

# MEANS NABBED IN LINDY HOAX

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

CALIFORNIA Democrats, as these words are written, appear to have split their votes fairly equally among Franklin D. Roosevelt, Al Smith and John N. Garner.

So the California primary, which might have been decisive, isn't decisive at all, but instead indicates a considerable haziness of thinking on the part of voters out in this Western country.

There was similar haziness of thinking in big Pennsylvania. Only in Massachusetts, among the big states where primaries have been held, have the Democratic voters spoken out clearly and decisively in favor of one candidate over another.

Massachusetts overwhelmingly preferred Al Smith.

**PRESIDENT HOOVER**, running without opposition in his home state of California, receives as many votes as the combined total of the three Democrats.

That isn't as significant as it looks. It indicates merely that in the heavily Republican state of California, which is also the home of the President, the Republicans barely held their own in registrations.

The big thing that has happened to Hoover, so far, is his victory over Senator Frank in Maryland earlier in the week.

**REGISTRATIONS** in Oregon for the primary election this spring are materially larger than for the primary election two years ago. They exceed even the total for the general election of November, 1930.

That is a good sign. It means that people have been thinking about politics and that they are going to vote the convictions to which their thinking has led them.

If the people of this country will just think clearly enough to reach definite conclusions on the issues of the day, and then will VOTE these conclusions, we shall have government that is at least as good as we are entitled to.

**PLEASE** note that it is in times of adversity that people are doing their real thinking. In good times, they didn't pay much attention to government. Back in the big years, considerably less than half the qualified electors were even taking interest enough in government to go to the polls.

It's odd, but it seems to be a fact, that adversity brings out the best that is in us, whereas unusual prosperity is apt to bring out the worst.

**IT WAS PROSPERITY**, you know, that brought out Al Capone, described as the king of the gangsters.

Al was rotten, and everybody knew it; and the things he was doing were rotten and degrading and disgusting, and everybody knew that. But business was rushing. Everybody in the big cities where Al and his kind operated, was so busy making money, and SPENDING it, that he had no time left to do anything about gangsterism and corruption and the decay of honest government.

So Al went right ahead, practically unhampered.

**PLEASE** note, because it is EXCEEDINGLY important, that it is in these days of adversity, when people are thinking much more clearly and sanely and honestly than in the big days of boom prosperity, that Al Capone is brought into court and convicted and sent to jail, where he belongs.

Adversity, you see, has its uses.

**THESE** times are hard to take. But so is castor oil.

Everybody knows that there are times when taking castor oil is good for us physically, sweeping out systems free of accumulated corruption and leaving us cleaner and better.

These times of adversity, which are so hard to take, will do the same thing for us in a spiritual way. Believe it or not.

**UP IN CANADA**, a curious sect known as the Doukbochers persist in going naked at certain intervals.

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## \$100,000 RANSOM FAILED TO RETURN INFANT IS CLAIM

### Mrs. McLean, Wife Washington Post Publisher, Makes Charge Against Notorious Capital Agent

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Gaston B. Means was taken to jail today after failing to make \$100,000 bond required under an arraignment for embezzling that amount in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Gaston B. Means was formally charged today with having embezzled \$100,000 given to him by Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, wife of the publisher of the Washington Post, for payment to the kidnapers of the infant Lindbergh for return of the child.

Means pleaded not guilty before United States Commissioner Needham Turnage, who read the accusation.

United States Attorney Leo Rover demanded \$100,000 bond, and Means' hastily summoned attorney, declaring it exorbitant.

"While we are not trying him for his past crimes," Rover said, in demanding the bond, "my information regarding his past activities... leads me to believe that if the bond is not set he will not be here."

The weird negotiations which Means is alleged to have been conducting with Mrs. McLean began on March 4, three days after Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr., was abducted. Colonel Lindbergh is said to have given permission to Mrs. McLean to take action.

In the negotiations Mrs. McLean made hurried trips to Alton, S. C., and El Paso, Texas, in futile rendezvous with the purported kidnapers, one of whom, heavily armed, was allegedly produced by Means.

