

WOMAN GOVERNOR REFUSES TO SAVE DOOMED MAN

AUSTIN, Tex., April 30.—A doomed man's last plea for life failed to swerve Governor Miriam A. Ferguson from her announced intention to apply "a man's reason" rather than a woman's sentiment to the exercise of executive clemency.

Her action in the case of Sidney Welk of Dallas, the first man to be executed under her administration, gives a key to the mental processes of the state's first woman governor in handling one of the most pressing and delicate problems of her administration. Welk, from his death cell in Huntsville penitentiary, sent the following telegram to Mrs. Ferguson a few hours before he was executed:

"My time is growing near. Please do not let me die."

Many predicted the emotions generally thought to rule a woman's mind and heart would break through the armor of reason the woman governor has constructed for all her dealings in pardon matters. But they judged her wrongly. She declared she had been unable to find "any reason for interfering with the course of the law."

Her comment on Welk's telegram was: "I don't like to get messages from him."

Welk, sentenced to death for killing a Dallas jailer in an attempted jail-break, went to his death a few hours later.

The record shows that up to early in April, Mrs. Ferguson granted 54 full pardons and 95 conditional pardons. Executive clemency was exercised in other ways as follows: Commutations, two; reprieves, one; paroles, 16; furloughs, 61; restoration of citizenship, 30; revocations of paroles and furloughs, three; remission of bond forfeiture, seven; remission of fine and jail sentence, seven; suspension of service of the Court of Criminal Appeals, two.

WILD RHINOCEROS RUNS AMUCK ON SHIP QUARTERMASTER HERO

NORFOLK, Va., April 30.—The crew of the American steamer Wytheville felt all the thrill of close quarter encounter with big game when a burly rhinoceros stamped through his pen on the forward deck and caused a wild scramble for the rigging while the ship was unloading here yesterday. The lumbering brute fresh from the African wilds and bound for a Philadelphia zoo, wrecked hatch covers and everything else that came in his path while he roared about the deck for more than an hour.

Finally the ship's quartermaster, crawling out on a cargo boom, managed to drop a lasso around the rhino's neck and the boom then did the work of dragging him back to his pen.

Threaten Chamberlain, Extra Guards Provided

LONDON, April 30.—(By Associated Press.) Additional guards have been assigned to protect Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain, presumably in connection with the discovery of a plot against his life.

The news of additional police protection for the British foreign secretary came from official quarters but there was much reticence about discussing the nature of the supposed plot. It was intimated that some of the details were discovered outside of London.

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MOTHER ACTRESS RUSHES TO GIRL WHO HAS NERVES

NEW YORK, April 30.—Adrienne Morris Bennett, actress, who recently spent 13 minutes in court, obtaining a divorce and \$50,000 alimony from Richard Bennett, actor, said today she would go to Paris next week to console her daughter, Barbara, who is unnerved by rehearsal for her debut in duet dances with Maurice.

Barbara called her mother yesterday as follows:

"Mother dear, I'm so lonesome. Maurice is rehearsing me to death. I'm unnerved and tired of it all. Mother, if you don't come I shall probably commit suicide. I can endure this no longer."

Barbara's mother said that although she did not take the suicide threat seriously she would leave the east of "Love For Love," a Greenwich Village production, and go to her daughter.

Maurice is the professional name of Maurice Moutet, who obtained Miss Bennett as partner when Leonora Hughes quit him to marry Carlos Basualdo, a wealthy Argentine.

BOMBING PLANES OF FUTURE MENACE CIVILIZATION

LONDON, April 25.—Unless flying machines are regulated death will be rained down by the square mile in the next European war, is the prediction made by J. M. Spaight, author of "Aircraft in War," and other books, in his latest publication "Air Power and War Rights," in which he makes an appeal for the limitation of air armaments.

"Let there be no doubt about it," writes Mr. Spaight, "unless air power is regulated and controlled it will destroy civilization itself. Aircraft have a terrible lesson in store for mankind. Shall we ever learn the lesson properly until it is hurled at us in thunder and flame?" he asks, and answers as follows:

"Sometimes one doubts whether we shall. It is admitted that air raids will be far more terrible in future wars than they were in 1918, but it is doubtful whether the appalling menace to civilization which this admission involves is grasped by the general public."

Mr. Spaight was the British member of the commission of jurists on laws of war at The Hague, in 1922-23, and of these rules he says: "It is doubtful whether such rules for air bombardment as those drawn up by the jurists at The Hague in January-February, 1923, will save the world's great cities."

The joker in The Hague rules, says Mr. Spaight, is this: The regulations solemnly declared that military objectives alone are to be liable to bombardment, they are "obliging and tacitly vague as to what military objectives are exactly." In the event of another war outbreak, with recollections of 1914 in mind, virtually all the countryside of every nation involved would become engaged in war work of some kind, every public building turned into a war center, and since every town would contain war works of one kind or another, every town would be bombed, with the people in it.

The next war may be over almost before the armies get into action, Mr. Spaight suggests; London, Paris or Berlin may be reduced to ruins, tangled with corpses, before a single land battle has been fought. Air power will start in to land the knockout blow as soon as war is declared, or even before. Bombing by all means should be limited only to property used for war purposes. That, he avers, is the only remedy.

FRANCE WORRIED BY ENGLAND'S GOLD STEP

PARIS, April 29.—The establishment of a gold standard by Great Britain will necessitate France taking the same step in the opinion of the best French financial authorities. Minister of Finance Caillaux, already is studying the question and has intimated that it is necessary for the French people to make sacrifices to accomplish the return to the gold standard.

