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16 RUSSIAN CONSPIRATORS EXECUTED



News Behind The News
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 WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—It sounded like serious international business when Hitler sent a dozen warships to Spain. Under the outmoded rules of 1914 diplomacy, it would have meant war. Nations then talked less and fought more.
 Now, however, we have phonetic diplomacy. In measuring the importance of the daily crises in Europe, it is necessary to distinguish between sound and substance.

Der Fuehrer has learned from D. Duce that it is cheaper to talk than to fight; that the one who talks loudest frequently does not have to fight. He has had no opportunity to show off his navy since he built one. Nor has he had an opportunity to display his newly assumed importance for Germany in world affairs.

The parade of German vessels to Spain was accompanied by the goose-stepping of grayed naval troopers at home. The people ate it up. Germany again had a place in the council of nations! Der Fuehrer is indeed the little giant! Hell Hitler!

Outside diplomats rightly discerned the purpose, paid unexcited attention to the move.

Britain even gave Hitler a reasonable time to impress the world and the people at home before stepping into the picture.

The British seem to understand the phonetics game and go along with it, but do not play it very well. It is not easily adapted to the spirit of constitutional governments. You cannot fool the people easily unless you control the press and all the avenues of their information.

The importance of Hitler's grandstand play faded under Britain's solemn warning that she would not tolerate anything resembling a blockade of Spanish ports. So did the crisis. Italy promptly notified Britain of her acceptance of the French proposals for a joint neutrality pact.

This left the Hitler sheering section suspended in mid-air, but only for a moment. Britain promptly offered a helping hand with the face-saving suggestion that the Spanish government offer an apology for having searched one of Mr. Hitler's ships on the high seas.

Note—The only thing which really worries the diplomats in the simple game is that it is being played with real ammunition instead of blanks.

The subject confessions which Russia generally produces from her political prisoners are always amazing to American government officials. Usually the accused politician in Russia not only glibly admits the charges at his public trial but insists that his crime was twice as big. The custom is not widespread outside Russia.

Authorities here have "no direct line on how the Zinovieff-Kameneff confessions were obtained, but they

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LONDON, Eng., Aug. 25.—(AP)—The Dowager Countess of Bradford, one of Queen Mary's oldest friends, died today. She was 77 years of age and lived at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

SIDE GLANCES
 by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Frank Rogers saying he'd be glad to see the new gas station going in, because the way it is now a body's got to drive at least half a block to get petrol.

Shades of the hunting season: Vern VanDyke filling the Lampont window with guns, hunting knives, camping equipment, rifle shells and other accoutrements of the chase.

Republican snakes-in-the-weeds speaking into A. Moore Hamilton's private sanctum and pinning a Landon sunflower on the bottom of Moore's pitcher of President Roosevelt and Moore strongly suspecting those two stalwart gops, C. and Vic Tengwald.

TRIALS FOLLOWED BY QUICK ACTION OF FIRING SQUAD

Terse Statement Announces Deaths After Appeal for Mercy Denied — Reason Hasty Action Unrevealed

By CHARLES I. NUTTER (Associated Press Foreign Staff.)
 MOSCOW, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Death before a firing squad ended today the careers of 16 confessed conspirators, many of them once high in the ranks of Bolshevik leadership.

They had been convicted 24 hours before the death sentences were carried out secretly.

A terse statement announced the executions after the central executive committee of the Soviet Union declined an appeal for mercy.

Shot in Back
 It was believed the execution took place at a detention prison near the foreign office in the heart of Moscow. Executions of this kind generally are believed to be carried out individually, with each prisoner shot in the back.

All had confessed their participation in the plot to which the exiled Leon Trotsky, former minister of war and one-time revolutionary zealot, was linked as leader.

The communique, announcing the fulfillment of the sentence, "the highest measure of social defense—death before a firing squad," stated: "The presidium of the central executive committee declined the appeal for mercy of the persons (the 16 conspirators herewith named) condemned by the military collegium of the U. S. S. R. August 24.

The sentence in regard to all has been carried out.

The Soviet officials did not state where or how the executions were performed, a customary procedure.

