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KING ALBERT DIES CLIMBING ALPS



By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The latest word in our official diplomatic set is that Russo-Japanese hostilities will open on the north Manchurian front within two months.

Apparently our people received the tip confidentially from the Russians. It does not seem that the Russians consider it a certainty. They are not going to start it. They expect to be attacked.

The last word, therefore, on that subject should come from the Japanese. Our boys have no inside tips from Tokyo, except that they know Japan is ready for such an attack if she wants to make it.

Subtle pressure of the world powers against threatened Japanese aggression seems to have had some effect in Japan. Japanese militarists were shouting war talk until they got their huge military budget through the diet recently. Lately they have quieted down.

They should know by now that the whole world (except possibly Germany) will be against Japan in any war move against Russia.

Overruled.
The supreme court has never been overruled—except once. That was last week.

A number of court members had been invited, among other officials, to see the Washington opening of a prospective Broadway play based on the Scottsboro case, involving the negro question. Two or three justices sent for their tickets promptly, apparently desiring to see the play.

Certain local theater-goers, some of whom are high in public life, protested against the play being shown at all. They induced the management to call it off.

Women.
Mr. Roosevelt has been privately mulling over the possibility of appointing a woman to the federal court bench.

The woman, whose name is under consideration, is Judge Florence Allen, who has a good record on the Ohio supreme court. The job she may get is that of the federal appellate court.

That would mean even a bigger new deal for women than they expected. No woman has ever been appointed a federal judge.

Evidence.
Postmaster General Farley can get a lot of hidden evidence from the independent mail lines for his fight against the big companies.

For instance, a representative of Rapid Air Lines (small independents) is ready to testify that his bid for a line was returned unopened by the post office department and that the line was given to a major company at a higher rate than he offered. The explanation was made that it was an extension of the big company's line.

Everyone agrees the independents were stepped on, but the question among the Washington technicians is whether Mr. Farley can prove fraud in court.

Secret.
The NRA is a most mysterious place.

Its latest little novelty is a secret system by which the New York NRA headquarters telephones Washington. An arrangement has been made so that whenever the New York boys dial their own telephone number they get Washington, on a special wire.

But when Washington NRA'ers want to call New York they have to do it in the regular way.

The fellow who figured out that device is supposed to be responsible also for some of the codes.

Credit.
Feet were put out from the treasury a few days ago about the proposal to establish a federal commercial credit bank. It appears to be part of the campaign to make the commercial banks loosen up on commercial credit.

The federal reserve crowd apparently is not yet in on the deal, although such a federal bank would apparently operate through them.

The test of whether there will be such a bank rests with the undecided question whether the private banks are going to take care of commercial needs.

Indian.
The mistreated Indian, the poor Indian, is apparently going to get the newest deal of all.

A program to give him and his brother Indians a fair supervision by the government has been developed by two well-known Indian advocates, John Collier, Indian commissioner, and Nathan Margold, solicitor of the interior department.

The bill they have prepared will restore the tribal set-up, protect lands and funds, create a federal court for Indian affairs and lay out a complete Indian economic program.

Notes.
Secretary Morgenthau is making a

BELGIAN MONARCH TOPPLES TO DEATH IN SWITZERLAND

Body Found After Long Search — Jagged Wound in Head — Daring Mountaineer and World Figure

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Albert I, king of the Belgians, was killed yesterday afternoon in a mountaineering accident. He was in his 59th year.

Driving his own car and accompanied by a personal servant he set out to climb Rocher de Marches Der Dames, a peak near Namur.

He slipped and fell in the ascent. His body was not recovered until 2 a. m. today, after an intensive search.

Attendants found a deep wound in his head and said there was no doubt that he had been killed instantly.

Only two years ago the energetic ruler scaled a 9,400-foot peak in the Alps and left the Italian Tyrol with records in mountain climbing equalled by few members of royalty.

He was acclaimed a hero after that trip, when he saved a number of guides before him on the summit of Mount Brenta from probable injury or death.

He held up a huge, loosened rock with his breast and hands until the guides moved out of its path. He was then in his 57th year.

