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LINDBERGH WITNESS FACES QUIZ



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News Behind The News

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The all-revealing inside on the London naval conference funny-business lately is that the conference lasted 100 long. At least that is the polite way the diplomats would describe it. The sailors have a better word for what happened. They know the United States, as usual, got gypped.

The state department would do. The diplomats never say so, but certain statements in that department wanted our delegation to come home when the Japanese withdrew. The navy, however, wanted to hang around. The admirals desired to see what the other powers (Britain, France and Italy) would do.

The diplomats knew very well what they would do; namely, drag concessions out of us and then tangle the conference up in European politics. That is just what they did this time. This may explain to the perplexed reader why Secretary Hull found himself extremely busy with other matters when the French ambassador brought his 35,000-ton battleship troubles to them the other day.

It also explains as nothing else could, that international conference history always repeats itself.

No official statement will ever be made about what happened on the inside at London, but you may accept the following as approximately correct.

The U. S. cruiser is the 10,000-ton ship. Our sea dogs refused to concede the British demand for a limitation on this type at the 1927 conference. It wrecked the conference but saved the cruiser.

Nevertheless, the British got us this time into a fix. They limited us to a restriction of that type of vessel, and strongly against our will.

The bait was a promise to forego their insistence on reducing the size of battleships from 35,000 tons. That looked good to us, because the 7,000-ton ship suits our navy. We wanted particularly to avoid the proposed British reduction to a 25,000-ton limit. The deal looked like give-and-take on a fair basis.

But as soon as the take was accomplished, lo and behold, the French suddenly began to pine and howl for all ships on the same level as the 10,000-ton battleship which was just about the thing the British had given up.

Nov. no one will ever be able to prove that the French got the old evacuated that position because of some secret understanding they had with the British. Nor will anyone be able to disprove it to the satisfaction of some of our diplomats.

They have a deep suspicion, whether true or not, that the Brits got the cruiser concession that way, and then induced the French to fight the battleship issue for them.

JERSEY GOVERNOR CASTS DOUBT ON VITAL TESTIMONY

Claims Interview Reveals 'Errors' and Reward Desire — Evidence Placed Bruno Near Kidnap Scene

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Attorney General David T. Wilentz of New Jersey said tonight he did not believe Millard Whitted, Sourland lumberjack, told Gov. Harold G. Hoffman he had been promised a part of the reward for the arrest and conviction of the Lindbergh baby kidnaper.

Whitted said no such thing, Wilentz declared when asked to comment on Governor Hoffman's statement after he questioned Whitted at Trenton, N. J., today.

"If the governor said that," added Wilentz, "I'm inclined to believe he misunderstood Whitted."

Whitted, who has been vacationing here for three weeks, plans to return to Trenton Monday. However, he said his return had no connection with the case of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted of kidnaping and slaying the Lindbergh baby.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, who tentatively has been promised a part of the reward for the arrest and conviction of the kidnaper, had received about \$100 for appearing as a witness, and thought more was due him.

"It would be very interesting," the Governor said, "to know whether the promise of the reward played some part in his identification of Hauptmann in the Bronx."

Whitted's identification of Hauptmann at the extradition proceedings in the Bronx in October, 1934, was one reason New York authorities decided to grant New Jersey's request for the prisoner.

Hauptmann is under sentence to die the week of March 30.

Asked today if the results of Whitted's questioning might mean a second reprieve, the governor said: "I haven't considered it in that light, but it is highly significant that two detectives, one of them from the state police, a statement that no

Twins In Blizzard Have 12 Fingers

MALONE, N. Y., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The Roadway twins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Roadway, have twelve fingers apiece instead of the customary ten. The boys were born January 24, the night of the year's worst blizzard, each with one extra, perfectly formed digit on each hand.

CONCILIATION OF WASHINGTON HELD NEED OF PRESENT

Filene, Boston Merchant, Sees Class War Unless America Thinks Above Traditions in Crisis.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Edward A. Filene, Boston merchant-economist, declared here today that the United States can avoid a class war only through conciliatory policies typified by George Washington.

Washington, the speaker told a California Credit Union league audience, "did not permit his class traditions to control his thinking." He said Washington conciliated "bitter factions after the revolutionary war to lead the people to political democracy."

Filene asserted that what he termed the present struggle for economic democracy required the same sort of conciliation if it is to be settled without violence.

The political aristocrats of Washington's day, Filene said, shuddered at the very thought of popular government and set up checks, including the supreme court.

"It is sometimes remarked," he added, "that the supreme court is not exactly up to date. But that is precisely what the makers of our constitution intended. They intended that this branch of the government should always be behind the times."

This is not a criticism of the supreme court. I mention it merely to point out the precautions that were taken to keep our government from becoming too responsive to the popular will.

