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War Ace Claims President 'Misadvised' On Air Mail Contracts—Army Resumes Flights Monday

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—The secret of the Lindbergh story is public. War Secretary Dern brought the colonel down here to get him to enter a big love scene with the war department for the movie reels. The colonel went back to New York and sent two scorching telegrams to Mr. Dern and the colonel took care to give them to the newspapers for publication before they reached the secretary.

That left them just about even. Mr. Dern got a better play for his side in the movies, but the colonel got a few more paragraphs in the newspapers.

Background

Colonel Lindbergh has long been the publicity front for the aviation industry. Anything he says or does attracts immediate country-wide attention. All the other officials in the industry could about themselves home for a week and no one outside the sound of their voices, would know they were speaking.

In his job Colonel Lindbergh has earned as much money as his employers have given him, and probably more.

He is successfully dramatizing before the public the fight of the aviation companies to regain their airmail contracts. He has an edge on Secretary Dern for the long run, because his name is bigger.

Inside

The White House was never strong for the move to make up with Colonel Lindbergh.

It was Mr. Dern's idea. He received the White House O. K. to go ahead with it, but the White House group carefully kept hands off.

There is apparently nothing in the story going around in the inner circle that while the colonel was talking to Mr. Dern he received a message from the White House asking him to call. He is reported to have stuffed the message in his pocket without a "yes, no or thank you," as he went off to lunch with Dern.

Mr. Dern told everyone from the start that Colonel Lindbergh would NOT be invited to the White House. The military aide of the president would have been the one to carry any such invitation, and he deems that he went near Colonel Lindbergh. Such an invitation would hardly have been offered in writing anyway.

Insider

There is bitterness backstage among the house Democrats. As many as 64 of them broke the unwritten law in the veterans' pay cut fight.

The law says that the party caucus controls a man's vote. A caucus is a secret meeting of party members. If the caucus majority decides on a certain course of action, all members are bound to support that action.

The only excuse that can be offered is for a member to write his party leader a letter and say he is in honor bound to vote otherwise because he has pledged himself to his constituents on that specific issue in his campaign for election.

That Democrats held a caucus on the veterans' pay cut matter. They voted overwhelmingly for a certain course. Next day on the floor 131 of them violated the caucus action. Only 67 of them voted as they expected themselves in the proper way.

The other 64 must confess ignorance or admit deliberate desertion.

Omen

The oldest members of the house cannot recall anything like that happening before. In an earlier day it would have called for a showdown between the leaders and the personnel, but the present house leaders are inclined to be lenient.

The situation shows a new underlying sentiment in the house. The boys there are reverting to type after a year of good behavior. They are thinking more about getting themselves re-elected than anything else.

The administration is not inclined to make an issue of the matter, any more than it did with the revolvers on the St. Lawrence treaty in the senate.

Some day, however, voting will have to be made a test of loyalty, or congress will start running wild.

Bugs

Supreme Court Justice Cardozo said in the sunstroke case that if the court tried to decide whether a sunstroke was an accident jurisdiction would be in a serbian bog.

The experts knew that was no place to be, but they did not know exactly where it was. They had heard about all kinds of bogs. There were the Eucalyptus bog, the bog of representatives, but the serbian bog was something new.

The New York Law Journal set its bog department to work and came forth with a footnote to the text of the decision, stating that the serbian bog was probably the serbian bog, that it was in Egypt or somewhere near there, and caused many travelers to lose their way.

Research

General Johnson probably needs footnotes more than any other man. He does not get all those "procrustes"

RICKENBACKER IN PLEA TO F. D. R. TO OUST 'TRAITORS'

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WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—The army will fly the mails again on Monday with routes reduced to a skeleton, but nevertheless extending from ocean to ocean.

Coincident with this announcement, America's premier war-time ace, Col. Eddie Rickenbacker asserted today that President Roosevelt should "purge his official family of traitorous elements" which "misadvised him on cancellation of private airmail contracts."

The man who sent 26 enemy planes plunging to the French terrain, made this statement before the senate post office committee in a continuation of the testimony taking in which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Clarence Chamberlin yesterday attacked announcements of the contracts.

