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BRITISH BROTHERS PLEAD SELF-DEFENSE



News Behind The News
By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—President Roosevelt is understood to have devoted some thought lately to getting his defeated Republican friend, Senator Couzens, into a big New Deal job.



Casual consideration, at least, is known to have been given by some of Couzens' friends to a straight-shooting Michiganander with \$30,000,000 and a will of his own into the treasury secretaryship. This is the job he would fit best, but it is, of course, now amply occupied.

Mr. Morgenstern, who holds it, is known to be inclined to keep holding it. He would be moved only by a request from his friend and boss. If invited to take anything else, he would choose the Paris ambassadorship, but that, too, has just been filled. The state department earnestly denies rumors that the British appointment to Paris was merely a temporary arrangement to meet the present peculiar French situation.

Of the wheels which are moving in these directions slip the track, Couzens may be offered the budget directorship. Acting Budget Director Bell will probably be moved into the 15-year job of comptroller general sooner or later.

Note—Couzens is highly regarded inside New Deal circles for his independence. He was in the wrong point in the senate, his nature and experience being better suited to executive activities. The New Dealers seem to think his appointment to any big post would be a political ten-strike for Mr. Roosevelt.

The official denial that creation of a European naval squadron means anything was entirely of the diplomatic variety.

Ten days ago, Mr. Roosevelt scoffed at the suggestion of such a move. A week ago, Navy Secretary Swanson denied the navy had thought of it. Three days ago, it was done.

What happened in the meantime to change official minds was the war threat by Hitler against the Russians and the profusion of officials caused in Moscow. Officials here considered the resultant situation far more serious than the public at large. They thought there was a distinct possibility of a clash between Russia and Germany, not immediately, perhaps, but within the near future.

Thus the new European squadron was created with a view to the possibility that it might have to remove American nationals some time soon from trouble zones other than those in Spain. At the same time, authorities here wisely wanted to avoid starting a war scare, so they advertised it as a routine move.

In a secondary way, it was one, and a good one. What it would technically be to permit the navy admiral to move his ships in European waters swiftly. He will not have to go through all the rigmarole of getting orders from Washington every time a coast guard cutter wants to turn round. Also, he will furnish central control on the job to keep the ships out of such trouble as the destroyer Kinc unfortunately encountered at Boston from the presumably mysterious air bomber.

Note—The squadron creation was an inside victory for commissioning officers of the navy. They have been pushing for a European squadron for a long time. It affords them new cruising waters and what they call "new social education" in European ports.

Mr. Roosevelt has been in good humor lately. His banter with newsmen at press conferences has revealed his personal campaign attitude better than it has been expressed otherwise. Excerpts from the last one can be paraphrased in the proper tone, something like this:

Campaign plans? Well, to be frank he wants to make a trip to the Pacific coast. It has gone as far as arranging a schedule to find out how many days it would take out and back, but he doesn't know. He will do it if he can. He doesn't want to start a war scare, but the way the European situation is right now, it would not do for him to be seen from Washington longer than four days in a row. What the situation will be ten days hence, he doesn't know. Sea trip in December to San Francisco conference? No, but he will tell you what he probably will do after November 3. Take a sea trip of ten days or two weeks for fishing in some of those spots he gophered previously in the Gulf of Mexico.

Will the president do that? He will. (Continued on Page Six.)

BROTHERS CLAIM SEVERE BEATING WHILE SLEEPING

Memory Dim On Murders, Or Shooting Details, Folsom Prison Statement Says.

FOLSOM, Cal., Sept. 19.—(AP)—John and Coke Brito, accused triple slayers who surrendered themselves to District Attorney James Davis of Siskiyou county after a three-week intensive manhunt for them, today revealed they will seek exoneration from the murder charge on the ground of self defense.

In his statement, John Brito told how he and his brother had purchased supplies the day before the shooting, including powder for their prospector's claim, which later became their hideout, and told of drinking considerable beer and going to sleep on their camp beds some hours before they clashed with the deputy sheriff, constable and Vallejo man.

