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Thanks, Mr. Rickard.
Can't Worry Wall Street.
75,000 Acres Burn.
Ford Dips Into Rubber.

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In prize ring language the big fight was "a flop." It did not yield the \$1,000,000 expected, so Mr. Tex Rickard, impresario of the squared circle, lost about \$200,000 of his own money.

He had guaranteed each fighter a certain sum, cruel government took 27 percent of the gross receipts, or as much of 25 percent as it could get. What was left isn't enough.

"From evil comes good." Secney will rejoice at Mr. Rickard's announcement that he will stop broadcasting from the ringside. People save their money, listen to descriptions of blows and blood over the radio. Hereafter, to enjoy a fight, you must pay your money and see blows and blood.

That's good news. Those that delight in blood and like seeing other men take blows that they wouldn't take themselves, should herd together.

Nothing worries Wall Street. Plus signs are scattered over the list this morning. General Motors has gone up nearly 10 points since Mr. Raskob decided not to combine politics and automobiles, big business does not like to be tied to politics—openly.

"Big" steel is up, oils and market leaders generally are up. Money, plentiful, made it hard for lenders to keep it up to 5-1/2 percent. Looks like the beginning of another bull market in spite of Federal Reserve efforts to discourage speculation.

A great fire raging over farm lands in the Northwest burns 75,000 acres of wheat and pasturage. Homes and ranches are burned with crops, farmers fighting it in vain.

Would it be possible to equip a fleet of airplanes with chemical apparatus for extinguishing fire, to deal with a disaster of this kind?

Aircraft manufacturers and those that manufacture chemical fire extinguishers might answer that question.

Henry Ford starts work on 6,000,000 acres for rubber planting in Brazil. A good deal of land, it ought to produce a lot of rubber.

Two ships with equipment, machinery experts and mechanics have been sent to get production started.

Ford's friend, Firestone, is making a big rubber experiment in Africa. Ford prefers South America. These two men might easily end the British rubber monopoly.

George D. Smith, once New York's most famous dealer in old books died, and his firm is bankrupt. Smith did not read the beautiful volumes that passed through his hands. He knew them, by instinct, could instantly identify their importance, value and rarity.

Those that have done the most reading in books, know the most about books.

This writer in New York's biggest book store once asked for Schopenhauer's "Studies in Pessimism" to get the exact reference to that "undersized, narrow shouldered, wide hipped" creature who learned Schopenhauer disliked those whom he could not find the book, were sure they did not have it. "But

MR. HOOVER TO ARRIVE AT 5 TODAY

Nominee To Spend Two Days Near Hornbrook, Raising Legion Hopes He Will Attend Convention—Party Travels 290 Hot Miles—Steelhead Dinner For Entire Caravan.

The news that Mr. Hoover was to fish on the Klamath river, brought hope to local Legion convention workers, that the distinguished visitor could be prevailed upon to spend at least one day in this city during the state convention this week. Brown's Camp is less than a three hour's auto drive from this city.

Word received from the Hoover auto caravan last evening stated that the Republican nominee and party expected to leave Bull Flats, California early Sunday morning, reaching this city by forced driving about five o'clock in the afternoon. The caravan will go direct to the summer home of W. F. Isaacs on Rogue river, where Mr. Hoover and immediate circle will spend the night. He will fish on Sunday evening and Monday morning.

The entire Hoover party will be guests at a steelhead salmon dinner. It will be a stag affair. With the nominee today are his son Allan, Assistant U. S. Attorney William H. Donovan, John Q. Tilson, republican leader of the house of representatives; Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University, and a group of newspaper reporters and photographers.

Nominee Hoover again stressed today his previous announcement, that politics and interviews were barred, during his stay in southern Oregon.

The Owen Oregon Lumber company have erected a large sign in front of their office on the Pacific highway. The sign reads:

WELCOME
"American Standard"
HOOVER
The words "American Standard" have referred to the efforts of Mr. Hoover to secure a uniform standardized cut for all mills, in this nation. The sign will be lighted at night.

WITH HOOVER PARTY, EN ROUTE TO BROWN'S CAMP, Cal., July 28.—(AP)—Traveling through the beautiful coast range of mountains, Herbert Hoover, republican presidential candidate, was well on his way tonight to Brown's Camp, near Hornbrook, California where he will spend Monday and Tuesday fishing.