Filene added, however, that "it would be fairly easy today for the American masses to overthrow the present economic oligarchy... and in the desperation of wholly unnecessary unemployment and poverty in the midst of plenty, there is always grave danger that they will enact such unwise measures as will destroy our financial and business system."

"That the speaker added, "would be the greatest calamity which could possibly befall our people."

He urged "planned, co-ordinated, nation-wide action" and asserted "in this task there need be no conflict of interests, for unless we are able to achieve economic liberty under law and order, the only alternative is economic collapse, as ruinous to

FAMILY OF 18 BARRED FROM CALIFORNIA



The W. A. Cramer family of 18 persons from Oklahoma was refused permission to cross the Arizona-California border line at Yuma by Los Angeles police stationed to repel indigents and transients. Here is the family being interviewed by police, who started them on their way back. (Associated Press Photo)

THREE PERISH AS SNOW SLIDE HITS HIGHWAY TRAFFIC

Snoqualmie Pass Scene of Avalanche — Mid-West Cities Start Flood Precautions.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The death toll in one of the worst avalanches in the history of Snoqualmie pass, 65 miles east of here, stood at three tonight as rescue workers dug out a body, tentatively identified as that of Len Lighty, Zillah, truck driver.

Four automobiles and five trucks, whose occupants were all reported accounted for, were buried beneath the 30-foot deep, half-mile long snowslide that fell off mountain slopes early today.

The other two known victims, whose bodies were recovered, were Edwin J. Miller, 29, of Redmond, and William Gill, 23, of Bothell.

Harold Devereaux, 34, Yakima, truck driver, was caught under the slide, and rescued by CCC workers after he had been entombed beside his truck for six hours and 20 minutes. He was rushed by ambulance to an Ellensburg hospital.

Another miraculous escape was told by Corey Gustafson, Portland, Ore., driver, and a party of friends, who were trapped in an automobile as the slide fell over the pass. All were dug out, uninjured, after several hours of rescue work.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Precautions against widespread spring floods got serious attention in half a dozen midwestern states today.

Although weather bureau officials in Washington have concluded from their study of national conditions that general floods will not occur, they do warn of heavy rains on the banks of corn belt streams are inclined to take no chances.

BORAH INTIMATES ROME HEARS THAT BRITISH FLOUTED SELASSIE READY U. S. NEUTRALITY FOR PEACE TALK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Directly intimating Great Britain was involved, Senator Borah of Idaho tonight charged that a campaign of "insidious propaganda" had been conducted from abroad against America's neutrality policy in the Italo-Ethiopian war.

In his first formal speech since openly avowing himself a Republican presidential candidate, Borah confined himself almost entirely to international issues. His Washington birthday radio address, urging a tenacious "Aloofness from the political affairs and controversies of the old world" as advised by the first president, was made the basis for meetings of "Borah for President" clubs in various parts of the country.

The Idahoan did not name Great Britain directly in his propaganda charge. Nevertheless, after launching this accusation that foreign influence had been directed against the country's course in the Italo-Ethiopian conflict, he devoted a major portion of his address to a sharp discussion of Britain's aims and actions.

Asserting that England had found it to her interest to remain neutral "when Japan invaded Manchuria," Borah contended that her "national interests" in the African war had dictated a "far from neutral" policy.

"Great Britain... clothing her strategy in the habiliments of humanity and peace," he said, "demanded that the world, including the United States, should move with her."

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Dr. J. W. Darrough, city health officer, said tonight one-fifth of the city's school population has been affected by influenza.

He said nearly 900 students missed classes yesterday, an increase of absence of 400 since Monday. Many students attending school were suffering from severe colds, he said.

Dr. Darrough said scores of adults in the city were confined in bed because of influenza. He ordered citizens afflicted with the malady to remain in their homes and to refrain from gathering in public places.

MARKLE GIRL TO SHRINE HOSPITAL

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Frank B. Lester, Nile Temple leader at Portland, Ore., telegraphed Shrine headquarters here the Portland Shrine hospital would admit 12-year old Lou Ann Markle as an emergency case.

The girl is enroute south for treatment it was hoped would save her life. She is suffering from a leg infection.

"Skull, Crossbones" For Death Spots

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP)—A skull and crossbones will be painted as a warning to others at every spot where a fatal automobile accident occurs in Portland, the city council voted. The 20-30 club members will do the painting.

SUDDEN DEATH TO PRESIDENT'S KIN, AND NAVAL CHIEF

Henry L. Roosevelt Passes From Heart Attack — High in Official Circles.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 22.—(UP)—President Roosevelt, saddened by the sudden death of his cousin, Henry L. Roosevelt, cut short his visit with cronies at his alma mater tonight and prepared to depart for his Hyde Park, N. Y., home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Col. Henry Latrobe Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy and a distant cousin of President Roosevelt, died suddenly today at the naval hospital here. He was 56 years old.

The stocky assistant secretary, who was acting secretary of the navy during the current illness of Secretary Swanson, was taken to the hospital only yesterday. His attack was diagnosed as intestinal influenza.

