

Today

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Mr. Coolidge on Russia.
American Building Ideas.
Farm Relief Attention.
Not Elephants, Microbes.

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In his interesting daily article, written for the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph and other newspapers, Calvin Coolidge takes up activities of the Russian government in America.

Says he: "It is not the practice to inquire very minutely into the beliefs of foreigners coming here temporarily for genuine mercantile purposes." Spoken like a true New Englander.

Calvin Coolidge says also: "Our people are so thoroughly attached to their own system of self-government that we need not feel it is in imminent danger." Thus speaks a common sense American.

If a few "wild-haired and wild-eyed communists," to use the common description, can upset the work of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and Lincoln, to say nothing of McKinley, Roosevelt, Wilson and Harding then we need a more solid government.

It is now alleged that so-called "documents" discovered in New York, proving that "Armstrong," spending Russian money here, is a disguised agency for Bolshevik propaganda, were forgeries. A New York printer confesses that he manufactured the alleged official Russian letter-heads.

The appalling extent of Italy's disaster is due to the fact that in building, even small dwellings, walls and floors are nearly all made of stone, roofs of heavy tile. Earthquake causing even a slight disturbance, separating walls, allow heavy stone floors and tiled roofs to fall, through, killing the inmates.

It is believed that Mussolini will order dwellings rebuilt of reinforced concrete. Ordinary steel framing, is too expensive, lumber, scarce in Italy, is too perishable to suit Italians.

McClintic Marshall an American concern, erecting the great bridge across the Hudson river, has devised a method of steel construction, extremely light, little more expensive than wood. Mussolini should investigate that.

This writer recently erected a very large residence by the McClintic-Marshall method, most satisfactorily.

Walter Duranty informs Mr. Adolph S. Oels that Russian harvest prospects on farms managed by the Russian government are most encouraging.

Earthquake, lightning or gale could not affect it.

American "farm relievers" who have recently thus seen wheat go to the lowest price in sixteen years should be interested in results obtained by Russia.

"Collective farms," many miles long and miles wide, operated by government machines, on modern "mass production" industrial lines "show a yield to the acre from 40 to 60 per cent higher than nearby individual holdings."

Peasants that had refused to engage in national farming at first now rush to join the new method.

We are the greatest, noblest.

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METSCHAN CHOICE OF G.O.P. MEET

Portland Hotel Owner Nominated On 14th Ballot—Pledges Efficiency and Economy and Development Without Favoritism—Nominee Has Had Varied Career.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26.—(AP) Phil Metschan, Portland hotel owner, and former chairman of the republican state central committee, today was nominated by the committee as republican candidate for governor to succeed the late Senator George W. Joseph.

His nomination came on the fourteenth ballot.

Metschan polled seven votes in the first ballot while Kay led with eight. Kay led in the second ballot but Metschan took the lead with 12 in the third. He dropped to 10 in the fourth but still held the lead. Kay took the lead with 10 in the fifth ballot while Metschan dropped to 8 but in the sixth Metschan rose to 10, and from then on he held the lead. The names of Governor A. W. Norblad, and Judge R. W. Sawyer in the seventh ballot, Norblad, 2; Sawyer, 1.

Julius Meier was not nominated from the floor but was nominated when his name appeared in the second ballot with two votes. Meier climbed steadily until the eleventh ballot in which he received nine votes. He lost one in the twelfth. In the final ballot Meier polled 10 votes. Jay Upton had three, Ralph Hamilton, 2 and Thomas Kay, 1.

Metschan is committed to the principles and ideals of the republican party. In a statement of his platform he declared himself a progressive with respect to education, public health and workmen's compensation. He promised to apply "to the business of the state the same principles of efficiency and economy that I have applied to my own business."

That pledge, he said, can be fulfilled only by basing appointments on merit. He promised his earnest support of development of the resources of the state and promised he would show no favoritism between localities, industries or individuals. He favors development of the Columbia river for power. He is opposed to the abolition of the public service commission.

"I am a conservative with respect to matters of taxation," his platform says, "although I will by my effort to adjust the burden of taxation by removing it in part from those less able to bear it."