The communique also did not explain why the action was so sudden. A previous announcement had said the prisoners would have 72 hours of grace.

Included among those who died were Leon Kameneff and Gregory Zinovieff, once members with Dictator Joseph Stalin of the triumvirate at the head of the Soviet Union during the illness of Nikolai Lenin.

QUALIFIERS CRACK COURSE RECORDS

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Sherman Elsworth, Seattle, shooting five birdies, three of them on successive holes, turned in a sub-par 70 today in the first 18 holes of the 36-hole qualifying round for the United States amateur golf championship today.

BROOKLINE, Mass., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Johnny Fisher, Cincinnati, cracked the course record at the country club today with a 67 in the first round of the 36-hole sectional qualifying test for the national amateur golf championship.

MAMARONECK, N. Y., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Ray Ells, former New York state amateur champion from Poughkeepsie, today broke the Winged Foot east course record by four shots with a 66, six under par, to take the lead in the first round of the 36-hole metropolitan qualifying test for the national amateur golf championship.

MEETINGS CALLED TO AIR WALKOUT AT P-I

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Striking members of the American Newspaper Guild, the Pacific Northwest Newspaper association and the Law and Order league today planned meetings to be held this week on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's 11-day-old strike.

The guild called a mass meeting for tonight to hear 10 speakers, including U. S. Senator Homer T. Bone. Gov. Clarence D. Martin pleaded a previous engagement after the guild announced he would speak at the rally at which they said reasons and circumstances leading up to the strike would be explained.

INJUNCTION HALTS COLUMBIA CLOSING

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 25.—(AP)—The Columbia River Packers' association obtained a temporary injunction today to prevent the Oregon fish commission from enforcing a closed season on the Columbia river.

The injunction, returnable Monday, was signed by County Judge Guy Worthington in the absence of Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman.

Lawyers Shout "Liar" At Townsend Hearing

Carter Glass Comes Out For Roosevelt; Burke Quits Demo. Committee In Protest

VIRGINIAN'S VOTE PLEDGED DESPITE PAST CRITICISMS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—After a conference with the president, Senator Carter Glass of Virginia said today he would vote for Mr. Roosevelt next November, but was undecided whether he would speak in the campaign.

Glass, who has differed with the chief executive on some New Deal policies, particularly spending, told a group of reporters that his doctors had advised him not to speak. But he added they similarly cautioned him in 1932 when he made a radio speech for the Roosevelt-Garner ticket.

The 78-year-old Democratic chairman of the senate appropriations committee and one-time treasury secretary, said: "If you want to know whether I'm going to vote for the reelection of the president, I am."

"I never had any other idea."

Asked if the president requested him to make a speech, Glass said: "He did not."

A busy round of conferences marked the president's day today prior to his departure late tonight for a 12-day inspection trip of the western states badly hit by the drought.

It was still undecided, meanwhile, where and when the president would deliver his drought tour radio address, giving his impressions of the trip.

In his talk with reporters, Glass volunteered the statement that the president was "probably indignant" over published reports that attempts to make it appear that Glass was "ironic and sarcastic" in introducing Mr. Roosevelt when he spoke recently at Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson.

The senator termed "dark nonsense" reports that Virginia might go Republican.

"It may go Republican in the senatorial race," he said with a smile, "inasmuch as the Republicans have practically endorsed my candidacy."

Landon Sees Dangers Of Democratic Propaganda

By OVID A. MARTIN (Associated Press Staff Writer)
 RIPLEY, N. Y., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Gov. Alf M. Landon moved deeper into New York today for conferences on presidential campaign strategy after declaring that "widespread use of the machinery of the federal government to maintain the present administration in power" created a propaganda danger.

The Republican nominee, who in a speech at Chautauque last night called for freedom of education, press and radio, turned toward Buffalo to discuss with party leaders plans to win New York's 47 electoral votes.

"In Kansas we believe that no teacher should be required to take any oath not required of all other citizens. In Kansas we believe in academic freedom and we practice it."

He will deliver the third and final formal address of his eastern trip there tomorrow.

