

GEN. BUTLER PREPARES DEFENSE FOR COURT-MARTIAL

MARINE HERO RESTS IN HOME AT QUANTICO

Attends Reservation Movie Show in Evenings on Few Occasions.

STRIPPED OF SWORD

Has First Conference With His Lawyer for Trial on Feb. 16.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Major General Smedley D. Butler turned today to active preparation of his defense on charges that he insulted Premier Mussolini of Italy by calling Mussolini a "hit-and-run driver." He will face court-martial at Philadelphia Feb. 16.

Major Henry Leonard, U. S. M. C., retired, chief of his defense counsel, went to Quantico early today to plan the defense with Butler.

It was the first conference Butler has had with his lawyer. It was believed announcement of the retention of additional counsel might be made later today.

Butler made virtually no effort toward defense until Monday night when he was released from the order to confine himself to the Quantico reservation, which was given him when he was instructed to place himself under arrest last week.

Spends Time Quietly

The navy department, however, notified him that he was free to leave the reservation and go anywhere necessary in the preparation of his case.

Butler has been spending his time quietly at Quantico, remaining at his home most of the time. Quantities of mail, much of it commanding his actions and promising him moral support, are coming to the general.

In the evenings Butler has, on a few occasions, attended the movie show on the reservation which he himself had equipped with sound apparatus a year ago.

Shorn of His Sword

He sits among the officers, wearing his uniform with the two stars of a major general on the shoulder straps.

Butler's stars are solid gold, hammered out of French coins by a marine. Sunday night he seemed greatly to enjoy a Clara Bow film. He does not enter his office at the post nor engage in any marine activity whatsoever.

He is not permitted to wear his sword.

Some one asked Butler how it felt to be in his present position. "I feel," he said, "like the man who thought he was taking aspirin and found it was bichloride of mercury."

Official Attitude Softer

Major-General Ben H. Fuller, marine commandant, has indicated a willingness to grant Butler leave until his trial at Philadelphia on Feb. 16.

Further indications of a softening in the official attitude toward Butler were seen in Fuller's attitude toward a leave, as well as in what was tantamount to an announcement by Navy Secretary Adams that the Philadelphia hearings would be open to the public.

That the charges—outgrowth of a Philadelphia speech in which the general is said to have depicted Premier Mussolini of Italy as a hit-and-run motorist and a menace to peace—will be less severe than was first contemplated, was conceded here today.

Darrow May Aid

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—Clarance Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays will be requested to confer with counsel for General Smedley B. Butler and offer him assistance in behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, Webster Powell, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania branch of that organization, said today.

Powell already has telegraphed Darrow asking if he would care to associate himself with the defense.

Confirmation Is Claimed

By United Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Confirmation of the new famous story picture Premier Mussolini as an alleged "hit and run" motorist was claimed by an anti-Fascist Italian newspaper published here today, despite important differences in dates in the published "confirmation."

The paper printed today a letter describing the incident General Smedley Butler is said to have described, in which an American tourist with Mussolini, reported him as: "Running over a little girl and commenting that one life was unimportant as compared with the life of the state."

Butler, newspapers reported said, "a friend told him the story."

The friend has been reported as being Cornelius Vantrell, Con. Confirmation of the fact he interviewed the Italian premier in 1926 has been announced. The letter, however, times the alleged hit-run incident on Sept. 14, 1930.

"BELLING" PARTY FATAL

Young Husband Dies After Suffering Injury to Lung.

By Times Special
WABASH, Ind., Feb. 3.—Funeral services were held Monday for Ervin L. Parks, 22, who died of injuries suffered a few days after his marriage Nov. 4 to Miss Vera E. Montell, during a "belling" party.

The young husband had a lung torn loose as a result of a scuffle during the party. His condition gradually became worse and he submitted to an operation as a last resort, but gained no relief.

Aged Man Kills Self

By United Press
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 3.—California's oldest native daughter, Mrs. Josefa Dorman, 111, died at her home in the Tassajera hills north of here.

Arctic Calls



CRIPPLED MINER VOICES PLEA TO HELP STARVING

Dramatic Scene Enacted in House by Leader of Jobless Men.

A petition making "utile plea for \$50,000,000 for unemployment relief—forgotten in a day—in the hands of a house of representatives' committee.

But not so soon to be forgotten by Hoosier lawmakers is the picture of a peg-legged Bicknell coal miner pleading from the floor of the house for food, and subtly conveying a warning of "what may happen if the legislature refuses to act."

Disclaiming identification as a "Red" or a "Communist," Dan Winger, whose left leg was crushed in a mine accident, said he was spokesman for the Unemployed Council of Indiana and headed a committee of fourteen designated to present grievances of hundreds of starving Indiana workmen.

Gather Under Police Guard

Before Winger faced the house Monday to deliver his address groups of unemployed assembled silently and in an orderly manner at the east steps of the statehouse while a heavy police guard was marshaled about the building to repel any organized rush.

The mobmen, if an orderly gathering can be described as a mob, came in twos and threes and approximately 500 of them massed before the steps to hear addresses by Winger. Ted Luesse, who several times has been jailed for rioting, and other leaders.