Mr. Hoover's automobile led ten others spread out for miles along these smooth highways which led around hills and mountains, first up and then down, with hairpin turns enough to give a real thrill to the driver and the travelers accompanying the nominee.

To the commerce secretary it was an often traveled road, but he found pleasure in pointing out to those in his car the various places of interest in the Sausalito valley, a fertile country, which of ten came into the view of the party.

The way led first through a great chicken raising country, then through miles upon miles of orchard land and into the vineyards and hop fields where once a wine business thrived. But the hills and deep canyons were the things that caught the fancy of those accompanying Mr. Hoover.

Before reaching Willits, where a stop was made for lunch, Mr. Hoover watched the start of what promised to be a forest fire of some proportions. This was on a hillside fifteen miles southeast of Willits and rangers were starting backfires to head the blaze which spread rapidly in the sun parched undergrowth.

After the party got into the hills it found a different sort of weather from that left behind at Palo Alto where the start was made soon after sun up. As the travelers crossed San Francisco bay to Sausalito they ran into a chilling fog but once across the broad water bay, bright sunshine was encountered and after the climb into the mountains it became almost excessively hot.

The train's first shed their top coats, then their sack coats and sweaters and finally were reduced to shirt sleeves. The stop for the night was made at Bull Flats, near the Fel river, 30 miles south of Eureka and 290 miles from Palo Alto.

The motor caravan passed through Ukiah, 126 miles from San Francisco, shortly before noon. A stop was made as the party was anxious to reach Bull Flats near the Fel river and some 160 miles farther north where camp will be made for the night. The final destination is Brown's Camp

Here To Fish The Rogue



HERBERT HOOVER

POSTAL PROBE OF CROSS STATE LINE BLACKMAIL NOTE HEARINGS DUE TO TOL HALSEY WOMAN OPEN THIS WEEK

ALBANY, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—Further investigation of the alleged kidnaping of Mrs. John Matson will be made by postal authorities, District Attorney Lewelling said today. Discovery of a blackmail letter in the mail box at the Matson farm, near Brownville, took the case out of his hands and placed it under federal jurisdiction, the prosecutor said.

He has turned over to Postmaster Torbet the blackmail note, demanding \$5,000 and threatening repetition of the kidnaping, and the postmaster today forwarded it, with another note and samples of Mrs. Matson's handwriting to Spokane.

W. I. Salem, of Salem, who is said to qualify as a hand-writing expert, reported to the district attorney today that a note found in the Matson home following the alleged kidnaping, and purporting to have been written by the kidnapers, was written by Mrs. Matson, herself.

PLANES USED IN POLITICAL BATTLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 28.—(AP)—Airplanes dropping political circulars and free use of full page newspaper advertisements marked the last days before the statewide primaries which will be held in Tennessee Thursday.

Outside the democratic gubernatorial contest, campaigns have been vigorous but without evident bitterness. Both parties will select nominees for governor, U. S. senator, congress, legislature utilities and railroad commissioner and state executive committee.

The hottest battle in the campaign developed in an exchange of newspaper statements between Clarence Saunders, chain grocery store operator, who is backing Governor Henry H. Horton's candidacy for the democratic nomination, and E. H. Cunn, supporter of the candidacy of Hill McAlister, Nashville.

Gas Prices Tumble Three Cents Lower In Portland "War"

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—The price of gasoline was reduced to 15 1/2 cents a gallon here tonight by six Portland dealers who heretofore had maintained the regular price of 21 1/2 cents in the face of a price war which sent the price of fuel in many other service stations down to 13 1/2 cents.

The latest group to initiate a comp in the fuel struggle is made up of General Petroleum dealers, all of whom own their stations but who are unopposed to sell general gasoline.

PLUG FOR CANADIAN RUM LEAK

Blue Seals Rules Tightened To Thwart Carload Shipments of Liquor—Minor Rail Officials Bribed To Aid Profitable Deception—Claim Teeth Put in Enforcement.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—A plan to shut off liquor shipments from Canada was placed in effect by the treasury today, consisting of new regulations drastically tightening rules governing the inspection of freight cars passing through Canada enroute between American points.

