

1—Class of 1928 in "convict" garb in commencement costume parade at Columbia university, New York city. 2—Lodge, at left, and dining hall of the Pierce estate on the Brule river, northern Wisconsin, picked by President Coolidge for his summer vacation residence. 3—Flag-draped Security building in Kansas City which was the Republican party headquarters during the convention.



NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Four Aviators Make Flight Across Pacific Ocean in Three Big Hops.

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CALIFORNIA to Australia by airplane in three hops! For the first time the Pacific ocean has been traversed by the air route, the great feat being accomplished by two Australians, Capt. Charles Kingsford-Smith, war ace, and Charles T. P. Uim, and two Americans, Harry W. Lyon and James Warner. Their machine was the monoplane Southern Cross, once used unsuccessfully in the Arctic regions by Captain Wilkins.

In constant communication with the mainland and with vessels by radio, the aviators made the flight to Hawaii without much trouble. The worst part of the trip was the next hop, nearly 3,200 miles to the Fiji Islands, and during this they ran into repeated storms that were most skillfully dodged by Kingsford-Smith, the chief pilot. This was the longest overseas flight ever made, and if they had been forced down before reaching Suva the only possible places to light without disaster were two coral atolls in the Phoenix group 1,866 miles from the starting point in Hawaii. As is was they landed safely at Albert park, Suva, with only 90 gallons of gas left in the tanks, having made the hop in 34 hours and 33 minutes. White and natives of Fiji joined in giving the flyers a rousing welcome. After a brief rest the plane was flown to Nasel beach for the take-off for Brisbane, Australia, 1,762 miles away, the route taking the aviators through a region of frequent storms, south of the Loyalty Islands and New Caledonia. From Brisbane they were to fly to Sydney, 500 miles to the south.

Sydney newspapers printed the report that Captain Kingsford-Smith was on the brink of insolvency and started a campaign to raise a fund for him. When the trans-Pacific flight originally was planned Kingsford-Smith sought the aid of the Australian government and it was promised. Advance payments purchased the plane and the flyer came to the United States. There followed the disastrous Dole flight from Oakland to Honolulu in which seven lives were lost. The Australian government withdrew its support and urged Kingsford-Smith to return home. He refused and continued plans for the California-to-Australia flight on limited resources and finally obtained backing from Allen Hancock, millionaire oil man of Los Angeles. But even with this backing the flyer faces financial ruin.

During the week there were reports, based on alleged radio messages, that Noble and the dirigible Italia were on Franz Josef land east of Spitzbergen. Search for the missing explorers was continued by the steamship Hobby, by Lieutenant Holm, Norwegian aviator, and by parties of Alpine chamois. The Italian department of aeronautics was in communication with Captain Wilkins, hoping to induce him to join in the hunt by air.

SO FAR as the Republican national committee was concerned, Herbert Hoover was given nearly all the contested Southern delegates in the hearings conducted at Kansas City. The contests, however, it was stated would be carried before the committee on credentials and possibly before the convention. In the committee hearings the secretary of commerce won 65 out of 73 contested delegates, his most impressive victory being in the case of Texas in which he gained the entire delegation. By conservative estimates this brought the total number of Hoover votes to 472, the majority necessary to nomination being 545. The experts then figured that Mellon with his 79 Pennsylvania delegates could put Hoover across the line—if he chose to do so. The contest for the South Carolina delegation, which was for Lowden, was withdrawn by the Hoovers.

Among the politicians gathered in Kansas City many expressed the opin-

ion that Senator James Watson of Indiana or Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas would make a good vice presidential nominee. Some Hooversites especially favored Watson for second place, figuring his nomination would "pull the string of the corn belt."

Farmer crusaders of the regions surrounding Kansas City were preparing to move on the convention city in considerable numbers, by automobile and train, and many of them wore badges on which was printed this amended version of the Hoover slogan: "Who but Hoover? Anybody."

ACCORDING to the partial report of the senate campaign fund committee, total expenditures in behalf of the various Presidential candidates to date have been only \$731,087. Of this sum the Hoover expenditures have been \$350,822. Frank O. Lowden is credited with having spent \$90,922.90. The committee found \$579,500 has been collected and expended by the supporters of Vice President Dawes. The expenses of Governor Smith of New York, leading Democratic aspirant, were \$121,471.04. Collections to the Smith fund amounted to \$120,911.40. The Reed pre-convention campaign fund amounted to \$41,430.64. His expenditures are listed at \$38,752.70.

GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING made a rush trip from Paris to Cherbourg and jumped aboard the Leviathan for the United States, and both in New York and in France the report was circulated that he was called home hurriedly by friends who were starting a boom for him as a dark horse candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

MARSHAL CHANG TSO-LIN, Northern war lord, gave up his dictatorship and abandoned Peking to the Nationalists. With his household he fled to Manchuria and just as his train reached Mukden it was bombed presumably by Nationalist agents. Some soldiers were killed and Chang himself was so badly injured that his recovery was considered doubtful.

