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KLAMATH 'POLITICIANS' BLASTED



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WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Some editors have been bringing bath towels to work these days to keep from being drenched by sudden floods of vop mail. The entire country, apparently, has taken its pen in hand to tell newspapers, magazines, and even the congressional record what it thinks about politics.

It may mean the country is aroused, and then again it may mean something else.

For instance, Senator Pope offered for printing in the Congressional Record the other day six letters to show the opinion of the people of Idaho about WPA. Pope said the letters demonstrated that WPA had been so outstanding that the leading citizens of his state could not resist writing about it. Each of the letters stated as much.

The trouble was they all stated the same sentiment on the same dates in about the same language. Indeed, three of the letters were identical, word for word. (Congressional Record, Feb. 9, page 1695).

The timely unanimity of the people of Idaho is undoubtedly a psychic manifestation, but there are practical ways of helping such things along. As all insiders know, public letter writing is an old lobbying trick. It is so old that most lobbyists have dropped it, although there are still some here who assert they can deliver 50,000 vop post letters to editors, congressmen or government officials on any subject within a week, for a sufficient sum.

Organized use of letter writers in political campaigns, however, is a new wrinkle, and a smart one, worked out by highly efficient modern political publicity men. They know the pro bono public letters are generally printed, and what is more, people read them, even in the congressional record.

However, most publicity men now offer more diversity in the choice of language than Mr. Pope exhibited for the people of Idaho.

More important than Senator Norcross' excellent speech against the supreme court was what came afterward—namely, nothing.

Although his address was as good as could be presented for his side of the case, it brought no reaction either from his good friend, the president or from congress. This was not an oversight. The president was asked about it, but passed the question off lightly without direct comment.

Congressional Judiciary Committee members and Senators have declined to talk about their recent White House visit, but it is generally understood on the inside that they were told to handle the anti-court bills and constitutional amendments in a very, very routine way.

Nearly all the president's advisers believe the constitutional talk is not doing him any good, and are trying to discourage it.

If you will look under Senator Pittman's feet whenever he takes a stand on anything, you will generally discover a vein of pure silver. He is the silver key to treasury policy.

It was not evident in his apparently illogical blast against the Japanese, but if you will assay that speech with the following data, you may find traces of valuable ore:

12-2-35—Treasury lowers bid on silver 5 cent.

12-10-35—Treasury lets silver market break wide open trying to eliminate Japanese smuggling of silver.

12-15-35—Pittman blasts Japanese at Las Vegas.

2-10-36—Pittman's heart bleeds about Japan's conquest of China.

Another unnoticed angle is that it is customary for congressmen to start a Japanese war scare each year, just before the war and navy department bills are considered. It helps to push the Mills through.

One shrewd news observer is observing that most of the Washington news for the last three years has been mainly about what is going to happen and most of it never does.

The new assistant treasury secretary, Wayne Taylor, will adequately fill the Washington social position vacated by his predecessor, Chip Roberts. Both are members of what plebeians hereabouts inaccurately call "the white spots brigade," largely centered in the state department.

There has been a revival of talk among important people about a coalition republican tickets composed

SISKIYOU AIDE CLAIMS MEDDLING IN AUTO MURDER

Plot to Hide Accused From Justice Charged—Allege Tule Lake Farmer 'Deliberately Run Down.'

YREKA, Calif., Feb. 15.—(AP)—District Attorney James Davis declared today his intention of pressing murder charges against French Johnson and Maynard Smith, and accused "Oregon politicians" of seeking to interfere in the case.

Johnson and Smith are wanted here in connection with the death of Elmer Rock, Tule Lake farmer, in an automobile accident last December. Smith was arrested in Klamath Falls today, charged with deliberately running Rock down.

"Monday morning, in the superior court at 10 a.m., I am going to dismiss the negligent homicide charge filed against French Johnson by the son-in-law of the victim, Leonard Olson, and enter murder charges against both French Johnson and Maynard Smith," Davis said.

