

1—Rebuilding the famous High bridge over the Harlem river in New York. 2—Design selected for the future home of the League of Nations, to stand on the shore of Lake Geneva, Switzerland. 3—William M. Butler, chairman of Republican national committee, and his aids meeting in Kansas City to arrange for the national convention.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### President Goes to Cuba and American Marines Bomb Nicaraguans.

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PRESIDENT COOLIDGE left Washington Friday by train for Key West, Fla., where he boarded the battleship Texas and steamed across to Havana, Cuba, thus leaving the United States for the first time in his incumbency of the Presidential office. With him were Mrs. Coolidge and the distinguished gentlemen comprising the American delegation to the Pan-American congress. It was to participate in the opening of that assemblage that Mr. Coolidge made the journey, and his stay on the island was to be brief.

There were unmistakable signs that the leadership of the United States in the affairs of the continent was to be contested by the delegations of some of the Latin American nations, this being precipitated by resentment against American intervention in Nicaragua. In order that the President and his delegation might not be embarrassed by criticism at home, the senate committee on foreign relations decided to postpone its investigation of the Nicaraguan situation until after his return. Such an inquiry was called for by a resolution introduced by Senator Wheeler of Montana and a majority of the committee seemed to favor it but deferred action for the reason stated. Protests against our course in Nicaragua have been rather frequent, the latest being in the form of a cablegram to President Coolidge from the editors of papers in Bogota, Colombia.

Meanwhile American marines numbering 1,000 were being hurried down to Nicaragua from both the Atlantic and the Pacific stations and General Lejeune, commander of the corps, also went down there to look over the situation. The announced intention to break up the rebel band led by General Sandino and give the country complete peace has not been altered. The bandits, who are said to be trained by a former German officer named Muller, are active and enterprising and have made several attempts to ambush detachments of marines. In one instance, at Somotillo, a number of native troops deserted their allies and helped the rebels in an attack on a patrol commanded by Capt. Paul W. Payne of the marines. Outnumbered, Payne retreated to Villa Nueva, obtained reinforcements and returned to Somotillo, but was again driven off. A larger body of troops was rushed there from Chinandega, but the bandits and deserters had fled to the mountains. Lieut. F. C. Schilt, marine aviator, discovered about 200 bandits lying in ambush awaiting a column of marines which was marching from Quillal to Jicaró. With bombs and machine gun the lieutenant put the band to rout, killing fourteen and wounding others. Bombs dropped from another marine plane north of Quillal killed nine rebels, breaking up a concentration.

SENATOR DAVID A. REED'S committee that has been investigating the alleged Mexican documents that were published in the Hearst papers made a partial report in which were these findings:

1. There is not a scintilla of evidence that any United States senator has accepted, or was promised, or was offered, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, by any officer or representative of the government of Mexico.
2. The pretended document showing that \$1,215,000 was withdrawn from the Mexican treasury and sent to the Mexican consul general in New York to be paid to United States senators, is not genuine, but is spurious and fraudulent, and, in so far as it purports to be signed by the President of Mexico or the secretary of the treasury of Mexico, it is forged.
3. The committee said it had not yet been able to determine the identity of the manufacturer of the spurious documents. Senator Reed told the sen-

ate he believed Miguel Avila, who obtained the papers for Hearst, and John Page, who acted for the publisher, had testified falsely, and he criticized Hearst severely.

COLONEL LINDBERGH'S successful flights are becoming almost monotonous, and some one has said that if he did not land safely somewhere, that would be new. However, his tour still makes interesting reading and the Latin-Americans do not weary of receiving him tumultuously and heaping honors upon him. Monday of last week the lone eagle dropped down on the flying field at Panama that was built and named for him, after a four hours' flight from Costa Rica. The huge crowd almost mobbed him, and President Chiari received him warmly. For two days there were fetes, banquets, reviews and other functions, and Lindbergh took President Chiari and Vice President Duque up in an army observation plane. Then the flyer had several days, busy but more restful, in the Canal Zone. He announced that he would fly to Venezuela next, alighting at the army air field near Maracaibo, where President Gomez lives. Then he planned to proceed to St. Thomas, one of the Virgin Islands, next to San Juan, Porto Rico, where there is an excellent army field; thence to Santo Domingo, where there also is a good marine-constructed field; then to Port au Prince, Haiti, which has the best field in the Caribbean, and then to Havana.

