

Today  
By Arthur Briabane

Real Money in France.  
Brave Swedish Flier.  
Tuning Up at Houston.  
Kahn Saw It Coming.

The French settle down courageously to the drastic new money rate. Four-fifths of its value is cut from their money as a result of a war WHICH THEY WON. They face that situation bravely.

In place of paper money, meaning little to peasants and working people, the French again will see gold and silver coins in circulation.

The "circulation," size and weight of our silver dollar, will not come back. Worth five francs before the war, it would be worth 25 francs now. But 10-franc silver pieces worth 40 cents will be coined, and the French will feel that they are working for REAL MONEY.

Stabilizing the franc is a boon to all Europe, ending financial disorder that has lasted for 10 years.

It is a great achievement by Poincare, worthy successor of Thiers, Turgot, Necker, Say, and a long list of brilliant French statesmen.

An Italian message chooses the right words, "valorous pilot," for the Swedish aviator, Lieutenant Einar Lundborg. He landed his plane on the ice floe where General Noble was stranded, took that brave officer to safety, went back to the rescue, and was himself stranded in Noble's place by the overturning of his plane.

Some cacophony in Houston's preliminary orchestra tuning. But harmony will come. Governor Smith sends word that he hasn't changed his mind on prohibition. The people like a man to stay put.

Senator Reed of Missouri, in a strong statement, says he opposed the prohibition amendment, and the Volstead act, as President Wilson did, as "an invasion of the police powers of the state."

But with prohibition in the constitution and on the statute books, Senator Reed would enforce the law. So would any other good citizen.

Otto H. Kahn says foolish excesses of stock inexperienced gamblers are over. They have learned a useful lesson and national values will proceed to establish themselves on a sound basis, and, says Mr. Kahn, "optimistic conclusions, based solely on the progress of America, are sound."

With Mr. Kahn it is not prophesying after the event.

Before the recent unpleasant break Mr. Kahn advised friends that trouble was coming.

Mr. Bloom, specialist in sports wear, has his hands and fingers insured for amounts totaling \$500,000. Loss of his right hand would cost the insurance company \$375,000.

If that's the value of Mr. Bloom's hand, what would be the value of Michael Angelo's right hand that painted theistine chapel, modeled the pieta, Hewed David and Mosts out of solid marble and made the plans of Saint Peter's?

Senator Moses and Mrs. Willbrandt say Hoover will be elected overwhelmingly by the votes of women. "For every deluded wet Republican who votes for Smith

BOURBON  
OPENING IS  
SHORT ONE

Democrats Listen to Speech of Welcome by Houston Mayor Then Quit Unlabeled Evening Session—Heat and Radio Demands Cause Change of Plans.

SAM HOUSTON HALL, HOUSTON, June 26.—(AP)—The democratic national convention convened today at 12:12 p. m. with Chairman Clem Shaver of the national committee calling it to order.

With most of its disagreements already smoothing themselves in the clouds raised by the Al Smith hand wagon, the democrats assembled today in this resplendent new convention hall for a national convention that everybody seemed to think was about as good as over before it started.

The troublesome prohibition issue which has been interwoven with Smith's candidacy was to be tackled later in the day by the new platform committee and many on both sides of the fence were hopeful that a spirit of conciliation would keep that from bringing on a serious battle.

Two bands played alternately and another special Texas convention jazz troupe which called itself the "Old Grey Mare Band" played the wide variety of music surrounding the delegate section, dressed as red-shirted cowboys, playing the tune for which it was named and headed by a cowgirl leader, riding astride the old grey mare herself.

There was a cheer when just at the hour set for convening the California delegation unfurled a large silk banner announcing that "Cal was for Al." The governor's picture was in the center of the banner.

As they shouted "We are for Al," "We are for Al," the delegates from the state of Herbert Hoover, the republican presidential nominee, removed the plain standard bearing the word "California" to guide the delegates to their right places in the convention, and put the big blue silk banner in its place.

