

Today

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Ford As Diplomat
Whales Float Twice
The Value of Enemies
No More Handshaking?

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Henry Ford tells British reporters "The last time I was in England I bought a Rolls Royce and, what's more, I took it home with me."

Much delight among proud Britons. Ford, diplomat, did not add that he and his son, Edsel, buy every make of car in the world, having a special department to examine such cars, test and submit them to every possible kind of abuse, to discover any good new idea in them.

Edsel Ford lately was racing around in a German Mercedes car, built to do 120 miles an hour.

Captain Thustersen, Norwegian whaler, after three weeks in the Antarctic region, returns with 48,000 barrels of whale oil worth \$2,500,000. "Thar she blows," in the Norwegian language, rang out a dozen times a day.

Wonderfully prolific is Nature, filling even the cold oceans with whales. And much amazed would those whales be if they could understand that they are now on their way to Procter & Gamble's, to be made into Ivory soap, which floats, as the poor whales once did.

The greatest lawyers, capitalists, politicians, are proud to escort the late Chauncey M. Depew to his grave. The nation wishes him happiness in the next world, as he knew it in this.

Nobody went to the grave of Jean Jacques Rousseau, when he was buried on the "Isle Des Pins."

Napoleon, looking at that lonely grave, said that if there had been no Jean Jacques Rousseau there would have been no Napoleon, and perhaps it would have been just as well for the world if neither had lived.

To have fine pallbearers at your funeral make only friends, to be remembered, make well chosen enemies.

The Fascisti propose to abolish hand shaking for health reasons. "No use exchanging microbes every time men meet."

Indiscriminate hand shaking by men and kissing by women might be eliminated on common sense grounds also.

Hand shaking originated when a man held out his hand to show it held no knife. That's gone by. The thing is done more neatly now with the aid of lawyers.

George Washington did not believe in hand shaking and stood at receptions with his hands behind his back and bowed.

The Reverend George G. Jeffries baptized 1000 in Albert hall, London, with 10,000 looking on. The baptized men wore white flannels, the women white night gowns. And it was no simple old-fashioned baptizing.

Flashlights and floodlights, limelight and loud speakers gave "class" to the event.

What our century lacks in simple faith we make up for with megaphones.

Governor Smith uses his veto power with common sense. Kind hearted people passed a law

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DISCHARGE LOCAL MAN AT SALEM

Ben Forbes, Formerly of Medford, Secretary of State Public Service Commission, Loses Job Under Cloud of Scandal—No Charges Filed, However.

SALEM, Ore., April 9.—(AP) The dismissal of Ben F. Forbes, Jr., and Thomas Meekelson, secretary and chief auditor respectively of the state public service commission, announced by the commission this morning, was the result of a "drunken orgy," and a deal whereby Forbes, at least, was to supply for the Union Carbide company of Portland, bonds for deposit with the commission to cover the company's indemnity liability, were purchased from a Salem bank by Joe Minto, local attorney and friend of Forbes, and paid for with a certified check for \$2500 written by the carb company in favor of Forbes.

The sale price of the bonds was \$2300, and the difference between the sale price and the \$2500 certified check, minus the bank's commission for handling the transaction, was returned to Minto in the form of a cashier's check by the bank.

Members of the public service commission said this morning that \$25 of the returned money was retained by Minto and the balance given to Forbes.

The entire transaction came to light Friday last week when Forbes, in what witnesses describe as a "drunken condition" flashed the certified check upon several occupants of the office building in which Minto has his offices, and made overtures to purchase bonds with it from Floyd Meyer, bond broker.

Herbert H. Hauser, who has been with the department for seven years as a reporter, is elevated to succeed Forbes. His work has taken him to all parts of the state in attendance upon hearings, and he is considered well qualified for the office.

L. A. Westcott is promoted to succeed Meekelson. Westcott has been with the commission for some time in the auditing department. The "shakedown" the commissioners say, may be made far-reaching, with the possibility of further removals.

Forbes has been with the department for a number of years, first as a reporter. He was appointed secretary of the commission to succeed Edward Ostrander when the latter was elected commissioner. All members of the commission credit him with being a man of marked ability.

Meekelson, like Forbes, has been considered by the commissioners as a valuable man, and regret was expressed that his removal became necessary.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 9.—(AP)—Herbert H. Hauser, who for several years has been connected with the state public service commission in a clerical capacity, has been elected secretary of the commission, to succeed Ben F. Forbes, whose resignation was demanded by the commission Saturday.

