

The Capital Parade

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ECLES-DOUGLAS ESMITY BECOMES OPEN FUD

TRANSMERICA HEARING ORDER IS PROVOCATION

BOARD HEAD PROTESTS HE WAS NOT CONSULTED

ECLES FOES AT TREASURY BACK SEC CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The simmering ill feeling between Chairman Marriner S. Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board and Chairman William O. Douglas of the Securities and Exchange Commission has flared up into an open feud. The provocation was the SEC's recent order for hearings to determine whether Transamerica Corporation stock should be deprived of listing on the New York stock exchange. Just to make matters pleasant all around, Eccles' ancient enemies at the treasury are backing the SEC.

Amadeo Pietro Giannini, the acute chairman of Transamerica Corporation, has explained the order as the result of a mere disagreement about accounting practices. Yet the order is remarkably significant in itself, for Giannini has been a heavy contributor to new deal war chests, and a lonely defender of new deal banking policies. As such, and as a powerful competitor on the west coast, he is energetically detested by the entire banking fraternity in the east. In fact, the order has hurt a friend and delighted the unfriendly, which testifies, at least, to the non-political nature of SEC administration.

In the current row, Eccles is a critic of the SEC order, while Douglas is defending it with treasury support. The case has been appealed to Caesar—by Eccles, who protested bitterly to the president during a week-end at Warm Springs. At the moment, the feeling on both sides is as high and nasty as it could be.

Transamerica is one of the most important corporations in the United States, being the top holding company in the famous Giannini chain of banks, and thus the key unit in the west coast's biggest financial institution. The SEC's doubts were first aroused about a year ago, when David S. Rehnquist, then head of the SEC, learned up close and personal in Transamerica in the course of his special investigation trust. Subsequently, the SEC general counsel's office was disquieted by certain aspects of a Transamerica registration statement. Chairman Douglas thereupon sent his henchmen to San Francisco to look into the matter.

The investigation was prolonged, and after the report was in, the SEC pondered the problem with care. At length, about two weeks ago, the commission decided to charge Transamerica with filing "false and misleading information" in its registration statement.

On Wednesday, November 23, a meeting was called by the treasury to discuss the forthcoming charge against Transamerica. Three prominent were Eccles, SEC general counsel Chester Lane, undersecretary of the treasury John W. Hanes, and representatives of the RFC, the FDIC and the comptroller's office. As soon as Lane had discussed the SEC's intention, Eccles objected angrily, stating that the matter was not yet settled, and that he had not been consulted, and that the failure to give the board ample advance notice was inexcusable.

The outcome of the dispute at the treasury is clouded by mutual irritations. Eccles now maintains that he was told the matter was settled, that the SEC desired no comments before issuing its order for hearings. SEC officials declare on the other hand that Eccles was asked to submit any criticisms he might have, but to go on promptly. Having been so "in, in any case, that most of the treasury meeting's time was occupied with bickering as to whether the SEC should announce its order at the usual hour, 3 p. m., or wait until 6 p. m., when western exchanges have closed.

Two days later, the order was announced. The next morning, Eccles journeyed to Warm Springs. At the SEC and treasury, the purpose of his trip is suspected to have been an attack on the SEC. His version is, however, that he went down to talk general policy with the president, and only denounced the Transamerica order when the president brought the matter up. His story also contravenes SEC and

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Wool Market Slow

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The Boston wool market has been very slow in the past week.

Fire's Victim

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Brutally slashed and stabbed, an unidentified girl, about 23, was found slain early today in a vacant lot on Pittsburgh's north side.

RELIEF PROBLEMS IN STATE PUT UP TO LEGISLATURE

Situation in Multnomah Held Desperate—New Policy Blamed—Shull Hits Martin.

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(AP)—A coming crisis in various counties on the relief question and how to finance the needs of the poor will be up to the legislature to solve, Frank Shull, Multnomah county commissioner, said today.

Hinting that counties are going to hand over to the legislature the decision whether they give their poor adequate relief or spread starvation rations out among all, Shull predicted there will be 4000 unemployed in this county alone who face the prospect of getting only food in two more months.

