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Hamstring Butler, Plan

Fighting Marine Tells How Philadelphia Used Double-Cross.

Editor's Note.—This is the third installment in General Butler's story of his work as head of Philadelphia police and his dismissal earlier this year. The series continues daily. The Times owns exclusive rights to the articles in this territory.

By Smedley D. Butler

With the blare of trumpets and the beat of drums, Mayor Kendrick and a group of Pennsylvania politicians descended upon Washington and the President of the United States on Dec. 6, 1923.

Mayor Kendrick made one of his eloquent and intimitating orations to the President.

"Mr. President," he said, "extraordinary conditions existing in Philadelphia demand heroic treatment."

"Our police force has become demoralized. Banditry, promiscuous sale of poisonous liquor, and lawlessness of all kinds are rampant. Frankly, Mr. President, 2,000,000 people in Philadelphia are awaiting anxiously and hopefully your answer."

On Dec. 13 the answer came—one year's leave of absence, granted by order of the President.

Of all those who accompanied the mayor to Washington to plead so earnestly that I might come to their city, not one supported me openly, or even secretly, during the next two years. None of them fought me openly, but some of them did so in the dark.

Try to Stack Cards

Immediately after announcement of the President's action the politicians began to try to stack the cards by selecting my immediate subordinates for me.

The mayor urged upon me dismissal of the Superintendent of Police William B. Mills. I didn't act. Mills served well and was superintendent when I left Philadelphia two years later.

For my assistant director the mayor advocated appointment of (Turn to Page 2)

35 MEN MISSING IN BOAT BLASTS ON MISSISSIPPI

One Ship Fired in Dry Dock —Two Others Crash in Midstream.

CAUSES ARE IN DISPUTE

Oil Tanker Disappears With Decks Mass of Flames.

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—The port of New Orleans today recovered from a night of horror and relief workers set about caring for those rescued from a succession of ship disasters that brought death, injury and destruction.

A check-up of hospitals and among the seamen along the docks revealed thirty-four men were still missing from two of the vessels which within twelve hours were rocked by a series of explosions.

Five men who were aboard the O. T. Warring, which was fired in dry dock Thursday, have not been heard from.

Twenty-nine members of the crew of the Dutch tanker Silvanus have not been located since that vessel collided with the Standard Oil tanker Wheeler in the Mississippi River at Point a la Hache, fifty miles south of here.

The Wheeler was beached after the collision with slight damage. The Silvanus was last seen with her decks a mass of blazing oil, helpless in the flow of the Mississippi.

The origin of the fires and explosions was in dispute today. The fire in the drydock was said by the captain of the O. T. Warring to have started from sparks carried by a shore fire. This was denied by company officials, however.

TWO OIL FIELDS ABLAZE

Men Conscribed to Fight Fire in California Tank Farms.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—All night fire burned in two tank farms of the Union Oil Company—one at Anaheim, some twenty-five miles from here, and the other at San Luis Obispo, 200 miles north—destroying thousands of dollars' worth of oil and tanks and causing losses counted in millions.

Men conscribed from the streets of Brea and Anaheim fought the oil fire there which started Thursday when a lightning bolt struck one of the great tanks.

At San Luis Obispo the fire has been burning more than two days and several hundred men with plows and tractors have thrown up great dykes of earth in their efforts to confine the burning of black oil, and prevent its spreading. Already more than 300 acres are covered by the flaming mass and the black smoke hangs thick for miles around.

The fire thus far has cost four lives.

REPAIR TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Policemen in Charge for Time at Meridian and Ohio Sts.

Traffic direction by police at Meridian and Ohio Sts. will last only until repairs to the automatic signal at that corner are accomplished, Claude McCoy, board of safety secretary, announced today.

It was necessary to remove the old signals to make the repairs.

MURDER CASE TO JURY TODAY

Defense Alleges Shooting Was Accidental.