Assistant Secretary Seymour Lowman, incharge of dry law enforcement, said bootleggers had obtained a number of the blue seals used by customs agents to designate cars inspected before leaving American territory and that these seals had been applied to cars which after being loaded with Canadian liquor, were attached to through trains.

Under the new regulations, he declared each blue seal would be given a serial number and in addition would bear the name and number of the car to which it was applied. This, he explained, would be made up for entrance into Canadian territory would have all through freight cars stamped with consecutively numbered blue seals.

He added that each seal also would bear the time of the cars entrance into Canada and that if agents would be on the alert no such delayed cars would be allowed to pass. Such delayed cars could be dropped from the train upon which they arrived and inspected if suspicious were aroused.

The assistant secretary said he regarded the new regulations as putting teeth into enforcement of the prohibition law. Customs agents heretofore had been reaching American soil with comparative ease.

He explained that as long as the car retained its blue seal it was unimpeded by customs men until it reached its point of destination.

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LET CONTRACT TO BUILD NEW CATHOLIC HOME

\$45,000 Church Will Start Sept. 1—General Contract to Portland Builder—Local Contractors Given Award—First Ceremony Today.

The contracts for the construction of the new edifice of the Church of the Nativity, the new Catholic church to be built at the corner of North Oakdale and West 10th street were let yesterday afternoon, and the breaking of ground on the site will take place at 10 o'clock this forenoon with Rev. Francis W. Black, pastor of the church, consecrating the ground. The ceremony will last about 15 minutes.

Work will begin by Sept. 1, the big brick structure with ornamental brick facing to be completed in about four months.

This handsome and commodious new edifice will replace the present church building, which was built in 1908 and which long ago grew too small to keep pace with the growth of the parish.

The contracts were let as follows:

Total contract price \$45,000. General contract, E. J. Barrett, of Portland; plumbing and heating, Wm. Hammett, Medford; electrical work, Peoples Electric, Medford; painting, Wm. Watson, Medford.

M. J. Leonard, J. H. Wechnick, R. E. Stuart, Arthur Schmidl, Campbell Sheet Metal Works, Medford Electric Co., A. L. Vrooman and Alex E. Wolverson of Medford and George O. Magnus of Portland, were other bidders.

NIPPON MATRON APPROVES U. S.



Now that she has come to the United States to live, Mrs. Kaoru Toyoda, wife of the attache of the Japanese embassy, at Washington, D. C., says she has filled a lifelong ambition. The photo above was taken on her arrival in San Francisco.

BOY GOVERNOR OF TEXAS FAR AHEAD OF ART, CHARITY IN PRIMARY RACE

DALLAS, Tex., July 28.—(AP)—Ratios of the first few scattering returns still were maintained late tonight when the Texas election board had tallied 228,500 votes of an estimated 700,000 cast in today's statewide Democratic primary.

On the face of the unofficial reports from 184 of Texas' 253 counties, with only one county complete, it was indicated that Earl B. Mayfield, United States senator, would have to face Tom Connally, congressman from the Eleventh district, in a runoff primary next month, and that Dan Moody, 35-year old governor, was sweeping ahead to re-nomination over a field of two other men and a woman.

In the race for lieutenant governor, considered by some to reflect the views of pro and anti-Smith sentiment in Texas, Barry Miller of Dallas, incumbent, a strict party man, had a long lead over his nearest opponent, Thomas B. Love, state senator, formerly dominant in Texas politics, whose name was left off the ballot in several counties when he took a stand against Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York.

WOOD WINS AIR DERBY TROPHY

DETROIT, July 28.—(AP)—Completing a 6300 mile circle of the western half of the continent 21 planes of the nation's air force landed at the Ford airport here late today, the point from which they started on June 30.

John P. Wood, of Wausau, Wis., pilot who flew a Wright-engine Waco biplane, was announced the winner of the Edsel Ford reliability trophy, the major award for the tour winner. Wood also received a greater portion of the \$12,000 prize awarded the first ten planes to finish the tour.

Mrs. Phoebe Fairgrave, Omila of Memphis, Tenn., who flew a tiny Monocoupe and whose avowed purpose was "not to win but to finish," ended the tour in last place after several minor mishaps enroute. Mrs. Omila was the only woman to pilot a plane.

