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CITY TO PAUSE IN OBSERVANCE OF CRUCIFIXION

Good Friday Services to Begin at Noon in Churches and Theaters.

FIRMS TO CO-OPERATE

Merchants, Executives to Give Employees Opportunity to Worship.

Honoring the anniversary of Christ's passion and death on the cross, Indianapolis is to pause from noon until 3 tomorrow afternoon in reverence.

Downtown merchants and industrial executives, co-operating with Mayor Kern, who has issued a proclamation asking residents to attend religious services, have granted time off to their employees to attend worship.

Services in Two Theaters

The interdenominational committee in charge of Good Friday arrangements announced today that scores of letters expressing willingness to co-operate in the observance have been received from business firms.

The biblical quotation, "He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes," is characteristic of international affairs today, the Rev. R. H. Benting, St. Mark's Lutheran Church pastor, said this noon in a Lenten sermon in English's Theater.

A formal confession of faith in the God of the hoary past and a general trust in a God of some glamorous future must be dignified and elevated into a faith that respects the God of the here and now," the speaker said.

Outlines Guiding Principle

The chief guiding principle of Jesus is, according to Rev. Benting, "By this all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Continuous services are to be held tomorrow afternoon in the English and Keith Theaters. Different speakers are scheduled for each hour, and there are to be three changes of musical programs.

Services in the English Theater are to be in charge of the Rev. J. A. Mears, the Rev. S. B. Barry and the Rev. T. J. Simpson. Speakers and their subjects are the Rev. Guy O. Carpenter, "The Indifference to the Cross"; the Rev. C. A. McPheters, "Saving Others and Himself"; Prof. J. J. Harary, "Love That Passeth Understanding."

Choirs to Take Part

Choirs to sing are those of the First Presbyterian Church, directed by Fred Hollar; First Congregational Church, directed by A. D. Hitz; and Central Avenue Methodist Church, directed by Ralph W. Wright.

The Rev. N. G. Talbot, the Rev. Donald Conrad and the Rev. John A. Paar are to be in charge of services at Keith's. Sermons are to be preached by the Rev. J. Ambrose Dunkel, "The Necessity of the Cross"; the Rev. Grundy S. Fisher, "The Timeliness of the Cross"; Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, "The Militant Christ."

The First Baptist Church choir, directed by Percival Owens; the

Mendian Heights Presbyterian Church choir, directed by Robert Schultz, and the Roberts Park Methodist Church choir, directed by Mrs. Jane Johnson Burroughs, are to sing.

Non Service at Circle

Services in Christ Episcopal Church on the Circle from noon to 3 are to be conducted by the Rev. E. Ainger Powell, who is to speak on "Seven Last Words."

The church choir is to provide music. Three-hour services also are to be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Illinois and New York, under direction of the Rev. William Burrows.

Tre Ore services are to be conducted in the St. John's Catholic Church, S. Capitol-av., from noon to 3 by the Rev. Clement Bosler. The passion is to be sung by three priests, the Rev. Henry Dugan, the Rev. August R. Pussegger and Father Bosler.

The sermons are to be given by the Rev. William J. Young, with music provided by the Indianapolis (Turn to Page Three)

RAILROAD OFFICIAL IS NAMED IN U. S. SUIT

Violation of Employees' Time Limit Law Basis of Action.

Suit for \$500 judgment against Bowman Elder, receiver of the Indiana Railroad and lessee of the Indiana Service Corp., is on file today in Federal Court.

The action, brought by Val Nolan, district attorney, alleges violation of a Federal law limiting working hours of railroad employees. It alleges that Howard Harrington, a motorman of the Indiana Railroad, was not given eight hours relief during 24 hours Nov. 8 and 9, 1935.

REPORTS LIQUOR TAXES

Fry Reveals \$387,724 Collected in County on 1429 Permits.

Short Story

It isn't so bad being robbed of \$11. But when the bandits make you take off your sweater and pants and walk half a block in the cold, that is going too far, Roy Eccles, 22, of 907 E. 23d-st., said today.

An attendant at the Elm garage, 142 W. Market-st., he was held up and made to drive the bandits away in a car from the garage. They forced him out, minus his sweater and trousers, near 28th and Talbot-sts early this morning. Then, just for fun, the robbers drove alongside him and made him walk half a block in the cold. Finally, they called police from an apartment building at 2724 N. Talbot-st. The stolen car later was recovered at 37 S. Illinois-st.

