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19 KILLED WHEN TENEMENTS COLLAPSE



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WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—There is quite a tale behind the president's three-page protest which signaled his eleventh-hour signing of the department of the interior \$131,000,000 appropriation bill.

The vocational educationists took the wallop—the president said he signed the measure with "reluctance" because they got \$10,000,000 more than was budgeted. The educators were accused of lobbying, which they vehemently deny, stating that they didn't need to.

Perhaps the castigation was deserved, but the story behind the long-delayed action on the bill isn't so simple. It is a fascinating tale of internecine strife, strategy and free-for-all political warfare.

The dramatic suspense was created by withholding signature from the bill until the last moment. The act would have become a law automatically if it hadn't been acted upon by Tuesday. Not until late Monday did word come down from Hyde Park that the measure would be "disposed of" the next day.

There was, according to certain sensitive senators who can't quite believe that the word "reproach" has been stricken from the White House lexicon, something sinister about this delay which led them to assume that a veto was being prepared. These senators had cast their lot with the oppositionists of court reform. They likewise had pet projects in the appropriation.

In fact, word was passed around, purportedly from friends of the administration, that no bill would be approved unless certain cuts were made to accord with the budget recommendations.

When the president's statement came out, it had two surprises: First, that it wasn't a veto and, second, that it never even mentioned any of the projects sponsored by the offending senators.

This happy consummation, however, instead of being received with proper gratitude, produced only a few groans over what the senators deemed as a strategic failure on the part of the administration to scare them to death.

The vocational educationists took their rap and their \$14,300,000 with mixed emotions. They recognized in the president's words the echoes of a long and bitter inter-departmental battle.

They recognized in the president's phraseology some of the sentiments of the committee especially appointed to study their demands and report to congress. Some of them think the committee, which couldn't see their proposition and said so to congress, had the viewpoint of the general who turned over some prisoners to his captain with these orders:

"You will escort these prisoners to the parade ground, give them a fair trial and execute them immediately." The controversy over vocational education extends all the way from within the government to the halls of learning.

The secretary of labor has never seen eye to eye with the department of interior's office of education on this subject.

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LAKE COUNTY PINBALLS MUST GO OUT TONIGHT LAKEVIEW, Ore., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Operators of pinball devices in Lake county will face prosecution after 6 p. m. tonight if their machines remain in operation. District Attorney Charles Combs announced last night.

COURT PACKING PLAN DEAD IS VIEW OF SENATOR WHEELER

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Describing the supreme court as the bulwark for the preservation of liberties granted by the constitution, Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) today declared "yes men" could never solve the problems of society. Speaking at the 74th commencement of Bryant college, the Montanan asserted the "court packing plan is dead—killed by those thinking people who feel that an independent judiciary is an indispensable and integral part of the American form of government."

THREE NEW YORK BUILDINGS CRASH DURING DOWNPOUR

Tragedy Comes Without Warning As Overflowing Storm Sewer Undermines Old Structures in Night

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A tempestuous rainstorm killed 19 persons, including 10 women and children, early today when three Staten Island tenement buildings collapsed.

The tragedy struck without warning, near midnight, as tons of water cascaded down a steep hillside from an overflowing storm sewer and undermined the old brick buildings.

Torrential rains flooded the cellars of the dilapidated structures earlier in the evening. Then, under the impact of the hillside flood, one after another collapsed—like houses of cards—while rescue squads looked on helplessly.

Rescuers Helpless.

A raging stream, six feet deep, kept police and firemen on the far side of the street, desperately attempting to put ladders across to the screaming occupants of the doomed buildings.

In addition to the 19 known dead, several others were believed missing, buried in the tangle of wreckage.

Four others were taken to the Staten Island hospital with serious injuries.

Patrolman Joseph McQueen, the father of a two weeks' old baby, who was the first rescuer on the scene, died a hero. He plunged into one of the buildings after the first structure collapsed. Searching squads found him later, buried in the wreckage. In his arms, with her arms tightly curled around his neck, was the body of a four-year-old Virginia Budnick.

Storm Strikes Area.

The disaster struck at the height of a thunder and electrical storm.

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IRAQ ARMY CHIEFS REPORTED SLAIN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Reports from Baghdad said today that Maj.-Gen. Bekr Sidki Pasha, Iraq's minister of defense, and Col. Mohamed Ali Jawad, chief of Iraq's air force, had been assassinated.

The reports said a soldier shot the two men at the Mosul airport at sunset yesterday. Mosul is 220 miles northwest of Baghdad.