Hauser's work with the department has taken him into many parts of the state in attendance upon hearings, and he is considered well qualified for the position.

(Ben Forbes formerly lived in Medford, where he did clerical work in various legal offices.)

Klamath Catholic Church Is Robbed at Easter Mass

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 9.—(AP) While hundreds knelt in prayer at the 10:30 Easter Sunday mass, a thief stealthily entered the sanctuary of the Sacred Heart Catholic church and stole approximately \$250 which had been offered by the congregation a few minutes before. No clue to the robber was left behind.

U. S. GIFT TAX DECLARED VOID FOR YEAR 1924

U. S. Supreme Court Holds Untermyer's Gifts of \$190,000 Can't Be Taxed—Other Important Decisions by Highest Judicial Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(AP)—The gift tax of the 1924 revenue act was declared void and unconstitutional by the supreme court today as applied to gifts made in 1924, prior to its enactment of June 2 of that year. The case arose out of \$190,000 in gifts made by Isaac Untermyer, a brother of Samuel Untermyer of New York City.

The supreme court ruled today that states are permitted to impose taxes on oil produced under leases on land purchased by Indians and not a part of their original allotment in the absence of action by congress to the contrary. The case was appealed by the state auditor of Oklahoma to enforce a \$20,000 tax imposed on the Simpson-Zahner Oil corporation.

Sustaining the validity of the Harrison anti-narcotic act, the supreme court today ruled against the appeal of Thomas J. Casey, a Seattle lawyer, convicted of smuggling narcotics to inmates of the county jail there and who attempted to have a 14-months' sentence set aside.

The supreme court today refused to review the conviction of Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government.

Frank White, treasurer of the United States, today presented his resignation to President Coolidge effective May 1, to become president of the Southern Mortgage Guaranty corporation of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Federal prohibition officers must report to United States attorneys all alleged violations of the national prohibition law coming to their knowledge for the prosecution of the accused, it was held today by the supreme court.

"Congress was declared by the supreme court today to have authority to delegate power to the president to raise or lower customs duties to equalize the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad.

In sustaining the flexible tariff provision of the tariff act of 1922, the court, in a case brought by J. W. Hampton, Jr., and company of New York, held that congress had not exceeded its constitutional authority.

The court held that congress could use the president as an investigating agent to find the facts on production costs and raise or lower the duties to meet varying conditions. It added that congress was within its jurisdiction when it fixed customs duties to protect American industry, as well as to raise revenue, and that a protective policy was constitutional.

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TAKING LIFE EASY AT PRINCETON



Robert M. Brown, student at Princeton university, Princeton, N. J., is a firm believer in taking life easy. He has one of the most versatile alarm clocks known. Brown has so rigged it up that when it rings in the morning, it slides from a peg, closes a window, turns on an electric heater, starts an egg boiling in a patent boiler and automatically stops ringing, all in one operation. Brown is shown here in bed with his famous clock.

AL SMITH IS A VICTIM OF HEFLIN WRATH

Alabama Senator Issues a Scathing Diatribe Against Leading Democratic Candidate for President—Sees Direful Catholic Conspiracy.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(AP)—Another blast against the candidacy of Governor Smith of New York for the democratic presidential nomination was inserted in the Congressional Record today by Senator Hefflin of Alabama, a democrat. In the form of his reply to a telegram from Mayor William W. Gunter of Montgomery, Ala.

The Alabamian wrote to Gunter that "since Alabama friends have informed me of your attacks upon me recently when you were trying to please the Roman Catholic majority of New York City, Mr. Walker, Al Smith's Gold Dust twin—I have decided to bring at this time certain things to your attention and to the attention of the people that you are asking to send you as a delegate from the state at large to the democratic national convention."

"So far as I can learn," said Hefflin, "you have refused to tell the people of Alabama just how you stand on the candidacy of the most dangerous candidate for president today before the democratic party. At least four-fifths of the democrats in Alabama are against Al Smith, first, last and all the time. Are you for him or against him?"

The reply constituted 160 pages of single spaced typewriting, including a detailed review of Hefflin's previous charges that Catholics had tried to foment war between this country and Mexico, "that the Catholic controlled press praises Mussolini of Italy," and that this "looked like another arm of Roman power reaching over into the United States."

The Alabamian said more than half of the men in the state department here are Roman Catholics. The election of Smith as president would mean appointment by him of the ambassador to Mexico and the secretary of state. He said these two officials would represent our country on the Mexican question and the policy of the country would then be in the hands of Governor Smith and his friends.

