

Eyewitness Tells Graphically Of How Revolt Came To Spain

An eyewitness account of how the revolution came to Spain is given in a letter from W. B. Sanderson, an American citizen at Mallorca, an island in the Balearic group, now staying at J. A. Hawkins' resort on Siltcoos lake. The letter follows:

"Mallorca de Mallorca, Spain, July 26, 1936.

"My dear Mr. Lane: "All the ports of Spain are closed. No ships come into this port. For nine days we have had no mail or private communication, and the 'Isle of calm Mallorca' and its 300,000 people are cut off from the rest of the world. I shall drop this letter in the mail, but no one knows when, if ever, it will leave.

"The butt of a gun pounded on my door, and a soldier commanded, 'Open up or we will break in.' It was 6 a. m., July 19. I flung open the door and looked down the barrels of two army rifles over the points of shining bayonets.

"Have you a radio in there? The soldier asked gruffly. 'If so, don't turn it on or we will come back and smash it up.'

"What's the matter?' I asked. "You'll find out," he said, as they passed on to the next door.

"About five hundred shots rang out down the street. Bullets smashed against the stone walls and sang a death march as they hummed away. I pulled on my clothes and rushed into the street. A soldier threw his rifle on me and yelled, 'Get back there, you fool. Do you want to get killed?'

"No more shots were fired that day. In a little while, like a rat coming from a hole, I ventured on the street again. Crowds were standing along the sidewalks, but only soldiers occupied the sidewalks.

"What's going on?' I asked the first man I met.

"Nothing," he replied with a surprised look at me.

"Why all these soldiers and this shooting?"

"Just a matter of precaution to keep down trouble."

"What trouble? Precaution against what? I asked impatiently. The man shrugged his shoulders, made a face but said nothing. Machine guns were being rapidly placed in the streets, and soldiers were rushing in every direction.

"The old Spanish city of Palma had retired the night before in perfect calm, and no one anticipated that the peace of the island would not continue as it had for the past hundred years. The natives were totally unable to comprehend how the 'Isle of Peace' could be thrown into such a turmoil of war in so short a time, and so far as they could see, for no possible reason. Families were clinging to each other and women and children were crying. Men were asking advice of each other on what to do. Soldiers recklessly ordered citizens to hold hands up and be searched. Bayonets flashed among the people, who were ordered to scatter out and not bunch up. All were asking of the soldiers and of each other what it was all about. But no one seemed to know.

"In a few hours a proclamation was posted, stating that a state of war existed and that all who opposed the movement would be dealt with; that all former soldiers who served within certain period would report for duty; that all who attempted to strike would be dealt with as interfering with the movement.

"All taxi cabs were confiscated for the use of soldiers. It was reported that a verbal order was issued that any one interfering with soldier's orders be shot on the spot, and the trial had later. No street cars ran that day, and everything was at a dead stand still until late in the day when the army ordered the bars and restaurants to open. The army band played on a main street, but few people ventured out to hear it. No one was allowed to walk on the sidewalk. If one left the main streets, he had to walk with his hands up and be searched every few blocks, at the point of a bayonet in the hands of young, excitable boys.

"Monday morning large numbers of fascists appeared on the streets in blue shirt uniforms. They rode in open automobiles, and carried rifles. They were bareheaded. No young men in Spain wear hats. Their long black hair stood out in the breeze, giving them the most savage and desperate appearance. The citizens resented these fascists, and began to shoot at them from ambush. A shot would ring out from a window, and about 50 rifles would reply. The people would run for cover with hands held high. Dogs would bark all over town, and there was much confusion. One official would say 'stop' as another said 'go.' They would drive the people one way and then turn them back. One felt for bullets or bayonets to pierce his back and expected them any minute. One would start into a store for safety as the door closed in his face. That condition kept up all day, but there was little bloodshed.