The signed document points out the brothers were awakened from a sound sleep by the early morning visitors and charges that before either brother was fully awake they were being beaten as they lay in their beds.

The prosecution of the accused killers, who voluntarily left their lonely mountain retreat for the "seclusion" of Folsom prison Thursday, was proposed to the attorney general by District Attorney James Davis of Siskiyou county.

"I am asking the attorney general to take over the entire case," he told state and prison officials at the preliminary hearing. "That is not because I believe I am disqualified in any way, but I believe the attorney general is better equipped to go into all the details."

Davis, with Dr. Earle E. Harris, secretary of the brothers to Folsom, is the object of a recent recall movement.

John Brito admitted they drank two quarts of wine and "four or five cans of beer" on the day previous to the shooting.

FOLSOM PRISON, Cal., Sept. 19.—(UP)—John and Coke Brito, two Siskiyou county prospectors accused of slaying three men who were attempting to place them under arrest on the night of August 30, said today that they were beaten so badly by unknown assailants that they did not remember any details of the affair.

They told District Attorney James Davis, who brought them to Folsom as a safety measure after their surrender yesterday morning, they had no recollection of fighting anyone the night that Deputy Sheriff Martin Lange, Constable Joe Clark and Fred Sabor, U. S. navy marine pilot at Sable Island naval yard, were killed at the Brito brothers camp on Horse creek.

The Brito mother surrendered herself to Davis after a determined hunt proved futile. She asked him to take them to Folsom to avoid possible lynching. Davis took them there for safe keeping pending their trial.

"It was heat so bad I didn't know nothing 'til we was up at our home," John said. "I was there first, and Coke came up and told me there was three dead men down in our camp, but I didn't know."

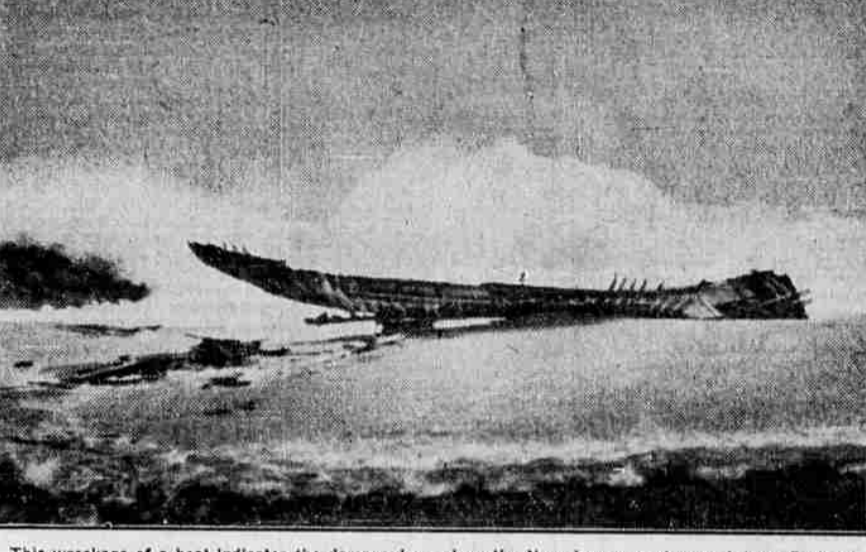
Coke said he was beaten so severely that he could remember no shots being fired at the camp.

Charles Baker, who accompanied the murdered men to the camp but who later fled in fear, told a coroner's jury that the Britos jumped out of their blankets and started fighting when Deputy Lange called to them. Identified himself and attempted to arrest them.

Baker said Coke had shot Clark and fired two shots at him.

Klamath Woman Killed, 5 Hurt In Hot Springs Crash

SEA-BATTERED WRECKAGE FROM COASTAL STORM



This wreckage of a boat indicated the damage done along the coast as it coasted near Asbury Park by the hurricane which lashed a thousand miles off the Atlantic coast as it coasted near Asbury Park by Cape Hatteras. (Associated Press Photo)

HURRICANE ROARS TO SEA, 8 STATES FEEL STORM FURY

Small Life And Property Loss — Weather Bureau Efficiency Lauded.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—(AP)—A hurricane whirled northeastward over the Atlantic off Massachusetts tonight, bound for oblivion at sea.