Eight routes were penciled across a map of the United States at the war department for the resumption of airmail carrying by the army. It was scheduled to begin Monday at 12:01 a. m. The routes follow:

New York to Chicago; Chicago to San Francisco; Boston to New York; Chicago to Dallas; Salt Lake City to San Diego; Salt Lake City to Seattle; Cheyenne to Denver, and New York to Atlanta and Jacksonville.

Army planes were grounded last Sunday after the president had asserted that deaths among the fliers must stop. Since then intensive preparations have been taken to resume flying on a curtailed schedule which would assure the aviators' safety.

Rickenbacker is vice president of North American Aviation, Inc., parent company of Eastern Air Transport, Western Air Express and Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., for which Lindbergh is technical adviser.

These three companies held mail agreements prior to the cancellation of all domestic awards on February 19 because of the postoffice department's decision, since vigorously disputed through frayed nerves.

But, Rickenbacker said the loss was not that of the aircraft industry or the air transportation industry.

"That is incidental," he said. "That can be wiped off the slate and forgotten. We can forget we ever owned an airplane."

Many May Doubt

He said "the question" was that "millions" might doubt because of the cancellation that either of the president's accomplishments—"the NRA, CWA, gold content and many more"—might prove as "big a mistake" as the contract action.

He said that up until the mail episode the president "has been guided in a great measure by the divine spirit."

For this reason, he said, he urged the elimination of the "traitors few in number, I presume, who have misadvised, or advised, without giving full facts, and have caused him (the president) to act contrary to American principles and American judgment."

The aviator said, however, after Senator McKellar (D. Tenn.) called for a halt that "he did not intend to attack the president," and "it is my confidence in him which I do not wish destroyed."

Senator Logan (D. Ky.), who has been critical of the administration's air bill, could not see "any such thing" as an attack on the president in Rickenbacker's outburst and Senator Barbour (R. N. J.), agreed with the Kentuckian.

Before his impromptu address, Rickenbacker read a prepared statement to the committee on the administration's permanent airmail bill. He recalled the clause which would have the private companies from awards if they press claims against the government. "Virtually, every witness has taken a verbal alarm at this section and it is to be eliminated."

Lindbergh Declines Invitation To Sift Army Flying Of Mail



Col. Charles A. Lindbergh (left) twice refused bids of Secretary Dern to become a member of a committee to investigate the army carrying of mail. Orville Wright (upper right) declined a similar post because of ill-health while Clarence Chamberlin (lower right) accepted to act with other aviation leaders in the inquiry. In refusing to become a member of the committee Lindbergh again criticized the administration's airmail policies. (Associated Press Photos)

FIERY DEATH TO AIR MAIL PILOT ON TEST FLIGHT

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Mar. 17.—(AP)—Preparing for resumption of air mail flying by the army, Monday, Lieut. H. G. Richardson, 25, of Cheyenne, reserve air corps officer, dived 1,000 feet to a flaming death on a test flight late today, just two days after he had been ordered into active flying service.

The spot about three miles west of here where he crashed is only a short distance from the scene of the death of two other army mail fliers in a crash and fire on the night of March 9. They were Lieut. A. R. Kerwin, of March Field, Calif., and Lieut. F. L. Howard, of Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La.

The day after their deaths, which brought to ten the fatalities in the brief time the army flew the mail, the order to curtail air mail service temporarily was issued by President Roosevelt.

Lieuts. Kerwin and Howard had just taken off for Salt Lake City on a test flight, similar to that of Lieut. Richardson today.

As Lieut. Richardson's craft plummeted to earth and caught fire, scores of persons from nearby Fort Warren and the Cheyenne airport rushed to the rescue.

Burned to a crisp, his body was found in a sitting position in the forward cockpit of the single-motored biplane—the same type ship in which Lieuts. Kerwin and Howard were killed.

Before rescuers were able to approach close to the wrecked plane, it had been reduced to a twisted metal skeleton.

Army officials immediately stationed guards around the wreckage. Investigation of the disaster, got under way preliminary to the official military board of inquiry which Capt. Richard Castor, in charge of air mail operations, is expected to convene soon, but there was no official comment.