LOWLANDS ARE FLOODED AGAIN

Business Areas of River Towns Affected; Roads Closed in Indiana.

The Ohio River, carrying off the burden of flood waters which took hundreds of lives in the East, overflowed into river-front business districts of downstream cities of three states today.

Lowland residents had enough warning to save themselves and their property. Highways were closed in many sections, however. One hundred and fifty fled to Red Cross shelters at Hickman, Ky., when the river flooded 17,000 acres of lowland. Government levees prevented damage in other parts of the fertile cotton belt.

Continued rains brought flood warnings at Evansville, Ind., where the river is expected to reach a crest of 45 feet by the middle of next week. Thousands of acres of farmland were inundated, and scores of families fled to temporary refuges.

Nine highways in southern Indiana were closed. Further downstream, at Metropolis, Ill., eight city blocks were flooded. The water went eight feet over flood stage.

The lower part of Shawneetown, Ill., was flooded. But the river appeared to be receding there and no homes were evacuated.

NEW FLOOD THREAT CLOSES NINE ROADS

Others May Be Blocked, State Says

Renewal of the flood threat along the Ohio River was seen today in the warning of the Indiana State Highway Commission that it has had to close parts of nine southern roads and may have to close parts of three others.

Sections of roads closed include: Road 133, northeast of New Boston; Road 62, west of White Cloud; Road 145, Rockport to Sulphur; Road 145, between Roads 66 and 62; Road 245, south of Lamar; Road 161, between Roads 66 and 62; Road 45, south of Rockport; Road 69, south of Mount Vernon; and Road 62, west of Mount Vernon.

Roads in the south which are open, but on which the highway commission warned closing may be ordered, include: Road 50, Aurora to Lawrenceburg; Road 56, west of Rising Sun; and Road 56, east and west of Madison.

RAIN IS PREDICTED FOR CITY TONIGHT

Normal Temperatures Are Aiding Plant Growth.

Rain tonight and tomorrow with no decided change in temperature predicted by the Weather Bureau today.

Thermometer readings today were normal for this season, the bureau added, and should aid plant growth. The mercury hung close to the 41-degree mark this morning.

FIRM ASKS PERMISSION TO SELL WATER WORKS

Jeffersonville Would Buy Plant for \$425,000, P. S. C. Told.

The Public Service Company of Indiana today petitioned the Public Service Commission for permission to sell its water works plant at Jeffersonville and auxiliary units at Clarksville and Clayburg to the city of Jeffersonville for \$425,000.

F. D. R. Ready to Start New Baseball Season—So Is Killefer

BY FREDERICK C. OTHMAN. United Press Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, April 9.—With loving touch and a can of flycatcher paint a man named Pete today refurbished the presidential seat at the ball park and expressed the hope that Mr. Roosevelt has been practicing up on his pitching.

Otherwise no telling what will happen when the first citizen tosses out the first ball next Tuesday afternoon at the inaugural between the Washington Senators and the New York Yankees.

The trouble with these presidential pitchers, said Pete, is that they're always wasting time on such trivia as the tax bill and the state of the nation when they should be in there practicing pitching.

The situation is a serious one and fraught with danger. Back in 1931

KERN TO SEEK WPA HELP ON STATE-AY JOB

Steeg Is Told to Prepare Plans for Proposed Paving Project.

OWNERS REQUEST MOVE

They Agree to Pay Material Costs if Labor Is Furnished.

Mayor Kern today ordered Henry B. Steeg, city engineer, to draft plans for paving of S. State-av. from Naoml-st. to Troy-av. and to submit an application for this project to WPA authorities. He was requested to do so by a delegation of property owners.

The delegation members said they are willing to pay material costs for the improvement if Federal labor could be secured. They claim the street now is a traffic hazard, and has caused depreciation of their property. Approximately 40 per cent of the total cost of the project would go for materials, it was explained.

The delegation said it wanted the county commissioners to improve this street from Troy-av. on to State Road 31. This will give residents in southeastern Indianapolis a new outlet, property owners added.

The project would run for 16 blocks inside the city limits, it was explained. Originally, property owners said, the street had a hard gravel surface, but this has been neglected in recent years. Some residents fill up the larger chuk-holes in front of their houses with cinders, they told the mayor.

