

Today

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A Rubber Crisis.
Noble Typewriter.
Longing for Solitude.
The Whipping Post.

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Agitation in the rubber business. One great rubber company, although it has plenty of money, passes its preferred stock dividend waiting to see what will turn up. The British abandon the attempt to monopolize rubber and prices will drop.

The rubber companies might find a way to distribute tires more cheaply. If it costs as much proportionately to sell automobiles as it does to sell tires a \$700 car would cost \$1,500.

General Motors, willing to try anything and usually succeeding, may turn up as an automobile tire manufacturer.

Mercedes Gleitz swam the Strait of Gibraltar on Wednesday, from Spain to Africa, 27 miles. The lady is a typist—and that's the interesting part of it. You marvel that a woman leading a sedentary life should be so athletic. Typewriting develops nervous energy. And dealing with dull or ill-tempered employers develops mental determination. That explains it.

Many old people long to retire from the world and escape observation.

Tolstoy, toward the last, wandered away from his family to die alone.

James Swinnerton has painted an old Indian on the western desert, retiring into a cave as he felt death impending, with just strength enough left to block the mouth with a stone, and keeping out coyotes, wishing to die alone.

In Vermont an old woman dies, having lived a recluse for more than 30 years.

A strange desire. He gave promises solitude sufficiently complete to suit anybody. And it will come.

Judge Buffington of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals recommends the whipping post for criminals. The whip frightens the criminals, usually physical cowards, and a lashing would cause a gang leader to lose caste with his class, as Judge Kavanagh, of Chicago, says.

The important question is would the whipping, encouraging and setting an example of brutality, breed more crime?

If the whipping post comes into general use, it should be a mechanical whipping post, delivering blows of definite, legally established strength. Under our grafting system, a small fee would make the beating mild, failure to pay would be well punished.

In the "Judgment of God" trials in the Middle Ages there was much cheating. An influential bishop, for instance, was sentenced to prove his innocence and morality by walking barefoot on a red-hot ploughshare. The ploughshare was painted red, not heated. That cleared the bishop, nobly vindicated.

The talented Russians have some queer ideas, including ideas of humor. The story about an Armenian shooting Trotsky was an April fool joke.

The learned writer of "The Golden Bough" tells of Russian peasants in the spring time seizing their priest, rolling him over and over in the mud across newly planted fields to increase the crops, and sending to the patient preacher, a Greek church. "Don't object, father, you live on our crops, so help us to make them better."

HIGH AIDE OF LEGION TO VISIT

National Commander Spafford to Arrive By Plane Today—State Commander Also Here for Conference—Banquet in Evening.

Medford Post No. 15 will be significantly honored today when local Legionnaires will play host to their national executive, Commander Edward E. Spafford of New York. Commander Spafford will arrive here this afternoon by airplane from Reno, Nev., which city he is visiting today and will be tendered a public reception at the Medford airport.

All local citizens are invited to gather at the grandstand immediately after his arrival, and to hear a short address by the noted visitor. Plans are being made to have the fire siren blow one hour before his plane is to land at the local airport. Due to the fact that his visit falls on Easter Sunday there will be no celebration of any kind, merely an informal reception to be followed in the evening by an American Legion dinner at the Hotel Medford. In the afternoon Commander Spafford will confer with local and state Legion officials and will also be taken on an automobile trip over the valley, according to present plans.

Legion representatives from Oregon and California will arrive here tomorrow to join with Medford Post in greeting their national commander who will continue his flight by air to Portland the following day.

All Medford merchants and business houses are requested to display their American flags all day long in honor of National Commander E. E. Spafford of the American Legion who will be a guest of Medford Post No. 15.

State Commander George Love of the American Legion will be the principal speaker at a special Legion luncheon given in his honor Saturday noon. About 25 members of the most executive committee and convention commission, gathered in the private grill room of the Hotel Medford and discussed the coming Medford convention as well as today's reception to National Commander Spafford.

In addressing the meeting Commander Love spoke of the state-wide interest which has already been shown in the Medford convention, and predicted the greatest attendance in state history. The speaker has just completed a tour of the state during which he addressed fifty-five meetings with an attendance of over 15,000.

World war veterans and he stated that everywhere he found plans already being made to come to the Medford conference in August. At each meeting Commander Love told his hearers of the big celebration which is being planned by Medford Post and his remarks met with a ready response everywhere.

The state commander congratulated the local post on the splendid showing made in the recent membership contest and stated that the Medford record is being talked of all over the state. He also complimented Medford Post on the excellent civic and community welfare work which has been completed during the past year.

