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WASHINGTON

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
 The Inside Story From The Capital
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WASHINGTON, March 1—Judging from the way British and French financial and naval authorities are running over here on "purely personal trips," something big seems to be up in foreign affairs.

First came the British trade master, Runciman, then the French financial wizard, Bonnet, now the British naval expert, Sir Robert Craigie, and later President Roosevelt's only ambassadorial intimate, Bill Bullitt, from Paris.

No one is expected to believe the official excuse that these leaders of thought are wearing a path across the Atlantic for "purely personal" reasons. Furthermore, the ease with which Mr. R. pulled his court rabbit out of the hat without disclosing more than an ear of it beforehand has caused the wary here to expect anything at any time.

Despite all the rumors and suspicions now current, however, it is probable that the coming of these key men may not immediately engender another rabbit. A long period of incubation is in prospect. At least the powers-that-be offer the following plausible inside explanation of the mysterious goings-on, and it sounds very logical:

RENEWING TRUST

The day of international conferencing is over, for the time being, at any rate. No nation or group of nations will dare to sponsor a world economic or disarmament gathering as long as what happened at the last ones is still so fresh in world memory.

There will therefore be no disarmament conference and no economic conference this year. You may slip this under your hat as absolutely certain—they say.

What is needed now is the renewal of friendliness and trust among international statesmen. It must be on a personal basis. It must be "Frank," "Bob," "Bill" and "Walter," or as near to an intimate acquaintanceship and knowledge of each other's personalities as unbending officials can get. There must be a knowledge of each other's viewpoints and objectives, without which no conference can be successful. There should be trade agreements, monetary understandings, etc., not on a broad world scale, but "man to man" and "group by group."

This is what State Secretary Hull meant in his New York speech when he invited the world to take a cue from the friendly relations developed in this hemisphere at the recent Pan-American conference.

NO CASH

One thing which all personal visitors will find out, if they have not already, is that the United States is not going to finance world recovery the way it financed the war.

Loans to Europeans are out of the question, not particularly because of the Johnson act, but because the administration does not like the idea in any shape or form. They say, is also just as certain and unchangeable as if Mr. R. had announced it himself.

The inside crowd here believes the lending of money abroad would accomplish the same effect as pouring it down a sewer. The credit of most European nations does not justify loans, and the armament program of the others indicates they are just trying to hook their national honor to buy more guns.

NEXT STRIKE

Hamlet never smiles. Neither does his labor counterpart, John L. Lewis. If Lewis could smile, he would have to be laughing at the coming coal strike. At least, there seemed to be a revealing glint in his eye each time he spoke.

The truth is every worthwhile authority here is just as sure as he is that coal strike as sure as the people do not then use coal in summer. The two facts are related.

Some of the operators have come to call the biennial or quadrennial walkout a "vacation." Unfortunately the contract expires April 1 this year, and a bass season will not then be open. But they see little prospect that the strike will be delayed until fishing is good.

Most labor authorities also privately consider a strike to be inevitable.

CURBSTONERS

Senate Leader Robinson frengently takes walks around the capital ground early in the morning before most other senators are on the job. Senator Jimmy Byrnes, who also lives nearby, has been meeting him on the street corners lately. There, several important impromptu court conferences have been held.

WAYS AND MEANS

The floor outside the office of Director Vidal of the bureau of air commerce has been greased frequently by those who hope he might inadvertently skid back to private life. He does not get along with the Roper clique in the commerce department. They have planned several methods of encouraging his departure as painlessly (to themselves) as possible. The next one will be an invitation to a field position, but not a full time man. Their expectation is that he will get sufficiently angry to retire.

Electrical energy worth \$500 is contained in every flash of lightning, according to calculations of an expert.

SIDE GLANCES



"Junior was very good today. You owe him a dime for eating his lunch and a quarter for taking his nap."

THE KLAMATH VETERAN

Activities of the Spanish-American War Veterans, The Disabled American Veterans, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion and Their Auxiliaries.

