



1—Rescue crews working at train wreck near Mounds, Ill., in which eight persons were killed and many injured. 2—President Coolidge, Mrs. Coolidge and mine officials looking over the Rust Iron mine at Hibbing, Minn., largest open pit in the world. 3—Miss Grace Lyons and Lieut. Harry Clark at Roosevelt field planning a route for the New York to Bermuda airline to be started in December.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Smith, Resenting Preacher's Attack, Challenges Him to Public Meeting.

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GOV. AL SMITH, Democratic nominee for the Presidency, does not propose to be hit in public without defending himself, and his capacity for self-defense is considerable. Rev. John Roach Straton, militant and fundamentalist pastor of the Calvary Baptist church of New York City, saw fit to declare from his pulpit that Governor Smith was "the deadliest foe in America of the forces of moral progress and true wisdom." The governor promptly challenged the preacher to repeat the statement in his presence in the church during the week of September 2 and give such proof as he might be able to advance, and permit Smith to reply in full. He suggested that the meeting might be conducted by question and answer if the pastor wished. In his letter to Doctor Straton the governor said:

"I do not know why you should make a statement of that kind, but I do know that I will never permit it to go unchallenged. I have spent 25 years in the service of the state in elective office, and the record of that service is open to the public. I do not feel that I should charge you with making this statement for any political purpose, as it was made in a church devoted to the teachings of Christ, one of which was 'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.'"

Doctor Straton said he would give Governor Smith the satisfaction he sought, and suggested the meeting be held in some auditorium larger than that of his church. He also proposed that he and Smith should tour the South in a series of debates.

After reviewing two New York National Guard regiments in camp at Peekskill, Governor Smith devoted most of the week to his executive duties. Among other things he ordered the officials of Saratoga county to clamp the lid tight on gambling and other forms of vice prevalent at Saratoga Springs. Then he journeyed to Chicago for the Brennan funeral.

IN THE death of George E. Brennan of Chicago the Democratic party, both of the nation and of the state of Illinois, suffered a great loss. Mr. Brennan was national committeeman and, since the death of Roger Sullivan, had been the undisputed leader of the Democracy of Illinois; and for years he was high in the councils of the party. Always frankly a "wet," he was one of Al Smith's strongest friends and most valued advisers. He worked for the nomination of Smith in 1924 and largely brought about the selection of Davis when it was seen that Smith could not win. This year he was among the most determined advocates of the nomination of the New York governor. Mr. Brennan was an example of the best type of practical politician, the kind that makes innumerable friends within and without his party and that plays the game hard but cleanly, keeping his own reputation for honesty unimpaired. He sought office but once. In 1926 he ran for the United States senate and came not very far from defeating Frank L. Smith, Republican, whom the senate refused to seat.

SATURDAY was the big day for Herbert Hoover and the Republicans. The candidate received the formal notification of his nomination in the great stadium of Stanford university at Palo Alto, Calif., and delivered his eagerly awaited speech of acceptance. The ceremony was preceded by a concert and stunts by the students. Mr. Hoover's speech was heard by many thousands who were present, and by yet more millions all over the country who were served by the hookup of 100 radio stations. Party leaders from practically every state went to Palo Alto and for several days before and after the notification the candidate was busy discussing with them details of campaign

work. Friday was the fifty-fourth anniversary of his birth and he was the guest of newspaper correspondents who accompanied him across the continent at a birthday dinner at a Palo Alto hotel.

REPRESENTATIVES of 31 dry organizations who attended the Kansas City and Houston conventions as observers made public a report in which they denounce Governor Smith for his attitude on the liquor question and call on prohibitionists to disregard their political or religious affiliations and join in defeating Smith by supporting Hoover. Drys gained a victory in Missouri in both the Republican and the Democratic primaries. The Republicans nominated Roscoe C. Patterson of Springfield for United States senator and Henry S. Caulfield of St. Louis for governor. The Democrats put up Charles M. Hay of St. Louis for the senate and Francis M. Wilson of Platte City for the governorship. Hay's opponent, James A. Collet, is a wet and a protégé of Senator Reed. In the Kansas Republican primaries the farmers scored by nominating Clyde M. Reed for governor over five other aspirants. The Democrats nominated Chauncey B. Little, former congressman.

