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Highest yesterday 43
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SPEEDY ACQUITTAL FOR INSULL



News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—A sharp shake-up is coming in the New Deal. It will be called a reorganization, for the sake of appearances, but it will in fact be an extensive realignment of the bureaucratic set-up.

The bureau bosses have had wind of it for some time and are scrambling to save their skins or expand them. One of the fiercest inner struggles, which no one is supposed to know anything about, is being waged between Messrs. Ickes, Moffet and Hopkins. They are tugging at the 56 (count them) widely scattered bureaus relating to housing.

The result of that struggle may be that rising Frank Walker (the ex-coordinator) will come in and take them all over. Walker has been working on housing privately for several weeks, unbeknownst to anyone except himself and President Roosevelt. If he does not take over the whole show, he will at least be the guiding genius in reorganizing it.

The relief set-up also will be materially revised, as will the PWA. The AAA will get off lightly, but the NRA will have its horns pulled in.

The revealing time is going to be deliberate. The idea behind it is to get things started on a permanent basis.

Relief Hopkins is the fastest worker in the administration. He can do a Virginia reel so swiftly that you cannot detect, with the naked eye, that he has even moved. That was the technique employed in the recent change of PERA policy on the 30-cent minimum wage. The order was issued November 19, but it did not get into the newspapers until three days later.

Mr. Hopkins did not say so, but the cause of the order was his investigation of relief conditions in the south. He found on his personal tour that there was an actual shortage of unskilled and domestic labor because that class of laborers (largely negroes) could get more money for less work in the PERA. This condition was rather serious in the cotton and tobacco areas of the south and also in the onion growing and beet sugar districts elsewhere, and employed workers were hoarding because the \$2.40 a day going to those on relief was more than they received.

It is not a new situation. Mr. Hopkins fought a telegraphic duel with Governor Talmadge of Georgia about it last year. Many words were spilled, but no blood. More recently, Mr. Hopkins met with a group of business men in Mississippi. He said to them: "All right, if we cut the government wage to \$1 a day, will you give these people jobs?" The business men said they would. They said they did not have the jobs. "You admit, then," Hopkins replied, "that it isn't our wage that keeps you from hiring the men."

Something happened to make Mr. Hopkins reel around a few days later.

There can be no question but that the about-face was directed by someone higher than Mr. Hopkins. In all previous similar cases he has brought up such subjects at his regular staff meetings. The wage subject was NOT brought up. The first his staff knew about the order was when it came from the mimeographing room.

Liberals will howl because they have always insisted with Mr. Hopkins that the New Deal was establishing a new standard of living by a high wage scale. It will now mean lower relief wages throughout the south, but it may mean an increase in other sections, where the prevailing wage scales, now to be followed by the government, are much higher.

It is another indication of the elimination of unsatisfactory policies in the quietest possible manner.

The two big things the administration is going to balloon this winter are Roosevelt's best obsolescence, Mr. Roosevelt's best obsolescence, Mr. Roosevelt's best obsolescence, Mr. Roosevelt's best obsolescence.

Their computations show that approximately four billion dollars a year has been paid in depreciation allowances and mine owners for depreciation. Little of it has been spent since 1922. The total now available for improvements and expansion in that stagnant pool of capital is at least

DELIBERATION OF JURY BUT 2 HOURS VERDICT CHEERED

Ager Power Magnate Calm As Turmoil Fills Court—Other Defendants Jubilant—Report Three Ballots Taken—Trial Exhaustive.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—In two hours and two minutes deliberation today, twelve federal court jurors shattered the government's charges of a \$100,000,000 mail fraud against Samuel Insull and his 16 business associates with a verdict of acquittal.

Between lunch time and the dinner hour, the voluminous case, against the ruler of a one time two billion dollar utility system was put into the hands of a jury and decided in his favor.

Jubilant at the near breath taking speed of the verdict, Insull exclaimed: "This is the start of my vindication."

The jury's decision read in a hushed courtroom by Foreman John D. Lent came with a rapidity startling to defense attorneys and prosecutors alike.

Mass of Testimony
The case was developed from nearly five tons of business records, but when the jury men retired to their room they sent out only for three letters.

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7 INJURED, LOS ANGELES STRIKE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Seven persons were sent to hospitals for treatment for injuries received tonight in sporadic attacks on street cars of the Los Angeles Railway company, employees of which are on strike.

