

## Today

An American Record. The Biggest News. Lady Astor Has Fun. Honor to the Mikado.

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George Haldeeman and Eddie Stinson, Americans, on Friday broke the world's endurance record in the air, flying without stopping, fifty-three and one-half hours.

The French government offers a pullon franes to any French flier that will win back some flying records formerly held by French fliers.

A little encouragement from our government would make it impossible for any nation to compete with American flying.

The first flying machine was made here. Lindbergh was born here. We have the money and engineers. This ought to be the flying nation.

This comes from Italy: "Major de Bernardi has established a new world's air record, 3183.4 miles an hour."

Will some naval gentlemen that call flying machines "only auxiliary," be good enough to tell what chance slow moving ships on the surface would have against a flock of airplanes with that speed?

The biggest news of the day is Mussolini's open attack on the Pope and the Catholic church. He issues an order that "All organizations of Italian youth must be under fascist direction." In thirty days all religious or other non-fascist organizations for enrolling the young must disband.

London says, "The Italian king assert himself in defense of the Italian constitution or abdicate." Mussolini would take his job.

Great Britain probably will allow women to vote at 21, as men do. Our intelligent contribution to the House of Commons, Lady Astor, of Virginia, amused herself while "votes for flappers" was discussed.

"She pointed out that the 'flappiest flapper' has an intellect above the average 'cake eater,' and referred to the opposition as 'albatrosses tied around our necks.' She should come back and work in our own home Congress for a little while.

The new law will add 5,000,000 enfranchisements to 5,000,000 more women. Then 14,250,000 women will vote against 12,250,000 men. That ought to help Britain.

Oh this great mountain called Nashan, in Manchuria, far up where air is pure and clear, Japan, as a monument to the new emperor, will build the greatest astronomical observatory in Asia.

That observatory, with a 60-inch reflector and 30-inch refractory telescope, will be a much nobler monument than any rearing horse of bronze.

Harvard will make educational moving pictures, appropriating the funds for a "university film foundation," letting schools and colleges use the films. Harvard hopes to make the enterprise self-supporting. Well done! could make money enough to run Harvard college easily. A good picture is worth 10,000 words, and remains in the mind when the words are forgotten.

Another 4,000,000 share day on the stock exchange, in fact a four million and a quarter share day. American Radio almost caught up with General Motors. It really is foolish to sell this country short, especially in a bull campaign.

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## NO HONORS OF G. O. P. TO MR. HUGHES

### Statesman Declines Temporary Chairmanship of Convention — Complete Plans Tuesday — Death of Sen. Willis Alters Primary Situation — Indiana Now Battleground.

NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—(AP)—Charles E. Hughes has definitely declined to serve as temporary chairman of the republican national convention at Kansas City, William M. Butler, chairman of the national committee, announced today.

The temporary chairman and keynote speaker will be selected Tuesday.

Charles D. Hughes, vice chairman of the national committee said he had informed Mr. Hughes that Chairman Butler and other party leaders were prepared to urge his selection as keynote speaker if he assured that he would accept.

Mr. Hughes declined, he said on the grounds that he had planned a needed rest after his labors at the Pan-American conference at Havana.

Chairman Butler, Mr. Hillis, National Committeeman J. Henry Roraback of Connecticut and Colonel La Fayette H. Gibson, convention secretary, left today for Kansas City to attend the meeting tomorrow of the convention arrangements committee. They said they expected the keynote speaker to be named and all major plans for the convention to be completed by Tuesday night.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—(AP)—Into an already unsettled political situation the unexpected death of Senator Willis of Ohio, an avowed republican presidential candidate, has injected a new element of uncertainty. Its effect for the moment cannot be determined, although admittedly it will have a direct bearing on the candidacy of Herbert Hoover.

It is possible even that the passing of the Ohio senator from the political zone may become a factor in the contest for the democratic presidential nomination.

This would be true, however, only if Governor Dohoney appointed Atlee Pomerene to the senate a step that appears improbable. At Houston, Pomerene will receive the "favorite son" votes of the Ohio delegation.

