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ASSASSINATE RUMANIA PREMIER



By PAUL MALLON.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Most Washington secrets usually are passed around in stage whispers sooner or later. The recent hurried meeting of federal reserve bank governors was one secret that was really kept. Those in the meeting would NOT even tell their best friends about it.

The governors are known to have been summoned hastily. No one knew where to meet until after their session opened. Governors from the far west were left out because they could not get here in time.

A general council meeting, at the board itself held a private session at which the real business was transacted. At this session a resolution was drawn up and signed. Certain legal authorities were called in and consulted on the text of the resolution before it was signed.

These facts carry certain definite implications.

Guesses.

The only legal question about which the federal reserve would be resolving at this time is the ownership of gold held by federal reserve banks.

Their gold is, or was, the basis of our currency. If Mr. Roosevelt devalues to 50 cents he would seize half of this gold for the government.

The reserve bankers have been murmuring behind their hands that this would be illegal.

The obvious deduction is that the council wanted to protest against the legality of seizure of their gold; that it instructed the board to prepare such a resolution; that the board prepared it with legal help and presented it to President Roosevelt.

You can be reasonably sure that is what happened.

Haste?

That does not mean the federal reserve people felt that Mr. Roosevelt would devalue right away. Their private information indicated that he would take no steps along that line for three months.

Other items discussed at the meeting were: (a) What about the small banks which cannot qualify for the deposit guarantee fund; (b) the influence on banking of direct government loans to industry and (c) how loans may be made to municipalities.

It was these items rather than the resolution on gold ownership which caused all the haste in summing up the meeting.

Resistance.

Congressional Republicans have discovered in their private pow-wows one common ground upon which they will resist the administration. They will combat all legislation centralizing more power in Washington.

The keynote to that campaign was sounded by Senator Vandenberg in a speech to newspaper business men on that west recently. A good constructive fight can be conducted on that plane without involvement in politics.

State's rights Democrats in congress can be stirred up to resist the trend toward federal absorption of authority.

In fact they already have.

Steps.

That was the feeling behind the house ways and means action relating the treasury plan of having the federal government collect all liquor taxes and refunding the states their share.

States and municipalities are already indebted to the federal government through RFC loans which cannot be repaid anytime now on that plan. The NRA, AAA and FWA have similarly strengthened federal jurisdiction on every side. Prohibition repeal was hammered through the state legislatures by unusual federal pressure. Banking is being federalized by strong progressive steps.

If the administration recommends legislation to handle municipal debts, that will mean another strong link in the ever-tightening chain.

This point will probably furnish the underlying theme for the whole coming congressional session.

Milk.

Agriculture secretary Wallace is exercising his muscles daily for a strong blow at the milk problem.

These measures to him whisper that they have heard him howling about the various producers' organizations being nothing more than "distributors in overalls."

The solution he is working on will include a fixed farm price, but no retail price. He figures that retail prices will be lower if permitted to seek their own level.

That program will be announced shortly.

Notes.

No matter how much resolving is done, the federal reserve will give up its gold in the end. Mr. Roosevelt can avoid an argument if he wants to, by getting authority from congress.

Those on the inside at the economic school, Columbia university, still expect Prof. Tugwell back in February, but Tugwell's associates

STUDENT FIRES FOUR BULLETS AT CLOSE RANGE

Duca, Determined Foe of Nazis, and Friend of Jews, Target After Conference With Rumanian Monarch

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Premier Duca of Rumania was assassinated today.

The assassination occurred in the city of Sinala, the seat of the royal palace, as the premier was about to board a train for Bucharest after a conference with King Carol this afternoon.

He died instantly when a student fired four revolver bullets into his head at close range.

After firing the shots the student also hurled a hand grenade.

This exploded and a fragment wounded a member of the Duca entourage, Dr. M. Costinescu, a deputy. The assassin was immediately seized with two others who police believed were his accomplices.

He gave the name of Nicholas Constantinescu. Police said both he and his alleged accomplices were members of the recently outlawed anti-Jewish Iron Guard.

In political circles the opinion was freely expressed the killing would have far-reaching consequences.

The student refused to make any statement.

Ion G. Duca, liberal leader and former minister of the interior, was made premier by King Carol November 12.

He followed Alexander Valda-Voedov, former premier whose government was overthrown.

