

Today

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Believe It, or Not.
Spending Money Well.
Look Out, Joan
McCormick.
Iron Mouth Said.

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The Hoover people, like the man who believed in 'killing the cat the first night,' intend to find out about that 'Coolidge draft and tidal wave' at the beginning of the convention.

The plan is to put President Coolidge in nomination on the first ballot, and find out at the start how President Coolidge feels about it, and how the Republican convention feels about it.

That's "news," but Universal Service will forgive you for not believing it.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gives 250,000 francs to repair magnificent windows in the Cathedral of Chartres.

Preserving such beauty for all time and all races is a noble and sensible idea, better than collecting for private possession.

Last summer on the broad terrace back of the palace of Versailles, in bright moonlight, this writer saw that the heavy stones of the balustrade were fastened together by new clamps of copper.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., put them there, and he put the new copper roof on the old palace, spending millions to preserve that which could never be reproduced. That's a good way to use money.

Mrs. Medill McCormick is expected to be the Kansas City Joan or Are to attack and defeat Hoover. Before she starts, Mrs. McCormick should remember what happened to the original Joan of Arc. Those that applauded while she served them were missing when they burned poor Joan alive.

Old China changes slowly. Chang Tso-Lin fled from Peking to Mukden, his stronghold, on the advice of magicians and astrologers. Two astrologers, one called "Prince Benevolence," seventy-seven years old, another "Iron Mouth," have predicted things that convinced him.

The Mongolians like magicians. Genghis Khan was ruled by one of them nearly 700 years ago. Ultimately and wisely, he had the magician's back broken by a strong wrestler.

As this is written, the Southern Cross is about landing at Brisbane, Australia, after conquering the wide Pacific.

English ladies give week-end parties for flying guests exclusively. And Newport, Rhode Island, follows suit.

That may help aviation. When Parmentier took potatoes to France, the French wouldn't eat them. The king ordered his nobles to wear potato blossoms in their button holes. Then they took them 1,000 ways.

Colonel Barnes, in charge of regular army anti-aircraft guns, thinks he would "have no difficulty in repelling an attack by hostile airplanes." General Mitchell, who spent a good deal of time in the war flying over hostile anti-aircraft guns, does not share Colonel Barnes' views.

What, in the opinion of Colonel Barnes, would happen if enemy airplanes refused to play the game nicely and failed to come within comfortable range of the anti-air-

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PRESIDENT RIDDLE OF GOP MEET

Hoover Assured of Nomination Unless Coolidge Movement Started--Word From Executive Expected Tomorrow -- Mellon's Word Is Key--Anti-Hoover Forces Routed.

KANSAS CITY, June 9.—(AP)—The delegated spokesmen of a divided and somewhat bewildered republican constituency are assembling in Kansas City for a national convention that may be serene and peaceful after all, or turn up one of the oddest paradoxes in the history of American politics.

As matters stand tonight, some sixty hours before Tuesday's opening convention session, Hoover is so near to being nominated that the alliance against him is giving a very good imitation of a beleaguered but desperately determined battalion of stalwarts, trying to rally at the last ditch.

But there is one element of the battle that makes definite predictions untenable, that is the riddle of Coolidge.

Despite all he has said, a considerable block of votes will be cast for the president on the first ballot unless in the meantime he or some trusted spokesman says something more. Furthermore, if a real prospect of his renomination develops, the Hoover managers will be the last to stand in his way.

Whether Mr. Coolidge will speak the word that can dispel this puzzle no one in Kansas City seems to know. Some of his best friends believe he will. Some think he will send the long awaited message to his secretary, Everett Sanders, who arrives Monday.

Some believe he already has given his final counsel to Secretary Mellon who likewise is to reach Kansas City on the eve of the convention with the unpledged Pennsylvania delegation of 79 which can either give Hoover the boost his managers hope will put him over, or can swell the Coolidge movement to real proportions.

There is no dispute whether the Keystone state delegation, largest in the convention has become in fact the keystone of the convention. The quiet, almost bashful treasury secretary has become in eight years of national prominence a patriarch among the patriarchs for whose voice the convention hesitates. For, correctly, or not, pro-Hoover and anti-Hoover leaders have come to believe that Mellon's word will be Coolidge's word of counsel to his party.