AMERICAN LEGION

Klamath Post No. 8
 The next meeting of Klamath Post will be held Tuesday, March 2. Matters of importance will be discussed and acted on. Refreshments will be served at the close of the business session.

The instruments arrived last week for the Sons of the American Legion drum corps. The boys started practice last Thursday. They will practice regularly every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. and Saturday at 2 p. m.

CHAPTER XXV

DETECTIVE OFFICER KETTERING'S FIFTH REPORT, CONTINUED

In closing this report I now have to confess myself completely at a loss.

The following is an analysis of what occurred according to my latest information.

MRS. JOCELYN. Could not have done it, because she was with "Slick" Daniels, alias Count Posodini, from 7:45 till 8:10 in his cabin, and from 8:10 till 8:30 she was with her husband, changing.

COUNT POSODINI, alias "Slick" Daniels. Could not have done it, because he was in his cabin with Mrs. Jocelyn from 7:45 till 8:10, and from that time until 8:25, when he appeared in the lounge, he would have been occupied in changing.

MR. ROCKSAVAGE

Could not have done it, because from 8:10 when he came down to his cabin, until he went up changed at 8:35, Dr. Ackland was with him and vouches for his presence there.

THE BISHOP OF BUDE

Could not have done it, because from 7:15 until 8:00 the ship's carpenter was doing a job of work outside his cabin and vouches for the fact that he never left it during the whole of that time.

LADY WELTER

Could not have done it, because her maid, Mildred Short, was with her, in her cabin from 7:05 until 7:35, and from 7:35 till 8:05 she is proved to have been knitting the last sleeve of a jumper, which would have occupied her the whole of that time, until she went up to the lounge.

MR. HAYASHI

Could not have done it, because he rang his bell at 7:50, the steward found him in his cabin still unchanged, and he was still unchanged when the steward returned at 7:55, with the notepaper. Eight out of the following 20 minutes he was occupied in writing a letter and the balance in changing to arrive in the lounge at 8:15.

MR. JOCELYN

Could not have done it, because from 7:15 when he went below, he was with Miss Ferris Rockavage in her cabin, until 8:10, and from that time until 8:30 he was with his wife changing.

MISS ROCKSAVAGE

Could not have done it, because from 7:15 she was with Jocelyn in her cabin until 8:10, and from thence onwards she was occupied with changing in the presence of her maid, Nellie Orde.

It seems to me, therefore, that all the parties under suspicion have incontestable alibis, and as we know that Stodart was in the company of various persons in the lounge from 7:30 until 8:33 he could not possibly have committed this murder either. Moreover it could not, on the evidence shown, have been any member of the crew. This leaves me at a completely dead end, and I am now awaiting further instructions.

KEYS KETTERING, Detective Officer, Florida Police. 4:55 p. m. 9-1-37. on S. Y. Golden Gull.

LAKEVIEW P. T. A. HOLDS OBSERVANCE OF FOUNDER'S DAY

LAKEVIEW—Highlights of the past four years' accomplishments of the Lakeview Parent-Teachers association was presented by Mrs. C. A. Thompson in her history of the local organization at the Founder's day program held at the high school auditorium last night.

The Lakeview P. T. A. was organized in April, 1933, with Mrs. Hayden Flak holding the honor of being its first president. Membership for the first year totaled 184 members. Projects undertaken during the past four years were the providing of milk to undernourished children, the providing of refreshments to visiting athletes, the organization of a women's athletic class, furnishing financial aid to two needy children requiring medical attention; sponsoring a "swim week" during which approximately 100 school children learned to swim, as well as enlarging the enrollment to 205 members and the purchase of several new books for the school library. A study club was formed this year under the sponsorship of Mrs. Ray Harlan, president, which meets regularly under the direction of Mrs. C. J. Clause, its purpose being to discuss problems relative to child psychology.

Following the program, and business session a huge birthday cake was served in the school cafeteria.

Christian Science

"Christ Jesus" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 28.

