



REBUKE ENDS CASE AGAINST GEN. BUTLER

Plans for Court-Martial Abandoned on Orders of Administration.

SENSATION IN CAPITAL

Marine Officer, 'Good Soldier,' Takes Reprimand to Avoid Trial.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Court-martial proceedings against Major-General Smedley D. Butler were dismissed by direction of President Hoover himself, the United Press learned today.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Plans for court-martialing Major-General Smedley D. Butler of the United States marine corps were abandoned on the initiative of the administration, it was learned today.

For several reasons the highest officials of the government decided it was unwise to go through with the court-martial. General Butler, on his part, finally consented to be a "good soldier" and enter the arrangement under which he was reprimanded by Navy Secretary Adams. This sudden change of what was promised to be one of the most spectacular military trials in American history caused a sensation in Washington, and was the subject of discussion everywhere.

The abandonment of the court-martial was regarded as being unprecedented as the original decision itself.

Public Spectacle Prevented

Most important for the government's international relations, the cancellation of the trial removes the possibility of a public spectacle in which would enter the question of the accuracy of statements that Premier Mussolini of Italy ran over a child with his automobile and went on without giving aid.

It was learned today that the government, through state and commerce department attaches in Italy, made a thorough investigation of the story which Butler in his speech at Philadelphia last month had told about this incident. All of these reports came back to Washington agreeing that there was no truth in the story.

Hints were conveyed to General Butler late last week that for various reasons it would be desirable all around if some arrangement could be made which would make the court-martial unnecessary.

General Butler hesitated until after consulting with counsel but finally agreed.

Butler Writes Letter

A conference was held Sunday at the home of Navy Secretary Adams where the arrangements were worked out.

Butler Monday wrote a letter to Adams relating that when he made the speech he understood it was not to go beyond the four walls within which were assembled the members and guests of the Contemporary Club of Philadelphia.

Butler said he was telling Adams this "on the assumption that it was not in the department's possession when it was decided to bring me to trial." It is known that the phrasing of this sentence was given much attention.

Neither Butler nor his counsel will say whether this information was included in the original report of the incident which Butler made to the navy upon which the decision to court-martial him was made.

Many Protests Received

President Hoover and other government officials have received voluminous mail protesting against the court-martial. General Butler has received equally voluminous mail extending sympathy.

It is known that some influential administration senators felt that the administration was making a grave mistake in forcing the court-martial, that a reprimand was sufficient and more desirable from every point of view.

As this pressure increased, there came to the ears of high administration officials reports that friends of Butler were planning to force him into the race for the Republican senatorial nomination in Pennsylvania next year against Senator James J. Davis, former secretary of labor.

Other criticism came privately from many of Butler's friends in the service who felt that he was being crucified for an indiscretion which, while warranting reprimand, did not warrant severe penalties and dishonor.

General Butler was back in command at Quantico, Va., marine base today.

Action Liked by Italy

ROME, Feb. 9.—An apparently officially inspired note in the Giornale d'Italia today said the American navy department's action in dismissing charges against Major-General Smedley Butler proved the cordiality of relations between Italy and the United States.

Hourly Temperatures
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8 a. m. 30 12 (noon) 35
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Autos Blessed

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The aid of St. Christopher, was invoked by a Roman Catholic church to prevent automobile accidents. Sixty motor cars were blessed formally in the saint's name and sprinkled with holy water outside the church of the holy family which celebrates "motorists' mass" every Sunday.

10 MEN, CAUGHT ON DRIFTING ICE FLOE, RESCUED

Trapped While Saving 16 Men and Boy From Giant Cake.

PINEHURST, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Seven coast guardsmen and three fishermen who had drifted on an ice floe in Lake Erie since rescue attempts were disrupted Sunday night by a broken line, were taken from the floe today.

The men were rescued by guardsmen who had set out from shore at dawn to "juggle" some six miles across an ice shelf to reach the floe. Surfman Fred Nirschel of the coast guard was the first man to reach shore. The other guardsmen and the three fishermen followed Nirschel within an hour.

Floe Only Few Feet Wide

"The ice floe we were on was only about 100 feet long and seven feet wide," Nirschel told the United Press when he reached shore. "The end of the floe changed into slush ice as it drifted before the wind, gradually bringing the edges of the floe closer and closer to us."