The district attorney stated that "big political powers in Klamath Falls, Ore., have attempted to hide Maynard Smith as a fugitive from justice and extradition papers have been obtained to bring him over the line."

Sheriff Chandler was in Klamath Falls today.

At a preliminary hearing into the case at Dorris, in northeastern Siskiyou county, French and Johnson shed very little light on the case, Davis explained. It was not even made clear who had been driving the automobile or whether the driver had been intoxicated.

The trial on the manslaughter charge has been set for February 18. It was not known here today whether the date would be affected by the filing next Monday of the murder complaints.

"I'll be damned if Oregon politicians can affect justice being done in Siskiyou county," Davis said, "and I'm going to push this case if it takes the whole resources of the state."

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Maynard Smith of Klamath Falls was arrested here today on a murder complaint issued in Yreka, Calif., accusing him of running down and killing Elmer Rock, northern California rancher, with an automobile. Yreka officers charged the act was deliberate. French Johnson of Tule Lake is sought in connection with the same case.

CALIFORNIA MOB THREATENS 3 WHO BEAT UP HERMIT

ANTIOCH, Cal., Feb. 15.—(UP)—Threats of lynching tonight led Chief of Police Al LeRoy to rush three prisoners in the Antioch jail to the Contra Costa county jail at Martinez, following the beating of A. S. Knight, 80-year-old reclusive, in his shack on the Antioch waterfront.

Twice tonight a crowd of 15 to 20 men gathered around the Antioch jail only to be dispersed by police. Later, however, when a crowd gathered two blocks from the jail, LeRoy decided to take his prisoners to Martinez for safe-keeping.

Knight was in the Martinez hospital with a fractured skull, fractured jaw and minor injuries. Physicians said he probably would die.

The three men held by police are Louis Sly, 36; Roy Bussey, 28; and Pat Sutton, 28.

LeRoy said he had a signed confession from Sly that he and Sutton went to Knight's shack yesterday afternoon after the snow ceased drinking, to get a .45 caliber revolver (Knight owned and that Sly wanted).

According to the confession, LeRoy said, Sly locked them out but that they returned about 6:30, smashed down the door and beat the elderly man.

Idaho Battles Drifts

POCATELLO, Idaho, Feb. 15.—(AP)—State highway snow crews continued their battle today against huge drifts that block the Oregon Trail east of Lags Hot Springs, following the rescue last night of 32 cars trapped yesterday afternoon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Secretary of War George H. Dern said tonight the tense situation in Europe was largely responsible for the administration's national defense program provided for in the recent peacetime appropriation bill now before the senate.

ROOSEVELT'S HAT IN THE RING



There hasn't been any doubt that President Roosevelt would seek reelection, but it is now official. Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes (left) and his aide, Major Amos Richardson, are pictured looking over the petition which entered the President's name in the Illinois preferential primary in April. (Associated Press Photo)

HOOTS AND JEERS GREET CRITIC OF ROOSEVELT RULE

Baltimore Speech of McFadden Ended by Heckling—Listing of Aide As 'Red' Starts Fuss.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Bernard McFadden met with so much heckling after a criticism of the Roosevelt administration here tonight that he apparently cut short an address he was making and sat down.

McFadden, publisher of the magazine Liberty, was speaking at a dinner of the advertising club. Some of his listeners hooted parts of his speech loudly.

The noise from the audience began while McFadden was discussing some of the president's advisers. It was after he turned to relations with the Japanese, however, that the noise became so great that he stopped speaking.

The first disturbance came after McFadden said that Felix Frankfurter, a presidential adviser, was "listed in the red network." A heater shouted:

"Keep politics out." The interrupter was applauded.

Later McFadden charged that Roosevelt had deserted the Democratic platform. From the audience came a shout:

"Conditions govern platform."

From this point on the noise increased until Howard S. Jones, president of the club, asked those who did not agree with the speaker's remarks to leave. None left. The noise grew.

Mayor Jackson asked the guests to extend to the publisher "the courtesy for which Baltimore is noted." At this point a toy balloon, one of those festooning the banquet hall, was exploded.