Duca had a long record in the public life of Rumania, and at various times held the post of minister of the interior, minister of foreign affairs and minister of public instruction.

Fought Anti-Semites.

When Duca was made premier he immediately began a campaign to combat a rising wave of anti-Semitism in Rumania.

His cabinet voted to dissolve two of the Nazi bodies of Rumania—the Iron Guard led by Corneliu Cordeanu, and the anti-semitic National Christian party headed by Prof. Alex. Cuza.

The growing strength of the two Nazi organizations which, however, held only 17 seats in the chamber of deputies, were causing anxiety to the government in view of recent Nazi victories in the Transylvania district where Nazis had won 62 per cent of the total votes cast in a recent election in Sibiu.

Nazis Blamed.

By outlawing the two Nazi organizations, Duca was expected to prevent them from participating in parliamentary elections.

The most recent disorders in Rumania were ascribed by the government to Nazis. Students fought police November 27 and on the following day the government announced it had restored order and that the disorders were due to an outburst of Iron Guard members against Jews.

Duca's career was marked by stormy passages, including a challenge in July, 1931, to fight a duel with George Bratinaru, dissident liberal leader. He refused the challenge, however. Duca informed Bratinaru's second, who called on him, that he admitted having killed Bratinaru "irretrievably," but that he meant unreliable only in a political sense. The second replied that they took note of his explanation, which concerned the cause for the challenge.

CASH CWA CHECKS AT C-C SATURDAY

In response to numerous requests from local merchants for aid in cashing the CWA checks, which come into the city each Saturday, the Chamber of Commerce announced today that provision had been made to cash the checks there tomorrow.

Merchants will cooperate in the plan and checks will be received and cashed for the workers from 4:00 until 7:00 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce building.

More than \$10,000 will be paid out in government warrants tomorrow in meeting the payroll at the various Jackson county projects.

PIONEER EDUCATOR DIES IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Samuel Arnold Handley, 94, an educator in the Willamette valley from 1884 to 1902, died at his home here last night. He will be interred in the Jason Lee Mission cemetery in Salem tomorrow after funeral services here.

Mr. Handley, who cast his first vote in a presidential election for Abraham Lincoln, was born in Alton, Ill., in 1839.

Spy Suspect



Robert Gordon Switz (above), a nativity of East Orange, N. J., and his wife were held in France on charges of being members of a huge international spy ring. (Associated Press Photo)

MILK COST DATA REQUIRED BEFORE FIXING OF PRICES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—The state milk control board today advised producers, distributors and handlers of milk that costs of production and distribution, depreciation and interest on livestock, buildings and equipment, and store distributors data relating to costs of milk handling, must be submitted to the board before action can be taken to fix milk prices and differentials so as to stabilize the industry.

The meeting here today was the first public hearing of the new control board. It was devoted largely to explanatory discourse in which the board itemized facts from all branches of the industry.

General questions were asked of representatives from various divisions of the industry in the Portland milk shed, touching only indirectly on the future course. In informal discussion later, however, appeals from producers were presented, asking for a pro-rating of both profit and loss between producer and distributor. A feeling was expressed that the middleman has been in a considerably more favorable position than the producer.

Although one of the principal aims of the board is to establish a price differential between the cash and carry system and doorstep delivery, several significant factors were brought out.

Expert Bullivant, attorney for the dairy co-operative association, said the price of feed is up about 20 per cent over a year ago, and recent floods have put the milk industry in a very bad condition.

It was urged that the price for 4 per cent test milk be increased \$2.08 a hundredweight. Independent producers are now getting \$1.70, from which freight must be deducted. Butterfat is bringing 37 1/2 cents.

GOLD PRICE HELD UNCHANGED TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The government's domestic gold price remained unchanged today at \$34.06 an ounce.

This figure was repeated for the ninth time on the morning after Acting Secretary Morgenthau's new order designed to bring into the treasury all monetary gold outside reserve banks and the reconstruction finance corporation.

Bar gold in London was worth \$32.03 on a sterling opening of \$5.07 1/2 to the pound.

AIM GOLD ORDER AT BIG HOARDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Acting Secretary Morgenthau said today his new anti-hoarding order was directed at the big hoarder, not the little one, but we think the small hoarders will come along and turn in their gold.