After a quiet day in which most of the company's cars were in operation, violence flared suddenly tonight. Bricks and rocks were hurled at the street cars and in one instance police reported a bullet, believed to have been fired from a rifle, embedded itself in a street car, causing small damage.

Only one of the seven persons injured was a company employee, the rest being passengers. Two were women.

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Dozens of motorists were snowbound in the high Sierra by an early winter storm which promised a plentiful water supply for next year. This photograph was taken near Donner Lake, Cal.

MEDFORD ACCEPTS SEVENTH VICTIM TURKEY DAY GAME BREMERTON MASS MURDERS SOUGHT

The Medford high school football squad last night accepted the invitation of the Washington high school of Portland, intercollegiate champions of that city, to play there Thanksgiving day, for the mythical state title. It will be the fourth trip of a Medford high school football team to the metropolis, on the same mission. Announcement of the acceptance of the invitation was made by Paul Menegat, principal of the Senior high school.

Superintendent C. G. Smith left Saturday night for Portland, by train, to confer with Portland school authorities, on the final negotiations. Definite and final decision on the game, will be made Monday.

The Medford squad came out of the game yesterday without injury, despite the fierceness of the Hood River play.

BREMERTON, Wash., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Search for a supposed seventh victim of the atrocious "mass murder" at Erlend's Point last March, in which six persons were found slain in a summer home there, was disclosed to be under way today by the state patrol, which has renewed work on the case.

Chief William Cole declared that his officers have already searched the vicinity of the Frank Flieder home for a two-mile radius, seeking some sign of a hidden grave which may reveal the other believed victim. Searches by beaches have also been searched. Flieder, his wife and four guests, one of them a woman, were slain in the killings.

"From the evidence we now have, it appears that a seventh person met death in that house that night," said Cole. "The probable only reason that this body was not left with the others was that its presence would point too conclusively toward the perpetrators of the crime."

"We believe that this body was moved in Flieder's car and deposited somewhere in the vicinity, after which the murderer's returned the Flieder car to its garage, and left in their own."

Although declining to reveal the nature or source of his new information, Cole said that it was supported by his own and other officers, including Chief of King County Detectives R. A. J. Allingham, who is following the same theory.

MORE SNOW, RAIN FOR COMING WEEK

Oregon: Rain west and local rains east portion Sunday and Monday; snows in high mountains; normal temperatures; strong southerly wind off the coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Weekly forecast: In far western states: The outlook is for normal temperatures and unsettled weather with rains over the north Pacific states and extreme northern California. Local rains and snows over the northern plains region and fair weather elsewhere in the far west during the coming week.

OIL LEADER ASKS ICKES' DISCHARGE

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—J. Edward Jones, chairman of the national petroleum council, asked President Roosevelt today to remove Secretary Ickes as administrator of the petroleum code.

"Because of a very widespread feeling persisting that he has lost the confidence of the industry which he directs," Jones wrote the president, "I respectfully ask, because of my solicitude for the welfare both of the petroleum industry and of the public, that you remove him."

CALIFORNIA TOWN FACING FAMINE 'DEAD MAN' BACK FOR NON-SUPPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—(AP)—As for the families of 600 Madoc county gold miners, which Edward Vandeker, president of the California State Federation of Labor, declared were on the verge of starvation, was sought by the San Francisco labor council today.

"The town of Jackson faces extinction," Vandeker declared in a statement before the labor council last night, "because of the mine owners' action in shutting down the mines."

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 24.—(AP)—George Forrest Charles, who legally "died" seven years ago in an automobile plunge from an ocean cliff, was back in Redding today—accused of failing to support his wife and five children.

Charles, whose life was insured for \$40,000, came back yesterday to set aside by personal appearance the legal declaration of death his legal heirs obtained prior to filing suits to collect the insurance.

BEST CHRISTMAS BUSINESS SINCE 1931 PREDICTED

Dry Goods Trade Expects Increases in December—Coast-to-Coast Survey Shows Upswing in Yule Spending.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Merchants from coast to coast are anticipating the largest Christmas trade since 1931, the national retail dry goods association reported tonight, asserting December sales are expected to show an increase of 11 per cent over 1933 and 21.5 per cent above December, 1932.

The association's estimates were based on a survey of its 5,000 member department and specialty stores and 30 states are represented in the tabulations.

Should this upswing extend to all lines, the organization's statisticians figured, retail sales during December would be about four and one-half billion dollars.

Realization of the anticipated total, the survey showed, was predicted on prevalence of favorable weather. The December sales total was estimated as indicating a level of retail activity almost equivalent to 1931 results. More than 2,300,000 individual items would be sold.