No one is more alive to the possible consequences of Mr. Mellon's voice than the Lowden alliance, whose almost hourly councils of war are being exhorted by some of the opposition candidates themselves to submerge every rivalry to the end that Hoover may be stopped. Already plans are in the making to get the ear of the Pennsylvania as soon as he comes to town and impress upon him the argument of the allies that Hoover cannot command in November the normal republican vote in those normally republican states that want the McNary-Haugen bill.

Thus the fight for Hoover, although linked directly with the disagreement over a farm relief plank, has almost completely overshadowed it. As the arriving delegates detrain and put their jazz bands and marching clubs into action today and tonight along Kansas City's flag-bunging streets, there was only a quiet monotone of discussion of the party platform. Only a small and rather non-vocal vanguard of the much heralded march of the McNary-Haugen farmers has thus far materialized. Some of the farm leaders are here and at work and in good time they promise plenty of action. But for the moment the pre-convention debate is distinctly a debate over men rather than platform declarations.

A warning of serious trouble if anyone tries to straddle on the farm issue emanated today from no less a leader than former Governor Lowden. Within an hour after his arrival in the convention city and in the middle of a continuing series of conferences with party leaders, Mr. Lowden told newspapermen that he was insisting that the only solution of the farm problem lay in the

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Her Flight Weather Bound



Central Press telephoto of Miss Amelia M. Earhart, social worker in the Boston slums, who, with Wilmer S. Stultz, as pilot, and Lou Gordon, Harvard graduate, as mechanic, came down at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the first leg of an attempt at a round-trip flight to England. Inset is of Stultz. They set out from the Boston airport Sunday, in their tri-motored Fokker plane, Friendship, built for Commander Richard E. Byrd's Antarctic expedition, but which Byrd later sold. Miss Earhart, acting as co-pilot on the flight, has been a licensed pilot for several years.

TREPASSEY, N. F., June 9.—(AP)—The trans-Atlantic flight of Miss Amelia Earhart, halted here by weather conditions for nearly a week will proceed before Monday at the earliest, the crew of the Fokker plane Friendship announced tonight.

Depressing reports of conditions along the great circle course to England led to a new postponement of the start, tentatively set for tomorrow.

Miss Earhart, eager to be the first woman to complete a flight across the Atlantic, expressed impatience at the many delays. Her companions, Pilot Wilmer Stultz and Gordon, mechanic, seemed equally displeased.

CAPITOL SWEPT FENG'S TROOPS BY HIGH GALE, DISARM RIVALS PLANES SUFFER AT PEKIN GATES

Area Racked By November Storm Again Visited — Damage Slight but Many Injured By Flying Glass and Limbs.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—(AP)—A gale of tornado-like character swept through the northeastern and southeastern sections of Washington late today and at the Bolling aviation field toppled over and smashed up ten airplanes standing on the field, causing an estimated loss of \$200,000. Considerable property damage also was caused in those sections of the city, first report to the police indicated. A number of persons were also reported to have suffered slight injuries from falling tree limbs and flying glass from broken windows and doors.

RACING BIRDMEN HURT IN CRASH

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 9.—(AP)—Don S. Phillips, operator of a flying school in Seattle and William D. Schubert, escaped serious injury late today when their airplane, engaged in the race from Camp Lewis to Portland, crashed in the Hannaford valley east of Centralia.

Schubert's shoulder was hurt and Phillips suffered an injury to his left eye, but both were able to leave a local hospital after emergency treatment.

The plane was badly damaged. The motor stalled, Phillips said, causing the plane to make a forced landing.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., June 9.—(AP)—Thelma Cook was selected today for the 1929 convention of the Oregon State Fire Chiefs, by a vote of 14 to 10. Seaside received three votes.

STANFIELD BACKS NEW TAX REFUND

Measure Modelled After O-C Reimbursing Western States For Taxes Lost on Forest Reserve Land Before Convention — Oregon Delegates See Nebraska.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 9.—(AP) (With Oregon delegation en route to Kansas City)—A meeting of members of the resolutions committee from eleven western states, with the federal forest reserve lands committee, was held here by Former United States Senator Robert N. Stanfield early last week at Kansas City, with the purpose of aligning their support for his proposal for reimbursing counties of those states for taxation lost on reserve lands.

Stanfield said today he had not yet brought the matter personally to the attention of any of the western delegates. He expressed confidence, however, that they would lend the proposal their support and that the resolutions committee members from other states also would be favorably disposed.

