


The Weather
 Forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday, but with fog. No change in temperature.
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SCANDAL CHARGED TO CWA STAFF



News Behind The News
 By PAUL MALLON.
 (Copyright, 1934, by Paul Mallon) Sobering Up.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Mr. Roosevelt's quick steps toward promoting world peace by building warships and airplanes seems under the surface to be getting somewhere, at least in Japan.

The trans-Pacific grapevine reports a very salutary effect there. A few months ago the Japanese were making faces at the world. Dispatches from Tokyo bristled with war talk. All that is changed now. The war talk comes in dispatches from Europe. Tokyo is silent.

Our officials privately believe our recognition of Russia may have had something to do with the change, but they point to the upbuilding of our navy as the major cause.

A Japanese official told one of our men confidentially at the London economic conference: "Japan cannot hope to compete with the naval building plans of your president. We have insufficient resources to meet such competition."

Soviets.
 Russia also has been using Mr. Roosevelt's tactics to help the good cause along. Six months ago she was unprepared and afraid of Japan. She is still afraid but no longer unprepared.

Airplanes have been massed in Siberia, ready for a break. Past tractors have been turned out in increasing numbers. They run at 20 miles an hour and are used for agricultural purposes, but they can be swiftly converted into war weapons.

The best martial authorities believe she is a fair match for Japan now, although her preparations are largely for defense rather than offense. She has no navy to speak of. Her fortifications around Vladivostok have been strengthened, but not enough to resist a Japanese siege. There would be little point in Russia invading Manchuria, although her airplanes could make the place very uncomfortable.

She is strong where the Japanese are weak—in airplanes. There is something about a Japanese mind which cannot absorb the principles of aviation. They can neither build planes nor fly them, although they have been trying hard for years.

That also may have helped to induce Japan to stop and think.

Incorrigible.
 Germany is rapidly taking the Japanese place as the bad boy of world affairs. Our officials can hardly mention Hitler without cursing, especially since he pulled that trick on German foreign debts.

His reichsbank reduced her interest payments (other than those on the Dawes and Young loans) by as much as a half. Our officials have indisputable proof that Germany is using this money to buy up German securities cheaply.

The house treaty improvement company of Berlin is offering \$450 for its \$1000 bonds.

Steps.
 Our officials were going to protest about that when the British approached us secretly on the subject. Her officials are more angry at Germany than ours are. The result was we told Hitler he was "undermining German credit." Those are strong words for diplomatic exchanges, but they failed to pierce Hitler's skull.

He snapped back within 12 hours, announcing through his reichsbank that even further interest reductions were proposed.

It is clearly a skin game of the naive against foreigners who hold German securities. Hitler has not heard the last on the subject.

MONEY OF PUBLIC BEING WASTED IS BOURBONS CLAIM

Thousands Assigned to Jobs Without Tools or Materials — Other Thousands Not Receiving Wages Due

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Immediate investigation of charges by John B. Elliott of Los Angeles against the California Civil Works administration was ordered today by Harry L. Hopkins, CWA chief.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—In a statement which termed management of the CWA here for the past four weeks nothing less than a public scandal, John B. Elliott, first vice-chairman of the Democratic state central committee, said today that "I, for one, shall not remain silent about it any longer."

He said his investigations have convinced him of a great waste of public money, the use of the unemployed relief for personal ends and ambitious, a betrayal of President Roosevelt and gross mismanagement and mismanagement of what Washington intended to be a supreme effort to aid the jobless.

Elliott, who was one of the leaders in the Roosevelt campaign in California, said he was in possession of statements by persons within the CWA organization to substantiate specific charges and that he intended to put the entire question before the federal grand jury if possible.

"As high as 15,000 to 17,000 unemployed have been assigned daily to various projects without any tools or any kind of materials with which to work," the statement said. "This army of men has stood about day after day, in many cases for more than 10 consecutive days, with nothing to work with and nothing to do while they were on the federal payroll at 30 cents an hour."

"Thousands of workers who were working have not been paid, some of them for as long as four weeks at a time. The pay checks for these workers were drawn but were misplaced or could not be found."

"The purchase of huge amounts of supplies required for these projects under the Civil Works administration has been made largely without competitive secret bids and the greatest waste has ensued and favoritism has occurred in these purchases."

ALIEN LAND ACT PARTLY INVALID

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Section 9-A of the California alien land act and section 1083 of its code of civil procedure were held invalid today by the supreme court.

The sections were attacked by George Morrison and H. Doi, on the ground the burden of proof was unlawfully placed on them to show they had not been guilty of violating the alien land law in San Diego county.