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ADRIATIC LANDS SIGN TRADE AND POLITICAL PACT

ROME, March 17.—(AP)—High spots of the pact signed by Austria, Hungary and Italy today, follow:

The three powers will work together politically.

They will consult one another before taking any political action.

Italy, Austria and Hungary will widen their existing commercial accords.

Hungary's agricultural difficulties will be settled.

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2 BILLION ASKED FOR ROAD PLANS

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—The earmarking for highway work of an undetermined amount of the additional \$2,000,000,000 of recovery funds expected to be asked shortly by President Roosevelt and related recovery activities is looked for in congressional quarters.

Chairman Buchanan of the house appropriations committee explained the added recovery funds would be included in a deficiency bill. Simultaneously Chairman Cartwright of the house roads committee, introduced a bill which he said had administration backing in principle, to authorize \$400,000,000 more appropriations for road building.

Dakota Justice Passes.

FARGO, N. D., March 17.—(AP)—Judge E. F. Spalding, 80, former chief justice of the North Dakota supreme court, died today of heart disease.

Conserved.

ROME, March 17.—(AP)—Monsignor Manno E. Kiley was consecrated Bishop of Trentino, N. J., today—the second consecration of an American bishop in Rome within a year and a half.

ARMY RESERVE PILOT PLUNGES TO EARTH—TRAGEDY TOLL GROWS—ASSIGNED TO REGULAR SERVICE MONDAY

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—A rumbling undertone of labor trouble sounded today through the administration's recovery theme.

While national recovery administration officials strove by persuasion and plea to block a strike in the automobile industry, threatened Wednesday unless "extraordinary concessions" are made, union men flatly refused to accept the railroad managers' request that a ten per cent wage cut be extended after expiration of the agreed June 30 deadline.

The railroad union's action was taken in the face of President Roosevelt's expressed desire that the existing extended six months after the expiration date.

Awaiting the results of a meeting of employes representatives in New York Monday, William Green, president of the federation issued a statement asserting the trouble which threatens the industry is "directly traceable to the attempt of the manufacturers to impose company unions upon their workers."

Meanwhile, the potentialities of another major industrial conflict arose in the position most bluntly rejected by representatives of railroad labor of a proposal that the prevailing ten per cent wage cut be continued for six months beyond its scheduled expiration date next June 30.

KENTUCKIANS CAN GET DRINK NOW

FRANKFORT, Ky., Mar. 17.—(AP)—The old saying that the Kentucky Colonel had to have his toddy for his health's sake was written into law today, and he can now get it by the glass in his hotel, restaurant and club, or buy it at his drugstore.

The state prohibition amendment, modeled after the famous 18th amendment, still stands, but it exempts medicinal liquor, and the law that Governor Huey P. Long signed today, permits the sale of medicinal liquor.

SID GEORGE WILL ENTER RACE FOR STATE SECRETARY

Eugene Man Announces Plan—Snell Considers Filing for Same Post On G. O. P. Ticket, But Waits Events

EUGENE, March 17.—(AP)—S. S. George, Eugene, Saturday evening announced that he would make formal declaration of his candidacy for the republican nomination for secretary of state in the next day or so.

Mr. George, at present connected with the state industrial accident commission, said he would take the next day or so to get his affairs in order so that he could take a leave of absence to start his campaign.

He is expected to make a formal announcement of his platform at the time he announces his candidacy.

PORTLAND, Mar. 17.—(AP)—Earl Snell, speaker of the house of the Oregon legislature, advised the Associated Press by telephone from his home in Arlington today that "unless there is a decided change in events, I will not be a candidate for governor."

In reply to a question whether he would seek the republican nomination as secretary of state, Snell said events now developing prevent an answer at this time but that he may have an announcement next week.

"Because of the rapidly changing political picture," Speaker Snell said in his statement in connection with the governorship, "it was my intention to delay announcement of any candidacy for office until the coming week."

"However, I have been flooded with calls, wires and letters and I feel that in all fairness to my friends and in fairness to some others who may be withholding their decisions, I should announce that unless there is a decided change in events, I will not be a candidate for governor."

