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Mostly cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight, with lowest temperature

35 to 40 degrees; Friday unsettled with probably some rain.

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U. S. ORDER TO 'HUSH' IS SENT TO VANDERBILT

Writer Requested to Keep
Silence Until Trial of
General Butler.

PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN

Publisher Who Received
Letter to Call Hero a
'Fool' in Magazine.

BY LEICESTER WAGNER
United Press Staff Correspondent
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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—A long distance telephone call to Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. in Phoenix was made by the state department at Washington on the heels of publication of an exclusive United Press dispatch that the former publisher was the civilian involved in the Mussolini-Butler affair.

Vanderbilt, it was learned here today, was requested to reveal no further facts until the court-martial of General Smedley D. Butler.

He already had identified himself as the source of Butler's information to the effect that Premier Mussolini, motoring in Italy with an American companion, had run over and killed a small child.

General Butler has been ordered held for court-martial as a result of including this assertion in a recent public speech, and the United States has apologized formally to Italy.

Denied by Mussolini

Mussolini denied the incident vigorously and said that he never had had an American as his guest on a motor tour, nor had his car ever killed a child.

Vanderbilt was identified as the companion of Mussolini in a letter he wrote Rob Wagner, nationally known magazine writer and publisher.

Wagner, who exhibited the letter to the United Press under condition that certain confidences not be violated, will comment upon it in an article to appear in his weekly magazine, "Rob Wagner's Script," Friday.

Vanderbilt, the letter stated, was riding with Mussolini when the incident occurred which formed the basis for General Butler's recent assertions that after the child was struck down, Mussolini drove on with the comment: "What is one life in the affairs of a state?"

Upholds Butler Story

The former publisher in the main upheld General Butler's assertions, but made no reference to the alleged remark about "one life." He also declared that there were extenuating circumstances.

"The story Mr. Vanderbilt told—and we know it perfectly—was at a meeting of lecture bureau heads, where everybody was sworn to secrecy. General Butler told several very confidential stories of his own; so did another lecturer." The Script will say in part.

"Mr. Vanderbilt did not spill that hit-run story," the article will say. "General Butler was the offender, and when he spilled it he not only spilled it wrong, but violated his honor in the spilling."

Calls Butler "Fool"

"After the story had been told so confidentially, General Butler was the first to congratulate Mr. Vanderbilt and to thank him for his trust in him—General Butler."

"Butler was a fool—if not worse—in having told that story."

"If the court-martial fellows are witness enough to open up the whole works, and if Mr. Vanderbilt is compelled to tell the true story of his Mussolini interview and collateral incidents, I am inclined to believe he will start a bunch of international fireworks that will make the so-called hit-run incident look like a squib."

Charges Are Withheld

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Secretary of Navy Adams today said that the navy department would not make public the charges upon which Major-General Smedley D. Butler will be court-martialed in advance of the trial Feb. 16.

It was indicated today, however, that the charges are much more severe than had been anticipated. Butler was back at his Quantico (Va.) marine base today, after having the charges served on him here Wednesday.

Bus Line Asks Permit

Greyhound Lines, Inc., has petitioned the public service commission for authority to lease the Indianapolis-Marion bus route of the Indiana railroad. The Greyhound now operates buses through Marion on Indianapolis-Detroit route.

A New Tarzan

Undaunted amid dangers, the giant ape-man wages war to the death against gorilla men and the misshapen Priests of Opar—

Follow the New Tarzan Picture
Story

TARZAN AND THE GOLDEN LION

By Edgar Rice Burroughs
(Drawings by Rex Mason)

Beginning Monday,
February 9
In The Times

Not So Bad, Is Duvall's Verdict After His First Night in Jail

BY ARCH STEINEL

"JAIL'S not so bad."

Smoking a briar pipe behind cell doors, like a reviewer of drama in a theater lobby, ex-Mayor John L. Duvall today pronounced this critique of his "first night" in the Marion county jail.

The curtain of his drama arose Wednesday night, when he was sentenced to serve thirty days in jail and pay a \$1.00 fine for violation of the corrupt practices act, by Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker.

Nor can the former mayor feel lonesome among the dramatic personnel of the jail for, before he

entered the breakfast line for his oatmeal, sausage, molasses, coffee and bread, he found his old taxi driver also behind the barred scenes.

And he found, too, that his turnkey, Wes Stout, worked with him engaging horses for a harness meet which the former mayor staged last year at Walnut Garde.

"HELL be treated just like any other prisoner," vowed tall officials as they showed the "bull pen," where Duvall will live for thirty days.

"Just the same clothes I always wear. No different."

Jones—Duvall, hallooed Stout through the bars.

The one-time city executive who answered to "Mayor—Oh! Mayor" in 1925, approached the bars.

"A man to see you, John," said the turnkey as he dropped the "Duvall."

"How'd I sleep? Just fine. No, the bed's not quite like I'm used to, but it's comfortable enough. Yes, I made my bed this morning and it's about the first bed I've made," he said as he stuck the briar in a corner of his mouth.

He was dressed in black suit, green shirt, no tie and tan shoes.

"Just the same clothes I always wear. No different."

HE pulled at his pipe as another answer to a question was pulled from him.

"I've got two cellmates. No, I don't know what they're in for. I haven't asked them. One fellow's been in the army and last night we talked about that. No! None of them has asked me anything and I haven't asked them anything."