"It's a mopping up at the end of the year. I think we'll get several millions. We mean business."

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COPCO OFFICIALS PAID TOO MUCH CLAIMS THOMAS

Utilities Commissioner Reduces Budget Figures of Brewer and Boyle—Holding Co. Payment Rejected

SALEM, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Budget items of four utility companies operating in Oregon were rejected by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, in orders issued here today. The items consisted mostly of payments to holding companies and reduction of salaries of chief officials.

The commissioner rejected payments of \$121,000 to the Bylesby Engineering and Management corporation by the California Oregon Power company, operating in southern Oregon, and reduced the salaries of C. M. Brewer, president and manager, from \$7,375 to \$6,300 annually and of J. C. Boyle from \$5,325 to \$5,000. He also disapproved of donations to golf and other clubs. It was the duty of stockholders to make this payment rather than charge it to rate payers.

The commissioner did approve of the proposed expenditure of \$482,340 for equipment during the year 1934 by the company.

Other companies affected included the Mountain States Power company, operating in southwestern Oregon and in the Willamette valley. The commissioner again recommended the salary of C. M. Brewer, president and manager of the firm, be cut from \$7,375 to \$5,300 and that of Z. E. Merrill, vice-president, from \$6,375 to \$5,400. Payment of \$52,180 to the Bylesby firm. Approval was given to proposed expenditure during 1934 of \$254,392.

Salaries were reduced in his recommendations for chief officials to the Idaho Power company, operating at Vale, and payment of \$45,000 to the Electric Bond and Share company, as well as numerous donations. The fourth order affected the West Coast Telephone company, operating at La Grande and in southwestern Oregon, reducing salaries of officials and payment of \$4,900 to the Loveland Engineering company of San Francisco.

COPCO DIVIDENDS PAYMENT JAN. 15

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—California-Oregon Power company has declared dividends of 8 1/2 per cent a share on its 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock and 7 1/2 per cent a share on its 6 per cent cumulative preferred. Payments will be made January 15 on December 31 records.

These dividends were described as making up arrears created when the regular dividend rate on both classes of stock was halved last October.

PORTLAND JOBLESS CARED FOR BY CWA

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Two thousand men will be removed from the lists of the federal employment service here within a few days. It was said today, as the county CWA approved 33 additional city and county projects for immediate reconstruction work.

The labor payroll on these new projects will total more than \$300,000 and the purchase orders will amount to around \$65,000.

This is the largest single group of projects thus far released by the Multnomah county civil works administration.

LITTLE GIRL CONFESSES MURDER OF PLAYMATE

By T. D. HAGENBUCH
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 29.—(AP)—A 13-year-old girl has confessed, District Attorney Frank H. Coyne said today, to the murder last Sunday of her eight-year-old girl chum.

Mary Kavala, Coyne said, told him after long questioning last night that she had killed Josephine Moropy, hitting her on the head with a rock and then strangling her.

"I did it," the district attorney quoted her as saying. "Josie told lies about me and about my family. I did it. I lost my temper."

Josephine's body was found on Christmas eve under the porch steps of St. Matthew's Rectory at Hastings-on-Hudson. Police believed she had been slain by a man and it was not until early yesterday that they started questioning Mary. Evidently she denied the crime until late last night she broke down and admitted she had killed Josephine.

They had gone for a walk Saturday afternoon, she told the authorities.

An argument arose over the stories she said Josephine told about her. In a fit of temper she picked up a rock and struck the girl on her head, stunning her. From an old map she took several strands and tied them tightly around Josephine's neck.

Then she found an automobile inner tube and twisted it around the girl's neck. Her angry passion still flaring, Mary went to a nearby rubbish pile, found a bottle and smashed it on a rock. With a jagged piece of the bottle she slashed Josephine's face until she was exhausted. Then she pulled the body under the porch steps and went home.

The next day, she said in her confession, she returned to the Rectory and stripped off the clothing from the girl's body. Fearful that it could be seen, she dragged an old abandoned sled under the porch and placed it over the body.

Mary was crying as she finished her story, but quickly regained her calm and signed the confession.

Young Arkansan Sewed In Undies Until Next Spring

HINDSVILLE, Ark., Dec. 29.—(AP)—High up here in the Ozarks the "young uns" have been sewed in for the winter.

