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BLIZZARD RAVAGES EAST COAST



By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Senatorial sleuths slipped on their best rubbers and started after J. P. Morgan and company again last April, unbeknown to the world at large. Since then they have gone through the books and files and looked under the rug of the world-famous financial house. What they found will be disclosed when Senator Nye gets Mr. Morgan on the stand here January 7.

One thing which will come out then is the fact that Mr. Morgan's firm is not the same old Morgan's any more.

Mr. Nye's Beagles did not need to go into the books to find that out. All they had to do was to open the big front door. Inside, they found less activity than in the business office of Senator Nye's Cooperstown (N. D.) Daily Eagle.

Partitions formerly shielding the offices of multitudinous partners have been eliminated. A long table has been moved into the center of the entrance corridor to keep the place from looking like the empty hockey arena at Madison Square Garden. It falls to cover up the vast wilderness of marble flooring.

The answer is that the remaining Morgan partners are sitting around, awaiting the reopening of the capital market. They appear to be prepared for a long wait.

The banking end is being handled elsewhere by other partners. It is supposed to have been going on in keeping with old standards, since it was divorced from the old house by order of the new banking act.

But no one is doing any security underwriting business of any major consequence these days. Some has been done since the depression. Consequent to the evidence to be disclosed about the Morgan business will be in the nature of ancient history, specifically pre-war history.

The real reason Nye wants to interrogate Morgan is to make public some data about the influence of international bankers in connection with pre-war allied propaganda. Morgan then was fiscal agent for the British and French governments. Nye is supposed to have received his data, not from the Morgan files, but from the state department, but the department will not let him make its information public. It concerns international relations with

16 KNOWN DEAD; PROPERTY LOSS TOTALS MILLIONS

Extreme Cold Due Tonight Is Warning — Atlanta Hard Hit — Transportation Hampered by Snow, Wind

Ice On Mississippi, GREENVILLE, Miss., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Greenville residents awoke today to find a thin coating of ice on the breast of the great Mississippi river here.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A blizzarding blizzard covered the middle Atlantic coast today with six inches of snow and swept on into New England, leaving at least 16 deaths and millions of dollars of damage.

The heavy snowfall that started last night continued today with falling temperatures that in some sections dropped to zero.

High winds whirled the snow into deep drifts, and weather bureaus warned that the thermometer, hovering around 16 at midday, would drop sharply towards night and average from 8 to 10 above zero for the east.

Atlanta Hard Hit. In Atlanta alone damage was estimated unofficially at \$2,000,000. Lights, heat and telephones were missing from many homes, and street car service stopped during the week-end.

Forty-five thousand men and 1300 snowplows were called out at dawn in New York to clear the streets of snow more than three inches deep.

Coastal shipping was disrupted, and railroad and bus service was hampered by heavy winds and snow, combined with falling temperatures. Air lines in the east grounded or rerouted their planes.

The deaths of five persons in the southeast, six in Oklahoma, one in New York and four in Philadelphia were attributed to the storm. Damage in Georgia centered in a 40-mile circle around Atlanta. Light and telephone circuits began going out Saturday evening as ice-laden trees started losing branches.

Two hundred linemen struggled today to restore 5,000 Atlanta phones, while the electric power company sent out 300 repair men.

Five to 13 inches of snow fell in the Carolina, with bus and motor traffic virtually at a standstill. Street

52 ITALIANS FALL BEFORE ETHIOPS

PREMIER Mussolini's blackshirt troops lost 52 Italian soldiers in a Sunday battle at Uriei, said a government announcement at Rome today, as Ethiopians apparently flung itself into the conflict determined to thwart the enemy advance with large-scale military operations.

The Italian communiqué added, "heavy Ethiopian losses" occurred. On addition to the 52 killed, 14 were wounded on the Italian side in the encounter on the northern front.

Marshal Pietro Badoglio advised Rome Italian airplanes aided a detachment of Ethiopian troops, which had gone over to the Italians, to defeat numerous Ethiopian forces in the upper Webbe Shibelli valley of southern Ethiopia.

ARMY AVIATORS BOMB LAVA TO CHANGE COURSE



Army fliers dropped bombs on this fiery river of lava flowing from Mauna Loa in an attempt to divert it from a course which threatened the water supply of Hilo, T. H. Moving along at the rate of a mile and a half a day, the molten mass devastated every living thing in its path. This spectacular photograph was taken at night. (Associated Press Photo)

GENERAL LIGGETT, VETERAN WARRIOR, HEEDS LAST CALL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Lieutenant-General Hunter Liggett, one-time Indian fighter, hero of the Marne and commander of the army of German occupation, died today in a Letterman hospital at the presidio here. He was 78.

