

IDAHO

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Secession - that's the ugly word in Boise, Idaho tonight. The north versus the south, just like the civil war days; but no bloodshed.

Northern Idaho wants to secede from southern Idaho, draw in some parts of Eastern Washington and form a forty-ninth state. State Senators and representatives from ten northern Idaho counties today introduced a measure in the state legislature to bring about this secession.

It's all part of a long-standing quarrel, - including the Coeur de Lane - have the miners and lumberjacks of northern Idaho ~~been~~ been threatening such action for eighty years, ever since the state capital was moved from Lewiston to Boise.

Well, the Idaho statesmen have done their part; now it's up to the State of Washington. If ^{the} Washington legislature approves the proposed secession of the eastern half of its territory, then plans will ~~go ahead~~ for the creation of a new and forty-ninth state ^{will be up to} Congress.

Right now feeling in northern Idaho is running pretty high. ~~Says~~ Says Senator Badelin, a Democrat from Bonner- that's in the north - "just give us north Idahoans a chance to vote on the question. In fact, just give us a chance to vote ~~in~~ on anything. What we want to do is get rid of South Idaho."

TRUMAN

President Truman plans to ^{step up} ~~augment~~ our good neighbor policy with a flying visit to Mexico City early in March. Presidential press Secretary Charlie Ross says detailed plans have not yet been completed. However, Mr. Truman will be the guest of Mexico's new President, Miguel Aleman.

The surprise ~~xxx~~ announcement of the proposed journey coincided with Mr. Truman's ^{statement} ~~decision~~ that he has decided to ask ^{Pres.} Aleman to visit the White House. And Aleman's visit, ^{- if he comes -} ~~is announced~~, will mark the first journey of a Mexican President to Washington in an official capacity.

The White House, in announcing these plans today stressed that no pressing problems exist between Mexico and the ~~Wm~~ United States, that it was ^{just} all part of the good will program.

RECORDS

Demands were made in Congress today for an investigation of the way former ~~in~~ cabinet members have carried off records from their departments.

The first disclosure was, of course, that Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, was in possession of a huge lot of material from which he was compiling articles and ~~is~~ a book. He will take the matter up when he returns to New York in a week. He is in Los Angeles now.

And today brought another disclosure about records taken away by another New Deal cabinet member—Harold Ickes, the self-styled curmudgeon who was Secretary of the Interior. An unidentified spokesman at the Department of the Interior states that Ickes carted off enough records ----->

to fill fifty filing cases.

Ickes was asked about that today, and he neither confirmed nor denied anything. ^{He merely} ~~By~~ contented himself with one of those blazing verbal assaults that Ickes knows how to deliver, -- with barbed epithets. He delivered a skin-'em-alive diatribe against the Department of the Interior Official who kept himself anonymous -- while telling about the fifty filing cases full of documents that Ickes is said to have taken away.

All of which brought Congressional demands today that the whole thing be investigated - demands made by the Republicans. In the Lower House, Congressman Hoffman of Michigan referred to what he called -- "The ~~New~~ New Deal's Iron Curtain." And he said: "I favor lifting that curtain and finding out what's behind it." In other words, investigate the taking away of documents, and find out what's in the documents.

In the Senate, Aiken of Vermont had the following to say: "I've heard reports in the last two years that official records have been destroyed, but I

have never been able to ascertain the facts." He explained that a government official certainly has the right to keep a personal diary. -- That's his own property. "But", declared the Senator, "It's another matter if such a diary contains essential government documents."

It is to be noted that the Morgenthau diary comes to a total of nine hundred volumes. And it's hard to think that Henry, while Secretary of the Treasury, had time to write nine hundred volumes of diary. That would be a most copius literary production --in fact miraculous.

ATOMIC

There was warning in Washington today about atomic spying. David Lilienthal, who has been named ~~the~~ ^A head of the Atomic Energy Commission, asked for a secret Senate hearing - to receive confidential evidence about foreign spies who pry into our atomic secrets.

At the same time, Lilienthal said that a lot of ~~secret~~ secret atomic information had been disclosed by American scientists, who put it out in scientific publications. He said the worst violation of secrecy was the publication of an official government report ~~shortly~~ shortly after the first atomic bomb hit Japan. In this report the scientists described four ways of splitting the atom.

The Lilienthal testimony followed the appearance of former Senator Austin, American Delegate to the United Nations, who gave solemn warning to the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. He stated that this country must, under no circumstances, disclose its atomic secrets, until an effective system of atomic control has been established.

POLAND

Our government today made a formal statement on the matter of the Polish elections. The State Department issues the official charge of what the news has been giving us all along. ^{That} Poland did not have a fair and democratic election. The overwhelming sweep, made by the Communists was the result of coercion, violence and terrorism.

The American declaration today states that Poland failed to carry out what it calls - "Solemn pledges;" The election ~~was~~ a violation of the agreements made by the big powers at the Yalta and Potsdam conferences. These charges were issued at the direction of ^{our new} ~~the~~ Secretary of State, General Marshall.

