

Spotlight

ON Europe

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In America Will Spanish Queen Forget Her Night of Horror?—A Hasty Flight From a Throne—Revolution of 1931 in Contrast With 1936 Crisis

IN THE arms of America it is to be hoped that the former Queen of Spain may find solace which will in some measure blot out the memories of the night of horror of April 14, 1931. Though not in Spain at the time, I heard many details shortly after in Paris and Fontainebleau from members of the royal family.

Thrones have fallen before and the world has crashed around the feet of many of us. But seldom if ever in history, has there been such a sudden upheaval as that which confronted the reigning sovereigns of Spain. Only a fortnight or so before the fateful municipal elections of Sunday, April 12, which returned a majority of Republican candidates, the Queen had returned from London, where she had been summoned by the illness of her mother, Princess Beatrice.

A Night of Terror The Queen and the royal children were given grace until the next morning by the new Republican authorities who already had seized power. And then followed the night of horror. Outside the palace mobs surged against the gates yelling "Down with the Royal Family!" "We want the head of the King!" Thoughts of the fate of their cousins, the family of the Czar of Russia, rushed to their minds. That the mobs were there shouting there is no doubt. But according to some with intimate knowledge of the palace, these were nothing but hoodlums, absolutely unarmed, with no intention of storming the palace.

A Narrow Escape Instead, they were driven outside of Madrid to the mournful pile of the Escorial—that austere combination of monastery, palace and mausoleum built by Philip II, 400 years ago for the burial of Spanish kings, and there entrained. But they could not even be allowed to leave Spain in peace. Someone had poured sand instead of oil in the mechanism under their railroad carriage. A few miles out of Madrid, flames underneath made it necessary to stop the train in the middle of a field for the Queen and her children to change to another coach in front.

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Reds Blast Alcazar With TNT; Charge Rebel Defenders in Ruins

Fascist Women Flee to Cellars As Tower Falls

Casualties Unknown as Fierce Fight Follows Explosion of Big Mine

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expressed confidence the Fascists' doom was sealed. They planned a bayonet charge late in the day, if possible; otherwise, they said, explosion of the two remaining mines would follow a final demand for release of the beleaguered women and children.

Casualties Unknown Most of these were believed unhurt in the lowest cellars of the Alcazar. There was no way of telling how many casualties the explosion had caused, however.

Meanwhile new and strict regulations limiting the stay of foreigners in Spain were issued. The restrictions were decreed, officials said, after it was learned that foreigners had engaged in Fascist espionage.

The Ministry of Interior ordered all foreigners to leave their documents of identity with civil governors or the director general of public safety within the seven days beginning Sept. 20.

After the documents are examined they will be returned to the foreigners, who then will be informed how long they may remain in Spain.

The Socialist commanders declared they would not use the other two charges in tunnels underneath the fortress unless Fascist resistance to the attack continued after nightfall.

Originally built as a citadel for King Wamba in the seventh century, the Alcazar was thrice burned, first in 1710 during the War of the Spanish Succession, second by the French in 1810 and again in 1807. Each time it was restored, but much of the original building was preserved. The huge, four-towered fortress, situated on the highest ground in Toledo, ground formerly occupied by a Roman fortress, has served as a palace for Spanish monarchs and after its last restoration in 1882 became a military academy.

The signal for the blast was given by Lt. Col. Luis Barcelo from the office of Mayor Perez Agua in the city hall. As the current flashed along cables laid through the city streets the first of the mines sent tons of rock and dirt crashing down into the basement sections in the wake of fleeing Fascists.

Catalans Join Defense Spain enlisted new troops today from semi-autonomous Catalonia to aid in the desperate fight against Fascist insurgents driving on Madrid.

A battalion of Catalan syndicalists was rushed to the Talavera front against the Fascist advance. They massed 175,000 soldiers in an attempt to break through to Toledo.

The union between Socialists and syndicalists carried with it probable solution of difficult governmental problems, including syndicalist obedience to orders from the Madrid War Ministry.