The state charged Morrison had transferred agricultural land to Doi, an alien ineligible to citizenship. Under the sections at issue Morrison and Doi, to escape penalties imposed by the alien land law, were required to prove that Doi was eligible to citizenship.

No definite check on the milk price situation here today could be obtained from officials. In some groups it was maintained that one depot was still selling milk at 25 cents a gallon, contrary to the order of the state milk control board. Others claimed that all local places had met the requirements of the ruling yesterday.

The milk control board, which announced someone would be sent into this territory to investigate the situation, had not been represented here today.

The price for depots under the ruling is 30 cents a gallon and 10 cents a quart.

Twenty Injured When Students Panic Audience

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A group of exuberant youths decided last night that the proper way to celebrate the return from the Rose Bowl football victory of the Columbia university team was a "rush" an upper Broadway movie theater and about "fire."

Twenty persons were injured, not seriously, in the resultant panic. Some of the youths were identified by police as undergraduates of the university. They forced their way into the Nemo theater and, once inside, someone shouted "fire."

FRANCE BOOSTS IMPORT QUOTAS ON U. S. GOODS

PARIS, Jan. 8.—(AP)—France agreed today to increase threefold the quotas on American products as announced at the first of the year.

The United States embassy announced the conclusion of this arrangement whereby the United States will be exempted from the French policy to reserve three-quarters of its import quotas for bargaining purposes.

While the announced arrangement does not give full satisfaction to American business interests, it restores the quotas as they affect the United States to the figures of 1932.

The automobile imports still are hit as the quota is based on 1932 figures which were smaller than the 1933 motor imports.

Apples and pears were not included in the agreements as these two American products already had been provided for in a separate arrangement by which France agreed to import 20,000 metric tons (approximately 44,000,000 pounds) of these fruits before March 31 in exchange for an increased American wine quota.

Tools of the mechanical industry other than those for agriculture, lamps and radio apparatus, also were not included in the bargaining quotas.

ASHLAND PEAK ROAD NEARLY COMPLETED WITH FUNDS OF NRA

Work has been completed on the 1 1/2 miles of Ashland road under construction for the past several weeks from funds furnished by the NRA. Karl L. Janouch, supervisor of the Rogue River national forest said today, having spent several days last week in that section inspecting the road. He was accompanied by Bill Jones, road supervisor for the forest.

The road, which leads to Ashland peak, lacks three miles of completion. Mr. Janouch said, but know in that section has delayed work until spring.

The road leads through a scenic section of southern Oregon, he said, and is expected to add a great deal to recreational points in this section.

Mr. Janouch stated that the city of Ashland has co-operated in many ways with the forest service in obtaining rights-of-way within the city limits.

About 150 men have been employed on the work for a number of weeks.

FRENCH SWINDLER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AS CAPTURE NEAR

'Handsome Alex' Stavisky Traced to Villa in French Alps Shoots Self in Head When Gendarmes Arrive

CHAMONIX, France, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Serge "Handsome Alex" Stavisky, alleged \$40,000,000 swindler, shot himself in the head today when police surrounded him in a hidden villa. He was at first thought to have died instantly, but a hastily summoned physician found a sign of life.

A battle immediately was begun to save Stavisky from death, in order to turn him over to trial. Application of restoratives brought an apparent consciousness to the man who had been sought for two weeks following the collapse of the Batonne pawnshop which he founded.

Fear Wound Mortal. The secret service traced him there and his agents entered the unheated house. No signs of life had been seen about it.

One room, later found to be the only heated quarter in the villa, was found locked. The agents knocked at the door. There was no answer. Smash Down Door.

Convinced that Handsome Alex must be inside, they smashed down the door.

Stavisky was there. As the police burst into his hiding place, he placed a gun to his head and fired.

So ended a search conducted on a worldwide scale by the French government directed by Premier Camille Chautemps himself.

BROOKINGS PORT SURVEY SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The board of army engineers informed Senator Steiwer (R., Ore.) today that the district engineer at Portland, Ore., had been ordered to make an estimate of the cost of a survey of the Clatsop Cove basin at Brookings, Ore., with a view of building a breakwater to permit loading of logs on ships in the harbor.

The senator requested the survey because he "understood it unlikely there will be a rivers and harbors bill this session of congress," and with the view of making the project a public works development.

TWO CHILDREN DIE ON RAIL CROSSING

BASSFIELD, Miss., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Two children were killed, one was critically injured, and more than 20 others suffered injuries today when a Mississippi Central passenger train crashed into a school bus at a crossing near here.