PROBABLY Pope Pius XI will be known in history as the author of the encyclical rejecting movements favoring the unity of the Christian churches regardless of form or creed. It was declared in Rome to be the most important Vatican document issued since the World war, and there can be no doubt that its effect will be great and widespread. It was considered specifically as a rejection of the efforts of the Anglo-Catholics of the Church of England to bring about an entente with the Catholic church, but its terms are general.

The pope declares the sole religion was revealed to the Catholic church, which has maintained itself one and identical throughout the centuries.

Of religious conferences and congresses for unity to which all are invited the encyclical says: "Such attempts cannot obtain the approval of Catholics. These movements are founded on the false theory presupposing that all religions are good and meritorious; therefore all, although in a different way, manifest and signify equally that sentiment, inborn in us, to be carried to God for reverent recognition of His dominion."

"Followers of such a theory not alone deceive and err, but repudiate true religion, distorting concepts, tending little by little to naturalism and atheism, whence clearly those adhering to such theories detach themselves from the religion revealed by God. Under the appearance of good they more easily hide deception when they try to promote the unity of all Christians."

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WILBUR and Admiral Hughes, chief of naval operations, appearing before the house naval affairs committee in behalf of the new \$725,000,000 construction program, told the congressmen flatly that the American fleet is now inadequate to the defense of the country. They asserted that the building of 72 vessels, including cruisers, submarines, destroyer leaders and aircraft carriers, would fulfill the sea defense needs of the United States.

While denying that the program can be considered as placing the United States in competition with other nations, Secretary Wilbur admitted that in working out America needs the size of other navies was taken into consideration. He said the program would put the United States well within the 5-5-3 ratio as far as Britain is concerned and slightly above the ratio with Japan.

Admiral Hughes said the completion of the program would give the country "reasonable security," but would not give the United States command of the sea.

SURPRISINGLY, the Democratic national committee in session in Washington selected Houston, Texas,

for the national convention and set the opening date for June 26. The contest was between Houston and San Francisco and the fifth and deciding ballot was 54 to 48 in favor of the Texas city. Houston offered \$200,000 for the convention and promised to build a new hall if the city auditorium, which seats 5,000, were considered too small. The place has hotel accommodations for 10,000 to 12,000 persons.

The Jackson day banquet was attended by most of the party leaders and harmony prevailed, at least on the surface. Gov. Al Smith of New York was not present, but a letter from him was read and evoked long and loud applause. To observers in Washington it begins to look as if Smith might get the Democratic nomination almost without a contest.

On the Republican side it was announced that Frank O. Lowden would enter the North Dakota Presidential primaries to be held March 20, the first to be held in the Middle West. In the East the Hoover boom was growing steadily and his cause was helped by the fact that Thomas A. Edison and Henry Ford both declared for him. Senator Jim Watson of Indiana said he had not yet decided whether to be a contender, but that if he entered the race it would be in earnest and not as a stalking horse.

REORGANIZATION of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad having been approved by the interstate commerce commission, Federal Judge Wilkerson in Chicago issued orders for the receiver to transfer the company to the new organization, and at midnight Sunday the old company passed out of existence, its place being taken by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific railroad. Henry A. Scandrett of Omaha is president and H. E. Byram, former president, becomes chairman of the board of directors. The reorganization was carried through by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. During the receivership of nearly three years the property has steadily improved, according to Mr. Byram.

REPLYING to Secretary Kellogg's suggestion of a multilateral treaty renouncing war, the French government proposes that the ban shall be restricted to "aggressive war." This is not agreeable to our government and in a second note Mr. Kellogg shows it clings to its original stand that the treaty's declaration be against war without any qualifying or modifying definition attached, and also that other world powers be asked to unite in signing it. The new turn in the discussion is not considered by the State department to bar the way to ultimate negotiation of a treaty between France and America, and ultimately with all powers, declaring against war as a weapon in international relations.