These difficulties were believed ironed out in a series of official conferences between cabinet ministers and Catalan officials.

Premier Largo Caballero also conferred officially with the Russian Ambassador to Madrid, Marcel Rosenberg.

Pebels Execute 20 Hendaye, France, Sept. 18 (AP)—Fascists controlling the war-torn town of Irun were reported today to have executed 20 persons whom they charged with sympathizing with the Madrid Socialist government.

An unspecified number of others were arrested at San Sebastian, advances from across the Franco-Spanish border declared.

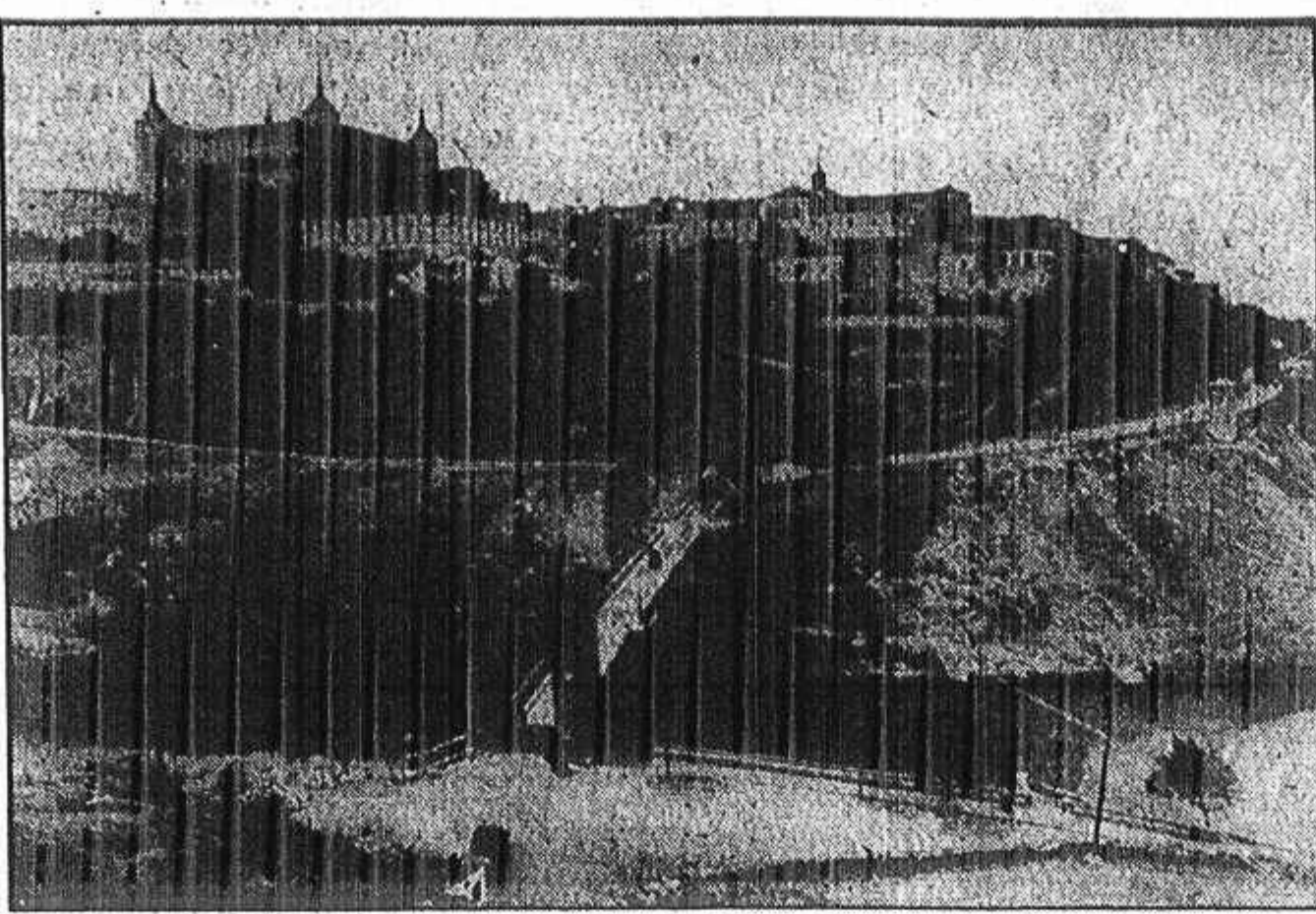
Fascists Enter Orlo Bilbao, Spain, Sept. 18 (By Warship to Saint Jean De Luz) (AP)—Spanish Fascists occupied part of the town of Orlo in a slow drive on Bilbao today.

