

ICKES ACCUSES BOULDER DAM BUILDERS

F. R. POWER EBBS AT HALF TERM

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Franklin D. Roosevelt ends his second year as President of the United States in a retreat before a rebellious Congress, with the outstanding problem of unemployment unsolved.

In two full months the 74th Congress has not enacted a single New Deal measure for reform or recovery. The only occasion on which the overwhelmingly Democratic House and Senate were disposed to cooperate with the White House was in extending the life of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Authority is fading. Mr. Roosevelt's authority on Capitol Hill is fading. New Deal congressional leaders are dismayed. The time is not distant when Mr. Roosevelt must decide whether to continue in this session his effort to obtain enactment of his New Deal program. The alternative would be hurry-up completion of the routine departmental appropriation bills, acceptance of a recovery relief compromise, extension of N. R. A. and early adjournment.

That would postpone until next year action on the bank bill, public utilities holding companies and the omnibus social security program. Such strategy Mr. Roosevelt could avoid a showdown with Congress on the 30-hour work week, currency inflation, farm mortgage relief, cash payment of depositors in closed banks and other left-wing projects to which the administration objects.

Party Is Divided. The Democratic majorities voted into Congress last November have divided into factions. The party label itself, there is nothing in common between such Democrats as Senators Carter Glass and Harry F. Byrd of Virginia and Senators Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma and Edward P. Costigan of Colorado.

The Senate rose against Mr. Roosevelt in refusing to approve American adherence to the World Court. But the real congressional division is between a farm-labor coalition of Republicans and Democrats on one hand and a conservative coalition on the other. Mr. Roosevelt controls neither.

Senate Democratic voters pledged to organize labor wrecked Mr. Roosevelt's \$4,850,000 recovery legislation with an amendment requiring that emergency workers be paid at prevailing wage rates in the area of employment.

Back Union Labor. Twenty-one Democrats, largely voting the desires of union labor, tried to amend the recovery bill to that measure. The same division is probable on other labor and relief issues as this session continues.

The political difficulties of that situation are tremendous. Vague outlines of a third party movement are discernible now in the Senate. Republican quietly foster Huey P. Long's effort to attract left wing support from the New Deal. If Long bolted and won 8,000,000 or 10,000,000 properly distributed New Deal voters, the Republicans might regain the White House rather than the 1936 left wing bolt could repeat the experience of 1924, when frightened millions who otherwise might have voted Democratic rallied around Coolidge. That appeared to be the surest way to hamstringing the senior La Follette's Progressive Party movement.

Tempo Is Slower. The record of the second Roosevelt year is not so fast as that of the first. The tempo is slower.

Overhauling success and failure in other fields is the administration's inability to put the jobless back to work. Last February, in the twenty-fourth month of the Roosevelt regime, relief rolls hit an all-time peak of more than 20,000,000 persons. Official figures fix the number of jobless at almost 11,000,000.

If even half of two-thirds of those millions were returned to gainful employment the congressional rebellion would subside, Huey Long's political threat would become a laughable memory and the New Deal would be on top again.

Man, Suffering From Amnesia, Found in Oregon

ASTORIA, Ore., Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Frank W. Carl, 50 years old, of Portland, was found today after he had wandered for forty-eight hours with his mind apparently a blank.

Henry Marhe, railway section foreman at Brownsmead, found Carl wandering along the track in a dazed condition twenty-five miles from the place in Astoria where he disappeared after an automobile crash early Thursday morning.

Carl apparently suffered no serious injury, but was in an exhausted condition. He was brought to a hospital here.

Sheriff Seeks Dictaphone In Lamson's Encore Trial

By United Press. SAN JOSE, Calif., Saturday, March 2.—Search for a mystery dictaphone reportedly concealed in the jury quarters of the old Santa Clara County courthouse today set the stage for the "encore trial" of David Lamson for the asserted murder of his wife.

The quest for the mechanical eavesdropper was ordered by Sheriff George Lyle when it was rumored the instrument had been planted by some one seeking "inside information."

Sheriff Has Suspicion. Lyle said he had "excellent reason" to believe the dictaphone was secreted in the jury quarters, and said the jury actually is in session Monday.

As the new play-dramatized the coming struggle for Lamson's life, the jury was at home for its last free week-end during trial.

