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BLAST RIPS SHIP IN FRISCO ESTUARY

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NEXT WEEK'S ELECTION
FAITHFUL FOR DEMO PARTY
CHOICE OF 1940 NOMINEE
HANGS UPON OUTCOME
WIN WOULD STRENGTHEN
CONTROL BY ROOSEVELT
LOSS WOULD TURN PARTY
AGAINST ITS LEADER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The campaign now ending might be described as the first act in the great drama of "Whose party is it? Or, King Roosevelt and the conservative Democrats who came to life again." The curtain rose when the conservative element in the president's party first dared to oppose him, in the court fight. The most exciting scenes were played last summer, during the purge primaries. And, when the votes are counted next Tuesday, the drama will pass into a new phase.

Whichever way the voting goes, there will be a deal of flapdoodle about "a glorious Democratic triumph" or "a splendid Republican victory." But, for the Democrats, the mere numbers of votes they attract will be far less significant than the result's effect on the internal structure of their party. It is not too much to say that, other things being equal, the Democratic choice in 1940 will be determined on November 8.

Certain superficial phenomena will appear immediately after election day. For one thing, the campaigns of Democratic favorite sons will become annoyingly clamorous. Indiana's pinchbeck duke, Paul V. McNutt; Missouri's hearty senator, Bennett Champ Clark; the slightly chuckle-headed Kentucky statesman, Alben W. Barkley, and all the others will rush into the foreground, strike becoming attitudes and begin to tell the world what magnificent fellows they are.

Meanwhile, their political hagsmen will be shopping for delegates in the time-honored manner. Then there will be a vast excitement about the independence or subservience of the new congress. It's exceedingly hard to see how the new congress can be anything but fairly independent, for whatever happens.

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WEST STRONGER FOR F. R. - ICKES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes said today public support of President Roosevelt will be stronger in the west today than it was in 1936.

The secretary, holding his first press conference since returning from a month's speaking tour of the west, said there were local cross currents in western politics but that they did not affect national prospects.

"There was every indication that the western people understand, sympathize with and support Mr. Roosevelt's policies," he said.

June Nealon saying her tonsils felt all right now, which is natural enough, considering she hasn't any left, an operation having removed them.

GERMAN VESSEL BADLY DAMAGED; CAUSE UNKNOWN

Captain Declares Explosion Looks 'Damned Suspicious'—No One Allowed to Board Or Leave Ship

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 3.—(AP)—The German steamer Vancouver was ripped by a mysterious blast while passing down the estuary today and two hours later it had not been learned whether any one was killed or how many were injured.

Captain W. Moessinger, in command of the ship, declared "this looks damned suspicious."

He said a column of water shot up suddenly outside the vessel, followed by the roar of the explosion.

An eyewitness declared he "heard a noise like a bomb" and then saw the water shoot up by the starboard side of the Vancouver.

H. G. Shugars, who was fishing on the nearby dock wall, declared he thought the blast had ripped the rudder from the ship, which veered suddenly.

No Boarders Allowed
No one was permitted to board or leave the Hamburg-American freighter, but a coast guardman reported he saw crewmen who evidently had been scalded badly.

Several women passengers also were reported aboard the ship, but their fate was not known.

Persons ashore said they did not know whether a boiler explosion caused the terrific blast, heard for several miles.

Ship's officers refused to comment, other than to say they would have to open hatch No. 4 to determine the cause. They would not elaborate on the reference to "the hatch."

The Vancouver's stern sank rapidly. Spectators said they could not determine whether the explosion occurred before or after the ship swung toward the shore.

Harry A. Buxton, first class boat-swall's mate on the coast guard boat No. 4324, witnessed the explosion.

"It was proceeding up the estuary towing a small piece of wreckage when I approached the Vancouver, which was outward bound," he said.

"I heard the explosion, looked up and saw a great clump of steam and smoke come out of the stack and all of the ventilators.

Demo Coercion of WPA Workers Condemned

Bride Clings to Mother



Rosie Columbus Tackett, 10, sought the arms of her mother, Mrs. Grace Columbus, when the two were lodged in jail after it was revealed that Rosie had been married to a 34-year-old miner, Fleming Tackett. While authorities sought Fleming on rape charges, proceedings were instituted to annul the marriage. (A. P. photo.)

CON DEVORE WINS COURT ARGUMENT OVER HORSE DEAL

A verdict in favor of Con DeVore, stockman and butcher, in the suit of Ralph Billings and Homer G. Billings of Ashland for \$200 as the result of a horse-mule trade, was returned Wednesday night by a circuit court jury. The jury deliberated about four hours.

The action was based upon a deal wherein the Billings brothers gave DeVore a span of mules and \$70 for a team of horses. It was claimed one of the horses was balky. DeVore substituted another. The last horse turned out to have but one eye the plaintiffs held.

The plaintiffs held the mules had increased in value since the swap about a year ago. On the stand DeVore was asked if he had not quoted a price of \$200 to Otto Caater for the mules. DeVore replied he might have asked that much "but would have taken a whole lot less."

After Attorney Gus Newbury, in his arguments to the jury, had told a story about a horse trade the court commented the anecdote was so old it was barred from telling by the statutes of limitation.

