

BRITISH AFRAID OF AIR ATTACK

Invasion From Continent
Possible With Modern
Methods Claim

LONDON, Aug. 18. (AP)—The capital of the British Empire is absolutely at the mercy of an air attack launched from the continent, army experts now believe. That much, it is claimed, has been learned definitely from the annual maneuvers of the royal air force which ended this morning. In those maneuvers "enemy" bombers made 57 daylight raids on London, in nine of which they completely evaded the defense and dropped theoretical messengers of supposed death and destruction. Brig. General Groves, former director of flying operations and now secretary of the air league said:

Defense Inadequate
"London is too big to be adequately defended from an air attack. In a short time its vital points would be in ruins and all other sections of the city would be rendered uninhabitable because of gas."

One of the facts of the maneuver which the experts considered significant is that theoretically 50 tons of bombs loaded with gas and high explosives were dropped on London within one week. This equals the bombs dropped on all of England by the Germans in the entire period of the war.

Civilians Would Suffer

General Groves is certain that if war breaks out between England and a continental power, the civilian population will suffer most of all. "High explosives and gas bombs will be used freely in the next attack," he said. "It will be the aim of each side to terrorize the civilian population of the other. London is peculiarly vulnerable to an air attack." It was pointed out that a fleet of enemy bombers could be over London 15 to 20 minutes after crossing the English coast.

Damage Pictured
A further point was that if the attacking planes were caught and destroyed while they were over London, the enemy cargoes still could fall on the city and terrible damage would result.

Some of the London newspapers are frankly disturbed at the result of the tests. They quote French newspapers as being surprised at "official British candor in making this confession of defenselessness."

These papers point out that France loses the air in air strength and that including reserves she has more military planes than all other powers put together. They say, too, that Germany dominates commercial aviation, which would be the source of many bombing airplanes in case of war.

German Firm Eyed
Notice is also taken in these critical columns of the wide extent of the commercial services operated by the German concern "Lufthansa." That concern owns 140 airplanes and operates several score passenger freight services which link up the whole of central Europe from the Baltic to the Mediterranean.

The newspapers contrast this with the English commercial aviation equipment, saying that it is limited to 20 commercial air lines operating over only half a dozen routes.

The only solace which the British newspaper critics find comes from a new royal air force eater machine. This is credited with doing 190 miles an hour, which is much faster than the pedestrian single seater of a year ago.

