

COOPERATION OF STATES IN TEST OF DEFENSE ASKED

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(AP)—Cooperation of state and local authorities as well as national guard units is vital to the success of national security plans, Acting Secretary Dwight L. Davis informed the governors of all states today in letters supplementing his recent telegraph request for their support in connection with the defense test matter on July 4.

"Of course, state response to the proposed test is purely voluntary and must necessarily be predicated on what you consider to be the best interest of your state," Mr. Davis added.

Object is Two-Fold

In a general outline of the purposes and nature of the second defense test, the acting secretary said that its object was two-fold.

"To acquaint the American people with their national defense policies and obligations as set forth in the constitution and the national defense act of 1920 and to depict the plan and processes for the organization of the army of the United States and its muster into service in the event of any national emergency.

"To emphasize the historical occasion when congress first placed the man power and resources of the country for national defense and to commemorate the sacrifices made for that defense."

Obligations Cited

To carry out these purposes, the letter continued, the defense test is designed to make it certain that "the people, states, local communities, and political as well as military authorities are acquainted with and realize their obligations under our national defense policies." Since successful application of the traditional American muster system as modified in the light of lessons of the World War can be assured only by such a general understanding.

"It is one of the main purposes of the defense test to explain to the people this system and their part therein," Mr. Davis said. "It is believed that public knowledge of these plans is not only vital for successful operation, but will enhance national security, and be a guarantee for peace."

Governors Notified

The secretary informed the governors that he had directed the appropriate corps area commanders in each case to confer with the state executives and "explain more in detail the war department's plans and desires."

"As a main feature of the ceremony, a patriotic demonstration is contemplated to be participated in by local authorities, forces and citizens in such form as may be desired by local communities," the secretary said. "It is desired to couple with this patriotic demonstration an explanation of our national defense policy and plans and the obligation of each community thereunder."

OREGON FARMER KILLS 2 AND SELF

TACOMA, June 4.—Enraged when he believed that he was losing favor in the eyes of his sweetheart, Victor Hugo Dale, 25 year old Oregon farmer, yesterday evening, shot and killed Miss Poinette Quintot, the girl and his beloved rival, Elmer Moncey, 21, a former United States sailor and then turned the gun on himself in his apartment here, according to police.

Miss Quintot and Monica are believed to have been instantly killed, but Dale lived long enough to be taken to the county hospital. However, before physicians could prepare him for an operation, Dale died. He passed away without giving a motive.

Dale was reported to have an orchard at Ashland, Ore., and was formerly of Florence, Oregon.

In a wallet which Dale carried on his person were found two telegrams from Tacoma which he had received in Florence, Ore. The first dated May 29, read:

"To Victor H. Dale, Florence, Ore. 'Evonne, Keystone hotel, is not working and wants you to wire her. Signed 'Morris'."

The second, dated May 30, read: "To Victor H. Dale, Florence, Ore. 'Wire \$5 to C. W. Morris for Evonne Demery. Received 2031 wire for Morris, Evonne.'"

MEDFORD, Ore., June 4.—Victor Hugo Dale was a well-known resident of Ashland, His parents died about a year ago leaving him a legacy of \$20,000 in city and orchard property. Dale left Ashland six months ago with his victim, according to the Ashland authorities. It is also claimed that the husband of the Poinette woman is in the veteran's hospital at Tacoma. Her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. C. King, is a resident of Ashland, and formerly lived at Redding, Cal.

Victor Hugo Dale was born in Florence, Oregon, and was adopted as a baby after his mother died by Dr. and Mrs. John S. Dale. He came here last week to find the grave of his mother, which he decorated for Memorial day, leaving later for Tacoma. He moved about 10 years ago with his foster parents from Florence to Ashland.

CRUMBLING IN SOIL OF ROME MENACES

ROME, June 4.—(AP)—Despite reassuring statements and glib explanations which have been made by the Roman municipal authorities of an unusual series of street collapses and cave-ins, the fact that six of these disquieting accidents have occurred within the brief space of several weeks is causing considerable alarm here.

The first of these accidents was a cave-in which caused a large section of the Via Ripetta to fall a depth of about six feet. The collapse occurred in broad daylight, the ground fall-

ing away several feet in front of a crowded throng. But the proximity of the Via Ripetta to the Tiber River offered the apparent explanation that the recent heavy rains and flood condition of the river had caused a weakening of the alluvial sub-soil along the river bank.

Within a fortnight after this collapse, however, there were five other more or less similar accidents in various parts of the city, and the Romans always ready to inject melodramatic sections of the city, some of them into the simple facts of daily existence, saw in the series the pre-emption of a new source of terror.

The inhabitants of the Danubian city of the ever-present prospect of telluric disturbances; would the Romans have to live in constant dread of the possible effects of a crumbling subsoil?

To this question the authorities have hastened to give an emphatic negative, asserting that each accident had a special cause and that there was no one underlying cause for all of them. In some places, it is explained, too much new construction was weakening the subsoil; in others, rain-water seepage had caused weakness, while in still others excavations for building foundations had unearthed ancient sewage systems.

COLLEGE HELD NOT TO KEEP GIRLS OUT OF MARRIAGE PACT

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—(AP)—Authorities at the University of Southern California, making public the results of a questionnaire of 1932 women graduates of the institution during the period of 1920-1924, declare that a university education does not lead women away from marriage. The questionnaire was intended to ascertain whether a majority chose careers rather than marriage.

The tabulations showed that more than a third of the feminine graduates who replied were married, either while attending the university or within four years after their graduation.