Nine days of tiresome legalism, during which even amiable-tempered Judge R. R. Syer became restive, were necessary before the lawyers

IN MOTHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Mrs. Gorgio Polacco, the former Edith Mason, noted opera singer, is shown with her 9-year-old daughter, Grazia, as they landed in New York Harbor, February 25, aboard the liner Rex. Passengers aboard the ship said the little girl is already an accomplished singer of operatic arias, and Mrs. Polacco said, "She sings 'Travata' better now than I do." They were accompanied on the trip to the United States by Mrs. Polacco, formerly general director of music for the Chicago Opera Company.—(Associated Press Photo.)

CHINESE BANKERS' DEMAND MAY HASTEN SINO-JAPANESE PACT

By United Press. SHANGHAI, Sunday, March 3.—Demands of Chinese bankers upon the national government for emergency action to stabilize China's chaotic financial situation probably will hasten agreement to terms of a Sino-Japanese accord, informed sources here predicted today.

It was felt that the same Ningpo banking group, backers of the Nanjing government of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, at whose instigation negotiations for the rapprochement were begun, now would insist that the initial move be followed up. The government probably will accede, it was believed, despite definite action in other quarters to extend financial assistance to China. Chinese merchants, however, generally do not side with the bankers in this situation. The merchants would prefer to see China settle her own problems without any help from Japan.

Guilds Form Program. Supporting the merchants' attitude, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, acting in behalf of more than 20 Shanghai guilds and trade associations, petitioned Finance Minister H. H. Kung proposing that China formulate a fundamental recovery program of her own to combat the nation's present financial and industrial depression.

Observers pointed out that while the United States, France and Japan have been approached by Great Britain for suggestions for financial assistance to China through a consortium, fruition of Britain's proposals would not stand in the way of a separate Sino-Japanese agreement.

Many Pressing Issues. Whereas the British proposal was understood to deal strictly with monetary problems, the expected accord between China and Japan would treat a number of pressing political and social subjects, as well as open the way for a Japanese loan to Nanjing. Some sources reported additionally that Japan is willing to extend as much as 1,000,000 yen under the post-war loan provisions.

(Copyright, 1935.) We must bring our Constitution up to date," declared Governor Martin, commenting on the slow procedure of the legislative session. "The press of modern business brings too many matters up for consideration to be finished in forty days."

Also, legislators should get more pay. The members can't live on \$3 a day. That might have been all right when the constitution was written, but it isn't now."

Austrian Nazi Is Pale, Nervous At Treason Trial

VIENNA, Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Anton Rintelen, pale and nervous, admitted before a military court today that he was popularly known as "King Anton" at the time of the Austrian Nazi outbreak which resulted in assassination of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss.

He is accused as an accessory to high treason. But, the defendant insisted, the title of "King" was applied to him only in recognition of his energetic services while governor of Styria. There was no connection between the title, he said, and the Nazi outbreak in Austria.

Rintelen failed to explain, however, why he did not attempt to deny the Nazi radio announcement proclaiming him chancellor.

Man and Three Children Killed By Motor Train

EL CAMPO, Texas, Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—A woman and her three children were killed at Hillside, five miles west of here, when a Southern Pacific motor train struck the automobile in which they were riding today.

Reversal Causes Care. He spent approximately a year in San Quentin's death row before the Supreme Court reversed the conviction because of errors. This reversal was responsible for the minute legal care exercised in the second proceedings.

The prosecution wanted the present jury looked up over the week-end, but the defense objected. Judge Syer let the jurymen go on the ground no testimony had been heard. The seven men and five women on the jury all are middle-aged housewives, farmers or businessmen.

Cardenas Tries Four Reputed Conspirators. TAMPA, Fla., Saturday, March 2.—Four reputed conspirators against the government were tried today by President Lazaro Cardenas. "We are conscious of the strength of government lying in justice and reason," the President said, "and therefore believe we should not be reluctant to pardon misguided enemies."

ARIZONA FACES LABOR WARFARE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—The State of Arizona today faced a two-fold crisis in the Salt River Valley, one of the world's richest farming regions, with the threat of bitter labor warfare added to terrorist activities against aliens which brought international complications.

Dynamic Gov. B. B. Moeur, who boasts of being a "pretty good single-handed scrapper" himself, said he would preserve law and order, life and property. "We have always taken care of Arizona, and will continue to do so," he said.

Californians Move In. The most recent threat to peace and harmony in the fertile 13,000-acre valley came with the annual influx of migratory lettuce trimmers and pickers from strife-torn Imperial Valley in California.

Moving under the banner of the American Federation of Labor, which backed them in a bloody conflict with farm owners and packing firms of the Imperial Valley, the workers were primed to battle for what they consider their right. They left two dead in the center—the result of a hand-to-hand fight by strikers with armed guards at a lettuce packing shed.

