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FINAL HOME

FORECAST: Local thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight; partly cloudy tomorrow; much cooler.

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GRIM EVEREST ASCENT BEGUN BY BRITISHERS

Daring Pair Launches Final Assault on Peak Never Reached by Man.

FIGHT GALES AND SNOW Start Slow, Painful Climb in Race Against Time and Death.

LONDON, June 2.—A tiny group of men struggled upward today in Arctic cold, through howling winds and driving snow in a race to reach the top of the world—Mt. Everest, the majestic peak that dominates the Himalayas on the Tibetan-Indian frontier.

It was a race against time and death, against the demons who, the natives believe, are waiting on the summit to destroy any man who dares to violate this last sanctuary of nature.

Dispatches from India reported in fragmentary form the final assault for this year of the Sixth British Everest Expedition, led by the veteran Hugh Rutledge—who, because of his age, 51, must step aside at the last moment to let two younger men try to climb the final slopes.

Months of Preparation

For months the expedition has been preparing for the final assault, and for weeks the members have been establishing camp after camp on the steep, dangerous wind-swept sides of the mountain.

It is humanly possible to climb Everest only for a period of a few weeks at this time of year. It is a delicate matter of choice of the right day, between the subsidence of the northwest gales and the arrival of the southwest monsoon winds from the sea which will melt the snow and start avalanches of terrible size.

The monsoon arrived dishearteningly this year. But dispatches today said there had been a lull and that a strong northwest wind was blowing the snow from the upper levels in great sheets, to provide a surface sufficiently good for climbing.

Monsoon Lull Is Signal

As soon as the monsoon lull was noted, leaders ordered an immediate advance up the East Rongbuk Valley glacier for the final assault on the peak.

It is a matter of six days or so of getting from the lowest camp, established at 18,000 feet, to the highest at about 27,800 feet.

Only two men are expected to go to the highest camp—No. 7. From there they will try to work their way up the remaining heights to the summit, now calculated by some trigonometrical calculations at 28,141 feet as against the old figure of 29,001, which, however, remains the official one.

Carry Oxygen Equipment

They will have oxygen equipment to permit them to breathe, but the experience of past expeditions left no doubt that, though all their clothing and equipment is of the best obtainable, they will face a test of courage and fortitude such as is provided by no other formal adventure in the world.

Latest reports from India are that Eric Shipton, 26, and F. S. Smythe, 35, will make the attempt this year. This is their fourth Everest expedition. They reached 28,000 feet in 1933 and could go no higher.

If they reach the summit they can stay no longer than 30 minutes or so if they hope to get down again.

Whoever makes the attempt will have to crawl painfully up the last 1000 feet, the wind seeking to blow them aside, the snow threatening to plunge down on them, the cold biting at their vitals, the dryness of the air parching their throats, the altitude, as previous climbers have reported, lessening their resolution and almost their sanity with every exhaustive step, and they may reach the summit and find they can't force themselves to try to get down again.

MAYOR REQUESTS NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Present Gamewell Set up Obsolete He Tells Safety Board.

Mayor Kern today called attention to the city's need for a new Gamewell alarm system, and asked the Safety Board to study methods of financing its installation.

The mayor and representatives of the Electric Control Corp., Chicago, met with the board in a closed session today. It was explained that a new system would cost more than \$800,000.

The present fire alarm equipment is obsolete, Mayor Kern said.

COURT RELEASES FUNDS

Authorities \$5583.75 Payment to Savings and Loan Creditors.

Superior Court Judge Herbert E. Wilson today authorized payment of a 30 cent dividend to creditors of the Russell Avenue Savings and Loan Association No. 4. Total payment is \$5583.75.

The State Department of Financial Institutions took over the association April 13, 1935.

Peas, Williams Trial Continued

Trial date for Harry Peas and Emmet Joseph Williams, indicted on first degree murder charges in connection with the death of John M. Penny, grocery truck driver, today was continued from June 3 until some time in July.

Screaming Whistles Greet Queen Mary



DAIRYMEN SEE BRIGHT FUTURE

Cattle Industry Outlook Also Is Optimistic, Convention Told.

Sounding an optimistic note for the cattle and dairy business as a whole and for Holstein breeders in particular, A. J. Glover, Holstein-Friesian Association of America president, opened the second session of a three-day convention in the Claypool today.