First reports indicated that the bus, driven by Ernest Williamson, 19-year-old school boy, stalled on the tracks. The vehicle was demolished.

State Stenpleton, 7, and Alice Aultman, 16, were killed.

35 LOSE LICENSE FOR DRIVING WHILE DRUNK

SALEM, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Operators' licenses of 35 motorists to regulate the weight of leaves of bread was upheld today by the supreme court, which sustained the state's bread loaf law. The P. P. Petersen Baking company and others had contended they could comply with the law fixing the minimum weight of the loaves, but that the regulations fixing the maximum would deprive them of constitutional rights.

ANOTHER SURVIVOR UNDERHILL OUTLAW GANG LANDED IN JAIL

ELUSIVE INMAN IS RECAPTURED AFTER WOUNDING

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Wilbur Underhill, outlaw, died with 13 bullet wounds. Elusive Elmer Inman, a reputed confederate, is again behind the bars. And only four of the southwest's major criminals remain at large as "the law" continues its relentless roundup.

Underhill, co-leader of the escape of 11 prisoners from the Kansas state penitentiary on Memorial day, 1933, and wanted for the slaying of four officers and their convict prisoner in Kansas City last June, died late Saturday night in the Oklahoma state prison at McAlester. After seven months at large, following the prison break, the slayer and robber was captured at Shawnee, Okla., December 30. A few hours before his capture, he fled a raided house under fire, receiving his fatal wounds.

Two alleged survivors of the Underhill gang—Inman and Raymond Roe—were held in separate cell blocks of the county jail today because, officers said, Inman threatened to "take care of Roe."

Shot and captured near Bowlegs yesterday, Inman was held in a fourth floor cell block for alleged participation.

HONEYMOON PLAN OF MIVANIS HITS CALIFORNIA SNAG

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—While his bride, the former Barbara Hutton, a \$40,000,000 heiress, rested in San Francisco Prince Alexis Mdivani, of a once royal family of Georgia, Russia, paused in Portland today after evading a California process server who had temporarily blocked a round-the-world honeymoon the couple had planned.

Alexis was to continue to Seattle during the day, there presumably to sail for the Hawaiian islands where it was believed he would meet his wife.

The couple had engaged passage on a liner sailing Thursday from San Francisco for the Orient.

Mdivani, his attorney, Charles H. Huberich of Paris, Mrs. Huberich and a secretary, flew into Portland before dawn today from Salt Lake City. The prince last night parted from his jet-set bride at Reno.

The greatest secrecy enveloped their trip.

BREAD LOAF WEIGHT CAN BE REGULATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The right of Nebraska to regulate the weight of loaves of bread was upheld today by the supreme court, which sustained the state's bread loaf law.

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Grayson Under Knife

ROCHESTER, Minn., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Admiral Cary Grayson of Washington, D. C., former personal physician to President Woodrow Wilson, was taken into an operating room at St. Mary's hospital today for a major operation.

71 JAPS CRUSHED TO DEATH DURING PANIC AT DEPOT

TOKYO, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Deaths of 71 persons and injuries to 56 in a panic-stricken crowd were reported today by the Reno News Agency correspondent at Kyoto.

The crowd was in the Kyoto railroad station to bid farewell to a group of recruits for the Imperial Japanese army.

The stampede occurred shortly after 2 a. m. today when about 10,000 relatives and friends jammed the station's platform to say good-by to the recruits, already aboard the train, which was standing in the station.

One person fell and cried for help, starting the panic. Hundreds were crushed and trampled, including women and children.

Police and public organizations were mobilized to carry the wounded to hospitals and to recover bodies of the dead.

PEIRCE INSTALLED AS KIWANIS HEAD

Max Peirce was installed as president of Kiwanis club at the luncheon today noon at the Hotel Medford. Other officers to lead the club for the coming year are: E. A. Faber of Central Point, vice-president; George Fry, treasurer, Carl Y. Tennison, secretary, and the following directors: Ted GeBauer, C. C. Lemmon, Olin Arnsperger, Darwin K. Burgher, R. G. Fowler, Dr. C. H. Paske and E. H. Heuck.

Ernest Marsh, manager of the Hollywood theater, was taken into the club as a new member.

A resolution, expressing the great loss to the Kiwanis club in the death of the late W. M. Clemenson, was passed and will be spread upon the records and a copy sent to the bereaved relatives.

