

Complete Walker Questioning

ROOSEVELT'S DIRECT QUIZ AT AN END

Mayor Jimmy Winds Up His Time on Stand With a Wise-Crack

Indications Are That Presidential Nominee Will Bring Hearing to An Early Close.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, Albany, N. Y., Aug. 17 (AP)—Governor Roosevelt's examination of Mayor James J. Walker, of New York City, whose removal from office was demanded, was concluded today at 2:22 p. m. eastern standard time.

Completing his interrogation of the mayor regarding a charge that Dr. William Walker, brother of the mayor, had split fees in compensation cases, Mr. Roosevelt leaned back and said: "I think this concludes the direct examination of the mayor."

Leaning forward and with an inquisitive look on his face, Mr. Walker asked "Did you say direct?"

"Yes," the governor replied, laughing, "Direct."

"Well, if this has been direct examination," Walker remarked amid general laughter, "I hope I'm never cross-examined."

There yet remains the introduction of witnesses by the mayor and also the presentation of witnesses for James T. Finnegan, of Brooklyn, who demanded the mayor's removal.

Mr. Walker, called upon to refute charges that he is unfit to continue as chief executive of America's largest city, has been before Mr. Roosevelt five days.

26 REGISTER FOR AUGUST SWIM CLASS

Twenty-six potential swimming stars have registered for the annual Red Cross swim week, now under way at Crystal Plunge, Edwin Kirby, co-manager of the plunge, stated this morning.

Of the total, there are eight beginners, five advanced, 10 junior lifesavers and three senior lifesavers. Registration will remain open until Thursday noon.

The classes, which will be continued until Sunday, are directed by Benjamin Osterling, Woodrow Damrell and Arthur Steffen. E. C. Stiles, the national Red Cross representative who was scheduled to be in La Grande this week, has not arrived yet to direct the instruction.

Examinations will be given on Sunday under the direction of Miss Louise Kennedy and Nephel Combs, Red Cross examiners.

Swimming classes directed by Mrs. Jack Wright have been discontinued this week but will continue next Monday.

Present Program At E. O. N. Today

An instructive program was ably presented by a group of students in the class in modern history of which Edward G. Daniel is the instructor, at the regular weekly assembly of the Eastern Oregon Normal school this morning.

The range of topics was varied, furnishing a picture of affairs in several international activities.

The Chinese-Japanese situation was discussed by Miss Elizabeth Dale; by Miss Christine McCullough, the League of Nations, by Miss Ada Johnson; and reparations and war debts, by Franklin Eberhard.

The purpose of the assembly was to acquaint the audience with the world situation and stimulate interest in international relations.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Thursday but cloudy in the northwest portion and foggy on the coast; normal temperature; gentle changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—68 above.
Minimum: 57 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 98, minimum 54 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—44 degrees.

WEATHER AUG. 17, 1931
Maximum 93, minimum 61 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 07 of an inch, thunder and lightning. Range—32 degrees.

U. P. Detectives Bringing Moore To La Grande

Officers Accuse Newspapermen of Trying to "Pump" Them—No Information is Given Out.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—Two railroad detectives, as close-lipped as their prisoner, were to leave today for La Grande with Fred Moore, 22, alias Robert King, arrested in Seattle in connection with the slaying two weeks ago at Hillard of E. L. Smith, Union Pacific railroad officer.

Two special officers brought Moore to Portland last night and he was lodged in the city jail. He was arrested in Seattle Monday on suspicion after he had allegedly been linked with a pawn ticket for a watch tentatively identified as Smith's. Police said he had in his possession a .45 caliber pistol of the same type as carried by Smith.

No information available.

No information was available here. The railroad officers, Aarhus and Coggburn, accused newspapermen of trying to "pump" them and they refused to comment except to say that Moore is being taken to La Grande as a murder suspect. Requests for further details were met with a declaration from Coggburn "You can't get any more out of me."

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FARM STRIKE IS MEETING DIFFICULTIES

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Blaze in Idaho Forest Spreads Over 13 1/2 Miles

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 17 (AP)—Airplanes went into action today against an Idaho forest fire raging on a 13 1/2 mile front, as flames drove back 250 smoke-strewn and burned out a camp in the Clearwater forest.

