

Eye Witness Account Of Harrowing Scenes On The Battle Field of Irun

Rebel Forces Score Decisive Gains On Many Fronts

AND IN THE NIGHT Fall of Irun Appears Imminent and Rebels Press Toward Madrid Gates

By Harold Ettinger (Copyright, 1936, By United Press) On the Irun battlefield, Sept. 2—UP—The attack on the Bidassoa river today, heard the shrill singing of bullets above me and saw the half-naked men fight and die for possession of a rubbish heap that had once been a formidable redoubt.

This was one of the bloodiest battles of Spain's civil war—this Spanish border city of Irun. They are using machine guns, dynamite, hand grenades, rifle butts and bayonets. Oddly enough, the rebels who are besieging Irun are outnumbered about six to one by the Loyalists who are defending the city's forts and barricades.

Two thousand rebels are attacking 12,000 entrenched loyalists, but today in defiance of all military tradition the rebels won and their Red and Gold flags flap in triumph from the hilltops.

Now a Rubbish Heap It was hot today. In mid-afternoon the sun broke through fog, and the rebel troops stripped off their shirts to get ready for the bloody business ahead of them. They stung their cartridge belts over their bare shoulders and I saw them get ready to fight a man for possession of a hill called the Punta. Once it was a redoubt built out of logs and sandbags. Now under the pounding of artillery, it has become a rubbish heap. But it still blocks the way into Irun, and on its crest loyalist machine guns poked their noses down toward the rebels.

The Punta has changed hands seven times in the last two days. Now the rebels were going to try to take it for the eighth time and open the road to Irun.

The signal for the charge came. Up the hill charged the rebels. Their half-naked bodies glistened with sweat. Yelling and waving rifles above their heads I saw them reel under a wide arc of machine gun bullets. On they went, screaming encouragement to one another while the loyalist machine guns went pop-pop-pop. Bullets sang above me and I hugged the ground as the rebels fought their way to the crest of the Punta. Behind them they left their dead and wounded and also a garrison for a rocky farmhouse that is half way up the ridge.

Hand to Hand Fighting Then there was hand-to-hand fighting atop the Punta—bayonet fighting and the swinging of rifle butts. From my position on the river bank I suddenly saw the sun shining on a red and gold flag of the rebels. The Punta had changed hands again, and the loyalists were in retreat down the other side of the slope.

Then something else happened—something along the same river bank on which I was lying. A lone file of men stripped to the waist and wearing red berets, moved up the hill to help the rebels consolidate their position on the crest of the Punta. They were carrying, supporting the rebel troops, and they were moving up to relieve the men who had captured the Punta. I counted 150 of them, moving past me in single file. None smiled.

Behind the Carlists came mules loaded with arms and ammunition. They were painted in fantastic colors by the camouflage experts rumbled along with supplies. Officers rode along in automobiles.

Later I learned that the rebels had been swept into Behobie, a suburb of Irun, and drove the loyalist garrison of them with hand grenades.

It is impossible to estimate accurately how many persons were killed or wounded in the assault on the Punta. I saw stretcher bearers on the slopes, running

New Deal Democrats Win



SENATOR PAT HARRISON of Mississippi, left, and Senator James P. Byrnes of South Carolina, both of whom are strong supporters of the Roosevelt administration, were re-nominated by voters in their respective states with large majorities. Both were challenged by anti-Roosevelt Democrats.

A Woman's Hair Was Clutched In Dead Girl's Hand

La Jolla, Calif., Sept. 2.—(UP)—The Ruth Muir murder mystery case took a startling turn tonight with a report from Ed Dieckmann, detective new at Pomona College, that scientific tests indicated the hairs clutched in the dead spinster's hand were those of a woman.

Dieckmann, who took the hair and Miss Muir's torn clothing to Pomona this morning, said the tests would continue until late tonight but he and J. D. Loudermilk, research professor, were "practically convinced" the hairs were those of a woman.