BOYS BLAMED FOR HUGE FARM FIRE

LAKEPORT, Cal., July 28.—(AP)—Fire, started by two boys today was burning fiercely tonight on a four mile front and was menacing the Big Valley pear district. The blaze had swept over an area estimated at 15,000 acres and to night was sweeping towards Lakeport despite the efforts of 200 firefighters to control it.

SMITH PUT UPON GRILL BY EDITOR

Noted Kansas Scribe Holds Al An Able Tool of Tammany, and Its Major Prophet—Likened To a Klan—Awed Legislator In Scathing Attack.

NEW YORK, July 28.—(AP)—Resuming his attack on Governor Alfred E. Smith today, William Allen White, editor of the Emporia, Kansas, Gazette, said two weeks investigation into New York state records had substantiated his previous statement that Governor Smith had supported the liquor interests while a member in the New York assembly.

Mr. White said he had employed two experts to delve into the journal of the assembly for Governor Smith's record and he now was prepared "to face the governor with his own votes on questions affecting the saloon, and its two parasites, the gambler and the prostitute."

"I am not a trained debater," Mr. White said, "a court reporter, from a little country town in Kansas, but one might take that record and a photostat copy of the assembly journal and show Governor Smith that his record in the assembly, so far as it affected the saloon, the gambler and the prostitute was a Tammany record. Moreover, this detailed record will show that he voted against the American people nearly a dozen years on the big controversial measures with the most notorious saloon men in the Tammany delegation."

"Governor Smith has been a busy man, a fine useful American citizen since he left the New York assembly, but in his many activities he has forgotten much of his assembly record. Two weeks ago he did me the honor to walk up over a preacher's shoulders, calling the preacher of whom I never heard, a liar and a car faker in the matter of Governor Smith's assembly record."

"Governor Smith, with all his intelligence, with all his honesty, with all his courage—which on one question—seems to have left his high qualities in escrow with Charles Murphy when he went to Albany as an assemblyman."

Some saw in Mr. White's statement a challenge to Governor Smith to debate his legislative record when the editor said, "the real point of interest in that record for the American people now, is Governor Smith will defend it, is the picture of Tammany putting the pressure on fine aspiring young men like Al Smith, forcing them to use their courage, not upon the evils of Tammany but in behalf of the friends of Tammany."

The rest of the statement said: "No Kluksman in a book legislature, existing before Tammany, or a wizard, was more subservient to the craft of the whip than was Al Smith—ambitious and effective and smart as chain lightning—in the legislature when it came to a vote to protect the saloon; to shield the tout to help the scarlet woman of Babylon, whose tolls in those years always climbed regularly in the Tammany till."

"I have assembled this detailed record, giving the page and the paragraph of the journal and the photograph of those pages, not to prove that Governor Smith is as wet as a collie dog coming out of water with a stick in his mouth, but to prove that in the legislature Al Smith was in fact a retreating before Tammany. It is not the humility of his votes, but the subservience of them that should interest the American people. To see these long pages of votes on the record in which Smith's name is lined up with the pig-stickers of Tammany is not an edifying spectacle for those who wish to make a president out of the governor of New York."

DRY AGENT SHOT BY ERROR, DIES

LEAVENWORTH, Wash., July 28.—(AP)—Ludwig J. Johnson, Spokane city agent, who was wounded in a gun battle between federal and county officers here last Wednesday, died at 4 p. m. today from complications from a wound in the abdomen.

Johnson was shot five times by Ralph Hand, Chelan county deputy sheriff, who himself received minor wounds from Johnson's gun when the two clashed in the dark. Hand and Sheriff Pete Wheeler were only slightly hurt and were well on the road to recovery today.

Johnson, who had five children, died ten minutes after a daughter, Pauline, of Seattle, arrived at the hospital. His father, Lars Johnson, of Colville, and a sister from Spokane were at his bedside. Johnson had been expected to survive his injuries but took a turn for the worse yesterday.

The gun battle occurred when the county and federal forces mistook each other for moonshiners which they were seeking independently.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—The navy department was advised today that 56 Sandino followers surrendered to marine forces at Somoto, Nicaragua, July 24. The men were granted the customary clemency.

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