

The Weather

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CHINA ASKS TREATY POWERS TO ACT



News Behind The News

By H. R. Baukhage (Copyright, 1937, by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.) WASHINGTON, July 16.—Whatever you may think of the president's letter to acting senate leader Barkley, ordering "no surrender" in the court fight, it was no bluff. That isn't a guess, it's authentic.

ENVOY DISCUSSES SINO-JAP CRISIS WITH SECY. HULL

Memorandum Given Adherents Nine-Power Treaty — Action May Be Informal Invocation of Pact

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese ambassador, said today he had discussed with Secretary Hull, China's plea that the United States and other nine-power treaty signatories "take action" in the present Sino-Japanese crisis.

The envoy conferred with Hull before attending the state funeral of Senator Robinson.

"We want the various treaty signatories to take action," Dr. Wang said. "I went over the situation with Secretary Hull."

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The Chinese government led up to presentation of today's memorandum with a series of conferences between the ambassador and state department officials.

Discussions held Hull has discussed the threatening far eastern situation with Hiroshi Saito, the Japanese ambassador and the Chinese ambassador on several occasions.

After one conference with them the state department issued a formal statement saying the secretary had given the envoys a friendly warning to the effect that armed conflict in the far east would be a threat to the peace of the world.

The United States, however, has taken no definite official action—other than the friendly exchanges of opinion—and it was said today this government has not yet made any commitments concerning the nine power pact.

VACATIONIST KILLED BY FALL AT BEACH

PORT ORFORD, July 16.—(AP)—A North Dakota family concluded a sad vacation trip to Oregon yesterday and left for the midwest with the body of A. Slonn, 22, who died Wednesday after a fall upon the rocks near Tichner's head.

The youth, a resident of Mott, N.D., was alone when the accident occurred and the body was not found until late in the afternoon. The coast guard aided in the rescue and brought him to a hospital here where he died of a fractured skull and broken neck vertebrae.

The youth was visiting at his sister's home.

Nation's Great In Homage To Dead Leader of Senate

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—The nation's great, led by President Roosevelt, paid their last respects today to Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic leader of the senate.

At the stroke of noon the throng of frock-coated dignitaries marched into the gold-and-marble senate chamber for a simple state funeral. The air was heavy with the fragrance of flowers.

Linen-clad spectators crowded the galleries. The dead leader's massive silvery casket, almost hidden by wreaths, occupied the center of the hall. An arm's length away stood the empty chair Robinson had used during the last of his 24 years in the senate.

Special seats flanking the bier were occupied by his immediate relatives, Mrs. Robinson, her brothers, Charles and Grady Miller, and their families. Joseph Brewer and Joseph Robinson, nephew of the senator, and their wives.

Bride Is Killed In Auto Mishap En Route Home

KELSO, WASH., July 16.—(AP)—The bride and mother of Roland H. Metzke were killed and three other Longview persons injured when the Metzke car, homeward bound from a wedding trip to Vancouver, B.C., crashed head-on into a parked truck on the Pacific highway last night. The dead: Mrs. Marie Metzke, the mother, and Mrs. Metzke, the wife.

The injured: Mary and Delores Moser and Helen Smith. Metzke, the driver, escaped injury.

The accident occurred near the midnight hour six miles north of here. Blinding lights from a passing bus were contributing factors to the fatal mishap.

HEAT AND RAINS PLAGUE BIRDMEN SEEKING AMELIA

HONOLULU, July 16.—(AP)—Navy airmen, alternately plagued by scorching heat and blinding rain squalls, today moved toward the close of their hopeless South seas hunt for Amelia Earhart and Frederick J. Noonan.

Four massed flights over the vast equatorial area where the pair vanished July 2 have netted not a clue to fliers from the aircraft carrier Lexington, which is running short of supplies.

Somewhere in the shark-infested (Continued on Page Five)

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD AGAINST LIQUOR ADS, ALL FORMS GAMBLING

EUGENE, July 16.—(AP)—A firm stand against liquor advertising, all forms of gambling including pin-ball machines, and compulsory military training in colleges and universities was taken by the Presbyterian synod of Oregon in its closing sessions here late yesterday. The action, which also urged arbitration in labor disputes, came in the form of recommendations.

Liquor advertisements were condemned on the grounds that they create an unwholesome desire, and in no way fulfill a need of society. Compulsory military training was opposed because it interfered with the right of the individual to follow his own conscience in such matters.

The church should concern itself with the ethical principles involved in labor disputes, but should not mix in economic aspects, it was declared by Dr. Louis A. Wood, professor of economics at the University of Oregon, in an address on "the church and the labor problem."

