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GRANGE ASKS HOLMAN TO QUIT



By Paul Mallon
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WASHINGTON, April 6.—The real reason Mr. Hoover made that western tour was to find out what he should do.

He wanted to learn what the west thinks. You will see the result in his actions during the next thirty days.

One of two developments is coming: (a) A statement from Mr. Hoover, or (b) reorganization of the Republican national committee through resignation of Chairman Sanders. As a matter of fact, both developments may come. It is only a question of time.

At least that is the confidential interpretation which has reached the inner conservative council of the party here.

Mr. Hoover's friends put it in whispers like this:

He feels a certain responsibility to pass the leadership of the party on to the right people. He appointed Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Sanders will remain there until Mr. Hoover gives the word.

The present is probably not the best time to act. Councilors here are against doing anything until the congressional primaries are over. Also, they feel somewhat at sea because they are not being properly consulted.

Aspirations
Presidential candidacies are all indirectly involved.

As a matter of fact, if the nominating convention were held today, the nominee probably would be James Wadsworth of New York. A month-to-month Republican campaign for him is being carried on so quietly, you can only hear the vast echo of it. Preliminary organization work has started for him in many states, such as Kansas. The Curtis people there like him. He is daily making himself more and more personally popular with the regular Republicans of the house, although he breaks into print but little.

The talk for him is based on the fact that he was not mixed up in the 1932 debacle, that he is from President Roosevelt's state, a conservative, a wet, and level-headed.

The conservatives are using him to head off the progressives.

There is no Hoover renomination talk anywhere.

Four of Mr. Roosevelt's associates are going to get a surprise when his new book comes out shortly. He let them see all except the last chapter before the book went to the printers.

The reason he kept that chapter secret is that in that chapter he paid an unusual tribute to them: Prof. Moley, Louis Howe, Steve Early and Marvin McIntyre.

It may stop that old gossip about disintegration of the cabinet. The only change that has occurred on the inside there is due to the illness of Howe and the necessity that he curtail his work.

Also, it will probably result in a flock of reports that Prof. Moley is not high again. Such reports will be sponsored by those who did not know that he has such a high right along. There has been no change in his status as presidential adviser, except that relinquishment of his state department post enabled him to move with greater freedom.

The Japanese are great magicians in diplomacy as well as in fact. Their latest move to call in all foreign journalists in Tokyo and announce that their government had no confirmation of reports from London that the United States had asked the 1935 naval conference. It was the first anyone had ever heard about that.

Our officials saw the trick in it. Japan wants us to initiate naval discussions and her foreign office invented the reports to prod us.

We have NOT consulted Britain. The truth is we want someone else to take the initiative. We are not going to take up that thankless burden.

Insult
If tariff bargaining never does anything else, it did catch Sam Inault. One international mind readers say that is the inside story of why Turkey was so anxious to be helpful. The Turks are one of the few people who buy more here than they sell, which puts them in a good position to bargain. They had already let us know they would like to sell more raws, flax, tobacco, olive oil and hides when Inault, nearing his shores.

The Turks did not even wait until they had ratified their extradition

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Auto Toll
THE DALLES, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—David W. Quinn, 40, of Powell, died here today from injuries suffered on Wednesday when his automobile was struck by a truck at Powell. He received head and internal injuries which were brought here in an ambulance.

OBJECT TO RUFUS DOUBLE SHOOTING POLITICAL HOPES

Resolution Demands Resignation As Treasurer, So People Can Elect Successor, While He Runs For Governor.

SALEM, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Immediate resignation of the office of state treasurer by Rufus C. Holman is demanded in a resolution adopted last night by the Macleay Grange.

It was learned here tonight that similar resolutions are to be presented to other Granges throughout the county and state.

The resolution declares: "Whereas, the Grange is not interested in the ambition of Rufus C. Holman but is interested in securing a public servant to protect the interests of the people; it therefore requests Mr. Holman to resign immediately and thereby vacate the place on the state board of control he now holds so that a servant of the people's choice may be nominated and elected."

Representative Grange members said here today that they favored the introduction of a bill at the legislature which would provide that any official would be immediately disqualified for further holding of his office if he sought another job without resigning the one he held.

More Money, Less Work
PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Income and inheritance taxes to "correct the concentration of wealth" are espoused in the platform of Dr. Ralph M. Erwin, Multnomah county coroner and Democratic congressional candidate from the third Oregon district.

In his statement Dr. Erwin endorses continuance of the PWA policy and further aid to needy citizens, reduction of working hours, a minimum working wage, protection of small businesses against chain stores, payment of the veteran's bonus in "pony bonds" of \$50 denomination and adequate pension to disabled veterans.

