

Explosion Blew Samoan Clipper to Pieces

Chiang Orders Finish Fight

Lynching Bill Called Insult To the South

Mrs. Caraway of Arkansas, Only Woman Senator, Denounces Measure

Washington, Jan. 13 (P)—The senate's only woman member, Mrs. Hattie Caraway of Arkansas, denounced the anti-lynching bill today as a "gratuitous insult to the south."

Reading from a prepared speech, Mrs. Caraway said she had never "approved or condoned lynchings" and that she had "always been sick at heart" on reading of executions without trial.

She added, however, the bill was unconstitutional and designed to destroy southern influence.

"I am a bit resentful and fearful that bad feeling engendered by such legislation as this may retard the south."

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Taft Offers Fund Matching Relief Plan

Amount and Character Left to State Under Prescribed Standards

Washington, Jan. 13 (P)—Charles P. Taft recommended to congress today a federal-state fund-matching relief program in which federal allotments to states would be according to a stipulated formula.

Testifying as chairman of the mobilization for human needs, a national association of community chests, Taft recommended that the amount and character of work relief and those eligible should be left primarily to the state, under standards of administration set up by the federal government. Local programs would be tied in closely to the general program by the states.

The son of the late president and Chief Justice Taft also proposed a national commission, "divorced from politics," to draft a long-range relief program.

His federal-state-local plan, he said, "undoubtedly will make possible genuine economy both in local and federal administration, without lowering standards of relief."

"The federal government should money according to a stipulated formula to the states a sum of money to carry out a general relief program, including work relief," Taft, a Cincinnati attorney, said in a prepared statement.

"The amount appropriated by the federal government should be a definite percentage of the total," he said.

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Commanded Clipper—Capt. Edward Musick (above), veteran of a million miles of ocean flying, was in command of the Samoan Clipper on its flight from Pago Pago to New Zealand when the big flying boat vanished. (Associated Press Photo.)

Last Ditch Defense of Soochow Front

Battle in Which Million Chinese Face Half-Million Japanese Expected

By Edward W. Beattie
Shanghai, Jan. 13 (U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered a last ditch defense of the Soochow front in central China, Chinese sources said today.

Chiang, as commander-in-chief of the army, flew over the entire front in an army plane, informants said, and after an inspection of the Japanese as well as the Chinese lines ordered a defense at all costs.

Four scout and four pursuit planes escorted Generalissimo Chiang on his dangerous flight, informants said. He flew over the actual fighting lines in the Taining sector.

Chinese sources here quoted unconfirmed reports that as the result of the Generalissimo's visit, Gen. Han Fu-chu, military governor of Shantung province, was arrested, charged with failure to make adequate resistance in the area.

A battle in which 1,000,000 Chinese troops may lock with 500,000 Japanese was expected to center at Soochow, junction of the north-south Tientsin-Nanking railroad and the east to west Lungai railroad, which extends westward across China from Hainan to the coast.

Japanese are moving from north and south along the Tientsin-Nanking line, and a Japanese army spokesman said here today that there is still a gap of 150 miles between them.

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Tightening of Installment Credit Sought

President Negotiating For Buying Limitation to Check Over-Selling

Washington, Jan. 13 (P)—President Roosevelt was reported today in usually reliable quarters to be negotiating in his conferences with business leaders for a curtailment of credit on installment buying.

Informed persons said he had suggested to the motor industry a tightening of sales credit in line with his previously expressed intention of eliminating "high pressure salesmanship."

This was one of the topics the president was said to have discussed Tuesday with Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the General Motors corporation, and four other prominent industrialists.

One well-placed government official said the president had proposed that the auto industry limit its extension of credit on the purchase of cars to 25 per cent, but that Sloan had rejected the suggestion as too drastic.

Whether Mr. Roosevelt had proposed that this limitation be imposed immediately or at some future time when there were evidence—

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French Cabinet Faces Grave Crisis

Premier Chautemps Appeals to Nation for United Support Staking Life of Popular Front Ministry on Confidence Vote; Franc Falls

Paris, Jan. 13 (U.P.)—Premier Camille Chautemps, confronted by a cabinet crisis, the falling franc and danger of a depleted treasury, appealed to the nation today for united support. Addressing the chamber of deputies, Chautemps proclaimed his opposition to exchange control and demanded a confidence vote on monetary freedom and a balanced budget.

His appeal was intended to calm fears and prevent the exodus of frightened capital.

Chautemps staked the life of his popular front cabinet on the confidence vote, relying on the support of the extreme left after the chamber had elected Jacques Duclos, communist, vice-president.