On the heels of the first big cold spell the elders corralled the children and sewed them into flannels, which will not be removed until warm weather comes again to the hills. Baths are taboo with the youngsters in the winter time. They simply can't get out of their flannels once they are "sewed in." No buttons are used.

FREE SILVER PLAN HELD ASSURED FOR ENSUING SESSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—An intensive campaign for reauthorization of silver was assured today when 27 senators went on record for free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver.

Eighteen senators—14 Democrats, three Republicans and one Farmer-Labor—attended a conference called by Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.), a 16-to-1 bi-metallic advocate, and unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"We favor bi-metallic—the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at a ratio to be established by law."

Nine other senators—eight Democrats and one Republican—sent word to the meeting they were for the proposition.

Wheeler, announcing the result of the conference to newspaper men, said he would introduce his bill for reauthorization of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 with gold on the opening day of congress.

He predicted the senate would approve the proposal and the house would follow suit if a vote could be obtained in that body.

15 CANADIANS DIE FROM COLD WAVE

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 29.—(AP)—A Canada-wide cold wave had claimed the lives of 15 persons, directly and indirectly, disrupted communication systems, and tied up transportation in some sections today.

The temperature fell below records of long standing. In the Sudbury-North Bay section the official thermometer at the city pumping station registered 64 degrees below zero.

Wire breaks cut off storm-taken British Columbia, but it was known the frigid wave had increased in intensity.

Miss Georgina Smith, aged resident of Wooler, Ont., was found frozen to death in her home. In Richvale, Ont., Mrs. James Ray, 60, was frozen dead as she huddled in front of her kitchen stove.

STANSBURY NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF

Phil Stansbury of Ashland has been appointed a deputy sheriff by Sheriff Walter Olmstead. His first duties will be the collection of unsecured personal taxes.

Stansbury is married, and has been a resident of Ashland for several years. He was formerly connected with the state traffic bureau.

Provision was made for the deputyship in the county budget. Deputy Stansbury, besides tax collection work, will assist in other details.

AUTOISTS SLOW IN BUYING TAGS

SALEM, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Sale of 1934 automobile licenses has lagged, despite reiteration by State Police Superintendent Charles P. Fray that cars on the highways must have new license plates January 1.

At close of business yesterday licenses issued dropped 9387 from a corresponding date last summer when half-year licenses were sold. Only 59,004 of the new licenses had been issued.

In making the announcement the secretary of state's office said truck application blanks had been only recently available and few trucks had applied.

It was believed some people in eastern Oregon would wait until snowy weather ended before applying for new license plates, despite the new low price of \$5.

TINY JAPANESE PRINCE IS GIVEN LONG NAME

TOKYO, Japan, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Japan's beloved little crown prince received a name today. In a ceremony which lasted two hours his father announced his full name as Akihito Tsuguo No Miya, which means "Prince of the august succession and enlightened benevolence."

If the infant, born amid great rejoicing seven days ago, lives to succeed Emperor Hirohito, he will be known as Akihito.

The same day was a holiday throughout the empire.

Made Huge Profit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Testimony today brought out that Philip H. Phillips, Jr., made \$600,000 profit during the spectacular rise of the stock of Atlas Tack corporation and through its collapse December 16.

There are 15 separate oil and gas fields in Montana.

LIBERALIZATION OF G. O. P. POLICY SEEN BY SNELL

Parties Must Yield to Trend of Thought, Says Conservative Party Leader—Socialism Is Resisted

By Cecil B. Dickson
 (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A number of heretofore rigidly conservative Republicans in congress today visualize a more liberal G. O. P. policy in the future but not as far in that direction as they claim the Democratic party is tending under President Roosevelt.

Several leaders today pointed out what they described as a decided tendency toward more liberal thought among both the senate and house Republicans at the special session last spring, when many of them supported the administration's sweeping proposals.

Snell Sees Trend

In surveying the situation today, Representative Bertrand H. Snell of New York, the Republican house leader, said:

"The whole country, the whole world is leaning more and more toward liberalism. It is the popular acclaim. Political parties will yield to it for support."

"We, who want to continue the form of government that was established here 160 years ago, realize the drift."

"But we do not want this country swept into outright socialism. We do not want our present institutions wiped out."