Father Francis J. Hurney of the Immaculate Conception church, acted as an intermediary at times, as a result of a suggestion said to have been made by Means that the Catholic church could assist.

**WOMEN PLAY FOR GOLF CUP FRIDAY**

Medford's team of women golfers will journey to Grants Pass tomorrow to meet the neighboring team on the Grants Pass course in play for the McCaskey trophy, now held by Grants Pass through a seven-point lead.

The local team is composed of Mrs. Grant Fogel, captain; Mrs. Dave Wood, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mrs. Delroy Getchell, Mrs. Aletta Vawter, Mrs. R. B. Smith, Mrs. O. A. Aenderfer and Mrs. Grover Tyler.

## Free Movies To Show New Ford At Gates Auto

Free moving pictures depicting interesting developments of the new Ford V-8 will be shown this evening at 8 o'clock in the showrooms of the C. E. Gates Auto company at Sixth and Riverside, following a special demonstration today attended by a large number of motor-minded men.

Definitely improved mechanical features of this sensational new Ford model will be shown on the screen tonight, with particular emphasis of the new V-8 motor and southern gear, C. E. "Pop" Gates has extended a cordial invitation to returning Oregon car owners and prospective car owners to attend the free show.

The largest church edifice in the two Americas is at Mexico City.

## Capone Is Convict 40886 Behind Walls of Atlanta

By VICTOR HACKLER.  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)  
ATLANTA, May 5.—(AP)—"Scarface Al" Capone began a new life today as convict No. 40886 in the Atlanta federal penitentiary.

The Chicago gang leader was just one of 3100, as he was put through examinations to see where he would fit into the prison microcosm.

Capone stepped into the prison office last night, and as far as the public was concerned he might have been stepping from the face of the earth for a period of about seven and a half years, long enough for even the notoriety of a Capone to become dim.

As Capone began serving his 11-year sentence for income tax evasion his story became the story of all the other prisoners.

## ROOSEVELTS AT WHITE HOUSE



In front of what they hope will be their future residence—Gov. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York are shown leaving the White House, after attending a dinner given 22 state executives by the President. Gov. Roosevelt told reporters afterwards that he chatted with President Hoover. "But you know, one cannot disclose his conversation after being at the White House," the governor added.

## COMPENSATION TO VETERANS CALLED LEGALIZED RACKET

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—A vote on the proposed \$2,000,000,000 new-money redemption of the soldiers' bonus today was delayed until Friday by the house ways and means committee.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Archibald B. Roosevelt, son of the former president, presented to President Hoover today a letter asking him to take "open and determined action" to cut off compensations paid to veterans for disabilities not resulting from war service.

Roosevelt declared in a statement left with the president that "a vast legalized racket" has been foisted on the people, whereby one quarter of all the revenue received from the whole nation is being expended for the benefit of less than one per cent of the people."

He also presented the president a petition backed by the national economy committee. Roosevelt said Mr. Hoover "seemed interested in it."

Roosevelt is secretary of the economy committee. He contended that \$450,000,000 could be saved from veterans' payments "without injustice."

Roosevelt, a veteran, plans to present similar petitions and statements to Vice-President Curtis and Speaker Garner of the house.

The letter presented by Roosevelt said his organization had watched with growing concern "the failure of the government to face the issue of economy, and especially the failure to grapple with the question of drastic reductions in the approximately \$1,000,000,000 which is being expended for veterans' benefits."

## Borah Advances Prosperity Plan

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—A three-fold program for world economy recovery, disarmament, settlement of reparations and restoration of silver, was presented to the senate today by Senator Borah (R., Idaho).

## Angler Drowns in Smith River

CRESCENT CITY, Cal., May 5.—(AP)—Harry L. Osborne, 67, retired Santa Barbara business man, was drowned in the Smith river near here last night, after a boat in which he was riding capsized.