The Nationalist troops gradually occupied Peking while forces left by Chang and those of the foreign legations strove to prevent disorder. General Hsi-shan, for years known as the model governor of Shansi province, was appointed garrison commander of the Peking-Tientsin area and at once began the work of reconstruction and development. The Nationalist government asked the immediate evacuation of American troops from Tientsin, where the United States has maintained part of a regiment since the Boxer rebellion. In Washington it was stated that our government could not comply with the request at once.

PASSING upon two cases arising in the state of Washington, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that evidence of prohibition violations obtained by wire tapping is admissible in a criminal proceeding and that a conviction resulting from such evidence is not a violation of the constitutional guarantee against "unreasonable search and seizure." The question was decided by a five to four ruling. Chief Justice Taft wrote the majority opinion. Justices Holmes and Brandeis, in dissenting opinions, scathingly denounced the placing of judicial sanction upon the commission of a crime to detect crime. Justice Butler also filed a dissenting opinion and Justice Stone announced he concurred with the views of Justices Holmes, Brandeis and Butler.

In holding wire tapping did not amount to a search and seizure within the meaning of the fourth amendment to the Constitution, Chief Justice Taft said that while this amendment might have a proper application to a sealed letter because of the constitutional provision for the Post Office department and because such a letter is in the possession of the government it could not apply to communication by wire.

UNCLE SAM proposes to get a lot of money from Henry M. Blackmer, the wealthy Denver oil operator who fled to France to avoid the Teapot Dome inquiry. Income taxes, interest and penalties aggregating \$8,498,935 have been assessed against him and tax liens filed in Denver and

New York federal courts. Also writs of attachment against any property held by or for Blackmer were filed with 22 companies or individuals, including all financial institutions in which Blackmer is believed to have accounts. In New York city they were also served upon banks with which he did business.

Only a part of the tax, interest and penalties assessed against the oil man was understood to be for his alleged profits in the Continental Trading company, an adjunct of the Teapot Dome case.

LITHUANIA'S assertion, in her recently adopted new constitution, that Vilna is the capital of the country was denounced before the League of Nations council by Poland when the council opened its fiftieth session in Geneva. Foreign Minister Zaleski submitted a copy of his note of protest to Kovno in which he asserted this could only envenom the Polish-Lithuanian relations. Lithuania's claim, he said, had no juridical foundation as Poland's rights over Vilna were definitely established by the Vilna and Polish diets and by the ambassadors' conference in 1924. It was not believed this session of the council would do much business as both Briand of France and Stresemann of Germany were absent on account of illness.

VIENNA received reports, seemingly authentic, that Ahmed Bey Zogu, President of Albania, was getting ready to proclaim a monarchy with himself as the king. He has had a stormy career, fighting with the Democrats and Liberals and once being wounded by an assassin. In December, 1924, he led a successful revolt against Bishop Noli's rule and next month was appointed President by the national assembly. He is only thirty-four years old and besides being President has held the offices of premier and commander in chief of the national forces.

PREMIER MUSSOLINI took a good deal of wind out of the sails of his detractors by the restraint of his annual address before the Italian senate. His hearers were especially interested in what he might say about the threatening situation in the Balkans, but the Duce cut out all violent talk and made a plain offer of friendship to Yugo-Slavia. Then dismissing the idea of enmity, he declared Italy could not wait forever for Yugo-Slavia to settle its domestic problems, and warned that treaties would be no good anyway if a friendly, moral atmosphere between the two peoples was not developed. He ridiculed the prediction made by a former Yugo-Slav minister that war soon would break out between the two countries, ending with a peace signed at Venice. He had nothing to say concerning the disputes with Austria about Upper Adige, but announced that a treaty would soon be signed with France that would settle all outstanding differences between the French and Italians.

Mussolini spoke at some length about the astonishing growth of the United States in wealth and world power. He said he had no complaint to make against American immigration restrictions and the Italian quota, though deploring the feasons which prompted that legislation. "As for the naturalized Americans of Italian origin," he continued, "they are American citizens and therefore foreigners so far as we are concerned. We limit ourselves to hoping they will continue to be proud of their Italian origin."

ATLANTIC CITY having abandoned its annual beauty contest, the "International pageant of pulchritude" held in Galveston attracted the attention of those who enjoy such affairs. Selected beauties from many states and a number of foreign countries gathered in the Texas city, and paraded along the sea wall. Miss Ella Van Hueson, the entrant from Chicago, was first chosen as "Miss America," and then, being adjudged the most pulchritudinous of the whole lot, was crowned "Miss Universe." She is twenty-two years old, tall and slender, with long, dark brown hair. The other prize winners in their order were the girls from France, Italy, Colorado, West Virginia, Canada, Luxembourg, Ohio, San Antonio and Tulsa.