The convention was late in getting under way while Chairman Shaver, chairman of the national committee, conferred with other leaders regarding the situation.

A cheer went up as Jimmy Walker, New York's dapper mayor, pushed his way to the center of the Empire state delegation.

At 12:12 Chairman Shaver stepped up in front of the silver "mike" and began to hammer with his gavel the three-inch plank placed behind the speaker's stand at the extreme front of the flag-draped platform. He had no luck for the ball remained anything but orderly.

Even a real grand-daddy gavel, three times as large as the one first used by the chairman and big enough to be dignified by the name of mallet without including in a figure of speech, failed for a time to get results.

Then, as the little grey-haired grey-suited head of the national committee launched into a tattoo and a convention hand placed on the floor itself just down in front of the chairman, blew "Attention," the babel of talk began to die out slowly.

Pastor Gets Silence

Chairman Shaver got silence by bringing to the front of the platform Bishop S. R. Hay of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, who pronounced the opening invocation.

Just as the convention was opening, Mrs. Alfred E. Smith entered by a side door almost unnoticed and was escorted to a front box on the left about half way back. She was wearing a very late two-piece dress, a big black hat with straw brim. She frowned herself violently with a large mezzetta colored fan.

The prayer finished, Mrs. Melvina Fishmore of Baltimore led the crowd in "The Star Spangled Banner," "America" and then "Dixie."

As the last words died out the hall rang with the first real cheering of the convention.

Charles A. Greathouse of Indiana, secretary of the democratic national committee, then was presented to the convention and he read the call for the convention.

The democrats finally had settled down with most of the delegates in their seats awaiting for the welcoming address by Mayor Oscar P. Holcomb of Houston.

Mayor Gives Welcome

The mayor was given a big hand as he was introduced by Chairman Shaver. Holcomb said that for him to say a word of welcome would be superfluous as the city had shown its hospitality by building the great convention hall for the convention.

"We feel that the greatest honor has been bestowed upon us," the mayor said. "I am satisfied that here in Houston the greatest piece of history in recent years will be made and that is that the next

"HOSPITALITY HOUSE" FOR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION



View of the construction of "Hospitality House" for the Democratic national convention at Houston, Tex. The structure, covering an entire city block, is designed for the convenience of delegates and visitors. Writing desks, information booths, rest rooms and other conveniences are to be housed in the building. It has accommodations for a crowd of 3,500, and is only a short distance from convention hall.

VICE PRESIDENT SITUATION IS BADLY MIXED

Scores of Candidates Are Anxious to Be Al Smith's Running Mate, But None Appears to Have Commanding Lead.

(By W. B. Ragsdale, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
HOUSTON, Texas, June 26.—(AP)—With a score or more candidates scrambling for a position before it, the vice-presidential spotlight three spasmic beams today upon three or four persons, perhaps lingering longest upon Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader in the senate.

Meanwhile, with new names still coming to the fore with newly arriving delegations, there arose a possibility that if Governor Smith were given the presidential nomination he would throw the race for second position in a grand free-for-all selection to be made on the floor of the convention.

A tomb-like silence has hovered over the late of Tammany, from which have come only vague intimations as to Wollen of Indiana, and Newton P. Baker, secretary of war under President Wilson.

At the same time there came still other reports that if their candidate should be given first place on the ticket, he might request the convention to select his running mate in an open fight on the floor.

New rumbles of thunder echoed from the eastern states, and the west last night as delegates not yet inured to Houston heat launched new vice-presidential booms for Representative Rainey of Illinois and Richard V. Taylor, a member of the interstate commerce commission and a former mayor of Mobile, Ala.

Rainey, it was contended, has taken an active part in farm relief legislation and might do much to swing the farm votes into the democratic column. The Taylor boost came from the Arizona delegation.

Amos Vltis, chairman of the delegation, said that Taylor was in harmony with the views of Smith on prohibition amendment.

