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SPAIN REFUSES SPECIAL TRAIN TO AMERICANS

Evacuation of U. S. Citizens
From Madrid Held Up
Indefinitely.

REBELS DRIVEN BACK

Consul Reports Property of
Foreigners Hasn't Been
Confiscated.

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Development today in the Spanish revolt:
PERIGNAN, FRENCH-SPANISH FRONTIER.—One thousand Loyalists reported killed in rebel machine gun ambush of columns moving to attack Zaragoza.
MADRID.—Government decrees 1200-mile war zone around Madrid in readiness for rebel attack; refuses special train to evacuate Americans from Madrid.
ZARAGOZA.—Rebels organized for long siege; townspeople fear ruin of historic city.
FIELD HEADQUARTERS, REBEL ARMY.—Rebels give up hope of reinforcements from south, prepare to attack Madrid.

BY HOBART C. MONTREE

United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, July 30.—The Spanish government today declined to provide a special train for evacuation of Americans and other foreigners beleaguered in Madrid.
The government said it could offer only two alternatives to the foreigners trapped amid the civil war. They might:
1. Remain in Madrid with the danger of being trapped in serious warfare.
2. Attempt to reach Mediterranean seaports by regular train service.
The government said it needs its special trains for troop movements.

Claims Service Regular

The government added that no special guarantee of safety or safe conduct were required for foreigners going to the Mediterranean coast because the railway line is open and regular trains are leaving Madrid on schedule time.
Eric C. Wendell, reporting these facts to the State Department, said the diplomatic corps was meeting to consider the feasibility of evacuating foreigners from Madrid on special coaches attached to the regular trains to Alicante and Valencia.
Simultaneously with his report on the evacuation situation, Mr. Wendell declared there has been no confiscation of American properties in Spain other than the commandeering of some automobiles for war purposes. There has been no confiscation of bank deposits, but there is a moratorium on loans and a limitation of bank withdrawals.

Property Protected

Mr. Wendell's assertions were supported by a cable from Consul Lynn W. Franklin at Barcelona.
Mr. Franklin said he has been successful in protecting American property.
The Catalan government today established rigid supervision over all Barcelona banking facilities, giving strict orders with regard to how funds shall be paid out of the banks, Mr. Franklin reported.
He said that "rumors that authorities at Barcelona have taken over foreign banks and confiscated their funds are untrue."

WAR ZONE DECLARED BY MADRID DEFENSE

Planes Sweep Rebel Troops in
Preparation for Attack.

MADRID, July 30.—A great semicircle of territory west and east of Madrid was formally declared a war zone today in readiness for a stone wall defense of the capital against attacking rebels.
By the emergency decree ordering the zone, the government military forces obtain absolute control of every foot of land in the area.
In preparation for the expected rebel attack, government airplanes swept the Guadarrama and the area behind it, harassing the rebels with bomb and machine-gun fire.
Planes were sent also to bomb Oviedo, on the northwest coast, and Zaragoza, in the northeast.
Troops were converging from the east coast on Seville, the rebel stronghold in the south, and it was apparent that the fate of the rebellion hinged on the operations at four points—Madrid, Oviedo, Zaragoza and Seville.

STEEL ISSUES LEAD TRADING AT MID-DAY

U. S. Steel Goes to 66 for 1 1/2 Gain;
Bethlehem Also Up.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Steel shares featured mid-day stock market trading today as they rose to gains of more than a point.
The list opened higher, ran into mid-morning profit-taking and then recovered as buying developed in the steel issues. U. S. Steel went to 66 for 1 1/2 gain, Bethlehem was 1/2 higher at 55 1/2 and Youngstown Sheet & Tube gained 1 1/2 to 72 1/2.

TRAFFIC ARRESTS

(Wednesday, July 29)
Speeding... 4
Running red light... 4
Running preferential street... 13
Reckless driving... 3
Other excess parking... 7
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
Accidents... 1
Injured... 1

FORD 73 TODAY



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By United Press
BIG BAY, Mich., July 30.—Secluded from the world in the quiet pines of his Huron mountain camp, Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer, today celebrated his seventy-third birthday anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. Ford told friends before they left Detroit earlier in the week that nothing special was planned for the day. The custom of spending his vacation at the camp on Lake Superior, in Michigan's upper peninsula, was established a few years ago by the automobile magnate.

FLORIDA STORM VEERS TO WEST

Small Fishing Villages Now
Are Expected to Bear
Brunt of Gale.