The proposal is that an amount, equal to the sum that would have been realized from taxation of these forest reserve lands be paid by the government to the counties in which the lands are located. The proposal also suggests that the national treasury be reimbursed from the sale of forest products from the reserves, 25 per cent of which is now paid annually to the taxing units.

Stanfield explained that, while this 25 per cent is not now sufficient to meet taxation losses it probably would be more than enough to carry the entire burden ultimately, so that the federal government, in reality, would pay no more than under the present arrangement. Immediately financial relief would be accorded the several states.

Stanfield said the same principle is involved as was the case in his California and Oregon railroad land grant bill which passed the senate during his term and met little opposition in the house. That bill resulted in the payment of eighteen Oregon counties of a sum amounting to \$500,000 annually. He estimates payments to eleven states would amount to \$2,700,000 above their present annual receipts of \$300,000 from the sale of forest reserve products.

Stanfield has been mentioned as Oregon's member of the convention resolutions committee. The delegation will choose committee members and select officers at Kansas City on Monday, after five members of the delegation on this train are joined by eight delegates who went east by other routes.

Herbert Hoover's nomination by the second or third ballot was predicted by Stanfield today, who expressed the opinion that Hoover has not been chosen at that stage of the proceedings he will be eliminated by a dark horse candidate.

Stanfield believes the anti-Hoover coalition has eliminated all other candidates as possibilities for the nomination and that such a candidate as Vice President Dawes will be a likely condition if the coalition is successful.

TOT BLINDED BY SHELL EXPLOSION

HILLSBORO, Ore., June 9.—(AP)—A shotgun shell exploded by a match today cost Melvin Knudman, eight years old, the sight of his left eye and two fingers of his left hand.

The boy found the shell and was holding the lighted match under the cap when it exploded.

OREGON WEATHER Fair and mild; normal humidity; fresh northwest winds on the coast.

Searches for Nobile



Capt. Riser-Larsen, second in command of the North Pole voyage of the Norge, in 1926, has been reported heading a large-scale auxiliary expedition in search of Gen. Umberto Nobile and the crew of the Italia, which has been missing in the Arctic wastes.

POLICE DOUBT WEIRD ROLE BY RUNAWAY GIRLS

Bind and Gag Selves and Deny Sending Death Messages to Parents 'Just for Fun'—Pair Found Near Astoria.

ASTORIA, Ore., June 9.—(AP)—Culminating a runaway trip from home taken "just for fun," Stella Phillips, 14, and Marian Luciano, 15, Portland, spent last night at a friend's home here and today went out to Tongue Point, climbed a bank, tied and gagged themselves and then slid down the bank where they were found beside the road by a passerby.

This is the story the girls told police tonight after first claiming they had been kidnapped, struck over the head and that they knew no more until they found themselves bound on the bank.

The girls left Portland Thursday evening at 10:40 o'clock by bus and spent that night in a hotel at St. Helens, they said. Friday morning they came by bus to Astoria and have since been staying at the home of a friend here, they declared. The girls said they had not sent any word to their home while they were away, disclosing any knowledge of mysterious messages reported to have been received by parents of the Phillips girl.

Police are skeptical of their story. The girls are being held here pending the expected arrival of a sister of the Luciano girl from Portland tonight.

A. RURIC TODD IN TROUBLE AGAIN

KELSO, Wash., June 9.—(AP)—A. Ruric Todd, ex-mayor of Kelso, was arrested today at Seattle by the King county sheriff, and was returned by Sheriff Dill and Deputy Sheriff Fraser to serve his sentence of ninety days in jail on a charge of malicious prosecution, on which he was sentenced in Cowitz superior court. He also was fined \$50 and must pay approximately \$1,900 in court costs that piled up in the course of his appeals to the Washington supreme court and the United States supreme court.

GRANGES TALKED

LONGVIEW, Wash., June 9.—(AP)—Investigation of the state of Washington to entertain the National Grange convention in 1929 was endorsed here today by the executive committees of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California State Granges meeting in joint session.

The joint committee, working out a Pacific coast program for the grange, included Albert Goss, Seattle; George Palmator, Hood River; W. W. Deal, Nampa, Idaho; and George R. Harrison, Sebastopol, Cal., grange masters of their respective states.

POSITION OF ITALIA RADIOED

Norwegian Aviators Hope to Fly Over Dirigible Adrift With Polar Floes — Believe Normal Landing Made — No Details of Mishap, But Location Definite.