The death of Willis came just as the rival campaign managers in both the republican and democratic camps were getting their drives for convention delegates well under way, with the eyes of the republicans turned chiefly toward Ohio and the democrats awaiting the outcome of the Rees-Walsh-Smith fight in the Wisconsin primary next Tuesday.

The end of March finds only one-fifth of the 1928 republican convention delegates chosen. Many feel that the issue may be settled by the state conventions and primaries in April and May; others predict that the outcome will still be a toss-up when the republican assembly at Kansas City ten weeks from Tuesday.

Of the 1,199 delegate votes in the Houston convention less than one-sixth have been allotted. The total is still too small to throw any conclusive light on the question whether Governor Smith, of New York will have the delegate strength to win the nomination.

Even the shrewdest of political observers here, including those familiar with the Ohio situation, professed today to be at sea as to what may happen in the state. Hoover and Willis both were seeking the preferential vote but that is not necessarily binding so discussion revolved mainly about the ability of the Willis supporters and the anti-Hoover element to carry on to victory in the delegate contests.

It was generally conceded here that it is too early to gauge the psychological effect of Senator Willis' death on republican voters in his home state. Some observers predicted it might stiffen the Hoover opposition; others were of the opinion that it would strengthen the cabinet officer's hand.

On one point there seemed to be general agreement—the removal of Willis has robbed the Hoover faction of the psychological effect of any victory it might gain here in Ohio. For that reason, there is now a tendency to consider Indiana as the barometer state. The republican primaries there are on May 8, with Hoover pitted against the resourceful Senator Watson.

NEW YORK, Mar. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Esther Evans Wilson, big game hunter, who shot her husband, Dallet H. Wilson, prominent lawyer, may not be prosecuted, Mr. Wilson, who is expected to recover, is said to have told friends that he does not want her punished.

## TAKES HIS MEALS STANDING NOW



It isn't a matter of preference but of comfort that Gene Hunter, 7-year-old Los Angeles youth, takes his dinner off the mantelpiece. It is really painful for him to sit down. Gene's parents think he had it coming, for he created somewhat of a flurry in the city. Bluffing his way through the railroad station gates and onto a train with the finest accommodations, he traveled many miles before it was discovered he was a stowaway. Complete self-assurance convinced trainmen that he was a legitimate traveler. Then he was put off. Meanwhile a frantic family and a worried police department had been combing Los Angeles in search of him. Gene's reception home was ill-befitting the role of wealthy gentleman traveler he had been playing. So now he's taking his meals standing.

## LUCKY MAN IN SHOT IN BACK BY DRY AIDES

### STURDY CANOE BRAVES FALLS

### CHICAGO ISSUE

### Daredevil Conquers Willamette at Oregon City—Carried Thru Malestrom Upside Down, Till Rescued —"King of White Waters" Thrills Thousands.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Al Faussett, self-styled "king of the white waters," conquered Oregon City falls at their worst today but only after 10,000 persons lining the banks (ears for three minutes that had lost.

Unable to swim, trusting to luck and the strength of his thirty-foot spruce canoe which turned upside down with him and carried him through a roaring malestrom of 700 feet of white water, through a drop of forty feet, Faussett came out unharmed, save for cuts and bruises on his hands, shoulders and arms, the result of scratches received from rocky garbs buried in the churning spray.

The long, narrow white canoe was to have shot the falls head on, but due to a stiff south wind and an under-estimated current, the craft turned beyond control just before it reached the first sheer drop of twenty feet. Faussett battled desperately to guide his small boat but without success.

As the canoe shot over the falls it was broadside to the current. Faussett had striven with his only equipment—a small paddle, to right the craft.

One hundred and fifty feet beyond the falls the white boat shot out of the foam and spray for a moment—then crashed into another curtain of foam and was lost again. At the foot of the rapids the canoe appeared again, floating over and over again. By this time the breathless throng thought, there was no hope.

Then another current caught the canoe and it shot down stream at a terrific pace. As it approached more peaceful waters, fishing craft overtook it, righted it and rescued its pilot.

## SEE PIERCE AS CANDIDATE ANEW

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—The Portland Telegram in a political review by Henry M. Hansen today says that developments in the West-Pierce squabble this week indicate that former Governor Walter M. Pierce is likely to again be a candidate for governor. In his reply to a letter from Oswald West, a former governor, Pierce set forth a platform of five political principles.