TRIP TO HAWAIIAN ISLANDS PLANNED

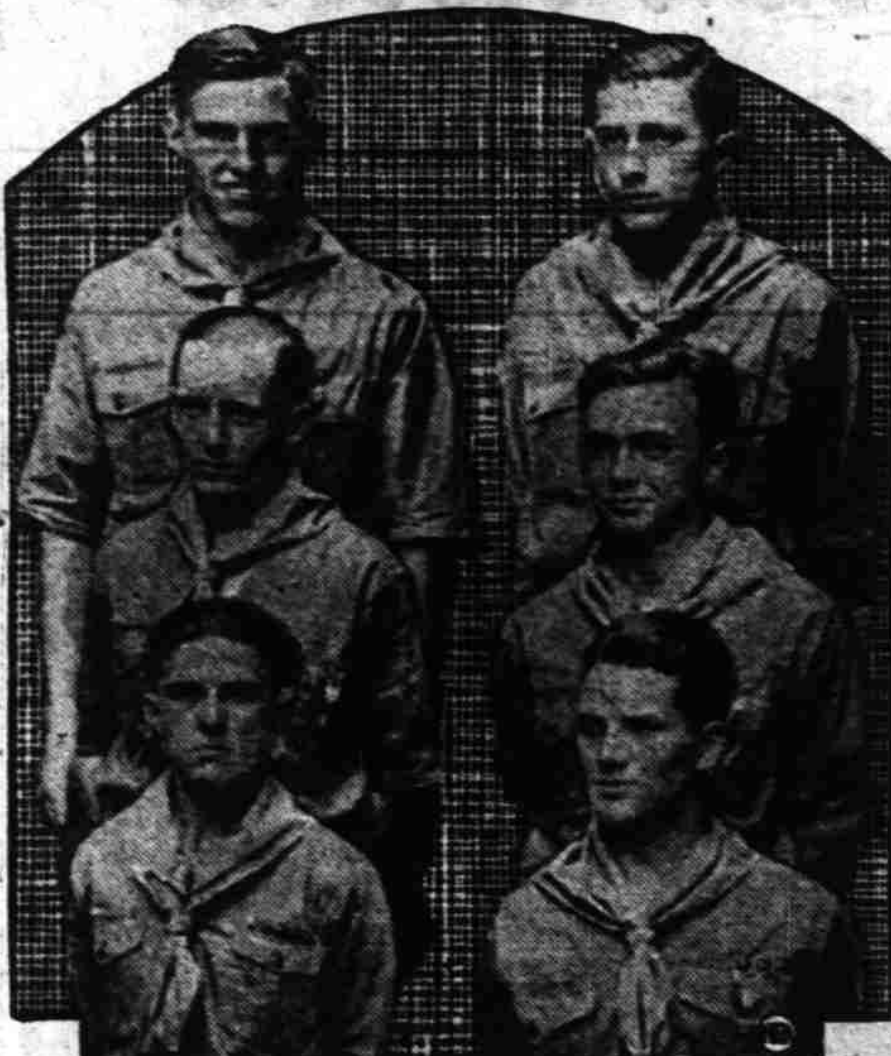
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number will come from Salem. America—and particularly this section—did a \$6,000,000 commerce with the Hawaiian Islands last year, he declared, and Oregon ought to build up this lucrative trade in the immediate future.

There are many industries in the immediate territory of which Salem is the center which ought to take advantage of the chance offered to broaden the scope of their business by taking advantage of the possibilities offered by the commerce with the islands, he continued.

Full information regarding the trip can be had either at the Salem Chamber of Commerce or from the Portland chamber. Those who wish to go ought, however, to make their reservations as soon as possible, it was pointed out.

FARM LEADER NOW
AWAITS AL'S STAND

Candidates for Byrd's Party



Which of these six Boy Scouts would you select to accompany Commander Richard E. Byrd's expedition to the south pole? It would seem to be a difficult choice, for the Scouts were selected from the entire national organization for their physical and mental fitness for the polar adventure. They were sent to New York, where to Commander Byrd himself went the final selection of the lucky boy. Top to bottom, in the row at the left: Clark Siple, 19, Erie, Pa.; Jack Hirschman, 18, Minneapolis, Minn.; Clark Sparlock, 17, Eugene, Ore.; Right row: Donald H. Cooper, 17, Tacoma, Wash.; Alden Small, 19, Washington, D. C.; Sumner Davis, 17, Birmingham, Ala.

Weedy Vacant Lots Here Theme For Writer's Pen

THE late, beloved Mark Twain, whose real name nearly everyone knows was Samuel Clemens, once earned the displeasure of the fellow townsmen by failing to cut the weeds in his yard. Despite official notices from the authorities, the weeds continued to flourish.

"I like weeds," the famous author explained in response to queries as to why he did not harvest the objectionable crop. "Any Salem resident, walking or driving along a street in the residence part of the city and particularly along any one of the streets on which the highways are routed, with just a reasonable amount of observation would conclude that Salem is blessed with any number of Mark Twains, or persons who harbor the same unusual prejudices."

Weed Crop Flourishes
There are weeds in the vacant lots, weeds in the parking strips, weeds where lawns should be; weeds in backyards and alleys.

Along North Capitol street to the fairgrounds there is not a single block in which the parking strips are free of weeds, and every block or so the traveler encounters an extensive wilderness of tall, of-fensive looking nondescript plants, which grow in dry season looking very sorry.

An unenviable impression of Salem and its civic pride must be conveyed to tourists, and will be a little later to the hosts of state fair visitors who will flock to the city, at sight of these noxious plants, growing it appears almost unchecked along these main traveled ways.