During the momentary confusion that followed announcement of the final ballot, Dr. R. W. Henderson, Deschutes, was recognized by the chair and moved to make the nomination unanimous.

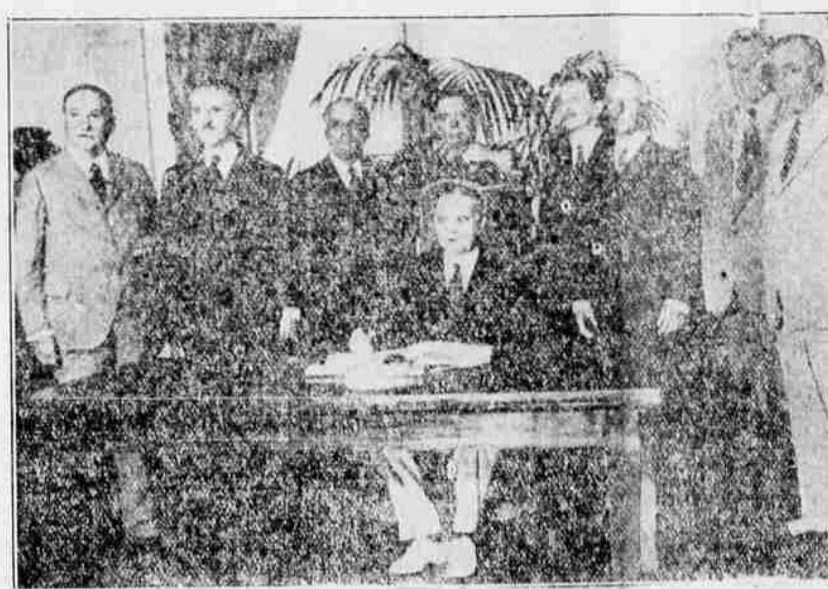
This was done despite cries of "no" from the rear of the hall. Metschan was born in Canyon City, Grant county, March 23, 1874. His father, Phil Metschan Sr., served as state treasurer of Oregon for several years.

Young Phil attended public school in Canyon City and when he was 14 the family moved to Salem where Phil attended Willamette academy. He graduated in 1892. Later he went to Stanford university and after completing his college course he traveled in Central America for several months. When he returned to Oregon he went to work as bookkeeper for the Wells-Fargo Express company, Portland, November 25, 1899. He was married to Mary Helen Kubli, of Jacksonville.

In 1899 he helped organize the Grant county bank and managed the bank for two years. Then he moved to Heppner and purchased the Palace hotel which he operated in Portland to help him come manage the Imperial hotel which the senior Metschan founded in 1899. Upon the death of his father, Phil became president and general manager of the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Metschan have two daughters, Mrs. Willard P. Hawley Jr. and Miss Phyllis Metschan.

PRESIDENT SIGNS LONDON NAVAL AGREEMENT



Associated Press telephoto of President Hoover and treaty proponents in the White House after he had affixed his signature to the London pact, ratified during a special session of the senate. Left to right: Senator Robinson, Secretary of State Stimson, Vice-President Curtis, Senators Borah and Swanson, Secretary of Navy Adams, Senators Watson and Reed. The Chief Executive is seated.

OPEN BIDS FOR HILL ROUTE TO SOUTH AT ONCE

Award to Be Made as Soon as 'Consistent' With Line Finished By 1932—Joint Tonnage Sought With Espee.

SEATTLE, July 26.—(AP)—Bids for constructing the extension of the Great Northern railroad from Klamath Falls, Ore., into California have been called for July 29 and will be awarded as shortly thereafter as "is consistent," L. C. Gilman, western "executive" vice-president of the road, said here today.

The line will be extended 87 miles to Bieber, Calif., there to connect with the Western Pacific's proposed extension of 111 miles from Keddle, Calif.

Great Northern engineers have set probable time for construction of their extension at eight months to one year. The Western Pacific extension is expected to be finished in two years. Operation through San Francisco is considered likely something during 1932.

Cost of construction of the two links was estimated in the application to the interstate commerce commission at near \$14,000. Following a suggestion by the commission, the Great Northern has commenced negotiations with the Southern Pacific for joint trackage rights for a distance of about 24 miles south of Klamath Falls.