Governor Landon prefaced his speech in the Chautauque amphitheater—where three other presidential aspirants have appeared this month—with the statement: "In Kansas we believe that no teacher should be required to take any oath not required of all other citizens. In Kansas we believe in academic freedom and we practice it."

Following talks with Gilbert S. Dickinson, Lloyd Bongee and Lloyd Seabury, Plainville, Neb., youths held in the county jail on minor charges, pending investigation of the watermelon throwing episode on the Pacific highway near Toledo last Thursday which resulted in serious injuries to Mrs. Joe M. Marsh of this city, Sheriff Syd L. Brown expressed the opinion the trio were not the culprits.

"I talked to the boys yesterday," said Sheriff Brown. "They told a straightforward story, and are likely lads. They freely admitted they shot a water-gun, but denied any watermelon throwing. Their story dovetails in every particular, and I don't believe they are the parties we want."

Bongee and Seabury were sentenced last Saturday to serve 30 days on a disorderly conduct charge, and Dickinson was given 10 days for driving an auto with invalid out-of-state license.

Mrs. Marsh was reported today as improving rapidly, and will probably be discharged from the hospital today.

A piece of watermelon, hurled from a passing car, struck the windshield of the auto in which she was riding, shattering the glass. Bits of glass struck Mrs. Marsh in the throat, inflicting a deep wound.

SECRETARY DERN SUFFERS SETBACK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Alarm over the condition of the secretary of war, George H. Dern, was expressed today in official Washington after army doctors reported a setback in his fight to recover from a heart complication.

At the White House it was revealed that an almost constant check was being kept upon the cabinet officer's condition with Walter Reed hospital, where he has been confined for more than a month after an unsatisfactory recovery from an influenza attack.

Close friends of Dern made known that most of the members of his family were gathered in Washington.

Wandering Porky Calls On Strangs In Small Hours

Shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Strang retired late last night they heard a snuffling sound on the front porch of their residence, 416 South Central avenue.

"It's a burglar," said Mrs. Strang according to formula as she aroused her husband.

Mr. Strang gathered his biggest flashlight and sallied forth into the darkness of night. All on the porch was still. Then he spied a porcupine hunched up near the front door, ready to use its arsenal of quills at the slightest provocation. Mr. Strang decided discretion was the better part of valor. He called the police.

Patrolmen Walter Rienking and James Maulding responded to the call. With a pole of safe length, they prodded the porcupine until it left the porch and disappeared into the night.

NEBRASKA SOLON REFUSES SUPPORT STATE CANDIDATE

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Reignation of United States Senator Edward R. Burke of Omaha as Democratic national committeeman for Nebraska was announced here today.

Senator Burke said he sent a letter to James A. Farley, national chairman, notifying him of his decision.

In his letter, Senator Burke repeated his opposition to "certain administrative measures" and "some doctrinaires" which he considers "neither democratic nor for the best interest of the country."

"Some loyal and sincere party adherents feel it is the duty of a member of the national committee to bend every effort to bring about the election of all nominees of the party," Senator Burke wrote.

"I recognize the merit of this contention, but find myself unable to proceed along that line."

"I cannot work for the election of any candidate masquerading as a Democrat, who is a Democrat in name only, and who neither understands nor cares at all for the fundamental principles, adherence to which has made the Democratic party such a vital force in upholding our nation."

The letter made no mention by name of Terry Carpenter, Scotts Bluff, Democratic nominee for senator from Nebraska. Senator Burke recently said he was seriously considering resigning as national committeeman because he did not feel he could support Carpenter in the campaign.

WARD REMODELING TO START AT ONCE

The Montgomery Ward company was today granted a building permit to remodel their building at the corner of Central and Eighth streets, at a cost of \$20,000. Work will start immediately in the space formerly occupied by the Studio theater, and in the corner building, as soon as the Oregon liquor control commission store moves Wednesday night.

The \$20,000 permit does not cover the cost of plumbing, heating, electrical work or fixtures, it was stated by Frank Rogers, city building inspector.

C. J. Haddley of Chicago, Ward's general construction superintendent, will be in charge of the work, and will employ his own foremen. All work will be done by special Montgomery Ward employees. Haddley is also in charge of work of a similar nature in Salem and Hossburg.

