

SHIP LINE HEADS TRYING TO HINDER PROBE, DECLARES U. S. PROSECUTOR

Charge Made at Hearing on Ward Firm Plea to Quash Subpena Seeking State- ments Given by Crew

DECISION RESERVED BY NEW YORK JUDGE

Grand Jury Calls Skipper, Officers of Rescue Boat After Latter Hit Failure to Aid Morro Castle

(By The Associated Press)
New York, Sept. 13.—United States Attorney Martin Conboy tonight charged before Federal Judge Alfred C. Cox that "the Ward Line and its attorneys have done all that they can to prevent" the United States attorney and his aids from learning facts of the Morro Castle disaster.

The charge was made during a hearing by Judge Cox on a motion by Roscoe C. Hopper, attorney for the Ward Line, to set aside or quash a subpoena served upon the line. Judge Cox reserved decision.

The subpoena would require production before the federal grand jury of all written or typewritten statements made to the firm or its representatives by members of the crew of the Morro Castle, its officers or any other persons in connection with the disaster.

A rescue ship's four ranking officers, who had sharply criticized their master for delay in sending lifeboats to the aid of Morro Castle victims, were called tonight before a federal grand jury investigating the disaster.

They testified earlier, before a department of commerce inquiry, that the Dollar Line President Cleveland might have saved additional lives if Captain Robert E. Carey had not waited 48 minutes after arriving at the scene before ordering out rescue boats.

Made "Goat"
"They tried to make a goat out of me," the master declared, "but their own testimony shows what they did."

Captain Carey, acknowledging the 48-minute delay, told the jury tonight that two lifeboats were lowered as quickly as possible. The Cleveland did not pick up any survivors.

The President Cleveland's departure for San Francisco was delayed five minutes after the blaze broke out in the library locker, David Campbell, the man who discovered the fire, told federal investigators today.

Campbell's testimony climaxed a day in which criticism of the master of a Dollar Line rescue ship, E. S. Kennedy, was made by four junior officers, and a girl survivor testified that when she first saw the fire and asked for a life preserver, a steward told her she would not need one.

As the federal inquiry was being pressed in public, further grand jury sessions were held in secret seeking to determine criminal responsibility for the loss of 137 lives in the Morro

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Congressman Will Retire at End of Present Term



JAMES M. BECK, congressman from Philadelphia, will announce he will retire from Congress at the end of his present term. He says he is retiring because "Congress has ceased to be a deliberative body."

MRS. PLEASANT, WOMEN'S LEADER, TAKEN BY DEATH

Wife of Former Governor Succumbs in Shreveport Sanitarium

(By The Associated Press)
Shreveport, La., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Anne Ector Pleasant, 56 years old, wife of former Governor Ruffin G. Pleasant and prominent in state politics as an active anti-Long worker, died at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in a local sanitarium from the effects of poison taken accidentally.

Mrs. Pleasant had been in ill health for a month and was being treated for a nervous disorder. When she got up at about 5 a. m. Thursday and went to the bathroom to take some medicine she mistakenly drank from a bottle of antiseptic. She instantly realized her mistake and called her husband, who rushed her to a local sanitarium.

Dr. Willis P. Butler, parish coroner, upon consulting the doctor who had been caring for Mrs. Pleasant and who was at her side when death came, pronounced the case accidental death.

Mrs. Pleasant had been in poor health for more than a year and had been seriously ill on several occasions. She had taken usual active interest in state affairs and had been making plans for the reopening of her private grade and junior high school, conducted at her home.

Daughter of General
Mrs. Pleasant was born at Marshall, Tex., on April 16, 1878. She was the daughter of General Matthew D. Ector, a leading figure of the Confederacy and a prominent Texas jurist, and Sallie O. Ector. General Ector was chief justice of the Texas supreme court at the time of his death. A county in West Texas is named for him.

Her education was acquired at Belwood seminary at Anchorage, Ky., and at the Texas State Normal college in Huntsville. After completing her normal courses, she taught in the Texas public schools several years.

Her marriage to Colonel Pleasant took place in 1906. He was attorney-at-law in Shreveport at that time, having been appointed in 1902. At the expiration of his term in 1908, he retired to private law practice three years. He was appointed assistant attorney-general in 1911 and attorney-general the following year, when he and Mrs. Pleasant established temporary residence in New Orleans.

After serving four years as attorney-general, Colonel Pleasant was elected governor in 1912. He and Mrs. Pleasant were married in 1906.