By United Press
APALACHICOLA, Fla., July 30.—A tropical storm, carrying hurricane winds at its center, swung slightly westward at 10 a. m. today and will probably strike the Florida Coast between here and Pensacola during the afternoon.
The shift brought some relief from fear here, where merchants earlier warning that the main force of the blow would strike before noon.

CRASH TEARS ARM FROM TAXI DRIVER

Victim Is Reported to Be in
Critical Condition.

A taxi driver's left arm was torn off at the elbow early today when an automobile and a taxi sideswiped on Michigan-st. east of the White River bridge.
The injured man, Ernest Lane, 41, of 182 1/2 N. Illinois-st., was taken to St. Vincent's hospital by a passing motorist. His condition was described as critical.
Lane was driving with his left arm outside the window. The other car was driven by Frederick H. Foster, 34, of 830 N. Bancroft-st. Both vehicles were damaged badly. Police investigated, but made no arrest.

Safe and Sane DRIVING

WHOSE RIGHT OF WAY?

MANY a driver's tombstone might bear an epitaph reading: "He thought he had the right of way." Maybe he did have it, too; but what good is it now?
The fact is that the right of way is an elusive possession. Courts have defined it to their own satisfaction. And you can find satisfaction in the knowledge that you were not in any way involved in the gruesome story of highway death and injury that has become a daily feature in most newspapers.
If you want to be sure about it, ask for an expert opinion after you have slowed down and let the other car go first. That, you will agree, is the safe way.
Read your next day's newspaper. You can be sure your name is not among the list of injured in motor car accidents. And you can find satisfaction in the knowledge that you were not in any way involved in the gruesome story of highway death and injury that has become a daily feature in most newspapers.

Marion County Traffic Deaths

Year to Date—
1935..... 94
1936..... 78

LANDON BACKS LABOR'S DRIVE TO ORGANIZE

Sanctions Right of Unions
to Send Organizer Into
Open Shop Plants.

WRITES TO SOCIALIST

Kansas Governor Elaborates
on Statement
About Unionization.

By United Press
TOPEKA, Kas., July 30.—Gov. Alf M. Landon today amplified his labor policy with a declaration that labor unions and workers should be protected in their right "to promote by lawful and proper means the organization of an unorganized industry, which includes the right to send in an organizer."

The Republican nominee's statement was made in a letter to Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President.
Mr. Thomas sought elaboration of the statement in Gov. Landon's acceptance address that labor should be free from coercion from all sources. The Socialist asked if this meant workers must organize spontaneously.

Gov. Landon's reply pledged maintenance of the rights of free speech and free assembly and interpreted these rights to include efforts by a union to organize a nonunion industry.

His statement was considered especially significant in connection with the present contest between steel companies and John L. Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization over unionization of the steel industry.

KNOX NOTIFICATION DETAILS COMPLETE

Republicans Invade Chicago
for Ceremony Tonight.

(Pictures, Page 3. Radio story, Page 27.)

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 30.—The Republican campaign to drive out the New Deal rumbled into high gear today when party workers from every state invaded Chicago to let Frank Knox officially that he will be the vice-presidential candidate.

The hullabaloo, the torchlight parades, the bands and the crowds provided an old-time prelude to the acceptance speech of the running mate of Gov. Alf M. Landon.

Simultaneously, party strategists swung into action a nation-wide political organization stretching into every county and every precinct and designated to draw to Republican slates enough voters to wipe out the Roosevelt margin of victory—6,000,000—in 1932.

A crowd of 50,000 was predicted by the arrangements committee for the Knox notification ceremonies.

FRANK HESLER, 51, DIES AT HIS HOME

Served as Examiner for
Accounts Board.

Frank W. Hesler, former State Accounts Board field examiner, died today in his home, 1235 E. 72nd-st. He was 51.

Funeral services are to be held Saturday afternoon in the home, with burial in Crown Hill.
Mr. Hesler, born in Zanesville, Ind., had lived in Indianapolis for the last 30 years. For 12 years he was associated with the Pettis Dry Goods Co., at that time the New York Store, and later with Goldstein Bros. He had been ill for the last two years.

Survivors are the widow, Edith; two sons, Warren Hesler, Evansville, and Marion Hesler, Indianapolis; his mother, Mrs. Alice Hesler; two sisters, Grace M. Hesler and Mrs. H. E. Arnold, and a brother, Ralph S. Hesler, all of Indianapolis; a brother, Galen Hesler, Anderson, and a sister, Mrs. Jess Winnings, Brownsburg.

PEATS FREED ON BAIL

Union Posts \$25,000 Bond Pending
New Trial Hearing.