"Yes, I met a fellow here who used to know me. He's a taxi driver. Said he used to drive me around a lot. Yes, I ate a good breakfast. The boys are all nice to me here. I'd rather be in this jail than any I know of, for it

makes me feel as if I'm still at home," and he removed the pipe.

"I'll eat just what they feed me here, except, of course, when Mrs. Duvall brings things in," he added.

"You've got enough pictures of me," he remarked as he refused to pose for a photograph.

"I guess that's all you want with me," he questioned the turnkey.

The turnkey nodded to the man, who at one time answered to "Mayor—Oh! Mayor." Then he took up the "Duvall-Duvall" refrain of calling another prisoner to me here. I'd rather be in the "bullpen's" door with, Lawrence-Lawrence."

OWEN YOUNG'S SOLDIER BONUS PLAN BOOSTED

House Committee to Begin
Study of Proposals
Next Week.

DELAY CHARGE HURLED

Favor Idea to Advance
Needy Veterans Cash
on Certificates.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The house ways and means committee will begin next week to consider the various bonus proposals before it with most members now favoring a compromise along lines suggested by Owen D. Young.

"The Young plan," which is to advance needy veterans cash on their certificates instead of paying all veterans, was mentioned favorably frequently today by members of the committee as hearings continued.

When the committee met today there was no one present to be heard, which led Representative Garner (Dem., Tex.) to charge that the hearings merely were delaying action, and Representative Crisp (Dem., Ga.) to move that the committee go into executive session to consider legislation.

This Democratic move met with opposition from Chairman Hawley, who announced the committee would begin to consider measures next week. House members who wanted to appear were notified and the hearings went on.

Among those who advocated a cash bonus today were Representatives Howard (Dem., Neb.), Hancock (Dem., N. C.), Stafford (Rep., Wis.), Kvale (Farmer-Labor, Minn.) and Christigan (Rep., Minn.).

Tangle Grows Worse

BY MARSHALL MCNEIL
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Bonus legislation hearings before the house ways and means committee were to end today, but the committee will not meet until next week to decide whether to report out a bill.

In the meantime, talk of a compromise was revived at both ends of the Capitol. Testimony was given Wednesday before the house committee by Owen D. Young, General Electric board chairman.

He urged expenditure of \$300,000 to \$500,000,000 to pay excess service men who are in actual distress a part of the face value of their certificates, up to 30 or 40 per cent.

This proposal, however, resulted in considerable controversy over its administrative features, over what some considered the discrimination between veterans, and over how to determine whether a veteran is really in distress.

The situation in Congress still was confused. These predictions were made:

"That the Senate might not act on a bonus bill because it has no power to originate a revenue-raising measure."

"That if Republicans bend before Legion pressure, they will do so late in the session that President Hoover will be able to pocket veto it."

"That a compromise would be reported out by the house, but that no vote would be taken."

BILL TO TAX SHOWS, RACES, GAMES FILED

10 Per Cent of Receipts Sought as
Fee by Senate Measure.

An amusement tax measure was introduced in the Senate today which would require licenses from the state auditor to operate a moving picture show, horse or automobile race, ball games, boxing and other events.

License fee would be \$1 and the state would get 10 per cent of the gate receipts or, in case of the movies, 10 per cent of gross receipts payable monthly.

Fines of \$100 to \$1,000 are provided for violations and imprisonment up to six months on the state farm.

FARM CROPS IN PERIL

Chairman Legge Fears Heavy Loss
From Winter Drought.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Serious damage to the farm crops by the winter drought is feared by Chairman Alexander Legge of the farm board.

Legge said today the drought is causing more damage to farm crops than could be caused by a surplus of wheat.

Rainfall in the United States during the past year has been only 42 per cent of normal, a shortage of seven tons of water an acre, Legge said. This shortage will cause serious damage to livestock and other agricultural crops, including wheat, he said.

DEATH GUN SHOWN

First Witnesses Called in

Jordan Murder Trial.

First witnesses called by the state in presentation of evidence on which the prosecution expects to send Frank Jordan, 25, to the electric chair for the murder of Raymond Cole, 27, described the scene of the murder, in criminal court today.

One of them, August W. Johnson, Kokomo, friend of Cole, said Jordan once had shown him a revolver, exhibited in the courtroom. The state will try to prove that it was the gun from which three bullets ended Cole's life in a lonely lane near Greenfield.

Roy E. Curson, 54, South Dearborn street, and Floyd E. Wurlich, 51 Whittier place, hunters, who found Cole's body in the lane, described the scene, and Dr. Oscar Hender, Hancock county coroner, testified that Cole died from the wound.

Applause broke out as he stepped to the speaker's table; then one after another representative arose to his feet until all were standing.

"I remember well when I stood here in 1923 and said Indiana well could declare a 'closed season' on legislation," said the former Governor. "The same might be said now, except," he hastened to add, "that we are watching your efforts toward tax reduction."

The utilities board is given the authority to issue bonds for the betterment or purchase of a utility. These bonds, however, will be regarded as mortgages upon the property and the city or utility district can not be held responsible for the indebtedness, the bill sets out.

The utilities board is given the authority to lease any such utility property for not more than 25 years to any person, partnership or corporation without the approval of the state public service commission, is given the board.

Check on leasing of municipally-owned utilities is placed in the bill by requiring all such contracts to be approved and ratified by a two-

thirds vote of the common council and approval by the mayor.

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