At a meeting of the South Side Civic Club three weeks ago, property owners organized a separate civic group and united in a campaign for the improvement.

They also plan to ask the Works Board to help them clean up dumps in the first alley east of S. State-av. south of the Belt Railroad crossing.

BOYS DESTROY WORK, BUILDER COMPLAINS

Tells Police Yachts Nullify Efforts to Erect Homes.

"I never heard of a more destructive group of boys than the neighborhood gang near 45th-st. and Washington-bvd., A. Frankle, contractor, with offices at 525 Circle Tower, told police today.

He said he was building houses on 45th-st. between Washington-bvd. and Central-av. and that boys had practically nullified operations there.

"They pull up surveyor's stakes, throw fresh plaster all over the buildings and destroy materials," he reported.

Police are going to investigate.

ROOSEVELT, BORAH WIN IN WISCONSIN

Milwaukee Returns Socialist Mayor Hoan.

MILWAUKEE, April 9.—All of Wisconsin's 24 delegates to the Democratic national convention will support President Roosevelt for renomination, and at least 22 of the 24 delegates to the Republican convention will vote for Senator William E. Borah.

The complete slate of delegate candidates pledged unequivocally to support Roosevelt was elected at Tuesday's primary. Only three "Jeffersonian" Democrats dared oppose the Roosevelt-pledged slate, and these were soundly beaten.

Besides swinging the preferential and Republican delegate contests, Progressives appeared to have played a large part in re-electing Socialist Daniel Webster Hoan as Milwaukee mayor.

BOMB HURLED AT HOME OF BALTIMORE'S MAYOR

Executive Escapes Death as Blast Rips Hole in Lawn.

BALTIMORE, April 9.—Mayor Howard W. Jackson's home was bombed today in what police believe was an attempt to kill the city's chief executive.

The explosion tore a hole in the lawn.

"I am convinced it was a bomb, but I have no theory as to who threw it," the Mayor said.

(and it only seemed like yesterday to Pete) the pitcher was Herbert Hoover, who obviously hadn't been paying the proper attention to his baseball.

Mr. Hoover wound up sort of stiffly while the populace cheered, took a deep second breeze, gave his right arm a mighty heave, let go the ball, and hoped for the best. It was a horrible moment, Pete said. The ball didn't go where Hoover

BUT NOT A LINE ON BATTING AVERAGES!



U. S. CONTINUES AIR CRASH QUIZ

Officials Hope Three Survivors Can Provide Clues to Cause.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 9.—The three survivors of the wreck of the air liner "Sun Eater," that killed 11 men, may provide the only clues to its cause, Federal investigators believed today. They ordered a public hearing this afternoon.

Department of Commerce officials responsible for operation of the radio beacons by which air liners fly, summoned technical experts and officers of U. S. A. and more than a dozen disinterested other witnesses to an inquiry in the Uniontown postoffice at 2. They also invited agents of the Senate Air Safety Committee and of the Department of Agriculture's Weather Bureau.

After the hearing, the investigators hoped to interview three survivors, especially Miss Nellie Granger, hostess, who tugged Mrs. Meyer Ellenstein, wife of the Mayor of Newark, N. J., and Charles G. Challinor of Cleveland from the wreckage.

Mrs. Ellenstein and Challinor said they were in critical condition today. Miss Granger was in no danger.

T. W. A. and Department of Commerce officials concluded tentatively that Pilot Otto Ferguson had lost the radio beam which should have directed him from Newark to Pittsburgh.

PLANE CRASHES KILL 3

Two Killed in Ohio; One in Air Collision in New York.

HAMILTON, O., April 9.—Elmer Treiber, 28, and Frederick Sherer, 19, were injured fatally last night when their airplane crashed into a field during a pleasure flight.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Two training planes collided in the air near Roosevelt field yesterday, killing John Mendello, 22, student flier, and critically injuring two others.

THREE CHILDREN DIE AS HOME IS BURNED

Victims, Oldest 3, Are Alone in House at Time of Blaze.

SUNBURY, Pa., April 9.—Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oyster—Clyde Jr., 3; Sara, 2; and John, 1—were burned to death today when fire destroyed their home.

When the fire started the father, a WPA employee, was at work, and the mother had gone to the home of a neighbor to borrow sugar.