He also favors abolition of tax exemptions on certain types of securities, "actual elimination of excess profits," income tax collections from government employees as from other citizens, elimination of all sales taxes including the tax on gasoline which would be given utility classification, reduction of federal taxes on alcoholic liquors to stamp out bootlegging, reduction of interest rates, protection of investors and tightening of laws governing bank charters.

His attitude on a number of other issues also was set forth.

HARTMAN HOLDS NORTHWEST FRUIT PROSPECTS GAIN

HOOD RIVER, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Better conditions are in prospect this season for Oregon and Washington fruit growers. Dr. Henry Hartman of Oregon State college told members of the apple growers' association here today.

He confessed that April 7 was unusually early to make predictions as to production, but cited sub-zero temperatures that have retarded prospects in eastern orchards.

Hartman is characterized as the nation's leading authority on winter pests, and discussions centered largely around pests. Growers here predict that the time nears when Hood River's pear tonnage will exceed that of apples. Extensive pear plantings have been made in this section the past 10 years.

While Dr. Hartman congratulated the association for progress in bettering grades and packs the past few years, he said Medford pears had taken a lead over Oregon and Washington pears the past winter because of the superior quality and rigid culling. Packing problems were discussed. A resolution which would prevent the co-operative from manufacturing intoxicating beverages was introduced by A. J. Orov and referred to the directorate.

Bishop To Trial
WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., and Ada L. Burtrags appeared today before the district attorney to sign affidavits of government evidence by which Cannon hopes to shorten their trial on an election law charge by at least one week. The trial is scheduled to start Monday.

Missouri Editor Dies
ST. LOUIS, April 7.—(AP)—Frank H. Sawyer, for 35 years editor of the Palmyra (Mo.) Spectator, one of the oldest newspapers in Missouri, died today of heart disease. He was 70 years old.

The Weather
Fog on the coast and fair and cloudy in the interior Sunday and Monday; moderate to fresh south and northwest winds offshore.

VICTIMS WEEK BEFORE MURDERS



Frank Wileed took this snapshot several days before he was murdered, with five others, in his home at several days' point, near Bremerton, Wash. Magnus Johnson, not pictured here, was one of the six persons slain. The others were (left to right) Bert Salomon, Mrs. Flieder, Mrs. and Mr. Eugene Chenevert. (Associated Press Photo)

INDIANA FELONS CALM AS FLAMES THREATEN PRISON

Fire Not Laid to Plot To Free Convicts—Fire Confined To Receiving Ward—Extra Guards Called.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., April 7.—(AP)—Flames that raged through the receiving building of the Indiana state prison and threatened to spread to 10 other buildings housing nearly 2,500 felons were brought under control tonight.

Authorities asserted that they did not believe that the fire was a plot to free prisoners.

The building, a brick structure of about 40 by 60 feet, was damaged badly, but quick responses to alarms by the city, prison and nearby La Porte fire departments, resulted in the flames being quelled.

Extra guards immediately were thrown into cell blocks.

Inmates of the prison were described by authorities as remaining quiet throughout the fire.

Precautions have been taken at the Indiana institution since last September, when ten inmates, several of them henchmen of the notorious John Dillinger, escaped from the prison. All but two of the escaped inmates since have either been killed or recaptured.

ABANDONED AUTO CLUE TO DILLINGER

INDIANAPOLIS, April 7.—(AP)—When a machine gun stock and cartridge clips were found today in an abandoned automobile along an arterial highway twenty miles north of here, state police began a new search for John Dillinger.

Captain Matt Leach expressed the belief the jail breaking bandit might have been one of the men who fled after the car collided with a baggage truck on U. S. highway 31.

The damaged touring car with a block body was towed to Noblesville for inspection. There it was found the serial numbers had been chiseled from the eight cylinder engine.

RYE PRICE JUMPS AS IMPORTS HALT

CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—Rye took the star role in the grain markets today, and went skyward a maximum of exactly 2 cents a bushel.

Soaring of rye values aided other cereals to score price gains, and was attributed chiefly to action at Washington calling a halt to an extraordinary influx of foreign rye into the United States. There was also a private crop summary placing the present condition of the new domestic rye crop at 65.1, the lowest point ever known.

MUNICIPAL STATE BOND EXEMPTED

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—The house intercommittee subcommittee voted today to exempt state and municipal bonds from provisions of the stock market regulation bill.

Who Gets Parole
SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Carrie Louise Lennon, former maid at a Portland hotel, was granted two years probation here today by Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure, who recently sentenced the woman's husband, Martin Luther Lennon, Portland barber, to five years in prison for passing counterfeit \$10 bills.

MUSHROOM CAUSE POISONING OF 11 UP COUNTY FOLK

Eight Cases Reported Butte Falls, Three From Prospect Areas—Details Not Yet Available.

