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Rhodes Declared Guilty On Count Of Manslaughter

In The Day's News

Jury Returns Verdict in 20 Minutes, Rules on Auto - Truck Smashup

Robert Wilcox Rhodes, wood-truck operator, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury of 12 men who returned the verdict after a 20-minute period of consideration Saturday morning.

Rhodes will be sentenced by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning just after the sentencing of Luther Joe Kirk, found guilty of second degree murder in a case which closed Thursday afternoon.

1-15 Years

According to laws of the state of Oregon the crime of involuntary manslaughter carries a sentence of from one to 15 years. District Attorney Orth Sismore intimated he would dismiss the second case of involuntary manslaughter with which Rhodes is faced in connection with the death of Mrs. Howard Johnson in the same accident which caused her husband's death.

Case Short

Both the state and defense, represented by District Attorney Sismore and Defense Attorney Joseph C. O'Neill, completed the questioning of witnesses Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock and court recessed until 9:30 o'clock Friday morning when the state presented the rebuttal. No rebuttal was presented by the defense and the entire procedure took very little time.

Steel Plant Workers Vote 7-Day Week

By The Associated Press Employees of the Midvale Steel company's plant at Philadelphia have voted to work a seven-day, 56-hour week.

Edward Kunz, secretary of federal labor union No. 18,887 (AFL) said the approximately 4000 plant employees had voted "two to one" for the seven-day work week.

He described the vote as the first of its kind conducted by any union in any manufacturing plant in the nation. As a result of the vote taken yesterday, he said, employees will work 56 hours a week.

President Says Agriculture Ready for Defense Demand

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U.P.) President Roosevelt, addressing the nation's farmers on the eighth anniversary of the founding of the new deal farm program, declared tonight that agriculture is ready for any demand of total defense as a result of their own voluntary, concerted efforts since 1933.

The anniversary was celebrated at 10,000 "farm day" dinners throughout the country attended by approximately 250,000 farmers.

Mr. Roosevelt's address was broadcast by all major radio networks. Also on the program were Vice President Henry A. Wallace and Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard.

No Accident

"It is no accident that the farmers of our country stand ready to serve in the severe trial ahead of us," Mr. Roosevelt said. "Their preparedness is the fruit of their own voluntary, con-

One in a Thousand



Susannah Glassell was just another average baby to attending doctors at her birth in Los Angeles until she yawned, then they discovered she had two well-developed and completely exposed front lower teeth. Her mother holds Susannah whom doctors said is one in several thousand to be born with teeth.

HOUSE BLOCKS TAX ON SALES

Opponents Say Burden Would Rest Heaviest on Poorest Persons

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, March 8 (P)—The two per cent retail sales tax bill, which would have been referred to the people, was rejected by the house today by a 31 to 28 vote, democrats charging the measure placed too heavy a burden on poor people and that it would not provide immediate help to the aged.

The bill would have provided for tax tokens, but would have exempted food. It was opposed by organized labor, the Oregon Commonwealth Federation, and the state grange.

Tax Relief

Rep. Frank J. Loneragan (R-Multnomah), author of the bill, said it would raise \$4,800,000 a year for old age pensions, and \$3,200,000 for property tax relief.

"The sales tax," Loneragan said, "makes everyone a contributor to support of government."

He said the bill "would raise a sufficient amount of money so that the old people may live in a sensible, decent way. Old age pensions are not charity, not (Continued on Page Two)

Man Held For Attempts to Stop Trains

REDDING, Calif., March 8 (P) Whenever itinerant Elmer Fry, 36, of Omaha, Neb., wanted a lift in his travels, he just barricaded a train track and climbed on while the train was being cleared, according to his confession reported by Deputy District Attorney John A. Spann.

Spann said the plan didn't work as expected Thursday night at Smith Creek. Twice Fry put ties on the track, and twice Southern Pacific freight trains plowed through without stopping narrowly escaping derailment.

Fry was arrested yesterday by Fred Taylor, a special agent for the railroad, in the woods near the scene of the barricade. He was brought here and questioned not only about the blocking of the track, but also about the wrecked streamliner, City of San Francisco, in Nevada in 1939. He said he was herding sheep in Montana when that happened.

