

Today and Tomorrow

ASSASSINATION . . . of Rulers

Three Presidents of the United States have died at the hands of assassins. One ex-President, Theodore Roosevelt, was shot but not seriously injured, when he was a candidate for a third term. It was only accidental that the assassin who fired at President-elect Franklin Roosevelt missed him and hit Mayor Cermak of Chicago and four others instead.

Assassination is a risk which every head of a nation constantly faces. The President of France was killed less than a year ago. President Obregon of Mexico was assassinated in 1928. King George of Greece, Prince Ito of Japan, President Madero of Mexico, King Humbert of Italy, are only a few of the national rulers who have died at the hands of assassins in recent years.

There is no effective way to protect rulers from the irresponsible attacks of lunatics. A president or a king must show himself to his people. In this country a guard of secret service men always travels with the President and with the President-elect, but even their precautions sometimes fail. The President of the United States literally takes his life in his hands when he accepts that high office.

EYEWITNESS of Two

I happened to be present at the shooting of two Presidents, Garfield and McKinley. I doubt if there is another person living of whom that is true. As a small boy in Washington I was passing the old Baltimore and Potomac Railroad station on July 2, 1881, and went into the station to get a drink of water. As I entered the waiting-room men and women were screaming and rushing in every direction. I wormed my way through the crowd, boylike, and saw one of the station guards struggling with a bearded man, who was still holding a smoking revolver. On the floor lay a figure which I recognized as that of President Garfield, and bending over him was the familiar figure of James G. Blaine, Secretary of State.

General Garfield died two months later. Medical and surgical science was still crude fifty years ago. There is little doubt that if doctors had known then what they know now he would have recovered.

LUNATICS with Guns

There is no doubt that Guiteau, who shot Garfield, like Wilkes Booth, who killed Lincoln, and Leon Czolgosz, the assassin of McKinley, was insane.

As a newspaper reporter "covering" the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo I was in the Temple of Music when McKinley was shot on September 6, 1901. The murder had wrapped a handkerchief around his right hand to make it look as if it had been injured, but the bandage concealed a revolver. Only those closest to the President heard the shots or realized for a few minutes what had happened. I was present when the Buffalo police questioned him. If ever there was a lunatic Czolgosz was one. And apparently Zangara, who shot at Franklin Roosevelt, is likewise not quite sane.

As a result of the shooting of President McKinley stringent laws were passed providing the death penalty for even threatening the life of the President.

FLORIDA Canal Plan

Among all the projects for public improvements to be financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation I cannot think of any that would do so much good as the plan to excavate a sea-level ship canal across the neck of the Florida Peninsula, connecting the Gulf of Mexico directly with the Atlantic Ocean. It would give immediate employment to tens of thousands. It would benefit everybody in the United States, from Texas east, by shortening the time and reducing the cost of transportation of commodities between the Gulf states and the wealthy North Atlantic seaboard. It would pay for itself through tolls charged for the use of the canal by ships.

I hear from Florida friends that the railroads of Florida are opposing this project. That seems to me like pretty small business, but it is quite characteristic. Widespread and growing demand for a complete reorganization of the railroad systems of the United States arises largely from just such an arrogant and selfish attitude on the part of railroad managements in almost every part of the country.

RADIO World-wide Report

We have got so accustomed to radio broadcasting that to most of us it hardly seems like a miracle. But I cannot escape the feeling that the world entered a new era on February 17th when

the League of Nations broadcasted to the world its report refusing to recognize Japan's rights in Manchuria.

Two powerful short wave stations at Geneva sent this fifteen thousand word message in Morse Code around the world for anybody and everybody to pick up. It took ten hours to transmit the entire report, but every word of it was picked up by the New York Times and it was published in full on the following morning. Within less than twenty-four hours every newspaper in the world was able to inform its readers that the combined nations of the world would oppose Japanese aggression in China.

It was the most impressive gesture the League of Nations has ever made. And my guess is that it will accomplish its purpose.

