

ITALY'S RULER ON SAD VISIT TO QUAKE BELT

Emmanuel Travels Zone of Desolation — Plan to Evacuate Many Families — Half of Churches in Stricken Area Destroyed.

NAPLES, Italy, July 26.—(AP)—King Victor Emmanuel concluded one of the most sorrowful pilgrimages of his thirty years' reign tonight.

Across a zone of desolation reeking with the stench of the unburied, and scene of at least 2143 deaths of Italian subjects. The soldier-monarch journeyed, everywhere speaking words of comfort and hope to the awed survivors of the catastrophe.

No pomp and circumstance attached to this royal visit and but few flags were flown from the ruined buildings that on other occasions of royal visits were festively decorated. The accustomed cheers for the king, though hearty and sincere, were mingled with tears of sorrow and suffering.

Government officials supervising the relief work decided today to send away from the ruined area all those whose relatives in hamlets that were spared are able to receive them into their homes. It also decided to move out of the earthquake zone such families as are known to have means enough to permit of their temporary sojourn elsewhere.

This decision made it possible to evacuate some fourteen thousand men, women and children. The congestion in the hastily erected tent cities was considerably relieved thereby, and fourteen thousand mouths less had to be fed from the rations dealt out by the army and other organizations.

So sweeping was the earthquake that Sunday morning will see fully half of the houses of the village either destroyed or rendered too dangerous to hold congregations.

MID-WEST BROILS AS MERCURY RISES WITH RAIN NEAR

CHICAGO, July 26.—(AP)—One hundred degree weather maintained grip on a vast area between the Kansas plains and the Great Lakes today but near the lakes it was cooler. The lower thermometer did not help personal comfort much because of great humidity, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Kansas were broiling, but looked for relief in the form of rain storms by tomorrow.

Sloux Falls, S. D., traced its discomfort to a sultry 99, and the prospects in that region were even hotter.

In most of Iowa the temperature was around 100. Des Moines reporting 92.

The mercury had mounted to 90 in Chicago by mid-afternoon after a morning shower tumbled the temperature down to 75. Local showers were forecast for the Milwaukee area with a temperature ranging from 75 to 90.

In Southern Illinois, untouched by rain, the temperature soared above 100, Carbondale reporting the highest at 105 on the government thermometer.

DRY AIDE SHOTS BOY BOOTLEGGER

COLUMBUS, Ga., July 26.—(AP) W. K. Johnson Jr., federal prohibition agent, was held here tonight following the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old boy, last night. Federal and state authorities are investigating the youth's trail of alleged liquor running and the agent's story of the shooting was accidental.

The boy, Ray Rodgers, was killed after Johnson surprised him in the act of making livery of a gallon of liquor. Eunice Johnson, 19, was with Rodgers when he was slain. Rodgers' wife was at home. Johnson said the boy was shot accidentally as he and the girl struggled with him for possession of a pistol.

MISHAP OVER OCEAN WILL FIND COSTE PREPARED



Dieudonne Coste (center), French aviator, who has completed preparations in Paris for a flight across the Atlantic to New York, is shown testing out a pneumatic lifeboat to be used in case of a forced landing at sea. His mechanic, Maurice Jacques Bellonte, is taking a turn with the oars.

TESTING PEARS FOR MATURITY START BY COUNTY AGENT

Testing pears for maturity, a free service rendered by the county agent's office will be available to all pear growers starting in the week of July 28th; reports L. P. Wilcox, county agent.

Every grower should make use of this service for the test will determine approximately his picking date. Select ten or twelve specimens at random of healthy, normal fruit so that the sample will represent an average for the entire crop. This should be done in the early morning while the fruit is cool, and bring the samples in for testing as soon after picking as possible.

The commercial worth of fruit depends a great deal upon the time and manner of picking, particularly the time, for it has a direct influence upon color, flavor, size and keeping quality.

The pressure test used in making maturity determinations is considered the most reliable method of telling when pears should be picked in order to obtain maximum quality.

Select samples from your orchard as directed above and find out where you stand in regard to harvest.

GUARDIAN ASKED FOR LADY HEATH, NOTED AVIATRIX

CLEVELAND, July 26.—(AP)—A petition for the appointment of a guardian on file in court, declares Mary Lady Heath, who flew from London to Cape Town, is incompetent and is in a hospital at Mentor receiving treatment for nervous disorders.

