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GOVERNMENT WINS TVA DECISION



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WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The political campaign may seem to some people to be hot enough already, but apparently it is not.



Promises to stoke it up are currently being spread by expert pyrotechnicians on the forgotten but not gone senate lobby committee. Chairman Black is permitting his pals to say that he has secretly accumulated a storehouse full of gasoline cans, and now is about to light his match.

One can be loaded with six (no less) new "facts" of that absurd old presidential insanity story. You may recall that an unrecognized advertising genius from New Jersey confessed that he had advertised utilities to spread the word that the president was not quite bright.

A "fact" primarily means "a small face," which indicates that Black has accumulated a half dozen more of the same, presumably those of utilitarians or non-New Dealers.

The alertness of Black's firemen is attested by this story straight from the inside:

Reports recently came to the committee fire house that a downtown motion picture house was showing a film detrimental to the Tennessee Valley Authority program. It was said that a public utilitist was being shown speaking at length against the TVA. No compensating pro-TVA speech was included.

Black's men answered the first alarm, witnessed the movie, wrote a report.

Frankly, the best informed authorities here do not expect Black's conflagration to live down to these and other sub rosa advance notices. Most of the five alarm political developments in the past around here have not required such advance presaging.

Also there is a strong movement inside President Roosevelt's own immediate official family designed to

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SNOW AND SLEET DUE IN PORTLAND
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—A bitter, knife-edged east wind continued to roar out of the Columbia river gorge today, sending a driving fall of fine snow over Portland. The temperature rose slowly from a minimum of 19 degrees to 24 at 2 p. m. But the weather bureau predicted a 16 degree reading tonight.

The weather station said "there is at the moment no relief in sight."

COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT TO SELL SURPLUS POWER

Other Activities Of TVA Not Affected — Justice McReynolds Sole Dissenter — Crowd Hears Reading.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—In a decision which did not reach to the constitutionality of the TVA as a whole, the supreme court today upheld the right of the government to dispose of surplus power from dams constructed for purposes of navigation control or as a national defense measure.

An 8 to 1 decision, read by Chief Justice Hughes and with Justice McReynolds dissenting, held that the construction of Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals was constitutional and that the government purchase of transmission lines from the Alabama Power company to distribute the energy was also valid.

A minority contended that the court should have dismissed the case. The decision was limited to the validity of the contract in question and the government's right to dispose of property belonging to it. Thus, other manifold activities of the TVA—such as land purchase, resettlement and encouragement of wider use of electric power—were not directly affected.

A record-breaking crowd which included many notables listened intently as Hughes read the hour long, history-making decision. The Chief Justice leaned forward and spoke in a clear forceful voice.

After ruling that the construction of the Wilson dam as an act of national defense and for the improvement of navigation was legal, the court held that there was no constitutional prohibition against the manner in which the Tennessee Valley authority was disposing of the electricity generated there. "Surplus"

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HIRAM P. MAXIM, INVENTOR, DIES

LA JUNTA, Colo., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Hiram Percy Maxim of Hartford, Conn., internationally known inventor and mechanical engineer, died in Mennonite hospital here today of a throat infection.

Maxim was enroute by train to the west coast with his wife last week when he became ill.

His wife and a son, also from Hartford, were with him when he died.

The inventor was 67 years old and was born at Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Sir Hiram Stevens and Louise Jane Budden Maxim.

The father of Hiram Percy Maxim was the inventor of the first machine gun. He had difficulty with the government regarding some of his patents, renounced his American citizenship and went to England. The father and a brother, Hudson Maxim, who died in 1927, were holders of patents on a number of electrical and ordnance inventions.

Admissions Solve Murder



BREMERTON, Wash., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Sheriff Rugh Blankenship said today the "rubbish heap" slaying of Adolph A. Sandell, former San Francisco shipping clerk, was solved through confessions of Sandell's divorced wife and her brother, Lawson K. Barton.



Peace officers at Bremerton, Wash., said today the slaying of Adolph A. Sandell, formerly of San Francisco, in May 1935, near the home of his former wife, Mrs. Grace Sandell, had been solved through the confessions of both Sandell's divorced wife (right) and her brother, Lawson K. Barton (left). Mrs. Sandell is shown (above) pointing out to officers the spot where the buried remains of her former husband were found. (A.P. Photo.)