The Golden Text was, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebr. 13: 8).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man, am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16: 13, 16).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Yearning to be understood, the Master repeated, 'But whom say ye that I am?' ... With his usual impetuosity, Simon replied for his brethren, and his reply set forth a great fact: 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.' That is: The Messiah is what thou hast declared,—Christ, the spirit of God, of Truth, Life, and Love, which heals mentally." (p. 137).

BLY SCHOOL NEWS

Bly defeated Heatty's midgets and first team the first time in history on February 19. The game was most exciting although the winning teams were easily determined in the first part of the game.

The Bly CCC boys' first team was also defeated by Bly school. Those playing for the school were as follows: Captain James Boyd and Billy Cassebeer as forwards, Selmer Olson as center, Bob Hamilton and Andy Miller as guards.

Franklin "Hank" Hale has been absent from school the past week suffering from an injury in his thumb.

Eileen Schneider is back again from Bray, California, to finish the rest of this school term here. Mrs. Isabelle Brinker visited the school during the past week. She showed us an interesting and instructive picture on Boulder dam.

Stewart-Lenox

STEWART-LENOX—Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rowley are the proud parents of a daughter, born at the Hillside hospital. The baby weighed four pounds, six ounces. Kenneth Cross of Stewart has joined the army and is at San Francisco at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jude Harris have moved from their home in Stewart to Marshfield, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodrum have returned to their home in Lenox. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrum have been staying at Mrs. Woodrum's sister's place in Stewart on account of the deep snow.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Woodrum are now out from under quarantine.

SPRAGUE RIVER MARKET ROADS ALL OPENED BY COUNTY

BLY—During the past week Klamath county road funds have been spent in the north fork and south fork of Sprague river roads. All the roads around the valley were opened by strenuous work. Private roads have been opened after a closure of six weeks duration. During this time supplies were carried to the various ranches about Bly by pack horses, the snow being so heavy that even sleds were too great a load. Men and women traveled to town on horseback, or used skis.

To be able to once more use modern means of transportation is greatly welcome to all ranchers of the community. Among those ranchers to come to town was Master L. F. Richardson of Bly. He stated that as the roads about Bly were now being opened Bly ranchers would resume their regular meetings the first to be held the first Thursday in March which date is March 4.

FLOOD THREAT SPREADS ALARM OVER FRANCE

PARIS, March 1 (U.P.)—That France might be spared a flood of major proportions was given up today with a sigh by the provisions reporting continued heavy rains, and the swift rise of rivers and tributaries.

In Paris, the alarm point on the water gauge at the Austerlitz bridge over the river Seine was passed by more than eight inches and the stream was rising. Lower sections of the capital were under water which swirled over the low banks and threatened lives and property.

Dock workers at the wine market rushed their unloading of cargoes of rare vintages from the provinces before the flood waters made navigation impossible.

At Corseil, just outside Paris, big grain mills put their pumps to work. Storerooms and cellars were filling with water.

At many home-stands on the banks of the Gise were cut off. Inhabitants left in boats.

Scores of families were isolated by the rising waters. Highways were impassable.

Amer. Bosch Radios. O'Brien's.

The Real Issue

CITIZENS who favor New Deal legislation which has been blocked by the supreme court should think deeply before they permit that, alone, to influence their sentiment towards the president's proposal to change the supreme court.

They may, upon deliberation, come to agree with those who hold that preservation of the independence of the judiciary is of much greater importance than the enactment of any particular legislation.

A most interesting discussion of this phase of the current controversy is to be found in a United Press dispatch quoting Herbert Arthur Smith, distinguished British jurist and professor of international law at London University.

Professor Smith, pointing out that Great Britain and the United States have a common legal tradition and "certain common conceptions in the nature of judicial independence," declares that the president's supreme court proposals raise issues which are of vital interest, particularly to Britain, and to all civilized countries.

Quoting from his statement:

"This tradition has two aspects. From the judges, it demands complete abstention from all political activities, whatever may have been their private opinions before being raised to the bench. For the rest of their lives, they are indifferent to all and only servants and spokesmen impersonal of the law, so long as the judges refrain from all political activity. It is an obligation of honor that neither their persons nor their office shall ever form a target for political bombardment.