"The army ordered the fascists off streets, and that stopped that trouble, but it started a much worse one. The government had been promised to the fascist party in consideration of its standing by and assisting the revolution. When the army found that the fascists were a hindrance rather than a help, it refused further cooperation with the party, and ordered its guns turned in. That started a fight, Tuesday morning, between fascists and soldiers, which lasted all day. They would shoot for a while and then there would be a lull. They would then gather up the casualties, put sand over the blood on the street, and then give out a bulletin that no one was hurt. Several new hospitals sprang up, and there was an awful commotion about them. That night they compromised with the fascists, and Monday morning all was quiet until about 11 o'clock. Then suddenly the heaviest fire started that we heard up to then. An army plane from the mainland flew over the city for about 15 minutes. It dropped papers requesting the city to surrender or be bombarded in four hours. Thousands of shots poured in its direction while it dived over the frightened city. At first the people did not know why the shooting and they began firing on each other. The

whole city became panic stricken and demoralized. Everyone held his hands up, even women and children. The people were running and falling and screaming and crying in terrible fright. The plane finally sailed away. An hour later, men were still running in the streets with their hands over their heads in great excitement.

"The noon sun beat down on thousands of families as they looked back at their homes and trotted away to the foothills, with bundles in hand. Four o'clock was the hour set for the bombardment, and the people were panicky to reach a place of safety. They did not know why their homes were to be destroyed, nor by whom. They had no enemies, and were at peace with the world.

"I must cut this letter short and get it out of my hands, for it is risky. Please keep it, or have it copied, for I may not be able to write another.

"The British sent in a man-o-war and took out the English but there is no way we Americans can get out. There are four Americans, sisters, from Washington stranded here. I am okay so far, though food is running short. The people are very good to us foreigners.

"Fate may yet intend that I be shot by a Spanish soldier.

"I would like to know what is going on in the outside world. Rumor has it that 5000 have been killed in Barcelona."

"Good luck to you, W. B. Sanderson."

WATER BOARD HAS ANSWER TO CLAIM

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has received from the water board a 25 per cent reduction in rates that amounts to \$95,000, which would not have been available if it had been known that the city was going to request the payment of the disputed debt now under discussion. The general rate level has been scaled down without taking this sum into consideration, since the water board was never notified that the city would demand its repayment and, in fact, never expected that it would, the statement says.

As for the sum of \$22,000 claimed due the city, following an appraisal of property, the water board statement contends this is merely a paper claim, since it was discovered in an appraisal made for the purpose of setting rates and not for discovery of an absolutely accurate estimate of the worth of the property. As far as the water board is concerned, it is to be considered merely as a difference of opinion between appraisers, and not as a legitimate claim, the board stating it is a highly controversial matter to attempt to estimate exactly what the Skinner Butte property is worth and that it is impossible of accurate determination.

Since there was never any claim advanced until the present time for the \$27,700 that the city claims is owing it, and there is no record showing that the city expected it to be paid, the water board feels that the city should take into consideration their cooperative attitude in the past in advancing their claim at the present time, Mr. McArthur said.

AL FOX SETS NEW NON-STOP RECORD

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Simons; cave man soccer, Demara Relyea, Bill Tattersall of the Eugene Motorcycle club; motorcycle polo, Eugene Motorcycle team, score 3 to 0.

Demonstrations were given of trick riding and stunts of both motorcycle clubs, and George Falkner made his first solo flight Sunday morning. Al Fox, after recuperating, gave two demonstrations of refueling and an airplane exhibition with the Fox-Heath plane, as well as formation flying with Clarence Saville. During the course of the day's events, airport ships were kept busy on passenger flights, the pilots including Joe Harrel, Bill Bodley, and Harold Sanders.

The ordinary house cat is a descendant of the North African gloved, or Caffre cat, domesticated by the ancient Egyptians.

TO THE RESCUE!

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GERMANY APPROVES EMBARGO ON ARMS

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not already done so—take steps to carry out effectively the neutrality measures agreed upon.

ACCORD REACHED

PARIS, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Germany's agreement to embargo arms and airplanes to Spain was hailed by the French foreign office today as signaling virtual completion of an international neutrality accord.