The coasts of eight states had felt its fury, but only eight persons were known to be dead. Fifteen were missing.

There was heavy property damage along the shores of North Carolina, where the low pressure area struck Thursday night; Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Connecticut escaped the blow.

"A high pressure area was forcing the hurricane farther and farther away from the American coast. Most of the property damage was sustained by small boats anchored in shallow waters along the coast. They were smashed to bits or beached high and dry, by the winds as high as 100 miles an hour.

The small loss of life was attributed to the work of the government weather bureau, which since September 10 had watched the progress of the hurricane from its point of origin in the West Indies. The bureau issued repeated warnings of the storm's movement on a great circle course from the southeast to North Carolina, then north along the coast and, veering at last, to the northeast.

It was one of the best publicized hurricanes in history with everything along its path well warned to stand clear.

The greatest loss of life was in the sinking of the fishing schooner Long Island in Delaware bay. Three men are known to have drowned and four are missing.

Three persons were known to have been killed in Pennsylvania and one in Maryland.

The high pressure area, which forced the hurricane away from the populous sections of New Jersey and New York, was gradually slowing down the huge gales revolving counterclockwise around the hurricane's center.

Through the high pressure area headed the Zeppelin Hindenburg, coming to the United States on her last westward Atlantic crossing of the season. Unperturbed by the hurricane at sea, the big dirigible was traveling steadily, expecting to reach Lakehurst, N. J., at 6 a. m. tomorrow.

Another German aviation activity unhampered by the storm was that of Luftschiff, the trans-Atlantic air-ship, which sent its motorship to anchor at Port Washington, N. Y. From the Schwanenland, Tuesday, will be catapulted a flying boat which will head across the Atlantic to the Azores.

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Mary Astor Steps Out



With a friend, Marcus Godrich, Mary Astor of the screen is pictured as she attended a Hollywood preview of the film, "Dodsworth," in which she appears. The picture was made during court hearings in her child custody fight with her former husband. (Associated Press Photo)

SPEEDING CAR IS HURLED OFF ROAD, HITS POWER POLE

Edith Berry, 20, Dies Of Broken Neck—Medford Woman And Three Men Injured In Crash.

Edith Berry, 20-year-old Klamath Falls girl, died of a broken neck in the Ashland Community hospital last night and five others were seriously injured when the light coach in which they were riding toward Medford sidwheeled, a power pole on the long sweeping hill curve a short distance north of the Jackson Hot Springs at 7:30 last night. The other five are expected to recover.

The injured: Luella VanZile, about 20, 116 Almond street, Medford.

A. L. Bradshaw, about 24, of Klamath Falls, owner of the Chevrolet coach.

Jimmy French, Medford, driver of the car.

Fred Roush, Medford, believed to be a CCC enrollee.

"Happy Jack," a cowboy, whose real name was not learned.

All of the survivors except the cowboy were seriously injured. The Van Zile girl was suffering from a fractured lower jaw, and a pole on the long sweeping hill curve a short distance north of the Jackson Hot Springs at 7:30 last night. The other five are expected to recover.

According to state police, who investigated the fatal crash, the car was traveling north at high speed. It sidwheeled, and a pole on the long sweeping hill curve a short distance north of the Jackson Hot Springs at 7:30 last night. The other five are expected to recover.

When police arrived at the scene several liquor bottles were found in the wreckage, and apparently some of the occupants had been drinking, they reported.

According to officers, the car crashed because it was going too fast to make the turn. When the pole was sheared, the occupants went dead for a large area. A crowd of passing motorists quickly gathered at the scene of the smash-up, and motorists aided in taking the wounded to the Ashland hospital.

The Dr. G. H. Eversett of Ashland was called to the scene and rendered first aid. He and Dr. E. A. Woodard attended the wounded at the hospital, but Miss Berry was dead shortly after arriving there. Her death was attributed to a broken neck, a broken left leg above the knee, a broken right leg below the knee, a broken jaw, and internal hemorrhage.

