

HERBERT HOOVER

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON (AP)—Unkind were the elements on the day Herbert Hoover assumed the presidency—elements perhaps that augured the economic storm he later would have to brave.

Gloomy clouds cast a cold and drizzling rain on the heads of the throng assembled to see him inaugurated. But the gloom wasn't reflected in the new occupant of the White House, for his verdict of the past and his hopes for the future were expressed aptly in one sentence:

"In the large view, we have reached a higher degree of comfort and security than ever existed before in the history of the world."

It remained now, he believed, only to perfect a few weak links to insure a continuance of that post-war prosperity. There were three problems immediately to be solved.

The first was to combat the "widespread disregard and disobedience for law." The second was a limited revision of the tariff, and the third, farm relief legislation.

Special Session Called
The president convened congress in special session. By June 14, a law had been enacted setting up the federal farm board—in the words of Hoover himself, "the most important measure ever passed by congress in aid of a large industry."

A law enforcement commission has been appointed charged by the president with obtaining an "accurate determination of fact... following them with constructive, courageous conclusions..."

With the revision of the tariff, however, difficulty was encountered. In the house a bill was passed on May 28 which changed prevailing rates on some 1000 items and added new ones. In the senate, however, it dragged on for months.

In the midst of this came that memorable day in October, 1929, when the stock market crashed. From then until the conclusion of President Hoover's first year in office the days were marked by steadily diminishing industrial activity.

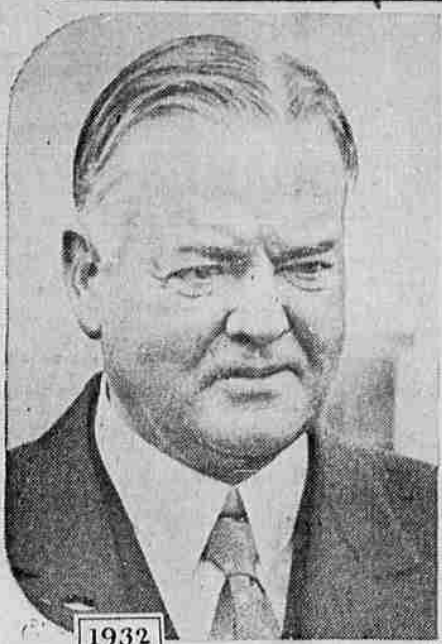
Not only the president, but the nation's leaders in general, refused to believe that prevailing conditions would continue. A few weeks after the crash President Hoover said that the federal reserve "had carried the whole credit system through the crisis without impairment," and that foreign trade expansion and agricultural prices reflected returning confidence.

He accordingly formulated a policy reflecting this attitude and with dramatic swift moves put his program into action. Six weeks after the crash he reported to congress that he had:

"...instituted systematic and voluntary measures of cooperation with business institutions, state and municipal authorities to make certain that the fundamental busi-

Three Problems Faced Him When He Took Office
—Law Enforcement, Tariff Revision, Farm Relief

Since 1928



1932



1928

Almost three and a half years in the White House, most of the time grappling with problems of a magnitude unparalleled in peace times, have left their mark on the features of President Hoover. The Hoover of 1928 is shown at the right, and at the left is the president as he appears today.

ness of the country shall continue as usual. . . . Wages shall not be reduced and efforts will be made to expand construction to assist in equalizing deficits in unemployment."

The president urged an enlarged program of (1) federal construction, (2) railroad expansion, and (3) reduction of taxes by congress as a demonstration of the confidence of the administration.

However, the failure of business recovery as the months went on had its effect on President Hoover's optimistic attitude. On October 2, 1930, before the American Bankers' association at Cleveland, he admitted that the "depression is worldwide. Our country over-specified in securities a year ago with great losses. . . ."

But the president was insistent that events abroad should not deter America's recovery. He therefore set for his administration a rigid study and consideration of domestic problems. There were two notable exceptions. The London naval conference, due largely to the president's initiative, resulted in the fleets of the chief naval powers being brought under treaty control.

And about this time he urged the senate to give favorable consideration to the protocol for American ad-

herence to the World Court. Standing out prominently were his wholehearted advocacy of the expansion of public and private works, approval of waterway development and his championing of the theory that states and municipalities were the proper agencies for unemployment relief.

Tariff Bill Approved
Along with these came his approval of the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill. He organized a drought relief program for the southwest. He summoned a national conference on child health and protection.

He vetoed two veteran relief bills which congress passed over his veto. But all the while the president's major concern was to restore the country to normal times. He had a firm faith that it could be done by the country itself and without the help of the rest of the world.

COVE PERSONALS
By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVE (Special) — Milo Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, is said to be recovering after his auto accident. Riding with Harold John-

son, a wheel broke from the Johnson car and the collision was unavoidable. The car was badly wrecked while the other car was only slightly damaged. Milo was the only one hurt. He was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital where it was feared he had severe injuries but he was brought home Sunday and is reported to be recovering although he still has intervals of unconsciousness.

Mrs. Lou Payne has been seriously ill since Friday. Her son, Ed Payne and wife, of Walla Walla, were summoned and arrived Saturday. Mrs. Payne is still far from well but is improving. Mrs. C. W. Clark is caring for her. Her relatives have returned home.

The Memorial day dinner was well attended and the Cemetery association netted around \$20. Mrs. Fletcher had charge of the dinner and was ably assisted by a dozen women from Cove. It was pronounced a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Gossett, of Portland, came up for Memorial day and visited at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Alice O. Allen.

Mrs. Juliet F. Dougherty and her great-granddaughter Bernetta Munger, will leave Wednesday to visit her granddaughter near Walla Walla. Murie Wenox and Coy Bachus, of Selah, Wash., old friends of the

Fletchers, are paying them a visit. They came Sunday.

Rt. Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Remington, of Pendleton, were in Cove Sunday. The bishop, assisted by Rev. Clarence Kopp, of La Grande, held services in the Episcopal church Sunday evening. Several of the La Grande choir came over and with Mrs. Remington at the organ added much to the beauty of the service. A baptismal service was held when Thomas Richard Conklin, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conklin, received the holy rite. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Helm and Robert, of La Grande, and Miss Vertie Fieser, of Union.

Mrs. T. R. Conklin and Mrs. Oscar Gorham with their children visited Mrs. Don Gale in Union Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Landers and their children were in Cove Monday.

Dempsey And Film Actress At Reno

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 2 (AP) — Lina Basquette, film actress, and "Rosita Gonzales," who is being paid quite a lot of attention these days by Jack Dempsey, are the same person, the actress' mother, Mrs. Ernest Belcher, said today.

Miss Basquette and Dempsey are now in Reno, Mrs. Belcher said. Dispatches from the divorce capital last night revealed Dempsey had introduced the dark-eyed girl with him as "Miss Gonzales."

Mrs. Belcher said her daughter had assumed the name of "Rosita Gonzales."

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