ONE more attempt to fly the Atlantic ocean from Europe to America failed when Majors Idzikowski and Kubala, Polish airmen, were forced to come down in the water because of a faulty gas feed pipe. Fortunately the German steamer Samos was near by and picked them up. The aviators had started from Paris for New York and reached the vicinity of the Azores before they were compelled to turn back. Their plane was wrecked when it struck the surface of the ocean 60 miles off Cape Finisterre.

POOR Florida was struck by another fierce tropic storm during the week. The central east coast towns received the first blows, and then the storm swept across the state to the gulf, doing vast damage in the south central portion. Houses were unroofed, orchards ravaged and roads made impassable, but strangely there was no loss of life. Related reports from Java tell of the destruction of the island of Paloeu, Dutch East Indies, by the eruption of the Rokotindo volcano and resulting earthquake and tidal wave. Six villages were wiped out and the death loss was believed to be about one thousand.

SUBMARINE F1-4 of the Italian navy was sunk by collision with another vessel during maneuvers in the Adriatic and for 34 hours rescue crews labored heroically to raise the craft and save the crew of two officers and twenty-five men. Most of this time the imprisoned men were in communication with the salvagers by telephone, but their messages ceased suddenly and when the submarine was finally hoisted to the surface it was found the entire crew had been killed by chlorine gas liberated when salt water flooded the storage batteries.

IN ONE respect the future of Gene Tunney is now settled. The following announcement was given to the press last week:

"Mrs. George Lauder, Jr., of Greenwich and New York wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Mary Josephine Lauder, to Mr. Gene Tunney of New York. No date has been set for the wedding, which will likely take place in New York in the late autumn or winter."

Miss Lauder is listed in the social register and is heiress to a large fortune. She is twenty-one years old and was educated in fashionable schools in this country and France. She is an Episcopalian, while Tunney is a Catholic. The retired champion already has purchased a residence in Greenwich, Conn. His departure for Europe for a walking tour with Thornton Wilder was set for August 16.

CHINESE Nationalists were called to time sharply in a note from American Minister John Van A. MacMurray concerning the continued occupation of American mission property by Nationalist troops. The note said that China has not heeded repeated past protests and declared

that "the American mission property in China is treated as though it belonged to an enemy warring with China rather than as the private property of a friendly nation." Mr. MacMurray cited specific instances and declared that this action by the Nationalists had caused an unfavorable impression throughout the world and was painfully disappointing to the American government.

STEFAN RADITCH, leader of the Croatian peasants, who was shot in the Belgrade chamber of deputies some time ago, is dead of his wounds, and observers in central Europe believe there is a chance of civil war in Yugo-Slavia unless outside influences are exerted strongly. The Croats bitterly resent the Serbian domination over the government of the kingdom and recently set up a separate parliament in Zagreb, their own capital.

THOUSANDS of British men and women made a peace pilgrimage to the battlefields of France and Belgium to mark the fourteenth anniversary of the beginning of the World war. They were led by the prince of Wales, Lord Jellicoe, Lady Haig, widow of the British commander, and other notables.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, British foreign secretary, who has been quite ill for some time, will not be able to go to Paris for the signing on August 27 of the Kellogg anti-war treaty. His place will be taken by Lord Cushendun, appointed acting secretary by the king. Germany is perturbed by Chamberlain's prolonged illness for it had been hoped the question of the early evacuation of the Rhineland could be brought up by Foreign Minister Stresemann at the Paris meeting and settled at Geneva in September. The German press does not like the appointment of Cushendun.

THE Obregon party of Mexico, finding no capable leader in its ranks, has practically disbanded, and its general secretary has announced that he is squarely behind President Calles. This gives Calles a free hand in carrying out his reconstruction program, which includes agrarian laws, rehabilitation of haciendas, recreation of agrarian credit and agrarian banks and the encouragement of foreign capital and immigration. Congress, which is 85 per cent Obregonist, is supporting Calles. It is still considered likely that Aaron Saenz, governor of Nueva Leon, will seek the Presidency in succession to Calles.

Bishop Miguel de la Mora of Mexico City issued a signed statement repudiating the charge that the clergy was responsible for the murder of General Obregon. He said the fact that one Catholic priest and one nun were involved in the crime did not mean that the clergy as a body was responsible. The statement asserted that it was publicly known that the Mother Superior Concepcion Acebedo de la Lata was mentally deranged and that several cases of insanity have been reported in her family.