Her condition is believed to have been caused by a severe skull injury suffered here last September when an airplane she was testing for the Great Lakes Aircraft Corporation fell through a roof. For several days she was at the point of death and her recovery was doubted.

She recovered sufficiently, however, to deliver numerous addresses in this country. She returned to Cleveland last May after obtaining a divorce decree at Reno, Nev., from Sir James Heath, 76.

At the time of her return her health was believed good. No intimation of her condition was revealed until yesterday when her nurse and constant companion, Miss Florence Maden, petitioned Cuyahoga county probate court here for appointment of a guardian. The petition alleged Lady Heath was "incompetent by reason of mental disorders," and that she had entered the sanitarium Thursday.

UMPQUA SLAYER TO FACE TRIAL

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 26.—(AP) J. W. Hamm, Drew farmer, who shot and killed his partner, Urban Barrett, July 18, was charged with manslaughter today. He waived examination. Bail was set at \$5,000. Hamm surrendered after the killing and told officers he was obliged to shoot Barrett when the latter became enraged and attacked him.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—Carl Mays, righthanded pitcher of the Portland Beavers, has been indefinitely suspended without salary. Thomas L. Turner, president, announced today. This action follows a club house fist fight between the ex-major leaguer and John Walters, another Beaver pitcher, two days ago.

D'AUTREMONTS GET FAT SERVING SALEM LIFE TERM

Deputy Sheriff Louis Jennings has returned from Salem, where he went on business in connection with the state penitentiary, and there he saw the DeAutremonts—Ray and Roy—serving life sentences with their brother Hugh, for the confessed part in the Siskiyou Tunnel attempted train robbery and quadruple murders.

Prison life has agreed with the "twins" according to Deputy Jennings, for they are both fat and as sassy as regulations will allow. Both have taken on weight in their three years' incarceration. Ray is employed in the prison barber shop, and Roy is working as a mason on a new cell house under construction.

Hugh is employed at general labor around the institution. According to Deputy Jennings, there is no truth in the report of a year ago that the notorious pair were going blind and forced to wear colored glasses. Guards and convicts alike within the walls wear colored glasses as protection against the glare from the white-washed walls.

The DeAutremonts have been model prisoners and caused no trouble. Before her marriage she was Miss Valerie Kuhl of Jacksonville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaspar Kuhl, and a sister of K. K. Kuhl, the Portland business man and member of the legislature.

Communications

The Russian Situation To the Editor:

For several years I have closely followed your editorials, and have greatly enjoyed them. I do not always fall in with your views, but you have a clear logic that generally hits the nail on the head. In an editorial in yesterday's paper, entitled "The Irrepressible Conflict," you advertise the fact that you have a clear understanding of the great economic situation which confronts us today.

Regarding wars of conquest, it is not generally known, but is nevertheless an historical fact that just prior to the Spanish American war, Spain cabled our government through our ambassador in Madrid, that Spain would meet all American demands. But war was declared just the same. It has always been suspected that Germany and England, jealous rivals of each other, had a diplomatic hand in the deal.

Anyway we acquired the Philippines, but I have never been able to figure out what good they are to the U. S.

Several years ago while Mr. Hughes was secretary of state, a Mr. Vanderbilt of New York, American agent, of the soviet government of Russia, tried to purchase a vast amount of American goods amounting to something like a billion dollars.

Their plan was to have a large number of ships built in our shipyards, and loaded with the purchased goods, they would be chartered to Russia and paid for by the Russian government.

Our government refused to have any dealings with the soviet government, but instead shipped some 500 so-called undesirable citizens to Russia. These men were mostly all skilled workers, loggers, railroad men, mechanics, etc. Russia was glad to get them, and they are now helping Russia in her economic development.

They must get a grim satisfaction in seeing Russia enter the economic field against the U. S.

Would it not have been better for us to recognize Russia, and open up friendly trading relations with her? The present generation has been privileged to live in the greatest epoch in history. We have seen some wonderful changes in the last 25 years, but does not the future also hold some very interesting events?

The U. S. is the most capitalistic nation on earth, and socialist Russia a large and vastly rich country entering the economic field against us.

Truly, the future holds some very interesting developments. J. S. BYRNE, Medford, July 26th.

MRS. METSCHAN IS FORMER JACKSON COUNTY RESIDENT

Great interest was manifested in Medford yesterday as to the balloting of the state Republican committee in Portland, in selecting a candidate for governor, as was shown that all day long the Mail Tribune office was besieged with phone calls wanting to know the result of such ballot, and this continued until after the nomination of Phil Metschan was announced, and the Mail Tribune appeared on the streets with a full account of the committee's doings.