"Pieces of ice broke away with our supply of charcoal, and we were left without fuel. The men had to jump around to keep warm, and the space we had to jump in wasn't very large."

"The only food we had was some bread that was dropped to us by an airplane this morning. It tasted like a banquet."

Broke Away From Line

In addition to Nirschel, the following men were taken from the floe:

Alvin Girardin, Lancaster, N. Y.; Joseph Gutkowski, Buffalo, fishermen; and coast guardsmen Merrill B. Richards, Walter B. Blitner, and Skinner, Lee and Gokey, surfmen. The three fishermen, who had been stranded on the floe since Saturday afternoon, when it broke away from the main body of ice opposite Athol Springs, were rescued.

The seven guardsmen were left on the ice with the three fishermen when the floe was rolled by Lake Erie currents Sunday night and broke a line connecting it with the main ice shelf opposite Eighteen Mile creek.

Trapped Saving Others

Guardsmen have been risking their lives in the rescue of the fishermen from the floe since it broke away from Buffalo Saturday. Sixteen men and a boy had been set adrift on a mile-square floe and it was while rescuing the group that the guardsmen became trapped.

A thrilling search was started Saturday for the sixteen men and the boy and a graphic story of the rescue was told later by one of the men.

Airplanes chartered by the guard and working with the land crew first sighted the stranded fishermen. These planes were augmented by planes chartered by the three Buffalo newspapers.

Boy Fully Recovered

"You never saw such a sight in your life," John E. Reimers, rescued member of the fishing colony, said in describing first sighting of the plane.

"We jumped around, kicked up our heels, and screamed for joy. We were waving our hats at the plane and saw the pilot drop something overboard. It was sandwiches, bread and candy, and a bottle full of coffee. Coffee never tasted better."

Elmer Schreiber, the 9-year-old boy rescued with his father, Mr. R. Schreiber, was recovered fully today from his experience.

He had cried a bit when someone said something that day on the floe and mentioned his mother. His big moment of excitement came when the rescue boat and its load neared shore. He dropped a loaf of bread he was saving as a souvenir.

Fig 'De-Tails' Swine

LINCOLNVILLE, Feb. 9.—A sixty-pound pig on the farm of Sam Baker, south of here, has cannibalistic tendencies, its owner says. It bites off the tails of all hogs with which it comes in contact.

'What's in Fashion?'

Starting today, Amos Parrish reports for The Indianapolis Times

the latest facts and news from fashion centers of the world, telling exactly what you want to know about

WHAT'S IN FASHION?

Read the first article in today's issue on the Home page of The Times.

G. O. P. LEADER IS MURDERED IN CLEVELAND

'Rarin' Bill' Potter Was to Have Faced Court Today on Perjury Charge.

GRAFT EXPOSE LOOMED

Blonde Woman and Dudishly Attired Man Hunted in Mystery.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 9.—A blonde woman and a dudishly attired man, both garbed appropriately in black, were sought today as possible principals in Cleveland's greatest murder mystery in many years—the blotting out of "Rarin' Bill" Potter, a Republican leader, who was to have appeared in court on a perjury charge this morning.

Shortly before noon, police arrested a man and woman who generally fitted the description of the suspects and planned to question them later today.

A general police alarm was sent out for Rarin' Bill, or William E. as the former councilman less generally was known, late Sunday.

He had not been seen since Tuesday, when he appeared to back in the public gaze in the famous "statesmen's window" at city hall. Potter had been reported missing, when prosecuting authorities tried unavailingly to find who would represent him at his perjury trial.

Rose From Newsboy Start

An hour after the police alarm, the superintendent of an apartment house in the Parkwood drive section—described as a good residential neighborhood, telephoned police that lights had been burning day and night for four days in one of his newly-rented apartments.

A police squad battered down the door. On a davenport, they faced the entrance to the living room was Rarin' Bill's body. The head had been battered.

To make sure of death, a pistol bullet had been fired from behind the right ear, to emerge from the forehead. The body was decomposing.

It was some time before anyone suspected that the body was that of Potter, 45, red-haired, a fighter, who had boasted as a bricklayer that he rose from nothing, and as politician that he rose from brick-layer.

Aquainted in Scandals

Then came clues—initials on watch, belt buckle and collar band and similar indications that caused police to look for political friends of Rarin' Bill. Finally identification was made positively.

