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GOV. MEIER URGED TO RUN AGAIN



By PAUL MALLON.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 15.—The origin of those recurrent Russo-Japanese war stories has long been a diplomatic secret. You may remember the early part of this year that they would be attacked in April. They even massed troops in readiness.

It can now be disclosed that the information came from the Japanese themselves. The Russian ambassador to Tokyo last winter was unable to get any satisfactory information concerning Japan's attitude from Tokyo officials. He is being cited by General Araki, leader of the Japanese militarists and the political boss of Japan. He asked Araki directly if he thought war was imminent.

To his amazement, Araki said that war was inevitable and that it would start in April.

All information from other sources confirmed this view. So the Russian took Araki at his word. The story is being cited by eminent Japanese authorities as proof that the militarists do not always have their way in Tokyo. Those who have had experience with Oriental diplomacy may draw their own conclusions as to Araki's motives.

The incident, however, encouraged our best diplomatic authorities to believe that the current Russo-Japanese difficulties over the Manchurian railway were not a harbinger of immediate war, but just a little Oriental haggle over price. Most competent authorities here now believe an eventual Russo-Japanese war is inevitable, but they would be surprised if it comes soon.

Meanwhile, our diplomats are secretly high glee at the eastern cauldron is bubbling again.

They will not admit it openly, but they have noted that the Russians come running to us every time the Japanese threaten. This politician now has a very beneficial effect on perplexing diplomatic problems which we now have pending with Russia.

The way President Roosevelt squeezed himself broadly through the far eastern difficulties during his Hawaiian visit is causing his associates to comment again on his political agility.

One pitfall he avoided was dug liberally by a well-known Chinese political leader. This politician left Shanghai for Honolulu, announcing publicly that he was going to see Mr. Roosevelt. The sensitive Tokio press played it up big, suspecting it spelled danger for Japan.

When the Chinese arrived at Honolulu, he again announced he would see Mr. Roosevelt, and again the Japanese press boomed.

The presidential party was forewarned against the dangerous diplomatic possibilities of such a meeting, and the Chinese politician was delicately, politely and firmly given the run-around. He never even got near Mr. Roosevelt.

It is now safe to relate that many of Mr. Roosevelt's handy men were involved in the personal danger they were in his Hawaiian visit. They feared some Japanese Zangara might decide to become a human bomb and explode himself all around the place.

Actually there was not a single inside episode, during the visit, involving the safety of the chief executive. Indeed, some members of the presidential party observed (probably with some exaggeration) that there were as many or more Japanese waving American flags in Hawaii than there were Americans.

The ways of government are hard to understand. Consider the situation of an exceptionally able young engineer, with 25 years' experience in his line. He wanted a job with the housing commission. He had civil service rating and was a war veteran and, therefore, by law, entitled to priority. His political pull was exceptional. He had the endorsement of a cabinet officer and several of the most influential Democratic leaders. He could not have had more pull if Miss Democracy herself had kicked him.

Yet, for two weeks he tramped the corridors of the mighty, unable to get even any satisfaction, and he is still tramping.

It only goes to show what chance an ordinary fellow has to get a government job when a man like that cannot get one.

It also shows the confusion and inefficiency in the patronage set-up.

A high legal authority in the government recently received an offer of a part-time job teaching law in a part-time law school. He cannot figure out whether it was intended as a compliment to his legal acumen.

INCUMBENT GIVES WILLING EAR TO FRIENDS' URGINGS

Political Bombshell Exploded By Revelation of Possible Four-Way Contest—Says Work Is Not Finished

SALEM, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Oregon Statesman said here this morning that Governor Julius L. Meier, in an exclusive interview, admitted to that paper the truth of reports that he had been approached by numerous citizens urging him to run for governor as an independent candidate in the November election. The governor was quoted as saying, "I always consider everything that is put up to me."