Osborne's son, Donald Osborne, and his son-in-law, Dr. Wilson Stegman, both of Santa Barbara, were in the boat. They managed to swim ashore. The three men came here several days ago from Santa Barbara on a fishing trip.

The river was being dragged in an effort to recover the body.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—Ralph Nichols, 17, of Winchester Bay, lost his life near Gardiner Wednesday when he attempted to swim to his rowboat, which had drifted into the bay.

## County Asks Switch in State Road Fund

The county court yesterday forwarded a resolution to the state highway commission asking that two-thirds of the \$50,000 available from state funds for Jackson county road work be assigned to the Butte Creek secondary highway, instead of the Sams Valley secondary highway, as intended. This will provide a more equitable distribution of labor and money and favorable action is anticipated.

## ARMISTICE ENDS UNOFFICIAL WAR OF CHINESE, JAPS

### No Ceremony Attends Gathering of Statesmen to Sign Peace Pact—Japanese to Withdraw Troops

SHANGHAI, China, May 5.—(AP)—Four months of open warfare between China and Japan in the area about this city ended today when representatives of both sides signed an armistice.

The manner of it was as unusual as was the fighting itself. Although thousands of lives were sacrificed and millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed, the conflict about Shanghai never was officially a war, because neither side declared war.

So today there was no ceremonial gathering of statesmen to sign the truce. Instead, the signatures of neutral representatives were affixed.

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## LUMBERMEN HAIL HOIST IN TARIFF AS GREAT NEWS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—Representative Pacific northwest lumbermen and steamship interests agreed today that inclusion by the senate finance committee of a 33 import duty on lumber for revenue purposes is the best news the industry has had in many months. The committee agreed Tuesday to such a duty. The duty had been \$1 which lumber interests raised but little revenue and offered no protection.

Charles E. Dant of Dant & Russell declared the move "is a victory for the northwest of inestimable value and when it passes both houses and becomes a law it will mark the turning point of business conditions in the entire northwest."

"It has" he continued, "been a matter of common knowledge that the invasion of domestic markets by foreign competitors on account of lower cost of manufacture and depressed currency, has brought the lumber business to a standstill. Inasmuch as the lumber industry represents 45 per cent of industry of the northwest, it is inevitable that resumption of lumber activity will reach into and benefit every phase of industrial and commercial activity in this section."

## 5750 FARMERS APPLY FOR LOAN

SPOKANE, Wash., May 5.—(AP)—In a final check last night it was revealed that 5,750 farmers in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Montana applied for federal crop production loans, John F. Davies, regional director, said.

Approvals today brought the total of loans to 800,000, with 600 applications to be considered. Approximately 100 applications arrived after the deadline Saturday night, Davies said.

## Wines and Beer Are Advocated

ATHENS, Ga., May 5.—(AP)—Immunity steps should be taken to legalize use and importation of light wines and beer, said James Harvey Rogers, sterling professor of political economy at Yale university, in addressing the institute of public affairs today.

"Belief would be brought to Germany through beer exports," he asserted. "With wine imports, friendly co-operation in monetary policies could surely be arranged with France."

"Many of our most highly respected citizens have in the past voted prohibition as though the question were one of liquor or no liquor. In fact, prohibition is more nearly a question of racketeers or no racketeers."

## Two Nabbed As Car Thieves

James Carter, 28, no home, and August Reuhl, 38, Milwaukee, Wis., were arrested last night by the state police at Klamath Junction one hour and a half after they had stolen a Ford sedan from the streets of Klamath Falls. They will be returned today to Klamath Falls on an auto theft charge.

## HONOR SLAYERS TO START HOME ON FIRST BOAT

### Immediate Transfer From Hawaii Plan of Navy Department—Darrow and Defendants Are Gratiified

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, commandant at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, recommended to the navy department today the immediate transfer of the naval personnel convicted in the slaying at Honolulu of Joseph Kahahawai.

Navy department officials indicated the bureau of navigation would issue orders to comply with the recommendation.

The navy men convicted were Lieutenant Thomas H. Maasie, A. O. Jones and E. J. Lord, enlisted men.