Two Governments Watch. These determined laborers entered an agricultural area already torn with terrorism and bombings directed against Japanese and Hindu farmers. Plans by the Legislature to force alien farmers from the land by legal methods complicate the situation.

Tokyo and Washington both are watching with scarcely concealed anxiety lest attempts to deprive aliens of the right to make a living in the state provoke a delicate international episode.

SLAYER, AGED 16, GRANTED PAROLE

FORT WORTH, Tex., Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Donald Fay, 16-year-old jockey and confessed slayer, today was paroled by a jury in District Court to his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Oldfield of Corpus Christi.

Young Fay had confessed the fatal shooting of Tom Watson, 24, night watchman at Arlington Downs race track in an attempted hold-up. Fay's mother came here from her home in Hollywood to aid in his defense.

More Spice Promised In Gould Trial

NEW YORK, Saturday, March 2.—More sensations in the trial of Mrs. Wilma B. Gould's \$500,000 conspiracy suit against her husband's relatives were hinted by defense attorneys today.

The trial, which so far has developed only bizarre characters as "Prince" Michael Romanoff, royal member of the plebeian house of Gersguson of New York's Lower East Side, and Mrs. Marion Peterson, resplendent and hard of voice, resumes Monday.

Mrs. Peterson provided the trial's climax yesterday when she identified Mrs. Gould as "one of the girls" who had "worked" for her a number of years. One of the attorneys described her by a word not usually spoken in the drawing room, and she objected. She preferred, she said, to be termed "domesticated."

Mrs. Gould, she testified, was a practitioner in her Chicago establishment up to the very night she married Edward B. Gould, wealthy pump manufacturer, who now is in a sanitarium.

Mrs. Gould is suing her brother-in-law, Norman J. Gould, his wife and two others, charging they conspired to put her in a compromising position with Romanoff so that her husband would have evidence for a divorce.

Former Mayor Can't Regain Lost Memory

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—John S. Schnepf, former mayor of Springfield, who was found selling newspapers on a Los Angeles street corner three years after he vanished while head of a million-dollar investment business, struggled today to solve the "mystery" of his past.

Schnepf, 68 years old, was returned to Springfield to face charges of embezzling \$200,000 from an estate. When he disappeared, creditors came forward with claims which are expected to total \$700,000.

The meeting between the former mayor and his family failed to revive the memory he says he lost two years ago.

Schnepf gazed blankly at his wife, three sons and two daughters who radiated joy at the return of the lost husband and father, then said: "I'm sorry, I don't know you. It makes me very sad."

Schnepf hopes to recover his memory, fluid the missing funds and restore the losses of former friends. "If I can't find the money," Schnepf said, "I will publish two books I wrote during my wanderings."

Gives Violin Concert at 92. FORT WORTH, Tex., Saturday, March 2.—He's only 92 years old and he can play a violin with the best of them. Charles Untermyer recently was guest artist at a civic music. Critics hailed his playing as superb. He is a native of Germany and has been playing since he was five years old.

Rumania Bars Further Imports From America

By United Press. BUCHAREST, Saturday, March 2.—The Rumanian government today barred further imports from the United States, Japan, Norway and Latvia.

Informing the respective legations, the government laid its action to the unfavorable trade balance with these countries.

Imports from the United States last year amounted to approximately \$5,000,000.

GOLD SOARS AS STERLING SINKS

By United Press. LONDON, Saturday, March 2.—Gold soared today to a record high, the pound sterling sank and world markets staggered under the most spectacular developments in months.

Gold rose near 74 per cent above the old parity rate before Great Britain abandoned the gold standard. The pound sank to a record low on the basis of the old American dollar and silver rose to a six-year high in London and New York.

Britain watched the decline but the equalization fund which is designed to support the pound was not in operation. Neither was the American control fund. Hence French financiers concluded the British were in sympathy with the drop, since it would aid their trade position and commodity prices.

Currency War Feared. French experts feared resumption of a currency war around the pound and dollar.

Gold and silver mining shares soared on all markets. It was believed the continued rise might force the gold bloc countries to abandon gold and thus indirectly force the United States to increase its gold price.

Gold was quoted officially at 146 shillings 10½ pence per ounce. In the outside market it was quoted unofficially at 147 shillings 6 pence. The latter contracts with the old parity of 84 shillings 1½ pence and is 75.61 per cent above that figure.

The higher gold price worked out at an American equivalent of \$35.38 per ounce, which would make the American dollar worth 95.93 cents on a gold basis.