The death was the third also fatally in Jackson county in the space of one week. Everett J. Thompson of Talent was killed by a hit-and-run driver last Sunday night at Talent and police are still searching for the driver of the 1935 Chevrolet that struck him down. Kenneth E. Howard, a broken jaw, was killed a week ago last night when the Ford roadster he was driving swerved out of control at the corner of West Main street and Columbus avenue.

JOAN AND POWELL MARRIED ON SHIP
WILMINGTON, Cal., Sept. 19.—(UP)—Joan Blondell and Dick Powell, both of movie fame, were married tonight aboard the S. S. Santa Paula, a few hours before leaving on a honeymoon cruise to New York.

Only a few relatives and close friends witnessed the nuptials, performed by the Rev. H. W. Tweedie, Wilmington Presbyterian minister, in the "bridal suite" on the Grace Interoceanic liner.

NEW DEAL LOOMS AS BATTLE ISSUE OF LONDON, F.D.R.

Major Parties Seek Support Of Independents—President Rebuffs Publisher.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The struggle for support across party lines in the presidential campaign intensified this week on top of extensive independent voting in the Maine senatorial election and several state primaries.

Developments pointed tonight to more strenuous campaigning on the broad issue of the New Deal. Readiness of some leaders in both major parties to have it out on that basis, rather than traditional differences, had long been manifest. The dispute over fundamentals appeared to be crystallizing more rapidly than at any time since the conventions.

President Roosevelt and Governor Landon have shown again a will to campaign on whether the New Deal is American or not, sound or unsound, or worth its cost. Accepting the invitation to become the presidential candidate of the American Labor party in New York state, the president called his campaign one "for democracy in our industrial economy and democratic institutions against the attacks of predatory interests."

Shortly after his return to the White House today from Boston, a statement issued by a secretary, Stephen Early, said an attempt was planned "by a certain notorious newspaper owner to make it appear that the president actively accepts the support of alien organizations hostile to the American form of government."

"The president does not want and does not welcome the vote or support of any individual or group taking orders from alien sources," Early said. He did not name the publisher.

Complicating the general political situation are factional differences in such states as Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska and West Virginia, as well as the attempt by the new Union party to undermine both old parties and that by labor, non-partisan league to organize the labor vote for Roosevelt outside the Democratic party.

PEACE EFFORT IN P-I STRIKE ENDS
SEATTLE, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Chas. W. Hope, regional director for the National labor relations board, announced at 6:30 p. m. today that negotiations on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer newsroom strike had been broken off.

Executives of the Hearst owned Post-Intelligencer and leaders of the striking Seattle chapter of the American Newspaper Guild adjourned a conference a few minutes before Hope's announcement.

A labor relations board hearing on the cases of Frank M. (Slim) Lynch, news photographer, and Everhard (Army) Armstrong, whose dismissals by the newspaper precipitated the strike August 19, will be resumed at 10 a. m. Monday, Hope said.

LANDON GOES TO FAIR; DISCUSSES IOWA FARM TALK

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Gov. Alf. M. Landon interrupted work on a major farm speech today for a family visit to the Kansas Fair and a merry-go-round ride to the 1936 Democratic campaign tune of "Happy Days Are Here Again."

For an hour this morning, the Republican presidential nominee, Mrs. Landon, and their two youngsters, four-year-old Nancy Jo and two-year-old Jack, walked about the fairgrounds. Then the Governor returned home to resume work on Tuesday's Des Moines address and to approve a partial itinerary of 14 rear-platform talks in Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota next week.

Landon chose the executive mansion for final shaping of his farm talk in conference with Rep. Clifford Hope of Kansas, head of the Republican national committee's agricultural division, and Earl H. Taylor, Hope's assistant.

Available to the candidate were the views of 30 farm editors, presented in a round-table discussion yesterday.