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Only Small Number of National Guard Remains at Barracks

SOLDIERS RETAINED AT LONG'S MANSION

Legislative Probe of New Orleans to Resume This Morning

National Guard troops Thursday afternoon ended their 43-day occupation of the office of the Orleans parish registrar of voters in the Soule building.

The militia was withdrawn from the office about mid-afternoon on an order issued by Governor O. K. Allen rescinding his "partial martial law" proclamation of July 30.

The Audubon Boulevard mansion of Senator Huey P. Long remained under military guard Thursday night and a small number of additional Guardsmen were quartered at Jackson Barracks, supposedly held to serve Senator Long's legislative committee, which is scheduled to resume its investigation of the city government of New Orleans at 10 a. m. today.

Plans for resumption of the hearings today were announced following the unexpected return of Senator Long to New Orleans from Baton Rouge Thursday morning.

State Senator James A. Noe, chairman of the committee, also appeared in New Orleans Thursday, coming from Baton Rouge.

"Little Jubilee"
Senator Long left New Orleans Wednesday night for Baton Rouge, where he conferred with Governor O. K. Allen. State Senator Noe also was in Baton Rouge Wednesday night, where it was reported he was on his way to his home in Monroe.

When questioned on the purpose of his conference with Senator Long Wednesday night, Governor Allen said, "Oh, that was just a little jubilee—just a little celebration."

Auditors employed by the legislative committee have been examining books and records in the City Hall, and Senator Long indicated at the Monday session of the committee that testimony would be taken on the city government's financial condition at the next hearing.

Approximately 35 Guardsmen were lined up on the sidewalk at the Lafayette street entrance of the Soule building Thursday afternoon and ordered to stack their blankets, army canteens, uniforms, baggage and sundry equipment in a lobby.

March to Hall
The truck moved off with the luggage and the last detachment of Guardsmen marched off to Washington Artillery Hall. The detachment varied in size during the morning and afternoon sessions. At one time there were 72 Guardsmen stationed in the Soule building.

Members of the last detachment carried their sidearms and tear-gas tubes. Half a dozen machine guns, which were mounted in windows during a part of the occupation period, were removed from the building before orders for withdrawal of the last group of militiamen were issued.

Removal of the military guard from the registration office followed the demobilization Wednesday night of approximately 2000 National Guardsmen who were brought to New Orleans a week ago from 16 cities over the state.

"Martial Law" Ends
Major W. D. Shaffer, stationed at Jackson Barracks, announced the withdrawal by Governor Allen of the "partial martial law" proclamation. He said that a copy of the governor's order was posted in the registration office, but employees in the Soule building said they had not seen the order.

Major Shaffer declined to say how long a military guard would be continued at the Audubon Boulevard mansion of Senator Long.

"I couldn't say about that," was his only comment.

The senator's home was placed under guard when Senator Long and the investigating committee arrived in New Orleans two weeks ago.

Georgia Governor Congratulated on Victory



In his shirt sleeves and sporting the flaming red galluses which were standard equipment during the campaign, Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia is shown receiving congratulations on primary returns that gave him a heavy lead in his race Tuesday for re-election. Latest returns show an overwhelming victory for Talmadge. (Story on Page 8.)

NO NEW TAX BILL SEEN BY HARRISON FOR NEXT SESSION

Senate Finance Chairman Reviews Program With Roosevelt

(By The Associated Press)
Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 13.—After a general review with President Roosevelt of the prospective legislative program for next session in the light of existing economic conditions, Chairman Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, of the Senate finance committee said today he believed a new tax bill will not be necessary.

Harrison, called to the summer White House by the president, came away expressing confidence over the present business and agricultural outlook and said if present trends continued it might be possible even to moderate some of the heavy federal relief expenditures, although increased building funds probably would be needed.

More money for building projects was urged upon the president in an earlier conference by Senator King, Democrat, Utah.

Would Avoid Tax Bill
The Utah senator favored a partial revival of civil works to get away from outright grants to the unemployed this winter, a stepping up of federal purchases of silver and a more liberal credit policy on the part of national banks and the RFC.

Harrison said he discussed general economic conditions and politics with the president along with the legislative outlook.

"It is hoped," he told reporters, "that we can avoid a tax bill at this next session and I believe we can."

The chairman of the finance committee, which handles all tax and tariff legislation, added:

"Treasury receipts are coming in nicely and are showing an encouraging increase. With the general picture, especially in agriculture, we are hopeful the receipts will continue to increase."

More for Building Urged
"We might even be able to modify and moderate some relief expenditures, although we might have to spend more on buildings."

Harrison would not say whether the special excise taxes now bringing in around \$300,000,000 will be continued after they expire, some next January and others at the end of the current fiscal year.