He ascended the summit of Brenta, 11,000 feet; east of Brenta wall, Lower Castle, Refuge Cross, Lower Brenta and Low Tower that summer.

When King Albert climbed he usually picked the most difficult route and went clear to the top. Guides who have accompanied him have said he was one of the most indefatigable mountain climbers they had known.

In 1932 he also climbed one of the Conchese volcanoes in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

Great energy characterized almost his every undertaking.

When he came to the United States after the World War he and his king running a locomotive as one stage of the trip and being received at the White House at another.

He kept in constant touch with affairs of state and was known best for his democratic personality. Only last year he succeeded in putting down a government crisis when the cabinet of Premier de Broqueville resigned. The king refused to accept the resignation and succeeded in persuading the premier to remain in office in deference mainly to his wishes.

Again in January of this year the king was credited with averting a cabinet crisis by a compromise on a civil employes issue.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Arctic cold once more held most of New York state in its grip today.

Saranac Lake recorded 35 below zero and Saratoga Springs reported 23 below.

The reading here was eight below, while in the suburbs a minimum of minus 16 was recorded.

Buffalo experienced sub-zero temperature for the eighth consecutive day, the longest period of such weather since 1885.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Senate committee men trimmed \$2,000,000 from air mail items in the \$330,000,000 treasury-postoffice bill.

Amendment of the postal law was proposed to permit new bids from some of the air lines whose mail contracts have been cancelled.

Hiroshi Satto, new Japanese ambassador, discounted the possibility of war between Japan and America.

House committee men approved the army mail set and refused emergency contracting powers for the postmaster general.

Senator Smith (D. E. C.) opposed "radical" steps at present after the President recommended federal commodity market control.

The department of justice drafted legislation to prevent public works contractors from evading federal wage scales.

Representatives opposed to the administration dairy program went to work on a price relief plan of their own.

NEW DEAL KEEPS TAXPAYER BROKE SAYS GOP CHIEF

And Speculating On Next Move and What it Will Cost—Chairman Sanders Criticizes CWA Sophistry

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.), formally announced his candidacy for reelection tonight in an address at a belated Lincoln day banquet in which he urged support for the president, coupled with "constructive vigilance" on the part of all Republicans.

"I have no use for petty political sniping. . . . But neither have I any use for that moribund philosophy which thinks that cooperation calls for party paralysis and party paralyzation."

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Everett Sanders, chairman of the Republican national committee, said tonight the Democratic administration's partnership between the government and individuals "not only keeps the taxpayer end of the partnership broke, but it keeps him in a state of nerves."

He spends his time speculating upon what the government end of the partnership's next experiment will be and how much it will cost.

Sanders said the government had "51 per cent of the say-so as to how things should be run, but, on the other hand, when the government's method of running the partnership proved expensive, it was the citizen end of the partnership, the taxpayer, who was assessed to pay for the mistakes and extravagances of the other partner, the government."

"The effect of the Roosevelt program on the small taxpayer was Sanders' theme, with jobs at the recovery administration, civil works, the proposed guarantee of farm and home loan bonds as variations.

Speaking of the increase in public debt, Sanders said, "speakersmen for the administration treat this point lightly by pointing out that the per capita public debt of other countries is much greater."

"They cite the fact," he continued, "that even with our public debt at

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DEMOCRAT STRAY EXPLAINS VOTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The solitary member who shouted "no" during the house vote on the \$950,000,000 CWA—relief bill—Representative Terrell, Texas democrat—finally got a chance to tell why.

Blocked for days by the democratic leaders when he tried to make a speech about it, the opportunity came at last.

Kindly Representative Doughton, (D., N. C.), in charge of the \$358,000,000 revenue bill, had five minutes to deliver a speech, although it was not about that measure.

The small-attuned Texas said: "We have gone too far in stretching the constitution."

"How anybody can now say that the federal government can legally appropriate money for state schools or for any other purely local activity in the states, is beyond my understanding. It is contrary to the plain language of the constitution."

JOBS INCREASE ON BONNEVILLE WORK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Activity is increasing at Bonneville with employment up to the 1000 mark for the first time since preliminary work on the huge Columbia river dam started.