YEAR'S WORST FIRE RAGES IN COOS CO.

MARSHFIELD, Aug. 25.—(AP)—One of the worst fires in southern Coos county since the city of Powers was threatened by flames last fall broke out today.

Fifty employees of the Moore Mill and Lumber company were battling a 500-acre blaze in slashings across from Riverston. A small amount of timber was endangered.

Forty men at Camp Walker were fighting another fire affecting about 100 acres four miles north of Coquille Caves resort.

PEAR CANNING STARTS AT BIG OLYMPIA PLANT

OLYMPIA, Aug. 25.—(AP)—A crew of 75 workers went to work today at the Olympia Canning company to start processing the fall pear crop. Ivan Moorehouse, sales manager, said.

The cannery has been shut down since August 6 when the management announced "unsettled labor conditions" prevented operation.

About 30 percent of the state's four million dollar pear crop will be taken by the local cannery, Moorehouse said.

Income Shares

Maryland Fund, bid 9.68; asked 10.47.
 Quarterly Income, bid 1.70; asked 1.87.

SPANISH ARREST AGED PRIEST IN FASCIST PURGE

MADRID, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The Spanish Socialist government arrested the aged Father Jose Fernandez Montana, who ministered to the former royal family, in a new purge of fascist sympathizers within Madrid today.

The former confessor to Alfonso and Victoria was arrested as a new "people's summary tribunal" inaugurated a "swift and relentless justice for fascists."

Four rebel officers were executed upon sentence by the new tribunal, created after a fire and attempted rebellion in the capital's "model prison" Saturday.

On the battle front, loyalists prepared to move up reinforcements in the mountain terrain outside Madrid won from the enemy yesterday.

Far into the night, flames from the

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STEPHENSON JOINS STATE CONTEST AS HAMILTON RETIRES

Moore Hamilton has withdrawn from the race for the state house of representatives and Ralph O. Stephenson has consented to enter the contest in his place. It was announced today by J. R. Marshall, chairman of the Jackson county Democratic central committee.

Mr. Hamilton's withdrawal was presented to a meeting of the executive board of the central committee last night in Democratic headquarters, 217 West Main street. Mr. Stephenson was then drafted to run for the office and he consented, Mr. Marshall stated.

Mr. Stephenson's formal nomination remains to be confirmed at a meeting of the central committee which Mr. Marshall said he would call immediately. It was expected the committee would meet within the next ten days and its nomination certified to the secretary of state.

In explaining his withdrawal Mr. Hamilton said: "After taking care of the state's business for some time, I now find it necessary to take care of my own business. There are several matters pending which will require my attention."

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STRAUS RESIGNS AS ENVOY TO FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The resignation of Jesse I. Straus as ambassador to France because of ill health was announced today by President Roosevelt.

BASEBALL

National	R. H. E.
Boston	20 25 0
St. Louis	3 11 2
Chaplin and Lopez; Johnson, Heuser and Ogrodowski; Davis.	
R. H. E.	
Brooklyn	4 7 2
Pittsburgh	1 3 2
(Game called at end eighth account rain).	
Butcher and Phelps; Lucas, Birkoff and Padden.	
R. H. E.	
Philadelphia at Chicago, postponed. rain. Doubleheader tomorrow.	
American	R. H. E.
Detroit	— 13 0
Boston	— 0 3 0
Rowe and Myatt; Wilson, Walberg and R. Ferrer.	
R. H. E.	
St. Louis	11 10 2
New York	13 22 2
Thomas, Vanatta, Liebhardt and Gulliani; Gomez, Murphy and Dickey, Jorgens.	
R. H. E.	
Chicago	11 10 2
Philadelphia	13 15 0
Cain, Shores, Stratton and Sewell; Flynn, Bullock, Gumpert, G. Hodcs and F. Hayes.	

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The state liquor act of 1933 containing legislation which deals with local option, allowing cities or counties to vote dry.

COURT ADJOURNS AMID WILD SCENE UNTIL OCTOBER 27

CLIVELEND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Amid shouts of "liar," hurled by one attorney at another, Dr. Francis E. Townsend's appearance on the witness stand in a receivership suit against his pension organization was cut short today by adjournment until October 27.