The pound opened at \$4.80, declined to \$4.78 and closed at \$4.79½. Pound Worth \$2.82.

At \$4.78 the pound is equivalent in dollar terms to \$2.82, a record low. That price is 72.38 per cent under its theoretical parity of \$8.24, the latter being based on the 50-cent dollar.

The old parity of the pound was \$4.8655. Silver metal was in demand at all centers. In London it was quoted at 27 pence per fine ounce, up nearly a full penny from yesterday.

In New York it rose a full cent to 57½ cents per ounce. (Copyright, 1935.)

U. S. May Use Big Reserve Fund

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 2.—The United States was ready tonight to call the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund into play if necessary to protect the dollar in the world monetary market.

The Treasury Department, by a sharp break in the British pound and soaring prices for gold and silver. As the markets closed today, however, there were no indications that officials felt any important action was necessary immediately.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., personally followed the European situation and was said to be satisfied with the day's developments.

Diary Sought As Clue To Poison Death

OAKLAND, Calif., Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Police today sought a diary kept by Laura Silvie Gosden, who died suddenly when she was the wife of Louis Gosden, 31 year old, held for investigation into the deaths of two of his three former wives.

District Attorney Earl Warren of Alameda County declared he will bring Gosden before the county grand jury and ask a murder indictment not later than Wednesday.

Laura Gosden was wife No. 3. She died in convulsions last November. Her death certificate gave pneumonia as the cause. District Attorney Warren said, however, that pathologists found traces of poison in her stomach after the body was exhumed recently.

Police were told by Joe Camara, brother of Gosden's 38-year-old "housekeeper," Lydia Sanborn, that he knew Laura Gosden and knew that she kept a diary. Warren said he planned to question Gosden and Miss Sanborn, who is held in the juvenile detention home, in an effort to trace the diary.

Authorities said, meanwhile, that no decision had been reached on the advisability of exhuming the body of Mrs. Vivian Gosden, wife No. 2, who died suddenly in 1927.

Gosden secured an annulment of his first marriage when his wife left him. The first Mrs. Gosden now is remarried.

Calif. Legislators Reassemble Monday

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Saturday, March 2.—California's fifty-first legislature will resume its session Monday, attacking economic and social problems which must be solved if state expenses are to be met and unemployment alleviated.

Undercurrents of disagreement were felt as legislators assembled in the capitol after the five-week constitutional recess. Opinions and activities revolved around Gov. Frank P. Merriam's program which recommended methods of raising more than \$150,000,000 in new revenue to pay governmental expenses and provide for employment.

FIRST LADY PROUD OF F. D. R.'S WORK

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Looking back tonight over her first two years in the White House, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt believed the most important thing in that period has been the country's recognition that the government has a responsibility to help the weak.

Outstanding among more specific accomplishments since her husband took office March 4, 1933, she listed bank deposit insurance, the Tennessee Valley project, the general relief program and the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The First Lady found much of which to be proud, and much for which to hope. She laughed merrily, too, over many incidents that have lightened the solemnity of the two busy and historic years.

The funniest thing, she thought, was perhaps the rage of her young son, John, when he returned to the White House inauguration night and had trouble getting in.

Inaugural Address Historic. Trying to foretell what the school books of the future would write down as the most historic event of the first two years of the administration, Mrs. Roosevelt pondered a minute and said:

"The President's inaugural address is a most historic event—his statement then, 'the only thing we have to fear is fear itself,' will go down in history, I hope."

Mrs. Roosevelt listed three things as most important among accomplishments for which she hopes in the next two years.

"I think that the thing I would like best to be accomplished in the next two years is complete realization of both labor and industry, or capital, of their responsibility toward each other and the public, of the necessity of their interdependence, of the fact that neither prospers without the other."

Fairer Return for Labor. "On the part of industrial leaders, I would like to see a willingness to realize that labor must share to a greater extent and receive a fairer return for its part in the world's work, so that that capital shall accept the fact of a more limited and reasonable return."

"On the part of organized labor, I should like to see a greater understanding and recognition of their responsibilities to the people at large and a recognition of the necessity of their cooperation with industry, not only as problems of organized labor but as problems of the country as a whole."

"I hope that we will have a greater realization of our international interdependence and our responsibility toward the rest of the world."

"I hope very much to see a security program launched on its way which will include old-age pensions, a permanent ban on child labor, better unemployment insurance, better health care for the country as a whole, better care for mothers and children generally."