Mr. Griffith figured out this presidential pitching dodge back in 1912, when the team was as bad as Griffith claimed it was. President Taft pitched the first ball and 14,000 danger-loving souls turned out to watch. There were no fatalities.

Most of these Presidents were better pitchers. They pitched like school boys. Warren G. Harding was the best of the lot. He slung the ball like he meant it.

Woodrow Wilson had the second best arm and was the only President who possessed a curve ball. The absolute low in presidential pitching, surpassing even that of Hoover, was achieved by Calvin Coolidge. He always threw in the ball, dourly, put his hat back squarely on his head and went back to work. Pete said he guessed Coolidge didn't like baseball much.

A-wake

MADRID, April 9.—Vicente Alonso, 69, wished to commit suicide because his wife had died, but he didn't want his death to inconvenience or grieve any one. So before he took 20 poison tablets and tied a chloroform sponge to his face he placed cigars on a table with a note saying they were for the coroner. Nearby was a bottle of champagne for friends who might attend his funeral. And before he became unconscious he lay down in a coffin bought Tuesday. A friend found him there. He was recovering in a hospital today.

ROOSEVELT TO VISIT STORM-SWEPT CITY

Seeks First-Hand Report on Gainesville Loss.

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., April 9.—President Roosevelt will stop for half an hour at Gainesville, Ga., late tonight to obtain reports of the progress of rehabilitating that city from the ravages of Monday's tornado and fire.

Mr. Roosevelt decided to make the half-hour stop en route to Washington, after he arrived at Warm Springs this morning.

The chief executive's special, near Macon, ran over tracks a foot under water. Near Warm Springs, fields were inundated by streams that had left their banks. A heavy rain was falling as he left his train.

RELIEF, TAXES SEEN AS CAMPAIGN ISSUES

G. O. P. Seeks Election Fodder at Committee Sessions.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Republican attacks on New Deal tax and relief legislation centered attention today on efforts to force both issues to the forefront in the 1936 presidential campaign.

The attacks have involved two House committees where President Roosevelt's \$799,000,000 tax bill and a request \$1,500,000,000 work relief authorization are under consideration.

Works Progress Administrator Harry Hopkins appeared again today before the House Appropriations Committee. Republican members questioned him closely.

They said that Mr. Hopkins had promised to present data on a number of points which may shed light on widespread charges of waste and partisanship.

SOUTH PLANS MODEL TOWNS

Gainesville, Tupelo Win Fight Against Disease and Look to Future.

Federal, state and local authorities of tornado-torn Gainesville, Ga., and Tupelo, Miss., announced today in a fight against disease and began plans to build model communities. Workmen still searched in debris for bodies of missing persons.

Revised Red Cross tabulations established 183 dead in Gainesville and 213 in Tupelo. With 37 deaths in other tornadoes in Arkansas, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee, the tornado death toll stood at 433.

The WPA cut through red tape to initiate reconstruction of houses and store buildings while state authorities made use of \$2,500,000 allotted by President Roosevelt from emergency relief funds. Mississippi and Georgia had \$1,000,000 each, with the remainder divided among other affected states.

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ITALIANS BEGIN DESSYE DRIVE; HITLER WARNED

Five Divisions Marching on Selassie's Headquarters, Is Report.

HAILE FLEEING, IS CLAIM Campaign Mapped to Clean Out Remainder of Ethiopian Army.

ROME, April 9.—Five Italian divisions, a separate army corps and a special flying column were reported today to be driving in on four caravan routes to take Emperor Haile Selassie's grand headquarters at Dessye.

The operation was regarded as the most serious threat to Emperor Haile Selassie of the war, and it was indicated that its eventual aim would be a movement on Addis Ababa, the capital.

For the present, the operation was a great fanlike movement extending all the way from Lake Aschangi, on the east side of the northern Ethiopian front, to Lake Tana on the west.

It covered every caravan route of importance in the whole mountain territory, with a front of some 135 miles from east to west.

It was indicated that the operation was a grand scale development of the strategy and tactics that under Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Italy's most brilliant soldier, has taken the Italians into the heart of Ethiopia.

It was reported that the forces would converge at a great junction of caravan routes about 25 miles northwest of Magdala for the final drive to Dessye.

