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ACCUSES OWN SISTER IN MURDER



By PAUL MALLON (Copyright, 1936, by Paul Mallon)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The smallest piece of legislative speeding exhibited in congress lately was performed on the pending Robinson-Patman business regulation bill. It was a complete answer to everyone who has been complaining about congressional red tape.

Few senators had even heard of the bill, except by hearsay, until they half awake and found it propping something vaguely reminiscent of NRA, and ready for passage.

No one knew exactly how it got up front like that. Probably no one will ever find out for sure, but enough can be discovered to indicate the progress that has lately been made in lawmaking.

Congress is developing a technique for streamlining bills in conformity to the rest of the streamlined world.

A bill generally like this one was proposed last May by Democratic Floor Leader Robinson and Representative Patman jointly. It was framed to hit chain stores by letting the federal trade commission clamp down on their trade practices which chasten prices.

Exactly where the original draft came from is a matter of speculation. But if you lay one finger on a certain group of wholesalers who represent about 15 per cent of that industry, and the other on the federal trade commission, you will not be far wrong.

That bill snooded without hearings in the senate judiciary committee for eight months. It emerged February 3, with the whole original bill stricken out and a completely new bill inserted.

Then senators sat up and took notice that it would regulate, not only chain stores, but apparently "any person engaged in commerce in the United States, which would include all business men and all who think they are business men."

The new draft had been composed in private by Senator Marvel Logan. Logan reported it was a sound measure and should not be delayed to hear what others might think of it.

Investigations of the same subject (but not of this bill) had been conducted by the house, PTC and others.

Doubtful senators reached for their congressional directories and noticed that Senator Logan's biography indicated his business experience had been gained as chairman of the board of trustees of Brownville, which, apparently, is a town in Kentucky. Also he had grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as a noted Kentucky judge.

If it had been a point of law, the senate would have followed him kindly. But, as all New Dealers contend, even six members of the supreme court were recently wrong on AAA, so you have to be careful these days. Objecting Republican

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HELPED HER BURN BODY OF HUSBAND, BROTHER CLAIMS

Port Orchard, Wash., Pair Would Pin Crime on Each Other—Officers Find Bone Fragments in Farm Pit

BREMERTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Sheriff Rush Blankenship announced today Lawson K. Barton, retired navy machinist, had accused his sister, Mrs. Grace Sandell, of the killing of her former husband near Port Orchard last May. Mrs. Sandell had previously accused him of the deed.

The sheriff said he had obtained a signed statement from Barton. A few hours earlier, he had announced the discovery of about 40 small fragments of bones in a pit, near their former small Port Orchard home, where Mrs. Sandell said the body had been burned and buried.

Victim Shot in Back. "She did it—my sister did it," the sheriff quoted Barton as saying. "I helped her burn the body, but I didn't kill him. She shot him in the back."

Barton had undergone an all-night questioning by the sheriff and State Detective Joe E. McCavley. He was confronted with the fragment of bones early today, the sheriff said.

The victim was Adolph Alexander Sandell, 44, former San Francisco shipping clerk, reported to have come north last May. His employers in San Francisco said yesterday he had been missing from there since that time, the sheriff's office here said.

Barton's brother, Joelus, at whose home near Stanwood the two were found, was broken up when told of his brother's statement, the sheriff said. He has also been held for questioning.

"I don't know who to believe, or what to believe," the sheriff quoted him as saying.

Women in Custody. Mrs. Grace Sandell, who told of the slaying of her divorced husband

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TRAGEDY STRIKES AGAIN AT FAMILY

MOJAVE, Cal., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Tragedy struck twice at the family of Roy E. Pitts in one day.

His three children, Roy J., 9; Rita, 6; and Robert, 3, burned to death yesterday morning when fire destroyed their cabin at Chestview lodge, north of Bishop in the High Sierras.

Last night as Pitts was driving to Los Angeles with Mrs. Pitts, his car developed mechanical trouble and he alighted on the highway north of here to fix it. A passing machine crashed into his car, fracturing his shoulder.