High of Tennessee still balked large in the minds of many delegates today and others suggested Atee Pomeroy of Ohio, or Governor Donahay of that state, as candidates who would strengthen the kick of the democratic mule.

New impetus was given to the campaign of George L. Berry, president of the pressmen's union, with the publication of a telegram from William Randolph Hearst, the publisher, asserting that the democrats should take notice of him if they were considering the ability and advisability of candidates.

The message added that Tennessee was popular both with union men and the public.

Other new candidates whose names appeared on the list yesterday for the first time included Senator Kip of Utah, who was boosted by his home states, and Houston Thompson, a former chairman of the federal trade commission.

Those praises were chanted by the Colorado democrats. Still other delegates spoke of Senator Pittman of Nevada as a second place man, and Governor Ritchie of Maryland, himself mentioned as a possible nominee for vice-president.

He said that former Senator Underwood of Alabama was a desirable man for the place.

A new name was thrown into the vice-presidential contest with the endorsement of Senator Barkley of Kentucky by his state delegation.

The senator is one of the committee of five named by the senate to investigate expenditures of candidates in the presidential primaries and election. The Kentucky delegation is instructed for Smith.

Resume Grain Hearing.

SALEM, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—The grain rate hearing now being terminated in Seattle by the interstate commerce commission will probably be resumed in Portland Monday, July 2, according to notices sent out by the Oregon public service commission.

The Portland sessions will be held at the Heathman hotel. The testimony will pertain mainly to rates between points in Oregon in connection with the interstate commerce commission.

It's Old Stuff

HOUSTON, Texas, June 26.—(AP)—The charge that Herbert Hoover fixed prices on American farm products during the world war for the benefit of the British and allied buyers, was made today by Senator Reed of Missouri, in carrying on his fight for the democratic presidential nomination.

MRS. COOLIDGE TAKES TRIP TO BEAUTY PARLOR

President's Wife Drives 50 Miles to Duluth for Marcel and Manicure—Police Reserves Called—Gives Girls Quarter Tip.

DULUTH, Minn., June 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Coolidge thrilled residents of Duluth yesterday by driving some 50 miles from Cedar Island lodge to patronize the beauty parlors of one of the department stores here.

She made the trip with her housekeeper and nurse. Few knew she was coming and it was a surprise to the "first lady of the land" when she was spotted by a policeman on the street.

Some warning had been given, however, and the stairs had been vigorously scrubbed and both number six hurriedly tidied and brightened with a bouquet of tea roses. According to her appointment, Mrs. Coolidge was to receive a scalp treatment, shampoo, manicure and manicure. She wore a dark gray tweed suit, a large felt hat and a silver fox fur.

Word soon spread through the business district that Mrs. Coolidge was in town and police reserve were sent to the store to keep the crowds in order. Work was suspended in the office buildings in the neighborhood and windows were crammed with persons hoping to see Mrs. Coolidge as she left.

Business in the store itself was at a standstill. Women who happened to be there when she entered, refused to leave as did those who came later and heard the news.

The sidewalks of Superior street were lined for blocks and so many were standing in the streets that policemen resorted to traffic.

As she left Mrs. Coolidge left each of the three girls who did her work a bright shiny quarter and replied, in answer to a request to return, that they would find her hard to get rid of. She indicated her return by opening a charge account.

Mrs. Coolidge said she liked the country and was enjoying the vacation at Cedar Island lodge.

CAN'T PREVENT CHOICE OF AL; FIRST BALLOT

Gov. Smith's Manager in First Announcement Says He Couldn't Stop First Ballot Nomination Thursday if He Wanted to.

By BRIAN BELL, Associated Press Staff Writer  
HOUSTON, June 26.—(AP)—That Governor Alfred E. Smith will be nominated on the first ballot was suggested today by George H. VanNamee, manager of his pre-convention activities. It was VanNamee's first effort to forecast specifically the action of the democratic convention.

