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VIOLENT STORM RAKES SO. CALIFORNIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25.—If examination of the mail of the congressional delegations of the Pacific Northwest is a fair indication of public sentiment then the men and women of Oregon and Washington are opposed to the repeal of the neutrality act (mandatory embargo) in overwhelming numbers. In most of the offices the clerical staff segregates the letters "for repeal" in one pile and "against repeal" in the other. Thus a senator or representative knows each day where his constituents stand. The "home" mail is separated from the pro and con letters from the nation at large.

One day's mail of one legislator contained 150 letters, all but two protesting against repeal of the neutrality act; the two favored repeal and enactment of the "cash and carry" idea. Another member received 50-odd letters, of which 35 were opposed to repeal.

AT THE White House conference called by President Roosevelt last Wednesday, the president said he wanted to know how public opinion is going and requested Oregon's McNary, as minority leader of the senate, to give his views. Senator McNary gave it as his observation that the people of the Pacific Northwest will not favor repeal of the neutrality law. This is confirmed by the mail, as stated.

The people, said the Republican leader, the fathers and mothers of boys, want no war. There is psychology, he continued, with the word "neutrality." To the average person "neutrality" means keeping the United States out of war and proposals to repeal the neutrality act and go back to international law is viewed as a step which will eventually take the country to war.

The distinctions involving international law, the "cash and carry" and other points being raised, are confusing to those who have not made a deep study of the issues (equally confusing to members of congress), but the man in the street and the housewife takes the dictionary definition of "neutrality" and that means having nothing to do with belligerents, or at least not taking sides, for taking sides jeopardizes peace.

Such was the view of the Oregon senator.

ALTHOUGH Nevada's Pittman, chairman of the 23-man committee on foreign relations, is an advocate of cash and carry, he sustained McNary's analysis by telling the president that not more than five members of his important committee would vote for out-right repeal of the neutrality act.

Representative Rayburn, house Democratic leader, chimed in with his opinion that the house would not vote for wiping out the neutrality act.

WHILE members of congress are receiving letters from constituents to oppose repeal, on the other hand most of the newspapers, columnists and commentators, regard-

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K. F. AUTOIST KILLED WHEN CAR IS DITCHED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 25.—(AP)—Virgil O'Riley, 25, was instantly killed yesterday when the automobile he was driving overturned in a water-filled ditch, pinning him beneath it, Coroner Dr. George Adler reported.

Two companions escaped.

Snow In Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 25—(AP)—Heavy snow fell at International Falls, Minn., along the Canadian-Minnesota border, as temperatures plunged far below freezing in several northwest spots.

SIDE GLANCES

by

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Magician John Eads being unable to pull a gallon of gas from his sleeve when his automobile tank ran dry on a Sunday afternoon drive.

Ranson Webster and wifey Mary applauding the Craters on to victory at the Grants Pass-Medford baseball tussel.

Jack Forrette's young son, Bruce, impatiently yelling for pop to quit gabbing with friends and take him over to grandma Lona Bergman's place.

Dorothy Peri stopping her fruit canning chores just long enough to take in a movie.

FEAR 34 DROWNED AS SMALL BOATS CAUGHT BY GALE

Storm Which Ends Long Torrid Spell Brings Deluge—4.74 Inches Fall in Los Angeles in 14 Hours.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—(AP) With a new and severe storm forecast for later today, coast guardsmen and county officials hastened their work of searching for missing and dead in a violent wind and rain storm that whipped the southern California coast late yesterday.

Seven men, believed missing, were found safe at noon aboard the fishing boat Loura by the coast guard at tiny Anacapa island.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—(AP)—A violent rain and wind storm roaring out of the tropics brought death and destruction to southern California today.

At least 34 persons were believed drowned in the Pacific ocean, and reports said scores of persons, aboard small fishing boats and pleasure craft were missing.

The storm ended, however, a period of the hottest weather in southern California's history. Approximately 90 deaths were blamed directly or indirectly on the heat which registered 100 degrees or more for an entire week.

Heavy Rainfall

Rain, which started late yesterday, had brought 4.74 inches to Los Angeles in 14 hours. In the Coachella valley, 6.50 inches of rain were recorded in six hours.