Where these 4000 will get any money to pay rent for a place to live or buy utilities is something Shull doesn't know and he indicated it was up to the legislature to supply the answer.

Blame for the condition confronting the counties was laid by Shull on the State relief committee's new policy of keeping the relief load within county and state budgets. However, many other counties face the desperate financial situation confronting Multnomah was not known, but there was at least one, Yamhill.

Asked what counties were affected, Elmer Goudy, state relief administrator, said he would not know until counties had submitted their budgets, about 20 of which remain to be presented.

Shull asserted that the state still had \$1,500,000 appropriated two years ago and \$500,000 more was in sight from liquor funds but it was not being spent because "in my opinion it is the desire of the governor (Charles Martin) to go out of office and show a nice balance."

From a disabusing office for indigent soldiers, Frank H. Clayton came the terse remark that "we're kicking as many of them off as possible but we can't keep it up."

Saying "we're not giving relief clients a decent living now," Shull said curtailment of social security pensioners would affect 1800 people, at least 1000 families, or 3400 youngsters under dependent children's classification by the end of 1939.

In Yamhill county all money for relief has run out and unless the WPA which also has been trimming its load comes to the rescue, upwards of 100 persons will be left without means for subsistence.

LOVE BALM SUIT FILED BY WIDOW NAMES MCCORMICK

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Olive Randolph Colby, 51, of Kansas City, widow of a New York sportsman, brought a \$2,000,000 suit in superior court today against Harold F. McCormick, chairman of the board of the International Harvester company, alleging breach of promise.

Mrs. Colby alleged the 66-year-old three-time and twice divorced McCormick promised to marry her in Chicago February 20, 1933, and again the following September, but that in December of the same year told her he would not do so.

McCormick, who took his third wife, Miss Adah Wilson, 34-year-old nurse, in Pasadena, Calif., last May 31, was in Phoenix, Ariz., and declined comment on the suit.

Attorney Sol R. Friedman, who filed the suit for Mrs. Colby, widow of Howard Colby, said it was not affected by a recent Illinois law prohibiting heart balm proceedings, because the alleged events occurred before the statute went into effect.

Today's action marked the second time the millionaire harvester king and son of the inventor of the reaper, has been sued for alleged breach of promise.

LONERGAN QUILTS SPEAKER CONTEST

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, today announced his withdrawal as a candidate for speakership of the Oregon house of representatives. He said he had pledged his support to Representative Ernest Patland, Republican, Condon.

Political observers said Lonergan's action assured Patland of the speakership.

Die In Air Raid

BARCELONA, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Reports today from Cervera, important town midway between here and Praga, said 60 persons had been killed and wounded in an insurgent air raid.

Lucky Breaks

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Accosted by two gunmen as he was carrying home a dozen eggs, despondent Charles Reuter obeyed the "stick 'em up" command quickly—a few too quickly for the robbers.

He swept off his glasses, dropped the eggs and began swinging.

The startled gunmen ran. One turned and fired but the bullet missed Reuter and he gave up the chase.

Anxiously he returned and picked up his glasses. They weren't even scratched. He reached for the eggs. Not one was broken.

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LINER NORMANDIE CREW DISCHARGED TO BREAK STRIKE

Test Near For French Labor Penalties—Arbitration Held Near—Fear Spread

PARIS, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The French government tonight laid up the liner Normandie and discharged its 3,000 crewmen and other employees in a move to break a strike of about 5,000 maritime workers at Le Havre.

Louis de Chappedaine, minister of merchant marine, ordered discharge of the crew members who engaged in a sympathy strike with 60 of their fellow workers discharged for joining Wednesday's unsuccessful general strike.

The government earlier requisitioned the workers' vessels under military control. This drastic step failed to budge the strikers.

Two thousand other crewmen of the liners Paris and Ile de France, which the Normandie is operated by the French line, joined the strike. These workers, however, were on leave from their vessels which were being reconditioned.

French line officials said the Normandie's operations were suspended only temporarily while the government sought to arbitrate.