Replying to the welcome delivered by Gov. McNutt, Mr. Glover said:

"We are living in the best of circumstances, better than at any time in the last four years. Business conditions have improved and there is a splendid demand for cattle. The lack of good stock to supply the demand is due in part to breeders having become discouraged during the depression."

"We now have under way a program of testing and herd analysis which never will allow breeders to become discouraged and neglect the best methods of the industry."

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SENATE VOTES FUND FOR WORK RELIEF

\$1,425,000,000 Provided for New Deal Program.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The \$1,425,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill, carrying \$1,325,000,000 to continue the New Deal's work relief program, was sent to conference with the House today.

Major differences must be settled before it is sent to President Roosevelt for signature.

The measure won Senate approval last night by a 63-to-14 vote after Democrats beat down Republican efforts to shift relief administrative activities back to the states.

As it left the Senate the bill gives Mr. Roosevelt instead of WPA Administrator Hopkins control over distribution of the relief fund.

It also makes possible a continuation of the Public Works Administration's loan and grant program by giving Administrator Harold I. Lickes more freedom in using a \$300,000,000 revolving fund operated for him by the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Boy Drowned in Pond

BEDFORD, Ind., June 2.—Christian Eugene Wolfinger, 6, was drowned when he tumbled into a pond on the property of his uncle, C. J. Kimmel, yesterday.

Only 42 minutes short of equaling the record for the fastest Atlantic crossing, Great Britain's new challenge for shipping supremacy, the 80,000-ton liner Queen Mary, is pictured from the air as she steamed past Manhattan's skyscrapers toward her pier in the Hudson River amid a bedlam raised by welcoming cheers, horns and whistles.

DETROIT KILLING SCENE PICTURED

Officer Testifies Against 14 Black Legion Defendants.

DETROIT, June 2.—Charles A. Poole, 32-year-old victim of the hooded and robed Black Legion, was shot down as he started to protest his innocence of wife beating charges and did not have a chance to defend his conduct, a detective testified today at the examination of 14 men charged with the slaying.

Detective Jack Harvill, homicide ace who "cracked" the case against Detroit's alleged slaying gang, testified that he saw Poole being shot down on a one-way street the night of May 12.

His testimony was based, the detective said, on the alleged confession of Dayton Dean, "trigger man" of the Black Legion, who fired two revolvers at Poole while the victim stood a foot or two away. Dean's story implicated "Col." Harvey Davis, head of the Detroit Black Legion, as the instigator of the slaying.

Almost in a monotone, Harvill related Dean's story. A Black Legion meeting, Harvill testified Dean told him, "Col." Davis charged Poole with having administered a beating to his wife, an expectant mother.

Passions stirred, the Black Legionnaires demanded that Poole be beaten. Some screamed for his life. Dean and two companions picked up the unsuspecting victim at a saloon, took him back to the meeting place. There, the detective said, a motorcade drove Poole to the death rendezvous.

"On a country road, Col. Davis told me to shoot Poole," Harvill testified.

Dean, according to Harvill, pulled two revolvers from his pockets.

"Then Davis said 'Poole, you've beaten your wife for the last time, Dean told the officer."

"Dean explained that by this time he had started shooting," Harvill continued. "He told me he had shot six times and that Ervin D. Lee, another defendant, shot three times."

TAXIMEN REACH PACT

Operators Agree to Charge Minimum, Survey Shows.

Taxicab operators tentatively agreed today to charge the minimum fare schedule as provided in the new tax licensing ordinance, a check today showed.

The ordinance, which goes into effect tomorrow, sets a minimum fare of 15 cents for the first mile and a half. Competing companies are expected to reach a definite price agreement within a few days, it was said.

FINANCIER'S SON FOUND

William Webster Thelle Safe in Chicago, Father Says.

MAMARONECK, N. Y., June 2.—William Thelle, wealthy Wall Street financier, said today that his 15-year-old son, William Webster Thelle, missing for a month, has been found in Chicago.

"I talked with him by telephone," Mr. Thelle said. "He is well and will come home soon. He told me he has been selling magazines."

M'CORMICK, 77, INDUSTRIALIST, DIES AT HOME

International Harvester Co. Official Had Heart Attack Saturday.

FATHER DEVISED REAPER Resigned From Active Part in Company Work Last Fall.