Sinclair Jury Chosen. WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—(AP)—A jury to try Harry F. Sinclair on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in the Teapot Dome oil lease was selected today in less than half the time it took to select the jury at his first trial last October.

Justice Bailey announced the jury would be locked up.

EUROPE IS EXERCISED OVER ITALY

Mussolini's Conference With Envoys From Turkey and Greece Arouses Keen Interest in London and Paris—Move for Expansion Seen—France Aids Germany.

(By Oscar Watson, Cable Editor The Associated Press)

Three premiers of Europe—Poincare of France, Baldwin of Great Britain and Mussolini of Italy, were prominent in the biggest news that Easter week brought to the world from foreign capitals.

M. Poincare announced that a revision of Germany's reparations would be acceptable to France, such as would permit Germany to put her bonds guaranteeing reparations payments under the Dawes plan, on the market so that the money thus raised would pay off the war debts all around.

Stanley Baldwin announced in the house of commons removal of the restrictions on the export of rubber from Malaya and Ceylon. Abolition of the restrictions will come on November 1, next, and will thus meet the contention in the United States that no such restrictions should have endured so long.

Benoito Mussolini, with a suddenness that surprised even his own fascists, proceeded to Milan, where he had long conferences with Tefvik Rushdi Bey, Turkey's foreign minister, and M. Michalakopoulos, the Greek foreign minister. He also is down for a talk with M. Salski, head of the Polish foreign office, and these conversations have been the subject of much speculation.

Italy is reaching out for expansion of trade. She wants more opportunities in Africa and in Turkey and Russia, and as the Italian premier's movements are usually of much moment to the world at large, the other powers are reported to be watching events in Milan closely, with a conference of the little entente nations, Rumania, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, in prospect to consider what new policy Mussolini may have in mind.

Along with Poincare's reparations speech came news that S. Parker Gilbert, agent general for reparations payments, had gone to Rome from Paris, and was in conference for a long time with the Italian finance minister, Count Volpi.

Mr. Gilbert himself said that he was engaged in merely "routine business," but this routine is believed to have to do with some new form of reparations settlement. The German finance minister, Dr. Heinrich Koehler, who also is in Rome, was said to be three merely in "religious retreat," and thus far has had nothing to do with negotiations regarding the war debts.

Great Britain met Egypt's rejection of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty and Premier Nabag Pasha's demand that Egypt should have full and complete independence with the blunt reply that the supervision of England was necessary to the peace of the empire and would be maintained.

The church and state at Rome have let their differences quiet down over the education of Italian youth. The pope's recent speech before the diocesan board of Rome, which took issue with the fascist government in its control of youth, spiritual as well as physical, was explained by the official organ of the vatican, Osservatore Romano, as meaning that the church was merely seeking co-operation with the state in the development of Italian manhood.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 9.—(AP)—United States Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana today filed with the secretary of state his request that his name be printed on the official democratic party ballot in Oregon for the primary election of May 15, as a candidate for the presidency.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—(AP)—The right to padlock in prohibition cases, even after the premises have been ridden of the offending tenants, was upheld today by the supreme court in a case from Detroit.

The ruling was made in a case brought by John A. Groff and Richard Caplis, owners of buildings in the business section of Detroit.

Pet Coyote Kills 6 Sheep, 3 Ewes Near Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Ore., April 9.—(AP)—A coyote raiding the fields of L. E. Eberlein, a farmer near this city, killed six sheep, three ewes and three lambs Saturday night. Poison was placed in the carcass of one of the lambs. The next morning a coyote was found dead a few feet from the lamb. The coyote had a large chain around its neck and was evidently a pet which had escaped from a nearby farm. Now Mr. Eberlein is wondering if he can collect damages, as he could if the sheep had been killed by a dog.

EDUCATION GREAT NEED OF COUNTRY

Edwin Spafford, National Commander of American Legion, Stresses Need of Education as Safeguard of American Institutions—Intolerance Is Scored—Record Plane Trip Made.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 9.—(AP)—Edward E. Spafford, national commander of the American Legion, arrived here at noon today, after flying from Medford, Ore., to the airport at Vancouver, Wash. He plans to speak at Salem tonight and fly to Seattle tomorrow.