United States District Engineer Charles F. Williams said the men employed were about equally divided between private contractors and work being conducted by the United States engineers. Ideal weather permitting new contract projects to start has augmented the numbers.

Exploration drilling, re-location of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company track, excavation for the lock and powerhouse, power line construction, surveying and construction of working camps are the main activities now in progress.

Gas Tax Increases.
SALEM, Feb. 17.—(AP)—January gasoline sales in Oregon showed an increase of more than a half million gallons over the same period a year ago, the secretary of state's office announced today resulting in an increase of \$124,543 in gasoline tax.

Radio Picture Shows Marks of Austrian Revolt



This picture—telephotoed from Vienna to London and then sent by radio to New York—shows the damage done to the Karl Marx apartments in Vienna when government howitzers shelled the socialist stronghold, killing and injuring many. The holes torn in the front of the building by the shells may be seen. The Karl Marx apartments, largest in Europe, were the scene of the bitterest fighting in the revolt. (Associated Press Photo).

DEVERS, HIGHWAY BOARD ATTORNEY, TO OPPOSE MOTT

First District Race Enlivened — Union County Democrat Files for State School Head — Governor Puzzles

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—On a platform of opposition to state liquor stores, Charles Hall of Portland today announced he again would seek the republican nomination for governor of Oregon in the May primaries.

The former state senator from Coos and Curry counties has twice before been in the running for governor of the state.

SALEM, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Announcement through the Associated Press this morning that Governor Julia L. Meier would "go to the people" in an address reviewing his administration, has given rise to many conjectures as to the executive's plans for seeking re-election, but statements both from the governor and close political friends that no decision has been made still leaves the atmosphere somewhat foggy.

The race for congressman from the first district was enlivened today by the announcement from J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway contractor, that he would be a candidate for the republican nomination against James W. Mott, incumbent. Devers made the announcement to Salem newspapermen by long distance telephone from Gold Beach where he is on state business.

Devers has been in Washington of late in the interests of the five Oregon coast bridges and may return to secure the contracts immediately, it was indicated. He has been with the commission since 1919, and prior to that time was district attorney in Lane county. Devers is well known in the district and his entry will make the race for nomination an interesting one, prognosticators here declared.

R. R. Turner of Dallas has entered the democratic race for Mott's seat in Washington, which prior to the last term was held for more than a quarter century by Hewley, who it has been reported, is also typing with the idea of again seeking a return to the national capital. Reports also state that John D. Goss of Marshfield would enter the race as a democrat, but no announcement has as yet been made from that quarter.

During the past few days the election of state superintendent of public instruction has attracted J. W. Leonard of Union county for democratic nomination, Charles A. Howland was expected to enter the republican race for re-election, while Charles Grem said this week he would again seek re-election as state labor commissioner.

URUGUAY REVOLT NIPPED, REPORT

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 17.—(AP)—An alleged subversive plot against the government was reported thwarted tonight.

Several soldiers informed their officers that attempts were made to obtain their assistance in a movement.

Acting on the information, the government seized the several persons, and charged them with being the leaders in the plot. All were ordered court-martialed.

GERMANY WARNED TO KEEP OUT OF AUSTRIAN CRISIS

Three Powers Unite to Prevent Meddling—Situation Quiet — French Attitude Blocks British Arm Plans

(By the Associated Press)
Great Britain, Italy, and France told Germany and the rest of the world Saturday that Austrian independence must be observed.

The three powers in a joint declaration, viewed as a help to Austria should she accuse Germany of "meddling" in Austrian affairs before the League of Nations, said:

"The three governments . . . take a common view as to the necessity of maintaining Austria's independence and integrity in accordance with relevant treaties."

A government official in Berlin said the maintenance of Austrian independence is "a matter of course" and asked "Who is threatening Austria's independence?"

"The prerequisite of independence," he added, "is that people shall have a government which they themselves desire."

Chancellor Dollfus of Austria told foreign correspondents in Vienna that the week of socialist anti-government disorders was the saddest in his life and accused socialists of plotting against the government "for several years."