In addition to police in the statehouse under Major Herbert Fletcher and Lieutenant Leo Trautman, mounted troopers were ready at headquarters and squad cars were ordered to stand by for radio calls if it became necessary to quell any violent demonstration.

The mobmen, however, were orderly, although they bore such banners as "Down With the Bosses' Courts" and "To H— With the Shut Houses."

Fourteen of their number, led by Winger, filed through the cordon of police at the door and were shepherded first to the office of Governor Harry G. Leslie.

The Governor was absent, so the delegation, including several Negroes of both sexes, asked permission to present their petition and address.

Refers to Free Speech

Speaker of the House Walter Myers readily acceded to requests for the reading of the petition, and told the house that "in view of the constitutional guarantees of free speech and free assembly" he believed we should hear the petition, and if the house will consent, allow ten minutes for an address."

Representative Delph L. McKeesson (Dem., Marshall) and majority floor leader, immediately moved to hear the petition and the address and Republican members, not to be outside, sent up a roar of "second the motion."

Prior to passage of the 1927 law making possession of the notes a felony, attorney charges note discounting in Illinois could be brought before an attorney and attachment of property made without the process of law usual in other debt settlements.

The Crawford measure, passed with approval of all cognovit note opponents in the house, merely would use the notes as evidence of debt and provides for collection through due process of law.

Representative John D. T. Bold (Dem., Vanderburgh), in arguing for repeal, declared he was opposed to Indiana being a haven for "deadbeats."

Representatives Herbert P. Kennedy (Dem., Floyd), Roy C. Street (Tippecanoe and Warren) and Gerrit M. Bates (Dem., Marion), joined Weiss in assailing the repeal bill as "vicious legislation."

"Repealing the 1927 act means that banks without your knowledge can levy against your property and it merely will put money in the bankers' pockets," warned Street in a plea for the bill's defeat.

Speech Kept in Mind

Winger's address made such an indelible impression on members of the house that twice later in the day references to it were made during debate.

"Remember what we heard this morning. I'd rather have men rioting in prison than on the streets," shouted Representative E. Curtis White (Dem., Marion), in answer to Representative Miles Farnas (Rep., Randolph) in a debate on a bill embracing the marking of products made in Indiana prisons. The bill was postponed indefinitely, 45 to 39.

Those voting against passage of the measure are: Representatives Bachtelkirk, Combs, Eikenberry, Eshelman, Farrell, Foster, Grimm, Guard, Guernsey, Gwin, Haines, Kenney, Kistler, Knight and Vanover.

Farnas had warned that prison riots are precipitated by idle convicts not given work to do and his remarks provoked a heated debate with members of the labor group in the house. Representative Fred Galloway (Dem., Marion), also referred to Winger's address during the debate on prison-made goods.

At the conclusion of Winger's talk, Representative Farnas moved in view of the appropriation demand that the petition be referred to the house ways and means committee.

Included in the petition were demands for the abolition of all state vagrancy laws, the garnishee law, farm board and subsidiary organizations, marketing act, lower prices on farm equipment and fertilizer, a law prohibiting sheriff sales of real estate for delinquent taxes, an income tax levy on incomes of more than \$5,000, a five-year moratorium on farm mortgage foreclosures and eviction of unemployed persons for non-payment of rent.

Four bills passed in Senate Feb. 2

S. B. 57 (Holmes)—Permitting banks to make loans, not exceeding 10 per cent of their capital, to incorporated companies for purpose of guaranteeing debts of persons holding deposits of governmental units. Bill includes state and state banks and loan companies.

S. B. 33 (Miller)—Holding shareholders individually responsible for all contracts, debts and obligations of the stock held by them in the stock, who have transferred their shares within three years of the date of the stock held by them in the stock.

S. B. 44 (Miller)—Permitting banks to make loans, not exceeding 10 per cent of their capital, to incorporated companies for purpose of guaranteeing debts of persons holding deposits of governmental units. Bill includes state and state banks and loan companies.

S. B. 26 (Perkins of St. Joseph)—Describes a line of credit for Kankakee and LaPorte counties. Boundary to follow the line of the Kankakee River, instead of the old course Kankakee River.

S. B. 72 (Shull)—Provides for legalization of a permit for strip of land in Tipton county, Indiana, for clearing of land for the purpose of clarifying abstract. 45 ayes, 1 no.

S. B. 34 (Trombly)—Preventing live stock from being taken from a restricted farm from vaccinating own live stock or in administering bacterins. 27 ayes, 1 no.

S. B. 74 (Southworth)—Proclaiming Oct. 11 as General Pulaski day. 44 ayes, 6 nays.

Unconscious Four Days

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—A mysterious injury which left Guy H. Davis, 33, former Northwestern university football star, unconscious four days, was explained today when it was learned he had fallen on a picket fence while detained recently in a county psychopathic ward.

Woman Dies at 111 Years

—SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Feb. 3.—Troy Boles, 62, died in a hospital here after drinking a large quantity of beer with suicidal intent.

Child, 2, Fatally Shot

FLYDE, Steel, 35, of 20 South Baker

street, whom police say found

bottling applejack in his garage

when they raided the premises Mon-

day night, today was held on blind

murder charges. The police squad

under Sergeant William Cox con-

sidered a quantity of home brew be-

sides the applejack.

Liquor Charges Filed

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