Roaring through thick underbrush northeast of Koozika, in territory of the Clearwater Timber Protective association, the fire destroyed a camp commanded by Forester Hugh Redding and drove fire fighters from the Ferguson camp but did not burn it.

Assistant Fire Superintendent Cockrell of the Bend, Ore. forest made observation flight over the conflagration, then Pilot Lonnie Brunson of the Mamer Air Transport took off from Felta field with five trained fire leaders to direct the work. He expected to land at Grangeville, Ida.

May Close Forests

R. P. Hammett, assistant forester of region one, said "forty five per cent of our fires this season have been man-caused. Major Evan Kelley, regional forester, is thinking seriously about closing forests to all except those holding permits unless the man-caused fires are greatly reduced."

Blistering heat over the fire hazard region contributed to advance of the flames. Temperature late yesterday was Spokane 96, Coeur d'Alene, Ida. 101; Northport and Chewelah, Wash. 98.

Merchants Will Meet With Labor Exchange Heads

To further the activities of the Union County Labor Exchange a meeting of the merchants, business and professional men has been called for Thursday evening at 7:30, at the Sacajawea Inn, by the board of directors, at which Harry McKinlay will describe the plan and enlist their co-operation. The exchange, according to L. H. Bramwell, manager, is an institution working under the supervision of a committee appointed by the governor's relief committee, to assist in relieving unemployment now and during the coming seasons.

The farmers and the unemployed have assured their co-operation with the program and the exchange has been in operation for about two weeks. It has relieved the present distress of about 40 families whose entire efforts this summer so far have been tied up in unsold wood. A market has been located for about

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Tuesday Second Warmest of Year

Tuesday goes on the weather records in La Grande as the second warmest day of the year, with a maximum of 98 above experienced. The warmest day of the year occurred in July, when the temperature warmed up to 99 above.

Another scorcher was experienced today, with the mercury climbing rapidly this morning from a low of 57 above. At 7 a. m. the reading showed 68 above.

Forger En Route To Prison Today

Frank Staples, who pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery and was sentenced to a maximum term of six months in the state penitentiary by Judge J. W. Knowles in the circuit court, was taken to Salem this week by Sheriff Jesse Breshears. Staples acknowledged passing bad checks.

Sheriff Breshears expects to return later in the week.

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FARMERS KEEP UP HIGHWAY BLOCKADE

One Arrest Made When Fred Blankenburg Taken Into Custody—No Charge Filed.

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Gold Exports

Gold exports in July totaled \$23,474,000; imports \$16,334,000, showing an export excess of \$7,140,000. In 1931 July exports of gold were \$1,099,000, and imports totaled \$80,513,000, imports exceeding exports by \$19,503,000.

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R. F. C. LOANS TO BE MADE PUBLIC

Clerk of the House Sees No Alternative—First Report Due This Week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Contrary to the expectation of President Hoover, the clerk of the house intends to make public the details of loans made by the Reconstruction Corporation since July 21.

The corporation's first report on the loans is due to be submitted to congress this week. South Trimble, house clerk, has written an eight-page brief giving his reasons for interpreting the relief law as making publicity mandatory.

Trimble feels, as do Speaker Garner and Representative Rainey, Democratic leader, that he has no choice. He disagrees that further congressional action is necessary.

The publicity provision got the relief bill into a snarl that threatened to prevent adjournment. At the insistence of Garner and Rainey, the measure included instructions that monthly reports of loans should be transmitted to the clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate.

President Hoover asked leaders of both parties that the publicity phase be omitted. A statement explained the president favored " fullest publicity to all government activities" but that the then directors of the relief corporation "advised the president of the danger that would result to the credit structure if this (publicity provision) were insisted upon."

"The responsibility in the last analysis for whatever might happen must necessarily rest upon congress," the statement said.

Garner renewed his fight for the provision. Rainey said it "must be included or there will be no relief."

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W. J. DONOVAN IS CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 17 (AP)—Col. William J. Donovan, 40, of Buffalo, N. Y., in the World War, was ready today for another kind of campaign. He is seeking the Republican nomination for governor.