"It is not overmuch to say that the whole structure of law and justice according to our ideas depends on the honorable observance by both sides of this unwritten convention.

"Should it be broken down, our courts would quickly become as the courts of Russia and Germany already have become, the mere agents of a political party controlling the government. If a law is declared by a judge to be unacceptable to the people, as represented by a government, it is our business to change the law and leave the judge alone.

"By this, we mean that we consider the principle of judicial independence one of the fundamentals of free institution and believe the maintenance of this principle is of greater importance than the decision in any particular case, however great its immediate political interest.

"In Canada and Australia, we have federal constitutions which are much in common with the constitution of the United States and it so happens that within recent weeks, Canada furnished an example which may be interesting to American observers.

"During Prime Minister Bennett's recent administration, the Canadian parliament enacted a number of statutes which may be roughly described as the Canadian counterpart of the New Deal. They dealt with industrial and social problems and they were challenged in the courts on the ground that they purported to deal with matters which under Canadian constitution are reserved to the provinces. Three weeks ago, the judicial committee of the privy council, which is the final court of appeals in such questions, decided the statutes were invalid.

"But that does not mean that those Canadians who were disappointed by the decisions will start agitation to get rid of the judges or swamp the Supreme Court with new appointments. They fully realized that in the long run, they would lose much more than they could gain by any such tactics, well knowing the principle of judicial independence is of far greater importance than the enactment of any particular statute.

"A judge's business is to declare the law as he finds it laid down for him by the constitution and the legislature. Whether that law is capitalistic or socialistic, whether the principle is conservative or radical, it is equally the judge's duty to apply it as he finds it.

"If a change in the law is desirable, those changes must come from the people, acting through the appropriate legislative agencies."

Chance at State Title

WHETHER Klamath high school basketball players go to Salem to represent this community in the state tournament will be determined the coming weekend, when the district tournament with Bend will be held.

Klamath has an excellent chance to win this tournament. It has defeated Bend in two out of three preliminary games. It has shown its strength and, particularly, its ability to come up from behind and win, in several games through the season.

People of this community should turn out to the games this weekend and give the local team vigorous support. They will be held on Friday and Saturday nights, and possibly a third will be held Monday. Plan now to attend at least one of these games.

One thing the winter has taught is that the city budget board is going to have to give some attention to acquisition of snow removal equipment and to snow removal requirements when it meets the coming fall.

P. T. A. Notes

PELICAN
 There will be a meeting of the Pelican PTA Wednesday evening, March 3. Fathers' night and Founders' day will be observed at this session.

Miss Buell has planned the program, and refreshments will be served.

This is the first meeting to be called after two months of bad weather, and a good attendance is anticipated.

The study group will meet Thursday afternoon.

ALTAMONT
 Altamont PTA Founders' day program will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. Dr. Martin of the University of Oregon will speak on juvenile problems.

MODOC POINT—Mrs. Maud Morse, extension specialist in child development and parent education, will address on "Parent Education," at an evening meeting of the Modoc Point P. T. A. February 17th.

Her talk which proved inspiring, as well as educational was enjoyed by a large number of local people as well as representatives from Klamath Falls and Clifton.

Other numbers on the program were several Swedish Folk dances and songs by the school children and the Girl Scouts.

The social hour followed with mesdames W. Helm, E. Purdin, L. Mathis and M. Vanderhoff in charge of refreshments.

Author Visits—Richard Montgomery, author of "White-Headed Eagle," a biography of McLaughlin, which was published in 1935, and author of "Pechuk," published in 1932, was a visitor in the city Saturday from Portland where he is assistant manager of J. K. Gill company. He was accompanied by his son and by Richard Rust, a representative of the company. Montgomery and his son returned north Saturday night, but Rust is remaining here several days on business.

The cotton gin was patented by Eli Whitney in 1794.

The average time taken by a telephone operator to answer a subscriber's call is 4.8 seconds, according to official tests.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

CRIME FILE ON BOLITHO BLANE

5:50 p. m. 9-1-37. MEMO

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LIUTENANT SCHWAB'S ANALYSIS OF THE FOREGOING EVIDENCE.