MIDWINTER DROUGHT WORRYING ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Anxiety is spreading through rural England over the strange phenomenon of a mid-winter drought. Villages in the Chilterns, which are only about 30 miles from London, are on water rations. In Northamptonshire districts the scarcity is acute.

Lakes, such as Ruddyard in North Staffordshire, have sunk to hitherto unknown levels.

DUTRA LEADING IN LOS ANGELES OPEN

LOS ANGELES COUNTRY CLUB. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Olin Dutra, big bronzed pro from Santa Monica, held a one stroke lead with 18 holes to play in the Los Angeles open golf tournament today, shooting a 73 for a 211 total at the end of 34 holes.

GRANGE UNIT TO MEET AT ORA NIEDERMAYER'S

Home Economics club of the Jacksonville Grange will meet Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ora Niedermeyer, for a covered dish luncheon.

Election of officers will be held, and all members are urged to attend.

VIOLENCE FLARES AS CHICAGO MILK WAR CUTS SUPPLY

Trucks Bearing Fluid Tipped Over — Small Independents Main Cause of Inability Reach Agreement

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Milk deliveries were halted here today as violence flared over a 100 mile area in a dairymen's strike against reduced prices.

Dumping of milk spread from highways surrounding Chicago had reached into the city. Independent retail dealers who attempted to deliver milk saw their trucks tipped over or the contents spilled into sewers.

Peace Sought. With both producers and distributors anxious to settle the strike, conferences were held to devise means of meeting the farmers' demands, a guaranteed basic price of \$1.85 a hundred pounds.

Twenty five larger Chicago dairies, supplying most of the city's milk, announced willingness to pay the price asked, but the problem of how to force smaller independents into line held up the settlement.

The farmers have demanded, thru the Pure Milk association representing 18,000 producers, that the minimum price be paid by every dairy to every farmer, regardless of whether the farmer holds membership in the association.

Federal Action Hinted. Government licensing of dairies under the agricultural adjustment act has been suggested by pure milk officials as a means of enforcing the price. The association recently withdrew from a Chicago milk marketing agreement because of failure in enforcement.

The most serious reports of violence came from Wisconsin, where interference with railroad trains hauling milk was reported. Sheriff Clarence Erickson reported finding obstructions on tracks of the Northwestern road in Kenosha county and near the Wisconsin-Illinois line.

Attempts were made at Lyons and Sturtevant, Wis., to dump 48,000 pounds of milk from a refrigerator car.

Hundreds of thousands of gallons of milk were dumped on the highways. The blocks into Chicago were reported nearly 100 per cent effective.

CROSS EXAMINE SISTER OF ALLEN

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Cross-examination of Mary Allen Towle, who is contesting with other relatives the award of the estate of Margaret Keith, wealthy spinster, to her brother, Albert Allen, Medford, Ore. orchardist, will begin in superior court today.

Mrs. Towle had charged that her aunt's mind was unclouded when she gave the bulk of her estate, variously estimated to be worth from \$300,000 and \$1,500,000, to Albert, a nephew.

FOREIGNERS DESERT INTERIOR OF FUKIEN

HONG KONG, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The city of Amoy in rebellious Fukien province reported today that foreign residents had left the interior of the province for the coast.

The capital city of Foochow, toward which national government forces are driving from Nanking and Peiping, remained ominously silent.

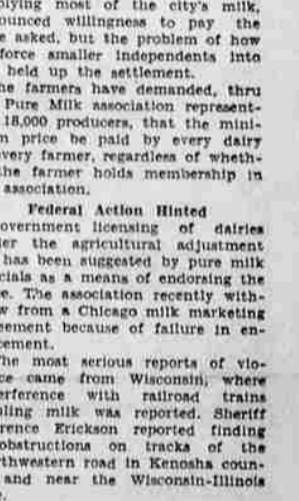
WILL ROGERS SAYS:

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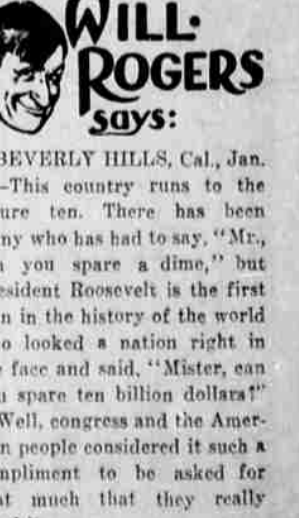
Wilbur Underhill, southwestern desperado, who died Saturday night in the Oklahoma state prison from wounds received during a gun battle with his captors. Below, Hazel Hudson Underhill, 37-year-old bride of the bandit, captured with him and held for questioning.



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