Selection of a jury in the damage suit of Frank P. Homer against W. H. Norcross, Central Point orchardist, was started today. Homer seeks \$5000 for injuries allegedly sustained September 16, 1937, when he fell from a ladder while picking pears in the Norcross orchard.

Plaintiff is represented by Attorneys George A. Coddling and Victor Teugwald, and the defendant by Attorney Harry Skyrman.

ASHLAND, Ky., Nov. 3.—(AP)—Ruth "Peachy" Whittle Howard, shown by school records to be 12 years old, and her husband, Wilburn Howard, 60, were in the hands of the law today.

It was the second child bride legal action taken in Kentucky in little more than a week. Rosie Columbus Tackett, 10, who married Flem Tackett, 34, a coal miner of Prestonsburg, was convicted of juvenile delinquency yesterday and placed in a private home as a boarder of the county. Tackett faces rape charges.

Saturday the Howard girl is scheduled to appear before County Judge George O. Bell at Catlettsburg, on charges of juvenile delinquency.

ITALY, GERMANY WILL GUARANTEE CZECH BORDERS

Remnant of Country to Be Protected Is Pledge Seen — Yugoslavia and Rumania Due for Worry

By the Associated Press
Germany and Italy were understood today to be ready to guarantee the borders of dismembered Czechoslovakia as a Spanish war incident within sight of England's coast raised opposition shouts in the house of commons and fears grew of new map revisions in central Europe.

Czechoslovakia now has been cut down to about 38,031 square miles from 34,198 square miles before the Munich peace. Satisfaction of most of Hungary's territorial demands yesterday by Germany and Italy, as arbitrators, cost Czechoslovakia 4,875 square miles in addition to 10,883 square miles of Sudetenland previously lost to Germany and 405 square miles taken by Poland.

Others Worry Now
But Czechoslovakia's foreign minister, Frantisek Chvalikovsky, was said to have returned to Prague with German and Italian assurances for what was left of his country.

Now it is the turn of Yugoslavia and Rumania to worry. Their observers at the arbitration proceedings expressed fear Germany and Italy would force complete revision of the post-war Tripartite treaty, of which pre-war Hungary was split among the victorious countries.

Alling Prime Minister Chamberlain was too ill to take the floor to answer a statement on the sinking of the British-chartered Spanish freighter Cantabria yesterday by a Spanish insurgent warship off the English coast.

The incident, within earshot of the east coast near Cromer, caused new opposition cries almost immediately after the prime minister had won an overwhelming vote of approval, 345 to 138, for putting into effect the April 16 British-Italian friendship pact.

Loyalists Retreat
On the Spanish front a steady insurgent advance pushed government troops slowly back on the Ebro salient in lower Catalonia. Insurgent advances indicated a government collapse in that sector was only a matter of time but government reports said insurgent gains were slight and "at the cost of heavy losses."

A new army of 300,000 recruits is being trained in Szechwan province, food is being requisitioned and factories and mines developed as China continues to resist Japanese forces still fanning out slowly from captured Hankow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Cornea from the eyes of an executed Utah slayer was used today in a delicate operation which surgeons hoped might give sight to a 4-year old Stockton boy and two adults.

A 25-year old man was the first to undergo the operation.

"He came through fine," said the eye specialist, who asked he be anonymous.

The specialist reported the boy was the second patient to be taken into the operating room.

TOBACCO PLANT REOPENED WITH SOLDIER GUARD

Shift of 500 Workers Enters Middletown Factory Without Interference — 500 Soldiers Stand Guard

MIDDLETOWN, O., Nov. 3.—(AP)—Under the protection of troops ordered here by CIO-baiting Gov. Martin L. Davey, the P. Lorillard company tobacco plant resumed operations today.

Closed since October 3 by a Committee for Industrial Organization strike, one shift of approximately 500 workers entered the plant at 8 a. m., without interference. The plant employs 1,100.

Five hundred guardsmen were ordered here by Davey after city officials warned reopening of the plant while the strike was in progress might result in rioting and bloodshed.

The Pioneer Tobacco Workers union, which struck October 3 for a closed shop and the checkoff, agreed shortly before midnight to end the dispute and return to work.

CIO organizer Sam Spensler said the vote was 537 to 1.

Governor Davey said calling off the strike was an admission John L. Lewis had only a small percent of the employers in the tobacco workers' union, and demonstrated "his business is suffering when the state government stands for law and order."

The governor said if a large majority of employees had been enthusiastic CIO members, "it would not make any difference how many troops were in town; the plant could reopen, and so many would remain away from work that it could not operate."

ASTORIA, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Oregon's relief funds may be sailing from an increase in liquor drinking, but the relief business is suffering.

Appended to the biennial budget estimate of the state milk control board yesterday was a statement asserting that a contributing factor to a decrease in milk consumption was increased use of alcohol and non-alcoholic liquor, said A. E. Engstrom, board member. The state's revenue from liquor goes toward meeting relief costs.

The board, which released its budget estimate several days ago, said in the apperative statement that during 1937 the total income from sales of liquor and licenses exceeded \$7,500,000 compared with an estimated milk value for the same year of \$8,304,000.