The district attorney's deputy said Fry told him he thought he belonged in prison and ought to draw at least a 15-year term, so that he wouldn't be tempted to stop any more trains.

"He said he was always afraid he might wreck one some day," Spann added. The attorney said a charge of obstructing a railroad track or attempting to wreck a train would be filed.

Noted Author Dies at Colon

COLON, Panama, March 8 (U.P.)—Sherwood Anderson, noted author and playwright, died late today of peritonitis. He was 64. Anderson's wife was at his bedside in Colon hospital.

He had been suffering from an abdominal ailment complicated by peritonitis and several days ago had to be removed from the Grace liner Santa Lucia, on which he was taking a South American cruise.

He died at 5:40 p. m. Only a short while before, his physicians noted a slight improvement and reported that his pulse and temperature were "good."

Anderson was 40 years old before his first book was published, and many years of wandering about the country in menial jobs gave him an understanding of ordinary people which was the basis of his rank as one of the American masters of the short story.

He adapted his simple, almost staccato style to the cause of underprivileged workers and small town life, as he observed it while editing two country weekly newspapers in Marion, Va.

Historic Lease-Lend Bill Passes Senate; Vote 60-31

NAZIS BELIEVE RUMOR OF U. S. BALKAN OFFER

Annoyed Reaction Grets Report That President Suggests Yugoslav Aid

BERLIN, March 8 (P)—Although substantiated on the surface by nothing except a Hungarian newspaper dispatch, Germans reacted with annoyance today to a report that President Roosevelt had suggested some manner of aid to Yugoslavia to keep that nation out of the axis.

(State department officials at Washington said they "never heard of it.")

Stiff Battle

German newspapers hammered on the theme. Pressed for additional substantiation of the Budapest report, an authorized spokesman commented: "We have the impression it is authentic."

The alleged diplomatic feeler directed at Yugoslavia was described here as evidence of how hard the democracies were fighting to prevent the spread of influence of the three-power pact.

Germans, however, refused to say a word about what progress the pact might be making and, in connection with the many rumors and reports of the movement of Yugoslav statesmen, the spokesman commented: "We don't care to add to the confusion of crazy reports."

In a lead article today the Essen National Zeitung asked if "America would appreciate it if Germany sent special envoys all over Central America as Roosevelt does over Europe?" The Zeitung said these travelers were "proof of a continued attempt on the part of Washington to influence Germany's neighbors."

The comment drew out of the Budapest newspaper Magyarasag and distributed from there by the German radio and DNB, German official news agency.

The newspaper Magyarasag, from which the German press quoted, carried a story under a Washington dateline with a headline saying "Yugoslavia refuses help from Roosevelt." The story was credited to "Special Service" and was the first "Special dispatch" from Washington the newspaper ever has carried.

ROME, March 8 (P)—Virgilio Gayda, a fascist editorial spokesman, indicated today that Yugoslavia would be asked to "clarify her position and intentions" toward the axis powers as a result of an axis-reported attempt by President Roosevelt to keep the Balkan country out of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo camp.

Bomb Crashes Into London Night Club

LONDON, March 8 (U.P.)—Several persons were killed and many were seriously injured tonight when a heavy bomb crashed into a crowded night club. The bomb struck squarely in the center of the building, penetrated, and exploded amidst the guests.

Surviving casualties were rushed to nearby hotels while the most intense anti-aircraft barrage of recent months filled the sky with shrapnel.

Swarms of German raiders criss-crossed the capital area, dropping "chandelier" flares, incendiaries, and heavy high explosive bombs.

The mass night raid followed a day of scattered air battles in which the British claimed to have shot down three German bombers.

Roof-top spotters succeeded in dousing most of the incendiaries and no large fires were reported. High explosive bombs, however, demolished several houses in one London district and a number of persons were rescued from the debris, one a baby whose walls were heard by a policeman. The child was removed unharmed. The raid was the most intense night attack since Jan. 4.

Matsuoka To Visit Berlin For Axis Talk

BERLIN, March 8 (P)—Japan's Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka is to pay an unprecedented visit to Berlin and then to Rome, it was announced today, and political quarters considered it probable that he would discuss with German and Italian leaders all the wide affairs of the axis alliance.