FIRST LADY BACK FOR ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING DAY

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—Returning today from more than six thousand miles of flying, auto and train travel, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt found her bridegroom of exactly 29 years ago awaiting her at the station.

She gave him a gay wave of greeting from afar before she stepped into the White House car at the presidential entrance to be whisked away to a two-day family celebration.

An anniversary dinner was on tonight's program with the president's mother, Mrs. James Roosevelt of Hyde Park, N. Y., and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Delano, as guests.

BOARD RULING ON TUITION UPHELD

SALEM, Ore., March 17.—(AP)—Attorney General I. H. HanWinkle today declared it is illegal for the state board of higher education to allocate a portion of tuition fees to the Associated Student Corporation of the University of Oregon.

He held that a special act of the legislature would be necessary to make such procedure legal. The opinion was requested by Acting Secretary Charles D. Byrne of the board of higher education.

The opinion was asked by request of a group of students after the board refused to make payment of student fees optional.

Day in Congress

By The Associated Press

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said it was up to automobile manufacturers to prevent a strike.

Railway labor leaders refused to continue reduced pay rates.

Colonel Eddie Rickenbacker urged that President Roosevelt remove officials who advised him about the air mail.

Resumption of army mail flights on eight routes was ordered for Monday.

The house agreed to vote Monday on the Bankhead cotton bill.

Speaker Rainey agreed to call up the Philippine independence bill at President Roosevelt's request.

Eugene Black, governor of the federal reserve board, submitted a new bill for industrial financing.

Additional hog purchases for relief purposes were ordered.

Police expelled negro students from the capitol after they attempted to enter the House restaurant.

Wool Production Shows Decrease

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics said today wool production in 1934 "may be about the same or smaller than in 1932, and thus show a reduction compared with that of 1932."

"The revised estimate of wool shorn in the United States in 1933 is 364,730,000 pounds, according to the estimate of the division of crop and livestock estimator, and shows an increase of six per cent above 1932, but a decrease of two per cent compared with the record clip of 372,000,000 pounds produced in 1931," the bureau said.

NOOSE ASKED FOR PRISON BAD MEN

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 17.—(AP)—First degree murder charges were filed today against six convicts who participated in the bloody prison riots on February 12, in which nine men were killed.

Those accused were Lawrence Colson, Thomas J. Woods, Philip Wallace, Robert Bain, Frank Butler and Leo Lynch, and the prosecutor indicated in superior court that he will ask the death penalty.

Probably the men will come to trial this week.

HOUSTON, Texas, March 17.—(AP)—Earl Jeter, wanted for several Texas bank robberies and a sensational prison break in Louisiana, was captured by Sheriff Binford and a posse at a farm near here about daylight today.

CHICAGO, March 17.—(AP)—Thorp Husock, vice-president of United Airlines, died today at Presbyterian hospital. He suffered a heart attack yesterday.

FINDS UTAH JAKS EPICENTER



Dr. Frederick J. Pack, professor of geology at the University of Utah, and Mrs. Pack discovered the epicenter of an earthquake that rocked Northern Utah and Southern Idaho 120 miles from Salt Lake City in an uninhabited area. Dr. Pack took this picture which was the major of four faults caused by the earthquakes. Each was nearly a half mile long. (Associated Press Photo)

'STAVISKY CURSE' CLAIMS ANOTHER FRENCH OFFICIAL

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In a hospital he was later notified by a magistrate that he was charged with swindling and complicity in swindling in connection with his affiliations with Serge Stavisky, the late founder of the Bayonne pawnshop, which crashed and caused \$400,000,000 losses to investors.

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Blanchard was suspended when it was revealed he was paid to serve on two directorates of companies organized by Stavisky, so-called "massive swindler" and "friend of officials."

Blanchard twice before tried to kill himself.

DEVALUED DOLLAR BOOSTS AMERICAN TRADE IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Mar. 17.—(AP)—The government made it clear today that, although it approved the London silver agreement, it does not intend to allow that pact to prevent full protection of Chinese international trade.

At the same time, officials and trade experts said that President Roosevelt's depreciation of the American dollar probably will cause a large increase in Chinese-American business.