With the last major holdout joined, the last major holdout joined.

SPAIN AT A GLANCE

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pamplona—Rebels report execution of five French volunteers captured in battle; warn other French nationals they may expect same fate. Defeat of Mallorca loyalists claimed with 3,000 killed.

BERLIN—Germany agreed to embargo arms and airplanes to Spain, thus virtually completing the basis of an international neutrality pact.

LONDON—British merchantman stopped by loyalist cruiser. Rescuing British warship forces apology by Spanish commander.

MADRID—Loyalists claim steady progress in ousting Guernica mountain fascists, assert forces are closing in on Orviedo and Cordoba. Heavy fighting at Navalcarlos Dela Mata continues.

HENDAYE—Insurgent warplanes renew bombardment of Iran on the Bay of Biscay.

ing the ranks of the nations agreeing to isolate the war on the Iberian peninsula, French officials said the German action would "facilitate enormously" final negotiations.

Madrid Is Bombed

MADRID, Aug. 17.—(Unconfirmed, by courier to Hendaye, France, Aug. 24).—Seemingly reliable reports today said President Manuel Azana had sent truckloads of baggage to the port of Valencia amid government fears concerning a southern rebel advance on Madrid.

An official government bulletin admitted Spanish rebel airplanes had bombed Getafe airport, on the outskirts of Madrid, early Sunday. Rebels claimed 21 planes dropped 400 bombs.

Many Are Killed

French sympathizers of Spanish government forces reported more than 100 inhabitants of Iran had been killed in an intensive bombardment by rebel airplanes today.

The report, however, could not be confirmed, since the frontier was closed tightly.

From Hendaye, France, insurgent air forces could be seen dropping heavy loads of bombs on the Spanish loyalists.

Three planes, flying in formation, circled the Bay of Biscay city three times and dropped a dozen bombs, then turned toward the south after 15 minutes of attack without encountering resistance.

Planes Appear New

The planes looked new, gleaming in

the sunlight, and apparently used heavier bombs than those of previous war craft. The detonations were much greater in intensity.

The Madrid bulletin said, however, that the bombing damage of the capital was slight.

A squadron of government planes pursued the rebel fliers, who sped back to Seville after dropping several bombs.

Government leaders feared the rebels from Badajoz, in the west, would reach Madrid by the way of the Tago river valley and Toledo.

Reports that rebels in both the north and south were able to reach Burgos by rail from Seville, via Badajoz, added to government misgivings.

APOLOGY OFFERED

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—British men-of-war were instructed today to prevent interference with English shipping off revolt-torn Spain after quick action by his majesty's navy settled one dangerous incident.

The 32,000-ton battle cruiser, Repulse, and two destroyers, their decks cleared for action, sped to aid the English merchantman Gibel Zorion when she was halted and boarded by officers of a Spanish government cruiser off Melilla, Spanish Morocco.

The commander of the Destroyer Codrington, responding to a wireless appeal from the Gibel Zorion, boarded the Spanish cruiser Miguel de Cervantes and the Spaniard and its captain apologized, apparently settling the highly-dangerous matter.

The merchant ship was allowed to proceed to Melilla, which is in the hands of the insurgents, to discharge its cargo. Owners of the ship said it carried no munitions.

GETTY SPEAKER AT KIWANIS CLUB

Highlights of his trip in Alaska with Rev. Bernard Hubbard, widely known as the "Glacier Priest," and of his observations at the Matanuska valley project were presented by George Getty in a talk for the Eugene Kiwanis club, Monday noon.

While the cost seems to run high per family for the Matanuska project, the objective will justify the expense because it will mean so much to furthering development of Alaska, the speaker pointed out.

A delegation of 10 or 12 from the club will meet Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock to start out for North Bend to take the traveling good-will plaque, "The Eugene Pioneer," to the North Bend Kiwanis club. Dr. James D. Stewart made announcement of this trip at the Monday meeting. The plaque, given by the Eugene club to the Kiwanis district, starts from here to go on a journey to 92 clubs, the travel to take about two years.