Yet closer observation largely absolves Salem's actual residents of the blame. Wherever there is a house that appears to be tenanted, a business building, a school or other structure under public control, the grounds are well kept and there is almost entire absence of weeds.

Vacant Lots Eyesore
But the vacant lots, the yards around vacant houses—that is where weeds grow unchecked. Civic pride apparently does not rise to the point at which householders will venture beyond their own property lines to attack the weeds upon the fair name of "the most beautiful city in the northwest."

Street Commissioner Walter Lowe does his best to remedy this unsightly condition. His department sends out innumerable notices and appeals, and extreme cases Mr. Lowe himself or one of his men just goes and cuts the weeds.

But Salem is a large city and the weed patches are many. The streets department has other duties, supervising the paving work alone is just about a full time job for the commissioner, and he cannot put in another full day at weed cutting after his regular duties are attended to.

Property Owners' Duty
Cutting the weeds is primarily the property owner's duty, and the city is ill equipped with ordinances to require him to do so. If the streets department finds it necessary to do the work itself, it may file a lien upon the property, but it is tremendously difficult to collect, especially from non-residents who are the major offenders.

Plans have been discussed for enacting, within the next few months, an ordinance that will handle this situation more effectively, and a movement also has been suggested for forming community clubs which, among other improvement projects, will make it their business to see that all weeds within their area are destroyed.

All this bodes ill for the poor abused weed; yet weeds have their friends, and in ages past their friends have been powerful indeed. Mark Twain was not their only champion.

Weed In Literature
No less a personage than the great William Shakespeare gave the lowly weed its just consideration in the scheme of things. In one of his sonnets appear the following lines:

"But if that flower with base infection meet, the basest weed
outrives his dignity." And Richard III in the second act, "Small herbs have grace, great weeds do grow
apace."

Weeds may even be sources of pleasure, some of the other poets have pointed out. Witness Keats: "The grasshopper . . . when tired
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Bourbon Campaigner "In-
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Aug. 18. (AP)—The personal habits of the two presidential nominees as regards the use of liquor were discussed today at the closing session of the University of Virginia's institute of public affairs during debate that followed an address by Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, former governor of Wyoming and vice chairman of the democratic national committee. Mrs. Ross defended the prohibition stand of the democratic party and of Governor Alfred Smith, its standard-bearer.

Mrs. Ross was subjected to a fire of questions by the institute delegates about the democratic nominee. She declared that she was a "dry" and "never drank."

Gives Own View
"A large proportion of the opposition to Governor Smith is based on hearsay evidence and a lack of understanding of the man and his purposes," she said. "I am convinced that Governor Smith is not a man who indulges in intoxicants to any extent. Indeed I am inclined to think he indulges hardly at all."

Mrs. Ross added that she had "no reason to think that Mr. Hoover indulges to excess, neither do I believe he is a total abstainer. His friends in New York make out that he is not dry. In the south and west he is painted as a paragon of all prohibitionist desires."

HASSELL PLANE ON WAY TO GREENLAND

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were held here two days by rain after a nonstop flight Thursday from Rockford. Today with dawn came clear and cool weather, and the Toronto weather bureau forecast favorable weather and practically all the way for the second leg of their flight to Stockholm.

Radio Only Message
No word, except possibly a radio message from the plane itself, will be heard from Hassell and Cramer until their landing in Greenland. Their route lies over a northern wilderness, inhabited by a few trappers and fishermen.

Cowper Qualified
At Greenland, they will rest and prepare for their next hop to Iceland. From there the next jump will be to Stockholm.

The Stinson-Detroit monoplane was in excellent shape. During the two days, enforced stay here Hassell and Cramer checked the plane and motor from wing tip and from tail to propeller. On the flight here it functioned perfectly.

A true snob is a rich guy who won't speak without an introduction when he's parked in a cell with you.