The development gave an entirely new complexion to the case, indicating the San Antonio banker's daughter may have been slain by a deranged woman rather than a man as had previously been supposed.

Although it was not established definitely the hairs were not those of Miss Muir herself, Captain of

Detectives Harry Kelly and Police Chief George Sears in San Diego both said it was improbable they could have come from her own body.

"We are giving strong consideration to the possibility Miss Muir was attacked by another woman," Chief Sears said.

The text of Detective Dieckmann's telegram to headquarters here follows:

"Preliminary examination revealed that hairs taken from fingernails of left hand and from palm of right hand were female hairs according to Dr. LaJermik of Pomona College. At 12 p. m. we will complete the examination."

Previously, officers had gone solely on the assumption Miss Muir was ravished and killed by a sex-crazed man.

The 48-year-old Y. W. C. A. executive was beaten to death with some heavy object in a beach cove Monday night.

Federal Tax Reform Likely, Regardless Of Which Of Parties Wins

By MACK JOHNSON (Copyright 1936 By United Press) Washington, Sept. 2.—(UP)—Campaign year promises combined tonight to forecast Federal Tax reform in the next session regardless of the outcome of the Nov. 3 presidential election.

A broad-gauged tax reform bill will be proposed by the Roosevelt administration if it is continued in power, officials informed the United Press in discussing the Aug. 10 treasury proposal for a study of the Federal Tax structure.

Gov. Alf M. Landon, the Republican presidential candidate, assailed Roosevelt tax legislation one week ago tonight in Buffalo, N. Y. He said the 1936 levy on undistributed corporate earnings was "cockeyed" legislation and promised its repeal.

"Let me add," he continued, "that this bill is only one of the changes needed in our tax system. Our whole tax structure, Federal and State, needs overhauling."

Revision of the tax structure toward simplification apparently would be the objective of either a republican or democratic reform bill. Such revision would reduce uncertainties over assessments and eliminate some of the red tape which binds tax administration.

Would Simplify Administration The Joint Congressional Committee on taxation and internal revenue, assisted by treasury and department of justice officials, is working particularly toward the goal of simplifying the present administrative system in the tax structure.

The study was proposed Aug. 10 in a letter from secretary of treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., to President Roosevelt in which he suggested repeal of certain unpro-

fitable so-called "nuisance" taxes and elimination of "inequities" in the present tax laws and said that no new levies will be necessary next session because of improved business conditions.

President Roosevelt probably will make a request for proposed reforms in a single bill through a message soon after Congress convenes in January, if he is re-elected, administration officials said.

The broad outlines of such a measure would include administrative changes; renewal of so-called "nuisance" taxes expiring July 1, which are yielding about \$500,000,000 annually, and ironing out "inequities" in the present tax system. Revision of the 1936 act taxing undistributed corporate surplus might fall in this latter category.

An Effort to Meet Criticism Also in an effort to meet criticism from organized business over taxation uncertainties, Treasury and Department of Justice legal experts are studying means for drastic revision of means for determination of taxes, administration spokesmen said.

Inability of Internal Revenue Bureau officials to be able to give a definite, binding ruling on tax cases owned has been censured by business men.

It was pointed out that when tax cases are taken before the Board of Tax Appeals, even that body is subject to being overruled by higher Federal Courts.

The experts are considering two proposals, one of which probably will be included in the new measure, to create an arbitrary power to give definite answers to the taxpayers—individuals and corporations.

One would create a semi-judicial body.

Roosevelt And Landon Will Meet Today

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 2.—(UP)—The President of the United States and the Governor of Kansas will shake hands in this mid-western agricultural capital tomorrow at perhaps the most unusual "Non-Political" meeting in the history of American Presidential Campaigns.

They will motor in separate automobiles beneath a bright border of flags along the streets of Des Moines, past an estimated 200,000 persons drawn from the heart of nation's farming land.