Carlist forces were prevented from capturing the entire city because retreating Government troops destroyed a bridge, splitting the town in half.

Seville, Spain, Sept. 18 (AP)—The insurgent radio broadcast today that Government forces retreated toward Madrid after a battle at Sigüenza, about 70 miles northwest of the capital, in which 200 men were killed.

(Government sources claimed they had captured Sigüenza.)

War Blasts Historic Stronghold



Socialists exploded a ton of high explosives today beneath the beleaguered fortress of Alcazar (above) where 1,700 rebels refuse to surrender. The blast destroyed most of the southwest tower with its two gates. Government troops stormed the ruins but the Fascists continued to send back a deadly machine gun and hand grenade barrage from underground strongholds.

Storm Halts Vessels in Bay

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passersby until removed by Police Emergency Squad 5.

A 250-pound section of a cast iron cornice was torn from an eight-story building at 535-539 Pearl St., Manhattan. It crashed to the street where it was shattered to bits. No one was injured, but windows in the G. M. Envelope Company's office on the first floor were smashed. Police Emergency Squad 2 cleared away the debris.

Fire Started in Tombs The wind blew newspapers against the third floor tier of the Tombs Prison, 101 Center St., Manhattan, where they were ignited, presumably by inmates who thrust matches or cigarettes through the bars.

Passersby turned in an alarm, but the blaze was extinguished by guards before fire apparatus arrived. The unprecedented action of steamship lines in ordering three passenger ships to drop anchor in Gravesend Bay after sailing from Manhattan and Brooklyn piers was believed to be because of the new safety at sea law, passed after the Morro Castle disaster, holding the owners fully responsible for accidents when ships were ordered to sail in the face of storm warnings.

A 45-mile wind was driving in big waves, the Coast Guard station at Rockaway Point, reported this afternoon. All equipment was being held in readiness to aid ships in distress. Waves were pounding Manhattan Beach also.

Striker Charged With Truck Theft

Henry Becker, 37, a striking laundryman, of 357 Montauk Ave., was arraigned today before Magistrate Gustav W. M. Wieboldt in Jamaica Court, on grand larceny charges. He pleaded not guilty, and was held without bail for further hearing Sept. 22 in the Rockaway Beach Court.

Becker was arrested on a short affidavit signed by Detective Joseph V. Stanworth of the Ozone Park Squad. Stanworth said Becker and two other men, still at large, on Sept. 11 stole a truck used by the Housewives Laundry of 101-51 101st St., Ozone Park. The truck which stood in front of 120-22 Lincoln Ave., South Ozone Park, while its driver, a strike breaker, was making a delivery, was driven for about two miles to a vacant lot at North Conduit Boulevard and 125th St., Aqueduct, where it was burned.

Vanderbilt Kin's 4-Hour Stroll Stirs Frenzied L. I. Police Hunt

Huntington, Sept. 18 (AP)—Police headquarters here announced today the disappearance, the return and embarkment of Barclay H. Warburton 3d, whose four-hour "stroll across the road" yesterday gave police the most excitement they have had in a long time.