"Whenever, from the carefree beauty of the fields about us, adventuring wild flowers seek admittance to the particular bit of land we call our own, we welcome the strays with wide open gate. The necessity for weeding assures a certain tillage which might otherwise be neglected, and the weeds, uprooted before they go to seed and cast upon the humus pile, are changed from noxious plants to excellent fertilizer for their more fortunate comrades. Mother Nature, though clean, is not neat. . . . Our garden is our playground, and the weeds are good playfellows."

After all this has been said in defense of weeds, which beyond question have their place in the universal scheme of things, it must still be concluded that their place does not extend to Salem's front yard in mid-August, when drying seed tops give promise of another flourishing season.

ONE DEAD AND TWO HURT IN ROBBERY

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wounded, swung his monkey wrench at the man's head and he crumpled in the road. The other two occupants of the stolen car fled into the bush.

Has Part of Loot
Brought to the jail here the prisoner gave his name as John Burrows and said he was a carpenter and had been given a lift by two men whom he didn't know. He did not explain his possession of \$1,725 in currency, believed to be part of the mail car loot.

A preliminary check on the mail car revealed that the bandits had left the car without taking any mail sacks and that in their hurry they missed most of the sacks which contained large money shipments.

Many registered letters were rifled and postal authorities said it would be several days before an accurate estimate of the loss could be made.

O'Day Asks More Specific Details

A motion to make parts of the complaint more definite and certain was filed in circuit court yesterday in behalf of Jack O'Day in the suit brought against him by the defunct Salem World. The complaint alleges that O'Day has \$10,000 of the World's money, and O'Day requested an explanation as to where the plaintiff believed he got the money, who gave it to him, and for what purpose.

Confident Of California Hoover Turns Attention Toward Mid-West Areas

By W. B. RAGSDALE
Associated Press Staff Writer
GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Aug. 18. (AP)—Confident of the result of his home state of California after a month's stay there, Herbert Hoover today invaded Arizona where he discussed with party leaders plans for driving that state's electoral vote into the republican column in November for the third successive time.

Party leaders who joined him at Williams and accompanied him here for extended conferences, told the republican presidential candidate that his declaration at Los Angeles yesterday concerning the development of the great irrigation, flood control, and hydro-electric project at Boulder canyon, had proved "a ten strike" in his border state.

Arizonaans Pleased
They said Arizonaans were well pleased by his expression that California should "meet in every reasonable way the needs and wishes" of the other states in the Colorado river basin in the final formulation of legislation.

The issue over Boulder canyon has been every whit as acute in this state as it has been in California.

Hoover was told that the success of the democrats in retaining control of the state government over a long period of years could be attributed to the fight their leaders had made to secure for the state its share both of the waters of the Colorado and of the revenue which would accrue from the operation of a hydro-electric plant on the river. They made it clear that the people of Arizona felt that the future development of the state hinged upon its retention of what it considers its rights in the stream.

Conferences Held
While members of his party were viewing the sights of the grand canyon, Hoover spent the afternoon at a hotel in close conference with republican leaders in Arizona, receiving from them reports of the political situation in the state and going over with them plans for the forthcoming campaign.

Among those who joined him at Williams were H. S. Corbett, state republican national committee man; John Udell, John C. Phillips and C. M. Stoddard, candidates for the republican gubernatorial nomination, and Allen S. Ware, W. W. Pickrell, John L. Gus, Fred Breen, C. C. Lewis and Frank Stewart.

Leaving Grand Canyon shortly after midnight tonight, the republican candidate will journey back to Williams before turning again northeastward to continue his trip to West Branch, Iowa, where his second pronouncement of the campaign will be made Tuesday night to the citizens of his birthplace.

One other stop will be made in Arizona at Winslow, before he passes into New Mexico.

Others to Join Party
In New Mexico, Senator Bronson Cutting and other republican leaders will join him early tomorrow, having their special car attached to his train for the ride across the state, which will take up all of Sunday. While four

stops are planned, at Gallup, Albuquerque, Las Vegas and Raton, the candidate will make no political speeches.

New Mexico also has a deep interest in the Boulder Canyon development, and is one of the seven state parties to the pact which Hoover helped to negotiate in the conference held several years ago.

