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BRUNO'S ATTORNEY QUILTS CASE



By Paul Mallon (Copyright, 1936, by Paul Mallon) WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The cloakroom explanation for Congressman Bell's unseemly darning in taking on the Townsendites for an investigation is simply that he comes from Kansas City.

Democratic congressman from Kansas City are immune from the ordinary political hazards which affect public men. As all well informed politicians know, local boss Pendergast is extremely influential in electing public officials in that city. If he likes you, it is immaterial what the Townsendites think of you. He likes Mr. Bell.

Thus Mr. Bell will be able to play a strong David to Dr. Townsend's political Goliath. Trembling congressmen generally are cheering him on from a safe distance in the background. Elimination of the Townsend influence would cause them all to breathe easier.

Not—Bell is a capable lawyer, a former circuit judge and a thoroughly competent congressman. He will do a good job.

The comparable courage of rules chairman O'Connor in almost taking on the politically powerful Father Coughlin has a slightly different explanation.

One inside answer to such transcending non-partisan loyalty is that both the house and the senate have much of the family spirit. They have often been called exclusive clubs, but they are more than that.

The legislators will call each other everything they can think of, but if any outsider tries to call any of them anything, they will rally to the personal defense of the oppressed member.

That is where Coughlin made his mistake and hurt the Frazier-Lemke bill he was sponsoring.

Some of Father Coughlin's strategists appear to be well pleased by the result. He has not been getting his name in the papers much recently. Expenses of his promotional campaigns have increased, while receipts have diminished. If he can keep on the front page regularly

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CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS RESIGN TOWNSEND CLUB

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—One hundred and twenty civil service employees at the Multnomah county courthouse resigned from the Townsend club, Deputy County Clerk G. Schneider said today.

The resignation followed published assertions that participation in Townsend work constitutes political activity contrary to civil service law.

Ed Lampont, who is celebrating his 26th wedding anniversary today, telling upstairs to Mrs. Wilcox, inquiring how long she's been married, and when she said "Longer than you have—18 years." Ed replying, "It just seems longer."

Al Smith (the local one) discovering that horse-play isn't all it's cracked-up to be, since he's spent the last week in search of a team of nags.

Bill Bowman fishing a jaundiced eye upon a group of newly recruited soccer balls, not a single one of which was round. They're for the grade school kids, to be used instead of basketballs.

"Rudacious" MacKinnon finding a peculiar looking little gadget on the floor of his car, and then going half mad trying to find out where it came from, with no success, and accusing the radio "repeater" with having it left over after repairing his set.

Darrel Huson holding a box of gift matches almost closed as a reporter couldn't get them all, but getting fooled when the paper sides bulged too much.

LEIBOWITZ INFERS BELIEF IN GUILT OF ACCUSED MAN

Kidnaper Shown Electric Chair in Dramatic Episode—Refuses to Change Story in Talk With Counsel

By PAT McGRADY (Copyright, 1936, by the Associated Press)

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 20.—The electric chair in which Bruno Richard Hauptmann has been doomed to die the week of March 30 was shown to him in a dramatic episode in the death house yesterday. It was learned today.

Hauptmann peered into the death chamber during the interview with Samuel S. Leibowitz, New York attorney, and C. Lloyd Fisher, chief counsel.

Like a Caged Animal. "Hauptmann was like a caged animal," said a person who was present at the interview.

"He continually grasped the bars of his cell with white, clenched fists and thrust his face between the bars.

"During the interview Leibowitz insisted that a wire screen be removed from behind Hauptmann's cell. When this was done, Hauptmann could reach through the bars and touch the green door leading to the execution chamber and by extending his head could look through the little peephole in the door.

"Leibowitz opened the peephole and Hauptmann looked through. He stared at the electric chair for a minute and blanched. He shivered and sighed and lost his voice momentarily, but no tears came to his eyes."

Knows Last Card Played. It was after this interview that Leibowitz announced his withdrawal

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TRIP TO MEDFORD FUNERAL IS FATAL FOR W. YAPLE, 61

Death struck twice this week in the same family, snatching the life of Weldon M. Yale, 61, of Sequim, Washington, when he received a broken neck as the result of an auto accident Monday while enroute here to attend the funeral of his ex-wife, Mrs. Myrtle G. Pettit who died Sunday.

Yaple was riding in a car driven by his son Vern. Near Halsey, Oregon, the machine skidded, left the highway, and was badly smashed, leaving Yaple with a broken neck. He was rushed by ambulance to the Albany General hospital, where he died Tuesday, 36 hours later. His son and daughter-in-law and their son, Raymond, riding in the same car, were not seriously injured.