Mitchell Resigns As Bank Head As Result Of Senate Inquiry

New York.—The resignation of Charles E. Mitchell as chairman of the National City Bank was accepted today at a meeting of the board.

The board elected James H. Perkins, president of the City Bank Farmers Trust Company, a national city affiliate, as chairman to succeed Mitchell.

A drama of high finance unfolded today in the afternoon of Mitchell's resignation of the posts that made him one of the world's titans of money.

New York.—Charles E. Mitchell resigned tonight as chairman of the National City Bank of New

York. The resignation also extends to the offices he holds in subsidiary and affiliated companies of the National City.

In his letter of resignation he said he was taking the action because he was unwilling that criticism of him, growing out of his testimony before the Senate stock market investigation in Washington, should reflect upon the bank.

Mitchell's action was made public by him. He merely gave the press a copy of the letter of resignation which he had submitted to the directors of the Na-

tional City Bank. Mitchell made public his resignation just before he boarded a midnight train for Washington, D. C., where tomorrow he is expected to appear before the Senate committee on banking and currency for further testimony.

Last week Mitchell was searchingly questioned by the Senate committee on the activities of his companies during the "boom" years.

Testimony given by him and by others was to the effect that the National City Company had "momentarily" sold stock of the National City Bank "short."

Other testimony was to the effect that the company had advanced money to brokers with which to deal in the bank stock and that there had been other practices indulged in which some criticized.

Swanson And Ickes Given Positions Of Importance In Cabinet Of Roosevelt

Hyde Park, N. Y., Feb. 27.—President-elect Roosevelt is surrounding himself with his new cabinet in preparation to plunge immediately into the task of giving the nation a "new deal" after Saturday's inauguration.

The official cabinet list neared completion today with Mr. Roosevelt's formal announcement that Senator Swanson, of Virginia, will be his secretary of the navy and Harold Ickes, Chicago lawyer and Republican Independent, his secretary of the interior.

The naming of Senator Walsh,

of Montana, as attorney general; Daniel C. Roper, of South Carolina, as secretary of commerce; and Miss Frances Perkins, of New York, as secretary of labor, is expected in the next two days before he starts for New York and Washington.

Stranger: "And what are you going to be when you grow up, my little man?"

Little Man: "Well, after I have been a minister to please mother and a lawyer to please father, I'm going to be a policeman."

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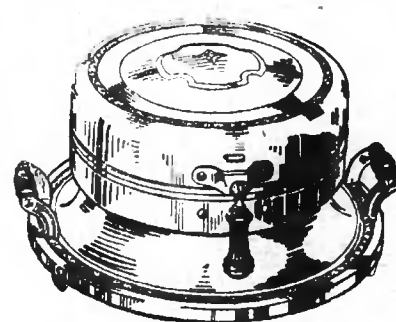
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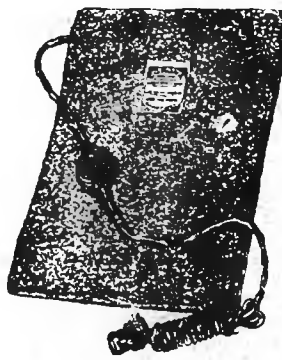


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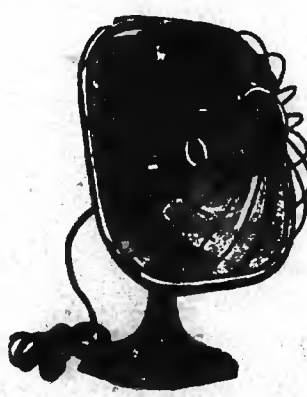


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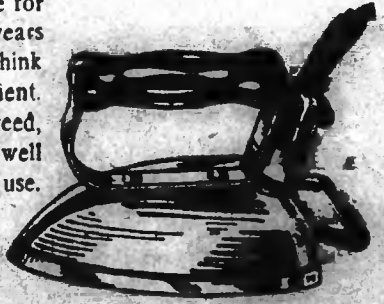


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