(The kingdom of Iraq—Mesopotamia—formerly was a part of Turkey but is now an independent state. Its borders extend on the coast to the Persian Gulf, an area of 116,000 square miles. King Ghazi is its ruler.)

The assassin was seized and authorities were trying to find out why he did it.

B-H Mining Will Close For Month

The B-H dredge operating in the Ruch district will close down the end of the month. Repairs will be made during September and operations will be resumed in October, according to Manager Jack Horner. The dredge has been operating on sewage water, procured by going to bedrock. This enables longer operation than when dependent on creeks, now dry or nearly so, Horner said.

Sen. Black of Alabama Nominated for Court

Teacher Missing After Sailboat Upsets In Sound

KILGORE, Conn., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Searchers scoured the waters of Long Island Sound in vain today for traces of Charlotte Lieberum, 55, a Bridgeport school teacher, after George Wallace Thorpe of New Haven said he tied her to an oyster stake when she became exhausted, and swam ashore, after his 17-foot sailboat capsized.

Thorpe, exhausted after an estimated two-mile swim through rough water, staggered up Walnut Beach more than eight hours after he and Miss Lieberum set sail for the Housatonic Yacht club at Stratford. He told residents of his experience, and collapsed.

He said he and Miss Lieberum started swimming shoreward but that she became tired, and taking off his shirt he tied her to the oyster stake.

KLAMATH SPORTS WOULD PROTEST TULE DUCK LAWS

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Sportsmen's groups and civic bodies of Klamath county and northern California are rapidly organizing a campaign of protest against a U. S. biological survey ruling which sets December dates for duck and goose hunting in the Tule Lake basin of northern California, developments of the past few days have indicated.

The Tulelake chamber of commerce acted first, going on record as opposed to the late season on the grounds that all waterfowl will have migrated south by the time hunting begins.

The Klamath county council of the Oregon Wildlife federation, meeting last night, reiterated the stand taken by the Tulelake chamber and adopted a resolution asking that the Tulelake area be included in the Klamath-Oregon zone, where the season has been set from November 1 to 30.

The Klamath Sportsmen's association and sportsmen's organizations throughout Siskiyou county, Calif., are reported planning to take similar action.

CANADAS WHEAT STOCK IS LOWEST SINCE 1925

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 3.—(Canadian Press).—A crop report issued today by the Dominion bureau of statistics placed total stocks of wheat in Canada on July 31 at 32,739,852 bushels, the lowest since 1925.

In the latter year, 27,713,810 bushels represented the total stock.

Compared with last year's revised figure of 108,094,377 bushels, this year's carryover shows a reduction of 75,354,525 bushels. The largest carryover of wheat in Canada was 211,740,188 bushels on July 31, 1933, the report said.

BABY DIES IN BLAZE WHILE MOTHER SHOPS

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(AP)—While her mother bought groceries at a nearby store, a five-year-old boy died in flames that destroyed her home at Summit View, ten miles southeast of here.

The mother, Mrs. Henry Van Beak, and neighbors were driven back from the house by smoke and flames when they tried to enter.

FIVE DROWN IN BAY ON SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

OCEAN CITY, Md., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Five young persons attending a Sunday school picnic, drowned today in Sinepuxent bay near here.

They were at work in St. Martin's and were attending the annual picnic of the St. Martin's Episcopal church.

About ten children and young people were in swimming off Henry's grove. It was said that only one of them could swim. Coast guardsmen did not learn immediately how the five were drowned.

PRINTERS WILL QUIT UNLESS TRUCE SIGNED

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Union printers were at work in the Seattle Star plant under a four-day truce with the American Newspaper Guild.

SOVIET AIR ACE OFF TO NEW YORK VIA NORTH POLE

MOSCOW, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Sigmund Levanevsky, the Soviet union's most famous flier, took off today for a trans-pole flight to New York.

Unlike two previous, successful Russian flights to North America over the roof of the world, this will not aim for the Pacific coast and will not be non-stop.

Levanevsky and five members of his crew took off at 6:13 p. m. (10:30 a. m. E. S. T.) with stops scheduled at Fairbanks, Alaska; Edmonton, Alberta, and—possibly—Chicago.

Their four-motor-plane—vastly different from the wide-winged single-motored craft of the pilots' predecessors—rose from Schevoko airfield, outside Moscow, with a crowd of official spectators cheering it off.

Plans for the flight were kept secret until just before the takeoff.

Levanevsky said he would not try for any speed record, indicating that the flight was intended as an experiment for regular airline service over the polar route.