Bomb Outburst In Havana May Herald Revolt

HAVANA, Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Explosion of scores of fire bombs planted in mail boxes today increased tension in the capital as the zero hour neared for a showdown between the government and forces bent on overthrowing it.

Seeking to harass the authorities, terrorists touched off upward of fifty such internal mailboxes, seriously burning one mail collector, and destroying thousands of letters. One terrorist was seized by pedestrians after he deposited a bomb in a box in front of a sidewalk hotel.

Police and military guards seemed powerless to prevent the campaign of violence which testified to smoldering unrest and threat of a revolutionary general strike against the Carlos Mendiatia regime.

Opponents of the government struggled to dominate the movement undermining Mendiatia. The administration apparently was still sure of the support of Col. Fulgencio Batista, Army Chief of Staff, who placed Mendiatia in the presidency last November.

Success of agitation for a general strike was uncertain, but the Cuban Confederation of Labor, avowedly communist, ordered its members to stand by for a strike call. A walkout of interurban freight drivers was set for midnight.

Woman Asks Part Of Estate; Says She Was Adopted

KANKAKEE, Ill., Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Gladys Lewis Gaspell of Piedmont, Calif., has filed suit in Circuit Court here to obtain a third of the estate of the late John E. Schooby. The estate is valued at \$249,468.

Mrs. Gaspell asserts she was adopted by the late Caroline F. Schooby, a spinster, and daughter of John E. Schooby. Mrs. Schooby is now deceased, as is her mother and sister, a brother, Theodore Schooby, now is sole heir and has ignored the claim of Mrs. Gaspell as adopted daughter although he attempted to "settle" with her with a check for \$750, she claimed.

The adoption contract entered into between Caroline Schooby and Mrs. Gaspell's father (Sumner K. Lewis of St. Joseph, Mich.), is lost. Caroline kept a diary of family events, and two entries of Mrs. Gaspell's adoption are barely discernible after erasures allegedly done by Theodore, it was charged.

Snake and Dog Split Rabbit

VENICE, Fla., Saturday, March 2.—A rattler split a rabbit with Dr. Alfred North's hunting dog near here recently. The dog was working a wild when he dashed into some brush. He suddenly came out with a rabbit's head. Investigation revealed that he and a rattler had "split" a rabbit. The rattler had the rest of the bunny in his mouth. North's dog got the head.

Girl Accuses Ty Cobb's Son

HERSHEL COBB, 19 years old, son of Ty Cobb, former baseball star, was arrested February 26 at Redwood City, Calif., on a charge of assault and battery preferred by the mother of Julia Conner, 19 (above), also of Redwood City. Young Cobb denied the charges and declared they were "nothing but a frame-up." He is at liberty on \$250 bail.—(Associated Press Photo.)



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WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Comptroller of Currency J. F. T. O'Connor notified national banks today that their circulation privilege on all United States bonds of 1916-38 and 1918-38 will expire July 22, 1935.

Since July 22, 1932, national banks have been permitted to pledge United States bonds bearing 3½ per cent interest or less to secure circulation of national bank money.

The special privilege was granted by Congress at the instance of Senator Borah, who felt the currency issue could be expanded in this manner. Only a few hundred million of government bonds were pledged, however, and only \$100,000,000 of the special circulation bonds are in use.

Officer, Ex-Track Star, Dies. SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, March 2.—Police Inspector Nicholas Barron, 58 years old, in his youth a track star in England, died of a heart attack in a police car today.

the streets in a pouring rain, and stood drenched to the skin in the plaza. Although President-elect Franz Tomay's genuine Republican Party controls Congress, the people's representatives are expected to elect President Tejada Sorzano's term.

Such action was indicated today when political leaders without distinction joined all classes of citizens in the huge manifestation. The thunder of the Andean rainstorm was matched by their applause, and the torrential downpour failed to dampen their enthusiasm.

Orators declared public opinion throughout the country demanded that Tejada Sorzano maintain himself in power. Other speakers recalled the brilliant defense by Bolivian troops of the Villa Montes stronghold, and voiced confidence of a coming triumph of Bolivian arms.

WORK VIOLATIONS LAID TO COMPANY

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 2.—(U.P.)—Harold L. Ickes, Public Works administrator, tonight said evidence of violation of law by the Six Companies, Inc., constructor of Boulder Dam, has reached such proportions that he has ordered his chief departmental investigator to take personal charge of the case.

The chief investigator, Louis Glavia, will leave next week for the site of the \$47,025,000 power and irrigation project on the Colorado River.

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