The resumption of specie payments by England, it was stated at the Bank of France today, will be a good thing for the United States because it will increase the value of the immense stock of gold held in America. France, it was said, cannot continue to struggle along with depreciated currency while all the other important commercial and financial countries are working on a gold basis.

Quits Work at 125 Years
LIBAU, Latvia, April 25.—Boris Unaschek, a farmer who says he has attained the age of 125, and has proved his age to the satisfaction of the Latvian government, has been granted a pension by the government that he may be freed from labor the rest of his days.

London Brokers Pleased.
LONDON, April 29.—The London stock exchange showed evidence today of being generally pleased with the new British budget which it was considered will carry on the policy outlined by Premier Baldwin at the beginning of his administration assuring well for the financial and commercial unity of the country.

GERMANY WORRIED ABOUT WHO WILL BE THE FIRST LADY

BERLIN, April 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The question as to who will fill the role of hostess in the German White House during the incumbency of President Von Hindenburg is causing much speculation among members of Berlin's society.

Von Hindenburg's wife, who was Gertrude Von Sperling, died in May, 1921. The president-elect has a sister, Miss Ida, but she is 74 years old and only recently passed through a serious operation and her health is not of the best.

The most likely first lady is the new president's daughter-in-law, Margaret, nee Baroness Von Marenholtz, described as one of the most beautiful women of the German nobility. Baroness Margaret married Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's only son, Oscar, a captain in the German reichswehr. Oscar and his wife with their two daughters, have been living at Hanover. Von Hindenburg's two daughters constitute further possibilities, they are Frau Irmingard Von Brockhausen, whose husband is an east Prussian Junker, and Frau Anne Marie Von Pentz, who is married to a retired army officer of Lunenburg.

SPEED UP AIR MAIL TO ATLANTIC COAST

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Speeding up the trans-continental air mail service was ordered today by Postmaster General New in order to cut down transit time between San Francisco and New York from 31 hours and 35 minutes to 28 hours and 50 minutes, and at the same time to advance southern California air mail practically one full day. Departures from San Francisco will be made at 8:45 a. m. effective May 1. Instead of 6:30 a. m. as at present. This will enable mail leaving Los Angeles at 6 p. m. to be placed on the trans-continental plane leaving San Francisco the following morning instead of being held there 24 hours. The change will not affect time of arrival at New York.

HOLD FRENCH TROOPS FOR MAY DAY CALL

PARIS, April 30.—Aroused by last week's communist shooting incident, the French authorities are taking extraordinary precautions to guarantee order during the celebration of May day.

It was decided that all the troops in the Paris district should be held in barracks ready for any call. There will be no taxicab service, the drivers' union having decided to observe the day with a general strike.

German Strike May First.
BERLIN, April 29.—A committee of the combined German trades union publishes a summons in Vorwaerts urging all employees to abstain from work on May 1 as a demonstration of the annual labor festival.

The nationalist trade union—the group which supported Von Hindenburg in the election—has issued a manifesto insisting that there is no occasion to celebrate the "international," as even the socialistically governed allied countries indulged in brutal militarism.

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W. S. CULBERTSON IS APPOINTED TO ROUMANIA POST

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Appointment of William S. Culbertson, vice chairman of the tariff commission as minister to Roumania, formally announced at the White House yesterday fills a diplomatic assignment involving particular responsibilities at this time in view of the relief debt and other negotiations now pending with that country.

It is assumed that the Bucharest post will not be vacated by Minister Jay to take up his new post as ambassador to Argentina until the arrival of his successor and the state department has not yet been informed of definite plans for Mr. Culbertson's departure. In fact, it is expected that Mr. Jay will remain at the Roumanian capital until he has received some definite reply to the Washington government's note urging a refunding agreement for Roumania's relief debt to the United States.

When these negotiations and others regarding the new Mexican mining law as it affects American oil properties have progressed to a satisfactory point, Mr. Jay probably will turn over to Mr. Culbertson the duty of completing them.

HOLD MASS MEETING TO SECURE JUSTICE IN EX-GOBLIN CASE

INDIANAPOLIS, April 30.—Residents of Irvington, the suburb in which is located the home of Miss Madge Oberholzer, were called recently to assemble in a mass meeting to outline plans for assisting authorities to bring to justice the persons responsible for her death.

D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, whose home is also in Irvington, has been indicted on a charge of first degree murder in connection with Miss Oberholzer's death. Earl Kilne and Earl Gentry, both former residents of Evansville were indicted on murder charges filed as accomplices of Stephenson.

The call for the mass meeting was issued by Mrs. J. P. Dunn, president of the Irvington Parent-Teacher association. It was originally extended only to women's organizations but later was made to include all residents of the suburb.

MORE TROUBLE FEARED IN FRENCH MOROCCO

PARIS, April 30.—(By Associated Press.) Si Mohammed, brother of Abd-El-Krim, Moroccan rebel leader, has entered the French zone of Morocco at the head of a big parka or tribal contingent, according to information received by the French government.

Marshal Lyautey, governor of French Morocco has sent a regiment of reinforcements but it is stated that the French will not attack the tribesmen unless provoked.

Extensive military precautions are considered necessary because it is feared as soon as the feast of Ramadan is over, in a few days, the tribesmen's religious fanaticism will force Si Mohammed to attack or lose prestige among his followers.



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