"Governor Meier said emphatically that he had no commitment to make at this time," the Statesman continued, and quoted the governor as stating that requests had come to him both in Portland and at his Salem office.

Plenty of Time. Independent candidates are allowed by the Oregon law to file for office any time up to September 12 of this year, but must be nominated by an assembly of 100 or more registered voters. Governor Meier was nominated as an independent by such an assembly in 1930, following the death of the Republican nominee, Senator George W. Joseph.

It was believed here that should the governor decide to make the race as an independent, it would change materially the complexion of the three-way contest for the governorship now in progress.

Political Bombshell. "The governor's apparent willingness" (Continued on Page Four)

SEATTLE MAYOR RECALL SOUGHT

SEATTLE, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Another chapter in the brief but turbulent administration of Mayor Charles L. Smith of Seattle was in the making today, with petitions on file asking his recall after he had served but 72 days of the regular two-year term as the city's chief executive.

The recall movement, branded by Smith as the work of radical leaders, was an outgrowth of the coastwide longshoremen's strike, now being arbitrated. The strike was less than a month old when Smith took office after winning a bitter election contest with his immediate predecessor in office, John F. Dore.

GERMANY OPENS RECOVERY DRIVE

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The German nation embarked today on a 100 day campaign to pull itself out of a morass of economic ills.

The purpose of the campaign is the reduction in the amount of imports needed and in its success or failure lies largely the success or failure of Germany's prewar trade and foreign exchange problems. Trade figures for the first six months of 1934 show that imports increased 10 per cent over the same period last year while exports have dropped 12 per cent.

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—George O. Gastin, extension economist on marketing for several years at Oregon State College, yesterday announced his resignation from the college staff, and his retirement as secretary-treasurer of the Oregon cooperative council.

Von Hindenburg Political Will Thanks Herr Hitler

By WADE WERNER (Associated Press Staff.)

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The dead hand of Reich President Paul von Hindenburg was brought into Chancellor Hitler's campaign for a re-election expression of popular approval through a declaration giving dignified but unmistakable recognition to "the decisive stride" led by Hitler in the upward struggle of the German people.

"I thank Providence," the aged field marshal wrote in a "political will" signed May 11 and published today after Franz von Papen had delivered it to Hitler. "For permitting me to see in the evening of my life the hour of recovery."

The document was copied to the

He's Nominated For Senate At 29



Although his age, 29, is one year under the constitutional requirement for a United States senator, Rush D. Holt (above) of West Virginia was nominated on the Democratic ticket to oppose the veteran Senator Henry D. Hatfield, Republican. (Associated Press Photo)

LIQUOR BUYERS TO LOSE PLACE ON RELIEF ROLL

To place the disbursement of Jackson county relief funds on a more efficient and business basis, the county court plans a check of names on the various relief lists, with the state liquor permits, note customers of beer resorts, and require all recipients of relief to sign reimbursement blanks, promising to repay the county, when and if able, in the future.

Announcement of the future relief fund policy was made today. A ruling of the attorney-general's office that the county had the right to check names on relief and indigent rolls with the state liquor permits, was received yesterday by the district attorney's office. The ruling holds that the state liquor commission shall do the checking, and that the county shall send the relief lists to Salem for the purpose.

The county court a month ago made a ruling that names of all persons belonging to the communist party, or other organization having for its purpose the overthrow of the American form of government, be stricken from relief lists. Similar action was taken by Clatsop county, and is contemplated by other Oregon counties.

Complaints have been filed with the authorities that several beneficiaries of relief were spending their money for liquor and in "whoopee making." The county court feels that the money should be expended to a better purpose, and solely for the necessities.

The county court feels it holds an obligation to the worthy poor to check abuses by the unworthy, of which there are not many.

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JUVENILE DANCE AT PIANO SHOP TONIGHT

An introductory juvenile dance program is to be given this evening at 8 o'clock at the Baldwin Piano Shoppe, by eight students of Ted and Evelyn Schrader, who recently opened a professional dancing studio in the city.