By United Press
LAKE FOREST, Ill., June 2.—Cyrus Hall McCormick, retired chairman of the International Harvester Co., died at his home today. He suffered a heart attack Saturday. He was 77 years old.

Mr. McCormick was the son of the inventor of the reaping machine, from which he accumulated a fortune estimated at times during his life as high as \$50,000,000. He was born in Washington, D. C., on May 16, 1859, and graduated from Princeton University in the class of 1879.

He resigned from active participation in the company last September. His widow and Cyrus H. McCormick Jr., of Santa Fe, N. M., were at the bedside when he died.

A second son, Gordon, is in Honolulu.

On leaving college Mr. McCormick joined his father's McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., and became president of the concern after his father's death in 1894, continuing in that position until 1902. With several other properties the McCormick Thesens merged into the International Harvester Co. that year.

Mr. McCormick was chosen president and served until 1919 when he became chairman of the board.

He retired from this last position in September, 1935, but continued to hold his position as director.

Noted Art Collector
He had other business interests, serving at various times on the boards of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, the old Illinois Merchants Trust Co., and the National City Bank of New York.

His private and public philanthropies were almost innumerable. He was a great supporter of the M. C. A. and contributed millions to its efforts. He gave \$1,000,000 for a Y. W. C. A. building in Chicago as a memorial to his first wife. He donated \$500,000 for the McCormick Thesens Seminary, a Presbyterian school, which latter conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree upon him.

He was a noted art collector, purchasing expertly on his numerous trips abroad and frequently loaning his prized paintings for exhibitions.

He was a member of a special diplomatic mission to Russia in 1917. He belonged to numerous social clubs in New York and Chicago.

Wadsworth Hilles Choice

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BERTHE K. MELLETT DIES IN FAR WEST

Writer, Wife of Editor, Victim of Heart Trouble.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
PORTLAND, Ore., June 2.—Berthe K. Mellett, writer and wife of Lowell Mellett, editor of the Washington Daily News, died of heart trouble at 1:45 p. m. yesterday in a hospital here.

Her husband and her son-in-law and daughter, President and Mrs. Desha Keizer of Reed College here, were with her at the end, which came peacefully. Mr. Mellett arrived from Washington by plane Saturday.

Mrs. Mellett came to Portland several weeks ago to visit her daughter during the recent birth of Mrs. Keizer's second child.

Her mother, Mrs. Clara Knutsvold, and a brother, Earl Knutsvold, live in Tacoma.

Mrs. Mellett was the author of two novels, "The Ellingtons" and "Wife to Caesar," and of numerous short stories and magazine articles. She and Mr. Mellett were married in 1914.

Funeral plans have not been announced.

NEWCASTLE COUNCIL VISITS ATKINS PLANT

Delegation Is Working on Bid to Attract Firm to Move.

In an attempt to arrive at a proposal to attract the E. C. Atkins Co. to move to Newcastle, Community Council members from Newcastle were here today to inspect the plant.

E. C. Atkins, vice president of the saw company, said the availability of natural gas in Newcastle is one of the principal attractions.

CONCERTS ARE ASSURED BY TAX BOARD ACTION

State Approves Transfer of Funds for Free Musicals.

Action of the State Tax Board today assured Indianapolis residents of free concerts in public parks by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

The board approved a \$700 transfer from the city's general fund to the Mayor's office to meet expenses of these concerts.

Income Tax Due June 15
Payment of the second quarterly installment of the Federal income tax is due on or before June 15, Will H. Smith, United States collector of internal revenue for Indiana, announced today.

G. O. P. LEADERS CONFER ON CHAIRMANSHIP FIGHT; LINK LONDON, VANDENBERG

Backers of Kansan Seek Senator as Running Mate, Is Hint.

HILLES FOR WADSWORTH Old Guard Leader Wants Place on Ticket for East, Is Claim.

By THOMAS L. STOKES
WASHINGTON, June 2.—A Landon-Vandenberg ticket is gaining favor on the eve of the Republican national convention, which opens at Cleveland a week from today.

Nomination of Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan as running mate for Gov. Alf Landon of Kansas would be pleasing to the Landon forces, and feelers now being put out are part of the pre-convention strategy to clear the way for the Kansan's nomination.

The Senator's popular appeal is attested by the fact that he has been for months the leading "dark horse" candidate for the nomination, though he has not lifted a finger in his own behalf.