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The bond was arranged by the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union pending a hearing on a motion for a new trial.

FAIR WEATHER HERE TO CONTINUE, REPORT

Temperatures May Increase Slightly,
Armingford Predicts.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES
7 a. m. ... 57 10 a. m. ... 69
1 p. m. ... 72 4 p. m. ... 71
7 p. m. ... 65 12 Noon ... 78
9 a. m. ... 68

Fair weather was forecast for today, tonight and tomorrow, with slightly increased temperatures to be expected tomorrow. The lowest temperature last night was 56.

J. H. Armingford, senior meteorologist at the Indianapolis Weather Bureau, said that there is little prospect for any extended heat wave for the rest of the summer.

MILK PETITION FILED

La Porte Producers and Distributors
Ask Order Setting Prices.

Milk producers and distributors of the La Porte market area filed a petition with the State Milk Control Board today asking for an order setting prices and governing distribution of milk.

Petitions represent 30 per cent of the producers and distributors in the district, the signers said.

Boo! Noblesville Gravestone Blinks Solemnly From Darkness.

Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 30.—There's a gravestone here that lights up at night and blinks out of the dark interior of a cemetery like the listless greenish eye of a tired Buddhist idol.

Distinctly luminous as one views it from outside an iron fence, 150 yards away, it stares back. Night after night people hang on the fence, fascinated. Some say the light occasionally moves up into low branches of a sheltering tree, then flares and dies down.

A Mrs. Elsie is buried under it. Nobody here remembers any unusual facts about Mrs. Elsie. Her life that could be connected with the eerie performance of the stone that marks her grave.

Nobody, that is, except a few who say that radium used to ease her pain in her declining years now is escaping into the world again.

But very few persons believe that. In fact, a straw vote taken among 18 persons huddled outside that iron fence in the storm-broken darkness the other night revealed that 18 had thought of no solution at all for the mystery.

One Indianapolis woman confessed that it was her third consecutive night as a member of the awe-struck group, and that she was exactly as far from the solution as she was when she first incredulously heard of it.

The cemetery caretaker, who says the stone has been behaving this way for the last six years, is angered at being disturbed by so many people, and a piece of looking himself in his home and refusing interviews to one and all.

No mystery at all, he is reported to have said when he last publicly uttered a sound about the matter. "The stone surface gathers light from street lights, and is contrasted to other stones which don't."

But other persons, less willing to believe there is nothing new under the moon, point out that the nearest street light is at least three city blocks away, broken-fence running over a meadow.

Two adventurous gentlemen the other night climbed the iron fence, tied themselves down into the cemetery, and walked, without whistling, up to the stone.

They returned.
"It doesn't seem luminous when you get close to it," they reported.
One looked a bit haggard, the other somewhat wan.

People in Noblesville don't bother much about it. They seem surprised at the vague the stone is having these nights.

ACTRESS, DR. THORPE SWAP ACCUSATIONS

Give Names, Dates in Court
Battle Over Child.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, July 30.—Screen star Mary Astor and her former husband, Dr. Franklin Thorpe, accused one another of misconduct today, naming names and dates. It marked a new level of bitterness in their fight over the custody of their 4-year-old daughter.

While little Marilyn's nurse testified in Superior Court last night that to her knowledge four different women had spent nights in Dr. Thorpe's bedroom, his attorneys filed an affidavit with the court that Miss Astor had been "enamored of a certain married man."

The affidavit quoted from a diary in which, Dr. Thorpe alleges, Miss Astor recorded the high spots of her life for the future education of her daughter.

Marilyn's nurse, Nellie Richardson, a bespectacled trim little woman, acknowledged that her observations extended beyond the nursery during the year she cared for the child, part of the time while the father was in charge, part while the mother had the custody.

Skilfully guided by Miss Astor's attorney, Miss Richardson said that "many times" she had served breakfast to Dr. Thorpe and one or another of four women in Dr. Thorpe's bedroom. Though the room had twin beds, she said she had noted that only one had been occupied.

Miss Richardson, first named in the affidavit, was named in the Thorpe affidavit as having been "enamored of a certain married man."

U. S. Clinches Olympic Scandal Title, Williams Says

BY JOE WILLIAMS

Time Special Writer
BERLIN, July 30.—The Olympics haven't started yet but already America has clinched the all-age scandal championship, distance and form considered.

