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Birmingham: Rain tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy, cooler.

Alabamans: Showers, warmer in south and east; tomorrow, cooler in west and north.

Birmingham Saves On Its Street Light Bill—While It Pays In Human Lives



A Birmingham suburban street at night where darkness is a hazard to drivers.

Christmas Street Decorations Burn

Carnival Parade Equipment Escapes Blaze That Destroys Toy Factory; Reindeer, Trees And Santa Clauses Lost

Virtually all street decorations for the Birmingham Christmas Carnival, for which 71 men had been working for the past six months, went up in smoke and flame shortly after midnight last night when fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Hester-Pruder Toy Mfg. Co. on the Enslin-Dooesa road, one mile north of Kaula.

Total loss was estimated at more than \$100,000. The loss included 2000 worth of carnival materials for street decorations.

Christmas leaders believe this was a terrible blow to their plans, but immediately went into action to devise some means of creating emergency street decorations for the carnival.

But the carnival was to go on as scheduled starting next Thursday for three days.

Coms of Mobile Properties Administration workers at the Hester-Pruder building today were notified to start preparation of emergency street decorations.

One thing remained to clear emergency streets. Most of the equipment for the carnival parade, which was to be held on the Enslin-Dooesa road, was stored in the Hester-Pruder building.

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F. D. R. STAKES OFF LIMIT FOR FASCISM; SEEKS TO AD REFUGEES FROM GERMAN Dictators Warned

INVALID WILL TAKE STADIN OWN DEFENSE

Prosecution Expected To Demand Death Penalty In Wife's Slaying

TRIAL NEARING CLIMAX

Victim Pictured As Woman Who Had Felt Herself Forgiven For Acts

By Harold Hillier
Post Staff Correspondent

HAMILTON, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Barbara H. Barrow, murder victim, is pictured today as a woman who had felt herself forgiven for her indiscretions the day before Brad Roberts jumped bullets into her body, as the defense moved in its fight to clear Dr. Barrow of the crime.

Mrs. Lela Roberts, sister of Dr. Barrow, on the stand for the defense testified that Mrs. Barrow on the day before she was murdered came to the Roberts home, with milk and food Mrs. Roberts that "I pray for two days and I feel I have been forgiven for my actions."

She indicated, Mrs. Roberts testified, that "she was a happy woman."

"Her actions" it was understood, she meant her relations with Roberts, which were brought out in the trial of State versus Josephine Barrow, which was held in Birmingham last week and resulted in a life in prison.

A number of character witnesses followed Mrs. Roberts to the stand to testify that she was a woman of good character. The prosecution attempted to bring out that Dr. Barrow had a number of character witnesses.

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Faust And Marguerite Go Modern



Laber difficulties still were affray even from the premiere of the opera 'Faust' last night, but the singers went right ahead, leaving the lack of props and costumes. Above are shown Josephine Barrow and Marguerite and Faustus Perelli as Faust, in the famous 'Choeur scene,' with entirely imaginary props and garb.

Faust and Marguerite, who for centuries has been losing his soul to the devil, found a new adversary last night in the American Federation of Musicians.

An evening-told audience that went to Municipal Auditorium to see Opera-on-Tour's "different" performance of Gounod's opera "Faust" still realized just one different fact performance was to be.

No Scenery, No Costumes Because Of Labor Tie-Up; But 'Faust' Is Sung Anyway

By Paul F. Brown
VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 16.—President Roosevelt's inclusion of Canada in the national defense plans of the United States was interpreted by The Vancouver Press-Herald tonight as a "fight for democracy against the dictatorship."

"SOUTH AMERICAN CAUTIONS"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—South American nations greeted President Roosevelt's inclusion of Canada in the national defense plans of the United States with friendly but cautious interest.

"CONFERENCES IN OFFING"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—Five-day conferences probably will be called in Washington, D. C., to discuss the inclusion of Canada in the national defense plans of the United States.

"SENATOR PLEASED"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—Sen. Harrison D. Miller today commended the inclusion of Canada in the national defense plans of the United States.

"DANCER'S LIFE SPARED; SHE'D SAVED SOLDIERS"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—Mollie Haver, a dancer who saved the lives of 14 French soldiers in the First World War, was honored in a ceremony in San Pedro.

"STARKER RECOVERING AFTER AMPUTATION"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—Starker, a member of the Birmingham team, is recovering from an amputation of his right leg.

"CHEST WORKERS REACH 78.8 PER CENT OF GOAL"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—The Birmingham Chest Workers have reached 78.8 per cent of their goal for the year.

"JAPANESE COUNCIL APPROVES NAZI CULTURAL PACT"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—The Japanese Council has approved a cultural pact with the Nazis.

"NEW YORK STATE OFFICIAL ARRESTED FOR GRAFT"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—A New York State official has been arrested for graft.

"BURLGAR? NO—MERELY A BOWL OF TROPICAL FISH"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—A burglar who stole a bowl of tropical fish was arrested.

"LEGION COMMANDER DEMANDS TRIAL OF CIO LEADER"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—The Legion commander demands a trial of a CIO leader.

"DANGER IN THE DARK—LIGHTS COULD CHECK DEATH"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—A warning about street lighting to prevent accidents.

"SHE DOESN'T KNOW OF HIS TRAGIC END"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—A woman who doesn't know of her husband's death.

"PARADE AS SCHEDULED"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—The Christmas parade will go on as scheduled.

"CARNIVAL PARADE EQUIPMENT ESCAPES BLAZE"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—Carnival parade equipment escapes a blaze.

"CHRISTMAS STREET DECORATIONS BURN"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—Christmas street decorations burn.

"BIRMINGHAM SAVES ON ITS STREET LIGHT BILL—WHILE IT PAYS IN HUMAN LIVES"
SAN PEDRO AGENCIES, Nov. 16.—Birmingham saves on its street light bill while it pays in human lives.

Dictators Warned

'National Defense' Idea Changed To 'Continental Defense' By President's Action; He Scores Nazi Treatment Of Jews

By Lyte C. Wilson
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—President Roosevelt today circled the Western Hemisphere with a boldy drawn deadline against Fascism and urged his attention to the problem of refugees from Nazi German persecution.

He called his Advisory Committee on International Refugees to the White House as London reported a rapidly developing plan whereby Great Britain would provide colonial havens for German Jewish refugees and the United States and other nations would finance the huge project.

This action came as the White House pointed out President Roosevelt's criticism of Nazi persecutions was designed to rebuke outrages against Catholics as well as Jews.

"Continental defense" has superseded "national defense" as a slogan in the American mind.

The President outlined his defense announcement with some and differing comment on German persecution of Jews. It followed shortly by the United States' protest against "unprovoked" Japanese violation of American property and personal rights in China, and warnings to Italy to respect rights of American Jewish nationals.

"Continental Basis" The establishment of United States defense on a "continental basis" means that the 21 people who occupy the Western Hemisphere will be regarded as one people. It is a step toward the long-cherished Pan-American Conference in Lima, Peru, as a meeting to discuss the New World against the forces of international terrorism.

There is no excitement, but a steady pressure for speed here as the United States prepares to tie its defense to that of the rest of the continent.

War Department officials talk of basic equipment for a third army of 1,000,000 men and they want it quick—within eight months, some think. That if it is all as fast as possible, it will be a "continental partnership" to be developed for any agreement to date.

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