The synod voted to meet in Albany next year, as guests of Albany college.

Brush Fire Burns Murphy Residence

GRANTS PASS, July 16.—(AP)—A 30-acre grass and brush fire destroyed the home and possessions yesterday of two families in a state-owned house three miles from Murphy. John Kincaid, state fire warden estimated loss at \$10,000.

Residents were Mr. and Mrs. George Hurley and five children and a Mr. and Mrs. Moore and two children who arrived two months ago from San Francisco.

PEEPER CAPTURED BY BRAVE WOMAN

While allegedly peeping through a bedroom window at several little girls who were preparing for bed, Joseph Edward Grant, 47, a transient, was held at the point of a gun until city police arrived by a woman whose name, at her urgent request, was not revealed.

The district attorney this morning filed a charge of vagrancy in justice court against Grant.

Grant, it was charged, was prowling around a residential section. The woman noticed him at the bedroom window, procured a revolver, and forced him to remain while she had city police called. They arrived at 10:23 p. m. and removed Grant to city jail.

Medford Couple To Wed In Reno

RENO, Nev., July 16.—(AP)—Marriage licenses issued here late yesterday included: Willis A. Scott, 35, and Ana Ruth Melton, over 21, both Medford, Ore.

FOG DELAYS FLEET ON JOURNEY TO PORTLAND

PORTLAND, July 16.—(AP)—The fog-delayed United States naval fleet began arriving in Portland this afternoon with its 16,000 officers and sailors to participate in the "Deet fleeta."

ALTURAS SLAYER DECLARED SANE; FACES EXECUTION

ALTURAS, Calif., July 16.—(AP)—Harry French, found sane by a jury that had previously convicted him of first-degree murder, today faced a mandatory death sentence for the "newspaper feud" killing of Claude L. McCracken, 36, Modoc county editor.

Tuesday Set for Sentencing of Harry French — Chief of Defense Counsel Plans Move for New Trial

Ten men and two women jurors returned the sanity verdict last night, five hours and 15 minutes after beginning deliberations.

Superior Judge Ferdinand Jamison set next Tuesday as the time for sentencing.

Chief Defense Counsel S. Luke Howe said he would move for a new trial before French was pronounced sane.

French, 30-year-old member of a pioneer Alturas family, was convicted of fatally shooting McCracken as the latter sat at dinner in his own home last March 25.

The defense contended French, physically frail since childhood, had been driven to insanity by McCracken's "persecution," which took the form of articles in his newspaper, and odd behavior on the street when he met members of the French family.

French's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bard French, publish the Alturas Plain Dealer, a paper which operated in rivalry to McCracken's Modoc Daily Mail. Testimony showed the papers fought constantly for a period of two years prior to the shooting.

In the murder trial the jury failed to bring in a recommendation of leniency which compelled the court to sentence French to death.

COOLING BREEZES ARE BOON TO EAST

By the Associated Press Northwest breezes cooled most sections east of the Rockies today, checking a heat wave that caused approximately 400 deaths during the past 12 days.

J. R. Lloyd, of the Chicago weather bureau, said except for thunder-showers in the northwestern areas, generally fair and cooler weather would prevail in the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and the Great Lakes region. He said the temperature would rise Saturday in the northern plains region.

Unseasonably warm weather prevailed yesterday over most eastern and southern sections. Intermittent showers kept the temperature down in Chicago. The day's maximum was 89, New York's highest temperature yesterday was 98.

TO HOLD HEARING ON COAST RAILWAY

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission said today it will send a representative to the Pacific coast to conduct a hearing on the application for a railroad from Crescent City, Calif., to Grants Pass, Ore.

The Gold Coast railroad to connect Port Orford with the Southern Pacific up Rogue river canyon requested an extension on the time to start construction. The application said the delay was forced by the threatened competition to the south.

The extension request will be heard at the same time as the application for a certificate for the proposed road between Grants Pass and the northern California community.

BASEBALL

National First game: St. Louis 10 14 0 Philadelphia 5 3 8 3 Johnson and Owen; Walters, Jorgensen, Passeau and Atwood.

Chicago 1 3 2 Boston 5 10 0 Lee and Harinett; Pette and Lopez.

Cincinnati 5 10 1 Brooklyn 3 10 0 Derringer, Hallahan, Schott, Griesom and Lombardi; Hamlin, Jiffcoat and Phelps.

(11 innings) Pittsburgh 4 7 2 New York 3 8 1 Blanton, Brown, Frankhouse and Todd; Melton, Coffman and Danning.

American Philadelphia 4 10 1 Chicago 2 18 0 Thomas, Nelson and Conroy; Cain and Sewell.