There are two possible handicaps to his nomination as Vice President.

One is his own reported reluctance to take second place. But close friends believe he would accept the vice presidential nomination if offered. They feel that no ambitious man, with an eye to 1940, could turn down such a demand from his party.

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LEM TROTTER POSES PUZZLE IN G. O. P. RACE

City Realtor's Last-Minute Entry Laid to Coffin by Observers.

Reports of "deals" and "hoss tradin'" were rife at the Claypool today as hundreds of Republican state convention delegates entered earnestly into the preliminaries to their big show at the State Fairground tomorrow.

While three candidates for the nomination for Governor—Glenn H. Harris, H. H. Evans and Raymond S. Springer—appeared to have almost equal strength, a last-minute entry excited comment among many observers.

Opening his headquarters only last night, Lem Trotter, Indianapolis realtor, would make no statement today.

Most observers seemed agreed that Mr. Trotter did not consider himself a serious contender for the nomination, and a few said that he was entered by Charles (Cap) Coffin, Marion County G. O. P. boss, merely to "slow down" some of the other aspirants.

Mr. Coffin is reported to control 150 of the 195 delegates in the Marion County unit, a sizable bloc that would materially facilitate, if not clinch, a victory for one of the leading contestants, it was pointed out.

While no candidate or campaign manager was prepared to claim a specific number of delegate votes on the first ballot tomorrow, each of the three apparent leaders claimed enough strength to win before the voting has progressed far.

The convention opens at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow in the Coliseum at the State Fairground.

Two "Big Four" delegates—Gene Scammon, Rockport, and Mrs. Thomas Groves, Perry County, are expected to be seated on the state committee at today's session.

Others May Be Retained
Whether Burrell Wright, state G. O. P. treasurer, would be succeeded by some one else in the state committee reorganization had not been determined. Harry Fenton, secretary, is slated to continue, observers said. Many believed Mr. Wright also would be retained.

At large, whose names may be presented to the state convention, are James E. Watson, former United States Senator; George A. Ball, Muncie, national committeeman from Indiana; Mr. Irwin, and Mr. Gates.

Mr. Gates, upon being informed of the possibility of the naming of the "Big Four" as delegates-at-large to the national convention, said: "I want it understood that no agreement has been made on the 'Big Four' delegates. That is not a matter for the state committee, but plainly is up to the duly elected delegates of the convention."

District Offices Opened
Congressional district headquarters were opened today in the Claypool as delegates arrive hourly and petition county chairman for delegate badges and credentials.

Tonight's congressional district meetings start at 7:30 as follows: First District, Florentine Room, Claypool; Second District, House of Representatives, Statehouse; Third District, Industrial Board chamber, 402 Statehouse; Fourth District, Clerk of Courts, 215 Statehouse; Fifth District, Supreme Court chamber, 317 Statehouse; Sixth District, Supreme Court room, 319 Statehouse; Seventh District, Senate chamber, 329 Statehouse; Eighth District, Appellate Court, 413 Statehouse; Ninth District, Supreme Court room, eighth floor, Claypool; Tenth District, Palm Room, Claypool; Eleventh District, Riley Room, Claypool; Twelfth District, Riley Room, Claypool.

At 5 p. m. the resolutions, credentials and rules committees are to meet. Headquarters of the leading candidates were busy today attempting to line up delegate support.

The candidates are George R. Hill, Michigan City; Raymond S. Springer, Connersville; Glen R. Harris, Kokomo; H. H. Evans, Newcastle; Elza O. Rogers, Lebanon, and L. H. Trotter, Indianapolis real estate dealer.

Another suggested "dark horse" possibility was Samuel R. Guard of Spencer, editor of the Broad's Gazette, who had announced for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor on a liberal farm platform.

The state ticket to be named includes the following offices: Governor, (Turn to Page Three)

O. K. POLICE MERIT ACT

Chiefs in Session at Terre Haute Favor State Law.

By United Press
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., June 2.—Enactment of a bill designed to place Indiana police departments on a merit system will be sought at the next session of the state Legislature, it was announced today at the fifteenth annual convention of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

The convention, which opened today, is being held at the Hotel Terre Haute.

At the opening session, the association adopted a resolution favoring the enactment of a merit system for police officers.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 149 to 1.

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