AUTO ADJUSTED TO ITS DRIVER

One of the Newer Trends in Building Motor Car Here and Abroad.

Making automobiles that are adjustable to the individual driver, instead of compelling the driver to adjust himself to an uncomfortable position in the car is one of the newer trends in motor-car construction, both in America and abroad.

More than comfort is involved in a correct position. Sitting in proper relation to steering wheel, clutch pedal, brake pedal and controls, means freedom from fatigue and, even more important, safety in driving—for only when the driver is in proper position can he quickly and efficiently operate the controls.

Means of effecting a comfortable driving position formerly was available only in the costlier cars; now a new brougham offers an example of what has been done in the lower-price class.

Variation in Position.
A total variation of five inches in the position of the driver is provided by adjustments in the clutch and brake pedals and also in the front seats. The rubber pedal pads are mounted on substantial bars that are clamped into the clutch and brake levers proper, and these clamps allow a variation of the pedal position totaling two inches.

The adjustability of the front seat, in a fore and aft direction, totals three inches. The two adjustments, in combination, thus allow a total change amounting to five inches. The driver, having unusually long legs can drop the pedals two inches and move the seat all the way back, and have five inches more room than a man of opposite build, who will raise the pedals all the way and adjust the seat in its extreme forward position.

Made to Suit Driver.
A combination of adjustments can be made to suit the stout driver. He can move his seat back to give him ample space between steering wheel and cushion, and raise the pedals to keep them in easy reach.

Relative position of front seat and pedals is of prime importance. If there is too little room, the driver will be sitting in a cramped position and will be unable to operate the brake pedal with maximum effect.

When the brake pedal is fully depressed, the driver's leg should not be extended to the utmost—there should be additional thrusting power in reserve, to exert greater pedal pressure if required.

Engine Trouble Often Is Traced to Spark Plugs

When an automobile engine misses at high speed or in climbing hills, the trouble can often be traced to the spark plugs, according to H. Rabezzana, research engineer.

Much of this trouble, he says, is due to the use of improper type plug or spark plug points being set too far apart, or because the plugs are simply worn out.

The gap between the points should not have more than .025 inch clearance or .020 inch in high compression engines.

As spark plug trouble is often mistaken for valve or piston ring trouble, the proper thing to do before making repairs is to have the plugs inspected, which will save unnecessary expense, the engineer says.

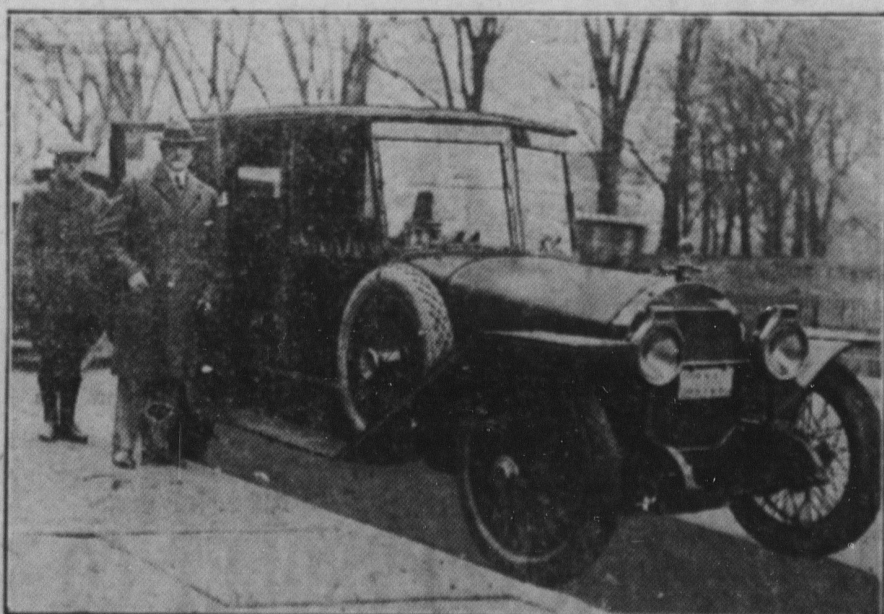
Here Is Way Jaywalker Is Cautioed in China

The Chinese system of educating jaywalkers might help in this country, according to the public safety department of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

The club quotes the following admonition to the public in China:

"Now the swift motor car and the street car are just like tigers and if you do not obey the policeman's signals you will not live to grow and acquire many sons, but will be killed and your sons, too, so that your ancestral tablets will be unattended. The road is like a tiger's mouth; from its center keep away."