A number of invitations have been issued by the Schraders, but all other persons interested in the dance program are invited. Waltz, aerobic and comedy numbers are to be featured.

channeler by Von Papen, who stopped at Hitler's summer home at Berchtesgaden on his way to become minister of Austria.

"I thank all those who in unselfish love of the fatherland," the testament said, "have cooperated in the work of Germany's resurgence."

"My chancellor, Adolf Hitler, and his movement have taken a decisive stride of historical importance toward the great goal of leading the German people to inner unity."

"I know much remains to be done," says the concluding paragraph of Von Hindenburg's testament, "and from the bottom of my heart wish the act of national regeneration and unification may be followed by an act of reconciliation to embrace the whole German fatherland."

CRESCENT HARBOR PLAN DISAPPROVED FOR THE PRESENT

Army Engineer Board Says Improbability of Railroad in Near Future Is Reason for Adverse Action

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 14.—(AP)—An adverse report on the proposal to improve the Crescent City, Cal., harbor was filed Tuesday by the army board of engineers in Washington, according to a telegram received here by C. H. Demaray from Rep. Clarence Lea (Cal.).

"Report of board of engineers filed today holds that, in view of improbability of construction of railroad in near future, (it) does not feel justified in recommending harbor improvement at this time."

The harbor improvement was sought as one part of a partly-completed transportation system, which would unlock the potential and actual wealth of southern Oregon and northern California.

Portions completed include a railroad from San Francisco to Arcata, Cal., 15 miles from Grants Pass toward Crescent City and a short line from Crescent City in this direction, the Southern Pacific from Grants Pass to Medford, and two lines between Klamath Falls and Medford with 20 miles of construction needed to complete the connection.

Because of the army board decision bearing qualifying clauses, it was believed all efforts would now be concentrated on approval of extension of the Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad.

20,000 TO MARCH HOLDING CANDLES

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A procession of some 20,000 pilgrims each bearing a lighted candle, will wind up Bleak Rocky Butte overlooking the Columbia gorge tonight in commemoration of the meeting of seven Italian noblemen in Florence, the city of flowers, 700 years ago today.

The meeting of those seven young noblemen resulted in the foundation of the order of the Servants of Mary—and the parade tonight brings to an end the first international Marian congress ever sponsored by that order in the United States.

Catholics representing parishes as far separated as British Columbia and the Argentine prepared for the climax of the congress—which has been declared so successful that plans are being made for more congresses of the kind in the United States.

The residence of E. W. (Doc) Winkle on Willamette street was quite badly damaged by fire this morning at 7:10 o'clock, burning over the living room, and starting in the attic, according to a report by the city fire department.

No theory could be advanced as to the cause of the blaze, and the estimate of the damage in dollars had not been prepared, firemen said.

The city fire department was called on three grass fires last evening, one being on Jay street at 6 o'clock, another on the corner of Tenth and Fir at 9:05 p. m., and the third on Cottage street at 9:20 p. m.

BYRD RESTS EASY IN ADVANCED HUT

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica, Aug. 15.—(Via Mackay Radio)—(UP)—Analyst for Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd was somewhat relieved today when Dr. Thomas C. Poulter, second in command of the South Polar expedition, reported by radio from the advance weather base that the leader was "resting comfortably" and gives every evidence of being able to make rapid recovery.

The message had been awaited anxiously, first word two days ago reporting Byrd weak and thin from nearly five months of isolation at his tiny shack, buried beneath the snows on the Ross ice barrier, 123 miles south of Little America.

Says Lovks.

SPokane, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Orin Doman, president of the North Pacific Emergency Export association, today said the sailing to wheat growers in transportation costs by construction of sea locks at the Bonneville dam would in one year equal the additional cost of the locks.

