

# SULTAN FIGHTS OFF POVERTY

SAN REMO, France (AP)—Sultan Mohammed VI, the last ruler and caliph of Turkey, is struggling to maintain himself and his small household at this quiet retreat on borrowed money or on charity funds sent him by relatives and former supporters.

While other former European monarchs and nobles are living in comparative luxury in foreign lands, Mohammed VI must make repeated calls for assistance to save him and his modest retinue from poverty.

The aged Sultan recently was so hard up that he was obliged to dispense with his young son's German nurse. Soon after that he was threatened with eviction if he failed to pay his rent. Things looked black for the once wealthy and influential head of the Moslem world, when his sister saved the situation by pawnning a diamond ring and a rope of pearls.

Secretly had this debt been settled when the Sultan's nephew came to Paris and squandered half the sum realized on his mother's jewels, which was said to be a million francs.

A fresh call probably will be made upon the former monarch's relatives, but many of them are in as great need as the ex-Sultan himself. For example, Prince Ziaeddin, oldest son of the Sultan's predecessor, Mohammed V, is in the last stages of destitution. He and his wife and two daughters are facing eviction for non-payment of rent. Friends have started a subscription in their behalf.

The situation of the other 250 members of the imperial family of Turkey who were driven from Constantinople is even more acute than that of the Sultan. They are scattered in different parts of Europe and live only by the charity of their friends. When they were expelled from Turkey they were allowed to take about \$150. Their property was nationalized and their jewels and property confiscated. These fugitives include 35 princes and princesses of the house of Osman, three sultans, a former grand vizier, many cabinet ministers, two court chamberlains, half a score of editors, many army and navy officers and a number of high government officials.

One of these Turkish noblemen, Djemal Bey, a former minister of the interior, finding it impossible to make a living in Europe, returned to Turkey. He surrendered to the authorities, was sent to Angora, and immediately tried for treason. He was found guilty and was executed. Many like him would like to return to their homeland rather than starve abroad, but know they will suffer the same fate, and so they continue to live in poverty in European cities.

The more energetic and practical of the number are making a living of hard manual labor. One of them, for example, works as a cook in a Turkish restaurant in Paris, a second drives a taxicab, a third peddles German-made "Perman" suits at the Riviera resorts, another sells cheap cotton stockings on the streets, a fourth lawks bananas, another sells chestnuts on the curb, and so on.

**GIRLS AND BOYS MARRIED AS MINORS, OLDER THAN FAMILY**  
LONDON (AP)—There are many 15-year-old English girls married to widowers who have children of their own who sometimes are no younger than their little step-mother. There are boys of 17 wedded to widows with children scarcely less juvenile than their step-father.

This was brought out in a survey made in connection with putting into effect a new act requiring the consent of parents to the marriage of minors. It also was shown there are more than 50,000 husbands and wives in England and Wales under 21, of those 25,000 were boys and girls in their teens.

These minors, it was stated, marry at the rate of one out of every 20 girls between the ages of 15 and 20, and one out of every 40 boys of the same age group.



**He Lost**  
Robert H. Brown, St. Louis auto salesman, lost \$12,000 testing on the points at East St. Louis, Ill. Now he's wired to get the money back, under a four-point Illinois law that enables a loser to sue the man that won from him. He also asks damages for being ejected from the race-track.

## Injured



Miss Madeline Couzens, daughter of Senator James Couzens of Michigan, was severely injured when her horse fell and rolled on her at a country club near Detroit. She is recuperating at her home.

### HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES IN VERA CRUZ STRIKE; APOLOGIZE

VERA CRUZ (AP)—A singularly polite strike has been recorded in this city, where strikes of one kind or another, frequently anything but amiable, are almost incessant.

Hospital employees and attendants walked out when their salaries had not been paid for several months. Formal and elaborate expressions of regret were transmitted to the patients. "We deplore the unfortunate condition in which we must leave you," the strikers said to the patients, "but our own cases are more lamentable. Our salaries in most instances are \$30 or less per month. And when even that salary is not paid, we must, with renewed expressions of infinite regret, proclaim that we cease work."

**RAILS LAID ON NEW LINE**  
EUGENE, Ore.—Rails have been laid between the Kilton creek and Salt creek water-sheds on the Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific, according to word received from the

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scene of construction, and pack building has been abandoned as all supplies are being taken to be camps on "construction trails."

## Washington Happiest When Congress Meets

(By Charles P. Stewart)  
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The rest of the country may feel easier when congress meets in session, monkeying with the tariff, interfering with business and investing things, but Washington is happier when the lawmakers are on the job. Their present vacation is the longest they've taken in a decade—six months—and the capital will be glad when they re-assemble in December.

They brighten up the city. They fill the hotels. They attract visitors. They put money in circulation. They're good for local trade all round. Washington is a metropolis

Capitol Hill. Between times it's an overgrown village. It still has the White House and the departments as attractions, but, all put together, with the supreme court thrown in, they're nothing like the show that congress affords.

