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GORDON NAMED STATE LEGION HEAD



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WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The surface serenity of this campaign is deceptive. Just because the candidates are not making noisy news does not mean that things are as lofty and impersonal as they seem.

Around the White House, there is no outward evidence that a campaign is in progress. President Roosevelt's calling lists rarely contain the name of a politician.

This perfect campaign strategy might have proceeded undetected for an indefinite period, except for Mr. Roosevelt's slip in getting caught attending an extraordinary secret meeting of Maryland politicians at the Waldorf Astor near here a few days back.

The basic idea is not new. Essentially it is the same strategy employed by Mr. Coolidge in his campaign for re-election.

You can see the extent of the maneuvering by measuring what has happened so far, from the Philadelphia convention floor up. While the campaign is supposed to have not yet begun officially, Mr. Roosevelt has made these following swift strokes to crowd his opponent into the back ground and to draw public attention to his accomplishments:

Centered attention on the rescue of Americans in Spain and protection of American property there, in contrast to previous lack of interest in "dollar diplomacy" during the Cuban revolution and the Ethiopian war.

A few days after Governor Landon announced his first big speaking engagement at Chautauqua, New York, the Democratic national committee adviser on the religious note, Stanley High, hastily made an engagement for Mr. Roosevelt to speak there ten days ahead of Mr. Landon.

In recent presidential campaigns, none of the candidates has considered Chautauqua worth attending. The significant subject chosen by the president for his speech was "foreign affairs," in line with what Democratic politicians have been saying, that Landon, a governor of Kansas, could not possibly know anything about foreign affairs.

This is the subject of the moment. It has been stressed as the reason Mr. Roosevelt returned from Hyde Park and the reason for his present trip. Of course, local communities receiving money appropriated for flood control from the last session of congress will naturally connect them with the president's visit.

Administrative relief activities in the last month have called daily attention to Mr. Roosevelt's policies, revived the rural resettlement administration, caused the president to arrange another non-political inspection trip west month ago.

State—The politicians on either side will question the complete legitimacy of this type of campaigning, recognizing only the cleverness of it. The only deep political inflexions they see is that it may indicate far more presidential doubt about

ALL MEMBERS TO SERVE STATE IN TIME OF STRESS

21-Point Program Adopted—Roseburg Attorney Chosen When Shoemaker Withdraws—Garlock Honored.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Election of Guy Gordon, Roseburg attorney, as state commander of the American Legion and the adoption of a resolution requiring all Oregon's 12,000 Legionnaires to serve on a statewide disaster relief committee in time of need climaxed the annual Legion convention here today.

Gordon was named to succeed George Koehn, Portland. The vote was by acclamation after Cordon's only opponent, Kent Shoemaker, Hood River, withdrew.

The disaster committee resolution, which proponents described as the most comprehensive adopted by any Legion department, provides for cooperation with civic and military authorities and with the American Red Cross.

Earlier in the convention, the delegates chose Albany as the 1937 convention city and went on record opposing the initiative measure which would remove the compulsory clause from military training in state educational institutions.

The entire 21-point program presented to the Legion Friday by Koehn in his commander's address was adopted by the convention. Numerous other resolutions were passed, including endorsement of the proposed 1938 Portland world fair, advocacy of federal appropriation to berth more suitably the battleship Oregon, universal finger-printing, better quarters for state highway, and a study of juvenile delinquency.

The convention instructed the Legion budget committee to make provision for a service officer's salary. The move is the outgrowth of the abolition by Governor Martin of the state soldiers', sailors' and marines' commission.

Officers chosen besides Cordon were O. E. "Mose" Palmateer, Salem, vice-commander; Tom Stoughton, Portland, finance officer, for the 14th year, and P. M. Blenkinsop, Astoria, chaplain.

New district commanders are Harvey Swan, Oregon City, district No. 1; Roy Davenport, Silverton, No. 2; Tillet Torgerson, Ontario, No. 3; C. J. Claus, Lakeview, No. 4; George Fry, Hood River, No. 5; Ray Duke, Forest, No. 6; and Charles Paradis, Nyssa, No. 7.

