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## All Of America's Gold Goes To Kentucky Vault

Washington, August 19—All the gold now in the United States is now in the possession of the Federal Treasury. They are \$10,000,000,000 of it. They are worth \$35 an ounce, so there is a total of 257,422,557 ounces of gold owned by the United States. This figure is at 17.33 grams per ounce, or almost 9,000 tons. These figures are of immediate interest in Washington, because this is the first time since the Federal Reserve vaults and of the Federal Reserve vaults to its secure hiding place in the great new gold vault which has been constructed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The problem of transportation has given the Treasury considerable concern. It has 9,000 tons of gold being shipped in ordinary freight cars of standard capacity of 50 tons, it would require a train of 300 cars.

That is safe enough, however, specially designed armored freight cars have been provided. These will be coupled into trains filled with gold bars, and it is expected that more than 50 such trains will be required to move the nation's treasure to its new home.

There are two reasons why the gold reserve is being stored in Kentucky. The reason is that the gold vaults in the Treasury at Washington and in the Federal Reserve banks are overcrowded. The most important reason, however, is that this is a measure of military preparedness.

Washington and New York, military experts believe, are too exposed to attack from a foreign power in case of war. While the chances are greatly against any successful raid upon the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, yet there is a possibility, and for purely military and naval authorities have been urging the concentration of gold and of basic industries in the Mississippi Valley, between the Alleghenies and the Rockies, to the more secure in time of war.

While the United States cannot be dragged into another general European war is a hotly debated question. That Europe will be at war again in two or three years, even though the Spanish situation may not be an immediate precipitant, is now generally believed here. The hard-boiled and somewhat cynical observers of long experience feel certain that what is our present intention, America cannot help being involved if the expected war should drag on for a year or two.

There is a pretty general agreement that one fleet of war in Europe would be world wide currency inflation. Indeed, the international armaments race has already resulted in steadily increasing the demand and consequently the price of a large number of commodities required by armament makers. Industrial production and consumption of goods is rising steadily.

Steady all European nations are increasing their deficits by inflation and credit. This all of the world's money have a lower purchasing power than they have had at any time since the great inflation of the German mark in 1920-21.

While neutrality laws passed by Congress last year are an effort to prevent American bankers from financing a foreign war, the latest evidence indicates that there are more than \$10,000,000 of foreign money invested in American securities, and the governments of the various countries involved could commandeer and convert it into dollars, thus enabling them to purchase war supplies in our own money.

Anything like a United States government loan to a foreign nation for war purposes is prohibited under the Neutrality Act, so any nation which has settled its obligations to the United States. It is anticipated here that the long-standing war situation in Europe will not be settled by the terms of the last war on a non-commission basis. No serious move in that direction has been made.

The whole problem of international relations comes more complicated and more serious for nations makes further

## TODAY and TOMORROW

### SERMONS

too many  
The Rev. Frederick S. Fleming, Rector of Trinity Church, New York, America's wealthiest parish, proposed the other day that the churches should declare a moratorium on preaching. "There are too many sermons," he said, "and they are usually the least important and interesting part of the church service."

I am inclined to think that Dr. Fleming is right. I have been listening to sermons all my life and the really interesting and vital ones that I have heard I could count on my fingers and toes. Dr. Fleming thinks that the sermon is a survival from the old days when few people could read and that it has no place in modern religious observances.

I believe a sermonless church service could draw much larger congregations and be more inspiring than most of the present day services are. Preachers, like everybody else, should talk only when they have something of consequence to say.

### YOUTH

don't lecture  
Another point which Dr. Fleming made in his annual report is that churches generally are not handling the problem of youth intelligently or effectively. "The Christian religion," he says, "needs a youth movement."

"Youth is not afraid of religion," he says, "nor is it indifferent. But it hates sham and unbelief." I have been keenly interested in observing the reactions of a considerable group of young people toward the churches and I think Dr. Fleming is right in this. The first objection of the young people and the churches that I know of which are discharging their obligation the most effectively are those which encourage youth to develop and utilize its own energy and intelligence—and don't lecture them about it.

### SKIING

July 29th  
A friend of mine has just sent me a photograph of his young son, taken on the 29th of July. The interesting thing about this picture is that the boy is sliding down hill on skis and that appears to be several feet deep.

The picture was taken on Mt. Baker, Washington. My friend and his son have been exploring the summer skiing possibilities of the Northwest, and report that Mt. Baker, Mt. Rainier and Mt. Hood offer their sport to be found in the Austrian Tyrol, where many Americans go for winter sports in the summer.

Here, it seems to me, is a possibility for the development of an untouched American resource and the building up of a new tourist industry in this country.

### SAFETY

champions  
Among the motorists who will converge on New York on August 31 to take part in the highway safety tourney, sponsored by the C. I. T. Safety foundation, is one man who has driven more than 1,000,000 miles without a single accident. His name is Edward F. Macaulay and he lives at Schenectady, New York.

The first state to nominate its best driver for this national event was Michigan, which will be represented by a woman, Mae A. Fischer of Detroit, who has been driving a car for 6 years and has covered 963,363 miles without any more serious accident than a scratched fender.

When the 49 "best drivers" of the nation get together and discuss their experiences in public no excuse will be left for anybody remaining in ignorance as to the essentials of safe driving. There isn't any such excuse now, for that matter, except the inertia of the public. The only way to make motoring safe is to educate every driver.

### SPORT

the rules  
I have no sympathy with the conception of sport as an organized business. Even the so-called amateur sports are becoming largely that.