THE time of the murder was set between 7:45 and 8:30, owing to a message, supposedly in the victim's handwriting, appearing on a leaf torn from Stodart's diary, which was not in existence until 7:40.

Compare the share quotations supposedly written by Stodart, however, with other examples of handwriting known to have been written by Blane. The word "Rockavage" in the share list also occurs twice in Blane's letter to Stodart and twice in his letter to the Bishop. The similarity of the first to the other four immediately springs to the eye, only the "g" and the "r" differing to any extent. Other similarities appear on closer inspection and there can be no doubt that all three documents were written by the same person.

Not the victim, but the writer of the share quotations therefore wrote the alleged last message, so that there is no evidence as to the alibi of the man presumed to be Stodart being only at 7:25 when he entered the lounge if the crime was committed before that his alibi falls to the ground.

Examination of the evidence brings other points to light showing that the man known as Stodart throughout the investigation is in reality Bolitho Blane. These are as follows:

First—Photograph D of Blane's bathroom shows a safety razor on the washstand, whereas photograph E of Stodart's cabin shows a cut-throat razor on the washstand. The photograph presumed to be of Stodart, flashed by Detective Officer Neame on the morning after the crime, shows a razor cut on the man's face. It is obvious that he had always been used to shaving with a safety razor but, as suite C was locked up after the murder, he could not get at this, and had to do the best he could to shave himself with the cut-throat razor that was in Stodart's cabin.

Second—On examination of the photograph presumed to be of Stodart, it is apparent that the coat he is wearing is too big for him, as the sleeve is overlong, and the garment must have been built for a slightly taller man. It is obvious that Blane, having changed his identity with his secretary, had to wear his secretary's clothes, which did not quite fit him.

CONFESSION OF BOLITHO BLANE.

YES, all right then, I killed him. Little scyphont, what was he, anyway?

I've known since last December that I might have to get out any minute. In fact, I suppose I've realized it might have to come sometime ever since I started business.

All I wanted was peace, and I knew if I could find someone to step into my shoes and leave me to his step into I could have it. I started looking in January for someone whom my shoes would fit. It was only a question of patience. Someone of the right height, build, age and with no friends would turn up.

Stodart turned up in Ipswich—about the fifth place I had sent a week in, advertising and interviewing applicants. He was ideal, no friends, no family—just the sort of man I wanted to become myself, so I decided to let him do the first big thing he'd ever done—go out with a bang.

When Rockavage asked me to his conference I thought there was a faint possibility of pulling things together, and Stodart could have gone back to his clerking. By the time we got to New York, though, I knew my position was hopeless and I decided to put Stodart through the hoop.

I had a nasty shock in New York when I learned the Bishop of Bude was to be on board. Very few people know me by sight and

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I got up to the lounge at half-past seven and introduced myself as Stodart and after a while wrote the closing prices in my diary again in front of everyone, and in the same kind of handwriting. I told the steward to push in under the door of the cabin and stay in the lounge until the bugle sounded for dinner.

After that everything went according to plan. At 8:30 the Steward came up with the note I had left addressed to Stodart and I hurried down with him to the cabin. While he was in the bathroom I exchanged the note I had kept in my pocket with the one that had been pushed under the door. That proved the missing party was alive at 7:45, and you see although I'd worked this thing out pretty carefully, the difference between doing a thing just well and doing it properly is to make allowances for the unexpected. I didn't see why the suicide story shouldn't be accepted.

You know, it's almost worth it to have seen the Bishop's face when he saw me the next morning and realized I hadn't committed suicide. After thinking he was rid of me he must have realized what I had done. That's why he faints.

Well, that's all, and since it hasn't come off I want to see it finished with as little delay and formality as possible.

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THIRD—It will be recalled that on the night of the 6th, when the man presumed to be Stodart dined with Kettering, he complained of an abscess which was causing him trouble with his false teeth and, as the upper set were slipping badly, he was unable to eat any solids. An examination of photograph D of Blane's bathroom, shows a tooth brush and a