Mae's Man



Frank Wallace (above) the man Mae West admitted she married in 1911, declares she is his favorite movie actress. "There's only been one love in my life and that's her," said Wallace.—(A. P. Photo.)

INDIAN WOMAN HELD IN PITCHFORK DEATH OF TENT COMPANION

PORTLAND, July 16.—(AP)—The sheriff held Mrs. Lucy Dick, 36-year old Indian, in the county jail today in connection with the pitchfork death of Mrs. Dorothy Spencer, 19, another Indian, as the result of an alleged quarrel over a \$2 debt.

Mrs. Dick told Chief Criminal Deputy Holger Christoferson she struck out with the pitchfork last night to defend herself when Mrs. Spencer attacked her with a knife.

Mrs. Spencer died about 20 minutes after one of the times penetrated her neck. The women apparently fought with their fists before the weapons came into play.

The deputy said Mrs. Spencer, of Wiley City near Yakima, Wash., and Mrs. Dick, Auburn, Wash., came to the Greesham district to pick cherries. They were related by marriage and lived in the same tent with their children.

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Markham was released near here after eight hours, during which time he said the men criss-crossed through the country, dodging a posse from which they had escaped by abandoning their own car and taking to the woods only shortly before.

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MAE MUST PAY COSTS OF CASE

LOS ANGELES, July 16.—(AP)—The superior court ruled here today that Mae West is the wife of Frank Wallace, and that she has to pay the costs of the suit he filed to prove it.

Superior Judge Robert Kenny closed the case today by his ruling that "Diamond Lil" of the movies has been Mrs. Frank Wallace ever since 1911.

The court told the "come up and see me some time" blonde's attorneys that she would have to pay the costs of the suit.

They protested, but the judge said the long left alone husband had been "put to considerable trouble in bringing the action" and ordered his counsel to present an itemized bill for the actress to pay.

Idaho Air Service To Base At Boise

ONTARIO, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—Ontario will be the western terminus of a loop air plane service starting from Boise, Idaho, and connecting Nampa, Caldwell, Ontario, and Emmet with the United States Line's transcontinental service, if the plans of J. E. Laubaugh and W. R. Bar-rauch of Boise work out.

Laubaugh, and Barrauch were in Ontario yesterday to interview city officials and to secure permission to use Ontario's municipal air port.

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LAST HONOR PAID JULIUS MEIER IN PORTLAND RITES

PORTLAND, July 16.—(AP) Julius L. Meier, merchant, statesman and a lifelong citizen of Oregon, received honor and tribute in death today from those who worked with him in the business and political life of the state.

Prominent executives and private citizens of the state and city attended last rites at 11 a. m. today at the Temple Beth Israel for the former governor and one time president of the Meier & Frank department store.

In the huge synagogue, constructed with the help of generous donations from Mr. Meier, Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz, conducted brief and simple services.

William Robinson Boone played the traditional Jewish melodies on the great organ. In front of the synagogue there was an honor guard of state troopers, an organization coming into life at the start of Mr. Meier's administration.

Governor Charles Martin, Meier's successor, led the long procession of officials who came to present their last respects to the executive who died at his country home on the Columbia river last Wednesday.

"Today we are gathered in alliance," said the rabbi, "and bowed with a deep and overwhelming grief, yet all of us witness the truth of this divine gift of personality. For the lovable man was a unique example of the hypnotic power that one soul can wield over countless others."

"He somehow cast a spell over us all; we were enslaved by his charm and we rejoiced to satisfy his every whim and wish. There was something so light-hearted and regular in his humor, something so human in his touch, that to be near him was to be made happier and gay."

The rabbi said Meier's desire to make his administration as governor a successful one hastened his death.

At the Beth Israel cemetery where interment was held, the rabbi read the Jewish service, closing with the ancient mourner's prayer, kaddish.

M'NUTT BID LOW TILLER TRAIL JOB

PORTLAND, July 16.—(AP)—M'Nutt brothers, Eugene contractors entered the low bid today for clearing and grading one and half miles of the Tiller-Trail highway, three and half miles north of Trail between Roseburg and Medford in Jackson county, with an estimate of \$69,051.40.

Bids on the project, which is a continuation of the 1937 national forest highway construction, were opened by W. H. Lynch, district engineer for Portland for the federal bureau of public roads. E. L. Gates of Trail, with a bid of \$69,653.10 was second low of the four opened.

Longest-Flying Birdmen Honored In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, July 16.—(AP)—Los Angeles, now just around the skyway corner from Moscow, showed civic honors today upon Soviet Russia's longest-flying birdmen.

