wild Sioux, in the Black hills of South Dakota and Wyoming.

Fired 4 Shots in Store Because Owner Disliked

MEDFORD, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Roy E. Thompson, 33, told Sheriff's Deputy William Greenbrier that he fired four rifle bullets through the window of a general store at Trail Sunday night because he was angry at the proprietor and had been drinking. Thompson was held in the county jail.

Klamath Log Truckman Crushed Beneath Load

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Erwin Nichols, 28, was crushed to death today when binder chains of his logging truck parted and a big log rolled off.

The accident occurred in the woods near Beatty.

Noted Orchardist Dies

MEDFORD, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Rupert J. Henry, 59, prominent orchardist and wild life conservationist of Rogue River valley, died Sunday.

Oregon School Cost Revealed

\$17,663,161 Spent During 1937-8 for Elementary and High Schools

The cost of operating Oregon's grade and high schools during the 1937-38 school year was \$17,663,161, annual reports compiled by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, showed yesterday.

The figure was the highest since 1933-34 when the operation cost was only \$13,149,384, low point of the depression. In 1931-32, however, the total was more than \$18,000,000.

Most for Salaries

Of the total operation cost, \$9,628,487 was spent for teachers' salaries and \$4,274,364 for debt service. Other items included \$1,660,686 for plant operation, \$1,570,355 for capital outlays, and \$952,155 for supervision.

School revenues during the year totaled \$17,426,541, of which 65.4 per cent came from local district taxes, 16.7 per cent from county school funds, 10.9 per cent from the two-mill elementary school fund, 4.9 per cent from the high school tuition fund, and 2.1 per cent from the state's ir-reducible school fund.

Indebtedness of School Districts

totaled \$16,682,950, of which the bonded indebtedness total \$15,068,003, lowest in 10 years despite the extensive PWA and WPA school building programs. Warrant indebtedness totaled \$1,484,680, one-fifth that of 1933, and other indebtedness was \$111,267.

Enrollment Record

School enrollment was 210,219, including 62,063 high school and 148,156 grade school students. The school census, including all children between four and 20 years of age, was 269,063, highest in history and 12,000 more than 10 years ago.

Twenty per cent of last year's high school graduates entered college, three per cent more than the previous year.

The average salary paid teachers last year was \$1061, high school teachers averaging \$1315, junior high teachers \$1378 and elementary teachers \$930. There were 595 grade teachers who earned less than \$700 per year, 735 more who earned between \$700 and \$800, and 723 who received between \$800 and \$900.

Jury Is Selected For Mayer Trying

SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Selection of a jury to hear the first degree murder case against De Cassin Carl Mayer, 44-year-old habitual criminal and a woman the state says is not his mother, Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 73, proceeded slowly in superior court today.

The jury was still incomplete when court adjourned, and questioning of prospective talesmen was to continue tomorrow.

Prosecutor B. Gray Warner, in his questioning, indicated he would seek the death penalty for both defendants, accused by the state of killing and butchering James Eugene Bassett of Annapolis, Md., here 10 years ago.

Slashing Fire Injures Three in Coast Range

PORTLAND, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A slashing fire that started Sunday spread over an undetermined area on the west slope of the coast range near Wolf Creek highway today and injured three of 350 workmen who were fighting it.

The trio, Ray Fox, Henry Baker and Roy Steadman, was brought to Portland hospitals. None was believed seriously hurt.

Body Found Near Home

MEDFORD, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The body of Niron Orew Tuttle, 83, was found near his home on Foothills Sunday with a rifle bullet in his head. Coroner Frank A. Perl said the man was a suicide. He had been in ill health.

Slayer's Gun Still Unfound

Yakima Police Say Pistol Found Here Is Wrong Calibre

YAKIMA, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A gun found in the Salem, Ore., railroad yards thought to have been the one used in the slaying of John Dee Moore, Yakima automobile dealer, November 7 was not the gun sought. Detective Harry Thompson said tonight, as it was a .38 calibre and Moore was shot with a .32.

Roy Wright, 18, of Watsonville, Cal., who Thompson said confessed the slaying of Moore, told the detective he tossed his gun into a creek near Salem while riding through on a freight train. A search of the creek south of Salem failed to disclose the gun, Thompson said.