In reviewing the state department activities Commander Love said that the Oregon membership for the first three months of 1928 is already greater than the entire total for last year. The fine showing made by Medford helped materially in establishing this record, according to the news.

Vic MacKenzie, national committee man for Oregon, stated that his home post of Salem would be well represented at the Medford convention and that he had found the same spirit shown throughout the state. Bert Bates of Roseburg also made a few remarks upon the convention and congratulated Medford in winning the recent contest from Umpqua Post.

Seely Hall, chairman of the reception committee for National Commander Spafford outlined the plans for today's program and urged all local Legionnaires to be on hand at the air field in the afternoon and the dinner at 6:30 p. m.

Big Legion Meet Monday

Visiting Legion Officials



National Commander E. E. Spafford



State Commander George Love

CHICAGO POLLS TO BE GUARDED BY THOUSANDS

Oratorical Calm Before Battle—Call for Watchers Issued to Insure Right to Vote—Both Factions High Confident.

CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—An Easter Sunday armistice tonight silenced the Big Berthas in Illinois' hottest and most acrimonious primary campaign while the party cannoners along the political battlefield retreated to the home line trenches to dig in for the battle of ballots Tuesday.

The oratorical cannonading was muffled and the active campaign for last minute political sniping, but on its heels came the new army that will refer next Tuesday's fight. In Chicago alone this army numbered nearly 20,000 and besides 15,000 precinct officials included 5,000 policemen, 8,000 watchers and challengers of various factions and 2,000 independent watchers, representing non-political civic organizations attempting to insure freedom of expression of the polls.

County Judge Edmund K. Jaworski, in charge of election machinery today issued the call for the independent watchers after reports had been circulated that attempts were to be made to run through thousands of fictitious votes.

From the factional camps emanated the usual confident predictions of victory. Among the most sanguine of the statements was one from Colonel Frank L. Smith, twice denied a seat in the United States senate because of contributions to his primary campaign two years ago by public service corporations. He said the majority senatorial nomination Tuesday over Thomas Glenn would be greater than the 192,000 majority he received in the November 1925 election.

KENTUCKY QUINT HIGH CHAMPIONS

CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—Ashland, Ky., tonight won the high school basketball championship of the United States, defeating Canton, Ill., 15 to 10, in the final of the University of Chicago national interscholastic tournament. The game was essentially defensive from start to finish, both teams playing cautious basketball with Ashland maintaining a tight defense that forced the Illinois' champions to a long shot game. The Kentucky champions scored only four field goals, but took advantage of Canton's fouls to score seven points from the free throw line.

In winning, the Ashland team set what is said to be a tournament record, not being guilty of a single foul. It was a great game of clean guarding on the part of the southerners.

Captain Ellis Johnson led his team mates to victory, directing the play on both the defense and offense. His success at the free throw line with four free throws was instrumental in turning the tide in favor of the Kentucky champions.

Third place in the tournament went to Grand Forks, N. D., by a win over Vienna, Ga., 27 to 25 in the day-off for third place. Wheeling, W. Va., took the consolation flight, winning from Nauratuck, Conn., 29 to 28 in the final game.

HOOVER IN FARM AND LEAD WITH TAX BILLS

DELEGATES PERPLEXING Overcome Lowden Last Week—Favorite Sons Hope for Dark Horse—Stiff Fight In Two States—Unrestricted Votes to Decide Nomination.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—The political cross-winds of April are sweeping away some of the clouds that have made it difficult to size up the trend of the presidential campaign but candidates are too unstable for accurate June forecasts.

Convention delegates are being chosen at such a clip that a politician, to qualify as an expert, must have a head for figures as well as know something about campaign strategy. At that two-thirds of the republicans who will hold credentials at Kansas City nine weeks hence and 75 percent of the delegates to the Houston convention two weeks later remain to be selected—and this factor adds to the uncertainty of the days ahead.

As it stands now among republican contenders, Hoover is out ahead with 164 instructed and claimed delegates, Lowden, in the lead until this week, has an even 100, Curtis 23, and Norris 16 with the preference of 56 in doubt.

Of the democrats, Smith is far in the front with 135 instructed and claimed convention votes. Reed of Missouri had 35 and George of Georgia has 28, with 38 in doubt. Generally, it is agreed that barring upsets Hoover will go into the republican convention with the most delegates and that the New York governor will be in the same position at Houston.

Whether either will muster the strength to be nominated, time will tell.

Both Hoover and Smith find themselves lined up against "the field." Some of the commerce secretary's supporters say they see victory in sight, others, more cautious, are making no claims, but are hopeful. There is the same division of sentiment in the Smith camp.