Pitts and his wife were taken to the Tehachapi hospital. Mrs. Pitts is suffering from burns from her attempt to save the children, and from shock.

WILL SERVE OUT FINE FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

Don J. Spencer, 26, Medford, started serving 30 days in city jail today after deciding to serve out a fine of \$50 instead of this morning by City Judge Allen D. Curry, after Spencer had pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving. He was ordered to surrender his operator's permit for 30 days in addition to the fine.

According to city police who arrested him, he was found driving in a reckless manner on West Main street, shortly before 3 o'clock this morning.

MOTHER'S KISS CARRIED NARCOTIC INTO PRISON

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 14.—(AP)—An alert prison guard who wondered about an overly-affectionate embrace between a mother and her convict-son upset the attempt of the prisoner to smuggle half an ounce of narcotic into Poison prison.

The convict, Andrew Mareck, 35, serving a life sentence for murder, confessed, said Warden Court Smith, that his mother, Mrs. Lena Mareck, San Francisco, passed him the narcotic from her mouth while kissing him good-bye after a visit Wednesday.

Income Shares Maryland fund bid \$19.39, asked \$20.75. Quarterly income shares bid \$1.55, asked \$1.70.

EVEN WEST HAS ITS FLOODS



The Pacific Coast—that is, the San Francisco bay region, at least—got a mild form of the winter rigors which has caused death, suffering and damage in other sections of the country when it experienced the wet, rainstorm in many years. This picture shows the hub-deep flood of an Oakland, Calif., street after the near-cloudburst. But there was little damage. (Associated Press Photo)

BRISTOLS GLAD TO RETURN FROM STORMY MIDWEST

Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Bristol of Provo returned Thursday night from a 10,000-mile trip which they started the first of December. They spent the Christmas holidays in Detroit and Chicago and returned to Oregon by way of the Grand Canyon and Boulder dam.

"We didn't see the earth from the time we got to Detroit on December 12, until we reached New Mexico the first week in February," the Bristols reported. "The midwest is having the severest winter they have had since weather stations were established."

"The day we left St. Joseph, the thermometer was below zero for the thirteenth consecutive day, and the city was buried in snow. The Missouri river was frozen almost solid so that the intake pipes at the waterworks refused to function and water shortage became a real threat. Coal was at a premium and the condition of the poor was really sad. Even when a household had coal, it was practically impossible to keep warm."

"At Wichita for three days, the streets were a solid sheet of ice and children were actually ice-skating to school. Fifteen automobile accidents were reported in 45 minutes the first evening the ice was down. At Den-

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Mark Anniversary Oregon Statehood

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—The 77th anniversary of Oregon's statehood will be observed tonight at a reception and dinner at Hotel Portland here.

State officials, including Governor Charles Martin, will attend. Mary Drain Albro, president of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, is to preside and State Treasurer Rufus Holman is to act as toastmaster.

'CARTER THE GREAT,' MAGICIAN, SUCCUMBS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—In the castle-like mansion built "by magic" overlooking the Golden Gate, Mrs. Charles J. Carter was making arrangements today for burial of her magician husband, "Carter the Great," who died two days ago in Bombay, India.

The magician, born 61 years ago in Newcastle, Pa., was on tour at the time of his death, fulfilling his determination never to retire if he could help it.

FORMER KING ALFONSO BECOMES GRANDFATHER

ROME, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Infanta Beatriz gave birth today to a girl, the first grandchild of former King Alfonso of Spain.

OREGON LIQUOR SALES GROWING AT RAPID RATE

\$10,422,468 Taken in Since Repeal—Business Doubled Since Last Year—Cash, Stock Losses Small

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Sale of liquor in Oregon during the past year doubled that of the first year of repeal, and during the two years of licensed alcoholic business the Oregon state liquor control commission has taken in the sum of \$10,422,468.