KING'S BAY, Spitzbergen, June 9.—(AP) Messages were exchanged in Italian today between the city of Milano, base ship of General Umberto Nobile's polar expedition, and the wireless operator of the Italia, the dirigible whose whereabouts had been a mystery from May 25 until yesterday.

This is the first communication both ways since the whereabouts of the missing explorers became known.

Any lingering doubts that the messages actually were coming from the Italia were dissipated when Giuseppe Biago, radio man on the dirigible, communicated his individual identification number at the end of a message to the City di Milano.

None of the reports which have come out of the ice wastes off Cape Leigh Smith, Northeast land, has told how the Italia was damaged or by what means her crew was saved, but the rescuers here are less concerned with that than with conditions which confront them in reaching the explorers.

The Italia is 18 1/2 miles north of the eastern extremity of Northeast land, is about 15 1/2 miles from Fern island, the nearest land.

Captain Riser-Larsen is relying on the ice breaker Braganza to take him and Lieutenant Lutwog Holm, with their Norwegian seaplanes to a point near enough to the Italia's position to permit a flight from the ships. He believes if he can get within about ninety miles he and the lieutenant can cover the remaining distance in one hour and a half. He says it will not be difficult to discover the Italia's predicament if the weather is reasonably clear.

Atmospheric conditions here were improving today and reports from the north said that a breeze from the east was moving the ice westward and away from the land, if this condition prevails beyond Northeast land, the Italia crew probably will drift closer to North Cape. The ice-breaker Braganza touched the cape the other day. Between this port and the "Seven Islands" is an area which can be reached without great difficulty.

STATE LAUNDERERS HONOR FABRICK

BEND, Ore., June 9.—(AP)—John Camp, Corvallis, was elected president of the Oregon Laundry Owners' association here today at the final session of the eighth annual convention of the organization. Salem was selected as the 1929 convention city.

Other officers elected were: Thomas Georges, Portland, vice-president; L. H. Jammons, Portland, secretary; Richard Kincaid, Oregon City, treasurer; R. C. Wazy, Tillamook, sergeant at arms. Members of the executive committee are: W. H. Hodges, Eugene; R. H. Gilbert, The Dalles; P. G. Allen, Portland; and W. H. Bechtold, Portland.

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FINAL LAP OF PACIFIC HOP FLOWN

Southern Cross With Americans Aboard Reach Goal at Sydney—Air Journey to Australia in Less Than Ten Days — Thousands See Plane.

SYDNEY, Australia, June 10.—(Sunday) — (AP)—The 7800 mile flight of the monoplane Southern Cross across the Pacific ocean from Oakland, Cal., to Sydney, was completed when the plane and its crew of four arrived at 3:05 p. m. today (9:08 p. m. Saturday, Pacific coast time).

The plane covered the last leg of its epochal air journey, 500 miles from Brisbane, Australia, on schedule time, landing at the local field after following the coast line of Australia for five hours and eight minutes.

The arrival of the two Australians and two Americans, Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, Charles Ulm, Harry W. Lyon and James Warner, was marked by wild enthusiasm on the part of thousands who had watched and hoped as the huge trimotored craft fought its way through storms and hours along the 7800 mile path over the sea.

The flight from California to Sydney was accomplished in less than ten days. There were halts of many hours in the Hawaiian island of Oahu where the plane landed from Oakland. Another short detour on the island of Kauai, across the channel from Oahu, whence the plane took off from the Barkling Sands course for the Fijis. Again at the island of Viti Levu the flyers were forced to wait for an opportune moment to hop off from Nausori beach for Brisbane, where they landed yesterday. Then they took to the air again at Brisbane at 10 p. m. today (4 p. m. Saturday, Pacific coast time) for the final lap to Sydney.

BRISBANE, Australia, June 10.—(Sunday) — (AP)—The monoplane Southern Cross took off today for Sydney, 500 miles south, on the last stage of the 7800-mile flight from Oakland, Cal.

The plane left Brisbane at 10 a. m. today (4 p. m. Saturday, Pacific coast time) and was expected to arrive in Sydney at 3 p. m. (9 p. m. Saturday, Pacific coast time).

The enthusiasm of the crowds was as great at the take-off as at the landing of the huge monoplane yesterday when it completed a 7300 mile flight across the Pacific from Oakland, Cal.

Throughout the day there were long streams of motor cars and people lined up to the flying field and thousands of persons made as close an inspection of the plane as police lines would permit.

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