Officials said they had received information from the merchant marine ministry which indicated a settlement would permit the large liner to sail, possibly late tomorrow or Monday. She was to have sailed for New York this afternoon.

Two hundred persons transferred their reservations to the Cunard-White Star (British) liner Aquitania, sailing from Southampton to New York by way of Cherbourg.

The passengers included Anthony Eden, former British foreign secretary, and Mrs. Eden, Gary Cooper, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and George Arliss. Eden is en route to New York to address the National Association of Manufacturers.

The minister of merchant marine requisitioned all 50 ships in the harbor, including the Normandie, to break the strike—a move under which the seamen technically were placed under government direction, subject to drastic punishment if they disobeyed.

But the strike continued and shipping circles in Paris said they feared it might spread to "all companies" in all ports, affecting all sailors.

STATE WHEATMEN HEAR AAA CHIEF, VOICE APPROVAL

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Endorsement of the 1938 agricultural adjustment act as fundamentally sound came today from the closing session of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League after it had listened to an address in which an AAA official pleaded "common sense" cooperation in national acreage control.

Special commendation was made by the league on the voluntary production control, crop yield insurance, over-normal granary, commodity loans, purchases by Commodity Credit Corporation and other features of the act designed to keep the farmer's prices off the bottom.

The league expressed its satisfaction with intervention of the secretary of agriculture in freight rate increase proposals and the establishment of marketing quotas.

Harry L. Brown, assistant secretary of agriculture, told the wheat growers that what this country was up against was the problem of trying to handle a wheat supply 400,000,000 bushels greater than domestic needs in the face of the fact that world wheat supplies exceeded needs by a billion bushels.

Because it is an international problem, he said it was up to farmers to work together on a program to allot acreage in order that the surplus might be reduced and let prices approach stability. Brown said he regarded the processing tax as the "only guarantee the farmer ever had of funds sufficient to compensate agriculture for the handicap imposed by a high tariff policy."

GRANTS PASS, DEC. 3.—(AP)—All-time high record for building permits has been set for this year. By December 1 the total was \$227,322.

Radio Highlights

(By Associated Press)

(Time is Eastern Standard.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—As a replacement for its previously scheduled talk Sunday from Paris by Paul Reynaud, French finance minister, WABC-CBS is putting on at 1:30 p. m. an interview with Jacques Kayser, supporter of the Daladier government. The questions are to deal with current developments in France.

SUNDAY BRINGS: WEAK-NBC—12:30 p. m.—Chicago roundtable, "Spreading Work"; 2:30, Olympia preview.

MONDAY EXPECTATIONS: WJZ-CBS: WMCA-Inter City: 4:30 p. m. Pres. Roosevelt addressing Carolina political union.

SENATORS DEBATE MURPHY'S CHANCE FOR COURT BERTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Some senators, discussing the political future of Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan, indicated today they would rather see him nominated for attorney general than to the supreme court, if either nomination is to be made.

Nearly all of those interviewed said they had heard discussion of the possibility that Murphy, recently defeated for reelection, might be offered one of the posts.

Senator Logan (D., Ky.), a member of the judiciary committee, said he had heard some senators say they would not vote for Murphy for any "job." He himself had made no decision.

Senator Burke (D., Neb.), who fought the president's court reorganization bill, said nomination of Murphy to the bench would "merit most careful consideration by the senate."

Senator King (D., Utah) commented: "I would regret to see Governor Murphy nominated for a seat on the supreme bench."

Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) said he considered Murphy "had demonstrated his ability for certain positions."

"But for the highest position of judicial service in the land or the highest legal administrative position—I do not care to discuss that now."

WINTER, CHINESE RESISTANCE BALK JAPS ON YANGTZE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Winter is fighting for the Chinese. After 515 days of warfare in China, Japanese forces in the Yangtze valley, principal theatre of conflict, appeared tonight to be bogged down.

Blizzards from the Mongolian plateau, overcast skies and erratic resistance of hundreds of thousands of Chinese regulars and guerrillas slowed up the Japanese along the Yangtze and elsewhere in the vast land they were attempting to "pacify."

The conflict had become a struggle for control of long railways in the interior.