Arthur K. McMahan, chairman of the state liquor control commission since February, 1933, reported in an exclusive interview to the Associated Press that not only had the business doubled during the past year but the inventory losses had been reduced by approximately 70 per cent over the previous 12 months.

Losses Small. The merchandise losses and shortages, McMahan stated, were 0.888 per cent of the gross sales, or \$2,351.82.

McMahan, with the liquor control administrator and his staff, was here the past few days making a thorough study and analysis of the 150 state stores and agencies, and as a result issued the following statement:

"From the inception of the Oregon liquor control commission to December 31, 1934, merchandise shortages in stores amounted to the sum of \$3,958.55, and during this same period the gross sales amounted to the sum of \$3,154,508.30. The percentage of

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FUNDS FOR BONUS HELD AVAILABLE WITHOUT NEW TAX

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Senator Byrnes (D., S. C.) introduced an amendment to the independent offices appropriation bill today to provide \$1,746,000,000 to cash the bonus, and at the same time forecast it would not require new taxes.

The amendment was prepared by Byrnes after consultation with the executive department under instructions from the appropriations committee. He will ask for its approval next week when the independent offices bill comes before the senate.

Bill South Carolina senator at the same time gave out a statement that the only additional cost to the treasury would be the interest on the money, and added: "It is not necessary to levy additional taxes for the amount of the interest on such obligations."

CLIPPER TURNS BACK IN TEETH OF STORM

ALAMEDA, Calif., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Swept eastward by a 40-mile tailwind, the China Clipper alighted at the airport here at 1:12 p. m., today, after abandoning her attempted flight to the Philippines.

The ship was 1000 miles at sea when the dwindling fuel supply, used up as the ship fought headwinds, caused Captain Edwin Musick to right about. It made the return trip in 7 1/2 hours.

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"Pension Racket" Probe Advocated in Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A congressional investigation of "so-called pension rackets" was urged before the house rules committee today by Rep. Bell (D-Mo.).

Bell directed his remarks chiefly to the Townsend old age pension movement in support of his resolution for appointment of a seven-man board to investigate the Townsend and similar old age pension plans.

Representative Ferguson (D-Ore.) also appeared in support of the Bell resolution.

Representative Smith (D-Wash.) told Chairman O'Connor (D-N.Y.) of the rules committee he wanted to appear in opposition to the investigation. He was denied an opportunity to ask Bell or Ferguson a question.

O'Connor said Smith would be given an opportunity to be heard when the committee resumes hearings Monday.

(The Townsend plan proposes a \$200 a month subsidy to all over 60 with the requirement the money be spent in the month.)

FARM BILL NEARS BALLOT IN SENATE MID-HOT DISPUTE

Republican Dickinson Fears Government by Majority Periled—Robinson in Attack On AAA Decision

By D. Harold Oliver Associated Press Staff Writer. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Amin sharp dispute over the wisdom of limiting supreme court powers, the new \$500,000,000 farm bill moved today toward a final senate vote predicted late today or tomorrow.

Senator Robinson, the democratic leader, contended the court had "impeached" the value of its AAA decision by holding agriculture was a local problem.

From the opposite side of the chamber, Senator Dickinson (R-Iowa) declared the basic question is "whether we are going to do away with the old system of government by majority."

It would be destroyed, Dickinson said, if a law were passed barring the court from declaring acts unconstitutional by 5 to 4 decisions.

Senator Norris (R-Neb.) stepped into the argument to say any division in the court "creates a reasonable doubt."

He urged anew that unanimous decisions should be required to invalidate acts of congress.

The dispute arose after Comptroller General J. R. McCarl had been voted authority to audit payments to farmers and pass on questions of law in the proposed act.

Robinson opened his attack on the AAA decision with the argument that soil erosion and agricultural problem in general is a national problem, to be dealt with by national legislation.

"The court arbitrarily held that agriculture was a mere local matter, in which the United States had no concern and over which it had no control," Robinson shouted.