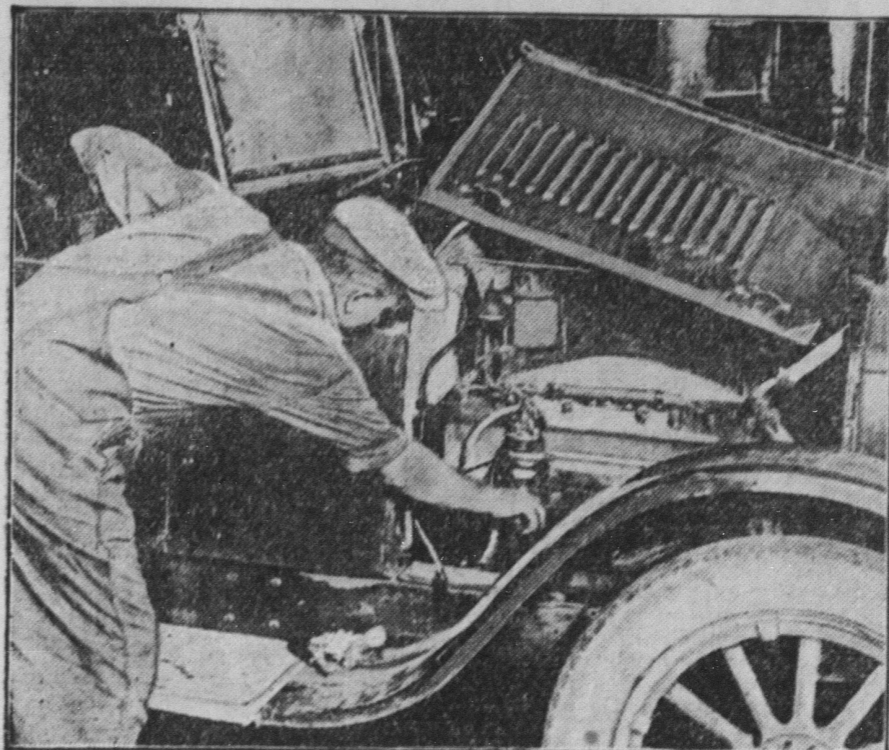
THOMAS HARDY, dean of English literature and the last of the great Victorian writers, died Wednesday at his home near Dorchester at the age of eighty-seven, after a month's illness. Of late years the famous novelist of Wessex had devoted himself to writing poetry, but whether any of these poems will be put into print is doubtful.

Among other deaths of the week were those of Louis F. Post of Washington, author, editor and adherent of George's single tax theories; Marvin Huggitt of Chicago, pioneer railroad builder and executive; Sara A. Conboy of New York, labor leader, and Dr. Julius Grinker of Chicago, eminent neurologist.

ALBERT D. LASKER, former chairman of the United States shipping board, and Mrs. Lasker have given \$1,000,000 to the University of Chicago for medical research directed toward establishing the nature, causes, prevention and cure of degenerative diseases. In other words, the aim is to increase the life expectancy of men and women who have reached middle age.

DEATH in the electric chair in Sing Sing brought to a close the tragedy of Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray, murderers of the woman's husband. Resourceful lawyers tried up to the last minute to prevent or delay the execution, but all their efforts were futile.

## DEAF AUTO MECHANIC TUNES UP MOTORS



Born totally deaf, Eugene F. Clarke, an Austin (Texas) mechanic, has become one of the wonders of the town for his expert work in the delicate tuning of motors, locating of squeaks and rattles and adjusting motor horns. Through years of training he has taught his fingers to "hear" what's wrong with automobiles.

## INATTENTION IS ACCIDENT CAUSE

Distraction of Driver Leads to Most Crashes, Says Official.

Inattention and generally poor judgment are cited as outstanding causes of motor vehicle accidents by E. Austin Baughman, Maryland motor vehicle commissioner.

"Aside from the more deliberate offenses of omission or commission involving recklessness and criminality, inattention, lack of judgment, timidity and inability to judge distance are contributing causes to the vast majority of accidents," says Mr. Baughman.

The basic reason for each accident always is to be found in the failure of some one to react properly to a given set of circumstances. In other words, the mind is misled, and because of some mental error unexpected conditions arise which further mislead until an extreme is reached and an accident occurs.

"In statistics of motor vehicle accidents inattention is most predominant as a cause. According to reliable statistics, it accounts for nearly half of the accidents and, as a heading for accident causes, literally 'covers a multitude of sins.' It is rarely criminal and almost everyone is guilty of it to some degree. The more common consequences of inattention are found when something other than the act being performed claims the operator's mental activity. Inattention and distraction of attention are, so far as motor vehicle accident terms go, about the same thing.