Authorized source in announcing Matsuoka's coming did not specify the date.

These quarters were non-committal on a report by Domei, Japanese News Agency, that the conversations were designed for a mutual exchange of information on the "eve of an invasion" of England.

(In the far east there has been speculation that a visit by Matsuoka might be intended to coordinate Japanese policy in the Pacific with Germany's plans in Europe.)

Heavy Snow Hits Eastern States Area

By The Associated Press The heaviest snowstorm in years today blanketed the Atlantic seaboard from Virginia to Maine, in some places piling up as much as 16 inches of wet silt to equal the great snowfall of the famous March 10 blizzard of 1888.

Delaware, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and southern New York bore the brunt of the fall where maximum depths of 14 to 16 inches were recorded. From this focal point the snow tapered off with lighter deposits in the Virginia Cape country and the main coastal area.

Travel Impeded Travel by land, sea and air was impeded and no respite was (Continued on Page Two)

Girl Missing From La Pine

Viva Rae Stearns, 19, was reported missing from La Pine, Ore. Saturday night by Floyd Mobley, a resident of the mountain town. Mobley said Miss Stearns made a trip to San Francisco three weeks ago and was apparently on her way back to La Pine when she disappeared. He said her suitcases were forwarded by bus a week ago from Klamath Falls, but that no word has been heard of the girl since.

Mobley described the Stearns girl as being five feet four inches in height; weight, 140 pounds; wears glasses. He said he was afraid she had met with foul play.

Senator Wheeler Declares America Has 'Turned Corner'

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U.P.) Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., leader of the unsuccessful fight against the British aid bill, said tonight that America has "turned a corner from which she may never come back—a corner that may close now and forever our way of life."

Senate passage of the bill, Wheeler said, has placed America for the first time in its history "in the position of being a full participant in power politics."

Resting on a couch in the anteroom of the senate chamber he said: "There will be a revolution against these things. It may be delayed for a year or two if the United States gets into the war but it will take place and it will be a mass revolution."

To "Crusade" Wheeler himself is about to set out on a "crusade" against American involvement in the European war and stump the country "from coast to coast." His office in the senate interstate commerce committee room was crowded with stenographers busily writing letters in preparation for the tour.

American participation in the war, he said, will lead to a dictatorship. It cannot last long, he added, "because Americans are not made to accept dictatorship."

Passes



Ira M. Coleman, above, staff sergeant with Battery C, 248th coast artillery and former president of the Klamath Central Labor Council, died suddenly at Fort Stevens Friday.

GREEKS ASKED TO END FIGHT

Germans Offer Territory Held by Greece When Hostilities Started

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 8 (P)—With 150,000 nazi soldiers on the Greek border poised for action, Germany appeared today to be making an intense effort to end the Greek-Italian war by diplomacy before resorting to force.

Some quarters intimated that German diplomats had gone so far as to offer Greece a guarantee that she would retain all the territory she held at the outbreak of hostilities last October 28.

BELGRADE, March 8 (P)—Authoritative diplomatic sources said tonight they had been informed that Greece had asked Turkey whether she was prepared to fulfill Greek-Turkish mutual assistance treaties should German troops attack Greece from Bulgaria.

ATHENS, Greece, March 8 (P)—Greek claims of new successes on the central Albanian war front in which 1050 Italians were captured coincided with unconfirmed reports of another shakeup in the Italian high command—the fourth since the campaign began last October 28.

Miner Cleared Of Assault on Ex-Sweetheart

BUTTE, Mont., March 8 (U.P.) Edward Jelich, 26-year-old Butte miner, was acquitted today by a district court jury of first degree assault charges that resulted from the "broken romance" shooting of Barbara Welter, 23, his former sweetheart.

Jelich was to be given a sanity hearing next week. Defense witnesses testified he was insane when he shot and seriously wounded Miss Welter here last Dec. 9 and then severely wounded himself.

Miss Welter, recovered from her wound, and three members of her family testified at the trial they believed Jelich was sane at the time of the shooting.

Mrs. Welter, the wounded girl's mother, said Jelich had accused her of "breaking up" his romance with her daughter. Miss Welter said she once loved Jelich but that her love "faded."

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