The convention named as delegates to the national convention L. C. Garlock, Medford; Dr. E. E. Baird, Powers; E. B. Hamilton, The Dalles; Hugh McCallum, Milton; J. Richard Southwaite, Baker; Alfred Allen, Newberg; Lloyd Jones, Sherwood; Ken Davis, Eugene; Carey Strong, Junction City; and Paul Hathaway, Fred Stock, Ray Dorris, Tom Sweeney, and Fred Hertner, all of Portland.

A resolution branding the WPA as un-American, inefficient and tending to demoralize honest citizens was tabled.

The Legion Auxiliary chose Blanche Jones, Sherwood, as its new president. Other officers elected were Mae Waters, Salem, vice-president; Polly McInturf, Marshfield, secretary; Dorothy Alken, Dallas, treasurer; and Gailie Heider, Sheridan, finance officer.

The convention closed tonight.

Girl Bicyclist, 16, Hurlled Neath Moving Truck

Lady Smokers In Woods Start More Fires Than Males

MARSHFIELD, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The weaker sex is the stronger when it comes to setting forest fires, in the opinion of Keith Young, district fire warden here. Young said he believed women are worse than men in dropping lighted cigarette stubs in the woods.

TOWNSEND HINTS FARLEY BACK OF ACCOUNTING SUIT

Pension Plan Founder Also Links Clements, Ousted Aide, To Ohio Action.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Dr. F. E. Townsend expressed the opinion today "the inference is pretty strong" that James A. Farley, Democratic national chairman, and R. E. Clements, ousted pension movement secretary, backed a court suit against directors of Old Age Revolving Pension, Ltd. Attorney Charles H. Hubbell, at a deposition hearing, today recounted to Townsend that Raymond J. Jeffers, Ohio pension leader, testified several days ago that a suit brought by the Rev. Alfred J. Wright, deposed Townsend national board member, was actuated by Clements who, in turn, was backed by Farley.

"Would you care to express an opinion?" the lawyer asked. "It could be nothing but an opinion," Townsend replied. "The inference is pretty strong, however. The present administration spent \$125,000 of the taxpayers' money to discredit our organization."

"Since Mr. Clements' testimony before the investigating committee in Washington, his status has changed entirely so far as our organization is concerned. He is no longer a member of our organization."

"He is no longer persecuted and bothered by the investigating committee. He seems to have plenty of money to spend and is spending it freely. He is apparently endeavoring to organize the disgruntled followers of our organization."

Wright brought the suit here during the Townsend national convention. His petition asked removal of Townsend and other directors of Revolving Pension, Ltd., appointment of a receiver and accounting of approximately \$1,000,000 in funds.

Townsend was told on his arrival to address the national union for social justice convention of a proposed stumping tour by ousted leaders of his pension organization.

"I let them down easily, giving inefficiency as the reason," the doctor said. "If they insist, I'll give other reasons that they won't like to see published. If they boys want war, I'll give it to them."

SUITOR SLAIN BY BROTHER OF GIRL

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 15.—(UP)—Edward S. Stewart, Louisville, Ky., was shot and killed tonight in front of his sweetie's home. The girl's brother was held on a charge of murder.

Police reported Fred Chillicothe, 23, was held in city jail after he allegedly fired two revolver slugs into Stewart's side as the latter waited for Marjorie Chillicothe in front of her home.

PLAN ROUND-TRIP OCEAN HOP



Harry Richman (right), night club singer and sportsman flier, and Dick Merrill hope to make a round-trip flight from New York to London. They are pictured in front of their big monoplane at Los Angeles, where it was undergoing tests. Merrill said the ship was "equipped with gadgets enough so the weather won't matter."

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Harry Richman, singer-sportsman, secretly tested his \$100,000 airplane today and pronounced it ready for a New York-London round-trip flight. Richman, the Broadway playboy, has turned deadly serious about aviation.

With his pilot, Dick Merrill, he flew to Muroc Dry Lake last night and put his big craft through its paces. Then he retired to his hotel room for a good sleep preparatory to hopping off tomorrow for New York. After a few days there he plans to head out over the Atlantic.

The singer's craft, "The Lady Peace," replete with safety devices, performed very satisfactorily at Muroc, said L. R. Cameron, an official of the (Vultee) company that made it.