'MA' FERGUSON IS HUSTLING LEADER IN TEXAS VOTING

DALLAS, Texas, July 26.—(AP)—Apparently forsaking their 1928 leader, Hoover Democrats—and all others—today cast what probably will be a record primary vote. Unofficial returns from 100 of 252 counties, including five complete, found Mrs. Miriam A. (Ma) Ferguson leading the field of eleven gubernatorial candidates by 11,622 votes.

The count gave Mrs. Ferguson 53,598 and Ross S. Sterling, her nearest rival, 42,275.

DALLAS, Tex.—Early unofficial returns from today's primary election showed Ross S. Sterling of Houston leading in Houston and San Antonio, two of the three largest cities in the state for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Mrs. Miriam A. (Ma) Ferguson was close behind Sterling in San Antonio. The Ferguson's vote in past campaigns has been strongest in the rural sections.

Unofficial returns from Dallas county indicated State Senator Thomas R. Lewis, former Democratic national committeeman and Lieutenant Governor Harry Miller would be the high candidates out of the eleven aspirants for the gubernatorial nomination. Dallas is the home town of both Miller and Lewis.

FORD AIDE ASKS CURB ON SOVIET

Personal Secretary of Auto King Favors Secret Police in America—Fire Hose For Jobless in Detroit, Admitted.

DETROIT, July 26.—(AP)—Charles E. Sorenson, personal representative of Henry Ford, told the congressional committee investigating communism in the United States today he was "very much in favor" of a secret police force to check communist activities in the United States.

Sorenson, who appeared without a subpoena before the committee to tell what he knew of alleged communist activities in the Ford organization, said the Ford Motor company never had experienced any trouble from communists in the Ford plant and the company's business relations with the soviet government always had been satisfactory.

"We are not ashamed of the contracts we have made with Russia," he said.

Questioned regarding an interview with newspapermen in New York last week upon his return from Russia, Mr. Sorenson denied he had been correctly quoted when he said the idea of secret police force of the government to keep a check on communist activities.

Under questioning by Representative Hamilton Fish Jr., of New York, Mr. Sorenson said that Henry Ford "probably had been misrepresented" when newspapers printed a statement said to have been made by Mr. Ford that he needed 50,000 workers at once.

Asked if it were true that more than 30,000 workers flocked to Detroit to get jobs, that there were no jobs and that the fire hose was turned on the crowds at the Ford plant in order to disperse them, Mr. Sorenson replied, "I think so, yes. We have had to do that before."

Sorenson denied he had said in the newspaper interview that for eight months some 50 skilled Russian communists had been employed in the Ford plant with the knowledge of the management and that the morale of the organization had proved impervious to their efforts.

PREDICTS HOOVER 1932 CANDIDATE

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 26.—(AP)—Senator Simon D. Pines of Ohio, in an interview here today, said Herbert Hoover again would be the presidential choice of the republican party in 1932, but he declined to comment on his own rumored probable selection as chairman of the republican national committee to succeed Claudius H. Huston.

BABY MIX-UP UNITE MOTHERS IN A CRUSADE

Confusion of Identities of Infants in Chicago Hospital Brings Action To Prevent Repetition—Science Baffled.

CHICAGO, July 26.—(AP)—Battered by the tragic consequences of the confusion in identities of the babies born to Mrs. Charles Hamberger and Mrs. William Watkins in Englewood hospital, a group of Chicago mothers met today and planned a crusade against recurrence of such mixups.

Mrs. Grace Bubbrill, prominent civic worker, who headed the movement, issued a call to all Chicago mothers, for a mass meeting next week when it is planned to launch an intensive investigation of the maternity wards of all hospitals of the district.

Meanwhile the two mothers fought for strength to nurse the infants that may or may not be theirs. As a result of the worry and the strain of the numerous scientific tests they have undergone, they were reported to be in a highly nervous condition.

Barrett O'Hara, former lieutenant governor of Illinois, today was retained by Mr. Watkins to take care of the latter's interests in the case. Watkins, who said he was convinced the child given his wife was the one born to Mrs. Hamberger, had not decided on a definite line of action.

The other father, Charles Hamberger, continued adamant that the baby given the Hambergers by hospital attendants is his son.