Sutherland cannery put up 42,000 cases fruit during 1927.

## SHIPS OFF COLUMBIA BATTERED

### Food Supply Low on Storm Tossed Vessels—Crippled Craft Anchored Rides Mountain Waves—Cutter Speeds to Aid of Distressed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—The storm king still ruled on the Pacific coast tonight. Two windjammers, their crews aboard, were riding out the abating fury of the fierce gale that for three days has swept the Pacific.

The Helen E. Sterling, a six-masted schooner was riding easier off Heeeta head with members of the coast guard station at the mouth of the Sublaw river standing by a power boat ready to take the ship's company of twelve off should need arise.

The other gale-lashed craft was the K. V. Kruse, four-masted schooner, 112 days out of Australia, somewhere off the mouth of the Columbia and believed headed north for Puget Sound.

The Kruse was reported this morning off Willapa harbor and sailing north by the Dutch motor-ship "Dintelvik," which entered the river later.

Efforts of a tug to bring the vessel into the Columbia last night proved unavailing in the face of the gale and seas. The tug, however, managed to place a small quantity of provisions aboard for the vessel's crew which had been without food for two days.

After vainly trying to bring the Kruse in last night the tug engaged the tug for a longer hauler. She then headed out to find the Kruse had gone.

It was believed that Captain William Wayne, with some provisions aboard, decided to run before the gale and take chances on entering Puget sound.

Half the vessel's sails were reported to have been carried away during recent gales.

Unless the Kruse gets into port quickly her crew will be in a serious condition. They had on short rations for over a week before their provisions ran out entirely Wednesday.

## MEMORY FADES, ASK PORTLAND POLICE TO AID

### Tall Man Unable To Tell Name—Stage Ticket and Overcoat Only Clues.—Mind Blank Since Friday.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—A tall, slender man walked into central police station late today and approached the information window.

"Who am I?" the query was accompanied by a disarming smile. "I don't know, who are you?" the patrolman on duty answered. "I don't know either."

Apparently "victim of amnesia," the man's memory goes back only to yesterday afternoon when he found himself walking the streets with one dollar in his pocket.

A stage coach schedule for north central Washington was found in his possession and a small locket attached to the chain of his heavy silver watch, bore the engraved initials "J. A. S."

On his overcoat, the man was found a check for \$100.00.

## CLIMBY WEATHER FOR THIS WEEK

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—The weather outlook for the week ending April 1, 1928, is as follows: The United States will have a week of moderate temperatures with some showers and occasional snow showers over Idaho, Washington, Oregon, northern Nevada and California.

## MAKE SKI TESTS OF POLAR PLANE



Floyd Bennett and Bernt Balchen, pilots for Commander Richard E. Byrd's South Pole flight, are shown here on the ice at Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga, N. Y., strapping skis on the polar plane for preliminary tests.

## SMYRNA, CITY REDDING AREA OF MANY WOES SWEEPED BY RAIN, QUAKE RACKED FLOOD FEARED

### Turk Center, Scene of Disasters Since Antiquity Again Suffers—Swept by Fire and War—Life Loss Unknown.

LONDON, Mar. 31.—(AP)—A special dispatch to the London Sunday Express from Smyrna reports that the earthquake there today caused twenty-five or more deaths and the injury of about four score other persons.

Every factory chimney in the city collapsed, numbers of houses are in ruins, and all industrial activity has been suspended. The governor has ordered all offices and places of public resort closed.

The dispatch said that hundreds of families are camping in the open.

News from the interior is even more serious, eighty percent of the buildings at Tokpekul having collapsed.

The shocks lasted intermittently for sixty minutes.

Smyrna in Asia Minor has been beset by disaster many times in its long history. In 178 A. D. it was destroyed by earthquake and was restored by Marcus Aurelius.

In the fifteenth century it was sacked by the Tartar conqueror, Timur.

Since then other disasters have struck it, one of the latest being the great fires of 1922 when the city was virtually destroyed with the loss of more than 2,000 lives.