The time of his arrival in New York, the flier said, would depend on the speed of refueling at Fairbanks and Edmonton.

He estimated that he would reach Fairbanks in about 30 hours (about 4 p. m. E. S. T. tomorrow).

"I intend flying in the subarctic sphere," Levanevsky said, "much higher than Chekalov and Gromoff." (Mikhail Gromoff and Valeria Chekalov were pilots of the earlier Moscow to America flights.)

CANADA UPS VALUE ON IMPORT PEARS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Canada has set an import valuation for duty purposes for fresh pears at one cent a pound over true invoice value, the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce reported today.

The advance is of special significance to the three Pacific coast states, which produce about two-thirds of the nation's pears and the bulk of the exportable surplus over home needs.

PHOTOS SHOW VICTIMS OF INGLEWOOD BEAST

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A photographic record of the finding of the bodies of three little Inglewood girls was introduced today into evidence at the murder trial of Albert Dyer, who is accused of slaying them.

Photographs of the children's mutilated bodies lying in a Baldwin hills ravine were scrutinized by the jurors.

WASCO PINBALLS CEASE OPERATION

THE DALLES, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Pinball machines went out of operation in Wasco county today by immediate removal of them was planned by Walter Toose, attorney for operators.

Toose proposed to District Attorney T. Leland Brown, that the machines be licensed "for amusement only."

Brown, whose order against the machines followed an opinion from the attorney general's office that they were illegal, said he was investigating to determine if the mere possession of them was unlawful, regardless of their use.

Toose said that operators planned a new test suit, which will be carried to the state supreme court, 0 hits ground that the machines are no lotteries as ruled by Deputy Attorney General Ralph Moody. The attorney said he was willing to concede that the machines were gambling but that statutes were superseded.

SPANISH REBELS RENEW ADVANCE

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Border, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A border report from a military source said the insurgent forces "advanced in several sectors" today on the Santander front, apparently in a renewal of the northern offensive of the Spanish civil war.

Dyer Sullen



Albert Dyer, accused of the attack-slaying of three little girls at Inglewood, Cal., was sullen as he sat in superior court at Los Angeles and watched attorneys attempt to complete selection of a jury to try him on the triple slaying charge.

DEFEAT PROBE OF YEAR BOOK SALES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The house rules committee voted today against recommending a congressional investigation of the Democratic national committee's sale of 250 copies of its yearbook autographed by President Roosevelt.

Chairman O'Connor (D. N. Y.) said "no action" was taken but other committee members said they had voted to table the resolution introduced by Republican Leader Snell (R. N. Y.) calling for the inquiry.

Representative Martin (R. Mass.), ranking minority member of the committee, said:

"They voted us down." He said the vote was strictly on party lines, although not all the Republican members were present.

Martin predicted before the hearing the resolution would be defeated 10 to 4. There are 10 Democrats and four Republicans on the committee.

PLAN NATIONAL STRIKE AGAINST DIME STORES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Carmen Lucia, chairman of the 15-cent store strike against F. W. Woolworth and J. J. Newberry 5-and-10-cent chains here, said today she would issue a national strike call against Woolworth.

"New York, Detroit, Providence, R. I., and Tacoma, Wash., are already organized," Miss Lucia said. "At least 20 more cities could be organized in time for a national tie-up."

"National policy of the Woolworth stores, which is against the union shop, makes it necessary to prosecute the strike on a nation-wide basis."

CURIOSITY NETS BOY LOSS OF 3 FINGERS

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Auchin Blodgett, 14, Hillsboro, touched a match to a dynamite cap to see what would happen. He lost three fingers and suffered an injured eye.

Boulders Large as House Tumble Into New Canyon

SUHL, Idaho, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Boulders big as houses tumbled today into a canyon newly-formed and still expanding on a farm eight miles north-east of here.

Scores of lighters thronged to the remote ranch corner where nature is in spectacular flux, risking their lives in the rapid earth change despite an order of Earl Bordwick, manager of Griffin ranches, closing the area to the public.

Huge new cracks opened from time to time, acres of grain-bearing earth settled visibly and with sound and soil, loosed along the freshly-carved canyon rim, thundered into the youthful basin.

SHANGHAI ALIENS BEING MOBILIZED 'FOR THE WORST'

NANKING, Aug. 13.—(Friday)—(AP)—The Chinese central government foreign office declared formally today that the Shanghai crisis has become so acute that "there is no way left but for China to resist Japanese aggression and violence."

Responsibility for the situation, the foreign office statement said, rests squarely upon Japan.