The office of Mayor Frank Shaw in the city hall was sided up as the scene of an official welcome this afternoon for the trio of aviators whose non-stop flight across the north pole from the Russian capital to San Jacinto, Calif., is a world record—6,262 miles.

Even as new events were added to the list of ceremonial tributes to Pilot Mikhail Gromoff, Co-Pilot Andrei Yumasheff and Navigator Sergei Dastin, it became apparent that their historic first week might soon become commonplace.

Homesick Bride Visiting Sister As Hunt Rages

ASTORIA, July 16.—(AP)—Searchers found a simple solution today to the disappearance of Mrs. Norman Thornton, the bride of a week, from her home at Seaview, Wash.

Her husband received a penciled note postmarked Corbett, Ore., saying the bride had become "homesick" and was visiting her sister. "Sorry for any trouble caused," it added.

She had been missing since Wednesday. A deputy sheriff took charge of the hunt and enlisted COG boys from Camp Canby. The coast guard patrolled the beach, thinking she had drowned in the surf.

DEFIANT REPLIES GIVEN ROOSEVELT COURT BILL PLEA

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—Senator Byrnes (D., S. C.) withdrew today from the race for Democratic leader of the senate.

In a statement issued after the funeral service for Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the late leader, Byrnes said he "will not be a candidate."

Byrnes made no further statement, but it was understood from his colleagues that he was planning to support Senator Harrison of Mississippi.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—A presidential injunction that it is "the duty of congress" to pass judicial legislation at this session, drew angry, defiant replies today from foes of the court bill.

The armistice called after the death of Senator Robinson was shattered even before his state funeral at noon.

"We will select our own leader and dispose of the court bill in our own way without dictation from any source whatsoever," said Senator Van Nuys (D., Ind.).

Senator Burke (D., Neb.) commented, "If the president is determined to have the matter brought back to life, he will find the opposition ready to welcome the contest."

Foes Strike Back. Opposition senators struck back vigorously at the president's statement that he was expressing his views before Robinson's funeral because "I find that advantage is being taken of what, in all decency, should be a period of mourning."

Senator Burke decried the opposition's effort to avoid the controversy during the period of mourning had not been followed by the other side.

President Roosevelt made his demand for action on court legislation in a letter to Acting Senate Leader Barkley of Kentucky.

He followed it up with a conference last night with Barkley and other senators.

Earlier four freshmen senators had discussed the court issue with the president, and according to word passed around by their colleagues, urged him to let the controversial measure go back to committee until next session.

Divide On Tactics. Opposition leaders asserted they had enough votes to recommit the bill. But at a strategy conference, a division of sentiment developed as to whether the motion to recommit would pass.

Labor Situation

(By the Associated Press) WASHINGTON—The labor relations board charged the Republic Steel corporation today with a long list of "unfair labor practices" before and during the recent steel strike.

The board ordered a hearing here Wednesday on its complaint, which covered only the company's Ohio plants.

CHICAGO—Coroner's jury of six men heard testimony for third day at inquest into 10 deaths in Memorial day steel riot.

Detroit—Gov. Frank Murphy predicts quick settlement of strike involving 50,000 Michigan truck drivers and helpers; orders police to keep highways open.

Timothy that Harry Bennett, Ford Motor company personnel director, said the company did not approve of any organization of its employees, went into the record of a national labor relations board hearing here today.

THIRD BANDIT'S DEATH DOUBTED BY OFFICERS

PENDLETON, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—Following intensive quizzing at the Umatilla county court house here last night of two crestfallen young men, Pat Bushman and Floyd Russell, held for robbery of the Grant County national bank at John Day, local authorities today were of the opinion that a companion, Jack David or Davis, third alleged bank robber, may still be living.

After capture, the two young men at first maintained yesterday that they believed their companion had died after they left him in timber near the highway as they fled from John Day. Their story was that the young man was injured when their car overturned as they made their escape.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Eugene Thorndike taking it off from his resting bank business to become a patron of the arts by purchasing a membership ticket for the Shakespeare festival.

George Codding, Capt. Herman J. Hising and Goodwin Humphrey boasting of their catch in a run down the Rogue river, Attorney Codding sprinkling his boast with the customary wherefores and whoinunders.

Alce Anderson, ticket seller at the softball squabbles, simply educating customers who purchase dozens in bunches of five or more, she, however, doing a right-about-face with kiddies who have not yet procured their free passes and try to crash the gate.

Lucille Murray discoursing at great length on the horror of habits, and telling how she just couldn't get any work done in the morning until she had indulged in her worst—a coca cola.

Opal Harvey finding bicycling a pretty strenuous sport but nevertheless declaring her intention of trying it again at the first opportunity.