However, 1938 budget estimates showed income from liquor at \$9,122,000 compared to a milk value of \$8,078,000. It is the first time milk has shown an unfavorable balance. The figures on liquor do not include wine and beer sales, which are not made through state stores.

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Hits Pension Plan



Having a "30 Every Thursday" pension plan pamphlet in his hands, Philip Bancroft, Republican candidate for U. S. senator in California, is shown as he attacked the plan in Los Angeles. He charged also that "goon squads" and sinister forces were backing his campaign. (A. P. photo.)

STATE WILL KEEP HIGHWAY TO PARK OPEN ALL WINTER

West entrance highway to Crater Lake national park will be kept open this winter by the state highway commission, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce announced it was informed this morning by James Bromley, the commission's resident engineer in Grants Pass.

This year there will be a rotary plow stationed at Union Creek to keep the highway to the park open and another on the Greensprings highway or other through highways in southern Oregon.

Thus the state will cooperate with the national park service for the fourth consecutive year in keeping Crater Lake national park open all winter.

Rain fell in the park all night, and it was still raining this morning, headquarters here announced. The rain reduced the snow depth at park headquarters to 12 inches. Park roads, including the drive to the lake rim, were reported open. Tire chains, however, were still considered advisable.

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DROP SEARCH FOR BARD'S EVIDENCE

LONDON, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The dean of Westminster announced tonight search for documents by which scholars had hoped to determine the authorship of Shakespeare's works had been abandoned.

Research workers failed to find the tomb of Edmund Spenser, in which they had expected to uncover handwritten ellipses for comparison with known specimens, thereby settling the controversy over whether Sir Francis Bacon wrote the dramas attributed to Shakespeare.

One grave in Westminster Abbey's ancient tombs was excavated, but there was nothing to indicate whose remains were in its decayed lead coffin.

PENNSYLVANIANS TOLD TO ATTEND POLITICAL RALLY

Senate Campaign Probers Say Letter to Federal Workers 'Indefensible'—Signed by Party Officials

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The senate campaign expenditures committee called "indefensible" today a phrase in a Democratic campaign letter which warned WPA workers "an excuse will be accepted" for their failure to attend a political rally held in Norristown, Pa., October 29.

The committee said it had been unable to determine how many federal WPA workers were among the 2500 persons who attended the meeting as a result of the letter, signed by Joseph P. McElwee.

The letter said the meeting was being held "at the direction" of Senator Guffey (D., Pa.) and David L. Lawrence, state Democratic chairman.

Signed by Party Leader
McElwee is a member of the Pennsylvania state compensation board and a local official of the Democratic party.

McElwee later denied, in an affidavit obtained by the senate committee's investigators, Guffey or Lawrence had any knowledge of the letter.

Reviewing its investigation of two Democratic campaign fund solicitation letters previously sent out with the names of Senator Guffey and Gov. George H. Earle, Democratic senatorial nominee, on the latter head, the committee said it had been unable to obtain sworn statements from WPA workers it had received the letter.

The committee said, however, about 75 per cent of the employes of the public assistance bureau in Washington, Pa., a state agency receiving federal funds, had received the letter. Committee investigators have not yet determined whether any of these persons made contributions, Sheppard said.

Violation of Law
The committee previously ruled campaign solicitation letters bearing the names of senators and senatorial candidates are in violation of law.

Taking up campaigns in other states, the committee said Senator Bulkeley (D., Ohio), candidate for the re-election had advised his campaign committee against accepting any further contributions from federal employes. The committee previously said it was informed approximately 60 federal employes had contributed to Bulkeley's campaign fund, a practice the committee has ruled to be in violation of the law.

The committee, meanwhile, sent its agents back to Jersey City, N. J., for a further inquiry into political conditions.

The committee said a preliminary investigation showed registration lists in that stronghold of Mayor Frank Hague, vice-chairman of the Democratic national committee, had not been properly purged.

The agents also were directed to investigate complaints Jersey City and Hudson county employes were being forced to contribute \$1,000,000 from their salaries for Democratic campaign finances.

George Biehl, editor of the Hudson News of Union City, N. J., made the accusation.

May Contest Election
The committee declared discovery of any political corruption might lead to a contest in the senate over seating the successful senatorial candidate from New Jersey. The major party nominees are William H. J. Ely, Democrat, and former Sen. W. Warren Barbour, Republican.

Elsewhere there were indications regardless of any action by the senate committee in individual contests, congress will be asked to investigate some phases of the 1938 congressional campaigns.

The Republican national committee announced a majority of Republican senate and house candidates had pledged themselves "to demand and seek unceasingly in the next congress a sweeping investigation of political activities in connection with the administration of all federal relief agencies."

The group said it favored "adequate relief for all in distress," adding:

"It is for that we propose to do all in our power to expose and punish everyone playing politics with human misery."

May Six Arabs
JERUSALEM, Nov. 3.—(AP)—British troops of the West Kent regiment today killed six Arabs in a roundup of a band which had been sniping at Jewish settlements in the Haifa bay area.