What are we going to do about it? The word from Washington is that we are not likely to break diplomatic relations with Poland - because a break would merely deprive us of diplomatic representation in Warsaw. Our Embassy there is one of the few sources of information that we have behind the iron curtain of ~~the~~ Communism.

(In Palestine, the two hostages have been released. The banker, kidnapped on Sunday, Major H.A.R. Collins, was turned loose today, in the rain, on the outskirts of Jerusalem. ^{and} Judge Ralph Windham was set free on the beach near Tel Aviv. He had been kidnapped yesterday from his Tel Aviv Courtroom, wearing his robes of the Judicial Office, including the traditional British wig.

The release of the hostages followed an ultimatum from the British authorities, which threatened to apply the rigors of martial law on the Zionist of Palestine. Jewish officials appealed to the terrorists to comply, and they did) - after issuing an announcement that the banker and the judge would be set free.

The underground group, Irgun Zvai Leumi, handed a statement to the United Press in Jerusalem - in which they explained that they were not releasing the hostages because of the British ultimatum. Irgun ~~Zvai Leumi~~ Zvai Leumi explained by pointing out that the

kidnappings had occurred because of a death sentence imposed by a British military court on one of their members, named Gruner. That death sentence had now been reprieved - hence the release of the hostages.

The British, on their side, say that they did not reprieve Gruner because of the kidnappings. The reason, was to give his lawyers a chance to appeal to the privy council in London.

The word ^{is} that the British, in the face of the terrorism of the Jewish Underground, ~~are~~ considering a plan to evacuate all women and children from Palestine - and ~~to~~ establish security areas for the protection of civilians who remain.

JAPAN

The Soviets are making new complaints against General MacArthur, and this time the mail from Moscow is about a church matter. You may wonder what the Communists of the Kremlin have to do with churches - the gospel of Marxism being strictly Atheistic. However, Moscow today charges that General MacArthur took unfriendly action against the Soviets in the matter of the Russian Orthodox Church in Japan.

It appears that ~~never~~ since the old days of the Czars, there has been a group of Orthodox Christians in Japan, who recognize as their spiritual chief the head of the church in Russia. In Nineteen-~~and~~ Forty-Five, the Patriarch at Moscow died, and his successor was invited by the Japanese Orthodox group to visit Japan. But ^{the Reds say,} this has been blocked by MacArthur.

The Moscow claim is that, after the American Occupation of Japan, General MacArthur brought influence to bear on the Japanese Orthodox, and persuaded them to accept an American Orthodox Bishop as their leader. At the same time, ^{that} the Patriarch in Moscow was not allowed

to visit Japan - was refused a visa that would have enabled him to enter the country.

All this the official Soviet news agency denounced today as unfriendly to the Soviets. The Moscow view is that the leadership of the Orthodox christians in Japan belongs to the Patriarch of Moscow.

The reasons are not far ~~to~~ to seek. The Soviet Government, for all the Atheism of the Marxian Doctrine, is now upholding the old Russian Orthodox Church - for political reasons; and what would be more shrewdly political than to have a group of christians in Japan under the rule of the Moscow Patriarch - who, in turn is dominated by the Soviet Government?

WRECK

The authorities in Indiana are investigating the wreck of a Cincinnati - Chicago Flyer last night - four lives lost. The accident took on a sinister appearance when, tangled up in the wheels of the locomotive, was found a large bale of wire. This ponderous role of wire, lying on the track, caused the wreck.

At first it was supposed that the bale might have rolled down an embankment, and landed on the track. But this is now denied. A State Police detective states that the big roll of wire could not have got onto the track by mere force of gravity. He states: "Somebody either placed the wire on the track or got it caught there while intending to steal it".

In other words it was either deliberate train wrecking - or thieves, having to abandon the wire, left it on the track, where it wrecked the Cincinnati-Chicago Flyer.

EUROPEAN WEATHER

In Europe, the bitter winter they've been having is at a climax - a new cold snap. For seven days

— snow always is unusual there —
it has been snowing in England, and today still another blizzard swept ^{down} upon the island *which is usually so balmy because of the Gulf Stream.*


On the Continent, the cold wave is frosty as far south as Portugal. It snowed today in Lisbon - a city that seldom knows the white flakes of winter. And Paris shivered in a snowfall, the cold snap all the more shivery because the canals froze and blocked the transportation of coal.

Well, every story should rise to a ~~climax~~ climax - and this weather report from Europe does just that. In Paris today it was too cold for a duel. *At* daybreak, two contestants were to have appeared on the field of honor, but the field of honor was too frosty. So the duelists - they stayed in bed, pulling the covers up snugly. *TP* They cherish their honor but not with frostbite.