BASEBALL

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A four-run rally in the seventh, climaxed by Jimmy Fox's 37th homer of the season, gave the Athletics a 7 to 4 triumph over the Chicago White Sox in the opener of a double-header today.

(First game)
Chicago..... 4 9 0
Philadelphia..... 7 12 2
Gaston, Hering and Madjeski; Cain and F. Hayes.

(Second game)
Chicago..... 1 7 1
Philadelphia..... 2 5 1
Tietje, Gallivan and Shea; Madjeski; Dietrich and Berry.

Detroit..... 2 10 1
New York..... 6 11 1
Bridges, Fischer, Hamlin and Cochran; Broaca and Jorgens.

St. Louis..... 2 5 1
Boston..... 6 13 0
Hadley, Knott, Andrews and Hennessey; Walberg and R. Ferrell.

Cleveland at Washington postponed.

National
(First game)
Brooklyn..... 3 7 0
Cincinnati..... 7 14 0
Mungo, Clark and Lopez; Derringer, Benton and Lombard.

(First game)
New York..... 5 9 1
Pittsburgh..... 4 10 3
Pittsinnons, Smith and Moncusio; French and Grace.

Boston at Chicago, Philadelphia at St. Louis, postponed; rain.

FOOD PROFITEERS WATCH YOUR STEP, SAYS ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt gave notice today that "chiselers" seeking to profiteer in food prices as a result of the drought would have to reckon with the federal government.

Speaking at his regular newspaper conference, Mr. Roosevelt in response to inquiries asserted there was plenty of food for the nation and no excuse for any profiteering or for any alarm by consumers.

He expressed little concern that there would be profiteering, but made it plain that all such cases would be met by government action.

He also said federal agents were intensifying vigilance over the grain and produce exchanges to prevent undue speculation in foodstuffs which might jeopardize natural prices.

Answering an inquiry, the president said the drought had had no effect upon the principle of the agricultural adjustment act which is to control production. Secretary Wallace has indicated control would be retained over crops even though acreage reduction might be relaxed next year.

The president said the drought had moved up by two years the expected time for disposition of the surpluses which have glutted American markets.

He now is intent upon setting up machinery to regulate a normal and reasonable surplus.

Regarding another phase of the drought, the president said the government might purchase hay in Canada, but he knew of no relaxation in the regular tariff wall except for this purpose.

The president said he hoped the \$525,000,000 already appropriated for drought relief would be sufficient to meet needs, but he added all of this certainly would be spent.

REORGANIZATION LOOMS FOR NRA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Reorganization of NRA under board control together with Hugh S. Johnson, together with possible creation of an agency to harmonize NRA and the federal trade commission on anti-trust laws.

Johnson and Donald R. Richberg, director of the national emergency council, will work out the plans of reorganization for submission to President Roosevelt. If accepted by the president they would be submitted to the next congress for permanent incorporation in law.

Once again, Johnson emphasized in a press conference that code administration is not a one-man job.

NEW DEALERS WIN PRIMARY BALLOTS IN OHIO, NEBRASKA

Donahey to Oppose Fess in Ohio General Election—Nebraskans Defeat Bryan for Man Who Backs F. R.

(By the Associated Press)

Two more clean cut tests of the "New Deal" were outlined for the November elections today by returns from primaries in Ohio and Nebraska.

Ohio Democrats chose A. V. (Hon. Vic) Donahey, former governor and New Deal candidate, to oppose Senator Fess, veteran Republican fess won out easily over four opponents.

Bryan Defeated. In Nebraska the defeat of Governor Charles W. Bryan by Representative E. R. Burke, who campaigned on a "support Roosevelt" platform, for the Democratic senatorial nomination, was conceded.

Burke, in the November election, will face former Representative Robert G. Simmons, strong critic of the "New Deal" who won easily in the Republican primary.

Martin L. Dacey, former congressman, was pulling slowly away from his opponents for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Ohio. Former Lieutenant-Governor Clarence J. Brown was far ahead in the Republican contest.