Eleven cases of mushroom poisoning in Jackson county were reported here yesterday by Dr. C. I. Drummond, county physician, who stated that eight were located in the Butte Falls area and three near Prospect. Several he described as in a very serious condition, as result of having eaten what they thought were members of the mushroom family. The names of but four afflicted people could be obtained here last night. Mrs. Walter Stone, Mrs. Clem Clark and George Trautman of Butte Falls were reported ill and Florence Conger of Meleod was receiving treatment in the Sacred Heart hospital for what was believed to be a touch of the same poisoning. All had eaten mushrooms.

The poisoning, Dr. Drummond called "muscarius," characterized by paralysis and violent vomiting. The onset, he stated, had been received from them late last night, and it was believed that the patients were in an improved condition.

Mrs. Mary Grieve of Prospect, when interviewed by phone, stated that all the sick ill from "prospect known to her were ill from "overeating of mushrooms," not from poison.

One local physician was of the opinion that it was not the mushroom meat itself which had poisoned, but a fungus, growing within the mushroom, which lengthy soaking in salt water would have destroyed. Had it been the mushroom itself, he stated, in several cases death would have been inevitable before treatment was administered.

Because of the common names given mushrooms in different localities, it was impossible to determine here just what varieties had been eaten. Several persons, Dr. Drummond was told, had eaten what they believed to be morels. Other physicians, however, were told the mushrooms were "elephant ears," which might and might not indicate the same kind.

A growth, closely resembling the sponge-like morel, was reported seen by many mushroom hunters in local woods. While they were not informed as to its edibility, several stated that they believed it to be poisonous, and in many years of mushroom eating had never taken a chance on the said fungus, appearing more plentiful than usual this year.

CONTRACTOR WINS VERDICT AGAINST SPINSTER ESTATE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 7.—(AP) N. W. Burns, contractor, was granted a \$3685 judgment against the estate of the late Margaret A. Keith, eccentric spinster who ended her life by inhaling an anesthetic, in superior court here today, the amount representing his services in the construction of her Palms Verdes mansion, near here.

Miss Keith, who, according to testimony in a recent contest of her will, veiled her face from the outside world, committed suicide nearly a year ago in the other of her two mansions, situated in Beverly Hills.

Recently, after a protracted trial, a superior court jury disagreed in the contest brought by relatives of Miss Keith to void her will on the ground she was of unsound mind when she bequeathed the bulk of her million dollar estate, inherited from her father, Utah mining magnate, to a nephew, Albert C. Allen, Jr., young Oregon farmer-auditor.

PORTLAND FIGHTS MARATHON CRAZE

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In a letter to the city council he declared the ordinance banning marathons should be repealed or "be amended to include any marathons or any other dance, crawl, shuffle or race, walk such performance" at "ice skating rinks or any other buildings, structure, tent or enclosure within the city."

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Many of the small structures were carried off like doll houses. Others were reduced to splinters by the heavy impact of the mass of water. Boats in the harbor were tossed upon the land like toys. Motor cars and other vehicles were borne far inland.

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Charles G. Wood (above) employed of the federal conviction letter, announcing his resignation in a letter, Miss Frances Perkins, secretary of labor, charging she had "fallen down on the job." The labor department said Wood was dismissed more than a month ago. (Associated Press Photo)

M'ELROY, KANSAS CITY MANAGER IS MYSTERY TARGET

Bullet Fired Into House Of Official, Elected To Resign After, Aleded Riots—Daughter Once Abducted.

KANSAS CITY, April 7.—(AP)—City Manager H. P. McElroy, target for much criticism during the recent city election campaign, reported that a bullet was fired through the front window of his residence tonight as he sat in the room with his daughter, Mary. No one was hit.

Demands for his resignation were voiced by candidates of the citizen-rustionist party which was defeated by the incumbent Thomas J. Pennington at an election marred by four slayings.

After the election disorders, which included the slugging of scores of men and women, demands were renewed for a change in administration policies. The resignation of E. C. Reppert as director of police followed by McElroy said he had no intention of resigning.

McElroy's daughter was abducted last year and held for more than 24 hours until the city manager paid \$30,000 ransom. Walter McGee is under sentence to be hanged as the brother leader of the plot and his convicted. George was given a life sentence. A third man, Clarence Click, was given a short sentence.

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MRS. PINCHOT AND LABOR FLARE UP IN N.R.A. PICTURE

Governor's Wife Sees Johnson Surrenders To Big Business—War On 'Chiselers' Starts—Legislation Delays Recovery.

(By the Associated Press)

Labor's fight for passage of the Wagner employment bill brought Mrs. Gifford Pinchot before a senate house committee in Washington Saturday as strike threats flared up at several points.

Denouncing Gen. Hugh Johnson, N.R.A. administrator for having "shown down his arms in the interests of big business," Mrs. Pinchot charged the N.R.A. had failed in her state and that General Johnson had become "eager to build up the power and wealth of Wall Street."