Keep Eyes on Road. "While driving, attention to any extraneous object is particularly dangerous. It is dangerous to look for any length of time at any object other than traffic conditions and the highway. Trying to read signs or any similar mental activity should be taboo while driving. If the sign or other object of interest is of sufficient importance to require the driver's attention the car should be turned to the side and stopped.

"The distressing part of this type of driving is found in the fact that consequences of a careless act do not always fall upon the person guilty of the inattention."

## Inflation of Balloon Tires Quite Important

One of the most important items in the care of tires is the matter of proper inflation.

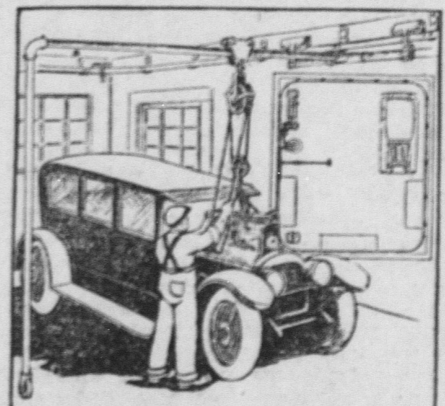
Balloon tires especially must carry the right amount of air in them or they will break down quickly. Their walls are thinner and the loss of a few pounds of the slight inflation they do get will cause the walls to buckle and break under the weight of the car.

If the tires are underinflated, also, constant flexing of the walls under the heavy strain causes undue heat to be generated. That separates the plies of the fabric and opens it to quicker breakage.

The obvious preventive is to keep the tires properly inflated, checking up on them every week.

## Small Portable Crane Is Garage Convenience

The crane shown in the accompanying drawing has a wide range of travel and is capable of transferring heavy units from the bench to the machines and to the several cars being repaired. It uses the same track as employed to support the hanging doors at the front of the garage. The provision of such a track around the four walls is the main support for the crane. A double hanger with swivel rollers allows the crane to travel along the continuous runway. The corners are traversed on a curved track, similar to the track on which



Crane Handy in Garage.

the door is supported when swung from the front to the side. A cross rail extends from these hangers and rests on a vertical support of pipe, provided with a fixed roller at the bottom. The hoist is carried by a trolley on the cross rail, which permits placing the hoist directly above the load. While every advantage of a crane is provided, the single leg, reaching to the floor, does not encroach on the available floor space, as is usually the case with four-legged portable cranes.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## Women Better Drivers Than Men, Says Captain

Women are better drivers than men! The women of San Francisco have the word of Capt. Henry Gleeson, chief of the traffic squad, as authority for this statement.

Women civic and club leaders of San Francisco who gathered in the offices of the California Development association to discuss plans for assisting in pedestrian control when it is finally put into effect under the regulations of the new traffic ordinance, also heard from Captain Gleeson why the male of the species does not come up to the driving standard of the women.

"The so-called superminded man is inclined to be absent-minded while driving," said Captain Gleeson. "His thoughts are on so many things far away from the matter at hand.

## AUTOMOBILE ITEMS

The man with the most dominating personality is the one who selects the detours.

"The lighter car is gaining popularity," but it isn't light enough yet, for the pedestrian.

The greatest grass may always be on the other side of the fence, but the best automobile is always in our own garage.

There is a very sinister ring in that declaration by one of our leading car manufacturers that his 1928 product will be of striking design.

Motorists running through California with lights in violation of the California vehicle act must appear within 24 hours with lights properly adjusted.

If you carry your spare tire on the rear of your car, turn it around once in a while. This will keep one side from being constantly exposed to mud, water and oil thrown up from the road.



## Winter's Colds and Chills Throw Heavy Burdens on the Kidneys.

COLDS put extra burdens on our kidneys. When the kidneys slow up, impurities remain in the blood and are apt to make one tired and achy with headaches, dizziness and often nagging backache. A common warning is scanty or burning secretions. Doan's Pills, a stimulant diuretic, increase the secretion of the kidneys and aid in the elimination of waste impurities. Are endorsed by users everywhere. Ask your neighbor!

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