General Liggett had been in the hospital since January, 1935. His wife, Mrs. Harriet Lane Liggett, in frail health, remained there also during the long months of his last illness. They had no children.

One of the two men given rank of lieutenant-general in active overseas service during the World war, the general was in command of 1,000,000 men of the A. E. F. and the French army. Though he retired in 1921

with his pre-war status of major-general, he regained the higher ranking in 1930 through an act of congress.

As a 23-year-old second lieutenant recently graduated at West Point, he led a platoon of infantry to successful battle against hostile Sioux Indians in Montana in 1870. In 40-battle Medford over the week-end the city police bulletin showed today.

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The man was described as about 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weighing about 170 pounds, although May admitted the description was sketchy, it being very dark at the time of the hold-up.

Four ladies' purses were stolen from the home of F. F. Burks, 53 Rose avenue, while the Burks were giving a bridge party. Entrance was made by a rear window, and police believe the purses were taken from the bed where they were lying by means of a long pole, since no mid was found in the room. The purses, with nothing gone but the cash, were found, covered with mud, lying on the window sill. Mrs. M. O. Grove of San Francisco lost \$5 from her purse. Mrs. L. O. Penland of Route 4, lost \$4 or \$5 from her pocket book. Mrs. Harry Harrison of Ashland lost an unknown amount of cash, and Mrs. Burke's purse was stripped of several dollars.

The home of Frank Edgerton, 1105 West Fourth street, was entered through an unlocked rear door, and a bed room dresser ransacked. Loot consisted of a pair of old-fashioned diamond earrings and a quantity of old coins.

The Lee Ankey house, 302 West Fourth street, was entered by breaking the glass from a rear door, and a heavy bronze "lock" surmounted by horses in a rodeo scene, taken. Fred Pick reported that he had frightened away a prowler attempting to enter the store room of his hardware establishment on West Main street.

George P. Moffit, 231 South Holly street, reported that a fine Philco radio, of late design, had been stolen from his auto, while it was parked on Orange street, between 10 o'clock and midnight Saturday, John Rogge, 1138 Court street, reported that a load of wood consisting of at least three tons, had been stolen from his yard Saturday night. The thief also took along an ax belonging to Rogge, with which to cut the wood.

Guided Reading Moulds Mental Slant of Young

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—(AP)—By guiding your child's reading properly it is possible to improve his or her entire mental attitude.

Paul A. Witte, of Northwestern University, Chicago, today told the American association for the advancement of science that setting up "attainable goals" in reading and adapting it to the child's own problems could bring about complete changes in personality, such as curing an "inferiority complex."

CITY CRIME WAVE TAKES NEW LEAP DURING WEEK-END

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ADVANCE OF LAVA BELIEVED HALTED BY AERIAL BOMBS

HILO, Hawaii, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Indications an army air attack had conquered the threatening advance of lava from Mauna Loa volcano were seen today by Dr. Thomas A. Jagger, government volcanologist.

He said he could not tell definitely before Tuesday whether airplane bombs dropped last Friday had broken the lava's march toward Hilo's water reservoirs.

His hopeful expression came while worried Hilo residents called a mass meeting to discuss emergency action to save the water supply.

The lava is within three miles of the reservoirs and about twelve miles from the city.

Heavy smoke billowed from the volcano but Dr. Jagger reported no new lava could be seen pouring out. Yesterday's advance was almost imperceptible.

"All indications point to the fact that the bombing gave the eruption a real shock," the volcanologist said. "The results thus far have been entirely as anticipated. By Tuesday I will be able to say definitely if the present stoppage results from the bombing."

"Just 24 hours after the bombing the stoppage began, just as I figured. The results are very interesting and very favorable."

"I am rather surprised there has been no new pahoehoe or liquid lava flow from the source. However, no such flow is visible now."

Natives, recalling ancient Hawaiian lore, deplored the attempt of man to change the course of the lava, which legend says is sent by Pele, the fire goddess who dwells in the volcano.

BORAH GIVES CONSENT TO CAMPAIGN IN OHIO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Complete authorization was given today by Senator Borah to put his name in the Ohio presidential preference primary.