The cabinet was endangered by the threatened resignation of Georges Bonnet, finance minister, who was dissatisfied with measures taken to deal with the financial situation.

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Tiny Bits of Debris Litter Watery Grave

Fragments From Plane Interior Picked Up; No Trace of Bodies Found

Pago Pago, Samoa, Jan. 13 (P)—Clear indications that the giant flying boat Samoan Clipper and her crew of seven were destroyed in a fire and explosion was brought back to Pago Pago today by the minesweeper Avocet.

The naval craft returned to port last night with charred fragments from the ship after an all day search of the oil slick 12 miles off Pago Pago where the all-metal Trans-Pacific plane crashed in flames Tuesday.

Every item recovered showed signs of an internal explosion. All were charred, burned and covered with aluminum powder.

Because of the condition of the fragments, no hope was held of recovering the bodies of Captain Edward C. Musick, 43-year-old Pan American Airways ace, and his crew.

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Seattle Port Again Active

Seattle, Jan. 13 (P)—Longshore gangs were set to resume work at 10 a.m. today after Joseph P. Kennedy, U. S. maritime commission chairman, took time out from a coast shipping survey to head a conference that settled Seattle's week-old port tie-up last night.

Conferees said informally future disputes as well as the disagreement over handling of cargo from the vessel Border Prince, which precipitated the tie-up, will hereafter be submitted to arbitration.

Operators of the Border Prince said in the interests of peace, pending outcome of arbitration, disposal of cargo from the vessel will be handled in such a way as not to involve the ship in further disputes.

Kennedy first met with the union delegation headed by Harry Bridges, coast CIO longshore leader. Then he went into a nearby suite for a session with the employer representatives led by C. B. Warren, president of the Seattle waterfront employers' association.

When the joint meeting was called, negotiations again bogged down, and Kennedy once again abandoned the mediation. He was in the hotel lobby, about to leave for the airport with a police escort, when he heard pleas by Boettger and other conferees to return for a final effort at settlement. The tie-up's end was announced 90 minutes later.

Kennedy left by train at 10:15 p.m. on his delayed journey to the east coast.

Kipp Hopeful For Project

While not positive, he has high hopes that the board of army engineers will next month or a little later approve the Willamette valley flood control project, writes R. H. Kipp, executive secretary of the project advisory board to County Judge Stigmund.

But he cautions the county judge that this should not be the cause for too much elation on part of proponents of the project, as important a step as it might be toward carrying out the gigantic plan. Kipp says when and if such approval comes it will be only a beginning of the fight to put the project over.

This approval, if had, must be followed by congressional authorization of the project which in turn must be followed by congressional appropriations, either of which means a hard fight. Kipp says he knows of similar river organizations which have been spending 15 years in an effort to secure the approval of the board of army engineers without avail so far, but they have not given up. They will continue the fight and eventually will win, "the same course," he says, "which will have to be pursued on the Willamette valley project."

Kipp says he has forwarded to Washington the letter written recently by Judge Stigmund which gives the county judge's full endorsement and approval to the project.

Air Fighting On Teruel Front

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Jan. 13 (U.P.)—Nationalist planes resumed terrific aerial bombings of the entire Teruel front today while desperate fighting continued on the outskirts of the city captured by the nationalists.

Government reports said nationalist planes not only bombed military objectives in the area, but open towns and villages behind the loyalist lines, including Canete, Sarriena, Puebla de Valverde, Tortajada, Cuevas Bradadas and Alfambra.

Nationalist reports said that the loyalist aviation forces were equally active but claimed to have brought down six nationalist planes.

Heavy fighting was reported in progress on the outskirts of Teruel, especially near La Muela de Teruel, strategic height to the southwest. The height was the principal objective of the loyalist offense and government dispatches claimed that the nationalists continued their flanking movements but "slowly in the face of steady resistance."

Reports from Zaragoza, the nationalist general headquarters, estimated government casualties on the Teruel front in the last four weeks at 30,000, including two general and numerous high officers and hundreds of foreign sub-officers and soldiers. They also asserted that 100 loyalist tanks were captured and 30 planes shot down.

Panay Wreck Abandoned

Shanghai, Jan. 13 (P)—United States naval authorities announced today that efforts to salvage the American gunboat Panay, sunk by Japanese bombs in the Yangtze river December 12, had been abandoned after the ship's safe and official papers had been recovered.

A salvage crew taken by the gunboat Oahu to the point above Nanking where the Panay went down, announced the gunboat was damaged beyond repair and her hull was abandoned.

Some personal belongings of the crew were recovered.

Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, said examination on the Yangtze's muddy bottom had established that the gunboat's hull was blown out when a Japanese bomb, water piercing her superstructure, exploded below decks.