"The logic of events at Houston and the general good feeling that prevails," said the Smith manager, "indicates that Governor Smith's popularity is so great that it is doubtful even if his managers wished they could delay his nomination beyond the first ballot."

VanNamee was confident, he said, that there would be no serious contest in the convention over the platform or any other subject.

"Such harmony as exists here has never been known in a democratic convention before," he said. "Every delegate here knows that the party has a great chance to win and has a chance to be taken of placing that opportunity in jeopardy."

"Any democrat who wants his party to be successful knows that we must leave here with good feeling prevailing."

Asked as to his idea for the start of balloting, VanNamee succeeded Thursday. "Immediately after that," he said, "the campaign for Governor Smith will be started with the enthusiasm attached to everything with which he is connected."

The convention should end Friday, he thought.

"The choice of a candidate for vice president is very important," he said, "and certainly the convention will not hurry through this nomination."

The candidate might come from any section of the country, he replied to a query as to the possibility of the choice falling on a southerner. "The candidate might come from the south as well as any other section, but not for the reason that he would be needed to carry his state or any group of states."

VanNamee said he had not heard that a second speech for Governor Smith might be made by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. "It would be very gracious of Mrs. Wilson to second the governor's nomination," he said, "but we have not been advised that she will do so. There will be brief second speeches."

The Smith manager thought the platform would be worked out without great difficulty and no fight.

Senator Robert F. Wagner, New York's representative of the resolutions committee, will hold a number of conferences today with others interested in framing the convention.

Plans Air Flight From Germ. Long Beach.

LONG BEACH, Cal., June 26.—(AP)—Owing to the assurance that Dr. Hugo von Eckener, noted Zeppelin builder, has completed plans for a 10,000-mile non-stop flight from Friedrichshafen, Germany, to this city was contained in a cablegram from Dr. Eckener received by officials of the Pacific Southwest exposition today.

Exposition officials have guaranteed a gas supply for the ship and arrangements have been completed with naval authorities to handle the craft.

The exact time the flight will start has not been divulged by Dr. Eckener.

GIRL FLIER IS NEARLY READY FOR BERLIN HOP

THREE RIVERS, Que., June 26.—(AP)—Miss Thea Rasche and the monoplane North Star, purchased for her by Mrs. James A. Stillman, were at Cape de La Madeline flying field near here today awaiting favorable weather for a flight to Europe. The plane was flown here from Habley Field, New Jersey, yesterday by Ulrich Koenemann, Miss Rasche's German mechanic who is to be her co-pilot on the flight.

The German aviatix came on by train and was at the field when her plane arrived.

Officials of the airport stated that arrangements had been made to fuel the plane here fully for a trans-Atlantic flight and they believed she would make no stop once she took off until she reached her destination, which probably would be Berlin.

Mrs. Stillman, who became Miss Rasche's backer when the German girl broke off relations with her former backer, said in New York she was sorry the flight could not be made from American soil but that she "couldn't be bothered any more by petty annoyances in this country."

"I'm doing what I think American women want me to do for the German girl," she said.

FEAR THAT RESCUE IS DOUBTFUL

Little Hope for Noble Party Taken Away by Balloon, or of Rescuing Malmgren Party—One Man Reported Killed—Thrilling Rescue Is Told.

KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, June 26.—(AP)—At least one of the seven men who were in the bag of the dirigible Italia and who were carried off on May 25 without trace, is believed to have been killed in falling from a forward compartment.

This was Vincenzo Pomella, motor attendant. Latest advices indicate that he was undoubtedly killed in the fall. The fate of his six companions in the bag which was swept away from the Noble group on the ice is unknown.

(Hitherto there have been no reports stating definitely that any of the crew of the Italia were killed. The seven men who were carried away in the gas bag have not been heard from and confirmation as to Pomella's death is unobtainable.)