The toy association has estimated a Christmas business of \$200,000,000, in this division alone. Christmas savings clubs, with 7,300,000 members participating, were expected to pour approximately \$300,000,000 into the December sales totals.

The survey showed, the association added, that New England retailers expected a 7.5 per cent increase in sales, middle Atlantic states, 9.5 per cent; south, 13 per cent; mountain region, 21 per cent; southwest, 21 per cent; and Pacific-coast, 18 per cent.

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DEMOCRATS PICK STRAYER, COOTER TO LEAD SOLONS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—As a gathering of Democrats who will be members of the next state legislature, John E. Cooter was agreed upon as candidate for speaker of the house and W. H. Strayer tentatively named senate president candidate.

In a closed conference prior to today's meeting William Graham and Howard Latourette of Multnomah county withdrew as speakership possibilities in favor of Graham, thus virtually assuring the election of the Lincoln county lawmaker.

By long distance telephone, Senator Strayer gave conditioned acceptance of the candidacy.

He said he would be a candidate provided he received a release from his pledge a number of months ago to vote for Harry L. Corbett, Republican, for senate president.

PORTLAND STRIKE CHIEF ENDORSED

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Conrad Negstad, who headed the International Longshoremen's association of Portland in last summer's strike, was given a 5-10-1 vote of confidence by the I. L. A. members who re-elected his president.

The official count of the 855 votes cast showed that Charles Peabody, another strike leader, was retained as secretary by an 8-1-1 margin.

Matt Meehan and Jack Abarnett were dropped from eight candidates to be dispatchers who will assign men to jobs from the jointly operated hiring hall.

BUTLER'S 'PLOT' CALLED PUBLICITY



The assertion by Major General Smedley D. Butler (above) that he had been asked to organize 500,000 veterans into a fascist army was branded a "publicity stunt" by Gerald C. Macquire (right), Wall street bond salesman, who was named by the former marine corps chief as the man who urged him to head the army. (Associated Press Photos)



MOCKERY MURDER DEFENDANT FREED BY SEATTLE JURY

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Charles Garfield Duke, wealthy north end property owner, walked from the courtroom a free man tonight, acquitted by a superior court jury of the "mockery slaying" of Dr. Leon W. Squier six weeks ago. The jury was out two hours and a half.

After the verdict, "Not guilty," was read, several of the jurors left the jury box and gathered about the defendant. A few of them put their arms about his shoulders, and two of them were weeping.

Duke's two grown daughters and his son, sitting in the front row of the spectators' benches, also burst into tears and came forward to embrace their father. Other relatives joined in the demonstration.

"Oh, my God! Oh, my God!" Duke sobbed, in a deep, shaken voice.

A few minutes later, he walked through the crowd to where Deputy Prosecutor John P. Watliew was standing.

"You're not sorry, are you, really?" Duke asked, extending his hand.

Watliew took the proffered hand and smiled.

"I'm not particularly happy about it," he said.

"Oh, I believe you are, I believe you are!" Duke cried, in a broken voice.

All of the five women on the jury and five of the seven men voted for acquittal on the first two ballots, a member disclosed later, and on the third ballot the two remaining men joined the majority in a vote to free the elderly defendant. At no time, he said, was there any consideration of talk of the death penalty.

CCC BOOKLET BAN ROILS EDUCATOR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—A national education association spokesman was disclosed today to have accused Robert Fechner of violating the "principles of academic freedom" in stopping distribution among CCC camps of a pamphlet describing machines as monster.

The furors stirred among educators by the CCC director came to a head when J. W. Crabtree, NEA secretary, threatened to call a formal hearing unless Fechner backed down on his action.

Crabtree notified Secretary Dern on Wednesday that in the hope Fechner would withdraw the pamphlet on the booklet, he was "waiting a few days before arranging to ask for a formal hearing on this violation of the principles of academic freedom and in defense of the office of education."

No Bowman Indictment
LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—The Union county grand jury in session to consider second degree murder charges against Dan Bowman of Pendleton, and other cases, resumed tonight without returning any reports.

GEORGE HIGH AND BROTHER HELD IN BARN FIRE CLAIM

George High, and his brother, Robert (Babe) High of Ashland, members of a well-known Jackson county family, were arrested last night by the state police and the sheriff's office, on a warrant alleging "burning with intent to injure the insurer." A person, whose name the authorities declined to reveal, is also held as a material witness. All are held in the county jail.