His statement said the tear in the hull was seven feet in diameter and that the engine room and superstructure were shattered by repeated rounds of Japanese bombs.

It said the Panay was lying on her side, almost buried in silt, near Holsien.

Unions to Pay Mine Damages

East St. Louis, Ill., Jan. 13 (U.P.)—Damages of \$117,000 were assessed today against seven locals and 96 individual members of the Progressive Miners of America here today as the aftermath of conflict in the southern Illinois coal fields between the P. M. A. and its rival union, the United Mine Workers of America.

It was an unusual case in that damages were awarded to capital—the United Electric Coal company—and against labor.

The decision was handed down by Federal Judge Fred L. Wham in the case which involved a three year shut-down of the Red Ray mine, near Du Quoin, Ill., during a jurisdictional dispute between the unions.

The company sued for \$400,000 but the court held it was entitled to only actual damages.

In his decision, Judge Wham stressed that employees have a right to strike or quit work, even though it inflicts heavy damages on the employer. He held, however, that unions and others who "during the progress of a strike" enter into a conspiracy to inflict damage upon an employer or his business by unlawful means are "liable to respond for such loss or injuries so inflicted."

The company had sought to show that a three year shut-down of the Red Ray had caused a loss of business amounting to \$300,000 and a loss in maintenance costs of \$100,000. The mine was closed from April 1933 to February 1936.

All Quiet on Picketing Front

It was no idle statement made yesterday by the teamsters' union, through A. N. Banks, business agent, that his organization would not tolerate any interference from brewers' AFL union, or the CIO or any of its representatives.

Following a brief skirmish late yesterday afternoon, during which the banner was torn from the picket who had paced the sidewalk in front of the Salem Brewery for a few hours, all was quiet on the industrial front today.

Several alleged CIO's were in the group, three of them identified by Lou Harkins, local teamster, as former employees of the brewery, and also members of the brewers' union, two unknown. After the banner had been confiscated and a warning issued, the picket dispersed with the threat to return today. Early this afternoon no picket was known to be in the city.

During the height of the argument, most of which occurred across the street from the brewery, a call was sent out for city police, but there was no sign of a riot and the only disturbance was the exchange of rather heated remarks.

The AFL has awarded jurisdiction in Oregon and Washington breweries to the teamsters and other AFL craft unions instead of the Brewers' union, an industrial union, also affiliated with the AFL.

Indians Secure Rain Fetish

Washington, Jan. 13 (U.P.)—Two wrinkled, aged members of the water bearer clans from North Dakota—Foolish Bear and Drag Wolf—came to see the Great White Father today.

They came to offer thanks for aid in regaining their tribe's sacred bundle, which they believe keeps droughts away.

This bundle, said to contain the skulls of two "thunderbirds" and other tribal relics, is reputed to insure plentiful rain, good health and prosperity for the Gros Ventre (Fat Belly) tribe to which the Water Bearer clan belongs.

After thanking President Roosevelt, Secretary of Interior Harold I. Ickes and Indian Commissioner John Collier, the Indian delegation will go to New York Friday to exchange a venerated buffalo medicine horn for the sacred bundle. The treasured relic has been a display piece at the Museum of the American Indian, New York City, for many years.

The Indians arrived at the White House at noon and met the president briefly. Mr. Roosevelt shook hands with them and expressed pleasure at their success in regaining the bundle.

Sophisticated unbelievers in the sacred bundle are confronted with weather bureau records that the rains have been scarce at the Indians' North Dakota reservation since the bundle was taken away in 1907.

In 1907 a missionary, G. F. Wilson, bought the bundle from Wolf Chief, whose father had custody of it. Wilson later sold the bundle to the Heye Foundation which displayed it at the Indian museum.

Tax Increase Frowned Upon

Washington, Jan. 13 (U.P.)—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., outlining treasury policy to a house committee, expressed unequivocal opposition to new taxes during the business recession and indicated disagreement with the administration's silver program.

Morgenthau's views were disclosed today with publication of the transcript of testimony on the treasury department appropriation bill for 1939. He testified at secret sessions of a house appropriations subcommittee. The treasury requested an appropriation of \$2,186,583,399.

Morgenthau told the committee:

1. Because of the business setback "it is most important" that the present tax basis be maintained.
2. He opposes payment of subsidies to domestic silver producers or "any kind" of subsidies.
3. Over-stocking by businessmen, based on the false assumption that the administration could not check runaway inflation, was partly responsible for the recession.
4. It is "most essential" that the treasury's stabilization fund be continued after its expiration, June 30, 1939.
5. Budget-balancing should be accomplished through economies rather than taxation.