The body arrived in Medford this morning with the Peil Funeral Home in charge. Interment will be at 2 p. m. Friday, at the Fairview cemetery in Ashland.

He leaves six sons and two daughters, Lawrence, Hopland, California; Vern, Sequim, Washington; Harold, James, Glenn, Ken, Ore.; Walter Yaple, Medford, Ore.; Mrs. Arthur Wordell, Garrison, Montana; Miss Edith Yaple, Medford; six grandchildren, one brother, B. G. Yaple, Bailey, Colorado; and one sister, Mrs. Frank Trucker, Pomona, California.

By JAMES OLDFIELD (Associated Press Foreign Staff)

LONDON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The night, fair-haired Edward VIII completed the first month of his reign today with public evidence that he has become Britain's "informal monarch."

The new king-emperor, whose rule began the instant his father, George V, died just before midnight January 20, in keeping with the tradition that "the king never dies," has already settled down to his tasks with characteristic thoroughness.

Just as he toured the empire as Prince of Wales, making scores of informal trips as "Britain's ambassador of friendship," so he has demonstrated that 20th century informality, rather than stiff regard for precedent, will mark his reign.

This irrepressible informality, which made Edward the best-loved Prince of Wales in Britain's history, was again disclosed at his first public function since his accession—a visit yesterday to the British industries fair at Olympia.

He toured the stands in a record time for royal speed, often out-distancing his police escort.

Perpetrating officials, evidently surprised by his majesty's keenness, could not help but laugh when the monarch passed before a socka display, pulled up his trousers and showed the hose salesman the kind of socks a king was wearing.

More chuckles arose when Edward stopped at a stand showing dress shirts made of paper, and asked the paper shirt maker if his wares "washed well."

RESENTS SPEECH BY COUGHLIN



Ransacking his vocabulary for adequate words, Representative John O'Connor (D-N. Y.), chairman of the house rules committee, is shown in action as he described his threat to kick Father Charles E. Coughlin "from the capitol to the White House," as a result of the famous priest's attack on him in a speech, in congress later he apologized for the vigor of his words but renewed his counter-attack upon Coughlin. (Associated Press Photo)

MITCHELL, CRITIC OF AIR FORCE, DIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The dynamic career of Brig. Gen. William Mitchell—"stormy petrel" of the army air force—was closed today by death.

General Mitchell—affectionately known as "Billy" to the U. S. airmen he commanded in the World War—died unexpectedly late yesterday at a New York hospital of heart disease. His condition, although not considered serious, had been weakened by influenza complications. He was 57.

The first American officer to fly over the enemy's lines in the World War, Mitchell returned to the peace time army critical of the aviation policies of both the war and navy departments.

Outspoken criticism, after he ended a four-year tour as assistant to the chief of the air service in Washington, caused him to be court-martialed and suspended.

COPCO NET INCOME HIGHER LAST YEAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—California Oregon Power company reported rising net income for 1935 today. The preliminary report showed net of \$481,621 compared with \$354,977 in 1934.

Operating revenues were \$4,012,000 compared with \$3,768,848. Earnings were still considerably below requirements to meet preferred stock dividends, which amount to \$613,788 on a regular annual basis. Dividends have been paid at half rate on the preferred for more than two years.

FREE K. F. MAN ON SISKIYOU CHARGE

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Merrit Smith, whose jailing on a fugitive warrant provoked strained relations between the district attorneys' offices of Klamath and Siskiyou counties, was released from the county jail late last night on telegraphic instructions from James Davis, prosecutor at Yreka.

Smith was arrested in connection with the automobile death of Elmer Rock, Tule Lake rancher, who was fatally hurt last December when hit by a car assertedly driven by French Johnson, Tule Lake. Smith was riding with Johnson, who is held in jail at Yreka on a murder charge.

ROSEBURG SEWER PLAN TURNED DOWN BY PWA

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Roseburg's request for an increased PWA grant for construction of a trunkline sewer and sewage disposal plant has been rejected by the Washington office, Mayor Charles W. Clark was informed today in a letter received from C. C. Hockley, PWA director for Oregon.

Every other German is insured, either directly or indirectly, against sickness.

Income Shares

Maryland Fund: bid 19.30; asked 20.87. Quarterly Income Shares: bid 1.55; asked 1.70.

REDFERN CAPTIVE OF GUIANA TRIBE IS LATEST CLAIM

Newspaperman and Pilot Declare Long-Missing Aviator Found in Mountains of Western Guiana

Wife Wonders. CLEVELAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Paul Redfern, informed a newspaperman reported finding her missing husband a captive of a native tribe in western British Guiana, exclaimed today, "Oh, I hope it's true."