Department of justice ballistics experts at Washington, D. C., will be asked to compare slugs fired from the gun found here with those taken from Moore's body before it is decided finally whether or not it is the weapon used by Wright. Sergeant Donald Nicholson of the Salem police department announced last night.

The gun, a .38 calibre Harrington & Richards nickel plated revolver, was turned over to city police Sunday by H. A. Budlong, 1547 Oak street, after he had read in The Statesman that Yakima officers were here searching for Wright's weapon. He said he found the gun and a flashlight hidden in a woodpile near the Southern Pacific depot.

Two chambers in the gun were empty. The other four contained cartridges whose lead bullets had been cut with a knife so as to mushroom upon hitting an object, Sergeant Nicholson said.

Deputy Sheriff Bert Guns and Detective Floyd Luce spent Saturday and Sunday morning in a fruitless search along the Southern Pacific tracks south of Salem for a revolver Wright said he had thrown into a ditch from a moving freight train early this month.

Tractor Purchase Hit by Treasurer

The board of control yesterday approved the state highway department's recommendation on purchase of several large tractors, despite a protest by the International Harvester corporation which submitted a bid \$1,500 lower which did not meet the specifications.

The department, through Chairman Henry F. Cabell, said that the International tractors would not be satisfactory, and warned the board that to change the specifications would break down the department's purchasing system.

State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman said he felt that the International tractors were satisfactory and that the department did not survey the tractor field before drawing up the specifications.

"I protest the wasting of \$1500 of taxpayers' money to accept the department's recommendations," Holman said, "inasmuch as the International tractors would do the work."

Refloat Freighter Damaged by Blast

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The Hamburg-American line's ship Vancouver, damaged by an explosion in the Oakland estuary several weeks ago, was refloat today from the Moore drydock with the hull reinforced with new plates.

Repairs to the damaged interior of the ship will require another month in the opinion of officials.

District Attorney Earl Warren of Alameda county said today the investigation to find those responsible for the blast was continuing, though it was announced last week following of all clues said so far been fruitless.

Landon Is Named As Peace Student

ABOARD SS SANTA CLARA ENROUTE TO LIMA, Peru, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull today appointed Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee of 1936, to a committee charged with studying the problem of strengthening peace machinery at the coming Pan-American conference in Lima.

As chairman, Hull convoked the first full meeting of the United States delegation enroute to the conference. The committee to which he appointed Landon was one of eight he set up to study topics likely to come before the parley.

Eden to Address NAM's Convention

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers announced today that Anthony Eden, the former British secretary for foreign affairs, had agreed to come here to address its annual convention December 9.

Eden's talk, which will be broadcast (10-11 p.m. NBC and Mutual Broadcasting System) will be on the subject "Democracy and the Modern World."

Charles R. Hook, president of NAM, said he understood Eden would sail for America this week-end.

Nazi Liner Vancouver Inspected in Drydock



Lieutenant Oscar Jahnsen (left) and Inspector Jack Smith of the Alameda county, Cal., police are shown viewing the damaged hull of the Nazi liner Vancouver, shortly after the vessel was put in drydock. Although sabotage was at first believed to have been the cause of the blast which sank the ship, investigators are not overlooking the possibility of faulty equipment as cause for the explosion. On another German vessel, the "Weser," in San Francisco bay, a longshoreman was killed when a cable snapped. Lives of several of his companions were endangered. An investigation showed that not sabotage but wear was the cause of this mishap. The cable had worn thin and snapped, investigators declared.—(I.N.)



Giovanni Martinelli, Marie Caniglia and Lawrence Tibbett

New York society turns out in full force for the Metropolitan Opera season now in full swing. Performances of old and new stars thrill opera lovers, especially the work of this trio, shown taking a bow. Left to right, they are Giovanni Martinelli, Marie Caniglia, young Italian singer who is making her debut, and Lawrence Tibbett. This marks Martinelli's twenty-fifth season with the Metropolitan and Tibbett's thirtieth.



Henry L. Walther

Against great odds, Henry L. Walther, 24, races against time from the Alaskan wilds to Chicago to be at the bedside of his dying mother. Friends fear the youth won't be able to complete the 5,000-mile dash in time.



David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, is pictured above. At a secret meeting of the union, in Washington, Dubinsky's union unanimously voted to separate from C.I.O., to remain independent until that organization and the A.F. of L. settle their differences.