ONE of President Coolidge's callers at Cedar Lodge on the Brule was Gen. Herbert Lord, director of the budget, who conferred with the Chief Executive on government department estimates. They discussed especially the anticipated Post Office department deficit, which was predicted by Postmaster General New when the interstate commerce commission ordered increased payments to railroads carrying department mail. In the President's opinion this deficit comes because of postal laws enacted by the last congress over his vetoes.

IN THE Olympic track and field games at Amsterdam the United States won first place with a total of 173 points. Finland was second with 102 points, and Great Britain third with 46. In women's competitions Canada stood first with 34 points and the United States second with 28. The Marathon race of 26 miles was won by El Ouali, a young Algerian metal worker from Paris. Manuel Plaza, a newboy from Santiago, Chile, finished second. Jole Ray, the veteran American runner, could do no better than fifth.

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Need of Nourishment of Trees Overlooked

More than half of the trees in the world are sick. Many of them are afflicted with incurable diseases. Like human beings, trees are the victims of numerous ills, declares a writer in Thrift Magazine. They are constantly the prey of deadly parasites which attack every part from roots to top-most branches and work into the very heart of the wood.

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Insect Assassin One of Nature's Oddities

A remarkable insect assassin that lives in the Dutch East Indies is described by a British entomologist, W. T. China, in a report to Natural History Magazine, an official publication of the British museum. The creature, which belongs to the Insect group known as the Homoptera, secretes a fluid which apparently tastes very good to certain black ants. They seek it eagerly, and "milk" the insect by manipulating certain hairs attached to its body. But their potations are fatal, for the drink contains a poison which soon paralyzes them. As soon as the bug is aware of the ant's weakened condition, it ceases to be passive and stabs its victim through a chink in its horny armor, sucking out the lifeblood with its sharp beak. The drained bodies of the assassin's victims fall to the ground beneath its lurking place, and sometimes accumulate in large numbers. The carcasses are dragged off by another ant species, a red one, which does not scruple to make a pseudo-cannibal feast on the remains of its fatuously bibulous relatives.

Uncovering Old City

Encroachments of science must doubtless agitate the spirits of the Hesperides, those beautiful maidens who in Greek mythology guarded the golden apples which Gaea, the Earth, produced as a marriage gift for Hera, wife and sister of Zeus. In Morocco, near the legendary gardens of the Hesperides, archeologists are making fresh excavations of the ruins of ancient Luxus. This city was founded more than 2,000 years ago by the legions of the Caesars on a hillside of Larache. There is profound interest among scientists in what valuable remnants of the old Roman civilization may be brought to light. A group of prominent French and other archeologists just completed an inspection of the parts of Luxus already uncovered.

Lawyer Vs. Witness

A lawyer recently engaged in trying a case asked one of the witnesses his name. The witness gave it, but the lawyer did not catch it. He repeated the question, and the man on the stand promptly repeated the answer. Still failing to get any clear idea of the name, the lawyer demanded, rather impatiently, that the witness spell his name. He did so, saying, "O-double t-i-double y o-e-double-i-double y-o-double o-double d." The spelling confounded the attorney; and, amid the laughter in the courtroom, he quietly conducted the witness to one side, and learned that his name was "Ottiwel Woodd."

Old London Church

The old parish church of St. George the Martyr in London is visited by many because of its association with Charles Dickens, who made reference to it in his stories several times. Up to the eighteenth century it was the custom for the bell of the church to be tolled as a signal for fires to be put out, cattle locked up and apprentices sent home. Malefactors who died or were executed at King's Bench prison often found their last resting place in St. George's crypt. One of them, Richard Banks, executed in 1610, was taken to St. George's in the belief that he was dead. After being three hours in the vestry, "he did revive again," whereupon he was taken back to the prison to suffer a second execution. The present church was built in 1734, and stands on the site of the first one.

Pointed Question

Before the women's golf championship was played, a certain course was for some days infested by practicing ladies. This gave much disgust to an old gentleman who went out daily to have his hundred up. One morning, discovering that places were booked for two hours ahead by women players, he observed loudly and for the benefit of a crowd of the other sex, "Simply disgusting. I shall join a club for gentlemen only." A bright young thing standing near gave him a smile and observed, "What makes you think you'd be eligible?"—London Tit-Bits.

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