LINDBERGH'S SHIP DUE IN LIVERPOOL THIS AFTERNOON

Regular Routine Examination Looms for Noted Family On Arrival — No Special Police Protection

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The press association reported today the American importer, carrying the Charles A. Lindberghs to England, had arrived off Liverpool and was expected to dock between 7 p. m. and 10 p. m. tonight (between 2 p. m. and 5 p. m. Eastern Standard Time).

It was learned that tentative arrangements had been made for tugboats to assist the importer into dock at 5 a. m. Tuesday (midnight Monday, Eastern Standard Time).

Officials said no request had been made for an alien inspector to meet the American importer at any port outside Liverpool, the vessel's scheduled destination, and that they expected the Lindberghs, if still aboard, to be examined in the usual way before landing at Liverpool.

The police of western England were understood to be making no special arrangements to guard the visitors, with only the usual customs, immigration and police officers to meet the importer at Liverpool.

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Betty Gow told the Associated Press today that Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh have asked her to work for them again, but "I don't think I'll go."

The little Scottish nurse from whom the first Lindbergh baby was kidnapped and slain was interviewed today by the Associated Press.

NOTABLE CAREER OF LORD READING ENDED BY DEATH

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Lord Reading, who rose from cabin boy to hold the second highest regal post of the British empire, died at his London home at 4:15 p. m. today. He was 75 years old.

The man who once was viceroy of India succumbed to the effects of a chill he contracted a fortnight ago. His widow and their son were at the bedside.

Recently Lord Reading had held the ancient office of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, which carries the privilege of living in medieval Dover castle on the south coast.

At the age of 14 Reading, the son of a well-to-do London merchant, ran away to sea. As a boy standing in the bow of his vessel, he first saw the shores of India.

Fifty years later he saw the shores a second time as viceroy.

He held many other important posts, among them those of foreign secretary, lord chief justice, and ambassador to Washington.

An official statement gave the cause of the marquis' death as heart failure.

Viscount Reading, a son by his first marriage, succeeds to Reading's title.

Perfect Romance Of Screen, Stage Ended by Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The "perfect romance" of Barbara Stanwyck of the screen and Frank Fay of the stage ended in a divorce today.

Miss Stanwyck testified she was unable to live with her husband because he harassed her and wrangled with her.

Up to the time of their parting a few months ago, Hollywood regarded their home as an ideal one. Miss Stanwyck, in fact, defied cinema tradition by insisting on being called Mrs. Fay in private life.

EXTORTION PLAN LANDS YOUTH IN BUFFALO BASTILE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Roland E. Markell, 21, of Rochester, N. Y., was in jail here today on charges of attempting to extort \$250,000 from Frank E. Gannett, publisher of the Gannett newspapers, and Louis A. Wehle, president of the Genesee Brewing company of Rochester.

Markell, a messenger employed by a Rochester artists' supply house, was arrested Saturday night, federal agents revealed today. They said he would be charged some time today with sending threatening letters through the mails.

George V. Doherty, special agent in charge of the Buffalo office of the department of justice, said Markell sent a series of letters to the publisher and brewer, demanding sums ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, on penalty of kidnapping their children or of death to themselves. Doherty said "not a penny" was paid by either man.

Mr. Gannett has a 14-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son, Mr. Wehle, two sons, 18 and 16. Doherty said six letters were sent to Mr. Wehle and four to Mr. Gannett.

Markell is single and lived with his parents in Rochester. He was quoted as saying he was "sold" on the idea of getting some "heavy money."

PT. ORFORD DOCK DAMAGED BY SEA

PORT ORFORD, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Its rock core yet intact, but from 80 to 100 feet of timber and concrete structural work splintered and torn away, the new Port Orford dock was still suffering today from the pounding waves.

No estimate of damage caused by yesterday's high seas was available today.

The breakers boomed across the surface of the dock into the projected angle provided by the concrete breakers' walls of the 360-foot structure, and splintered against the southern end of the dock, scattering timber and concrete.

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AL SMITH DENIES NON-ACCEPTANCE WHITE HOUSE BIDS

Statement by Roosevelt Spokesman Claimed False — Hints Swat at Dew Deal in Forthcoming Talk

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Alfred E. Smith today characterized as "false" what he said was a statement by a White House spokesman that "at least once a year Mr. Smith has been invited to pass either a night or a week-end there, but he never saw fit to accept even one of these invitations."

The former governor was 62 years old today.