The French government refused to discuss rearmament with Chancellor Hitler as long as Germany "rearms" and thereby wills British efforts to keep arms talks.

In Great Britain, three ministers in addresses made plain that Britain must increase her armaments if disarmament negotiations fail.

The situation in Austria was generally quiet, meanwhile, except for sporadic firing from automobiles. Socialists were reported joining Nazi ranks.

'BLACK CROW' SUES FOR AUTO CRASH

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Suit for \$34,500 damages was filed in superior court here today by George Moran against Myrtle Mack, widow of the other member of the vaudeville team of Moran and Mack of "Two Black Crows" fame for nuts and bruises Moran alleged he suffered in an automobile accident which resulted in Mack's death.

FEWER WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—More women in big jobs, fewer in the less important posts, were reported today in the League of Women Voters annual "survey of women in public office."

The 1933 total of women in federal executive civil service was 81,568 as against 87,596 in 1932, a loss of 6,028. No attempt was made to total state, county, or municipal jobs, but outstanding gains were noted.

EXCESS CROP TAX PROPOSED TO CROP DIXIE CHISELERS

President's Plan May Be Broadened to Grains, Unless All Co-operate—'Forgotten Man' in Arkansas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The south probably will have a cotton crop rigidly set at 9,600,000 bales this year.

President Roosevelt favored such a plan today. A bill of presidential desire usually is sufficient to turn congress in the direction indicated, he wrote a letter about cotton.

The plan which the president said he believed "in principle" best covered the situation would levy a tax at the gin on cotton prepared for market in excess of 9,600,000 bales.

The tax virtually would equal the value of the cotton and would make it impossible for the farmer to sell for enough to pay the expenses of producing it.

The proposal was drawn up with the desire of arriving at a method by which southern farmers who refused to co-operate with the vast majority of other cotton growers in the government's cotton aid plans would be unable to destroy benefits brought through reduced acreage on the part of the co-operators.

Some persons who refused to co-operate increased their acreage so that they, themselves, might profit, thereby imperiling the entire scheme.

"Whether the compulsory plan will be broadened to include other crops remains to be seen. There is considerable opposition in the administration to such an undertaking.

Southern farmers, polled by the department of agriculture, indicated they wanted some such method.

Another phase of the cotton problem came to the fore today. Chairman Smith of the senate agriculture committee said he believed regulation of the grain, cotton and other commodity exchanges should be worked out to allow the exchanges to post a system of their own and to allow crop surpluses to be reduced.

TYRONZA, Ark., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Norman Thomas found what he described as the "forgotten man" in the Arkansas cotton country today.

Gazing on the frame dwellings and log cabins of tenant farmers, and walking through the farm lands, the tall, energetic socialist leader stopped ever so often to shake his gray head and utter aloud:

"Deplorable!"

He entered cabin homes, shook hands with the occupants and talked with them about their fate under the federal crop reduction program.

"Never have I laid eyes on such a deplorable state of affairs as that of the sharecroppers," he said upon leaving.

"It is a feudal system, this system under which the sharecroppers live on cotton farms," he added, "and the federal agricultural relief program has overlooked the little man, the man most in need. As cotton acreage is reduced, fewer sharecroppers are needed."

Washing Machine And Electric Iron Left of \$70,000,000

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Feb. 17.—(AP)—A washing machine worth \$15 and an electric iron valued at \$35 are all that remain of the \$70,000,000 estate of a one time king of coal.

The appraisal did not include realty holdings claimed by Thompson creditors who permitted the aging coal king to retain a residence in his 52-room mansion long after he had gone bankrupt.

The appraisers indicated that Thompson died penniless last fall in spite of hints in his will that valuable articles and documents were hidden in secret places about the mansion.

DEATH RIDES ON TRIAL TRIPS OF ARMY AIR MAIL

Three Pilots Killed, and War Ace Flays Tragedy As 'Legalized Murder' — Local Mail Service Ends

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—(AP)—America's foremost war ace, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, here to fly the last mail flight for a commercial air line branded today as "legalized murder" the deaths of three army officers while flying to report for air mail duty.

The ace declared if the army carries out its plan to fly the air mail casualties will mount even higher.