Resist Socialism

Snell, who is regarded by his colleagues as one of the most conservative Republicans, said that while undoubtedly his party would take a more liberal attitude in the future, the backbone of the organization would continue to resist flat socialism.

A claim has been made by some Republicans that President Roosevelt has been attempting to develop a "Roosevelt party" composed of progressive Republicans, who supported him in the 1932 campaign, and the liberal and progressive Democrats.

See New Party

Many of these political prognosticators predict an opposition party will be formed of Republican and Democratic conservatives of this day.

Meantime, efforts at reorganization of the Republican national committee apparently have been at least temporarily quashed.

Everett Sanders is to remain as chairman throughout the coming congressional primary and general election campaigns in the coming year under plans approved by most of the Republicans who have anything to say about it.

FUGITIVE CAPTURED

Edward Shouse (above), one of the convicts who escaped from the Indiana state prison at Michigan City in September, was captured at Paris, Ill., in a gun battle in which an Indiana state policeman was fatally wounded. (Associated Press Photo)

EAGLE POINT ROW AIRED IN JUSTICE COLEMAN'S COURT

Mrs. Waddell hit two hay hands over the head with a hoe-handle, and knocked them out. She jabbed me in the leg with a pitchfork, while her mother kept yelling 'Kill him, Evelyn! Kill him, Evelyn!' I thought she was a great mother, to coach her child in murder."

So testified Walter Woods, a stockman of the Eagle Point district, in justice court this morning, in the suit against him by C. W. Waddell for \$40 for the pastures of 14 cows.

During the same period of delinquency, Woods testified that "the boy had a slingshot, and the girl was throwing rocks up to 12 pounds." The encounter occurred during "hayin" last August.

Woods also testified, "I was informed Waddell was packing a gun for me." During the alleged welding of the hoe-handle by Mrs. Waddell, the defendant said "I was cracked on the shoulder, and can show you the scar."

The Waddells, it developed during the hearing, sold their place in the Eagle Point district to J. D. Woodworth, and later re-possessed the property on a foreclosure. There were a number of involvements in this procedure, and the question of who owned the 14 cows, and who owned the pasture became the issue.

About October 14 last, the cows disappeared from the pasture and were traced by Waddell and Hunter Sage to the Woods corral. Sage testified, Waddell testified to details of the transactions, claimed ownership of the 14 cows, and denied threatening

NAB EX-CONVICT AFTER HOLDUP

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A man identified by police as Dick B. Alexander, an ex-convict with several aliases, was captured here today soon after he had robbed a drug store in which Patrolman Marshall, an expert pistol shot, was a robbery.

The arrest was made after an exciting chase as the suspect attempted to escape in a taxicab. Police said Alexander was released recently from the Montana state prison at Deer Lodge, where he had served a four-year sentence for grand larceny.

Police said the arrested man is known as Louis B. Deering and Andy Earl Fox, and that he has been arrested in Beaverhead county, Mont., Carson City, Sacramento, Stockton, Spokane and El Paso, on a variety of charges.

ONE KILLED IN CONVICT BREAK

ATMORE, Ala., Dec. 29.—(AP)—One man was killed and another probably fatally wounded today as they sought to apprehend 10 escaped convicts from Atmore state prison farm on a highway near the penitentiary.

Grover Kirby, the man killed, and a companion named Parker, sought to stop the stampeding prisoners and one of them, a negro, opened fire, wounding both men.

Citizens joined police in a search for the escaped convicts.

While authorities at the prison referred all inquiries to the state convict department at Montgomery, city officers here were advised that only 10 convicts, seven negroes and three white men, participated in the break

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World Political Leaders Must Assume Blame Says President in Woodrow Wilson Anniversary Talk

Three Points Outlined.

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2. Every nation would join in a simple declaration that no armed forces would be allowed to cross borders into the territory of any other nation.
3. By ruling that such pacts would not be effective unless all nations agreed, the nations still believing "in the use of the sword for invasion" would be pointed out to the pressure of world opinion.

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Standing before a 77th birthday anniversary commemoration of Woodrow Wilson last night, Mr. Roosevelt praised the war president's League of Nations realization as "a prop" but not the answer to the world peace structure. Of the League, he added, while an audience of its advocates sat in temporary silence:

"We are not members and we do not contemplate membership."

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