RUSSIAN ENVOYS TAKE QUEER LOOT FROM MEDICS CAR

TOKYO, Feb. 17.—A Japanese foreign office spokesman said tonight that information from Helsinki indicated Russia soon would withdraw all her consulates, except the consular general at Harbin, from Manchukuo.

Officials said they believed the withdrawal was not connected with the recent fight along the Manchukuo border and could not be interpreted as a preparation for war.

They said that, instead, the Russian action could be regarded as an outcome of the three years' dispute over the desire of the Japan-created empire of Manchukuo to establish consulates at Khabarovsk, Nikolaievsk, Verkhneinduk, and Irkutsk. In addition to those established in 1933 at Blagovestchensk and Chita.

City police are today looking for a strange sort of thief who Saturday night or early Sunday morning took peculiar loot from the parked car of Dr. B. C. Wilson while the machine was in front of his office in the Medford Center building. The loot: one black rooster, alive; an assortment of old, burned-out light globes; one black medicine kit.

The man, using the name Dave O'Malley, which police believe to be an alias, registered at a local rooming house early Sunday morning. The landlady noticed the man had a chicken in a sack, and ordered him out, police said. Sunday morning the cook in a local lunch room reported to police that a man had come in, apparently drunk, extracted a black rooster from a sack, pulled its head off, threw the bird on the floor and departed.

Dr. Wilson recovered the rooster, but to date no trace of the black medicine kit has been found. Two tires and a rifle, which were in the car, were not disturbed. The light globes the doctor accumulated to serve as floating targets when he goes to the river for a day's outing.

Clark Evangelists Ending Service At Nazarene Tonight
The Nazarene church was packed to capacity last night and many extra seats were crowded in to care for the large crowd to hear the Clark Radio Singers and evangelists.

Rev. Weatherford, the pastor, said of the evangelists, "they are of the highest type of singers and preachers," and his church was happy because of their coming, as twenty new members will be received into the church.

BROTHER, SISTER CONFESS SLAYING FORMER HUSBAND

Bremerton "Rubbish Heap" Murder Cleared Up By Admissions, Belief—Man Cracks Under Grilling.

BREMERTON, Wash., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Sheriff Rugh Blankenship said today the "rubbish heap" slaying of Adolph A. Sandell, former San Francisco shipping clerk, was solved through confessions of Sandell's divorced wife and her brother, Lawson K. Barton.

Barton admitted shooting Sandell in a plot with Mrs. Grace Sandell to obtain \$5,000 with which to build a new home on her farm near Port Orchard, Blankenship said. The Sandells accumulated the money during their marriage.

Woman Admits Disposal
Mrs. Sandell, who first accused Barton of the killing, admitted aiding him in burning the body and hiding the remains in a rubbish pile which later was covered by earth from the excavation of the house, the Kitsap county officer declared.

The woman did not admit, as Barton asserted, that Sandell was shot while ill from poison she gave him in a drink, the sheriff said.

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PUBLIC IS INVITED TO INSPECT ARMY PLANES; 10 HERE

Five more army air corps officers arrived yesterday afternoon at municipal airport, each flying a new pursuit ship from the Boeing plant in Seattle.

The new arrivals joined their five fellow-officers who arrived from Seattle last Thursday under command of Capt. Col. Ralph Joyce, commander of Selridge field, near Detroit, Mich., while the ten new pursuit planes are being taken.

The ten officers today were awaiting clear weather in California before taking off for Rockwell field near San Diego where the ships are to be checked. Unfavorable conditions over California have held the first contingent of officers here since their arrival Thursday. Prospects today were they would

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SEE IMPORTANCE OF TVA DECISION

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Establishment of the legal principle that the United States has the right to sell surplus power generated at government power projects, was regarded here today as of utmost importance to the Pacific Northwest where Bonneville and Grand Coulee surplus power will be available.

Marshall N. Dana, chairman of the Pacific Northwest regional planning commission, said "I regard the TVA decision as of the greatest importance to the Pacific Northwest development."