The warrant was issued as the result of the burning of a barn, on a farm near Ashland, on the night of January 4, 1933. The Highs had the barn insured for \$15,000. Hay, belonging to another, was in the barn and destroyed.

In a civil action in federal court, for collection of insurance money, a verdict was returned in favor of the Highs.

State police have been investigating the fire for the past eighteen months. Officers would make no statement as to the nature or extent of the evidence they held against the High brothers.

AUTO SLAUGHTER PORTLAND GROWS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—The traffic accident mangled scattering Portland claimed another victim tonight when Gust Laven, 32, was crushed almost beyond hope of recovery by an automobile driven by M. G. Anderson.

Hospital attendants reported Laven's skull was crushed and he suffered internal injuries. They said his chances for recovery were slight.

GARDENAS READY TO RULE MEXICO

MEXICO, D. F., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Facing potentially serious religious and educational problems but with no other pressing questions in immediate view, General Lázaro Cárdenas will take that oath of office as 45th president of Mexico next Friday for a six-year term.

More than 75,000 persons are expected to attend the inauguration of the 39-year-old revolutionary veteran who is Mexico's youngest constitutional president. He succeeds General Abelardo H. Rodríguez, named president in 1932 to complete the term of Pascual Ortiz Rubio, who resigned after three years in office.

The ceremonies will be held in the huge national stadium and will be attended by high officials from all over the country and specially appointed representatives of nearly every foreign nation.

ITALY QUICK TO BACK HUNGARY IN BALKAN TURMOIL

Situation Delicate But Not Held Serious—Yugo-Slav Plot Charge Brings Diplomatic Action—Early Hearing Sought

ROME, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Italy jumped square into the middle of the Balkan battle over international terrorism today, lining up with Hungary in demanding immediate investigation of Yugoslav charges linking Hungary with the Marseille murders.

"A complaint Yugoslavia filed with the League of Nations this week alleged Hungarian 'complicity' in the assassination of the Slav King, Alexander, last month, and charges Hungary harbored terrorists.

"A nation cannot remain under accusations so grave as those advanced against Hungary by the Serb memorial," an official foreign office communique said.

"Therefore, Italy has demanded that Yugoslavia be made to prosecute her case immediately and Hungary be permitted immediate defense."

"The situation engendered by Yugoslavia's action," the communique said, "is delicate, but it added that responsible Italian circles did not believe it could lead to immediate more serious complications.

"Tomorrow in an effort to seize the initiative, Italian newspapers will publish strong editorials supporting the government's stand.

The press agrees that Italy sympathized deeply with Yugoslavia in the loss of her assassinated king and understood her feeling of resentment, but Yugoslavia's action in going outside the realm of ordinary law courts to the international tribunal at Geneva was disturbing to the peace of Europe.

STUDENTS BATTLE PARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PARIA, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 24.—(AP)—A group of 216 German students abandoned the German university tonight two hours after they had announced they would defend the old school's insignia against Czech students who earlier in the day stormed the buildings in an effort to seize it.

Garage fighting following the government's order that the insignia be handed over for use in the inauguration of the new president in injuries to 22 German students.

Police were called out to disperse several angry anti-German demonstrations throughout the city, and this evening feeling was still running high.

A savage fight this afternoon between Czech and German students, in which several persons were wounded, was followed tonight by the storming of the buildings of the German people's cultural institute and the breaking of most of its windows.

PENDLETON, ORE., NOV. 24.—(AP)—Construction of soil saving dams to fill in gullies and to check head erosion was started this week on the 35,000 acre project which includes 11,000 acres of wheat and grazing land in the Adams-Athens district.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 23.—"Mexico, Mo.—Tom Bass, well known negro horseman aged 73, died here today."

Don't mean much to you, does it? You have all seen society folk or five-gallon hats and said, "My, what skill and patience they must have to train that animal." Well, all this Tom Bass, did was to train him.

For over 50 years America's premier trainer, he trained thousands that others were applauded on. A remarkable man, a remarkable character. Many negroes have been great horsemen. Every big ranch has its traditional stories of what its famous negro rider used to do. Negro Aid of the L. F. D. ranch was perhaps the most famous.

If old Saint Peter is as wise as we give him credit for being, Tom, he will let you go in horseback and give those folks up there a great show and you get the blue ribbon yourself. Yours,

P. B.—That little Vanderbilt girl sure had a rough break. She has to live with a both of 'em.

Will Rogers
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