"There will be no slackers and no profiteers in the next war," he said in an interview. "We do not advocate the government taking over industries, but they must be operated without war profits. The legion is backing the Capper-Johnson bill with all its might. This measure would put every male in the country between the ages of 21 and 30 in the army, no exemptions whatever."

"Then all men over 30 must work for private employers at normal wages. If they refuse, then the government will enlist them for whatever purpose it wishes to use them. That's how we should meet the next national crisis."

"We want to do this while we are at peace. We don't want war. But we wish to signal the world that, in case of trouble, the whole strength of the most powerful nation on the globe is ready for trouble. There'll be no on here outside looking on."

Edwin E. Spafford, national commander of the American Legion, hopped off this morning at 8:30 a.m. for his tour of the government, for Portland at 8:37 o'clock. His pilot was Captain Eren of McKeesport, Pa., an army aviator, also assigned to the tour, which began at Indianapolis, Ind. A commercial plane, bearing State Commander George E. Love of Eugene and Victor McKenzie of Salem, national executive committee member, departed a half hour before.

Commander Spafford arrived at the local airport Sunday at 11:31 o'clock after flying from Reno, Nevada, in the record time of two hours and twenty minutes. Instead of taking the usual air course, up the Feather River canyon of California, the Legion went as the crow flies, across country, and landed nearly two hours ahead of schedule. A crowd of 500 greeted the distinguished visitor, being apprised of his coming by blasts from the fire siren. At the field Commander Spafford made a short address in which he told of his air trip from the midwest coast. He was officially greeted at the air field by Horace L. Bromley, commander of the local post, and escorted to the Hotel Medford.

Charles E. Gates, a member of the highway board, acted as the representative of Governor I. L. Patterson in welcoming the visitor to the state.

The following representatives of southern Oregon and northern California posts and state officials comprised the official party: State Commander George E. Love, Eugene; Victor McKenzie, of Salem, national executive committee; Harold Prestol, of Grants Pass; Don Morrison, of Ketchikan; William Hindig, of Yreka, Cal.; John Flurry, of Roseburg; G. A. Martin, Beasly, and Frank Jones, of Eugene.

In the evening Commander Spafford was the guest of honor at a banquet at the Hotel Medford, attended by 75 Legionnaires, at which Horace Bromley, local commander, acted as chairman.

On behalf of the Medford post, George A. Coddling presented the national chief with an oil painting of Crater Lake which will hang in national Legion headquarters at Indianapolis.

C. E. Gates, representing Governor Patterson, gave an address of welcome.

Commander Spafford, addressing the gathering, told of Legion legislation now pending in congress, including the \$3,000,000 appropriation for veterans' hospitals and a compulsory hospital bill, slated to be passed as a rider on the omnibus bill.

The national commander declared in his address, which was interspersed with a number of lively stories, "that the Legion was the greatest factor for good in the United States today," and said that the need of the hour was "to educate, not legislate." A universal draft bill, gathering into the maw of war, money as well as men, was stressed by the speaker.

It was also held by the speaker

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MRS. LINDBERGH FLIES TO SCHOOL MEET IN CANADA

TORONTO, April 9.—(AP) A cabin airplane carrying Mrs. Evangeline L. Lindbergh, mother of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, from Detroit to Toronto, arrived at Leaside air-drome today, making the journey in two hours and twenty minutes. The trip was made with strong winds hampering visibility.

Mrs. Lindbergh will attend the convention of the Ontario Educational association which opens tomorrow.

DETROIT, Mich., April 9.—(AP) Mrs. Evangeline L. Lindbergh, mother of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, took off from the Ford airport at 8:55 a. m. today for Toronto where she will attend the annual convention of the Ontario Educational association. She is to be made a life member of that organization.

Mrs. Lindbergh was accompanied by Mrs. Maud Dawson, also a teacher at the Cass Technical high school here. The Buell cabin plane in which they took off was piloted by Louis G. Meister. Mrs. Meister also was a member of the party.

DUMP LIQUOR TO FOIL HIJACKERS

TOLEDO, Ore., April 9.—(AP)—Sheriff Horstall disclosed today that he had dumped 681 gallons of bonded whiskey in the Siletz river Saturday because he feared that hijackers were planning a raid to seize the liquor, which he had been holding since August, 1925, when it was seized at Whist Cove. The sheriff said he had endeavored to get federal prohibition agents to remove the liquor to Portland for safekeeping, but that the government refused to move it. Last week he received a tip that a gang of Portland hijackers was planning to seize the liquor, which was valued at \$75,000, and he decided to dump it.