The deadly quarrel - or not so deadly - came about when Monsieur Maurice Garcon, a lawyer of

renown, passed a mortal insult at Colonel Henri Groussard, a warrior in the French Resistance Movement. Monsieur Garcon intimated that Colonel Groussard, before joining the resistance, had ~~collaborated~~ collaborated with Vichy. That brought about a challenge to a duel.

All Paris was excited about it. A duel is always a favorite subject along the Boulevards; and the two antagonists in this affair were of headline prominence - Monsieur Garcon, tall and portly, Colonel Groussard tall and ball-headed. The interest was all the keener, because this would be the first big-time duel since World War Number Two ^{or all of} began. Which had a special meaning for Paris, a meaning of hope and optimism. The Parisians figured that this return of the code of honor signified that conditions were becoming normal in the post-war period. When Frenchmen fight duels, things are normal in France.

As a result of this public interest, the Parisian newspapers were at exceptional pains to cover the duel and get the story. And 

→ ~~So~~ all last night groups of newspapermen waited outside of the homes of Monsieur Garcon and Colonel Groussard, ready to follow them to the field of honor with the coming of daybreak. The newspapermen nearly froze to death, the cold snap being what it was. They stamped their feet and beat their hands, shivering and blowing steam with every breath.

Finally, daybreak came. The winter sky began to grow light over Paris. But ~~neight~~ neither Monsieur Garcon nor Colonel Groussard appeared. Then the shivering newsmen got the word - duel called off because of cold weather.

It isn't known what weapons were to have been used - save that Colonel Groussard, the soldier, preferred to duel with sabres, while Monsieur Garcon the lawyer, preferred pistols. Anyway, it was too cold to swing sabres - that wouldn't go so well in overcoats. And it was too frosty to get shot at with pistols.

So Paris failed to have its first post-war duel today - because the duelists had sense enough to stay in bed, and keep warm in the cold snap.

It's like spring where I am. Are you
balmy too, ^{Nelson?} ~~right~~ I mean is it balmy where you are?

JUGOSLAVIA

The government of Yugoslavia brings an accusation against Great Britain - blaming the British for the killing of a Yugoslav Diplomat. This happened in Italy; but the regime of Marshal Tito is not blaming the Italians. The killing was done ~~at~~ at a camp of Yugoslav refugees - where the British were in control.

This camp was visited by two officials of the Government of Tito, and one of the two, a Yugoslav Consul named Glumchitch, thought he'd make a speech to the Yugoslav refugees. From Italian sources we are told that the British tried to persuade ~~him~~ ^{Glumchitch} not to do anything of the sort. - The refugees being anti-Communist. It wouldn't be safe to give them any ~~xx~~ Red oratory. But Glumchitch persisted, and the refugees assailed him and the other Yugoslav Official.

Today's complaint from Tito states that the refugees beat Glumchitch to death with iron bars, and severely injured his companion. The Yugoslav accusation describes the killers as Chetnik Bodyguards of a British Major in command of the camp. The Chetniks,

of course, were anti-Nazi heroes of World War Two - those Chetniks of Mikhailovitch, ^{many of whom} ~~they~~ were afterwards executed by Tito the Communist. Naturally, they hadn't any love for Tito and his henchmen.

Today's Yugoslav statement, putting the blame on the British Major in command of the camp, declares that the responsibility must be assumed by the British Military Authorities in Italy.

JAP

About that
Another of those weird ones from Japan.
A Japanese carpenter ^{who} rushed up to General MacArthur,
~~and that~~ Jap ^{with} a sword!-From Tokyo we hear that ~~Gen.~~
MacArthur merely grabbed the Jap and handed him over
to the M P's, telling them to take him away and
teach him some ~~****~~ manners.

The official statement today says the *real*
real purpose of the Jap was to get himself killed,--
~~and~~ not to do MacArthur any harm. He expected that
an American soldier would shoot him down, and that
his death would bring attention to the sufferings of
the Japanese people.-- ~~and also bring to the attention~~
~~of the Jap carpenter's son.~~

~~In the package he had a wooden sword, and~~
Tied to ~~his~~ wooden sword ^{was} a letter. The letter
began;- "I am determined to commit suicide by the shot
from a rifle of an American soldier". Then it went
on: "The Japanese people are in miserable condition,
living in dugouts and shacks as a result of unexpected
defeat in war. I worry for them and wish to petition

the United States for aid."

Then the Jap got around to his son, appealing to MacArthur: "I have ~~one~~^{two} child, nineteen. Please, General MacArthur, take ~~in~~ him into your care.

Employ him in any capacity, even as a messenger or a janitor."

Strange ~~my~~ way of getting your son a job,

-But then, the Japs have strange ways.

We may take economic measures in retaliation - refusing any further handouts to Communist Warsaw. But then we hear that the Government at Warsaw no longer expects any lavish gifts from Uncle Sam, and economic pressure is not likely to have any great effect. ^R In other words, it doesn't look as if we could do anything much except protest against the totalitarian' tyranny in Poland.