PERSHING'S CHARIOT IN SMITHSONIAN

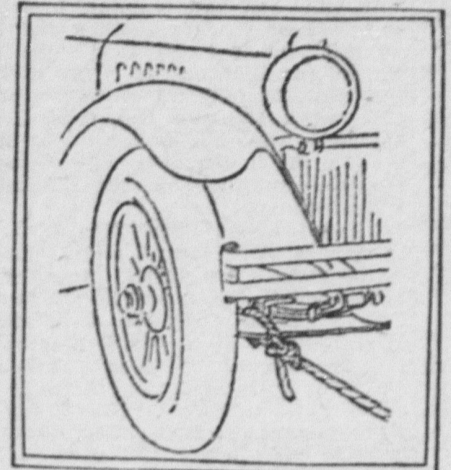


Gen. John J. Pershing's specially built limousine, which roared through the mud of shell-torn roads in France, is about to end its days in the quiet security of the Smithsonian museum. The photograph shows General Pershing with the car.

Towing Ropes Attached to a Disabled Machine

If you have to have your car towed, or you are going to tow somebody else be careful where you attach the tow rope or you may do your car or the other fellow's a considerable amount of harm. Do not attach the tow rope to a bumper, radiator guard, or, in fact, anything else but the main structural parts of the car, such as the front axle, cross members, etc.

When your car is to be towed the best place to hook on the tow rope is the front axle. This will have to be done on the side near the steering knuckle as the front apron will prevent the rope from being hooked on



How to Attach a Tow Rope.

in the center. Be sure that the rope is hooked on the same side of the towing car as it is on your front axle so there will be no tendency toward a cross pull.

When you are towing another car you can sometimes use the rear axle, but generally there are parts in the way that prevent. In this case attach the rope to the rear spring horns, the rear cross member or even around the shackles.

Do not use the rear bumpers or spare tire bracket. Always start gently when towing a car and always signal the car following in plenty of time when you are going to stop.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Better Performance at Less Cost From Old Cars

How to get better performance at lower cost from motor cars that are several years old, is told in a paper just prepared by H. Rabezzana, research engineer, and known as one of the country's foremost authorities on the internal combustion engine.

To quote Mr. Rabezzana: "Some engines after they become old have a tendency to 'pump oil.' The reason is that the rings no longer fit tightly. In many cases even new rings are of little value when the cylinder itself is ever so slightly 'out of round.' Sometimes the amount of oil that gets into the chamber is so slight that it cannot be detected as oil, but appears as a thick, or gummy soot upon the head of the piston, or on the spark plugs.

"How to keep such motors running well has long been a problem with repair men. In nearly every instance, new plugs are fouled up within a short time after installation.

"As a remedy, carbon-proof spark plugs of the correct type are the most logical plugs for engines that have a tendency to foul the spark plugs. These plugs also are desirable for cool engines.

"They have what is known as a carbon-proof insulator, with a series of high-temperature fins girdling the lower end. These fins quickly attain sufficient heat to burn off any deposits of soot or oil, thus offering effective resistance to carbon troubles."

AUTOMOBILE ITEMS

A spare fan belt should be carried in every car. . . .

In Stockholm, says a dispatch, traffic officers carry swords. The idea sounds as if it might be worth importing. . . .

The exact holding power of each brake is easily determined, and an absolute equal adjustment may be made. . . .

The average modern man tries to perform the difficult feat of keeping his nose to the grindstone and running an automobile at the same time.

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Tree of the Desert

The forestry service says that the Joshua tree is a desert tree which grows in California, Arizona and New Mexico. It has light, spongy wood and is used for boxes and wrapping material.

Producing Chickens

Incubators were first used in Europe in A. D. 1777, but the Chinese and Egyptians practiced artificial incubation over 2,000 years ago. They used large egg-ovens of brick.

Little of Everything

In the making of a telephone receiver there are employed aluminum, silk, copper, rubber, flax, nickel, mica, shellac, lead, cotton, silver, iron, wool, platinum, zinc and gold.

Anybody Can Have It

Adventure is where interest is; where curiosity, eager and enthusiastic, leads on to new knowledge, new experience and to new achievement.—American Magazine.

Vegetably Speaking

"Life's a game of shellin' peas," says Bill Benz, the neighborhood philosopher, "and the good sports are willin' to take podluck."—Farm and Fireside.

Ungrammatical, but True

Epitaph in Radnorshire, Wales: "Him, as was, is gone from we; Us, as is, shall go to be."
—Boston Transcript.

There Is No Privacy

The archeologists have made us as familiar with the lives of the ancients as if they had had competent biographers in those days.

Look to the Birds

The airplane may be able to fly higher than any bird, but the birds have better landing equipment.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Ancients Did Good Work

A sewage system which would compare with any in use today was laid in Crete 2,500 years before Christ.

Ancient Botanical Gardens

The botanical gardens in Padua, Italy, are considered to be the oldest in Europe.