About 500 buildings were destroyed and all the American properties there wiped out. All the banks, business houses and consulates in the European quarters were destroyed and for many days the terrified inhabitants suffered untold misery from shortage of food and water.

The fire which broke out a few days after the Turkish entry into the town first appeared in the American quarter and only the Turkish quarter on Mount Paganus escaped.

Greek troops had occupied the city in 1919 and it was not until 1922 that Smyrna and the surrounding zone reverted to full Turkish sovereignty under the treaty of Lausanne.

## CODDING NAMED SMITH SPEAKER

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Six tentative speakers were announced today by the Oregon Smith for President association to appear at the Smith for president dinner here next Thursday night.

The speakers selected were: J. H. Kaley, Pendleton; Bert E. Haney, former member of the United States shipping board; George Coddling, Medford, former state legislator; A. E. Roames, Medford attorney; R. H. Turner, Dalles, former state superintendent of schools; and Dexter Rice, former mayor of Roseburg.

SALEM, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—It became known in official circles here today that the proposed \$3 automobile license bill, which has thrown all highway enthusiasts in Oregon into a state of alarm, would not reduce motor vehicle licenses to a flat \$3 but, on the other hand, would add \$3 to the present license schedule.

## STIMULANT SPURS FALL TESTIMONY

### Former Secretary In Oil Scandal, Matches Mind With Former Senate Foe —Physicians Fear Relapse From Excitement —No Money For Oil Lease.

EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, charged with having conspired with Harry F. Sinclair to defraud the government in giving Sinclair a lease to the Teapot Dome oil reserve, today finished telling his story of the lease, to be used in Sinclair's defense at his trial in Washington next week.

Weakened from a long illness which prevented him going to Washington and standing trial with Sinclair, the former cabinet officer had been on the witness stand more than twelve hours when Daniel Thew Wright, taking the deposition for Sinclair, turned him over to Atlee Pomerene, special government prosecutor for cross-examination. Fall was able to go through last night's session and again today only through the administration of heart stimulants by his physician.

It was at the night session that the former foes, who had matched wits on the senate floor years ago, met again, this time across a library table in the spacious home of Mrs. Fall.

Fall, looking forward to the cross-examination by his former democratic foe on the floor of the senate, was enlivened by his anticipation of the mental sparring with Pomerene.

It was just like old times on the senate floor, members of the family said, and Mrs. Fall declared that Fall's eagerness to meet former Senator Pomerene across the witness table she believed to be one reason why he had held up so well during the grueling three days of testifying.

Fall, during his testimony, contended that he did not receive a penny from Sinclair for the oil lease, that in fact Sinclair at one juncture of the negotiations tossed the lease back to him and that the deal for the interest in the land company was not started until after the signing of the Teapot Dome lease.

Odds and ends of the oil and ranch deal were covered in Fall's final direct examination before Pomerene plunged into his cross-examination. The government charges that Fall favored Sinclair with information regarding the policy of leasing Teapot Dome that other possible bidders were discouraged and that the then secretary of the interior received bonds in exchange for the lease.

Pomerene would not venture a prediction as to how long the cross examination would take or whether Fall would be able to continue his testimony for any length of time.

Fall's condition is causing his physician some concern as he feels that when the excitement of telling his story of the lease for the first time is ended there may be a startling let-down in Fall's physical condition.

## DRUNKEN DRIVER GIVEN 8 YEARS

Eugene, Ore., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Charles Murray, young shoe salesman of Eugene, was sentenced to spend not more than eight years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$50 by Circuit Judge Skipworth here today as a result of conviction this week on a manslaughter charge.

Murray was the driver of a car which ran down and killed William L. Martin of Eugene on a local street corner March 11.

Martin was crushed against the corner of a University of Oregon security house and died two hours later at a hospital.

Many witnesses testified at the trial that Murray was under the influence of liquor at the time of the accident.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Mar. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge today neared the end of the first week of her stay here at the bedside of her aged mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, the condition of the patient having improved slightly since her mid-week relapse.

UNDINE, Italy, Mar. 31.—(AP)—Inhabitants of Tolmezzo, barely back at their homes after an earthquake Thursday, were again shaken last night by five distinct shocks.