As if the murder itself was not enough of a sensation, the circumstances surrounding Potter's recent life were leading to a climax. He had been tried three times, and acquitted, on charges growing out of land fraud scandals that disrupted the local Republican machine.

Men went to prison over the charges. One of them, Liston G. Schooley Jr., is to be paroled Tuesday despite his refusal to "talk" even after twenty-two months behind bars. Schooley's father is the other victim of the scandal, serving a five-to-ten-year sentence.

There had been suspicion that the Schooleys "took the rap" for a large number of politicians charged with frauds—graft of various sorts, particularly of holding out large sums paid by the city for condemned property.

Ready to 'Tell All'

There also was suspicion that Rarin' Bill Potter, due to appear today for the fourth time on charges growing out of the land frauds, had threatened to tell all in the Daisy De Voie manner.

On Jan. 28, a man, dark, whereas Potter was ruddy, expensively dressed in tight black suit, and apparently some ten years younger than Rarin' Bill, rented the Parkwood drive apartment lavishly furnished with overstuffed chairs and sofa, and dotted with ornamental lamps.

On Tuesday a blonde woman, 22 or so, dressed in black and described by police as "very attractive," visited the lessee of the apartment, known to the superintendent as "M. J. Markus, a chain store district manager."

No one knows when or how Rarin' Bill got to the apartment, but they believe he was killed there probably Wednesday, and most probably because someone in high local political circles feared Potter would tell what he knew, which was about all anybody knew, about graft which had scandalized the city.

HEALTH OFFICERS TO STUDY DROUGHT AID

Dr. W. F. King to Attend Parley of State Directors at Memphis.

Public health directors of states in the drought area will meet in Memphis, Tenn., Tuesday at the call of H. S. Cumming, surgeon-general of the federal public health department, Dr. William F. King, secretary of the state health board, announced today.

Dr. King will leave for Memphis this afternoon. The meeting is expected to last two or three days.

The health directors will make reports of the situations in their states and plan a course of action to be taken in safeguarding public health.

Rogers Continues Drought Tour

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 9.—Will Rogers, who left Oklahoma today for Arkansas, where he will continue his southwestern tour in the interests of drought relief. The relief fund was swelled by more than \$100,000 by his appearances in this state.

Protection for Deferred-Pay Buyers Sought

Bill Drafted to Prevent Loss of Equity in Replevined Goods.

EQUITY for the installment buyer, in addition to present protection for the installment seller, is provided in a bill sponsored by Dr. John W. Hewitt, secretary of the state unemployment relief commission, and being prepared today for introduction in the senate.

Under provisions of the measure no installment sold goods can be replevined because of failure to meet payments without a court order. It also provides that there be some recompense for the amount invested, Hewitt declared.

Under the present law the signer of an installment contract agrees that the merchandise can be recovered without any court action and all investment equity is forfeited.

"My contact among the unemployed has disclosed the necessity for such a bill," Dr. Hewitt declared. "Numerous people have been very badly dealt with because they had no recourse to the courts."

"Surely the honest dealer will not be afraid to lay the evidence in such cases before a judge."

JUST recently my attention was

called to a case where a \$1,600 automobile, on which but \$80 balance was due, was taken away for failure to meet an installment. The woman was a widow and insured the car. She had no money to pay the balance, but she had a husband's insurance she went to pay the \$80 and recover the car and was told that it had been sold again and sent out of the state.

"She lost her entire investment. If my bill passes, and I am assured of senate support, such injustices will not be possible."

Dr. Hewitt is a former member of the senate.

JORDAN DENIES BEING KILLER

Declares He Was Drawn Into Net by Woman.

When Frank Jordan drove alone to an isolated lane near Greenfield on Halloween night last October to keep a love tryst with Mrs. Marie Cole, he did not know he was to witness the killing of the woman's husband, Raymond I. Cole, Jordan testified before a criminal court jury today.

As trial on a first degree murder charge neared its close, Jordan occupied the witness chair this morning to frame the alibi under which he hopes to escape the death penalty.

Faltering in answering many questions, Jordan vehemently denied any part in the killing, and declared he was drawn into a net by the "wiles of a woman."

Mrs. Cole, the woman, is being held in the Hancock county jail, awaiting trial for complicity in the slaying.

"I did not shoot Raymond Cole, I absolutely did not; absolutely not," he told jurors.