The brief announcement said Colonel Roosevelt died of an acute heart attack, although he was admitted for intestinal influenza.

Specialists from Philadelphia and Baltimore were at his bedside.

Admiral Andrews accepted command of the navy department when both the secretary and assistant secretary were confined to the naval hospital.

Secretary Swanson has been fighting there for more than a week against an attack of pleurisy, suffered after he fell in his home and fractured several ribs. Apparently in a critical condition for several days entered the naval academy with the past several days have reported gains in his fight against the disease.

Colonel Roosevelt in recent months had played an increasingly important part in navy department affairs, being frequently in contact with the White House, and acting as secretary during temporary illnesses of Secretary Swanson.

Colonel Roosevelt was born in Morristown, N. J., on October 5, 1879. The son of Nicholas Roosevelt, he entered the naval academy with the class of 1900, but left before graduation to become a second lieutenant in the marine corps for service aboard the U. S. S. Mayflower in the war with Spain.

LONDON STOCK UP AS FARLEY LAUDS 'SPENDING SPREE'

New Deal Campaign Carried to Kansas — Postal Chief Flays Hoover at Topeka Banquet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Landon-for-president talk among Republican regulars veered upward tonight to the accompaniment of new deal campaigning in the Kansas governor's own ballfield.

While Fostinister General Farley carried the new deal cause to a Democratic rally at Topeka, President Roosevelt in Philadelphia evidenced a willingness to meet the "spending issue."

G. O. P. spokesmen dwell on that issue increasingly. Supporters of Landon for the presidential nomination have advanced him as best fitted to prosecute it, because of his record with the Kansas State budget.

A reason contributing to discussion of him was word from Ohio that the poll of 15,000 party members there showed Landon sentiment "continuing very strong." He was reported leading from the start.

Another possible Republican nominee, Senator Dickinson of Iowa, assailed Roosevelt spending in Pittsburgh this afternoon. "People in despair," he said, "are led to believe that the federal government can, by itself, create some kind of synthetic prosperity."

The president, in accepting an honorary degree from Temple university, said he was "proud" to report that the government since 1933 had advanced over \$400,000,000 "to the cause of education."

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 22.—(UP)—Postmaster General James A. Farley tonight carried Franklin D. Roosevelt's campaign for re-election to the doorstep of Governor Alf M. Landon, a leading contender for the Republican presidential nomination.

Speaking to several thousand at the annual Washington Day Democratic banquet, Farley reviewed "three years of Roosevelt" and took two direct shots at Governor Landon.

In defending the administration record he arraigned Herbert Hoover and charged the Republican party and its "subsidary," the American Liberty league, with fomenting a "economic fear campaign" against President Roosevelt.

"Kansas got its fair share of federal money and I am informed by Senator McGill and your three Democratic congressmen that it has turned the tide," he said referring to criticism that Landon balanced Kansas' budget with federal funds.

UNSETTLED, RAINY THE COMING WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Weekly weather outlook for far western states from February 24 to 29, inclusive: generally unsettled weather with occasional rains except cloudy in southern California first of week; snow at high elevations; temperature near normal.

Northern California: Cloudy with occasional rain Sunday with snow over high mountain ranges; Monday partly cloudy; snow over the Sierra Nevada and Siskiyou mountains, moderate west and northwest wind off the coast.

Oregon: Unsettled Sunday and Monday; occasional rains west portion and rain and snow east portion; over mountains; lower temperature east portion; moderate to fresh westerly wind off the coast.

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 22.—(UP)—William Spellman, 54, wounded by a "wild west" celebrant who sought to shoot his hat off, was feared dying tonight.

IDAHO AVIATOR ON GRIM FLIGHT

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Fighting head winds, fog and storms high above Idaho's mountains while piloting an airplane alone with a corpse in the front cockpit was successfully performed by Pilot Fred Zimmerly of the Lewiston airport today when he answered an emergency call by Markley Bar on the Salmon river. Bert Richmond, 45, met sudden death from a heart attack. Roads were blocked. The only way to move the body was by plane and the Lewiston pilot answered the call. The body was taken from the plane at Grangeville and shipped to Twin Falls for interment.

MOOCHING CHAMP STRIKES A SNAG

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—(AP)—"One-eyed" Connelly's claim to left-handed fame as a gate crasher par excellence hit an unarmountable snag today.

He failed to slip in Santa Anita park to use the \$100,000 handicap.

BULLETIN

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 22.—(UP)—An unidentified airplane was reported tonight to have crashed on Camp Kearny Mesa near here.

The first report was received by the marine lookout on the rifle range near the Mesa. He said it was telephoned to him by a civilian who said he had seen the plane fall, but that no details or confirmation were available.

One hundred men from the marine base were dispatched immediately to search for the ship, the officer of the day reported.

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