"In Pennsylvania, Pinchot said, 'the N.R.A. is more honored in the breach than in the observance. It is in most places more of a theory than a fact.'

"The turning point of the N.R.A. occurred in the early part of last summer, when the Fryer Coal and Coke company, a subsidiary of the steel trust, refused to recognize the United Mine Workers of America.

"Immediately the temper of the employers changed throughout the country. They got the significance of General Johnson's position even before the general public and the workers.

"They knew it was only the small grocery store or beauty shop without financial backing that need fear this doubtful general—that big business would be allowed to write its own code and go its own way."

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—A general onslaught of court action against N.R.A. code "chiselers" was ordered today by Hugh S. Johnson.

"The time has come," said N.R.A. administrator in letters to all code authorities and field representatives, "when uncertainty as to enforcement by legal proceedings must end.

"We must now proceed on the basis that one who is violating his code and who is not ready and anxious to comply and make restitution when informed of his non-compliance, must be brought swiftly and surely before the enforcement agencies of government."

To suit action to the word, Johnson ordered that:

Ten days hence, state compliance directors will begin handling all clear-cut violation cases directly to their federal district attorneys, instead of first asking advice in Washington.

Within the ten days, state directors, code authorities and local compliance boards will send all good cases in their files to the newly created N.R.A. litigation division here, so the best may be returned immediately to the district attorneys for action.

MILLION GRANTED STATE FOR RELIEF

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—The federal relief administration granted Oregon \$1,014,000 for relief work in April, including transient relief and college student aid as well as \$14,000 for the emergency educational program in March.

Other grants included: Idaho, \$250,000 for rural, excepting transient relief and agricultural education.

PAINTINGS SPLIT SEATTLE CHURCH

SEATTLE, April 7.—(AP)—Members of Pilgrim Congregational church split into factions tonight, debating whether a series of mural paintings should be barred from the church because one group believes them "radical, irreligious and communistic."

The Rev. Fred W. Shorter, pastor, answering protests against the paintings, said young people of the creative art class of the church, led by Ross Gill, northwest artist, wanted to express some modern ideas, and he sympathized with them.

Mexican Perish
VIERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 7.—(AP)—Two persons, including a deputy named Perez, were killed and nearly 75 persons were hurt when the city hall of the town of Aguila caved in today. Officials said the building was very old.

Peruvian Outbreak
LIMA, Peru, April 7.—(AP)—The correspondent of the newspaper El Comercio at Iquitos reported today that a group of Mualto Indians attacked a post on the banks of the Ruyal lake, near the Pastaza river, on March 15, killing six men and abducting a white woman and her five children.

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PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Consumers' councils to study general price trends will be established soon in six Oregon counties, Edgar Freed, state director of national emergency council, announced today.

Members, to be voluntary workers, will be named soon for councils in Jackson, Lane, Hood River, Deschutes, Umatilla and Multnomah counties.

Only 112 such councils will be established throughout the United States. A large proportionate number will be placed in Oregon because diversification of population and industry makes it a valuable research field, Freed said.

The councils will make reports to a central agency which is co-ordinating efforts of the agricultural adjustment administration and the national recovery administration in protecting the consumer.

INSURANCE MONEY LURED MOTHER TO KILL OWN BROOD

COSHOCTON, Ohio, April 7.—(AP)—A 43-year-old mother, who collected \$1,587.84 in insurance when two of her offspring died, today was charged with their killing by poison.

Climaxing a sensational year-long inquiry into the strange deaths of a son and a daughter, a grand jury indicted Mrs. Amelia Webb Wardrop. It listed three counts, two of first degree murder, and a third charging the administering of poison with intent to kill to a 21-year-old nephew, Charles Hughes.

Crippled from the hips down and hobbling into Prosecutor Russell E. Lyons' office on crutches, young Hughes told the story that led to a painstaking investigation, exhumation of the bodies of his cousins, and discovery by a chemist that each contained poison.

The woman, twice married and divorced from her second husband ten years ago, was held incommunicado in the city jail. She has denied poisoning her children but, Lyons said, admitted giving both of them medicine.

It was on October 1, 1931, that the first of Mrs. Webb's children, 18-year-old Herbert George Webb, died.

Her second child, 12-year-old Herbert George Webb, died.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 6.—Out to the studio here where we are working night and day on a picture come Dr. Professor Angle of Yale. I had always thought that a fellow from Santa Barbara named Harkness was the angel of Yale. This was an awful nice fellow and a very pleasant charming wife.

He wanted me to help him on a couple of things, wants to get Yale made a CCC camp and have education put on the basic industry list. He is looking for five men for the line and three backfield men. He is on his way to Honolulu where he has heard of a quarterback.

Yale is doing all she can to get back among the 400 of football teams. He is doing all he can to get Yale graduates to take up some other work than "brain-trusting." He thinks it's a business that won't last.

Will Rogers

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