At least 24 persons were reported drowned when the sport fishing boat Spray capsized late yesterday off Point Magu, 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles. The Ventura county sheriff's office gave up hope that any of the 24 would be found alive. A man and a woman, who swam ashore, were the only ones saved.

John Hamilton and Darro McGowan, both of Los Angeles, were said by the coast guard cutter Aurora to have been lost from the schooner Success before it was taken in tow in mid-Catalina channel by the Aurora.

Marion Tanner, E. T. Harrington and John H. Harrington, the latter an 11-year old boy, were reported missing from the yacht Nina O when it was wrecked off Cabrillo beach.

Yacht Hits Breakwater

Raymond Bernhardt and Donald Rupert, both of Los Angeles, were drowned when their yacht crashed into the San Pedro breakwater.

Edward Galvin, 22, of Corpus Christi, Texas, was drowned near Long Beach yesterday in a tide rip when he attempted to save two 12-year old girls. The girls were washed ashore uninjured, and Galvin, who was unable to swim, was swept to sea. His body has not been recovered.

Gregory Rodriguez, 18, of Los Angeles, was drowned in a tide rip at the same beach.

Mrs. Dorothy N. Sterling, 30, of Burbank, Cal., was drowned when the yacht Jolly Tom was wrecked at Newport harbor.

Among the missing boats were two sport fishing craft, the Indiana and Dispatch, each reported carrying 35 persons. Most of the other craft unreported since the storm started were small fishing and pleasure craft.

Prisoners Cloak Tunnel Digging In Flower Love

LANSING, Kas., Sept. 25.—(AP) A flower garden hoax with which seven to a dozen Kansas state prison long term convicts cloaked 11 months work on an escape tunnel was exposed today.

The tunnel had reached the length of 72 feet and was only about six feet short of the prison wall.

Warden M. F. Amrine said leaders of the escape plot, feigning an interest in flower gardening, had paid a guard a small sum each month to bring dirt from the outside, presumably for use in flower cultivation. This dirt was mixed with that taken from the tunnel to remove tell-tale evidence.

ACCUSED SLAVER AND GIRL VICTIM FOUND NEAR RUCH

Merrill Harold Busby, 28, and Evelyn Thompson, 14, sought for a week by state and federal officers, were found early Sunday morning by a posse of four state policemen, Deputy Sheriff William Grenbemer of Jackson county, and Sheriff M. L. Cornell and Deputy Sheriff Morris of Merced, Cal., near Ruch, 13 miles from this city. Busby and the girl were found shivering about a small camp fire.

Busby waived extradition and with the girl was taken to San Francisco Sunday evening in charge of Sheriff Cornell. They journeyed to Klamath Falls by auto, where they boarded a southbound train. Busby faces child-stealing and auto theft charges, state police say.

Busby, according to Captain Lee M. Bown of the state police, declined to make any statement, "until I have seen a lawyer." He did, however, admit abandonment of an auto near Cave City, Ore., last week, spending Thursday night in a house at Rogue River, spending Friday night in the hills back of Jacksonville, and of visits to this city last week.

A service station operator of the Ruch district notified the sheriff's office Saturday afternoon that a man answering Busby's description had called at his store, representing himself as a Grants Pass truck driver whose truck had broken down. He was given credit for food, "until the arrival of his employer later."

A posse was then organized and a search of cabins in the hills launched. Late Saturday night a Ruch storekeeper informed a state trooper a man and a girl had stopped and asked for a drink of water, and were directed to a nearby ranch. The posse, with the aid of residents, started a search of the district and shortly after mid-

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Oregon Drinking Drops in August

SALEM, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The state liquor commission sold $659,612 worth of liquor during August, compared with $676,669 in July.

The August profit was $230,716, including $173,030 from sales and $59,720 from privilege tax receipts. The license division reported a net loss of $2,034.

Here Are Keypoints in New Legislation on Neutrality

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The key provisions of the administration's new neutrality legislation made public today by Chairman Pittman (D., Nev.) of the senate foreign relations committee:

American vessels could not carry passengers or goods to belligerents. Violations would be punishable by fines of not more than $50,000 and prison sentences of not more than five years.

Belligerents purchasing goods in this country would have to take title to them before they were shipped. Losses sustained by American insurance underwriters on war cargoes could not be made the basis of claims against the government.