"Instead, they sent to Shanghai large numbers of warships, airplanes, marines and other armed forces. At the same time they presented impossible demands, all of which would have infringed upon Chinese sovereignty."

They deployed along the fringe of the Japanese portion of the international settlement and roads extending northward.

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1500 In Spades Held By Local Pinochle Player

Mrs. William E. Hammett of this city held a 1500 hand in spades in a pinocchle game Tuesday evening, with her sister, Mrs. Emma Green, in of Ackley, Iowa, and her husband, William E. Hammett.

Holding a 1500 hand in pinocchle is equivalent to "a hole-in-one," a home-run in the ninth with two out and the score tied, and is both an achievement and a phenomenon.

The perfect hand was dealt by Mrs. Green, and Mrs. Hammett held all the spades but a deuce (nine-spot) that came to Mr. Hammett. She was not helped by the "widow" (three cards for the highest bidder).

A far as is known, this is the first time in the history of Jackson county pinocchle playing that a 1500 hand has shown.

The event thrilled the participants and Mr. Hammett, who has played pinocchle for 25 years, declared he often dreamed of such a hand but never expected to see one.

MARTIN COMPLIMENTS LEGION IN ADDRESS BEFORE CONVENTION

ALBANY, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Governor Charles Martin, fresh from a tiff with labor organizations at Salem, commended the American Legion today for "common sense" ideals.

The governor addressed opening sessions of the 19th annual convention of the Oregon department. The convales brought more than two thousand delegates and visitors to a flag-decorated city.

"You stand for common sense ideals in preserving our country inviolate as handed down to us from our forefathers," the governor said.

The executive condemned leaders of the workers' alliance who besieged his office for employment.

"I asked the employment department to give me information on jobs. I learned there were 5677. I've got them waiting on my desk when they call for them."

The governor spoke vigorously but with apparent good humor, saying "we have a lot of communists and racketeers and co-wards running around Oregon. We'll take care of the unfortunate and every one worthy of being taken care of."

Martin complimented the Legion for its work in defeating a bill to make military training optional at the state university and college.

EDITH WHARTON DIES AT FRENCH CHATEAU

SAINT BRICE SOUS BOIS, France, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Edith Wharton, the noted American novelist, died yesterday at her chateau near here, it was learned today.

The author of "Ethan Frome" and many other stories was 75 years old. Death occurred yesterday following an apoplectic stroke.

Miss Wharton will be buried in the Protestant cemetery at Versailles tomorrow.

BONNEVILLE MEASURE SENT TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The senate adopted today a conference report on legislation for the completion and operation of Bonneville dam on the Columbia river, sending the measure to the White House.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for National and American leagues, listing teams and scores.

OPPONENTS BALK IMMEDIATE VOTE OF RATIFICATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt named Senator Hugo Black of Alabama to the supreme court today, but his immediate confirmation was blocked by Senators Burke (D-Neb.) and Johnson (R-Cal.).

The wily Alabamian was named by Mr. Roosevelt to succeed Willis Van Devanter, retired, in unusual secrecy.

It was listed among other routine nominations but was not made public at the White House as is the custom.

The nomination immediately created a tremendous stir in the senate, and brought a hearty endorsement from leaders of organized labor's divided ranks.

Chairman Ashurst (D-Ariz.) of the judiciary committee, demanded immediate approval of it, without reference to committee, the usual procedure for nominations.

Senator Burke, one of the leaders in the recent fight against the supreme court enlargement bill which Black supported, quickly objected. He was joined later by Johnson, who said he would object to immediate action.

Although Ashurst assumed to say the nomination would go to committee, there was no official announcement.

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OUTSIDER WINS FIRST HEAT IN HAMBLETONIAN

COHEN, N. Y., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Shirley Hanover, an outsider from Lawrence B. Shephard's Hanover, Pa., show farm, today won the first heat of the Hambletonian before a crowd of 35,000 at Good Time park.

The race was on a best two of three heats basis.

Driven by Henry Thomas, Shirley Hanover stepped the mile in 2:01 1/2, crossing the finish line less than a length in front of Arr, another long shot from E. Roland Harriman's Arden homestead of Cochen, Schnapps, one of the choices owned by W. N. Reynolds of Winston Salem, N. C., trailed by head for third place. A. Paul Bowser's favored Desota from Boston wound up fourth in the field of 12.

McCOLLOCH HEARINGS WAIT ACTION ON BLACK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Resumption of hearings by the senate judiciary committee on the nomination of Claude McCulloch for federal judge in Oregon have been postponed until the nomination of Senator Black for a position on the supreme court has been disposed of.

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