Shanghai importance with the Yangtze valley fighting were contests for control of the Lunghai and North-Hankow railways in the north and the resurgence of Chinese resistance in south China.

In south China the invaders were opposed bitterly in efforts to march north along the Canton-Hankow railway to close the gap between Canton and Hankow, occupied by the Japanese in late October.

Japanese based on Hankow were fighting to solidify and expand a vast front curving from the Peiping-Hankow railway on the north around to the west of Hankow, thence south and east to the Kiang-Nanchang railway.

In the north the struggle pivoted on a Japanese threat to cross the great bend of the Yellow river for an invasion of Shensi province, Chinese communist stronghold, where the Lunghai railway meets highway routes of supplies from Soviet Russia.

C.I.O. WILL FIGHT ANTI-PICKET LAW

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Oregon's new anti-picketing law was denounced today by the C.I.O. and CIO today.

The CIO appeared ready to line up with the law invalid, but A.F.L. leaders, with their program already well mapped and backed by the national organization, seemed little interested in CIO overtures.

R. J. McGarry, Seattle, executive secretary of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) said the West Coast CIO officials and attorneys would meet Wednesday to "bring about a program of union and solidarity of all workers against the anti-picket law."

BULLETIN

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—The University of Oregon basketball team, northern division champions, turned back repeated threats made by the Signal Oil team of Portland to win going away, 45 to 34.

Laddie Gale, Oregon forward, was big scorer with 16 points. While Chuck Patterson, former Oregon star, sparked the Oilers. It was Oregon's third straight win this season in CIO overtures.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 3.—(UP)—San Jose State college's football team, after steamrolling through 11 opponents on the mainland and setting a scoring record of 318 points among the nation's colleges, fell before the powerful onslaught of University of Hawaii's eleven 19-12 here today.

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PITTMAN REPORTS SENATE SUPPORT FOR SILVER PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Senator Pittman (D., Nev.) predicted today that there would be a shutdown in the senate next session on his proposal to give cotton farmers almost 13 cents a pound for their surplus crop by trading it for silver on the world market.

An administration supporter and chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, Pittman said his proposal would be a form of "controlled inflation."

Definite assurances have been received from some cotton states senators that they would support the idea, the Nevada added in an interview. (Cotton now is bringing about 15 cents a pound.)

Pittman felt sure of backing from the dozen or more senators who formed the "silver bloc" several years ago and helped pass legislation giving the president power to devalue the dollar.

Pittman estimated his proposal would require issuance of approximately \$900,000,000 in new currency. He insisted that this would be only a form of "controlled inflation" because this amount would represent only a small increase over approximately \$600,000,000 of currency now in circulation.

BOY, 15, HELD IN ATTACK GIRL, 19

SEATTLE, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Capt. Edward Storgard of the King county sheriff's office, reported tonight police had captured a 15-year-old boy who, 19-year-old girl in daylight near Renton today.

Captain Storgard said the youth leaped upon the girl about a half-mile from Renton Junction on the well-traveled Three Tree Point road and threw her into a roadside ditch. Screaming and kicking the girl broke the assailant's glasses and tore his sweater before she was rescued by passersby.

The boy will be turned over to juvenile authorities. The girl was unharmed physically.

ITALIAN DESIGNS ON TUNISIA NEW EUROPEAN WORRY

Britain To Back France To Block Mussolini's Latest Threat In North Africa.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Great Britain backed France today by deciding on diplomatic action to block Italian designs on Tunisia, French African protectorate.

The Fascist challenge to French control of Tunisia has threatened to deliver a final blow to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's European appeasement policy, already weakened by Germany's anti-Semitic campaign.

The Tunisian development led foreign secretary Viscount Halifax to order immediate strong representations at the Italian foreign office.

With vital English and French strategic interests in the Mediterranean involved, Lord Halifax, reliable quarters said, ordered Britain's ambassador to Rome, the Earl of Perth, to take a "firm stand" against Italy's latest anti-French drive.

This drive threatened to wreck Chamberlain's projected visit to Rome. First announced Monday, the trip was set today for January 11 to 14. The foreign office announced the date, however, amid conjecture that Chamberlain might not go at all.