It will be for President Roosevelt and Governor Alf M. Landon and the chief executives of Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Oklahoma—a discussion of measures to be taken because the tall corn of Iowa has wilted beneath a merciless sun, because the rich loam of Nebraska has been sifted to powdery dust and because the blue grass of Missouri has faded to a thirsty yellow.

But for the nation it will be political drama of first magnitude no matter how casually it is played by the leading characters and their conferees.

And the unusual care with which arrangements for the conference have been made, the extraordinary police precautions, the isolation of the conference room from the public and the insistence of both candidates that politics must not enter into the meeting served merely to emphasize potentialities of the occasion.

The President arranged to hold rigidly to the routine he has followed on what he scheduled as a "non-political" tour of the drought area. Gov. Landon has emphasized that his visit will be strictly as "Governor of Kansas."

Bank's New Store Will Be Completed To Tenant's Taste

Work has been halted temporarily on the new Main Street construction on the lot adjoining and owned by the First and Citizens National Bank to await a satisfactory tenant, Graham W. Bell, bank official said yesterday.

The bank expects to design the front of the building in accord with the needs and wishes of a permanent tenant, Mr. Bell said. Walls roof and concrete subfloor rough work are now complete and the contractor is awaiting on the drying of the concrete before proceeding with finishing of ceiling and sidewalls with plaster. Over the concrete base will be laid a wood floor.

The building will have provision for a small balcony in the rear of the store, and considerable space has been left next the sidewalk to take care of any window needs that might arise.

It is expected that the front finally will result in a modern design such as is now seen in more populous cities. The building faces about twenty-five feet on the south side of Main Street and runs back to the alley separating the bank building from the Virginia Dare Hotel.

Side walls of the new construction are formed by the Virginia Dare Arcade and the east side of the First and Citizens National Bank. Construction of the front will begin as soon as the store is leased to a prospective tenant.

Calendar of Public Meetings to Appear Daily Henceforth

Each day henceforth the Daily Independent will carry a calendar of public and organization meetings to which readers will be able to refer and thus keep in touch with what is going on in the social, religious and educational life of the city.

While the master calendar being made up in the office of this newspaper is not yet complete, additions will be made as events permit. All regular meetings will from now on be automatically published in these columns.

Notices of special meetings necessarily will have to be phoned in to the editorial staff and will be placed in their proper place on the schedule.

Today's Meetings A. M. 8:30 Men's Christian Federation P. M. 8:00 Red Men; Rebecas

Returns



MRS. GRACE COOLIDGE, wife of the late President, who returned recently aboard the S. S. Europa from an extensive tour of Europe. When asked to pose, she said, "Not in this hat," and hurried off to don the American hat she wears in this picture. "I like American hats much better," she explained.

FRIENDS MOURN WILLIAM O'NEAL

One of the most impressive funeral services ever conducted in Elizabeth City was that of William Edmond O'Neal, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn O'Neal, which was conducted from the home at 600 Hunter Street, Wednesday afternoon.

Members of both the boys' and girls' divisions of the Pasquotank River Yacht Club, attired in their natty sailing costumes, and members of the local Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps, in uniform, turned out to pay homage to a youth of whom they all were fond. At the grave stood Baxter Slaughter, sounded taps.

The funeral was conducted from the home with the Rev. H. I. Glass officiating and the Rev. E. F. Sawyer assisting.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Gordon Shannonhouse, Mrs. Thorburn Bennett, Mr. W. W. Stinemates and Mr. S. G. Scott sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

The procession from the home to the cemetery was led by the Boy Scouts, marching to the beat of a muffled drum.

pallbearers were the following boy friends who had been associated with young O'Neal in Scout work, sailing or in the classroom: Bascom Sawyer, Jr., Billy Tillett, Bill Sanders, Thomas Markham, Romeo Stevenson and Edward Griffin.