McFadden then turned to the Japanese question, saying that there were 25,000 Japanese in California and 120 fishing boats large enough to be used as mine layers. This precipitated the outburst during which he sat down.

SOLON NABBED AT RELIEF JOB RIOT

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Congressman Vito Marcantonio (R., N.Y.) spent more than three hours in a Manhattan precinct police station today for speaking at a forbidden demonstration, but his release left unanswered the question of who was the most embarrassed—Marcantonio, Mayor La Guardia, or Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine.

Marcantonio was one of 13 persons arrested as police broke up a meeting of some 10,000 unemployed WPA and EBB workers in Madison Square. All were taken to the precinct station in a patrol wagon.

The meeting had been called by leaders of the group in spite of the refusal of city authorities to grant a parade permit with the explanation that "the study conditions of the streets would not permit."

Survives 4-Story Fall

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—O. W. Swiger, who fell or leaped four stories from a hotel room here yesterday, has a fair chance of recovery, physicians said today.

TOWNSEND FUNDS FACE EARLY QUIZ

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—House leaders today predicted approval next week of a congressional investigation of the Townsend and other old age pension movements.

The Townsend plan was declared to be "utterly absurd" by Dr. Ray B. Westfield, a Yale university professor, who told listeners in a radio talk tonight that Dr. Townsend was "a true child of the New Deal; a man in Utopian fairland."

Representative Smith (D., Wash.) has asked to be heard by the rules committee Monday in opposition to the investigation resolution. Smith contends there is no demand by Townsend club members for the investigation.

BRUNO TOLD ONLY HOPE LEFT IS TO TELL 'THE TRUTH'

New Death Date Sought As Reprieve Expires—Washington, D. C., Society Leader in Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Samuel S. Liebowitz, noted New York criminal lawyer, noted tonight that only Bruno Richard Hauptmann could answer the question whether he ultimately would be put to death.

"Is Hauptmann going to burn?" a reporter asked.

"Only Hauptmann can answer that," Liebowitz replied.

The lawyer had just returned from a five-hour conference at the palatial home of Mrs. Evelyn Nash McLean, Washington society woman, who spent \$100,000 in a vain effort to apprehend the kidnaper of Baby Charles A. Lindbergh and only recently has appeared behind the scenes in last frantic moves to save Hauptmann.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Samuel Liebowitz, Bruno Richard Hauptmann's newest lawyer, told reporters here tonight on arrival from New York that he would confer with Mrs. Evelyn Nash McLean, Washington society woman.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who saw two death dates pass, faced another tonight as he awaited an interview with the lawyer who broke his stoical calm.

Saved the first time by appeal and second by a 30-day reprieve from Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, Hauptmann's only hope of escaping the third appeared to be in any new information throwing additional light on the case. It was below freezing everywhere north of Roseburg. Extreme southern Oregon enjoyed mild weather.

Shippers were warned to protect shipments during the next 36 hours against cold.

A bitter east wind out of the Columbia gorge added to the discomfort against cold.

Low temperatures here Saturday was 18, which duplicated Friday's minimum.

ITALIANS START NEW OFFENSE IN NORTH ETHIOPIA

ROME, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A new Italian offensive in northern Ethiopia was described today by informed sources.

It was stated the Italian command seeks absolute control over the Tembien area, where both Italian and Ethiopian forces have claimed victories.

Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Italian commander, was said to be solidifying his advance line from Abbi Addi, 25 miles west of Makale, as far west as the confluence of Tarkaze and Ueri rivers.

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Military authorities were understood tonight to have ordered precautions against the possibility of an Italian bombing plane raid on the capital.

The air raid was feared as a retaliation for an Ethiopian victory at Tembien.

The observer, Marius Brophill, Irish Red Cross worker, said 20,000 white Italians were bottled up in that battle and had been unable to escape alive.

Daily reports tell of the widening range of Italian bombing raids inside the northern point.