As for their rivals, most of them are going on the theory that both are far away from the nomination and will never make the grade. They foresee a demand for a compromise candidate or an opportunity for a "dark horse" and are making preparations to take advantage of any such break.

Whoever is nominated at Kansas City must muster a majority of 547 while at Houston, 733 1/2 votes—two thirds—will be needed. For their moment, the republicans have their eyes on the approaching Ohio and Indiana primaries where Hoover is facing stiff fights, and in Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. The Hoover managers are seeking to strengthen the party's hand in the bay state primaries April 24, the same day, voting in Ohio will tell conclusively the effect of Senator Willis' death.

On all sides there is a tendency to feel that the unrestricted delegates from New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts may have the deciding say in the Kansas City convention and campaign plans are being laid accordingly in both the Hoover and anti-Hoover camps.

STEALING AN AUTO NO LONGER EASY

CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—Stealing an automobile and getting away with it is becoming harder every year, according to C. A. Vane of the National Auto Dealers' Association in discussing the result of a survey of automobile thefts in 28 American cities.

A total of 95,083 cars were stolen in the 28 cities last year, but of this number \$7,180, or 81.7 percent were recovered.

Newport, R. I., had the only perfect record of all the cities. Thirty-six cars were stolen and 36 recovered.

Detroit led the list of cities in both the numbers of cars stolen and the number recovered. The figures were 12,336 stolen and 1100 recovered.

INSURANCE A NATION TO WORSHIP AT EASTERTIDE

Thousands of Visitors To Capitol, Now Bright With Flowers—Religious Services to Be Impressive—Cloudy Skies for Middle West.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(AP)—Official Washington has completed its plans for a quiet Easter but horticultural Washington has flamed out in a riotous mass of color to delight the 35,000 visitors here for the holiday.

Thousands of visitors and many officials will gather in the churches for the religious rituals. President Coolidge plans to attend the first Congregational church to hear its pastor, the Rev. Jason Noble Pierce. He probably will be accompanied only by Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, White House guests, as Mrs. Coolidge will spend her Easter at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, at Northampton, Mass.

The first religious services will take place with the sunrise on the slopes of the great amphitheater of Walter Reed hospital where the gleaming white of nurses' uniforms will form a "living cross" at the outdoor service which has become the regular opening of Easter worship in Washington.

Almost every hour of the remaining day will see and hear special services in the city's churches.

Viewing with the churches will be the unusually brilliant floral display of Washington's many parks. Around the great half circles of Potomac basin the 2,000 Japanese cherry trees were heavy with burning blossoms and the wide vistas of the water-surrounded parks were flanked by masses of flowering forsythia, purple pink and white Japanese magnolia and lavender japonicas.

Along the river proper the long straight rows of willows were coming into full leaf.

CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—Rough going tomorrow for Easter bunnies and boulevard paraders. Colder, cloudy skies, some snow and more rain, said predictions for the central west.

The heavy mantle of snow that isolated more than a sixty Nebraska cities was dropped today on Iowa from six to ten inches in depth.

Gentle rains thoroughly soaked other parts of the middle west, turning to snow toward evening as reports were received of forest fires in the east, induced by the hot dry weather.

Near freezing temperatures and strong northwest winds were expected to add to the discomfort of the Easter procession.

FEAR OF POVERTY HIE R MOTIVE OF PLOT AGAINST 300

FOUKE, Ark., April 7.—(AP)—Dread of the poorhouse was believed to have driven seventy-year old Mrs. Nancy Lynn to attempt the extermination of 300 people, the inhabitants of this lumber camp.

When virtually all of the camp's inhabitants, men, women, and children, were taken ill with symptoms of severe poisoning, the community well was plumbed. There, over a pound of poison was found and investigation revealed that Mrs. Lynn had purchased a quantity of poison a short time ago, officers said. Today Mrs. Lynn with her brother, Morris, faced charges of assault with intent to kill.

Valuable timber holdings had been left Mrs. Lynn's children by their father and these had been sold to operators who owned the camp at which the poisoning took place. Mrs. Lynn, her children said, had tried to prevent the sale of the timber, holding to the idea that once her children had received their money she would be left penniless and a charge on the community.

Authorities, reconstructing the case, held to the theory that by exterminating the lumberman and their families, Mrs. Lynn believed cutting of the timber would be averted and her safety from poverty insured.

The poisoned were all believed today to have an even chance to recover. Children were the worst sufferers.

Secretary of State Sam Korer, en route to Sacramento, Cal., spent last night in the city, and will resume his journey by auto today.

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