Most excited of all were the 14-year-old lady's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, who summoned police to their marble mansion at Northport, from which the boy had disappeared. State troopers were on their way with bloodhounds to comb the 2,880

acre estate and the Eaton's Point Coast Guard were ready to weigh anchor for possible marine clues an hour after dark, when who should come strutting up to the Vanderbilt yacht but Barclay 3d himself. People had begun to talk kidnap and runaway at the Town Hall when news of the boy's self-recovery was noised about.

The boy went aboard the yacht with his parents, explaining to ten Huntington police and a dozen Vanderbilt servants who had been making the night echo with their halloo, that he had "just walked across the road."

Altered Tube Plan For Queens O.K'd

The New York City Tunnel Authority has approved the new modified general plan for the Queens Midtown Tunnel, it was announced today by Arthur S. Tuttle, State director of the PWA, which will finance construction of the \$58,000,000 tube by means of a loan and a grant.

Tuttle said he also had given his approval of the plan. He said that the most important modification was provision for moving the Queens outlet about 75 feet north on Borden Ave., Long Island City. The outlet still will be at Borden and Van Alst Aves. but by moving it the city has avoided the necessity of acquiring property owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad. This saving in condemnation costs and other economies in the new plan will aid in financing street work in connection with the approaches, Tuttle declared.

Rosen Probers Find Politics Entering Case

3 Men of Influence Are Referred to by Those Questioned in Slaying

By VICTOR WEINGARTEN

Politics has entered the Rosen murder investigation. It became known today by The Eagle, when a source close to the investigation revealed that the names of three prominent Brooklyn politicians have been brought into the case by persons questioned regarding the killing.

Rosen, a small candy store owner, who was driven out of the clothing trucking business four years ago and who, police believe, tried to enter it again but stopped on some one's toes, was shot 15 times Sunday in front of his store at 725 Sutter Avenue.

His widow, Esther, has maintained she knew who paid and hired the assassins but would not reveal her information unless she was paid \$50,000.

Find Names at Every Turn "Almost every person questioned by police and members of the district attorney's staff has mentioned the names of three very well-known politicians in connection with the Rosen murder and the clothing trucking industry." The Eagle's source said.

Their names appear at every turn of the investigation. We have been given to understand that they and some persons closely associated with labor racketeering have seized control of some Communist labor unions in the industry and have employed people to drive out of business any one who crosses their path.

The Eagle's informant stated it would be difficult to prosecute any of the politicians mentioned because of the smoothness with which they have organized their business.

"Exposure of the names of these three politicians will not aid in prosecuting them because they have managed to organize their scheme so well there is no law to get at them," he said.

Mrs. Rosen has not been questioned since the murder out of respect to her wish that she be allowed to complete the mourning period required by the Hebrew religion. She will be asked to tell what she knows about the case early next week, officials said.

"The men who paid killers to murder my husband are riding around in armored cars and send their wives away on trips. I know who they are, but I won't tell unless I am paid \$50,000," she said.

She added her husband had been forced to give up a lucrative business in Manhattan four years ago because the gang thought he knew too much. He contemplated, she said, going back into the clothing trucking business but he was killed. The Police Department and the district attorney's office have been working hard in hand in their attempt to "break" the case, it became known yesterday.

Instead of conducting two independent investigations, the two agencies are working as a single unit and it is through their joint efforts that they have obtained from the persons questioned the link between the racket-infested clothing trucking industry and the three politicians whose names keep recurring in the investigation.

A. I. LITWACK SUES WIFE Special to The Eagle Reno, Sept. 18—Abraham I. Litwack filed suit for divorce here yesterday against Emma Adler Litwack of 1360 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, whom he married in Brooklyn Jan. 30, 1933. He charged desertion.

'Channel' Highways, Varied Speed Lanes Predicted by Harnett

"Channelized highways," with varying speed limits for each lane, improved lighting, standardization of highway markers and the removal of unnecessary traffic lights along State roads are predicted for the near future by Charles A. Harnett, State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

Commissioner Harnett told 200 members of the Metropolitan chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers at a luncheon yesterday that the new State traffic laws are "a step in the right direction."