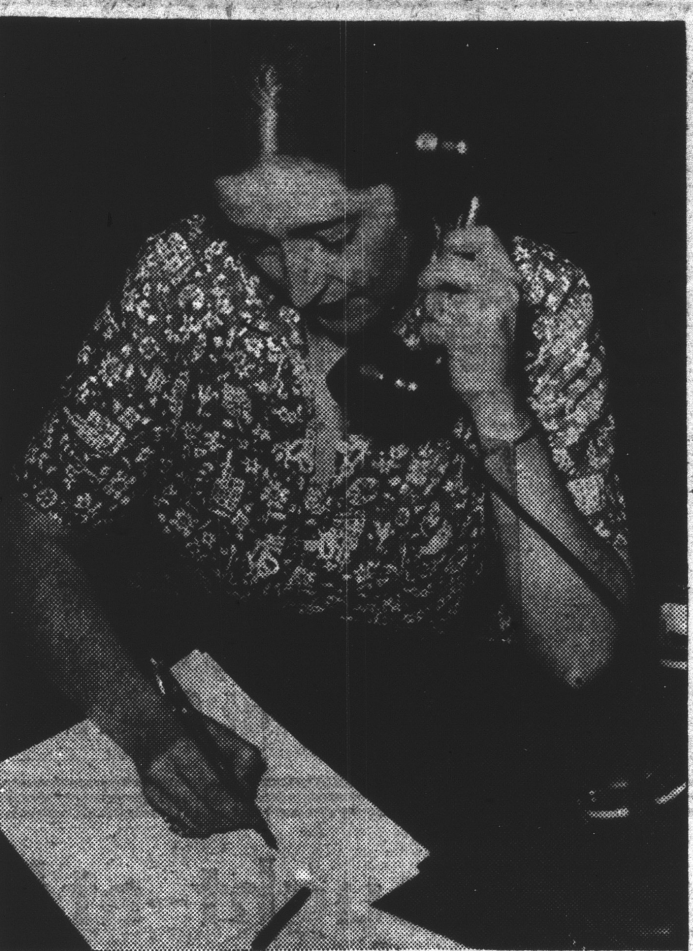
A Negro member of the boxing team, Howell King of Detroit, was heading back for the United States on the Bremen today dismissed for conduct unbecoming an apostle of international amity.

This latest episode following closely on the gracefully shaped heels of the Eleanor Holm Jarrett affair, has moved European critics to wonder just what kind of a team the Americans brought over, and other critics more detached to wonder why a team of any sort was brought over.

It happens to be a fact that the antics of some of the athletes, as well as some of the officials, are receiving more attention in the foreign press than the principal purpose of the trip. In the beginning it was supposed to be a demonstration of the American athletes' skill, but it now threatens to develop into a demonstration of American bad manners.

The blame seems evenly divided between the athletes themselves and the officials. Stupidity, I am told, is a human heritage and if a lady swimmer elects to go on a bender in the middle of the Atlantic there is little the officials can do beyond trying to point out to her the error of her way. But when in so trying the officials add stupidity to stupidity, they merely succeed in making everything and everything look ridiculous.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST \$350 ALLOTMENT FOR LOW-COST, SANITARY HOUSING PROJECT HERE



Miss Grace L. O'Brien, stenographer in the office of Joseph Scherer, chief inspector in the State Fire Marshal's office, the Statehouse, is shown here as she tried valiantly to answer telephone calls from persons who wanted "shacks and fire trap buildings" torn down.

Since the announcement of the marshal's intention to destroy 500 uninhabited dwellings in Indianapolis before fall, hundreds of persons have volunteered addresses of buildings they described as fire and health menaces. Works Progress Administration officials have been asked by Mr. Scherer for additional help to take care of the influx of calls.

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ROOSEVELT LEAVES TONIGHT FOR QUEBEC

St. Lawrence Waterway to
Be Topic at Parley.

By United Press

CAMPOBELLO, N. B., July 30.—President Roosevelt left today for a conference of international significance. Tomorrow at Quebec he will meet with Canada's Governor General and Premier.

A special train will carry the chief executive from nearby St. Andrews, N. B. to Quebec, the summer residence of Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General.

The train will leave St. Andrews tonight.
Mr. Roosevelt told newspaper men that among the subjects of conversation with Lord Tweedsmuir and Prime Minister Mackenzie King will be the proposed St. Lawrence waterways project, as well as an exchange of ideas on the feasibility of joint action by the two countries in a broad expansion of the Passamaquoddy tide-harvesting development.

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Proposal Advanced as Possible Solution to Problem of Uninhabitable Residences on Defaulted Property.

200 PARCELS OF LAND AVAILABLE

WPA Labor Would Be Used to Construct
Model Home, Which Would Have Sanitary Toilet, Running Water.