HEAVY GAIN FOR GASOLINE TAX IN STATE ESTIMATED

SALEM, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—Oregon's gasoline tax this year will total over \$7,000,000, exceeding last year by at least \$2,100,000, according to an estimate made today by Secretary of State Hoss.

The estimate is based on gasoline and distillate sales in the state for the first six months of this year, with the period of heaviest sales still ahead. The gain is the most remarkable the state has yet experienced.

Total gasoline sales last year were 159,415,365 gallons and distillate 4,256,973 gallons, which brought a total tax of \$4,888,825.48. This year it is estimated that gasoline sales will run over 175,000,000 gallons.

The gasoline tax since January 1 last is 4 cents a gallon and distillate 3 1/2 cents. Prior to that it was 1 cent less on each.

INSURGENT WING PLAN CANDIDATE

Joseph Group of Republican Party Will Call Meeting to Nominate Independent Candidate—Meier' Letter Grounds for Action.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—Because the Republican state central committee did not adopt the Joseph platform, Julius L. Meier sent a letter to Floyd Cook, chairman of the committee, saying that he would not be a candidate for nomination. But Meier's letter arrived during the convention and the committee ordered it filed. Consequently the letter was never read to the committeemen. Most of them learned about the letter, however. It was published in the early editions of afternoon newspapers. Meier's letter charged Joseph's platform had been "disregarded and scrapped by your deliberative body."

Following the close of the convention announcement was made by members of the Joseph group that a mass meeting would be called to nominate an independent candidate for governor on the platform, announced by the late Geo. W. Joseph.

Meier issued a statement saying: "I shall continue to be for Oregon, its people, their welfare and prosperity."

RACKET FAMILY OF CLEVELAND FACING DEATH

Jim Porello of Corn Sugar Graft Shot Down By Gang Guns—Seven Brothers Marked Men, Police Say.

CLEVELAND, July 26.—(AP)—Jim Porello, one of the leaders in the corn sugar racket here, died in a hospital this evening several hours after he was shot down by gunmen in renewal of the sugar war which has brought numerous deaths in the last several years. His assailant escaped.

Starting an investigation of the fatal shooting, police expressed belief the entire Porello family, originally included seven brothers, is marked for extermination.

Big Joe Porello, brother of Jim, was shot and killed with his bodyguard near the place of today's assault, only three weeks ago. He had been recognized as the "corn sugar king."

SALEM ARRESTS CANDIDATE FOR M'NARYS BERTH

SALEM, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—H. H. Stallard, Portland, independent candidate for U. S. senator, was arrested here tonight on a charge of violating the city ordinance prohibition street meeting in a restricted zone of the business district.

Stallard was released under \$25 bail and indicated he would fight the case to test the constitutionality of the ordinance on the grounds it interferes with free speech.

Stallard had opportunity to speak about 45 minutes before he was arrested. Police warned him to limit the meeting when he appeared but Stallard paid no attention to them. Police then obtained a warrant for his arrest.

ANTWERP, Belgium, July 26.—(AP)—A clock with thirteen dials that displays a percent of all of the clocks in Belgium every time the clock strikes, is being shown at the Independence Centennial Exposition here.

Stands By Mate



Mrs. Tom Mooney has been leading the fight for Tom Mooney's pardon from San Quentin where he is under sentence of life for participation in bombing a San Francisco parade.

GRAIN FREIGHT SLASH BENEFIT TO ROSE CITY

Re-Establishment of Differential in Favor of Portland Means Millions to Oregon—Puget Sound Ports Lose Contest.

SALEM, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—H. H. Corey, member of the state public service commission, declared today that the interstate commerce commission's order yesterday reducing freight rates on grain and grain products in the western district and re-establishing the differential in favor of Portland as against Puget Sound in shipments from the Columbia Basin is a distinct victory for the Oregon public service commission.

This, he said, should justify the existence of the commission for the reason that it means millions of dollars for the city of Portland.

The case was fought out in interstate commerce commission hearings extending over a period of two years, and resulting in a recommendation from the commission's examiners that the Portland differential be removed and the parity rates to Portland and Seattle re-established. Commissioner Corey and other state commissioners then conferred with the interstate commission in Washington, D. C., last April, the commissioner from the state of Washington contending for the parity.