He tossed his hat into the ring last night with a formal statement in which he said leaders among his supporters "have informed me that they have found a definite sentiment for my nomination and genuine support for my candidacy."

Donovan, who commanded the old "Fighting 69th" in the war, won the congressional medal of honor, the distinguished cross and other decorations.

Jobless Party In Convention Today

CREVE COEUR, SPOKANE, ST. LOUIS, Aug. 17 (AP)—The national convention of the jobless party, under leadership of Rev. James R. Cox, Pittsburgh priest, opened here today with a parade of 500 "blue shirts" around the race track at the site of the meeting.

As Father Cox stood in the grandstand, his right arm raised in salute, the blue-clad army of the jobless passed in review, led by a band consisting of an accordion, a mandolin and a guitar.

Identity Of Body In Doubt

A pioneer organization which has taken part in every state convention since the inception of the musical contests eight years ago, the drum and bugle corps of the La Grande branch of the American Legion has been practicing one a week throughout the past year to maintain its reputation of excellence and to train for the national convention in Portland on Sept. 12, 13, 14 and 15. The state and national contests will be held simultaneously during the latter convention.

Keen competition characterizes the contest, it is stated, since a large

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B. E. F. Promises To Clear Up All Of 'Propaganda'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The B. E. F. promised today to say something "clearing up all this propaganda" and mentioning the indictments against three veterans for their parts in rioting on July 28.

Aides at headquarters here said a statement was being prepared discussing the indictments, accusations that communists were responsible for the riot and the charge by Representative Johnson (R., S. D.) that arms and ammunition had been found buried at one of the bonus marchers' camps.

Trial of the three veterans probably will be held in October. All were accused of felonious assault upon policemen. Bernard McCoy, 36, Chicago bricklayer, faced an additional charge of assault with intent to kill.

Government records showed men with names like those indicted served during the World War. McCoy was shown as in the navy from May, 1916, to October, 1919. John O. Olson, 44, nicknamed "Nihil" carpenter, was listed as the recipient of a distinguished service medal for "extraordinary heroism in action near Bois De Fontaine, France, May 11, 1918."

Broadus Faulkner, 32, Kentucky negro, records said, served overseas from March 29, 1918, until July 18, 1919.

All three were honorably discharged.

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Witnesses said Thompson rode his horse right through the door of the improvised church made from a barn, trotted through the aisles and dashed away. The church was adjourned immediately and a posse caught Thompson a short distance away.

Piccard Planning Stratosphere Trip

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 17 (AP)—Auguste Piccard, stratosphere acrobat, said today he planned to take off tomorrow in his balloon for a second exploration of the upper regions providing the weather, which today was favorable, remained so.

Preparations for the take-off, which has been postponed several times because weather conditions were not exactly right, were begun again this morning.

Enterprise Man Killed Tuesday At Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—A man believed to be Fred Steel, sheep herder of Enterprise, was found dead in a patch of weeds near the Pendleton gun club today. The top of his head had been blown away by a shot. A high powered rifle was clamped in his hands.

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NORTH MANCHURIA FLOODS KILL 910

Seattle Woman Killed in Auto Wreck Near Medford; Four Fliers Burned at Kazouba.

ENID, Okla., Aug. 17 (AP)—Two women were drowned and half a dozen persons were reported missing today in flood waters at Enid and Cherokee.

Damage to property and livestock loss in the northwestern part of the state was estimated unofficially at approximately \$1,000,000.

Maggie McFarland, 47, of Marshall, was swept to her death near Enid, following a 10.76 inch rain. Two men who tried to rescue her clinging to tree tops for hours before they were saved. An elderly couple living in a low section of Enid was unaccounted for.

At Cherokee, where all but three square blocks were inundated overnight by 3 1/2 feet of water, Mrs. Sam Cellan, an elderly woman, was drowned when she and her husband fled from their home in their nightclothes.

Four others were believed missing at Cherokee.

910 DEAD IN MANCHURIA

HARBIN, Manchuria, Aug. 17 (AP)—A total of 910 lives were reported lost in floods in various sections of North Manchuria today.

At the same time cholera was reported.