(By O. Arneson, Correspondent of The Associated Press)  
VIRGO BAY, Spitzbergen, June 26.—(AP) (By Way of Kings Bay) (AP) Battered by heavy fog the rescue parties at Virgo Bay today were waiting further opportunity to take off the remaining members of the Noble party stranded off North-east land and Lieutenant E. Lundborg, Swedish flier, now marooned with them.

The huge Italian 8-55 under command of Major Maddalena and the Marina II, meanwhile will start toward the east as soon as possible in search for the missing men of the balloon party.

Hope of saving the three men headed by Dr. Finn Malmgren, Swedish meteorologist, which started for land on foot almost a month ago is considered very small.

Noble Warned Out  
General Umberto Noble, worn out by the privations of the past month and suffering from a broken leg, is resting in bed aboard the base ship Citta di Milano here under careful attention for his injuries and is being kept as free as possible from the worries of the rescue groups over their difficulties.

Efforts to obtain an interview with the general today were in vain. Captain Romagna of the Citta di Milano permitting no one to see the general.

While the rescue planes, of which there are a half dozen here, are being held down by fog, fear for the safety of the stranded radio party is not acute inasmuch as the group now has plenty of food, having killed several polar bears with the weapons dropped last week by Major Maddalena and the Swedish leader, Captain Tornberg.

The fliers had hoped to make another try, to the marooned group yesterday but found it impossible because of the fog.

Ice Conditions Better

Ice conditions are growing easier for the ship and next week the expedition's base will be moved to the eastward to Hinlopen strait, or perhaps even farther east or north. This would place the fliers within the miles of Foyne island and within easier striking distance of the marooned men.

When the large Swedish and Italian airplanes left Kings Bay on Sunday for Virgo Bay, everything was quiet in the little mining town. Shortly afterwards, however, the town was thrown into excitement by reports that General Noble had been saved and taken to Virgo Bay.

By chance a small fishing boat was lying near the quay and aboard this boat the correspondent for the Associated Press left for the north. The midnight sun was beaming and the weather was clear. After six hours journey the correspondent arrived in Virgo Bay at Dune Island. Sheltered within the bay was the Citta di Milano and close by was the plane of Major Maddalena.

The Swedish supply ship Tanja was near the coast and near it were two Swedish planes in addition to a second Italian plane.

The correspondent was received aboard the Tanja cordially by the Swedish aviators and had a long chat with them. They told simply and lucidly how Noble's rescue was effected.

Thrilling Story of Rescue

On Saturday evening Captain Tornberg, leader of the Swedish expedition, in his large Heinkel hydro-airplane, Lieutenant Lundborg in a small light Pöcker 149-horsepower machine, equipped with skills and Lieutenant Jacobsen in another Heinkel machine, started on an expedition to save Noble and then pick up Natali Cecconi, the motor chief whose

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OREGON DELEGATE IS WET BUT FOR A DRY LAW PLANK

By M. E. BARKER, Associated Press Staff Writer  
SAM HOUSTON HALL, Houston, Texas, June 26.—(AP)—Oregon delegates to the democratic national convention, pending receipt of word from Milton A. Miller, Portland, in reply to their telegram last night asking him to release them from their primary preference obligation of supporting him for the vice presidential nomination were considering to whom their votes might be given.

Discussion of vice presidential possibilities among the Oregon delegates today included Senator John B. Kendrick, Wyoming, Cordell Hull, Tennessee, and John E. Barry, supported by former service men and labor delegation, particularly if he showed any promise of strength when balloting was reached.

The selection of William C. Peterson of Pendleton, outspoken in his opposition to the prohibition law, as Oregon's member of the resolutions committee, was an indication that the influence of Oregon democrats might be cast on the side of repeal of the prohibition amendment or for a referendum plank.

While registering his opposition to the prohibition law and expressing his personal belief that the entire liquor question should be returned to the hands of the individual states, Peterson declared he would support a "general law enforcement" declaration in the platform, with no specific reference to prohibition.