Reached by telephone at the Photo-Burt company, a machine manufacturing concern, Mrs. Redfern inquired eagerly for details of Alfred Harred's story.

"It is a fantastic story," she observed. "I wonder how true it is. I would rather wait for further information before placing much faith in the story. There have been so many like it in late years."

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Alfred Harred, reporter of the newspaper "Banner" of Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, claimed today that he had seen and talked to Paul Redfern, long-lost American flier, but Harred's account was denied by Art Williams, former army flier who Harred said piloted him into the jungle.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The state department today called instructions to the American consul at Trinidad, British West Indies, to investigate the statement by Alfred Harred, at Georgetown, British Guiana, that he had seen and talked to Paul Redfern, missing American aviator.

The department added on the basis of Associated Press reports, quoting

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GOODYEAR STRIKE AFFECTS 14,000

AKRON, O., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Labor troubles beset three Ohio cities today causing idleness to approximately 16,000 workers.

A federal labor conciliator took over the task here of trying to settle a dispute between workers and the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., that has made 14,000 persons idle. Production was at a standstill as massed pickets blocked entrances to three Goodyear plants. The policy to be followed in laying off men is the issue.

In nearby Barbours, the Columbia Chemical Co. closed its plant because 250 of the 900 workers began a "sit down" protest in sympathy with 50 union pipe fitters who asked a 4-cent an hour wage boost.

Twenty-four women employees of Libbey-Owens-Ford Co.'s laminated glass plant at Toledo started a walkout that attracted 200 employees because girls not members of the American Glass Workers' union worked beside them.

VETERANS GATHERING PLANNED FOR SPRING

The Allied Veterans' council met at the Legion hall in Ashland last evening, and plans were discussed for a "get-together" session of all veterans' organizations in the county, the coming spring, the date to be fixed later. Representatives of all veterans' organizations in the county were present.

Next meeting of the Allied Veterans' council will be held in this city, March 18, at Carol J. Parker's house, 612 South Riverside avenue.

PHOENIX LADIES AID WILL SERVE SUPPER

PHOENIX, Feb. 20.—(Sp.)—The Ladies Aid society of the Phoenix Presbyterian church has completed plans for their annual George Washington chicken supper to be given at the church Friday night. Serving will begin at five-thirty. Those in charge state that nothing has been left undone to make this event equal or exceed previous suppers, and that competent women have been selected to cook and prepare the supper, with Mrs. L. O. Carter as chairman.

A bountiful meal will be served for a small sum, the announcement stated.

CONGRESS GIRDS FOR FIGHT OVER TAXES, SPENDING

Sharp Increase in Number On WPA Rolls Seen by Liberals As Argument Against Relief Fund Slash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A hammer-and-tongs fight over taxes and government spending was in the making in congress today despite the strenuous efforts of campaign-conscious leaders to keep the session fairly tranquil and end it quickly.

These two developments threatened the congressional peace:

1. Sharp increases in the number of persons on work relief were reported by WPA, which set the current figures at 3,797,770. This is nearly 300,000 more than the 3,500,000 goal originally set for the \$4,000,000 relief drive. Powerful "liberal" senators, fighting any deep slashes in next year's relief funds, are expected to seize upon the new figures to back their argument that huge expenditures must continue.

2. Senate liberals disclosed they would demand a broader and higher income tax structure. Among them is Senator La Follette (Prog. Wis.) who wants to boost income levels on the wealthy and tax several million smaller incomes now exempt. This development foreshadowed a hot battle against any administration proposal to finance the new

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WILD HORSE ROUNDUP IN APPLGATE REGION ASKED BY STOCKMEN

Stockmen of the upper Applegate district and the forest service, have taken steps to petition the county court for a general roundup of indigent horses, ranging wild between Sterling creek and the Oregon-California state line, and lying within the Rogue River national forest. The stockmen agree to pay the expenses of the roundup and ask the county court only for authority to conduct it.

Stockmen estimate there are between 75 and 100 horses in the territory, that are abandoned, neglected, and starving. They run wild, and do considerable damage by destroying grazing ranges, raiding alfalfa patches and eating up the salt left by stockmen for their herds. The wild horses have a penchant for trampling and are handy with their heels in kicking down a rail fence or killing tame stock. They are able to protect themselves against man or predatory beasts.

The little Applegate band is led by six stallions, described by stockmen as the "wildest things on four feet," and it is further declared it will take a real cowboy to capture one.

Occasionally an Applegate farm animal leaves the quiet of the barnyard to join the outlaws, causing another loss.

An epitaph in the Langdale, Ala., cemetery reads: "I have called in to stay all night."