These taxes include gasoline, bank checks and a score of other excise levies.

City's Injunction Action to Bar State Police Force Is Continued Indefinitely

Temporary Order Lapses; 'They Asked If I Would Be Agreeable to Delay,' Asserts Rightor

Hearing of the application by the city of New Orleans for a preliminary injunction to prevent the functioning of the state police force created at the recent special session of the Legislature was continued indefinitely Thursday in Baton Rouge because of the absence of Edward Rightor, one of the city's counsel, to appear in district court there.

The temporary restraining order issued by Judge W. Carruth Jones when the city's suit was filed was allowed to expire. Judge Jones said he would not hear the case in Mr. Rightor's absence and that it would not be possible to set the case for a hearing before some time in October.

Mr. Rightor said Thursday night in New Orleans that he had agreed to allow a continuance of the case.

"They telephoned me and asked if I would be agreeable to allowing the case to go over," said Mr. Rightor. "I agreed in view of the fact that our next election is in November and there is plenty of time to take the case up again."

"Will you specify who telephoned you?" Mr. Rightor was asked.

"No, I wouldn't want to do that," he replied.

Mayor T. Semmes Walmsley said the matter is entirely in Mr. Rightor's hands.

Paul C. Borron of Baton Rouge, who is associated with Mr. Rightor in the case, said the attorney called him and said he would not be able to come and that it was his understanding that the judge would not be in court to hear the case.

Judge Jones presides over Division B of the local court. Judge George K. Favrot, who presides over Division B, is in a New Orleans hospital, but Judge W. Carruth Jones, who signed the original court orders in the case, appeared to preside in Judge Favrot's place.

Justin Dapoit, Peyton Sandoz and Fred A. Blanche, all attorneys for the supervisor of public accounts, appeared for the state agencies made defendants in the case, but offered no objection to continuance of the case when they learned that the temporary restraining order would not be kept in effect.

The original restraining order signed by Judge Jones last week was continued on Page Two

4-YEAR-OLD CHILD, INJURED BY AUTO, DIES AT HOSPITAL

Kenner S. Baetjer, Jr., Is 61st Car Fatality of Year in New Orleans

Kenner S. Baetjer, Jr., 4 years old, 2245 Audubon street, died at Baptist hospital Thursday of injuries received Wednesday when he was run over by a police car.

Police officers were on duty at the intersection of South Carrollton avenue and Broadway by Edward Osibon, 37-year-old negro, 2641 Grand street.

The child, who died of a compound fracture at the base of the skull, the number of automobile accident fatalities in New Orleans since January 1 was increased to 61.

The little boy was the only son of Mr. Baetjer and Mrs. Nona O'Sullivan Baetjer. Funeral services will be conducted today at 9:45 a. m. at his home, 2245 Audubon street.

Religious services will be conducted at 10 a. m. at St. Rita's church, 2615 Pine street. Interment will be in Carrollton cemetery.

Besides his father and mother, Kenner is survived by a young sister, Betty.

Police say the boy was in the street when he was struck by the automobile. Two women, Mrs. H. W. Harr, 1529 Hillary street, and Mrs. K. Leake, 1522 Pine street, passengers on a passing street car, alighted and took the injured child to the hospital in Osibon's automobile. Until the women called to him, Osibon did not know the child was caught in the bumper of his moving auto.

The automobile driver was not arrested.

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ROOSEVELT ORDERS MILITARY STUDY OF STRIKE ZONE IN EAST

STEPHENS, BILBO FLING BARRAGES AT ONE ANOTHER

Senator Stephens Suggestion That Ex-Governor's Backers Arm Selves

(Special to The Times-Picayune)
Jackson, Miss., Sept. 13.—Senator Hubert D. Stephens and ex-Governor Theodore G. Bilbo, candidates for Senate nomination in next Tuesday's second primary, today hurled verbal barrages at one another in addresses before North Mississippi voters, although Senator Stephens did not once call Bilbo by name, referring to him always as "my opponent" or "the former governor."

Senator Stephens spoke at Ackerman, Aberdeen and Ripley, while Bilbo, continuing more active addressed voters at Oxford, Hernando, Olive Branch, Senatobia, Sardis, Water Valley, Batesville and Grenada.

While Senator Stephens was denouncing suggestions that Bilbo supporters go armed to the polls Tuesday and Wednesday, he was telling what he termed Bilbo's hostility to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, Stephens having made "support of the president" his sole platform plank, former Governor Bilbo in speeches called the senator a "coat-tail rider" and "rubber-stamp candidate."

"It is that he is going back to Washington and stand by a New York Yankee."

