

President Warns Americas Dictators Seek To Dominate

Disputes Contention That Distance Gives Us 'Magic Immunity'

President Roosevelt warned the Americans last Friday night that modern conquerors seek to dominate "every mile of the earth's surface" and disputed any contention that this hemisphere's distance from Europe gives it a "magic immunity."

In terms of modern invention, he asserted, the distance is less than that covered by the "chariots of Alexander" rolling from Macedonia to Persia, or the "ships and legions of Caesar" moving "from Rome to Spain or Britain."

Unanimity Needed

He questioned whether the new world could continue its policy of "peaceful construction" if another principle of life spread over all the rest of the globe. The American republics must ponder the problem deeply, Mr. Roosevelt added, and "act with unanimity and singleness

of purpose."

He spoke before the eighth American Scientific Congress meeting in Washington. His audience was composed of scientists from all sections of the hemisphere. The address followed an anxious day of reading dispatches telling of the Nazi invasion of Holland and Belgium, and conferring with his advisors on how best to shield America from the impact of the broadening war in Europe.

At a press conference during the historic day, he applauded a proclamation in which Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands summoned her soldiers to fight the invasion and voiced a "flaming protest against this unexampled violation of good faith."

In the speech, he told the scientists:

Dreams Of Conquest

"What has come about has been caused solely by those who would use, and are using your inventions of peace in a wholly different cause—those who seek to dominate hundreds of millions of people in

JERRY DALTON GAINS FREEDOM

Served 17 Years In State Prison For Slaying Two Persons

After 17 years behind State prison bars, Jerry Dalton has begun an attempt to begin life over again for the second time in the last score of years. He was released last month, closing one of the most colorful prison careers on State records, which included a five-year period just out of the shadow of the electric chair, an escape from jail and an attempt to start life anew under an assumed name, and numerous respites from the Governor following his second apprehension.

It was on a Sunday morning in 1919 in Macon county that Dalton spent the first of many hours behind bars. He was charged with murdering Maud Grant and Merritt Angel, the former described as his "girl friend," and the latter a man who happened to be caught with her. Officers probed into the mysteries of the "drunken fray affair," and the evidence was against Dalton.

Two Trials

His first trial resulted in conviction of murder in the first degree, and the jury deliberated only one hour. An appeal to the Supreme Court gave him a new trial on the grounds of an error by the judge in his charge. A second trial followed, and the jurors were more

vast continental areas—those who, if successful in that aim, we must now admit, enlarge their wild dream to encompass every human being and every mile of the earth's surface."

And of the distance which lies between America and the battlefield of Europe, he asserted:

"Today we know that until recent weeks, too many citizens of the American republics believed themselves wholly safe—physically and economically and socially—from the impact of the attacks on civilization which are in progress elsewhere.

"Perhaps this mistaken idea was based on the false teaching of geography—the thought that a distance of several thousand miles from war-torn Europe gave to us some form of mystic immunity which could never be violated."

In the new world, he said, "we live for each other and in the service of a Christian faith." That he termed "our solution." But he asked whether this solution is "permanent or safe" if it solves the problem for the American nations alone. That, he said, was "the most immediate issue" before the Americas.

"Can we continue our peaceful construction if all the other continents embrace by preference or by compulsion a wholly different principle of life?" he inquired.

Singleness Of Purpose

"Surely it is time for our republics to spread that problem before us in the cold light of day, to analyze it, to ask questions, to demand answers, to use every knowledge, every science we possess, to apply common sense, and especially to act with unanimity and singleness of purpose.

"I am a pacifist. You, my fellow citizens of 21 American republics, are pacifists. "But I believe that by overwhelming majorities you and I, in the long run and if it be necessary, will act together to protect and defend by every means our science, our culture, our freedom and our civilization."

The President wasted no words in getting into the subject which had absorbed him throughout last night and today. All came to the convention hall tonight, he said, "with heavy hearts." All had seen event follow event in the last few years, each out a "shock to our hopes for the peaceful development of modern civilization," he continued. Then he added simply that the day had seen "three more independent nations cruelly invaded."

"In some human affairs," he continued, "the mind of man grows accustomed to unusual actions if they are oft repeated. That is not so in the world happenings of today—and I am proud that it is not so.

"I am glad that we are shocked and angered by the tragic news from Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg."

"This hemisphere, he went on, is "almost the only part of the earth" in which such a meeting as that which he addressed could take place, for elsewhere "war or politics has compelled teachers and scholars to leave their great calling and to become agents of destruction."

After spending a largely sleepless night receiving the grim news from abroad, Mr. Roosevelt told reporters that he was "in full sympathy with the very excellent statement" of the Dutch queen.