He declared that in "nearly all court decisions the legislative finding of fact is regarded by courts as binding."

NEW FLU VACCINE PROVES EFFECTIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A new vaccine which has proven effective in laboratory tests against influenza, was reported here today by Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., of the Rockefeller Institute.

He emphasized the study was still in experimental stages and the vaccine would not be available for general use until its exact worth has been definitely established.

Of 14 persons highly susceptible to influenza, the physician reported, 13 were found to be completely immune after inoculation. The 14th developed considerable resistance. Experimenters do not know how long the immunization will last.

The work was done by Dr. Francis in collaboration with Dr. T. P. Magill of the Rockefeller Institute, and Drs. C. H. Andrews, P. P. Laidlaw and W. Smith of the National Institute for Medical Research, England.

DUCKS AND GEESE RAIN ON MERCED'S STREETS

MERCED, Calif., Feb. 14.—(AP)—It rained ducks and geese here Wednesday during the height of the storm that also brought more than an inch of rain.

At least six geese and four ducks were picked up in the city. Whether the birds encountered electrical storms which sent them hurrying north or dropped in exhaustion after battling frigid conditions and a stiff wind remained moot questions.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FOR GRAZING CHANGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The interior department approved today a bill to place nearly all of the public domain under regulation of the Taylor grazing act.

Representative Edward T. Taylor, Colorado, said the solicitor's office of the interior department informed him the bill, which would amend the original act by increasing the 80,000,000 acres regulated by the measure to 143,000,000 acres, had the approval also of the budget office and the national resources committee.

NAZARENE EVANGELIST IS HEARD BY THROGG

WATER SERVICES SHOW 1935 GAIN; INCOME IMPROVES

Increase of 50 Users in Year Recorded—Revenue Listed at \$129,632.07—\$26,000 in Bonds Retired

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—(UP)—Arthur Bernstein was "poised in front of a parking space, all ready to back in," he told Municipal Judge Oda Faulconer today, when Mrs. Rose Peal drove her car up behind him and slipped into the parking spot.

"I obeyed that impulse," Arthur said. "I backed in anyway." Judge Faulconer suspended sentence on Bernstein for smashing Mrs. Peal's fenders.

WARN CALIFORNIA OFFSHORE STORM RAPIDLY NEARING

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—(UP)—Today, said the weather bureau, is just a lull between storms.

Four days of wind and rain brought one death and property damage of \$100,000 or more, and the forecast is rain tonight and Saturday.

A storm center from Hawaii is now 600 miles offshore and moving inland.

In the Malibu Beach film colony, a long pool of water that came out of White canyon, lapped at the doorsteps of homes owned by the stars, but there was no serious damage.

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—(AP)—New storms will cause a break in Oregon's cold spell tonight and tomorrow, the weather bureau predicted today.

Occasional rains in the west portion and more snow in the east portion of the state were forecast.

DENVER, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Earthquakes, a terrifying "black roller" dust storm, a blizzard and a cold wave made a hodge-podge of weather in the Rockies today.

The earthquakes brought additional distress to residents of western Montana, already in the icy grip of the most prolonged cold spell of the winter.

The shocks were felt at Helena, Butte, Missoula, Livingston, Kalispell and Great Falls. No serious damage was reported.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A new cold wave crept across the United States to trouble a northern hemisphere already suffering from earthquakes, floods, fire and frigid weather.

Hundreds died on the upper half of the world, from California to China. The east was covered with sleet and snow.

Blizzards swept across Europe and Asia Minor, causing 78 deaths in Turkey and raising the total there to 275.

Property damage in Turkey was estimated at \$10,000,000. Shipping was delayed along the Spanish coast.

Mr. Davis appointed D. L. Huff enumerators for that part of Medford south and east of Evergreen street and another enumerators to be named next week for the rest of the city. Alfred Segaworth was selected for the Ashland district. Several other enumerators are to be appointed next week, Mr. Davis said.