Senator Stephens interpreted the request of Bilbo that his supporters go armed to the polls next Tuesday as an effort to "intimidate the women of the state."

"On more than one occasion he has stood before audiences in Mississippi and said to his friends, 'Get out your pistols and rifles, oil them up, load them, and go to the polls on election day armed.'"

"My opponent might not be guilty of murder in a legal sense if someone is killed, but if one, by taking his advice, does not go to the polls armed, and a life is taken, then in the sight of Almighty God he will be guilty of murder."

Senator Stephens scored the statements of Bilbo that if elected he, the former governor, would go to Washington and "stand more hell than Huey P. Long."

Before to Huey Long
"My opponent often declares, and repeats it in his campaign literature, that he does not expect to stand by President Roosevelt and his program," said Senator Stephens.

"You may recall he has said more than once that after January 1 Roosevelt is going to need much more than my opponent is going to need Roosevelt."

"He says, 'When I get to Washington, as a member of the United States Senate, I am going to raise the hell out of Huey P. Long. Do you remember what Huey P. Long has been doing? Long has been attacking President Roosevelt, and doing what he could to obstruct legislation that was being considered with reference to the New Deal.'"

"Oh, yes, he is going to outdo Huey P. Long on that one. He could mean only one thing, that he was going to be worse than Huey P. Long in attacking the president and his program. What program? The Roosevelt New Deal program."

Senator Stephens added that "I must hand him a hand as to raising hell in politics in Mississippi, but he is not going to get to Washington to raise any hell there."

"Pastmaster-General"
"It is true that my opponent has had large and valuable experience in the governmental affairs of our federal government," said Senator Stephens.

"You remember he was a newspaper clipper, and he was called the 'pastmaster-general' of the assembly, tabled bills for permission to call in the federal troops, but did approve two bills—two to give him power to close the mills in time of emergency and another to appropriate \$100,000 for an emergency increase in the state police force."

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"We are face to face," the message said, "not with a local strike, but with a Communist uprising. What started as local conflicts between employers and striking workers over the question of picketing has grown and spread to other localities and includes a large number of persons with no interest whatsoever in the strike but seeking money to create disorder, and some of them with the deliberate plan to overthrow our established government."

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Will Send Federal Troops Only as Last Resort; Dem. General to Survey Rhode Island Conditions

FEDERAL ARMY MEN HELD IN READINESS

Governor Green's Move for Legislative Action to Get U. S. Intervention Is Delayed by Lower House

(By Universal Service)
Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Declaring he would call out federal troops to quell riots in the Rhode Island textile area only as a last resort, President Roosevelt disclosed tonight he has asked Secretary of War Dem. and Major-General Fox Conner, First Corps Area commander, to make a personal investigation of conditions there.

Secretary Dem, who is at corps area headquarters in Boston with General Conner, made arrangements today to hold 2000 troops in readiness to move into the strike area, after he was notified that Governor Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island had been in telephonic communication with the president.

Report To Be Awaited
The summer White House announced that if the Rhode Island Legislature would request him to act the president would await a report from Dem and Conner before sending in troops.

Roosevelt regards the disorders and rioting as the work of "irresponsible and disorderly" persons. However, he feels the federal government would remain out unless state and local authorities are unable to cope with the situation.

Dem and Conner will be asked to visit the strike area and confer with Governor Green and military and local authorities to advise what action they think should be taken.

Will View Yacht Race
It was revealed also that President Roosevelt will carry out his plan to embark tomorrow on the Nourmahal to view the international yacht races off the Rhode Island coast line.

The chief executive will be in constant touch with the situation by radio and will be prepared to take whatever action is necessary.

Mr. Roosevelt is deeply concerned over the rioting and bloodshed in the strike area, but he feels local authorities carry out their responsibility of maintaining civil order if possible.

Rhode Island House Balks Governor's Move

(By The Associated Press)
Providence, R. I., Sept. 13.—Governor Theodore F. Green today sought the intervention of federal troops to end strike terror in this state, but the Democratic House caucus of the extraordinary session of the Legislature balked at the request to call in regular army forces to put down what he described as a "Communist uprising."

Earlier in the day he had been told by President Roosevelt, in a long-distance telephone call from the chief executive, to carry out his plan to send federal troops to Rhode Island to quell the rioting.

"He told me," said the Democratic governor, "he would support me to the limit."

Tables Green's Request
Despite the urgency of his plea, however, the Democratic caucus of the assembly, tabled the request for permission to call in the federal troops, but did approve two bills—two to give him power to close the mills in time of emergency and another to appropriate \$100,000 for an emergency increase in the state police force.

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