The "channel" plan would enable each driver to select a lane with a speed limit suiting his requirements. Mr. Harnett pointed out. He believes in a "reasonable interpretation of speed," he said.

"However, I don't believe that one man in a thousand is physically equipped to operate a car faster than 50 miles an hour," he said.

8 Pulitzer Prize Scholarships Won By Students Here

Four Newtown High Graduates to Get Tuition and \$250 a Year at Columbia

Eight of the 12 Pulitzer Scholarships of \$250 a year and tuition at Columbia University awarded today went to Brooklyn and Queens high school students, university authorities announced.

Of this number four were graduates of Newtown High School, the largest number ever to be awarded from a single school in one year. The prize scholars are Walter Hayward, Mac, McDermott, Eugene F. O'Neill and Walter S. J. Smith of Newtown; Julius Ashkin of James Madison High School; Harry Schwartz of Boys High, Stephen Zekau of Brooklyn Tech and Everett Hafner of Erasmus Hall High School.

All but Hafner will attend Columbia and receive the tuition and cash allowance as stipulated by Joseph Pulitzer. Hafner will enroll at Union College and gets only the cash prize.

The winners were selected from 90 graduates who took a competitive examination. Bankoff, O'Neill and Zekau headed their respective classes.

Coughlinites Seeks Michigan Recount

Detroit, Sept. 18 (AP)—Louis E. Ward, former Washington representative of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice, notified Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald today that he would demand a recount of votes cast for United States Senate aspirants in the Michigan Democratic primary.

On the basis of incomplete returns, Ward was trailing Congressman Prentiss M. Brown for the nomination by 3,950 votes with 34 precincts yet to be tallied.

Boy, 4, Is Killed By Backing Truck

Daniel McBride, 4, of 18 Schaeffer St. was killed yesterday when he fell under the rear wheels of a coal truck which was pulling to a stop in front of the child's home. Police held the driver, Francisco Teofilo, 21, of 2188 Dean St., on a technical charge of homicide. He was traveling the wrong way on a one-way street at the time of the accident, they alleged. The boy, police said, apparently tripped while playing on the sidewalk and fell under the wheel of the truck.

Western End Of Fire Island Swept by Blaze

Villages Escape Damage as the Flames Spread Over Three-Mile Area

Special to The Eagle

Bay Shore, Sept. 18—The western end of Fire Island was reduced today to a charred scene of smoldering trees and shrubs as a result of a spectacular fire that swept the beach last night over a three-mile area.

The blaze, fed by dry grass and shrubs and fanned by a stiff breeze, was visible for many miles along Great South Bay and far out at sea as it raged on a half-mile front.

Villages Safe Swept to the west by the strong wind, the fire did not peril the nearby three villages of Saltire, Ocean Beach and Point o' Woods, nor did it endanger the Fire Island Coast Guard Station and the light-house.

Boatswain's Mate Palmer S. Midgett, in charge of the station, and 18 members of the Coast Guard battled the blaze with backfire tactics and by digging ditches. It was believed the fire was touched off by a carelessly tossed cigarette or match.

N. J. Wife Slaying Witness Is Sought

Trenton, Sept. 18 (AP)—A man who reputedly witnessed the hammer killing of Mrs. Emily Cota, 51, was sought today by prosecution officials and counsel for the woman's husband, accused of the crime.

Swarthy Ramon Cota, musician and one-time soldier, wants the mysterious witness, known only as Marty, to bolster a self-defense plea. Prosecutor Erwin E. Marshall asserted he had little faith in the story.

From Alabama came word police had found a woman who claimed to be Cota's wife. Henry Landers, Huntsville, Ala., policeman, said he had located Mrs. Pearl Lockhart Hethcoat, who said she was married in 1928 to an Arby O. Hethcoat which, officials said, was an alias used by Cota.

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