At this conference a division of waters of the river between the upper and lower basin states was worked out. While that between Arizona and California, which has proved the stumbling block to national legislation was left to negotiation.

Organization Talked
The Boulder canyon situation will come in for some consideration, but the conversational between the nominee and the party leaders are expected to deal largely with matters of organization and strategy in the coming campaign.

After leaving his home state last night, Hoover put the final touches on the four thousand-word speech he will deliver at his birthplace next Tuesday night. With this off his hands his mind was free for the consideration of the political problems involved in the four states through which his train will pass before he reached West Branch.

By PAUL F. HAUPERT
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ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 18. (AP)—In the quiet surroundings of the cool, rambling executive mansion, Governor Smith sought rest today to prime himself physically over the week-end for the biggest event of his career—the official notification Wednesday evening of his nomination for the presidency—and for the far-flung stumping campaign he probably will undertake within a fortnight.

Political conferences which during the week brought to Albany four democratic leaders—Senators Walsh, of Montana; Glass of Virginia and George of Georgia, and Josephus Daniels—were, for the moment, at an end. The nominee's speech of acceptance was in shape for delivery. Only the necessity of making some revisions in his reply to William Allen White's attack on his legislative record kept the governor himself over completely to rest and recreation.

Dinner Sole Engagement
The governor's only engagement for the weekend was a dinner for him tonight by newspapermen who have been assigned to cover his campaign. He expected no callers, and was determined to soft pedal politics as much as possible until the arrival here early next week of various party leaders for the notification ceremonies.

The present prospect is that Governor Smith's running mate, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, with his wife, will be house guests at the executive mansion over the notification period. Senator Pittman of Nevada, who will notify the governor of his nomination, and Mrs. Pittman also will be there.

Hundreds of the Governor's old friends and political advisers are expected here from New York, special trains and boats on the Hudson having been arranged to handle the crowd. Those in charge of arrangements for the ceremony are expecting 100,000 persons to be within sight of the governor as he outlines his views on campaign issues from the east steps of the state capitol. A chain of nearly 100 radio stations has been arranged for the broadcasting of the event.

As he delivers his acceptance speech, Governor Smith will stand on a platform at the first landing of the towering steps. Below and immediately in front of him will be close to 300 newspapermen, and straight ahead, on a platform built around the equestrian statue of General "Philly" Sheridan, who was born in Albany, will be a small battalion of photographers and movie men.

Many In Limelight
To the right and left of the nominee will be seats for members of the democratic national committee and mounting on the steps behind will be seats for friends of the governor and other distinguished guests.

Thursday, the day after the notification, Governor Smith plans to go to New York for an overnight stay, before going to Sea Girt, on the New Jersey coast to attend a political rally Saturday and review national guard troops. The middle of the following week will find him in Syracuse for his annual visit to the New York state fair at which he plans to deliver a non-political speech.

Beyond that engagement the nominee's plans have not been disclosed. It is expected that he will seek a vacation over Labor Day, and launch his speech making campaign shortly thereafter. The scope of his stumping for the presidency has not been determined.

West Virginia
Mountain Feud
Is Fatal to One

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Aug. 18. (AP)—A 55-year-old father, his two sons and daughter, were in the Mingo county jail today on charges of murder in connection with the slaying of Albert McKinney, 24, husband of the daughter. McKinney was shot to death in his mountain home in an isolated section of Mingo county, near Gullet.

State police said they learned that enmity existed between McKinney and his wife's family since their marriage four months ago because he was not one of the mountain folk.

Those held denied any knowledge of the shooting.

Texas Preacher
Challenges Al
To Joint Debate

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 18. (AP)—Rev. Frank J. Norris, Texas fundamentalist leader, today issued an invitation to Governor Alfred E. Smith asking the democratic presidential nominee to discuss religious issues from the pulpit of his church in Fort Worth.

The letter which Rev. Mr. Norris wrote Governor Smith stated that if the New York executive found it impossible to come to this state, Norris would debate the standard bearer either in New York or Albany.

Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, vice-presidential nominee, also was tendered the use of the church auditorium.

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