22 KILLED, 12 HURT WHEN TRUCK HIT BY FAST FREIGHT

Crossing Horror In Quebec, Comes After Warning Cries Ignored

LOUISVILLE, Que., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A thundering freight train killed 22 persons and injured 12 others, six of them seriously, at a grade crossing here today.

A large truck, loaded with 43 passengers, rolled on to the open, unobstructed crossing in the path of the racing automobile.

"Don't pass! Don't pass!" cried occupants of two other cars as the truck whipped around them and approached the tracks.

A split second later the train struck. The truck splintered. Bodies were catapulted dozens of feet on to the right-of-way, under the wheels of the freight train.

As it knifed through the mass of human forms, the locomotive applied its brakes. Brakes shrieked. A handful of spectators sat transfixed. Flung 90 feet and tossed into the ditch beside the right-of-way, the truck caught fire.

Flames licked back from the engine over the wreckage. A half dozen of the seriously injured ones groaned as rescuers tried to pull them from the tangle of wood and steel.

ROOSEVELT'S TALK HELD STAND ON MONROE DOCTRINE

Praise And Criticism Follow Chautauqua Speech—Peace Societies Interested

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's assertion in his Chautauqua speech that "we can and will defend ourselves and defend our neighborhood" drew varied reaction here today in diplomatic and peace society quarters.

In formal comment upon the President's address, spokesmen for the National Council for Prevention of War and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom mixed praise of his expressed hatred for war and his stand on neutrality with criticism of the pledge to defend "our neighborhood."

There was much discussion in diplomatic circles as to how the President's statement compared with the warning given by President Monroe a little more than 100 years ago against further efforts by European powers to expand in this hemisphere.

Interest in it was heightened by the approach of the all-American peace conference at Buenos Aires, summoned some time ago at Mr. Roosevelt's instigation to consider means of perfecting the peace machinery of the Americas.

Officials of the International League for Peace and Freedom addressed an open letter to the President, thanking him for "support on neutrality, the reciprocal trade agreements, and his own personal hatred for war," but adding:

"It is our conviction also that many taxpayers will be shocked to learn that their money is being spent for a military establishment large enough to police all the Americas."

The Monroe doctrine, with which the Roosevelt doctrine was compared by some, stated that "the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintained, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects" for further expansionist aims of European powers.

FOLSOM CONVICT, WITH 8 DAYS LEFT, IN ESCAPE PLOT

POLSOM, Calif., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A prison break plotted by two or more Folsom convicts aided; Warden Clarence Larkin believed, by outside confederates, was frustrated last night.

Four automatic pistols and more than 100 rounds of ammunition which the conspirators had tried to smuggle into the prison were intercepted.

The tip off on the plotted break came when a loaded automatic was found concealed in a package of laundry carried by Chester Ayhens, a member of a convict gang returning from work on the railroad tracks between the prison and the town of Polson.

A second pistol was found concealed in his trouser leg. The others were found outside the wall. Ayhens, sentenced from San Francisco for burglary, would have had only eight more days to serve of a 15-year sentence for burglary.

Out of court, Tyler declared Golden's charge was made "only to camouflage the real issue—the guilt or innocence" of Dr. Tillman and Dr. Boyd.

Tyler said he would be a witness for the state and challenged Golden to question him about the advice he gave Miss Hewitt and the filing of the civil suit.

Hickory Treatment Throat Cures Boy With 'Hydrophobia'

DALLAS, Aug. 15.—(AP)—An 11-year old negro boy, claiming he had been bitten by a mad dog, was taken to the county jail "growing" and "snapping." Health officers scoffed and called his parents, who proposed the hickory treatment.

"Boy," asked Dr. A. E. Hill, "was you going to bark again?" "Ain't gonna bark no mo'," the boy said. "Caint do hit no mo'."

TRIAL PUBLICITY SPURS SALES OF MARY ASTOR FILM

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Mary Astor squared off today to pick up her film career interrupted by a sensational court dispute over custody of her four-year-old daughter, Marylyn.

"No official action is contemplated," was the way a spokesman for the office of Will Hays, the "movie czar," dismissed reports that executive frowns might curtail her screen roles.