The case of Herbert Thiesing, charged with first degree murder, was expected to rest with the jury this afternoon. Although Judson L. Stark, deputy prosecutor, said he would ask for life imprisonment, it is believed that if the jury finds the defendant guilty he will be convicted of manslaughter, penalty for which is two to twenty-one years in the Indiana State Prison.

Thiesing is charged with fatally shooting Orla Verner, 43, of 1530 Sheldon St., in the poolroom of Raymond Hoffbauer, 1609 Ludlow Ave. The State endeavored to prove Thiesing shot Verner while under the influence of liquor. Frank Baker, defense attorney, declared Verner was accidentally shot.

AKER said Thiesing, thinking the weapon was loaded with blanks, fired into the poolroom to make the men think the place was raided.

WATSON FOR FARM AID

Addresses Meeting Called by State G. O. P. Chairman.

Need for farm relief was stressed by Senator James E. Watson at a meeting today at the Sevier of prominent Republicans, called by State Chairman Clyde A. Walb to discuss the farmer's plight. Senator Arthur R. Robinson also attended.

Tonight Watson will speak at Kalamazoo. He will return to Washington Saturday.

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I Want to See Her Before I Die, Says Man Who Killed Officer.

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NOTE SPURS SEARCH FOR ROSS

White River Nears Crest Here



White River over banks at Ravenswood, north of city

CANCELLING OF TONIC PERMITS IS ANTICIPATED

Shumaker Says He Has Been Given Inside Information.

Early cancellation of permits to manufacture malt tonic beer, issued by Assistant Treasury Secretary Andrews to Pabst of Milwaukee and Anheuser-Busch of St. Louis, is expected by Superintendent Edward S. Shumaker of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, Shumaker said today.

The withdrawal, he said, will be another victory for the nation's dry forces in one of the biggest fights since enactment of the Eighteenth Amendment. Indiana has played a leading part in the fight, he declared.

Shumaker would not disclose the source of his information, but said he had been informed by a person who had talked directly to Andrews that the “dry czar” was surprised at the protests against the order and that about the only thing to do, to preserve prohibition laws, was to cancel the permits.

Shumaker, relenting from a previous stand, said he now believed Andrews issued permits believing the tonic beer would be a “health booster,” as its manufacturers claimed, and not a beer.

Meantime, Shumaker said, nothing is being done to curb sale of the tonic beer in Gary, where three drugists have ordered large stocks. He thinks the permit cancellation will block the sale.

THREE DEAD IN ITALIAN RIOTS

London Hears Seven in Clash With Fascist Police.

MONEY SENT SCHOOLS

By United Press

LONDON, April 9.—A dispatch from Chiasso, Italy, to the Daily Herald today reports three persons killed and many wounded in Mercede, Calabria, during a clash between Fascist police and the population.

Twenty homes of anti-Fascists in Milan have been wrecked and burned and their occupants beaten, the dispatch says, in reprisal for Wednesday's attempt of a demented British woman to assassinate the premier.

Amounts ranged from \$535.34 for Brown County to \$25,879.31 for Marion County. The apportionment was made on the basis of an enumeration of \$26,654.

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Rise Due to Continue for Two or Three Days Downstream.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m.	35 10 a. m.	41
7 a. m.	37 11 a. m.	42
8 a. m.	40 12 (noon)	45
9 a. m.	41 1 p. m.	45

Following a rise of 3.8 feet Thursday to a mark of 16.1 feet, White River at Indianapolis should reach its crest of the early April flood period before evening, the United States weather bureau announced today. The river is not expected to pass 17 feet, while 18 feet is flood stage.

Upstream on White River the crest of the flood, brought about by heavy rains earlier in the week, was passed Thursday, but downstream a gradual rise for the next two or three days is expected.

Rise Gradual

Rivers all over Indiana are at flood stage or near that point, and many of them have overflowed their banks, damaging farm lands. The rise was gradual, however, that all persons were able to escape with personal belongings.

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