It was considered likely that the three would leave Honolulu for San Francisco on the next vessel available.

By WILLIAM H. EWING.  
HONOLULU, May 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Granville Porteus and three navy men convicted of manslaughter in the lynching of Joseph Kahahawai went free here yesterday after being sentenced to ten years imprisonment each and having had their terms commuted to one hour by Governor Lawrence M. Judd.

By spending sixty minutes in the custody of the territorial high sheriff, Lieutenant Thomas H. Maasie, and the two enlisted men, Albert O. Jones and E. J. Lord, satisfied the law and brought an end to the case which had shaken Hawaii politically and socially.

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## FOREIGN TRADE LOSS IS FACED UNDER TARIFFS

HONOLULU, May 5.—(AP)—A warning that many nations might be compelled to close their doors to foreign trade, except for some raw materials, if the practice of increasing tariffs continues, was heard by the joint convention of the National and Pacific Foreign Trade councils here Wednesday. High tariffs were assailed as serious barriers to trade. The convention continued today.

Raymond Wilcox, president of Wilcox-Hay company of Portland, Ore., declared "the world has gone mad with 'tariffitis.'" K. Seko, representative of the Japan economic federation of Tokyo, issued the warning that increasing tariffs will close the doors of many nations. Commercial and industrial representatives from the United States, Canada, Japan, China, the Philippines, Siam, Australia and New Zealand attended.

Liberalization of the tariffs of both the United States and Japan was urged by Wallace M. Alexander of Honolulu, and M. Shikawa, of the Tokyo chamber of commerce, pleaded for "elimination of all obstacles to trade in the Pacific area."

## Expecting Passage Bank Reform Bill

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Prediction of early passage of the Glass banking reform bill was made today by Senator McNary of Oregon, assistant Republican leader, in a statement off the floor announcing a program for night sessions beginning next week to facilitate adjournment by the June conventions.

## Ex-Crown Prince Pleads For U. S. Understanding Of Fatherland's Misery

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER.  
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BERLIN, Germany, May 5.—(AP)—Frederich Wilhelm Von Hohenzollern, Germany's former crown prince, in the first interview he has granted since his return from exile in 1928, issued an animated appeal to the American people today to "understand" Germany.

Tomorrow is the crown prince's 50th birthday. In the first stages of his 40-minute chat, he sat nonchalantly on a sofa, puffing leisurely on a cigarette and sipped of sports and mechanics, his two non-political hobbies.

But his face hardened and his voice became vibrant as he turned the conversation to the subject nearest his heart, the condition of Germany. Feelings pent up during almost nine years of silence seemed to surge with him.

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## BASEBALL RESULTS

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	11	14	1
Boston	3	7	4
Hadley and Ferrell; Lisenbee, Weiland, Moore and Tate.			
	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	3	6	1
Philadelphia	15	17	0
Ferrell, Jablonowski and Sewell; Grove and Cochran.			

## DR. CLANCY TELLS EMPIRE DEALINGS IN COSHOW TRIAL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—On application of Gus Weber, who filed suit in behalf of himself and other stockholders, a receiver was appointed in circuit court here today for liquidation of the Empire Holding corporation. The court named Robert G. Dieck.

DALLAS, Tex., May 5.—(AP)—Testimony by J. C. Robinson, former salesman for the company, and Dr. R. W. Clancy of Medford, at one time secretary, took up most of the morning session of the circuit court trial of the case of O. P. Coshaw, former president of the Empire Holding company, who is charged with helping to devise a scheme to defraud by sale of stock of the Empire company. Robinson, recalled to the stand for cross examination on his testimony yesterday, said that under a 10 per cent commission agreement he received \$3000 in commissions from E. J. Lord, satisfied the law and brought an end to the case which had shaken Hawaii politically and socially.

That he subscribed for \$20,000 worth of Empire stock on the strength of his confidence in Dr. W. R. Adams and Coshaw, two of the officers, and with the understanding that no salaries were to be paid officers until such time as operating insurance companies had been organized and were functioning, and the story of his alleged disillusionment were the highlights of Dr. Clancy's testimony.