The president could designate "combat areas" and prohibit American citizens or vessels from entering them. Violations would be punishable by a fine up to $50,000 and imprisonment of not more than five years.

Americans could not travel on belligerent vessels except in accordance with rules prescribed by the president.

Red Cross personnel and vessels chartered by the Red Cross would be exempt from restrictions on American travel and shipping.

American merchant vessels would be prohibited from carrying other than small arms necessary to preserve discipline aboard.

Belligerent governments could not sell securities in the United States. Belligerents could obtain ordinary commercial credits for a period of not more than 90 days. Fines up to $50,000 and imprisonment up to five years would be the penalties for violation of the credit restrictions.

President Roosevelt would report to congress every six months on the amount of short-term credits extended to belligerents. The munitions control board would report on January 1 and July 1 of each year regarding the amount of arms, munitions and implements of war purchased by belligerents in the United States. The names of purchasers, whether foreign governments or individuals and companies residing in foreign states, would be included in the reports.

Solicitation of funds in this country for belligerents would be prohibited.

The president would have authority to impose special restrictions on the use of American ports by submarines or armed merchant vessels of belligerent states.

Where the legislation does not provide specific penalties violations of the act would be punishable by fines of not more than $10,000 and imprisonment of not more than two years.

Latin American republic engagen in war against non-American states would be exempt from the legislation.

FRENCH, GERMANS IN HEAVY BATTLE ON 40-MILE FRONT

Engagement Result Series Of French Attacks From Saar Basin to Vosges Mountains—Airmen Aid.

By Charles S. Foltz, Jr.

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept. 25—(AP) Thousands of French soldiers, backed by tanks and complete offensive equipment, clashed with German troops today in what dispatches said was heavy fighting along a 40-mile jagged line in the heart of the western front.

Reports reaching this frontier city said the engagement was the result of a series of French attacks from the Saar basin to the Vosges mountains.

It still was too early, however, to judge from reports whether the fighting was the beginning of a French offensive, or merely a concentrated effort to recapture positions which, it was said, German counterattacks wrested from the Poilus in the past week.

Over the weekend, reports said, fully-coordinated French and British aviation corps received orders to keep German airmen out of French-occupied territory for 48 hours at all costs.

Observers here said they believed the order was given to cover extensive movements of troops and equipment from the French Maginot line bases to the front between the industrial city of Saarbruecken and Wissombourg yesterday and Saturday.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—(AP) The French general staff announced tonight "many" German warplanes had been shot down by the French over the western front today.

The French victories, a staff communique indicated, were won against German squadrons superior in numbers.

Two German pursuit planes, the French said, fell behind the French lines.

French troops struck at German positions in the Haardt mountains today under cover of heavy fire by artillery which French dispatches said was bombarding main fortifications of Germany's siegfried line.

The entire western front sprang to life.

FLOYD GIBBONS DIES SUDDENLY

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Sept. 25.—(AP)—Death has cancelled the last reportorial assignment of Floyd Gibbons, 52, globe-trotting war correspondent a quarter of a century.

In the midst of plans to go abroad to cover the European war, the noted newspaper, radio and movie reporter died last night after a heart attack at his farm home near here.

A swashbuckling figure in the Richard Harding Davis tradition, Gibbons personified to the public the romantic aspects of foreign news reporting.

This impression was heightened by a white cloth patch the ruddy-faced 200-pound, 6-foot correspondent wore over his left eye, shot out at Belleau Wood during the world war when Gibbons leaped up to pull a wounded soldier, Major Ben Berry, to safety.

Gibbons, wounded also in the shoulder and elbow by machine gun fire, was awarded the Croix de Guerre and made a chevalier in the French Legion of Honor for this exploit.

Congressmen Pay Travel Fee First

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The first legislative business of the house in the special session was approval of a resolution providing members of congress with $222,000 for their travel expenses to Washington.

The house approved $51,000 today for senators and $171,000 for representatives.

Butler's Condition Is Little Changed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Dr. Fred S. Sanderson said today that the condition of Associate Justice Pierce Butler was "about the same."

The 73-year-old justice is seriously ill with a kidney ailment.