BULLETIN

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 15.—(UP)—University of Oregon Frosh wound up a successful southern Oregon basketball tour tonight by defeating Klamath Falls high Pelicans, 45-21. The Frosh led all the way.

The half-time score was 25-8.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 15.—(UP)—A last-minute foul guard by Ed Dougray, substitute guard, gave University of California a 30-29 victory over St. Mary's College of Moraga here tonight.

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Corvallis High downed the state champion Astoria basketball team tonight 33 to 24. The winners scored 10 points before Astoria tallied and led at halftime 15 to 11.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Sales of domestic wools in Boston during the past week were very moderate, but prices were firm to slightly stronger.

Short Wave Radio That Dials Like Telephone Amazes

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 15.—(AP)—An ultra-short wave radio which can be dialed like a telephone amazed United States forest service executives from all parts of the country here today.

"A major improvement of great importance" was the unanimous verdict of the forest men who are studying forest service innovations in a 10-day conference here.

The tiny portable set was set up today in the forest service warehouse. Two-way conversation was established immediately with an airplane 4000 feet above Spokane.

"Visibility good; snow everywhere; no sign of forest fire," said the pilot-operator. Then he answered questions from the forest service demonstrators.

UPSTATE SHIVERS; SNOWBOUND CITIES OF EAST SUCCEED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(UP)—No relief Sunday from the bitter cold which enveloped the northwest was forecast today by the weather bureau, which forecast fair and continued cold.

Temperatures this morning ranged downward to 35 degrees below zero in northern Idaho. West of the Cascades it was below freezing everywhere north of Roseburg. Extreme southern Oregon enjoyed mild weather.

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SOUTH AREA HIT BY FLU EPIDEMIC

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—(UP)—An influenza epidemic spread through California tonight with hundreds ill. Three schools were closed.

The epidemic, apparently traveling south from the San Francisco bay region, forced closing of the Whittier and Antelope Valley Union high schools, and Norwalk grammar school.

In one of the schools, nearly half the students were ill.

Fears that other schools would be closed next week were expressed by health authorities. Juvenile hall has been under quarantine several days.

Chilly at Bend.

BEND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Light snow fell in Bend today as the temperature slowly mounted from last night's minimum of four degrees above, to 14 degrees at noon.

Given Utilities Betts.

SALEM, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Alvin W. Miller of the state utilities commission, has been assigned to Pendleton to serve as field supervisor of the motor transportation division. He will have charge of virtually all counties east of the Cascade mountains.

MRI Fatality

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—W. M. McFerron, 32, employee of the Crown-Williams Logging company near Cathlamet, died in hospital here today from injuries received in an accident at the mill yesterday.

Secretary Ill



Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson, shown at his desk, lay seriously ill with pleurisy at the naval hospital at Washington. He is 74. (Associated Press Photo)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Secretary of Navy Claude Swanson, suffering from pleurisy, was gravely ill tonight and naval hospital attendants regarded his condition as very serious.

He suffered a setback this morning and, although the 74-year-old secretary rallied somewhat, physicians were concerned about him.

He was running a temperature above 100 degrees.

Secretary Swanson first became ill when pleurisy developed after he suffered a fractured rib in a fall in the bathroom of his home a week ago.

M'GURN, KILLER OF CAPONE GANG, 'BITES THE DUST'

Public Enemy No. 5, Slain in Chicago Pool Hall—Linked With St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A tangle of gangland hostilities—extending back seven years to the St. Valentine's massacre of 1929—enmeshed tonight the hunt for the slayers of dapper "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn.

"Public enemy No. 5" on the original Chicago list, he died early today. Just 12 hours past the exact anniversary of the septuple killing of George (Bugs) Moran henchmen which spotlighted him in national notoriety. Three pistol men ended his "charmed life" in a near north-west side bowling alley.

There were "just too many reasons" why the death of the chief machine gunner of the Capone "syndicate" could have been desired to make it easy to trace his killers, said Mal Coghlan, assistant state's attorney.

"Police will have to untangle many phases of his life before we can even get started toward a solution," he added.