(Article on Housing, Page 17)

The Marion County Commissioners today asked the County Council for an emergency appropriation of \$350 to buy material for the erection by Works Progress Administration labor of a low-cost house to rent for approximately \$4 a month.

The request was made by the commissioners at the instance of the State Planning Board and WPA officials seeking some solution to the bad housing problem in Indianapolis.

It also was asked by the commissioners as an experiment in the solution of the problem of what to do with some 200 odd properties whose titles passed to the county in connection with defaulted school loans. These properties, in the main, are uninhabitable or insanitary.

State Planning Board officials estimate that the county now has approximately \$500,000 tied up on such property, and that the county must pay 5 per cent interest on the invested money, regardless of whether the property earns that much.

The commissioners are seeking a way to get the property to earn 5 per cent and thus keep from paying the interest out of the general fund. If the County Council authorizes the appropriation, the county commissioners will buy under-block, lumber and cement for the construction of a two-room, sanitary, weather-proof dwelling.

One of the school fund dwellings would be torn down and WPA workmen would begin construction immediately. By fall the model house would be ready for occupancy by some family that now is paying (Turn to Page Three)

SUSPECT HELD IN HERR DEATH

Abduction of Taxi Driver,
Local Holdup Confessed,
Police Claim.

Indianapolis police today sought to link Chester Arkuszewski, 24-year-old slaying suspect captured near La Porte last night and who already is alleged to have confessed two crimes here, with the killing of Earl Herr, city fireman.

Abduction of a taxi driver and two others here on July 17 and a South Side drug store holdup on July 18 were confessed, state police claimed today. Arkuszewski also was to be questioned in connection with a bridge party holdup here last Sunday morning, it was said.

Detectives John J. Sullivan and Morris Corbin were to take Mrs. Elizabeth Cruse, 40, Mr. Herr's companion at the time of the slaying, to La Porte to view the suspect. Members of the bridge party William Miller, abduction victim, also were scheduled to make the trip.

Mr. Herr was slain April 28 as he walked with Mrs. Cruse on Fall Creek-blvd. Detectives believed at the time of the slaying that a moron was responsible for his death.

The bridge party holdup occurred when a shabbily-dressed bandit obtained \$500 in jewelry and \$15 in cash in a raid on the home of Clayer McCoun, 925 N. Graham-av.

Arkuszewski made a detailed statement of robbery activities over the last two weeks, authorities said. He was arrested first as a suspect in the slaying of Ignatz Pazuchowski, 67, whose body was found yesterday in a La Porte sewer.

Police quoted him as saying: "They also quoted him as confessing robbery of C. W. Jose's drug store, 202 Madison-av., obtaining \$250, and about a robbery of a taxi driver and another man here."

The taxi driver, J. S. Newby, was robbed of \$1.85 and left bound and gagged with adhesive tape near the Speedway.

Mr. Newby was robbed by the same group of men a short time later and left bound and gagged in a woods while his woman companion was seized by the holdup men.

Arkuszewski allegedly told authorities he and his companion took the woman to her home in Indianapolis. She has not reported the incident to police.

FLETCHER AMERICAN TO PAY \$280,000

Third 5 Per Cent Dividend This
Year Ordered by Trustees.

A 5 per cent liquidating dividend, totaling approximately \$280,000, is to be paid, starting today, by trustees of the Fletcher American National Bank to depositors and creditors. This will make a total of 15 per cent paid by trustees this year. Previous 5 per cent dividends were paid in May and February.

When withdrawals from banks were restricted in February, 1933, a dividend of 5 per cent was paid to depositors, the liquidated trustees Otto F. Feucht, John P. Collett and William N. Fleming Jr.—explained. In August, 1933, 50 per cent of the remaining balance was paid. The trustees were precluded from making further payments for two years, but during this period they said they repaid a loan of \$120,000 to the RFC.

PROTEST FOLLOWS REQUEST BY WPA

Park Board Members Balk on New
Pool Project.

Park board members today protested the building of more wading pools after WPA officials requested that one be constructed in the city park at La Salle and St. Clair-sts.

Val McLeay, city plan commission engineer, informed the board of the request for the pool. Albert Gessler, board member, said that construction of an additional pool would increase the water bill, necessitate more money for attendants' salaries and thus tend to increase taxes.

Mr. Gessler pointed out that the 1937 budget was made for 14 wading pools and that there now are 15. At the same time he warned of future costs for maintenance of WPA projects.

"We want to co-operate with the WPA," he said, "but we must put a stop somewhere to the increased construction of projects when the future maintenance is to be paid from taxes."

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