How To Succeed

SEATTLE, Sept. 25.—(AP)—With the compliments and good wishes of Robert V. Fleming, president of the Riggs National bank, Washington, D. C., here is his formula for rising from errand boy to bank president: "Work like hell."

Slain Premier Buried Amid Scenes of National Mourning

Armand Calinescu, Premier of Roumania, was buried at Bucharest amid scenes of national mourning. King Carol and Crown Prince Mahai headed the military and political leaders who paid homage to the leader who was slain last week, allegedly by members of the outlawed Iron Guard. This picture, radioed from Berlin to New York, shows the funeral procession with hearse at right. (By airmail to Mail Tribune).

SEA ENGAGEMENT SHAKES HOMES ON NORWEGIAN SHORE

BERGEN, Norway, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Inhabitants of Algroi island reported this afternoon unidentified ships had been engaged in heavy cannonading off the coast of Norway since 6 a. m. (9 p. m. PST), leading them to express the belief a naval battle was underway.

(Algroi island is six miles west of Bergen).

The battle—if such it was—apparently was moving closer to the coast, they said. Concussion of large calibre guns shook houses on the island.

(Cannonading last week in the Kattegatt, a strait between Denmark and Sweden, later proved to be target practice by Swedish batteries).

Firing stopped temporarily at about 1:45 p. m. (4:45 a. m. PST), but resumed about half an hour later, the island's inhabitants said.

The heavy guns, interspersed with those of lighter caliber, still could be heard at 5 p. m. (8 a. m. PST) amid indications they were moving northward and westward.

OSLO, Norway, Sept. 25.—(AP)—What apparently was a naval battle took place off the western coast of Norway last night and early today, the Aftenposten's Bergen correspondent reported.

Inhabitants of a small island south of Bergen said several ships of undetermined nationality were steaming northward at full speed last night amid a constant exchange of gunfire.

AWARD CONTRACT ON MEDFORD P.O.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The federal works agency awarded a $169,550 contract for remodeling the Medford, Ore., postoffice to L. H. Hoffman, Portland, today.

Postmaster Frank DeSouza said today that C. H. Post, superintendent of the L. H. Hoffman company, had been in Medford several days making preliminary plans for the remodeling project. Mr. DeSouza stated actual work would probably start within 30 days, with the construction of the addition to the present postoffice structure and excavation of the basement. Upon completion of the addition much present equipment and personnel will be moved there while the remainder of the building is remodeled.

JAN KIEPURA, TENOR SAILS FOR AMERICA

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Jan Kiepura, Polish tenor of the Metropolitan opera company who reported for duty as an officer in the Polish army at the war's outbreak three weeks ago, has sailed for the United States at the request of his government to fulfill concert and opera engagements.

Story of Warsaw Horrors Still Pouring From Station

By Robert St. John

BUDAPEST, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Warsaw's radio staff, for days the Polish capital's last link with the outside world, stood by its microphones again last night to describe a new German bombardment announcers said had killed more than 1,000 civilians.

Neither continued shelling nor interference from German stations has been able to silence the broadcasters, who rapidly are assuming a legendary character in the minds of Polish refugees.

Apparently ignoring personal danger, announcers continued to hurl challenges at the besieging nazis and give encouragement to the city's civilian population.

Despite silence today from the Warsaw radio, a German broadcast in Polish acknowledged the besieged city still was resisting.

The announcer praised the "bravery" of the Polish capital's defenders, but said it was "futile" for them to hold out longer and appealed directly to them to surrender.

From their little studio high up in a modern skyscraper in the heart of the shell-scarred capital, the radio staff chronicled in calm, unhurried voices an hour-by-hour story of Warsaw's defense.

With no trace of personal emotion, announcers described streets "running with blood" and littered with mangled bodies.

They read long lists of missing women and children, and repeated orders execution awaits those trying to help friends leave the city.

Frequent instructions were issued directing "able bodied men to obtain shovels and report to headquarters," advising residents to "build barricades in the streets and dig traps for German tanks," and announcing "Girl Scouts are wanted for first aid work."

There also were frequent appeals to Great Britain and France for help "before it's too late," but with them went word of Warsaw's intention to hold out "to give the world a new proof of Polish heroism."