Publisher Nominated. Nebraska's Republicans chose Dwight Griswold, Gordon newspaper publisher, for the gubernatorial nomination, but the Democratic contest was in doubt with R. L. Cochran ahead.

In Arkansas, Governor J. Marion Futrell apparently won the Democratic nomination for a second term. In Idaho Governor C. Ben Ross, Democrat, the first chief executive to campaign for a third term, was far ahead of his nearest competitor, Frank L. Stephan, former state attorney general, was ahead in the race for the Republican nomination.

Rep. Compton I. White, swept to a commanding three to one lead for the Democratic first district congressional nomination.

D. Worth Clark, Democratic congressional candidate in the second district, also established a formidable lead.

Burton L. French of Moscow, was unopposed for the Republican nomination in the first district.

The Republican race in the second congressional district found Henry C. Dworahak, former state attorney general, trading the lead occasionally with Heber G. Hale of Boise, prominent in Latter Day Saints church affairs in this district.

BOMB BLASTS HOTEL ON CHICAGO SHORE

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A dynamite bomb exploded early today in the doorway of a small print shop on the ground floor of the Edgewater Beach hotel. Three persons were hurt. Windows on three floors of the hotel, situated on the Lake Shore on Chicago's north side, were shattered, and property damage is estimated at between \$1000 and \$1500.

A strike of members of the electrical workers union has been in progress at the hotel since last January. Waiters and cooks later walked out in sympathy.

Strike Arbitration Will Start Friday

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Arbitration of the demands of Portland transfer truck drivers for higher wages will get under way here Friday morning.

The drivers, numbering about 400, struck Monday morning, but returned to work yesterday after agreeing to arbitrate. They demand a wage increase from about \$4.50 an 8 hour day to about \$5.50.

May Operate On Eyes Of Ruler



Dr. May Turner Riach (above), San Diego, Cal., woman surgeon, may be selected to perform a delicate operation to save the falling eyesight of the King of Siam. She is a former student of Dr. John W. Wheeler who removed cataracts from the eyes of Pradjipok several years ago. The operation may be performed as soon as the monarch can travel to the United States. (Associated Press Photo)

CANADIAN POLICE CONCENTRATE ON KIDNAPERS' TRAIL

TORONTO, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The provincial criminal investigation department today cancelled all holidays and leaves, mobilizing every available investigator to bring back the kidnaped John S. LaBatt alive.

The grace period of 24 hours permitted by the kidnappers to the wealthy brewer, pending payment of a ransom of \$150,000, had expired. His brother, Hugh LaBatt, was in a hotel to which he had come from the LaBatt home, London, 150 miles away, apparently prepared to pay the ransom.

But he was surrounded by police and curious bystanders and in London the family attorney, Claude Savage, said the persons surrounding Hugh had prevented the brother from making contact with the kidnapers.

John LaBatt's auto was found abandoned yesterday in London with a note under the seat from "Three-fingered Abe" which demanded the big ransom payment. A source close to LaBatt said Hugh was named go-between in a penciled note on the back of the ransom demand. John LaBatt himself was supposed to have written the "go-between" message.

The Royal Canadian mounted police were called into the case.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL VISIT OREGON

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Another official in the unprecedented parade of federal administration leaders that has passed through Oregon this summer, will visit the state next week.

Homer B. Cummings, United States attorney general, will be in Portland for a few hours on Aug. 22. Accompanied by Mrs. Cummings, Harry W. Blair, assistant attorney general, and other assistants, the attorney general will pause here en route from the Philippine Islands to San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Fourteen sun-browned Indian braves in bright red and blue loin-cloths today filed into the beautiful blue room of the White House and presented President Roosevelt three grains of white corn, invitation to the four nations celebration at old Fort Niagara, New York, starting September 3.

They had run in relays all the way from upper New York state.