William Aiolio, proprietor of the bowling alley, told police he did not know the identity of his slain customer until they arrived.

Late today all persons questioned in the slaying were released, including Aiolio and William Belmonte, a tailor who made many of McGurn's suits. Charged with disorderly conduct, the latter two were freed under \$100 cash bonds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Warden James A. Johnston of Alcatraz Island federal prison said Al Capone has not been informed of the slaying of "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn in Chicago today. Warden Johnston admitted possibility of the information reaching Capone through "grapevine" channels. "In time," however.

BORAH CONFIDENT OF G. O. P. CHOICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Senator Borah of Idaho said tonight he expected to be the Republican nominee for the presidency.

The statement was given in response to a question as to what he would have to say about a letter supposedly en route to him from the Illinois Republican state committee demanding that he pledge his loyalty to the party.

"I have no occasion for considering any question of loyalty to the party because I expect to be the nominee myself," was his reply.

M'NARY OBJECTS AS SENATE OKAYS NEW AAA MEASURE

Oregon Senator Holds Bill Invalid and Faces Court Test—Crop by Soil Saving Plan—Passage Sure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Ploving under bipartisan opposition by an almost three-to-one margin, administration forces today won Senate passage of the \$500,000,000 soil conservation-subsidy brand of crop control.

The bill now goes to the house. The Senate vote, eliminating seven days of debate during which the measure's constitutionality was challenged and defended, was 65 to 29.

Forty-nine Democrats, five Republicans, the Farmer-Laborite, Business and the Progressive, LaFollette, voted for the bill. Nine Democrats and 11 Republicans opposed it.

Just before the last roll call, a motion by Senator McNary, the Republican leader, to send the bill back to committee with instructions to report out a new proposal in three weeks, was rejected, 64 to 21.

McNary contended the bill was "unworkable and unconstitutional." He predicted after the senate quit for the day that some state would challenge it in the courts.

Supporters argued it was constitutional under the supreme court's interpretation of its decision killing the AAA which the soil bill is intended to replace.

The bill, introduced by Senator Smith (D., S. C.) as a substitute for a somewhat similar measure by Senator Bankhead (D., Ala.) would authorize expenditures of half a billion dollars in federal subsidies to farmers based on the acreage of land, soil-improving and erosion-preventing crops changes in farming practices, and a percentage of normal production entering domestic channels.

After two years, permanent state-aid plans with the same objective would become operative in any state whose legislature approved a formula prepared by the secretary of agriculture. States could join the permanent system, however, at any time during the operation of the temporary plan. U. S. aid would be given after January 1, 1938, in any state whose legislature had not adopted a plan.

Although the secretary of agriculture would have unlimited authority in measuring grants, an amendment by Senator Clark (D., Mo.) which was approved, would prohibit the total from exceeding the \$500,000,000 authorization in any one year.

The only other amendment adopted, aside from Clark's, was one by La Follette, to authorize the secretary of agriculture to make use of producer associations formed under the Capone-Valsted act in allotting funds to carry out the policy of expanding foreign and domestic markets and disposing of surpluses.

FAIR, BUT RAINY, WEEK'S OUTLOOK

Northern California: Unsettled with rain Sunday; snow over high mountain ranges Sunday; Monday cloudy and unsettled; snow over mountains; normal temperature; fresh south and west wind off the coast.

Oregon: Cloudy Sunday and Monday; probably snow; no change in temperature; fresh east wind off the coast.

VAN VLACK GOES TO DEATH CELL

BOISE, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Douglas Van Vlack, 31, under sentence to die April 3 for the murder of his former wife, Mildred Hook of Tacoma, became prisoner 5264 in the Idaho state penitentiary tonight.

Howard Steward, prison parole officer, photographed Van Vlack late today and he was taken back to his cell and solitary confinement.

The prisoner, who will be the seventh to be hanged in the 60-year-old state prison, if an appeal to the supreme court fails, "is opposed in every way" in the "mugging in" process, Steward said.

Van Vlack was brought here from Twin Falls yesterday.