PRISON OFFICIALS IN CONVICT HANDS

MARQUETTE, Mich., Sept. 25.—(AP)—Four convicts fled the Michigan branch prison here late today, taking with them as hostages Warden Marvin Coon, Ross J. Pascoe, chairman of the state parole board, Deputy Warden William Newcombe and Gerald S. Bush, a member of the parole board.

BASEBALL

National

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	5	8	0
New York	6	9	3

Vlegel, Sullivan, Frankhouse and Lopez; Lohrman and Danning.

American

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	9	1
Chicago	4	13	0

Lawson and Harshany; Lyons and Tresh.

BANKING LEADER FOR CAREFUL THOUGHT ON REPEAL OF EMBARGO

SEATTLE, Sept. 25—(AP)—Bankers of the nation expressed optimism today over a noted upturn in business but termed themselves foes of a war boom at the 65th annual convention here of the American Bankers association.

Philip A. Benson, of Brooklyn, president of the association, and economist Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland, Ohio, chairman of the ABA research council, said the country had been experiencing better times since last spring, or before the war. The war, they said, only added to the domestic industrial spurt.

Colonel Ayres, also chairman of the ABA's powerful economic policies commission, said he favored president Roosevelt's stand on repeal of the embargo clause of the neutrality law. Benson, in an interview, said he agreed with the president the country should keep out of the war zone, but refused to take a firm stand on neutrality legislation except to say:

"Repeal of the embargo clause probably would not hurt the country, but might encourage reckless industrial expansion. It might enable us to make more profits, but I think we should think a little, before we decide to repeal the embargo clause, to see if there was any chance of it causing us to get into war."

Army Officer Killed In Smashup

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 25.—(AP)—A United States army air corps officer and an officer of the Argentine army were killed today when a training plane crashed and burned eight miles northeast of Randolph field, army air training center.

The dead:

Second Lieut. Robert G. O'Connor, 22, of Northampton, Mass.

Captain Hugo M. Ferrari Jaurequi, 34.

ANGELL PLEDGES AID AGAINST PROFITEERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Representative Angell (R., Ore.) pledged his support today to "any legislation that will stop war-time profiteering at the expense of the American working man."

The Oregonian said low-salaried groups and men and women receiving relief would be the first to feel any "unjustified increase" in the cost of living.

DELAY ACTION ON CASH AND CARRY UNTIL THURSDAY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The senate foreign relations committee delayed action until Thursday today on the administration's new neutrality legislation.

The delay was agreed to at the request of Senator Borah (R., Ida.), ranking minority committeeman and opponent of President Roosevelt's proposal to repeal the existing arms embargo.

A draft of the administration by committee Democrats, was subby committee Democrats, was submitted by Chairman Pittman (D., Nev.) when the group met this morning.

Borah said opposition forces had no disposition to lock the bill up in committee, but added:

"I have always had a prejudice against voting on a bill before I have read it."

The new bill carries out President Roosevelt's recommendation for repeal of the arms embargo but provides powerful congressional checks on executive discretion.

Members said there was no objection to Borah's request for delay. It was expected that the legislation would be reported to the senate by the end of this week.

Borah told reporters he thought the issue before the foreign relations committee "boils down to two points—whether the arms embargo should be repealed and how much discretion should be allowed the president in administering the law."

Swedish Steamer Scuttled By Sub

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 25—(AP)—The Swedish steamer Silesia, the fourth neutral ship to be sunk in three days, was sent to the bottom today, adding to the resentment in northern European countries over German submarine activity in the Skagerrak.

The crew of the 1,839-ton Silesia escaped in lifeboats before she was torpedoed, naval officials said. They were picked up near Stavanger, 100 miles south of Bergen, Norway, by the Swedish steamer Suesia.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press

(Time is Pacific Standard)

NEW YORK, Sept. 25—America's Town Meeting will start its fifth year on the air next week with a debate between Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes and Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, who will go into the question of a third term for the president.

The Town Hall will have its usual hour at 6:30 on Thursday nights over WJZ-NBC.

Tonight: Light heavyweight fight—WJZ-NBC 7, Billy Conn vs. Melio Bettina.

European schedule: WABC-CBS 3:45 and 5:55; WEAF-NBC 4:15; WJZ-NBC 8 p.m. MSS T.