Dr. Clancy said that he was first approached on the investment in Medford by Robert Gordon, a salesman, but that he did not complete the deal until 10 days later when he was in Portland. He was given to understand, he testified, that 15 per cent of the stock subscription money was to go for commissions on stock sales, five per cent for overhead and that the remaining 80 per cent would be held in escrow pending organization of the operating insurance companies. He said he understood that this arrangement had been sanctioned by the state.

Dr. Clancy said that he paid \$5000 in cash for his 200 shares of stock and gave a note for the balance, and that he was given to understand that the other officers of the company had paid in like amounts. He said that he accepted the job of secretary only with the understanding that he would be permitted an active hand in the management of the company, but that he found out that the business of the company was transacted by Coshaw, I. H. Pettibone, Stockman and Adams, directors, at secret meetings. In May, 1931, Dr. Clancy testified, he learned that Adams and some of the other officers had not paid in any money on their stock subscriptions, and that soon after that Adams paid in \$2000.

SALEM, May 5.—(AP)—Non-resident motor vehicle registrations in Oregon during April showed a slight decrease over April of last year, but represents the largest registration date this year. The total was 5,359 cars as compared to 5,258 a year ago. This was the first time in a year a decrease compared to the same month in 1931. The figures were announced today by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoes.

## PRESIDENT WARNS SOLONS AGAIN TO BALANCE BUDGET

### Special Message Says Uncertainly Disastrous—Partisan Interests Should Be Submerged, Is Plea

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Declaring that "uncertainty is disastrous," President Hoover in a special message to congress today emphasized the imperative need of the nation is "a definite and conclusive program for balancing the budget."

The president launched anew his plea that the program must be in every sense a national effort and that section, partisan or group interests must be submerged in the common good.

"Most expeditious action is necessary for enactment of the revenue bill and of economy measures to balance the budget before the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1," he asserted.

Advocating a "drastic economy" program he asked for reductions totaling \$700,000,000 but including the \$300,000,000 which he said the executive had pared from last year's expenditures in submitting this year's budget. He asked for authority for the president to reorganize the government.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—A new demand from President Hoover in a special message to congress for a prompt balancing of the budget, brought an immediate retort from Senator Robinson, Democratic leader, that the executive department had made it difficult through "innocent" errors in estimates of the revenue needed for next fiscal year.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Individual income tax rates were raised again today by the senate finance committee.

Normal rates of four per cent on the first \$4,000 income and of eight per cent on income over \$4,000 were voted.

A surtax schedule was adopted, graduating up to a maximum of 55 per cent on income over \$1,000,000. The vote for the higher schedules of income rates was 11 to 7.

Exemptions from the income tax would be cut from \$1500 to \$1000 for single persons and from \$3500 to \$2000 for married persons. However, if a married person had a taxable income of less than \$2000 his exemption would be placed at \$2500.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—The senate today rejected a proposal for a year's suspension of military and naval armament construction.

## HAWLEY BRUISED BY AUTO BLOW

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—A Washington, D. C., dispatch to the Journal today said Representative Hawley will be in bed several days from injuries he suffered yesterday when he was knocked down by an automobile in front of the house building.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., May 4.—Let's give a great big hand to those two governors, Rolph of California and Balzar of Nevada, for making the flight clear across our country in a day. Too many won't fly because of their regard for their country and the shape it would be left in in case of accident.

See where two English scientists were able, the headline said, to "split the atom." The world is not bad enough off as it was. Now they go and split the atom. That's the last straw.

We expect the Democrats to split, the country to split over prohibition, but we always felt that the old "atom" would remain intact. It was certainly a big disappointment to me. Come on boys, let's up and atom.

**WILL ROGERS** says:

But his face hardened and his voice became vibrant as he turned the conversation to the subject nearest his heart, the condition of Germany. Feelings pent up during almost nine years of silence seemed to surge with him.

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