There were some too late felt the fast-changing European scene might yet shift enough to force a reconsideration of the visit. Lord Halifax is to accompany the prime minister.

Britain decided on the Rome representations to reinforce the request of the French ambassador in Rome, Andre Francois-Poncet, for an explanation of the Italian clamor over Tunisia.

The foreign office has been informed officially that France could not tolerate interference in Tunisia or any other territory.

The Italian aim has not been stated exactly and it was not clear whether the Fascists are calling for cession of Tunisia or simply for increased Italian rights.

Lord Perth's instructions apparently reached his office yesterday when he called upon Count Ciano today but the ambassador was expected to take the first opportunity of voicing London's views.

France meanwhile maintained a tight military and civilian grip on her northern African protectorate. Only a month ago French army leaders trooped through Tunisia inspecting defenses and civil authorities have been routine out-remnants of a secret nationalist organization which it was feared Italy might use to weaken French rule.

Rome contended today that France misunderstood "the new Italy and its natural aspirations" and was using the Fascist outcry for Tunisia to sabotage Chamberlain's good-will visit to Washington. Count Ciano disavowed any official responsibility for the Tunisia demonstrations.

Reliable observers in both London and Paris, saw Italy's drive as an integral part of the totalitarian post-Munich campaign to squeeze more concessions out of the democracies.

The manner in which the drive has been conducted is Chamberlain's latest little peace in the appeasement program they say.

There was strong feeling here that Premier Mussolini may be persuaded to relent.

ROOSEVELT WORKS ON MONDAY TALK

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., Dec. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, tanned and rested from two weeks of outdoor life, got ready today to return to Washington via Chapel Hill, N.C., where he will deliver a formal address Monday afternoon.

His last week day at this colony of infinite patients was spent mostly in work on that speech, to be made about 1:30 p. m. (P.S.T.) before a non-partisan University of North Carolina student forum known as the Carolina Political Union.

The president will receive an honorary degree of doctors of laws from the university.

He found time, however, to have another talk with Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, presumably on new relief appropriations, and receive a few local friends. He also went for his almost daily swim.

STATE HOTELMEN HONOR EMIL MOHR

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Delegates to the Oregon State Hotel association today elected Emil Mohr, Portland, president; Emil Mohr, Medford, first vice-president; George Merritt, Ontario, second vice-president; Lloyd Jaeger, Portland, third vice-president; Al Holcomb, Portland, secretary; Harold Bain, Portland, treasurer.

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Mrs. Morris, stabbed twice with a small knife at her home near Elkton early Friday, died in a hospital here today.

The prosecutor said Morris told him that on returning home, wearing boots, Thursday, the farmer asked for his shoes. Only one could be found and a child said Morris' wife had thrown the other away. Egan said Morris told him.

After going to bed, the commonwealth's attorney quoted the farmer as saying, he got "madder and madder" and the next morning, without speaking to her, struck his wife in the chest and back with the knife.

FRESNO DISTRICT HOLTED BY QUAKE

FRESNO, Calif., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Earth shocks strong enough to sway chandeliers and break dishes jolted Fresno today, tapering off with less intensity in other San Joaquin valley communities.

No injuries to persons or property damage was reported as the result of the quakes which scientists reported variously as lasting from five to seven minutes.

Office workers reported downtown buildings here shook violently at 9:43 a. m., and soon reports came of shocks felt at about the same time in Visalia, Kingsburg and Fowler. Merced reports said only persons on upper floors of taller buildings there noticed the quakes.

Dr. Perry Byerly, seismologist at the University of California, said his seismograph at Berkeley recorded the quake at 9:43:40 o'clock. He said the shocks lasted five minutes and that the epicenter was approximately 130 miles away, possibly east of Fresno where there are several faults.

TRAVEL GAINS ON UNITED AIR LINE

SEATTLE, Dec. 3.—(AP)—United Air lines reported today a gain of 82 percent in the number of air travelers last month compared with the same time last year. Revenue jumped almost 60 percent.