Dr. Cook Demands Probe Of Pole Discovery Claims

By JOHN LEAR (Associated Press Staff Writer)

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Buttercups Herald Coming Of Spring In Applegate Area

Snow and ice glitter to the north of us, blizzards howl to the east of us and floods thunder to the south of us, but Rogue River valley residents are in the hills picking the first wild-flowers of the season. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Reynolds, who a few weeks ago brought to The Mail Tribune office the earliest spring flowers found in this vicinity, this morning came carrying lamb-tongues and buttercups.

The Larkins found the flowers a short distance from Buncom, near their home on the Little Applegate, yesterday afternoon.

VOLNEY DIXON, 54, LEADING CITIZEN, DIES OF STROKE

H. G. Volney Dixon died of an apoplectic stroke at 10 o'clock last night in his home at 526 West Tenth street. He would have been 54 years old on March 2.

His death came as a distinct shock to his family and the community in which he had been an esteemed and highly respected citizen for more than a quarter of a century.

He was apparently in good health and yesterday made a business trip to Siskiyou county. He was suddenly stricken while at the dinner table and the end came a few hours later.

Mr. Dixon was born in Roseburg on March 2, 1882, the son of Durney and Cynthia Dixon, pioneer Oregon residents. He resided in Roseburg until 1905 when he came to Medford. He entered business here, establishing a complete fencing service and acting as distributor for the

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GAS TAX EQUALS \$9.15 PER HEAD

SALEM, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Gasoline taxes paid in Oregon during 1935 would be equivalent to every man, woman and child paying \$9.15 on the purchase of 183,002.862 gallons of 183 gallons each.

This was revealed today when the secretary of state announced the amounts paid by the 54 counties which sold gasoline during the year. The total tax paid was \$9,150,143, and the average based on a population of one million.

The five high selling gasoline companies sold 70 per cent of the gasoline.

India is expected to be a steadily increasing market for safety razor blades. Although the male population now is approximately 180,000,000 not more than 3,000,000 now are users or potential users of razor blades, the department of commerce reports.

Sea Route Project Waits Signature

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Only the president's signature is needed to release \$418,958 for the Wilson river and Wolfe creek short-routes to the sea, state WPA Director E. J. Griffith said.

Final works progress approval has been given in Washington, he declared. The work would give employment to 1,000 men or more. The program previously was turned down several times by the WPA.

MARION ORCHARDISTS WILL GET TAX RELIEF

SALEM, Feb. 20.—(AP)—County Assessor R. Shelton announced that Marion county orchard land owners might expect a downward tax assessment this year. Shelton said he was making the reduction due to gross over-assessment now existing on much of the orchard land in the county.

When they came home for the year-end holidays, the three sons of Professor Kroemer of Gelsenheim, Germany, brought with them newly-received doctors' degrees.

CAPITOL BUILDERS URGED TO HASTEN CONTEST ON PLANS

PWA Administrator Says Washington Disappointed—Commission Replies Plans Being Expedited

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Oregon capitol construction commission was urged today by the public works administration to "get going" on plans for Oregon's new state-house.

C. C. Hockley, PWA administrator for Oregon, said "Washington, D. C., is disappointed because we have not started. They are pressing us for a definite date."

Members of the commission replied that every thing that could be done has been done to expedite plans for the structure. They said they would try to give to Hockley, late today or tomorrow, a schedule of definite dates, showing when the plan cost test could be started, when completed, and when contracts might be let.

Take Over Two Months. Hockley said he had gained the impression that the capitol contest was to start February 1, whereas it has not yet got under way. Carl F. Gould, commission architect, said he may have conveyed that impression inadvertently. Gould said it would take two and a half months to complete the contest. Hockley said

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KIP RHINELANDER PNEUMONIA VICTIM

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Leonard Kip Rhineland, member of a socially prominent family involved in a sensational divorce case in 1920, died today of pneumonia at Long Beach, Long Island.

He was 36 years old. In 1920 Rhineland was granted a divorce decree in Las Vegas, Nev., from Alice Jones, who testified she showed the daughter of a negro cab driver.

Society was started by their marriage on October 16, 1924. Rhineland, who had come into a fortune, then was 22 and his bride was 23.

Rhineland had been ill only a few days, and his condition was not considered serious until yesterday. He died at the home of his father, Philip Rhineland, descendant of one of the oldest families in the state.

ASSESSORS TO START OPERATIONS MARCH 2

Deputy assessors will take the field Monday, March 2, for the 1936 assessments of Jackson county property. Assessor J. B. Coleman announced today. The list of appointments has not been completed. This year contracts will be signed between the deputy assessors and the county court, for the taking of the assessments, for a specified sum, to keep within the budget allowance for the work.

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