The movement was calculated to clean out all warriors of the Emperor's army in the area, and also independent guerrilla forces, while a steady irresistible movement on Dessye was in progress.

It was believed also that the present operations marked the conviction by Premier Benito Mussolini that there is no hope of getting favorable peace terms from the League of Nations and that his armies must "annihilate" the Ethiopian army, as he said yesterday.

Another dispatch from Asmara said that Emperor Haile Selassie was fleeing south from the battle lines, his face clean shaven as a disguise. The dispatch quoted an Ethiopian native who had reported to a native Askeri patrol.

ETHIOPIA READY FOR PEACE, IS REPORT

League Asked to Help in Negotiations, Is Claim.

GENEVA, April 9.—Ethiopia has indicated, for the first time, its readiness to negotiate peace directly with Italy provided League representatives are present in order that the negotiations shall be within the framework of the League, it was understood today.

Wolde Mariam, Ethiopian delegate at conversations here, was said to have made the offer to Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary.

DUCE SENT POISON GAS TO FRONT, EDEN SAYS

200 Tons Shipped by Suez, British Secretary Charges.

GENEVA, April 9A.—Italy has shipped 200 tons of poison gas to Ethiopia via the Suez Canal, Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, announced today at a meeting of the League Council's Committee of 13.

He urged that both belligerents be asked to pledge not to use gas in the future.

DE PAUW CO-ED DEAD; FUNERAL SATURDAY

Miss Frances McCotter Was Daughter of Insurance Executive.

Miss Frances Elizabeth McCotter, a De Pauw University student, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gage McCotter, 3650 Coliseum-av., died today in St. Vincent's Hospital. She was 21.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 Saturday afternoon in the Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary. Cremation is to follow. A brother, Harold McCotter, also survives.

Miss Cotter's father is assistant secretary of the Grain Dealers National Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

RAILWAY STOCKS FIRM AS LIST FLUCTUATES

Steel News Fails to Generate Interest Among Traders.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Railroad shares firmed to feature early afternoon trading on the stock exchange today, while the remainder of the list fluctuated irregularly.

A sharp gain in shipments of finished steel by U. S. Steel Corp. for March failed to generate interest in the steel shares.

Stern Action to Be Asked if Hitler Fortifies Rhine, Is Report.

BRITAIN'S AID SOUGHT Economic, Financial Penalties by Locarno Powers May Be Urged.

GENEVA, April 9.—France in a verbal communication to Great Britain has warned that she intends to seek concrete action against Germany if Adolf Hitler fortifies the Rhineland, it was reported today.

It was assumed the action contemplated was to seek economic and financial penalties, to be imposed by other signatories of the Locarno Treaty and the League of Nations.

Pierre Etienne Flandin, French foreign minister, delivered the message to Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, yesterday, it was learned.

Flandin was reported to have said that Hitler's April 1 note to Locarno powers constituted a rejection of proposals made to him, and that now the Locarno nations—France, Britain, Belgium and Italy—must consider the next step, especially if German erected fortifications.

It was reported that Flandin emphasized that fortification would infringe Article XLII of the Versailles Treaty, thus committing a new breach of the pact which might require sterner action than was taken in the case of the reoccupation of the zone by soldiers.

Flandin denied today reports that he had indicated France might occupy the Saar in event of fortification, as had been reported.

GERMANY OPENS DRIVE FOR TERRITORY, RUMOR

Von Ribbentrop Said to Have Raised Issue With Eden.

(Copyright, 1936 by United Press) BERLIN, April 9.—Germany has opened its diplomatic drive for re-acquisition of colonial territory, it was reported today.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's special envoy, was said to have raised the question in conference with Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, at London before Eden went to Geneva.

The report was taken as an indication of Hitler's determination to proceed with his international policies regardless of French anger.

NEW MONGOL-MANCHU INCIDENT IS REPORTED

Japanese Lieutenant Killed by Soviet Force, Is Claim.

TOKYO, April 9.—Another serious Mongolian border clash was reported in a Nippon Denpo News Agency dispatch today from Swenlenho.

It said 14 Japanese-Manchu soldiers, surveying near the border, met 14 Soviet soldiers who opened fire. The Japanese-Manchu troops returned the fire and the Soviet force retreated after four Japanese-Manchu soldiers had been killed.

RURAL POWER GROUPS SEEK P. S. C. PERMIT

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