

# MOONEY PARDON BATTLE SPURRED BY LAW REPORT

### Wickersham Commission's Criticism of California Legal Procedure Gives New Hope of Liberation

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP) San Quentin prisoner No. 31,921—the "Dreyfus of America" as believers in Tom Mooney's innocence see him, or the "arch murderer" as he is regarded by others—continues to peep potatoes in the Big House where he has spent nearly 14 years.

The Wickersham crime commission's report criticizing California's legal procedure has not and cannot directly affect his destiny, but it has given new impetus to the world-wide campaign waged to free him.

The government's only hope of reopening a criminal case after the legal period for appeal has elapsed means that now, as in past years, the only hope of the man accused of participating in the bombing of a preparedness parade rests with the governor.

Three California governors have refused him a pardon. The fourth will have the same problem to face, for plans are under way to present a new application.

Impressionism has thinned and turned gray Mooney's once massive shock of dark hair. His cheeks are hollowed and a figure once portly has shrunk, but Mooney is still the same militant, uncompromising "go to blazes" type of laborer he was when prison gates first closed upon him.

In no compromise. In the hours of his own disposal Mooney directs every ounce of his energy to his fight for freedom. He will countenance no suggestion of compromise.

In his most recent official statements written from his cell Mooney reiterated his charge that he was convicted as the result of a "frame-up"; declared that his "spirit is unbroken"; that he is kept in prison because "I am a symbol of militant labor, my pardon might arouse the workers and give them an insight into their power."

Declaring that "all the major labor leaders are our worst enemies" Mooney has assailed leadership of the American Federation of Labor unions with the same trenchant pen with which he condemns "capitalism."

Wilson Saved Life. The intervention of Woodrow Wilson helped save Mooney from being executed in 1918, and made possible a later commutation of sentence. A secretary of labor, a millionaire or two, Prof. Albert Einstein, governors, senators and hundreds of others have interceded for him, but none has served him more faithfully than his three women-folk, his wife, his mother and his sister.

Although Mrs. Rena Mooney, his wife, was obliged to retire from much of the active defense work some time ago because of "ill health and the nervous strain" his 80-year-old mother, Mary Mooney, and his sister, Anna, still spend a large part of each day at the Mooney defense headquarters.

# Family Aiding Tom Mooney



The 14-year-old fight of Tom Mooney (lower right) for freedom was given new vigor by the Wickersham report, and above are shown Mooney's 80-year-old mother, Mary Mooney, at left, with his sister, Anna, and others handling the influx of mail at defense headquarters. Governor Ralph (lower left) of California will probably be asked for a pardon.

# BUTTER MARKET HOLDS STRENGTH

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Continued strength of the butter market is reflected in practically all Pacific coast centers. No change in general trade conditions was shown for the day. The big increase in supply promised by the co-ops as a result of receiving so much milk during the strike period, has not as yet entered the trade to any extent.

Butterfat values are holding strong at the late advance with both 27-28 lb. ruling for No. 1 sour, Portland delivery, with sweet cream 2 to 3c better.

Trading in the egg market continues to hold up well with no general change in local values for the day. Practically all the good eggs in the market are sold at the same price.

The public evidently wants turkeys at prevailing quoted prices, but is unable to secure its needs of fresh stock. Sales of dressed hen turkeys around 28c lb.

Market for country killed calves is firm, with best stuff holding up well around extreme prices. Hogs are steady to weaker and lower in spots. There remains a good demand for top quality lambs.

# WOOLWORTH SALES IN JULY SHOW INCREASE

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(AP)—F. W. Woolworth company today reported an increase of 1.8 per cent in sales during July over the figures for the like month last year.

The increase was the third monthly advance in sales shown so far this year and was made despite the fact that the month this year, because of July falling on Saturday, contained but three Saturday shopping days, against four last year.

# GENERAL MOTORS PAYS USUAL 75c DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(AP)—General Motors corporation directors today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the common stock.

# Markets

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—CATTLE 80 calves 10; about steady. HOGS: 120; feeder pigs 11.00 lower. Feeder and stocker pigs, 70-130 lbs., good and choice, \$7.00-8.00. SHEEP 1000; steady.

Portland Produce. PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Butter, butterfat, eggs, milk, country meats, live poultry, potatoes, wool, hay, quotations unchanged.

Portland Wheat. PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Wheat: Open, High, Low, Close. Sept. (old) 45 1/2 45 3/4 45 1/2 45 1/2. Sept. (new) 46 1/2 46 3/4 46 1/2 46 1/2. Dec. 50 50 49 1/2 49 1/2.

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The tremendous increase in highway travel in recent years has intensified the necessity of eliminating dangerous curves. This view shows a Chevrolet sedan on a typical highway. Traffic experts declare that accidents will decrease 35 per cent when all death curves are gone.

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ASHLAND, Ore., Aug. 5.—(Special.) Repeated delays in the Kingsley case, each delay costing the county considerable money, should have the immediate attention of taxpayers, Dr. W. J. Crandall told Kiwanians at noon today. He referred to the appeals filed in the case of James Kingsley, self-confessed slayer of the late Ashland city officer, Sam Prescott, whose execution was ordered, after he had been convicted in circuit court, but who has so far escaped execution by appeals, each costly to the taxpayer.

# MOB SETS FIRE TO VERA CRUZ CHURCH

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Press dispatches from Medallin, Vera Cruz, today said a mob set fire to the furnishings of the cathedral, but was dispersed and the fire extinguished before any serious damage was done.

# EIGHT SOLDIERS DIE WHEN BOLT HITS TENT

RHEIMS, France, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Eight soldiers were killed by lightning during maneuvers of the 3d Cy-French West Point-cadets at Solsonne military camp today. Ten soldiers were lying in a tent when lightning struck it. Seven were killed outright and the others were knocked unconscious, one of them falling to revive. The tent was burned.

# Escaped girl Bares Harem Horrors



HIRESIMA, or, in American, Rose, was sixteen—in the first blush of womanhood—when wild Kurdish tribesmen swooped down upon her home. She and her family fled for their lives.

That night, on a lonely road, came a slatter of hoods. Rose, her mother and sister, crouched in the darkness. She heard a snarl of shots—saw her father fall—murdered.

Reaping, the grief-stricken women sought refuge with a friend in Smyrna. Here, broken-hearted, the mother soon died. And here, at length, Rose fell in love with the son of the house.

But fresh massacres broke out. The city moaned with cries of maimed and ravished. The butchers waylaid Rose's lover. She had to watch, helpless, as they sprayed him with bullets.

And now fate dealt its cruellest blow. Rose and her sister fell into the dripping hands of the blood-drunk soldiers. They tore her sister away—screaming. And Rose, they found—slaving into the harem of that merciless wolf.

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Today starts the second of the prosperity 12, a group of outstanding pictures for the season of 1931-1932, which are now playing at the Fox Craterian theater. The picture brings again to the screen role, "The Miracle Woman" Barbara Stanwyck. In her Advance reports from the claim this as one of the most interesting and novel productions to reach the screen this season. The plot of "The Miracle Woman" sends Miss Stanwyck as the wife of a country clergyman, despite the ruling faction, who is a younger minister.

# ELKS' BAND CONCERT CITY PARK TONIGHT