The President indicated, in response to a reporter's question, that he believed American peace prospects were unchanged by the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

Buss Family Counts Off for Census Enumerator



When a Chicago census taker asked Mr. and Mrs. Dan Buss of Blue Island, Chicago suburb, how many children there were in the family, he was confronted with a whole fleet of Busses. Pictured with Papa Buss, 43, and Mama Maud Buss, 40, are the 14 little Busses, from 1 to 24 years old. Grandma Buss, not present for the picture, also lives in the five-room Buss bungalow. Another son, Dan, 23, was not at home. The census taker was happy for he is allowed four cents for each name he lists. Had he called a month later he would have been four cents richer.

uncertain. After 36 hours of wrangling, they asked for more information. The verdict was guilty in the first degree again, and Dalton was sentenced to die in the electric chair.

His attorney prepared another appeal to the State's highest court, and the defendant was lodged in the Buncombe county jail. While his appeal was being perfected, he and several other inmates escaped.

From that day until November, 1922, nothing was heard of Dalton. Afoot, he made his way across the Blue Ridge Mountains, and eventually into Wyoming, Oregon, California, and Mexico. He returned to San Diego, Calif., and settled down to work, a man in his early twenties.

Finds Aunt

He noticed the name of his mother's sister in a San Diego paper one day. He checked up and found that it was his aunt. In a cautious manner, he disclosed his identity and confided in her. From her he picked up news of happenings back home. But his aunt left San Diego to live in Michigan.

She felt that someone should look after her nephew. She told a neighbor her secret and asked her "to take care of Bill," as he had changed his name to Bill Birchfield. Somehow, the law managed to get in on the secret and on Thanksgiving Day, 1922, he was arrested.

The following January he was brought back to North Carolina and put on Death Row to await execution. His attorney, J. N. Moody, prepared to renew an appeal before the Supreme Court. This failed, leaving the Governor his only recourse for life. His execution date was changed several times, but he never left Death Row. Reprieves continued until December 15, 1923, when Governor Morrison expressed his disbelief in the "premeditation clause" of the first degree murder sentence, and commuted his sentence to 20 to 30 years.

Thousands of letters flooded the Governor's office, pleading for mercy for Jerry Dalton, and 10 of the 12 jurors who condemned him to die asked for commutation. His sentence was later commuted a second time, setting the minimum at 17 rather than 20 years.

It was seventeen long years ago that he escaped death as was demanded for the slaying of two persons. He was a happy man then, as he said: "I know I've got a

long sentence before me to serve, but I'm going to show them how thankful I am for what the Governor did by being the right kind of prisoner."

Apparently he was the "right kind of prisoner," for he was released on April 15, a man 43 years old.

Final Rites For Horace R. Gibson

Final rites for Horace R. Gibson, 22, were held at the Liberty Baptist church on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Norman E. Holden, pastor, was in charge of

the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Gibson died at the home of his

A native of Macon county, Mr. parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson, in the Leatherman community Thursday night at about 8 o'clock following a four months' illness.

Surviving are his parents, and one sister, Miss Willie Mae Gibson; one brother, Noble J. Gibson and one half-sister, Mrs. Lona Jones, of Swain county.

More than 225,000 children under 15 years of age were injured in traffic accidents last year.

Congressman Weaver Deserves Re-Nomination



He has kept faith with his district. He has looked after the interest of Macon County in every instance, in addition to his untiring efforts in the interest of national legislation to benefit the nation as a whole.

Congressman Weaver is popular with his colleagues and with government department officials. His thorough knowledge of governmental affairs makes him a leader. His unbounded energy for constructive legislation has put him in the forefront.

Congressman Weaver ranks high in Washington, and being an experienced and capable legislator, he has been of valuable assistance to his district in securing federal aid and federal projects of every description.

He has made an excellent record of achievement, which is better and safer for the people of Macon County and the district than mere promises of inexperienced office seekers.

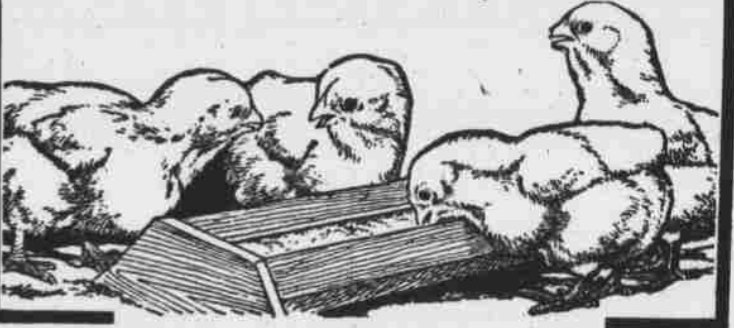
On his record, as a friend and honest public servant of this district, Congressman Weaver deserves the vote and support of every citizen of the district in the Democratic primary on May 25th.

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