How-de-Do!

Sips for Supper
By Don Upjohn

A lady came into the office today seeking to find out the name of the author of Quo Vadis, who were able to give her with two exceptions—we couldn't either spell or pronounce it. But otherwise she went away satisfied with the information.

Late airplane news makes the ordinary concrete sidewalk look like an interesting place on which to be and stay.

It seems that sooner or later most airplane pilots find they have something in common.

While congress is being criticized along with the president about what is being done or not done to curb the business recession we casually asked five or six of the town's best minds the past day or two as to what they would do about it. They all had a solution but none of them agreed, so maybe congress and the president have some excuse, after all. Everybody, however, seems to be agreed on the fact that somebody ought to do something about it, which is quite a forward step in itself.

One man felt that if everybody had more money to buy things with and would then buy them, it would make quite a difference. Which

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Explosion Kills 700 In Subway

London, Jan. 13 (U.P.)—A munitions explosion in a Madrid subway station Monday was one of the greatest tragedies of the Spanish civil war, information from a trustworthy source indicated today.

It was estimated that 700 persons were killed and reports said that an area nearly 1100 yards long and 220 yards wide was wrecked.

Reports which leaked from loyalist Spain were that munitions stores in a subway station in the Venecia district of Madrid exploded at 1 a.m. Monday. The report was that two subway trains were entering the station as the explosion occurred.

Townsend Spurns All Compromises

Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 13 (P)—Dr. Francis Townsend, founder of the old age pension plan bearing his name, today denounced efforts of congressmen interested in age pension plans to compromise their differences.

He said he condemned a move January 10 by a "falsely-named Townsend plan steering committee" to call the compromise meeting.

"We have long predicted," Dr. Townsend said, "that this compromise movement would be the next move of the administration as a means of patching up the very odious social security act to a point where it would be bearable to the people."

"The congressmen who would have participated in this compromise and were elected by our vote will be repudiated by us at the fall election in 1938 and will be left at home to reflect on their stupidity."

Dr. Townsend arrived today for a week or two of rest.

Northern Ireland To Vote on Union

Belfast, Jan. 13 (U.P.)—Lord Craigavon, prime minister of Northern Ireland, called a general election today to be fought on the issue of partition from Eire, the former Irish Free State.

The election was called because of the announcement that Eamon De Valera, leader of Eire, would go to London Monday for a conference with British leaders.

One of the matters to be discussed at London is the present separation of Eire from Northern Ireland. Northern Irish leaders are bitterly opposed to any union.

Hit-and-Run Auto Carries Off Corpse

San Bernardino, Calif., Jan. 13 (P)—Confronted by a strange mystery peace officers searched today for a body and a speeding motorist.

The motorist ran down a man walking along the highway 20 miles northwest of Parker dam yesterday and sped on with the body wedged inside a front fender. The driver outdistanced pursuers and disappeared.

Neither the identity of the driver nor of the victim was known.

Birth Records Needed For Old Age Aid

A birth record in an old family Bible is considered just half as authentic as a prison record in determining age authenticity under an application for old age assistance, according to a circular being issued by the county relief committee based on regulations laid down by the federal government.

The regulations include a list of two types of evidence which may be used for submitting proof that the applicant is 65 years of age or over in applying for an old age pension. Under the first type of evidence but one form of proof is necessary. Under the second type of evidence, two or more forms of proof will be accepted.

The first types of evidence, any one of which will be accepted as positive proof of the age of the applicant, contain the following forms of proof:

- 1. Birth certificate or transcript of birth record; baptismal or parish record; United States census records which show the age of the parent; school records; military record; homestead records; naturalization records; passport; voting registration records of 1932 or earlier; court records; birth and death records of the children where the age of the parent is given; prison records.
- 2. The second types of evidence, two or more of which are necessary to satisfactorily establish the date of birth are given as follows:

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Novelties In the News

(By Associated Press)

Cure
Pittsburgh—Claud Taylor fell and dislocated his shoulder. A police patrol rushing him to a hospital struck a hole in the pavement and bounced Taylor against the roof. Hospital physicians said the bump put his shoulder back in place.

Reckless Walking?
Salt Lake City—Police are searching for the "hit and run" pedestrian who sent Mrs. D. D. Richards, 80, to a hospital with injuries suffered in a downtown sidewalk collision.

Life and Death
Adairville, Ga.—Life and death met here yesterday. A baby was born, delivered by Dr. Sidney Fain Hutcherson, who dropped dead after he remarked "everything's over now."

Not Dead Yet
Phoenix, Ariz.—"Please send us copies of the certificate of birth and the certificate of death of Arizona," wrote a Los Angeles moving company.

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