The United States supreme court held today in the case of the Tennessee valley authority, that the government has the right to dispose of surplus power developed at federal hydro-electric projects.

FUNDS FOR BONUS AND FARM RELIEF GAIN SENATE OKEH

Appropriation Bill Carrying \$2,889,751,905 To Now Go To House For Approval Of Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The senate today passed an appropriation bill carrying \$2,889,751,905, including \$1,730,000,000 to pay the bonus, \$440,000,000 for the new soil subsidy farm program and \$879,751,905 to run the independent offices of the government in the next fiscal year.

Inclusion of the farm appropriation was carried out so quickly that it passed almost unnoticed.

Senator Byrnes (D., S. C.), proposed the amendment immediately after he had won approval of the bonus appropriation.

The bill now goes back to the house for approval of the bonus and farm amendments and a few other minor changes.

Besides a flat appropriation of \$440,000,000 for the farm program, the Byrnes amendment reapportioned \$30,000,000 for unexpended money in the old AAA fund for soil subsidies.

The \$3,000,000,000 original public works appropriation included in a deficiency bill three years ago was the record.

The largest emergency peace-time appropriation not included in a regular supply measure was last season's \$4,800,000,000 fund for work and direct relief, while the record war-time allotment for a government department was \$10,225,000,000 for the army in 1918-1919.

Everyone engaged in the building trades industry was today invited to a dinner to be held at 6:30 tonight in the Hotel Medford basement dining room at which Dr. O. W. Allison, field representative of the Edison Electric Institute, will give a talk on household modernization and the use of electrical appliances in the home.

Persons contemplating construction or modernization of a home were also invited as Dr. Allison's address was described as being of interest to those having such intentions.

Dr. Allison has been affiliated with the electrical industry about 25 years. He is interested primarily in the development of the industry from the standpoint of consumer service and the solution of household problems. He will give another talk at the weekly meeting-luncheon of the Rotary club at the Hotel Medford tomorrow.

26 Oregon Drys Attend Meeting To Form Party

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Only 26 persons braved the cold east wind and light snow flurries today to participate in the morning meeting here of the state convention of the Oregon prohibition party.

The state law requires that 500 persons must attend a meeting to organize a political party or to take action as a political party.

Edward E. Blake of Chicago, national chairman of the prohibition party, was the principal speaker. He told the scant gathering that the prohibition party must get its candidates on the ballot, "either by the convention or petition method—we may have to use both."

ALEX PANTAGES, THEATER OWNER, IS FOUND DEAD
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Alexander Pantages, wealthy theater owner, horseman and veteran of the Klondike gold days, was found dead in bed at his home here today.

Cause of death apparently was heart failure. He was 64 years old.

Operating principally in the western part of the United States, Pantages sold his large theater chain to RKO in 1929, but in 1933 he again headed an independent exhibiting organization.

Pantages was born on an island off the Greek mainland, and as a youth worked in Cairo, Egypt.

There followed in succession jobs as a cabin boy on a Mediterranean tramp steamer and in the old Walter Meyer beer garden in San Francisco. When the Klondike gold rush began in 1898, Pantages headed for the Yukon.

There it was he made his big "stake" and then returned to the United States to become a dominant figure in the entertainment world, first in vaudeville enterprises, and later with motion pictures.

The body was found by John Gerkins, a gardener, who was asked by Mrs. Lola Pantages to go to her husband's bedroom and find out why he had not come down for breakfast.

Dr. Leland Chapman, the family physician, was summoned. Dr. Chapman said Pantages had been dead for some time.

ATTORNEY, CLIENT SLAIN IN ROW OVER JOSEPHINE MINE

Rancher Stages Gunplay In Seattle Office — El Oro Mine Litigation Is Basis Of Fatal Quarrel.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Richard E. Morris, an attorney, was shot and killed, and V. M. Laigo, a Filipino client, fatally wounded in Morris' law office here today. A few minutes later, P. C. Corryell, 75, Union City, rancher, surrendered to the sheriff and said he had "shot three men."

The third man, J. L. Esterman, Morris' law partner, escaped the fusillade and had called the police when Corryell gave himself up.

Corryell had won a suit brought by Laigo, he told sheriff's deputies, but Laigo had appealed and the case was coming up for retrial tomorrow. Corryell said he had gone to Morris' office to try to settle the suit out of court.