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Betty To Return

GLASGOW, Scotland, Aug. 17 (AP)—Members of the family of Betty Gow, who was the constant of Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr., when he was kidnapped several months ago, said today she would return to the United States in October to act as nurse of the new Lindbergh baby.

Miss Gow, who came here recently to spend a holiday at her home, was touring England today, her family said.

"DUD" RANKIN IS REPORTED AS IMPROVING

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 17 (AP)—The condition of Dudley Rankin, La Grande aviator, continues to improve today, although physicians have not yet ascertained the extent of injuries inflicted Monday when his plane fell off supports at the airport here and pinned him beneath.

Tex Rankin of Portland, Dudley's brother, said he probably will return home late today to continue arrangements for a proposed endurance refueling flight over Portland, but will withhold definite plans for this and for attending the national air races until Dudley's condition improves.

PARALYSIS DISAPPEARING

The paralysis around Mr. Rankin's hip was disappearing late yesterday and the injured man's blood pressure was nearer normal. It was the twelfth dorsal vertebrae that was fractured in Monday's accident, one physician reported, adding that he is in a cast.

27 Convicts, Freed In Storm, At Large

HUNTSVILLE, TEX., Aug. 17 (AP)—Twenty-seven convicts, freed from Ramsey state prison, number 3 during the height of the storm Saturday night, had not returned today. Prison system manager Lee Simmons said he "hadn't even given them a thought."

He explained that seven of the prison farms were hard hit by the tropical hurricane, which struck Southeastern Texas Saturday night.

"We are devoting our entire time to the rehabilitation of these farms," he said.

A total of 85 convicts in a building of camp number 3 were released, but eight returned.

Italy To Retire 50 Ships

FARM STRIKER



Miles Reno, above, of Des Moines, Ia., is president of the National Farmers' Holiday Association, which urges farmers to go on strike to raise the price of their produce. The strike started in Iowa late last week and since then is reported to be spreading to nearby states.

LINDBERGH ASKS FOR SECLUSION

Family Left Alone After Birth of Son—May Be Named Dwight

ENGLEWOOD, N. J., Aug. 17 (AP)—In an atmosphere of quiet and peace, the new son of Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh began his second day of life today.

In deference to the wishes of Col. Lindbergh, who said in a statement last night he desired as little public attention as possible centered on the baby born yesterday, the family was left in seclusion. No crowds assembled at the gate of the home of Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, Mrs. Dwight Morrow, where the child was born.

Friends seemed agreed the baby probably would be named after his famous grandfather, the late Senator Augustus Lindbergh Jr., when he was forthcoming, but the health of mother and child was believed to be good.

There was no official confirmation of a report that the Lindberghs planned to move soon to the mansion on Sourland mountain from which their first child, the late Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., was kidnapped.

In his statement last night Lindbergh said that he and his wife "feel that our children have a right to grow up normally with other children."

"Continued publicity," he said, "will make this impossible."

Hafenfeld Escapes Bridge Collapse

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—The bridge over Mary's river at the Corvallis city limits collapsed last night, carrying down with it Berni Hafenfeld, assistant graduate manager at Oregon State college, and tying up traffic on the West Side Pacific highway.

Hafenfeld, driving over the bridge in his car when the structure fell into the river, was rescued by firemen and rushed to a hospital here where his condition was reported not serious.

A truck loaded with six tons of groceries had all but crossed the bridge when it collapsed, but was thrown partly into the river and had to be towed out. The bridge was a 100-foot steel span.

Will Close Nine Station Agencies

SALEM, Aug. 17 (AP)—Nine more station agencies will be closed by the Southern Pacific during the next two months, the railroad firm notified the public utilities commission today. Lack of business sufficient to retain these agencies were given as the reasons.

The agencies to be closed on Aug. 31 are Monmouth, La Grange, Dayton, Yoncalla, Brownsville, West Slo and Philomath. On Sept. 15 the station at Sutherlin will be closed and on Sept. 30 the one at Halsey will close.

Police Seek Two Escaped Robbers

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (AP)—State and city police today were searching for a wounded man and his companion who escaped from a garage at Scappoose after the owner found them robbing the place. The robbers beat the garage man's wife but she fired a shot at them and told police one of the men was struck by the charge of buckshot. They escaped in an automobile.