Hurricane Threatens Ocean Steamer lanes

Miami, Fla., Sept. 2.—(UP)—A full-blown tropical hurricane, carrying destructive winds of 80 miles and above, whirled well to the east of Bermuda today, reflected by squalls on coasts of the British resort.

The tropical storm was reported in a 9:30 P. M. advisory issued by the Federal Hurricane warning system to be recurring to the north and northeast.

The advisory, which cautioned transatlantic steamers flying ship planes, said: "Topical disturbance, probably still considerable distance east of Bermuda during the day and now is recurring to the northward northeast. Caution advised vessels in transatlantic steamship lanes south of Newfoundland next two days."

JAMES MANOS DEAD

One of the most likeable and best known foreign-born persons ever to adopt Elizabeth City as a home was Jim Manos, 65-year-old Greek of the Puritan faith, who died at Albemarle hospital Tuesday morning following a rupture operation.

"Pop" Manos, as he was known here, came to Elizabeth City in 1930 with his two sons, Charlie and Bill, to open the Puritan cafe. Before coming here he had lived in Wilson, Norfolk, Newport News and Richmond since coming to this country from Greece in 1908.

The funeral will be conducted from the home at 104 Perseus Street, this afternoon at three o'clock.

Besides his wife, Stavroula Manos, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. G. C. Wooler, and two sons, Charlie and Bill Manos.

HURT IN FIGHT

Columbia Reynolds was cut badly Monday night fighting with Pentley Parish. Reynolds was rushed to hospital where Parish was placed under a thousand dollars bond to appear in court Wednesday morning.

Roosevelt On Radio Sunday

May Resume Former Custom of Periodic Fireside Chats

Washington, Sept. 2.—(UP)—President Roosevelt will address the nation in another "fireside chat" Sunday night, a few hours after his scheduled return to the capital, to report on the drought situation and re-employment in private industry.

A white house announcement said the president would give a 30-minute radio talk at 9:45 p. m. E.S.T. and that it would include "an important announcement regarding re-employment by private industry of persons on relief rolls."

Mr. Roosevelt has not employed his custom of periodic intimate chats with voters for more than a year.

Returning fresh from his first-hand observation of the ravages caused by drought this summer in the nation's "Dust Bowl," the president is expected to couple possible recommendations for action to relieve distress and combat future destruction with his report on conditions as he saw them.

Mr. Roosevelt originally planned to speak on the drought situation at Des Moines, where tomorrow he will attend a conference of governors and will meet Gov. Alfred M. Landon of Kansas in the first such encounter of rival candidates for the presidency. But when the drought tour was shortened because of the tense European situation, the speech was rescheduled for Cleveland, and later cancelled.

There was no amplification of the reference to an announcement on re-employment. The president, however, has been holding conferences with business and industrial leaders for some time. Several weeks ago he mentioned that housing and railroad equipment were two industries that hold great potential possibilities for taking up the unemployment slack.

Mr. Roosevelt has made no report on the result of those conferences, but he gave a hint of the trend in yesterday's budget revision statement when he said:

"The unemployed are continuing to be absorbed in industry, and I believe that there will be a further substantial increase of such employment during the coming months."

He added that the extent of that increase would determine whether it would be necessary to ask for another \$500,000,000 appropriation for relief needs to supplement the \$1,425,000,000 Congress voted him last session.

41,000 Ping Pong Balls On Plane That Takes Off For Flight To London And Back

New York, Sept. 2.—(UP)—Harry Richman, crinkly-haired night club and radio entertainer, and Dick Merrill, veteran Eastern Air Lines ace, lifted their powerful Vultee monoplane off Floyd Bennett airport at 4:37:20 p. m. today and pointed its flat nose for London, 3,574 miles away.

Loaded with 41,000 ping pong balls to prevent sinking in case of a forced landing on the Atlantic, the 1,000 horsepower, low-wing, all-metal craft roared down the west runway, climbed slowly over the administration building and disappeared to the north on the first round-trip flight to London ever attempted.