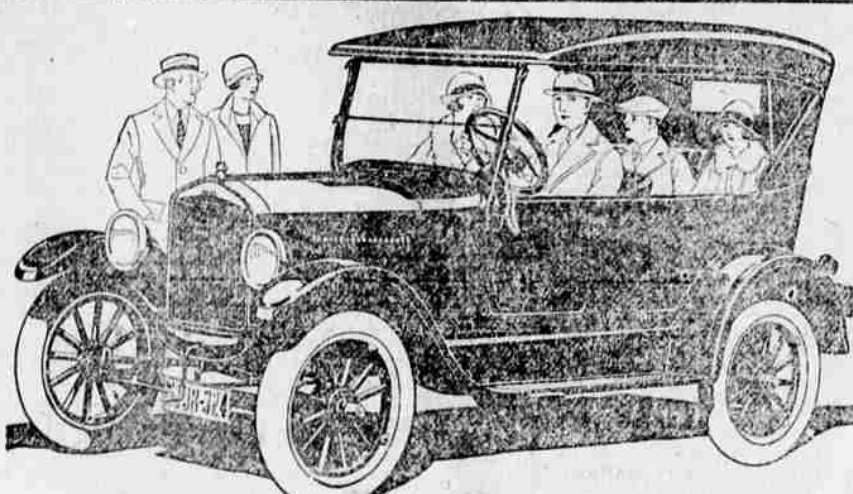
For one thing, the White House tenant and the department heads are all of the same political faith. There's no hair-pulling among them. The minute congress convenes it begins. The rival parties pull one another's hair, the "opposition" party pulls the administration's hair, the administration hollers in pain and anger, and the whole place is full of bustle and actively and pleasant excitement.

Sessions which immediately precede congressional election campaigns, as this next one will be especially apt to be gingery. For each party is trying to get something "on" its rival that will count at the polls the ensuing November. Groups of politicians are beginning to gather here already to think up and talk over issues of this sort for the season of 1925-26.

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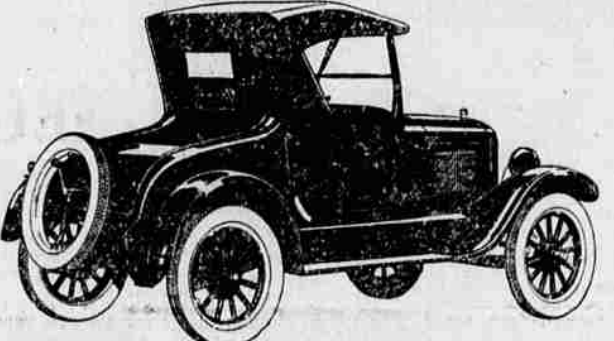
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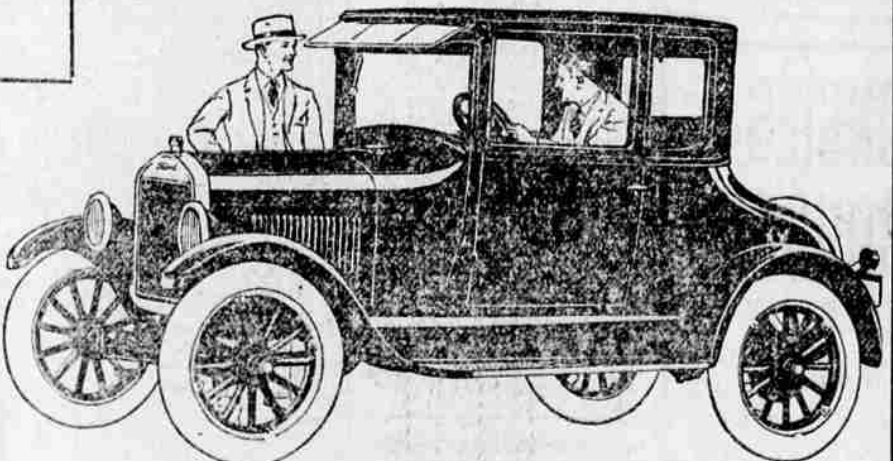
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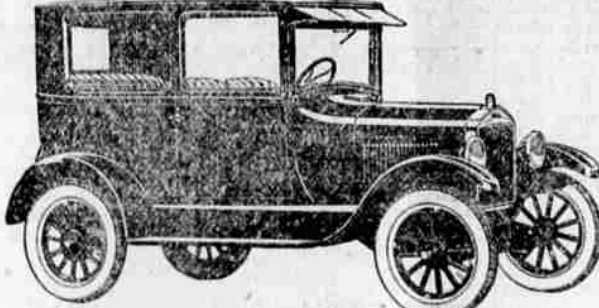
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