Well Prepared
Corryell handed Sheriff W. B. Severson a .32 calibre automatic pistol, a hunting knife in a leather holster and a linen bag filled with buckshot. "You were well prepared, weren't you?" Severson remarked.

"Yes, I didn't want to miss," Corryell was quoted as saying. "This shooting was over a contract I had with Laigo, a contract which he himself broke."

Severson said Corryell, his wife and a daughter, Virginia Bennett, are still in the hospital.

COUNTER ATTACK FAILS TO CRACK ITALIAN ADVANCE

ROME, Feb. 17.—A desperate but futile Ethiopian counter-attack following a great Italian victory on the northern front was reported tonight by the Stefani (Italian) News Agency correspondent in Asmara, Eritrea.

The report said the Ethiopians launched mass attacks last night in an effort to break through the newly-established Italian advance lines, but were mowed down by intense artillery and machine gun fire.

(By the Associated Press)
Claims of a great Italian victory in northern Ethiopia were put forward in Rome today as the Italian government announced the most sweeping advance of troops in the north since the early days of the war with Ethiopia.

The Italians said they had captured 300 square miles of new territory in a six day battle which

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Bill Coy coyly buttoning his tobacco pouch in an inside pocket as a reporter dove into stew with a giant pipe, which Bill was afraid he'd be called upon to fill.

J. Verne Shangle hotly demanding that the city police execute all the pigeons in the city.

Ken Anderson sending up a test balloon for six miles for the edification of the press, and assuring the public that this sort of thing goes on every day, at the meteorological station at the airport.

Ira Powell Edwards, formerly of the Mail Tribune staff, thinking that since "only God can make a tree," He ought to devote some time to the Hepper district. She hadn't seen a tree for months before returning here for a visit.

Rep. O'Connor Promises Swift Kick for Priest

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Rep. Sweeney (D., Ohio) told the house today that Father Charles E. Coughlin will arrive in Washington tomorrow to take up Representative O'Connor's (D., N.Y.) challenge "to kick" the Detroit radio priest "all the way from the capitol to the White House."

After reading to the house the telegram sent the Detroit radio priest by O'Connor yesterday in reply to Coughlin's radio attack on the rules committee chairman, Sweeney said:

"Father Coughlin will take up that challenge and will arrive here tomorrow morning."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Hostility between Father Charles E. Coughlin and Representative John O'Connor (D., N. Y.), flared into sudden warfare today, with the representative threatening to kick his critic through the capitol's streets.

The Detroit radio priest called O'Connor a "servant of the money changers" while the New Yorker replied that the clergyman was a "disgrace" to the church.

At issue was the Fraser-Lemke bill to issue up to \$3,500,000 in new money and use it to refinance farm mortgages at easier terms.

Father Coughlin, demanding passage of the bill, accused O'Connor yesterday of trying to intimidate legislators into taking their names off a petition which is being circulated in an effort to force a vote on the measure.

As chairman of the powerful house rules committee, O'Connor had a "strangle-hold" on the measure, the clergyman said. He called on President Roosevelt to "order" O'Connor to release the "strangle-hold."

Father Coughlin declared that O'Connor should not only be removed from the committee chairmanship but "should resign his seat in congress."

O'Connor was sitting by his radio, listening in. When address was over he seized paper and pencil and wrote a telegram to the priest. He said it read as follows:

"Just heard your libelous radio rambling. The truth is not in you. You are a disgrace to my church or any other church and especially to the citizenship of America which you recently embraced."

"You do not dare to print what you said about me. If you will please come to Washington I shall guarantee to kick you all the way from the capitol to the White House with clerical gear and all the silver in your pockets which you got by speculation in Wall street while I was voting for all farm bills."

"Come on."

At Hiatt Prairie—Harold Wall and Fred Schmidt spent yesterday in sailing over the Hiatt prairie country.

Income Shares

Maryland fund, bid \$10.11; asked \$20.57.
Quarterly income shares, bid \$1.54; asked \$1.60.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A stop-gap resolution designed to guard America's neutrality until May 1, 1937 was adopted today by the house and sent to the senate.