VOTER COERCION CHARGED TO WPA IN PENNSYLVANIA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The senate campaign funds committee was openly challenged today by Senator Davis (R., Pa.), to investigate charges presented by the senator of voter coercion in the work progress administration in Pennsylvania.

At the same time the Republican national committee said in a statement that Pennsylvania WPA workers were being forced to erect roadside signs urging the reelection of President Roosevelt.

Chairman Lonigan (D., Conn.) said Senator Davis' charges would be taken up by the committee at its next meeting September 28.

He added that "specific charges given out by the Republican national committee" had never been formally presented to senate investigators.

The Republican committee said it had a photograph to support its charges that WPA workers were "being forced to erect monuments and roadside signs urging the reelection of President Roosevelt, and state and local Democratic candidates in Pennsylvania."

GOVERNOR SEEKS EARLY PEACE IN SALINAS STRIKE

1700 Citizens Mobilize To Repel Stevedore Invasion — "Red" Agitators En Route.

SALINAS, Calif., Sept. 19.—(AP)—Another sudden mobilization of 1,700 deputized citizens today paralleled efforts of Gov. Frank P. Merriam to settle the 16-day strike of unionized lettuce workers.

After a conference with grower-shipper representatives, the governor announced they had agreed to send a committee of five to Sacramento next Tuesday to discuss settlement terms with a state Federation of Labor committee.

A series of blasts on the town fire whistle brought the special deputy sheriffs to the armory. Most of them carried guns or clubs.

Sheriff Carl Abbott professed ignorance of the reason, but Henry R. Sabor, reserve army officer and self-styled "coordinator" of law enforcement activities, said the move was made on the basis of "information received."

A. B. Hughes, bank president and special deputy, said he understood four separate reports had been received that San Francisco longshoremen were enroute here to aid the 3,200 striking lettuce workers.

In Los Angeles, Capt. William Hynes of the police radical squad asserted "red agitators under the guise of tourists" were moving toward the strike area. He said highway officers might turn back all cars carrying "suspicious characters."

It was the second time in as many days that the special deputies had been mobilized suddenly. Yesterday they were called out when reports were circulated that the strikers were about to make a move of some kind. Nothing but quiet ensued and they disbanded.

At the insistence of the state Federation of Labor, Governor Merriam took personal charge of efforts to bring about mediation. He first called a conference of prominent citizens.

Lettuce picking proceeded with non-union help and a minimum of guards about the packing sheds. Few strikers were in evidence. Merriam expressed belief troubles could be ironed out.

CONG. MOTT PAYS VISIT TO VALLEY

Congressman James W. Mott spent Saturday in the city attending the food control hearing, and left late yesterday to spend Sunday at Diamond Lake. The congressman was accompanied by Mrs. Mott. The congressman planned a day of rest and relaxation at the mountain resort before leaving for Salem Monday.

Congressman Mott expects to pay a visit to the city and valley next month on his campaign itinerary.

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A rainfall of one-inch-and-a-half fell on Halifax during the night.

Malay States Shaken
SINGAPORE, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Malay states and the Straits Settlements experienced a sharp earthquake today but no casualties or damage were reported.

FASCIST ARMIES READY FOR FINAL MADRID ATTACK

Spanish Capital Encircled—Plan Bombing Of Alcazar Defenders.

By the Associated Press
The Fascist junta asserted last night that its armies had encircled Madrid and were ready for a "final attack" on the Spanish capital.

The government forces were awaiting ammunition to defend their efforts to wipe out renegades still alive in the dynamited fortress, the Alcazar.

The Fascist forces in the north-eastern coastal sector under Gen. Emilio Mola drove at Bilbao and Santander, the only remaining government strongholds in that sector.

With these developments, Fascist agents in Saint Jean de Luz, France, asserted that the tide of the Spanish civil war has turned in their favor, and that the government forces were on the defensive "all along the line."

The Spanish government itself was beset by syndicalist demands for a military draft and an eight-point program for decentralization of the government. The Socialists and the Communists flatly refused to consider the demands of the syndicalists who, although not represented in the "popular front" government, nevertheless form a strong influence.

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