Mrs. Cole's purported confession, introduced Saturday in evidence, blamed Jordan as the killer, stating "we did it because of the love we had for each other."

TURFMAN HEART VICTIM

Millionaire Catsup Manufacturer Dies in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Jefferson Livingston, millionaire turfman, died today of heart disease after an illness of three weeks. He was 68, was born in Lisbon, O., and went to Cincinnati when a boy, where he amassed a large fortune through his catsup and the condiment business. He was owner of the Snider Catsup Company.

The Inside Story Told for the First Time

Building Up Big Fights

BY IKE DORGAN

Master Press Agent Behind Tex Rickard

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SENATE BLOC FIGHTS RELIEF 'COMPROMISE'

No Specific Provision Made for Purchase of Food From Loans.

FEAR EXTRA SESSION

Administration Is Worried; Robinson Placed in Bad Position.

BY RAY TUCKER

Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The \$20,000,000 drought relief compromise agreed on by the administration and some senate leaders will come in for serious attack today, when it is placed before the latter body for formal approval and translation into law.

Although it is agreeable to minority leaders Robinson (Dem., Ark.), about twenty Democrats and Progressives will line up against it, on the ground that it falls far short of relieving distress.

"They will assail it because it does not permit specifically the use of loans to buy 'food,' and because it provides no assistance for unemployed in the cities."

The revolt is likely to place Robinson in a difficult position. Moreover, if the rebels against the compromise care to, they may blast hopes of avoiding an extra session. Senate Republicans, with this in mind, will meet this afternoon to plan a program for passage of the ten supply bills and other essential legislation.

Worry Over Extra Session

Hoover's chief worry now is that trouble may arise over this question or over the cash bonus issue, and he has urged his senate spokesmen to use every means possible to escape an extra session.

In an effort to placate critics, Secretary Hyde formally has outlined the relief plan, as now planned by the administration.

Writing to Representative Will Wood (Rep., Ind.), chairman of the house appropriations committee, the secretary of agriculture explained that distress in the cities must be cared for by local charitable agencies and in rural districts by the Red Cross.

The earlier \$45,000,000 appropriation will be advanced to buy seed, feed and fertilizer, and the \$20,000,000 for this and other purposes, including the supplies of the total of \$65,000,000, loaned out on security on crops, agricultural investment, or other collateral, will be regarded as a fund devoted to placing stricken farmers on their feet again.

Insurgents Not Satisfied

This relief program does not satisfy Senators Glass (Dem., Va.), Wheeler (Dem., Mont.), and La Follette (Rep., Wis.), who are the chief critics of the "compromise." They do not see where Hyde's plan provides any help to farmers who have no security, no food, no seed, and fertilizer for crops and no feed for their livestock.

These senators brand as futile their colleagues' assertions that Hoover and Hyde, who have held out bitterly against food appropriations even in the form of loans, so will administer the act to make relief available to farmers having no collateral.

It is expected, however, that certain G. O. P. senators will try to meet this situation during debate on the floor. Acceptance of next year's crops as a basis for advance may furnish a solution to this problem.

In his letter, Hyde insisted that the administration had not compromised on the issue of a "dole," thereby arousing the suspicion of the Glass-Wheeler-La Follette group.

The Republicans also will point to reports from Arkansas by Col. Campbell B. Hodges, Hoover's military aid, that the Red Cross is caring adequately for the needy in the hardest-hit counties.

English Heiress Mother



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cecil Durban

LOANSFORD, Ind., Feb. 9.—Alfred Cecil Durban, the former London newsboy who married an heiress, had another reason for his job-hunting today.

Mrs. Durban, the former Vivienne Huntington, English heiress, gave birth to a ten-pound daughter at St. Joseph's hospital Sunday night.

Their romance attracted international attention when it was contained in marriage at a London suburb April 1, 1930.

Avoiding publicity after announcing that Durban would "earn his wife's living," they went to Toronto, Ontario, and then came to Logansport.

Durban worked in a Logansport newspaper's circulation department for several months, but has been unemployed for some time.

NEW BONUS BILL FIGHT IS BREWING

Politics and Partisan Jealousy Cause Rift in Ranks of G. O. P.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The question of authorship has become one of the factors obstructing the path along which the compromise veterans' relief bill appeared to be proceeding toward congressional approval.