If the United States raises the price of the white metal in the future, the government will feel free, despite its signature to the London plan, to take any measures necessary, an official of the foreign office stated.

However, the government at present believes that "talk" is the "essence of America's silver 'booming plan' and this 'tautis China'."

The outlook for increased trade with the United States, the spokesman said, was never brighter and Mr. Roosevelt's 50-cent dollar accounts for the situation.

Suicide Try by Aide in Swindle Scandal—Tragic Events Mount in World's Most Sensational Crime

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TEAR GAS ROUTS HARLEM RIOTERS

NEW YORK, March 17.—(AP)—Detectives hurled tear gas bombs today into a crowd of 5,000 negroes who were demonstrating against the Scottsboro case decision at a Harlem street corner.

The meeting broke up in a riot while Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the negroes convicted at Scottsboro, was addressing the meeting.

Screaming men and women threw missiles from windows of buildings overlooking the demonstration. Several emergency crews dispersed the crowd.

NEW YORK IRISH IN MERRY PARADE

NEW YORK, Mar. 17.—(AP)—The Irish of New York paid homage to their patron saint today by marching 20,000 strong up Fifth avenue and then dispersing for an evening of dancing and merrymaking.

The annual St. Patrick's day parade, which brings out some of the town's best marchers, moved through a broad three mile lane bordered on both sides by tightly packed crowds, from 44th street to 110th street.

About half way along the line of march a row of high silk hats which rose and fell with the passing of the colors marked the reviewing stand.

Beneath the sea of silk topped beamed Governor Lehman, Postmaster-General James A. Farley, Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, former Governor Alfred E. Smith, former Mayor John F. O'Brien, Tammany Leader John P. Curry and other notables of the government, the military, the clergy and the judiciary.

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Ordered back by the Greek government after a 75-hour false start, the steamer Malotis sailed again at 1:25 a. m. (6:25 p. m. EST) without being required to tell the Greek government where it is going.

Engine trouble halted the steamer in the outer harbor soon after it sailed, but this was merely a temporary setback at worst, since it was learned Insull had three days in which finally to depart.

The engine was fixed after a short time and the vessel plodded onward.

As real master of the ship himself (he chartered it, and is therefore its temporary owner) Insull, the 74-year-old fugitive from justice and former Chicago utility czar is the lone arbiter of his destiny so long as he is on the high seas.

Greek port officials made only one demand—that he wireless them where he is going to land. If he chooses to land, Port authorities demanded only that he enter no Greek ports, to which Insull could readily be expected to agree.

While it was widely believed he was headed for "somewhere east of Suez," probably Abyssinia, which is just east of the Suez canal, he obviously gained a trump trick by not being required to tell where he is going.

The Malotis was in port barely six hours, after plodding slowly back at the call of Greek authorities, who claimed Insull violated regulations by his seasonally dramatic secret departure Wednesday.

Port physicians and Insull's personal doctors examined Insull again during the stay in port and certified that the fugitive was in good health, despite a reported heart attack earlier in the day when he discovered for the first time that he was being returned to Greek soil.

When or where Mr. Insull will be reunited with her husband is as uncertain as his destination appears to be, but she is leaving Athens with a maid for Marseilles, France, Tuesday or Wednesday.

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Insull said before sailing that he expected to land at Djibouti, a small, colorful port on the Gulf of Aden, in French Somaliland, entry to the barren sandy wastes and fertile valleys of northern Africa. It is the regular port for Abyssinia, connecting with a railroad for that kingdom.

Only a few shadows loomed in Insull's path, it was pointed out here that the lack of French visa (he is without authenticated travel documents) might prevent him from landing at Djibouti.

Too, there is a possibility of arrest if he tried to run the gauntlet of the Suez canal. Djibouti is just the other side of the canal.

This possibility was raised in Athens official quarters. Canal authorities and the Egyptian government will be the deciding factors if it comes to an issue, but their position is not likely to be cleared up over the weekend because the slow-moving Malotis, with her eight knots an hour, is not able to reach Port Said, at the western end of the canal, until Tuesday afternoon.

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