James H. Baker, local druggist, was announced as a new member of the Kiwanis club, Monday.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Application for marriage license was made in the office of County Clerk Dillard Monday afternoon by Beauford Stormont, Eugene R. F. D. 1, and Ruth Hughes, Eugene.

OBSIDIANS FIGHT ELEMENTS SUNDAY

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the pinnacle. There was no snow to bother the climbers.

Atop at 12:30 p. m., however, a heavy fog was encountered and postponed the party all the way down to within sight of the camp. The camp was reached at 5:30 p. m.

A compass was necessary over the entirety of the glaciers due to the difficulty of going around the deep crevasses which would have thrown the party off their direction without aid of the compass.

All the way down rocks rolled continuously, two large ones narrowly missing the party of 35 hunched on the 300-foot rope. Some of the smaller rocks hit individuals but caused no injuries.

Washouts were found on both Collier and Renfro glaciers. The climbers reported these glaciers in the worst condition they had ever seen them, the two being sunk 50 to 60 feet lower than ever seen in any previous season.

One of the moraines at the foot of Renfro glacier had washed out within the past two weeks.

Having survived the treacherous descent without any mishap, all 35 are all set to make the climb again next year. Several in the party, Sunday, were from out-of-town, two from Coquille, one from Portland, one from Los Angeles, one from Cottage Grove.

Those making the climb were: Ray Sims, leader; Robert Lemon, assistant leader; Mildred Hultgren, V. J. Gillespie, Joe Heidenreich, Vera Heidenreich, Bill McCracken, Mary Gillespie, Mildred and Blanche Osborn, Ruby Hunley, Margaret Sprague, Edna Gould, Gerry Trapp of Los Angeles, Charlotte Lemon, Jack Rowland, Don Farr and Fred Fuhrman of Coquille, Fred Hoffstad, Lord Greene of Portland, Wallace Clark, Ervin Fountain, Marge Ferguson, Frank Chambers, Lawrence Reid, Margery Thayer, Joe Reid, M. B. Castello, Doris Osborn, Bruce Wells, H. A. Trotter, Ivan O. Sams of Cottage Grove, Gladys Saunders, Bryan Ryan, Virgil Hicks.

Business College Plans Fall Term

The fall term for the Eugene Business college will open next Monday, Aug. 31. The office is open this week for registration.

The summer session at the college ended the past Friday. There are no classes this week but the office is open for the entire week preparatory to the opening of the fall term. Figures given out by the proprietor of the college, A. E. Roberts, show 187 were enrolled the past school year.

HUNTER FINED \$25

Earl Baldwin of Springfield was fined \$25 and costs by Justice of the Peace Whitten Swafford Monday afternoon on a charge of hunting pheasants out of season. He paid his fine and his gun, taken by the state policeman who made the arrest, was given back to him.

Court All Set For Drunk Driving Case, Accused Is Absent

Russell H. Milham, who was to have been given a hearing in the Eugene justice court Monday afternoon on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated, failed to appear and a warrant will be issued for him, according to officers.

Milham, who lives in California, was staying at Blue River at the time the act of driving while drunk is alleged to have been committed. This was several weeks ago. His car struck a tree at the side of the highway between Eugene and Springfield and his wife was injured. Later the owner of the tree sued Milham for its alleged value, as it was destroyed.

Milham gave bond soon after his arrest and promised to appear for the hearing.

Charles Russell Dies Here Monday

Charles E. Russell, member of a well known Lane county pioneer family and for more than 20 years superintendent of the Eugene water board filtration plant and electrical plant, died at mid-afternoon Monday, while visiting at 681 Fourth avenue west. The Russell home is at 255 Thirteenth avenue east.

Mr. Russell for many years lived in the Lorane section before coming to Eugene. He had been retired from the water board service for several years, having been awarded a watch as a service medal upon his twentieth anniversary with the board shortly before he retired.

His wife, Mrs. Russell, is in the hospital at the time of his death. He was 68 years of age.

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