The enumerators will make a record of sales, operating expenses, inventories, payroll, commodities sold or services rendered and similar data all of which is to be held in strict confidence by the census bureau and not made available even to other departments of the federal and state governments, Mr. Davis said.

NEW BISHOP'S PAY RAISED TO \$4800

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, consecrated this week as bishop of the Oregon Episcopal diocese, was extended a new expression of confidence and esteem today with the announcement of the diocesan convention that his salary had been increased by \$800 a year. At his election last October, the salary was fixed at \$4,000.

The young bishop, pastor at St. Johns at Denver before he came here this month, spent today replying to hundreds of telegrams and letters from well-wishers.

In his formal address the unmarried bishop said, "I have no family ties, and I expect that to be a permanent part of my annual report."

JAP MILITARISTS RECEIVE WARNING

MOSCOW, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Coincided with publication of reports of a Japanese-Manchoukuo invasion of Soviet-adviced outer Mongolia, the authoritative Soviet writer, Karl Radok, declared in Izvestia today that the Japanese militarists "have lost their minds" and warned them not to try the Soviet's nerves.

"They will learn our nerves are in complete order, and, if necessary, our hands, too," Radok asserted.

Numerous clashes have occurred recently along the Manchoukuo-outer Mongolia border, the most serious clashes between Japanese Manchoukuo troops and outer Mongolian forces Wednesday in which Soviet dispatches said ten Japanese-Manchoukuos were killed after invading outer Mongolia.

MINNIE BLITCH, 62, TO FINAL REWARD

Minnie Blitch, widow of the late Charles Blitch of Jacksonville, passed away in a local hospital Thursday evening following a brief illness.

She was born at Steinsberg, Germany, February 9, 1874, and was 62 years of age last Sunday. Leaving Germany at the age of 22, she landed in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she was married four years later to Chas. Blitch, then a soldier in the U. S. army and stationed at Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

For 20 years they resided at various army posts including the Panama Canal Zone, and upon the retirement of her husband from the service they came to Jacksonville, Ore. in May, 1920, to make their permanent home.

One son, Charles F. Blitch of Jacksonville, is the only known relative surviving.

Funeral services will be held at the Conger chapel at 2:30 Sunday with Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. The body will later be accompanied to Portland by the son for cremation.

RAIN IS PREDICTED FOR ROGUE VALLEY

The Rogue valley's early spring weather was short-lived. After one day of balmy sunshine the sky became overcast and today occasional rains were predicted by the weather bureau for tonight and tomorrow, with not much change in temperature.

Today's minimum temperature was 39, one degree under yesterday's lowest mark of 40. This afternoon the mercury stood at 44 as against 33 for the same hour yesterday.

Swanson Improved Is Hospital Word

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The condition of Secretary Swanson, gravely ill of pleurisy at naval hospital, was reported at his home early today to be "much improved."

"He is getting along fine," a spokesman said.

Captain George C. Thomas, commanding officer of the hospital, told newsmen a short time later that the 74-year-old navy chief had spent a very good night and was resting comfortably.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Pictures of Harry Gill and George Harrington, bachelors, somewhat out of place amid a display of Vic Milnes and wife, Keith Demman and wife, and Ivan Harrington and wife, in a downtown showcase.

Evident collision: Jack Porter, lumber dealer, and But "Chick" Lumber dealer, and Rug "Chick" Hayes, PWA construction salesman, touring around in the former's car.

Shorty Morris I town to get two halters fixed, and protesting vocally but good naturedly that the price of repairs was worth more than the two horses involved.

Jacques Maitlague, caught in the rain in shirt-sleeves and vest, fleeing toward shelter and mumbling incantations against the weather.

Harvey DeArmond, formerly of Grants Pass, bobbling about on crutches, resolved that the next time he goes hunting he will aim higher. The last time he shot his foot, hence the crutches.

Crowds gathered to watch an end-of-stream of bubbles ascend in a new clothing store down town, with speculation rife as to what made it go.