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Concerning farm relief, Peterson said he would advocate a plank declaring in general terms for the consideration of the farmer, stockman and herdmaster as is received by manufacturers and industry in general at the hands of the federal government. He expressed the belief that this would solve the farm problem in the most effective manner.

Peterson declared himself in favor of giving all consideration to ex-service men, with adequate relief and hospitalization for disabled veterans.

JAPAN WILL SIGN KELLOGG TREATY

TOKYO, June 26.—(AP)—The foreign office spokesman today said that Japan was in complete accord with the latest proposal of Secretary Kellogg for a treaty to outlaw war. The cabinet was expected to meet soon to consider the Kellogg draft after which a reply would be sent to America.

The spokesman said the government believed the proposed treaty did more to insure the peace of the world than any similar document in history. He added that Japan was grateful to the United States for having conceived a treaty which meant so much to universal peace.

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STOCKHOLDERS FIGHT DODGE BROS. MERGER

NEW YORK, June 26.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justice Mullan reserved decision today on the application of a minority stockholder of Dodge Brothers, Inc. for an injunction to prevent the proposed \$250,000,000 merger of that company with the Chrysler corporation.

Justice Mullan said the suit probably should have been brought in Maryland where the Dodge company is incorporated.

Attorneys for both sides were instructed to file briefs on this point by tomorrow afternoon.

The Noted Dead

LOS ANGELES, June 26.—(AP)—Dr. L. R. Reiber, vice president of the Bank of Italy and brother-in-law of A. P. Giannini, died at a hospital here late last night. He had been at the hospital six days. He leaves a widow and two children.

Dr. Sevier formerly was president of the California state dental board.

PRISONER MAKES GETAWAY AMID VOLLEY OF SHOTS

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CHAMBERLAIN, LEVINE SHAFT IS DEDICATED

KOTTBUS, Germany, June 26.—(AP)—The Herten trans-Atlantic fliers—Captain Herman Koehl, Baron Von Huttenfeld and Major James Fitzmaurice—today assisted in laying the corner stone of a monument commemorating the trans-Atlantic flight of Clarence Chamberlain and Charles A. Levine last June.

Their plane, the Columbia, landed at the village of Kling, about eight miles from Kottbus, on June 6, 1927.

The monument will consist of a globe flanked by allegorical figures representing Germany and America.

COL STEWART TO BE TRIED OCTOBER 8TH

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(AP)—Robert W. Stewart, arraigned in the District of Columbia supreme court on charges of perjury today, pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for October 8.

Frank J. Hogan, Stewart's counsel, insisted that the chairman of the board of the Indiana Standard Oil company be placed on trial tomorrow, saying his client was innocent and sought an immediate hearing. Judge Frederick L. Sidons replied that the court was adjourning for a summer recess and the first available date for hearing the case was October 8. Stewart was released under \$5,000 bond.

Baseball Scores

American R. H. E.  
Philadelphia 1 3 7  
Washington 4 2 1  
Rommel and Cochrane; Gaston and Ruel.

National R. H. E.  
New York 7 18 1  
Philadelphia 6 10 1  
First game: R. H. E.  
Brooklyn 5 10 0  
Boston 1 9 1  
Clark and Henline; Delaney, Hollingsworth and Taylor.

Second game: R. H. E.  
Brooklyn 6 10 0  
Boston 5 10 1  
Doak, Petty, Ehrhardt, Vance and Deberry; Barnes, Brandt, Moss, B. Smith and Spohrer; Taylor, Henline.

First game: R. H. E.  
Pittsburg 1 11 0  
Chicago 9 4 0  
Grimes and Hargreaves; Blake, Malone and Hartnett.

Second game: R. H. E.  
Pittsburg 3 8 1  
Chicago 7 9 2  
Batteries: Miljus, Burwell and Hargreaves; Jones, Bush, Dawson and Gonzales, Malone.