Final Wire Flashes

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The death penalty for persons convicted of treason will be demanded in a resolution to be submitted to the membership of the American Legion, department of California, at its convention in session here, it was learned today.

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Tom Woods, 65; Ed Myers, 58, and Alvin Riggall, 42, were held under \$250 bond today on a charge of illegal interment of an Indian grave at the burning ground near Cayuse. The three men were arrested by county and Indian officers after they had reputedly dug up a coffin in hope of finding money.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in response to inquiries at his regular press conference, said today he is taking no part in any primary campaign, regardless of press dispatches or statements hitherto published.

EDWARD FAWCETT, WAR HERO, KILLED BY FALLING TREE

Well-Known Miner of District Crushed While Working in Siskiyou County—Two Sons Survive Here

Edward Cecil Fawcett, 59, was fatally injured at the head of Elliott creek in Siskiyou county, northern California, yesterday, when the top branch of a tree fell on him as he and Tommy Delse were cutting down another tree, it was learned today.

Fawcett, a World War veteran, was well known here, having resided in Medford and surrounding country for many years. He operated the Pennsylvania mine for a long time.

Dr. James C. Hayes went with the ambulance to the scene of the mishap, which occurred at 10:30 a. m. Fawcett died about 3:15 o'clock. The body was brought to the Perl Funeral home here, from where funeral services will be announced later.

Sister too Late. A note of tragedy was brought into the picture when it was learned that Fawcett's sister, Mrs. Ethel Taylor of Anchorage, Alaska, had arrived here on Sunday to visit her brother, whom she had not seen for 24 years. She was visiting their sisters here, and did not get to see her brother before he died.

Fawcett is survived by two sons, Harold and Kenneth; five grandchildren, all of Medford; one brother, Frank, of Elliott creek; and three sisters, Mrs. Taylor of Anchorage, Mrs. Nellie Foote of Medford and Mrs. Dora Coy of Oriskany, Cal.

The deceased was born in Rohmerville, Cal. Heroism Told. A story of Fawcett's bravery was brought to the attention of southern Oregon residents on the eve of the Armistice day celebration in 1928.

When Col. E. R. Kelly wrote a communication to the Mail Tribune in which was included Gilbert Stuart's story of how Fawcett saved a man's life on the war-torn Veale in August, 1918.

The article told how the member of the Fourth engineers did not hesitate to rush into the fire of a huge explosion where "shells of different sizes were bursting all around, cast iron was raining all over the country, and everyone was rushing to cover."

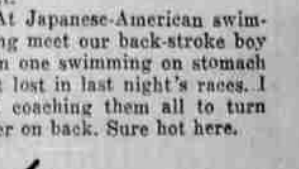
According to Stuart, who saw the rescue, Fawcett walked into the great explosion, and picked up the wounded soldier, bringing him safely out of the line of danger.

ACTIVIANS ENJOY ASHLAND DINNER

About 20 members of the local Active club attended the dinner meeting at the Hotel Ashland last evening, held jointly with a group of young business and professional men of that city who are interested in forming a club.

A temporary organization was perfected last evening, and officers were elected. Frank VanDyke, formerly a member of the Medford club, and now city attorney of Ashland, was named president; Kenneth Madden, vice-president; Paul Jones, secretary; Al Parr and Hugh Dunn, trustees for one year, and Hod Bates, Dwight Patterson and Earl Leaver, trustees for six months.

Saturday, August 25, has been set as the installation date for the officers for the new club. It is expected that some of the international officers will be in attendance on that date.



WILL ROGERS says:

TOKYO, Aug. 14.—Japanese naval committee announce today going ahead with ship building. If allowed at next conference they will have them; if not allowed they will have them too. Can't beat logic like that.

At Japanese-American swimming meet our back-stroke boy won one swimming on stomach but lost in last night's races. I am coaching them all to turn over on back. Sure hot here.

Will Rogers

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