Merrill, who has flown 19 years without an accident, was at the controls. The fliers had waited six days for favorable weather. Richman kissed his sister, Mrs. Clara Newmark, shook hands with his brother, Lou, and said:

"Godby and God bless you." He waved to everyone and shouted: "Goodby, I'll see you in a few days."

Both climbed into the plane, christened "Lady Peace," and locked themselves in. They talked to the eastern end of the field. A moment later they were in the air. The field had been stripped of fences. Trees near the runway were uprooted and a WPA shanty was moved.

Special permission was granted for the fliers to take off over the administration building. The last time this was tried the Monteverde brothers almost hit the building when they crashed. The field fire fighting force, an ambulance and a coast guard amphibian were on hand in case of accident.

Richman and Merrill, who planned the flight solely for "fun," expected to reach London within 15 or 20 hours. They said they would rest a

Southern Albemarle Assn. Demands Hearing On Site Of Albemarle Sound Bridge

SUSPECT IS HELD IN MURDER CASE

Local officers late last night were holding for questioning concerning the murder of Washington Barnes, 65 year old local negro, a nephew of the dead man who had been living with him a short time previously.

Ed Powell was taken at his home on Culpepper street yesterday by deputy sheriff John Anderson while the negro was asleep in bed. Considerable discrepancies were noted in the boy's story and as far as they could do so yesterday officers made a thorough check of his statements.

In one respect the negro claimed to have worked recently for Grady Pritchard of the section just beyond Carter's shop out West Main street about a mile from the city. After questioning Mr. Pritchard as to the truth of the statement, it was found that the Pasquotank county former did not even know the negro and had not hired colored help for several weeks.

Sheriff Charles Carmine who has been recuperating at Nags Head from a recent illness was in town yesterday to lend his aid in tracing down the culprit. Feeling that the investigation was being well conducted by his deputies, the sheriff returned to the beach last night, after leaving instructions that he be notified immediately of any other developments.

Investigating officials are withholding further details until more definite announcements can be made.

COAST OIL PLANT BEING RESTORED

Construction was begun yesterday on the replacement of the oil storage tank of the Coast Oil Company on North Road Street, which was destroyed by fire in a \$4500 blaze last week, according to Archie Smith, company manager.

The understructure of the new equipment is being made of brick to make it far less inflammable than the wooden one which gave the local fire department considerable trouble during the blaze.

The 20,000-gallon tank to replace the damaged reservoir has been ordered but has not yet been shipped from the manufacturer, Smith said.

The other two tanks owned by the company have been repainted with a new coat of silver since the fire.

JAPAN TAKES STEPS TO BUILD BIG NAVY

Washington, Sept. 2.—(UP)—Japan took her first step today to build a navy larger than permitted by the expiring treaty with the United States and Great Britain by proposing to increase her submarine tonnage 15,598 tons.

The Japanese embassy in London notified the British government of this intention and similar notification is on its way to this government. Japan also proposed to retain 11,000 tons of destroyers.

The increase will be accomplished by keeping in service 10 or 12 undersea vessels due to be scrapped under treaty provisions this year.

The United States still has a larger total submarine fleet, with 86 vessels, compared with 62 for Japan and 54 for Great Britain, but half our undersea craft are so old that naval authorities consider them obsolete.

Japan previously had built all but 528 tons of submarines allotted to her, and this surplus was theoretical only, since the modern submarine range from 1,000 to 1,500 tons in size.

The United States has not yet matched Great Britain's move to retain destroyer tonnage. It has, however, made plans to build two capital ships if Great Britain starts construction on the two she has provided for.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Miss Etta Scarborough, of 800 Greenleaf Street, was admitted Wednesday night and is to undergo an operation this morning.

Mrs. Fred Ashley of Edenton was admitted last night. Herman Cross, Bell Street colored child, was admitted Wednesday night.

Weather Statistics table with columns for date, temperature, and other weather-related data.

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