Her most recent film, "Dodsworth" with Walter Huston, is in great demand, said the office of Producer Sam Goldwyn—so much so that its release date has been moved forward a month to the middle of September.

At Columbia Studio, where Miss Astor is reputed to be paid \$1500 weekly, it was said she has made one of three pictures under a one-year contract that started April 15, 1935.

Her next assignment hasn't been decided, said the Columbia publicity office, adding that it would come up in the regular course of events.

In Miss Astor's ornate Toluca home little Marylyn played, unmindful of the legal storm that centered on her. Two guards, large, amiable, and obdurate, prowled around but admitted that they haven't had to order many curiosity-seekers away.

Judge Goodwin J. Knight has stamped the case closed. The child, whose full custody was won by Dr. Franklin Thorpe when he divorced Miss Astor last year, will spend nine months of each year with her mother and three months with her father.

The terms of the settlement impounded the actress' lavender ink diary.

MONEY READY FOR PRIEST'S WAGER

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Frederick L. Jekes of this city today "called" the Rev. Charles E. Goughlin on his offer to make an election wager on the comparative vote-getting abilities in Rhode Island of Gov. Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential candidate, and William Lemke, Union party candidate.

Jekes offered to meet the priest or Quebec "or anywhere in the United States east of Mississippi" to deposit the cash in escrow so that wager might be made.

"You are now called," wired Jekes, declaring that his purpose was two-fold: First, to make the bet, second, to determine whether the radio priest in his public address makes statements "you do not mean to stir and mislead public."

MISS KATHERINE GENTNER VICTIM WEST MAIN CRASH

Girl Falls Beneath Wheels In Attempting To Pass Vehicle—Central Point Youths Hurt.

Four persons were in the Community hospital yesterday as the result of two accidents involving automobiles, with Katherine Gentner, 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gentner of 20 North Orange street lying in such critical condition that she could not be moved for an X-ray examination.

The girl was riding a bicycle east on West Main street at 10:30 Saturday morning and was thrown under a wood truck, the front truck wheel passing completely over her body.

The truck was driven by Gerald W. McInty, 30, of Jacksonville, and had a load of wood on at the time. McInty was also traveling east, at a slow rate of speed, and the girl was attempting to pass the truck.

The wheel of her bicycle caught in the old street car tracks, near the intersection of Quince street, and girl and bicycle were both thrown in the path of the truck.

She was rushed to the Community hospital, where the attending physician stated that she was suffering from severe shock, several broken ribs, possible spinal injuries, and possibly injuries to internal organs. He said that it would probably be Monday before she could be moved for an X-ray examination.

The physician gave the girl a good chance for life.

The second serious accident of the day happened two hours later, at 12:30, near the 401 orchard on the old Eagle Point road, when an enclosed car, driven by Allen H. Jewett of Central Point, and with six other Central Point youths as passengers, rounded a sharp curve at high speed.

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A YEAR AGO, WILL ROGERS MET DEATH IN PLANE CRASH

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Today is the anniversary of the death of Will Rogers.

Early on the morning of Aug. 15, 1935, the world was informed by an Associated Press "flash" from Seattle, Wash., that the beloved actor-writer, with his friend Wiley Post, had lost his life in an airplane crash near Prokeks Bay, Alaska, an outpost.

Hollywood marked the anniversary with few ceremonies.

Rupert Hughes, chairman of the California section of the national committee preparing a memorial to Rogers, said "It would be morbid to try to do much in the way of a public gathering on the anniversary of Will Rogers' death."

However, a memorial radio program was planned at the Woman's Club of Hollywood. William Farnum, actor and friend of the cowboy comedian, was scheduled to present a short eulogy and to conduct a program of Rogers' favorite songs. James E. Shoemaker, president and member of the Oklahoma State Society were to be guests of honor.

Hughes said the national committee has received about \$250,000 to use as a memorial for Rogers. Of that amount, he declared, California contributed \$40,000.

A million-dollar actors' hospital at Saratoga, New York, has been dedicated to Rogers, he said, and there has been a \$500,000 fund donated for its upkeep.

Blood was nominated on the first ballot with 447 votes to 353 for Dr. Herbert B. Marx, state senator.

In a statement following his nomination, Blood thanked his supporters and said "I predict the re-election of President Roosevelt."

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