Fifteen hours or less flying time will be the goal of the commercial lines last mail flight from Los Angeles to New York City which will lead the Grand Central air terminal tomorrow night at 8:40 o'clock. Rickenbacker will be at the controls.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Tragedy today marked the entrance of the United States army into the air mail service, with three army fliers dead as the result of two airplanes crashes in the rugged inter-mountain country.

One of the pilots was burned to death when his craft plummeted to earth near Twin Falls, Idaho. The mangled bodies of the other two were found in the cockpit of their plane, down in Weber canyon, 90 miles east of Salt Lake City and 30 miles south of the Utah-Wyoming line.

The two planes were being taken on trial runs preparatory to being put into use on air mail routes Monday.

Post office officials Saturday recalled local folk the special mail may be sent by air mail from Medford after midnight Monday (tomorrow) as the service from the Medford airport will cease at that time.

Air mail letters going to eastern points must either go to Portland or San Francisco by train before being placed on the army planes, which are taking over the service Monday midnight.

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UPWARD TREND IN DRY GOODS SALES SURVEY REVEALS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Drawing a picture of a brightening retail picture and happy store managers, the National Retail Dry Goods association announced today that a nationwide survey shows a steady upward swing in retail sales, with consequent improvement in the general business tone.

The association, composed of 4,300 department and specialty stores, published reports from 16 key business centers showing an average increase of 25 per cent in dollar sales for the first two weeks of February as compared with the same period last year.

The stores also reported an approximate average increase in retail sales of 10 per cent, indicating, the association said, that the improved dollar sales volume was not due merely to price rises, but that merchants were turning over substantially more merchandise than in the first two weeks of February, 1933.

Channing E. Switzer, managing director of the association, said: "Retailing has always been a reliable barometer of general business conditions. Increased sales mean more orders for the manufacturer and more work for his employes."

It was noted that the gains were recorded in spite of an unusually severe winter in many parts of the country.

SOMETHING NEW
BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 17.—(AP)—A western conference on government—the first of its kind—will be held at the International House, University of California here, March 28-30.

5000 OREGONIANS OFF CWA PAYROLL ON NEXT FRIDAY

Instructions Retain Neediest Till Last, and Make Biggest Cut Where Work Exists — Payroll Deceit Hit

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Oregon's industries, unemployed ranks and relief rolls must absorb 5000 men next Friday when the next CWA curtailment is made.

State administrator Elmer R. Goudy today received instructions from National Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to drop 8,000 from the payroll February 23 and reduce Oregon's employment roll to 21,000. Pay will be cut to as low as 30 cents an hour by March 1.

The instructions outlined the following method of procedure:

"Lay off those needing work least, dropping first all workers in whose immediate family another member is working, leaving no more than one person gainfully employed in the family, and then workers who have another resource, making sure that needy women receive equal consideration with needy men."

"Make major reductions in those communities in which seasonal opportunities for re-employment are great or in which there is least industrial unemployment."

"Least desirable projects should be discontinued first. Reductions to be made in educational programs and any other federal projects will be ordered through federal departments and you will be notified."

"Effective not later than March 2, wages paid employes will be the prevailing rate of wage for the kind of work performed in each local community, but in no case less than 30 cents an hour. Hours of work will remain at 24 hours a week in urban communities and 15 hours a week in rural areas pending further instructions."

"Rotation or staggering of different groups of employes is hereby prohibited."

"Care must be exercised to retain sufficient clerical employes to complete all accounting records for all projects."

"Civil works service projects here will become civil works projects and must be transferred within two weeks."

"Obligations incurred contrary to these instructions will not be honored."

"Kick-back Plan Free
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Penalties would be imposed on contractors constructing projects with public works funds who employed the so-called "kick-back" system with their workers under a bill being drafted by the justice department at Secretary Loken's request.

The "kick-back" system is one whereby payroll are padded by listing workers at higher wages than they actually receive in their pay envelopes or forcing them to refund part of their wages to retain their positions.

The division of investigation of the public works is investigating numerous complaints that this system is being employed and inspectors have been assigned to several projects to prevent its use.

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