When asked at a birthday interview about his refusal to spend a night at the White House when he addressed the American Liberty League in Washington Jan. 26, Smith handed out the following prepared statement:

"I notice by the public press that a spokesman for the president is responsible for the following statement: 'This is not the first time that Mr. Smith has been invited to be an overnight guest at White House. At least once a year Mr. Smith has been invited to pass either a night or a week-end there, but he never saw fit to accept even one of these invitations.'"

"This statement is false. Since the inauguration of President Roosevelt I received one invitation, through Secretary Melnyre, when it was

CAPONE'S SUCCESSOR WANTED FOR GRILLING IN PRIGNANO MURDER

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Frank "The Enforcer" Nitti, reputedly successor to Al Capone, imprisoned gang leader, was ordered arrested today for questioning in the killing of State Representative Albert J. Prignano, Democratic leader of the "bloody twentieth" ward.

Police Captain John Stege also told his men to bring in Alderman William V. Paellli, who defeated Prignano for the twentieth ward's seat in the city council in 1930. Stege said he would question "any other political leaders" familiar with Prignano's background.

Nitti's name came into the case in rumors from the "bloody twentieth" that "The Enforcer" had warned Prignano not to run again for ward committee man — a threat answered by Prignano's recent announcement he was a candidate.

Prignano, 44 years old, was shot last night at the steps of his home and office on Bunker street. Three men who ordered the representative's wife, adopted son and mother to "go inside and go upstairs," killed Prignano with one shot and then made certain of his death with others.

MEDFORD PEOPLE IN NARROW ESCAPE

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SIDE GLANCES
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TRIBUNE REPORTERS

John Boggs, who had a load of wood stolen out from under his nose Saturday night, sitting in an old van body at his used car lot, a small store sends up puffs of smoke and John looking very much as though he'd like to have that wood back.

How Curtis and Jerry will refuse the suggestion that their b. b. team be known as the "Blue Racers," "enough people think 'we're slaves now'."

Lieut. Harry May, answering the question as to whether the guy who stuck him up had a gun or not. "Well, I was under that impression, or he'd have had a good fight on his hands."

With Nichols exasperatedly explaining "What are you here again?" to a scribbler who asks her to look up building statistics every year at this time.

Dick Sarason admitting he made several points against the Phoenix townies in a recent game. He made 34 points.

Rep. Pierce Would Ban Straw Ballot Mailing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Contending that straw ballots designed to test national political sentiment really may be "framed," Representative Pierce (D., Ore.) announced today a campaign to bar them from the mails.

He said he would take the matter to Postmaster General Farley next week and then to the Democratic national committee January 9 because "a straw ballot easily could be planned to throw a majority in a certain way and by creating a hand-wagon, get a million votes right off the bat."

Pierce said he believes Republicans are manipulating "a current national poll which shows a trend away from President Roosevelt."

From Farley he said he hoped to learn whether a bill of which he is author to "prohibit the use of the mails for the mailing of

a straw vote." The bill is pending before the house postoffice committee. Pierce said he was confident it would pass should the post office department give its support.

The committee held hearings on the bill in the last session of congress and the department opposed it on grounds it would cost the government several millions of dollars in stamp purchases.

"Nevertheless," Pierce said, "I'm going to see Farley because these polls are a real danger. The hand-wagon has become one of the greatest forces in politics, particularly since women obtained votes. People like to ride with a winner."

"I am convinced straw ballots can be and are so framed as to bring resources freely from discordant elements. Voters are fooled trickily. There is 'robbery' in the lists of persons to whom they are sent."

STATE FILES BRIEF IN GOVERNOR SALARY SUIT

SALEM, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The state's brief in the suit brought by Edward A. Jory against Governor Martin, the secretary of state, and the state treasurer for payment of more than \$1,000 annually as salary to the chief executive, was filed with the state supreme court today by Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody.

The case is an appeal from the Marion county circuit court which held with the governor.

Would Draft Norris as Roosevelt Campaigner

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Drafting of Senator Norris (R., Neb.) to head an independent Roosevelt campaign committee was the subject of a meeting today by a Roosevelt campaigner.

The subject of the move, George W. Kline, chairman of the Nebraska program league, said he believed the re-election of Mr. Roosevelt could be left to the age-old Democratic organization.

The regular campaign to be held in some places is not complete yet sympathizing with the president.

Kline's proposed Norris committee would function in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Each would have a state chairman.

This was one of several developments with a possible bearing on the 1936 campaign. Others included:

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