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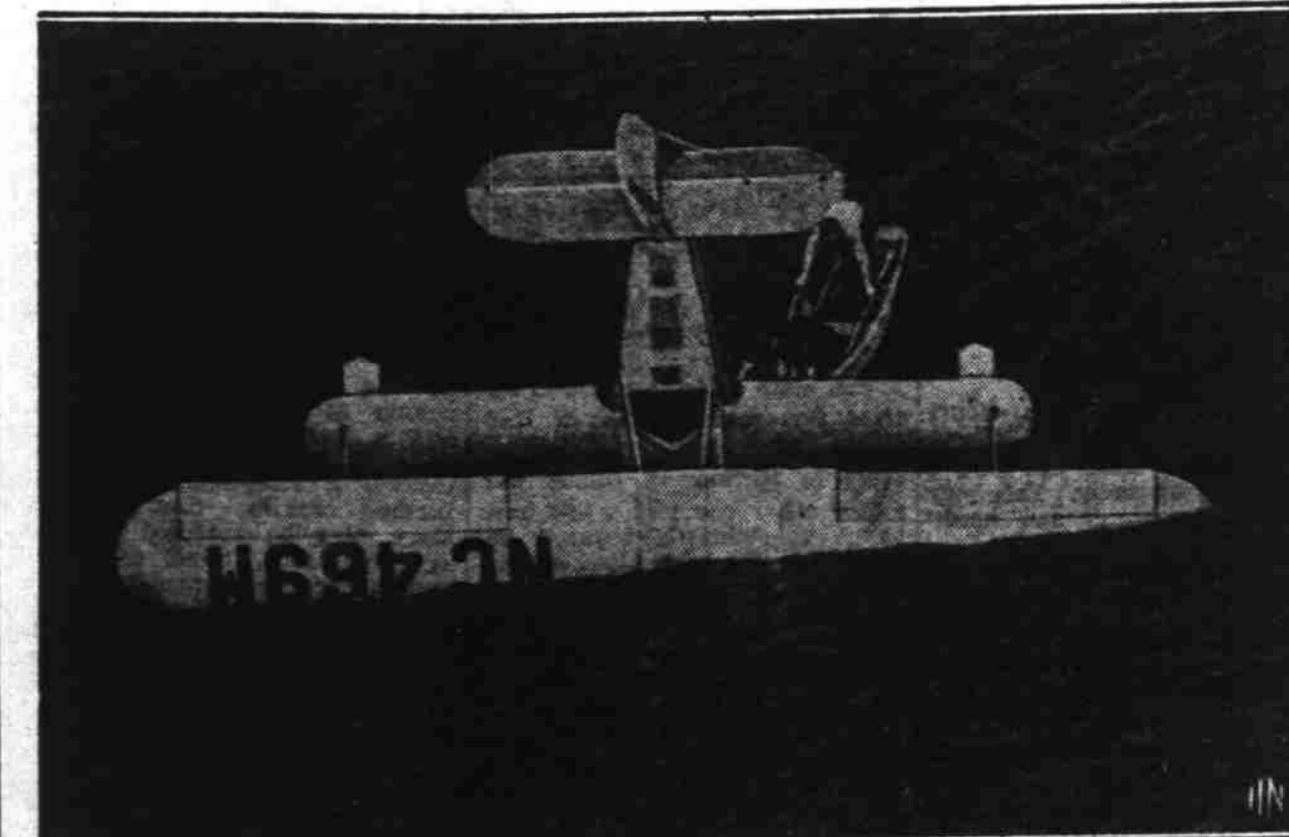
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Still on the go, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president, is snapped by the camera in San Francisco en route to Hollister, Cal., where she visited her son, James, who is convalescing from a stomach operation. Mrs. Roosevelt has been in Seattle where she visited her daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger.



Andrea Leeds

Injured by a fall during a game of badminton in Hollywood, Andrea Leeds, young screen actress, now must spend several weeks at home. Start of her new picture will be delayed.



John Okenfus, 23, was taxiing to a landing in Newark Bay, N. J., when pontoon on his plane hit a submerged log and came to grief, as pictured above. His brother, passing in boat, saved him. The rescue can be seen in background.