Corey attributed the order of the interstate commission yesterday rejecting the recommendations of its own examiners, to the showing made at the April conference at Washington.

Each division, he said, had branch agencies in all sections of every state it served and in the year since its authorization the farmers national was taking or ready to take wheat from all parts of the United States.

ENDURANCE PLANE ALOFT FOR WEEK

ST. LOUIS, July 26.—(AP)—While the Mississippi valley below them all but aizzed under torrid heat, Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien sailed leisurely through a calm sky above Lambert Louis field tonight, their sixth night aloft in a projected thirty-day flight to regain the refueling endurance record.

At 8:11 p. m. the fliers had been up 132 hours and were approaching the end of their first week of sustained flight.

WAR OPENS UPON MEX. FRUIT FLY

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—A joint move by inspectors of the United States and Mexican departments of agriculture of the Mexican fruit fly infestation now presenting an increasing threat to the fruit centers of the south-west has been proposed by Lee A. Strong, chief of the plant quarantine and control administration.

Recent discoveries of fruit infested by larvae of the Mexican fruit fly at Nogales, Ariz., have led department of agriculture officials to believe the infestation has passed the zone of defense set up by Mexico about its known infested area.

WHEATMEN NOW HOLD WHIP HAND

National Grain Corporation Completes Domestic Set-Up and Farmer Soon to Have Choice Bargaining Power in World Markets.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—The Farmers National Grain Corporation was declared today by C. E. Huff, its president, to have become the greatest single factor in the world wheat trade.

Huff's statement came simultaneously with announcement that the corporation's purchase today of the Quinn-Shepherdson company of Minneapolis had completed the domestic set-up. At the farm board it was interpreted to mean that within eight months the American wheat farmers, thru cooperative effort, have acquired sufficient bargaining power to command the choice position in trade channels never before open to them as individuals.

Since June 11, when our first European shipment was made," Huff said, "we have either been selling or offering wheat in every foreign market in the world. We have shipped wheat to eight different foreign lands in a single day, chartering our own boats and buyers anywhere in the world and the tonnage is ready to move."

"Cooperatives are experiencing the healthiest foreign demand for wheat they ever have had and through the farmers national it is going direct from the producer to the consumer without changing hands. The result has been the eliminations of a profitable 5 to 10 profit-takers and establishment of the farmers national as the most important factor in the foreign market."

Purchase of the Quinn-Shepherdson company, Huff said, completed organization in the spring wheat region and gave the farmers national its five divisional agencies—one each in the Pacific coast area, the spring wheat belt the northeast, southeast and southwest.

Each division, he said, had branch agencies in all sections of every state it served and in the year since its authorization the farmers national was taking or ready to take wheat from all parts of the United States.

MOONEY SEEKS RIGHT TO TALK AT LIE PROBE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—(AP)—Thomas Mooney asked the state supreme court today to permit him to testify next Tuesday at the hearing of John Macdonald, recanting witness in the preparedness day bombing trials whose testimony twenty years ago helped send Mooney and Warren K. Billings to prison for life.

Mooney's petitions will be acted upon by the justices Monday when it is expected Edwin V. McKenzie, attorney for Billings, will again request the court to permit his client to be present at the hearing. McKenzie withdrew a previous request to that end.

Meanwhile newspapers and press associations were installing telephones and telegraph instruments in a room adjoining the supreme court. Press passes to the hearing were being jealously guarded in view of the flood of applications for seats received by the court from newspapers and other interested all over the world.

SALEM, Ore., July 26.—(AP)—A new endurance automobile driving record was claimed tonight by Ray C. Walker, Salem, who drove his car continuously for 106 1/2 hours, stopping only for gasoline and oil. The previous record was said to be 105 hours, established at Philadelphia.

Walker's hands were chained to the wheel of the automobile at 9 o'clock last Tuesday morning and he drove until 8 o'clock tonight.

DETROIT, July 26.—(AP)—With a July thunderstorm as his reprieve, Gerald E. (Jerry) Buckley, slain radio announcer, was buried in Mt. Olivet cemetery today.