The shooting occurred at 3 a. m. The garage owner heard two men in the building, and locked the doors, leaving his wife to watch the place while he summoned aid. The men broke out, attacked the woman and fled.

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Brazil Sending Force of 4000 To Battle Zone

Additional Troops to Combat Rebels in Sao Paulo—Bolivian-Paraguayan Fight Continues.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug. 17 (AP)—The government reinforced federal troops operating against the rebels in Sao Paulo today by sending 4000 men into the Cruzeiro-Mantiqueira sector, announcing that with this new strength progress would be faster.

Today's newspapers said President Getulio Vargas had selected the reinforcements of an unidentified rebel emissary, insisting the rebels lay down their arms before peace parleys begin.

The blockade of the part of Sao Paulo has made serious inroads on coffee stocks in the United States, it was reported. The director of the Minas Gerais coffee institute said today that stocks available outside Sao Paulo would amount to supply the world for seven months.

Communications between the rice region of Sao Paulo state and the coast were severed today, a dispatch from federal forces on the southern rebel front said, following the capture of the town of Xiririca in the capital today after three days of rest and fishing on the Chesapeake bay.

The commerce department inspection boat Sequoia with the presidential party aboard, was moving toward Annapolis early this morning. There, the president was to embark for a motor trip to the White House.

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Simultaneously with the Retirement Schedule Comes a Reorganization of the Fleet.

The battleships are the Andrea Doria, 22,700 tons, and her sister ship, the Duilio. These were rushed to completion in 1915 when Italy entered the World War.

The heavy cruisers include the San Marco, San Giorgio and the Pia, averaging 10,000 tons. They are more than 20 years old.

Among the light cruisers are four old German cruisers and one which formerly was in the Austrian navy.

The navy department believes an extensive retiring program will save millions of dollars monthly. The crews of retired vessels will be transferred to new cruisers gradually entering the service.

Simultaneously with the retirement schedule comes a reorganization of the fleet. This involves creation of two squadrons. The first will consist of seven 10,000-ton cruisers, more than three years old, with headquarters at Spezia. The second squadron is of six 5,000-ton cruisers, more than two years old, some of

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STEAMER HITS ROCK IN OHIO; NO ONE LOST

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 17 (AP)—An investigation by the United States inspector of steam vessels was under way today following a near-disaster last night when the excursion steamer City of Memphis struck a rock and almost sank in the Ohio river here.

A crowd of 748 excursionists from New Albany, Ind., and the steamer's crew of 33, were landed safely as the crippled craft lipped to the Kentucky shore, her hull torn open and her stern half submerged.

Only the prompt action of the ship's officers averted a panic among the passengers. Capt. J. E. Gloucester said. As the steamer smashed her hull against a rock near a dam, the officers ordered the orchestra to keep playing and the callopo broke forth with a lively tune. The passengers, most of whom were playing cards or dancing at the time, were told there was no danger so long as they followed orders.

Removing Bodies From Death Ship

KIEL, Germany, Aug. 17 (AP)—The hull of the naval training ship Niobe was dragged back to port today with the bodies of 65 cadets who perished when the ship foundered off the coast 22 days ago. Divers hoped to reach the bodies and bring them ashore late today.

Parents of the lost youths have been gathering for two days, but they were forced to view the operations from the shores of Helgoland bay, for the public was barred until the bodies had been recovered and identified, and the death list checked.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (AP)—Wheat fell late today to the lowest prices in a fortnight.

Step loss selling of wheat accompanied the tumble. Stock market setbacks were an unsettling influence, together with indications that North America's estimated exportable surplus was in excess of the world's probable takings.

All deliveries of oats dropped to a new low for the season.

Wheat closed nervous, 3/4¢ to 1/2¢ under yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 3/4¢ lower, oats, 3/4¢ off, and provisions at 5 to 10 cents decline.

American Wins Contract

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (AP)—H. O. Hamilton, New York architect, left today for the United States to continue work on his plans for the palace of the Soviets, after having designed almost \$100,000,000 worth of construction for the soviet government.

The New Yorker has been here for three months at the invitation of the government, after winning first prize in a worldwide competition for the best design for the soviet palace.