The result was received with mingled expressions of pleasure or dissatisfaction—the pleasure mostly by the many friends of Mr. Metschan, and the displeasure of friends of the defeated candidates for the nomination. The local Democrats rejoiced, as they figured a possible three-cornered race between the Republican, Democrat and rumored Independent candidate would elect the Democrat.

The expressions of pleasure heard over the nomination of Mr. Metschan were as much for Mrs. Metschan as for the candidate who also has a wide acquaintance throughout the city and county, as Mrs. Metschan is a former Jackson county girl, coming from a well-known pioneer family.

Before her marriage she was Miss Valerie Kuhl of Jacksonville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaspar Kuhl, and a sister of K. K. Kuhl, the Portland business man and member of the legislature.

BERRY INSPECTION CALL IS ISSUED

Strawberry growers who plan on selling plants this coming fall and spring should request inspection of the plantings at once, reports L. P. Wilcox, deputy horticultural commissioner.

According to the quarantine laws of the state of Oregon, no strawberry plants can be offered for sale unless they have been duly inspected in the field grown by an authorized inspector of the State Board of Horticulture.

Requests for inspection should be in writing and addressed to the county agent's office, Medford, Oregon. No certificates can be issued unless the field inspection is made within the next six weeks.

YANKEE SOCCER SQUAD VICTORS

MONTEVEDIO, Uruguay, July 26.—(AP)—The United States was eliminated from the world's soccer championship tournament today failing before the Argentina team, 6 to 1, in the semi-finals. Nearly 100,000 crowded into the stadium to see the South American eleven earn the right to meet the winner to tomorrow's Jugoslavians-Uruguay match in the final game for the title next week.

Death Toll of the Automobile

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—Harold Zimmerman, 40, a logger, was instantly killed and Charles Benton, 75, a cook, was injured fatally in an automobile accident here tonight. Benton died en route to a hospital.

Reports of the accident said the two were driving at high speed within the city limits when their automobile suddenly left the pavement and crashed into a truck parked beside the highway. The truck, owned by Tom Lassen, was said to have had no parking lights.

HOOVER PONDERING STATE PROBLEMS AND TRIP PLANS

ORANGE, Virginia, July 26.—(AP)—In the coolness of his mountain camp, President Hoover let his mind turn back to the sweltering capital today to study governmental problems of the District of Columbia.

For several hours, he discussed facts and figures with the heads of the capital's government. Law enforcement, with particular reference to the prohibition law, and the budget for 1931 were given emphasis. The proposed municipal center, property for which is now being acquired, and extension of the park system entered into the discussions of the five men.

The president wishes to have a complete legislative program ready for presentation to congress in December. It was with this in view that he brought commissioners Reichelderfer, Crosby and Gotwals, and U. S. Grant, 3rd, who is in charge of district public buildings and parks, to his lodge this week-end.

Mr. Hoover also expects to return to Washington Monday with plans for his summer vacation in the west more definitely in mind.

Two of the major matters the president wishes to have cleared up before leaving for the west, the question of Claudius Huston continuing as chairman of the republican national committee and District of Columbia affairs, have now been virtually worked out. Chairman Huston announced on Thursday that he would resign August 7.

With these problems out of his way, the president expects to find it possible to set a definite date for his departure west.

TRANSIENT DIES IN HIGHWAY MISHAP

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 26.—(AP) An unidentified man was killed today when a truck upon which he was riding swerved from the highway and overturned near Oakland, Ore. The truck was driven by E. L. Scheider, Modesto, Cal. Schneider said he picked up the man near Hornbrook last night. He was riding on the spare tire on the right running board and was crushed under the truck. The clothing bore no identification marks other than the name James A. Teal written on a coat label. A Teal cap bore the name of a Berkeley, Cal., haberdasher. The man was about 40, was 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighed 140 pounds and had blue eyes. He wore a black suit with a white pin stripe.

Gas Business Grows CENTRAL POINT, July 26.—(Special)—Already operating five pumps, the Nip and Sip Service station here is considering the advisability of adding another pump to its battery of gasoline dispensers. The station, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rowland, who established it two years ago, are the only Gilmore dealers in Central Point and plan to devote the new pump to Gilmore gasoline also.

Mississippi mud is being used to construct a riverside drive in Memphis.

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