A total of 610 answered the queries. Of this number, 282 chose the profession of wife, homemaker and housekeeper.

Nine engaged in commercial pursuits, including banking. Fifty-two took up fine arts, including music, dancing and painting. Twelve turned to the law, three to medicine. Other occupations—such as nursing, agriculture, journalism—claimed 28, and 330 became teachers.

COLORADO RIVER IS PREPARED TO VENT ANGER WITH FLOOD

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—(AP)—The broad and fertile Imperial Valley in the southwestern corner of the United States, from whose 2,000 square miles the earliest fruits and vegetables speed by express to all parts of the country each year, anxiously awaits the onrush of the Colorado River as spring turns into summer. Each year the mighty Colorado accumulating the melting snows and spring freshets of seven states, courses high above the floor of the valley, threatening to restore to the map, in part at least, a great sea that once was 320 feet deep, known as the Salton Sea.

The Colorado, once emptying its tremendous flow of water into this sea, now flows behind levees over a changing delta into the Gulf of California. It is a great river of sand and water, its muddy stream transporting enough sediment in one year to cover about 100,000 acres a foot deep.

El Centro and Brawley, cities of the Imperial Valley, are 50 and 110 feet, respectively, below sea level, while the river, near Yuma, is 125 feet above sea level, and at the head of the delta region the Volcano Lake region, south of Imperial Valley, the river moves onward at an elevation 300 to 400 feet higher than the lowest portions of Imperial Valley.

Barriers Placed

If not restrained by artificial barriers, any overtopping of the river's west and north, or right, bank would send its mass of water in a flood down a slope into the Imperial Valley. This would inundate one of the richest valleys in the country, the land of the date, the avocado, cotton, lettuce and fruits and melons. All this is the Salton basin.

The region is known as Palo Verde, Coachella and Imperial Valleys. The Imperial Valley proper comprises about 515,000 acres of irrigable land in California and 255,000 acres in Mexico. All of this highly productive area lies below the low water level of the river and much of it is below sea level. More than 400,000 acres in California and 170,000 acres in Mexico are cultivated. Water is diverted for irrigation from Rockwood heading, about a mile upstream from the International Boundary, running through a canal known as Alamo River through Mexican territory and back to the California side.

Valley Protected

The valley first was protected from floodwaters by headwaters of the canal and by an embankment on the river side of the canal. This embankment now forms a secondary line of de-

fense. It has been supplemented by a stronger line of defense consisting of levees of the California Development Company and San levee, extending from the canal inlets south along the river about 10 1/2 miles, then bearing west for about 16 miles. Other levees were built at Volcano Lake, about 20 miles below the border, and at Pescadero Cut, about 23 miles south of the line. The Yuma, Arizona, side is protected by the Ocker-San Levee.

These main levees, about 12 feet high, are surmounted by railroad tracks so that rock may be rushed quickly for revetment fills of any breaks.

Some seven million dollars has been spent on flood protection for Imperial Valley, and annual maintenance, engineers, say, amounts to from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Palo Verde project, on the west side of the river, in Riverside and Imperial Counties, above Imperial Valley, is protected by a levee 28 1/2 miles long. There are 78,000 irrigable acres in this valley, of which more than half is irrigated.

The flood menace increased each year owing to the enormous deposit of silt in the river bed, which raises its level annually.

Business College Terms Scheduled

Plans have been completed for the opening of the summer term of the Eugene Business college, this week, according to announcement today of A. E. Roberts, president. The hours for the summer will be from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. and the evening classes will be discontinued until next fall. A total enrollment for the school of more than 200 is predicted for the year, according to Mr. Roberts who reports that 177 students have been enrolled since September 1. The present school year will close next September 1.

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FARM WORK HALTS DURING RAIN SPELL

"This is fine weather for growing crops but very poor for cultivation," is the terse summing up of present conditions by one Lane county farmer who took the day off and was a visitor here today. Rains throughout the county are holding up much needed late spring work, according to O. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural agent, who recently has been in various districts of the county. In many areas the vetch has fallen down due to rain and in some cases it is feared mold may form underneath the crops. The clipping of clover for seed crops has also been curtailed by the weather and in some cases as a result of the falling of the clover it will be necessary to cut the crop all one way and this will add to the expense, the county agent states.

"A little dry weather would be highly appreciated at the present time by a large number of farmers although the rain has certainly been fine for the starting of new seedling," Mr. Fletcher said.

Two Robbers Shot And Third Taken

CANTON, Ill., June 4.—Chased by a posse following the robbery of the C. R. and Q. freight house and a store at Norris, Ill., Clyde Duncan, Peoria, soft drink parlor proprietor, was killed and his stepson, Guy Conkey, was probably injured by the fire of the posse.

Duncan and Conkey, with a man believed to be Ralph Dimon now under arrest at Canton and two others who are sought, were surprised at work in the store.

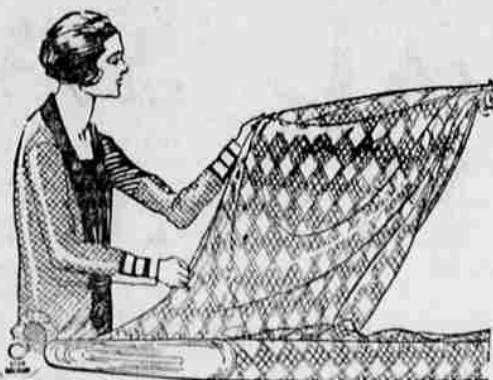
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