After postponement had been agreed upon, Lawrence A. Tucker, counsel for Dr. Townsend, proposed that Attorney Charles H. Hubbell accompany Ben F. Sacharow, attorney prosecuting the suit, in an examination of records of the Townsend movement.

Sacharow objected.

Hubbell jumped from his chair and asserted Sacharow was in the employ of R. E. Clements, resigned national secretary of the pension organization.

"And he (Sacharow) called me a 'liar' yesterday," said Hubbell.

"This brought Sacharow to his feet shouting:

"And I'll call you a contemptible liar and a peddler of perjury today."

"Stop it, both of you, or I'll throw you out bodily," demanded Common Pleas Judge Kerr.

Order was restored and the courtroom emptied. Dr. Townsend departing to return in October if called.

The proceeding was a deposition hearing in the suit of the Rev. Alfred J. Wright, ousted Townsend director, to throw Old Age Revolving Pensioners Ltd. into receivership and obtain an accounting of \$1,000,000 in funds. Sacharow is Wright's counsel.

Sure Plan Will Work
 The gaut, white-haired Dr. Townsend said from the witness stand he was "absolutely sure" of the success of his plan to have the government pay everybody over 60 a \$300 monthly pension.

"Don't you know it is economically impossible and financial suicide?" asked Sacharow.

"Of course, I don't know it," replied Dr. Townsend sharply.

Sacharow asked what the Prosperity Publishing company, publisher of the Townsend weekly, was worth.

"About \$50,000," said Dr. Townsend.

"Didn't you tell the congressional investigators it was worth \$500,000?" Dr. Townsend said he believed his answer at that time was that "I presumed it might be worth that."

Sacharow asked Dr. Townsend if he owned the O. A. R. P. any money.

"No, I don't own any at all," Townsend replied.

"Did you know the records in Chicago show you owe \$600?"

"No."

HEALY RECEIVES 2 1-2 YEAR JOLT

Robert J. Healy entered a plea of guilty in circuit court yesterday to forgery, and was sentenced to two and one-half years in state prison. The previous record of Healy, including a one to 14-year sentence in San Quentin prison, weighed against him, the court said in passing sentence. All Healy's arrests have been for check forgery. The court was informed he was a first-class mechanic and a good worker. He has been a frequent resident of this city for the past several years.

With Howard Dotman, formerly of Grid Hill, under a two-year sentence for larceny, Healy will be taken to the state prison tomorrow.

SEEK LOCAL OPTION FOR MARION COUNTY

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CAVES VISITOR SUES AFTER FALL IN HOLE

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Walter L. Small, a California resident, filed suit for \$10,000 damages in federal court here yesterday against the Oregon Caves resort.

Small alleged he sustained a blow on the head, wrenched muscles, severe shock and bruises when he fell into a 10-foot hole in the Oregon Caves.

Small alleged he called attention to the rapid development of air transportation during the past few years.

GRAZING AREA FREED OF POISON LARKSPUR

Eradication has been completed of poisonous tall larkspur on 200 acres of grazing land in the Varney creek section of the Klamath horse and cattle range, it was announced today by the Rogue River national forest service. Work was done by an ERA crew under supervision of Hugh Ritter, district ranger.

The eradication opens up the area to cattle grazing, providing 100 months of feed, H. C. Oby, assistant superintendent, said. The area was used for cattle grazing for the first time two years ago and of 100 cows feeding on this part of the range 13 died from larkspur poisoning, he said.

OPERATION NEEDED FOR BILLY STRANG

An operation on the right knee of William Strang will be required and will be made within the next few days, it was stated today by Dr. LeRoy C. Jensen, attending physician. The youth, high school student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Strang of 416 South Central avenue, was severely injured Saturday night when he rode his bicycle into a parked car.

The patella, or knee cap, was split in two, Dr. Jensen explained. It will be necessary to suture the capsule and thus draw the bone tightly together, he added. There will probably be no stiffness in the joint after the youth has recovered from the operation, he said.