Politics and partisan jealousy partly are responsible for the sudden rift among Republican congressional leaders over the Bacharach compromise to increase the limit of loans on adjusted service certificates from 22½ to 50 per cent, at a cost of \$500,000,000.

It all goes back to Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of General Electric and leading Democrat, who appeared before the house ways and means committee a few days ago to offer a solution of the bonus problem which seemed to present a way out of the dilemma.

Full Payment Opposed. Young opposed the full cash payment plan, as did other big business leaders who had appeared before the committee. Unlike them, however, he presented a compromise.

Whereas the reiterated negative position of other business leaders had failed to give any light, Young's plan set in action definite movements of compromise.

Representative Isaac Bacharach (Rep., N. J.), a member of the committee, acted quickly. He devised a compromise somewhat similar to Young's, but different in one essential. Young would have increased the loans only for needy and unemployed veterans. Bacharach would include all veterans.

While Republicans on the committee were very much impressed with Young's testimony, and said so, they have begun to resent the wide publicity given to the "Young plan," particularly since the New York Times mentioned as a possible 1932 opponent for President Hoover.

Other Plan Needed

They would have to find some other plan, so the bill would not too clearly bear the "Young plan" stamp.

While they waited, Bacharach came forward, and so closely on the heels of Young's appearance that his plan was identified with that offered by Young in many quarters.

Now some house Republicans are plagued over Bacharach's initiative in offering a definite proposal before the committee has begun to consider the matter, which will not be until Wednesday. There is a strong undercurrent of resentment.

Bacharach was understood to be working with the treasury in drafting his compromise. However, Secretary Mellon says the treasury is considering no compromise, and Undersecretary Ogden L. Mills suddenly has become very busy at the capitol, and silent about his motives.

The rank and file of Republicans and Democrats are pressing for action and despite the chilly attitude on the part of the treasury and some Republican leaders, it still appears legislation will be enacted.

Major Reginald H. Sullivan's committee of sixteen men, headed by Walter Greenough, chairman, will present Gibbons with the keys to the city on the north segment of Monument Circle following his arrival.

PLANES, PARADE READY FOR GIBBONS' RECEPTION

Floyd Gibbons, famed radio speaker and war correspondent, will be greeted with a parade and welcomed by civic, state and military leaders upon his arrival here at 3:10 this afternoon.

Tonight he will make an address at Cadde tabernacle, opening the formal observance of American Legion week.

Ernest General George H. Jamerson and Colonel H. P. Hobbs and his staff from Fort Benjamin Harrison, were to head military units in the parade which will meet Gibbons at the Union Station and escort him to the Columbia club.

Drives Into Bridge Party

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—An automobile out of control, with James Toomey, 38, a horsehandler, at the wheel, wrecked the porch of a west side flat building last night and crashed through the front windows, interrupting a bridge game at which Mr. and Mrs. Essau Mathews were entertaining friends.

AUTO SHARES SOAR IN FAST STOCKS DEALS

Market Strongest and Most Active of Year; All Issues Join in Climb.

AUBURN UP 15 POINTS

General Motors Hits New High for 1931; Like 1929 Bull Sessions.

BY ELMER C. WALZER

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NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Automobile stocks were whirled forward today to feature the strongest and most active stock market of 1931.

Industrials, rails, utilities, oils and special issues followed the motors. The market had the appearance of the 1929 bull sessions on a smaller scale.

Auburn soared to 171, where it was up 15 points from the previous close and more than 100 points from the 1930 low of 60½.

General Motors rose to a new high for the year at 42½, up 2½; Chrysler rose to 18½, up 1½, and a new 1931 high; Geo. 9½, up ½, and Yellow Truck 12, up ½.

Du Pont Goes Up

Electric Auto Lite rose 2½, to 18½, to feature the automobile equipment shares.

St. Louis, largest General Motors stockholder, gained 2½, to 91½, on the rise in General Motors stock.

Oil shares rose fractions to more than 6 points following the court decision at St. Louis confirming the Vacuum-Standard of New York merger. New York rose 1½ points to 23½, while Vacuum spurred on the Cuyahoga Asphalt rose to 38½, up 6½; Standard of California, 49½, up ½; Standard of New Jersey, 49½, up 1½, and Texas Corporation, 33, up ¾.

United States Steel common rose to a new high on the movement at 142½, up 2½ points from the previous close.

Its strength inspired buying in a long list of industrial shares.