I confess, however, that I am unable to share the popular indignation over the dismissal of Mrs. Eleanor Holt-Jarrett from the Olympic swimming team for breaking the training rules. Mrs. Jarrett persisted in stay-

## Two Are Held In Middleton Death

Alvin Middleton, young Tuckasee man, died, at the Community Hospital, Sunday morning, from effects of a gunshot wound allegedly inflicted by Fred Holland, at Tuckasee on August 5. Holland and Howard Moser are being held by Jackson county officers for action by the grand jury at the October term of court.

Funeral services for young Middleton were conducted Monday at Rockbridge cemetery by Rev. W. N. Cook and Rev. Ben Cook.

The young man is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. Middleton, one brother, Darwood Middleton, three sisters, Mrs. Annie Sutton, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Fannie Brown and Miss Oubelle Middleton, and other relatives and friends.

The young man was brought to the hospital here soon after the shooting, and, while it was realized that his condition was critical, it was believed that he had a chance of recovery; but complications arose, and he passed away nearly two weeks after he was shot.

The death of young Middleton brings the number of homicide cases on the docket of the October term of court to four, with six defendants.

### BETA

(By Mrs. W. G. Dillard)

Miss Lucy Mills spent the week-end in Canton with Miss Lenora Mills.

Mr. Morgan Cooper and daughter, Sarah Francis, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Mrs. Carrie Belle Jones, of Waynesville, spent Saturday with Mrs. Joe Sutton.

Mr. Julius Ward, of Atlanta, visited his sister, Mrs. J. W. Harris, last week.

Misses Hilda Keener and Nannie Fisher returned from Asheville after having spent a week with Mrs. Ed. Parris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Latta and daughter, Madeline, of Durham, spent the week-end with Mrs. W. G. Dillard. They brought Miss Pansy and Jeanette Dillard home after a six weeks visit there. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stillwell of Webster and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stillwell of Macon, Ga., also spent Sunday with the Dillards.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Wes Harris is slowly improving after a very serious illness.

The Clayton children, James, Tom, Max, and Miss Annie Laura, of Thomasville, are spending their vacation here with relatives.

Mr. W. B. Dillard, who has been working in Macon, Ga., for the last two months, has returned home.

## Church To Celebrate Centennial Aug. 29

With Dr. Fred E. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., Dr. John R. Brinkley, Del Rio, Texas, Prof. Robert L. Madison, founder of Western Carolina Teachers College, and Prof. P. L. Elliott, as the principal speakers, Tuckasee Baptist church will hold a three day celebration of its centennial, on August 28, 29, and 30.

Organized in 1836, and with a constitution dated December 17, of that year, Tuckasee church, with 13 charter members, is the fifth oldest church in the Tuckasee Association.

One of the largest church gatherings ever assembled in this section is anticipated, and the Radio Shop of Sylva has installed amplifying apparatus, assuring that everyone will be able to hear the entire program.

Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Brinkley are natives of this county, and both obtained their high school education in the building now occupied by the church, from the late well-known educator, Prof. A. M. Dawson.

Other speakers on the three-day program are Rev. R. L. Cook, Hon. John B. Enisley, Jule H. Painter, Rev. Ben Cook, W. H. Smith, Rev. J. E. Brown, and Rev. T. F. Deitz. Rev. W. N. Cook, the pastor, will preside.

The first record book of the church, now 100 years old, will be on display, in a glass case. The book is in excellent state of preservation.

A feature of Saturday morning's program will be the decoration of the graves in the church cemetery, and all persons having relatives or friends buried there are requested to bring flowers for that purpose.

A platform for speakers will be erected on the church lawn and Saturday's activities will be in the open, the weather permitting.

### MRS. DEE BECK PASSES

Mrs. Dee Beck died last Thursday at her home at Gay. Funeral services were conducted at Little Savannah Baptist church, Sunday, by Rev. W. N. Cook.

Mrs. Beck is survived by her husband, four sons, Ashbury, Hilliard, Clifford, and Billy, one daughter, Mrs. R. H. Buchanan, by her mother, Mrs. Molly Jane Stillwell, and by other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Beck, nee Miss Wilma Mae Stillwell, was born June 27, 1898. At the age of 14 she professed faith in Christ, and was baptized into the fellowship of Webster Baptist church. On July 31, 1913 she was married to E. D. Beck. She was an affectionate wife and mother and a good neighbor.

## Scattered Returns From 23 States Show Vote Trend

### BAPTIST UNION MEETING

The following is the program of the Union Meeting of Tuckasee Baptist Association, to be held at Tuckasee, Friday of next week, August 25:

10:00, Devotional, J. J. Heper.  
10:30, Organization.  
11:00, Sermon, H. M. Hocutt.  
12:00, Dinner.  
1:30 Devotional, Robert Parris.  
1:45, Effects of Summer Revivals, R. L. Shearin.  
2:15, Developing Revival, Cover, Clarence Varco.  
2:45, Business.

The Saturday program is given over to the centennial celebration of Tuckasee Baptist church.

### DRAMATIZE ADULT EDUCATION WITH EXHIBIT AT CULLOWHEE

A dramatized exhibit, featuring Adult Education in Action, will be presented at Western Carolina Teachers College, next Tuesday, August 25, beginning at 11:30, by teachers, students, and the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

The exhibit will largely be a demonstration of the adult education activities of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morris, Mrs. J. M. Day and their assistants at the summer school now in session. Jackson County teachers are doing practice teaching with adults as a part of their summer school courses, and are working with students who will be special guests on the campus, next Tuesday.

The program will be given in the auditorium of the training school, Dean R. B. House of the University of North Carolina, and other distinguished guests will talk. There will be a skit dramatizing the seven phases of adult education, with music by the Symphony Orchestra.

There will be exhibits featuring the various industries of Western North Carolina, and exhibits from educational institutions.

The afternoon will be devoted to seeing the exhibits and listening to the orchestra. Refreshments will be served in the amphitheater.

Superintendents of schools, members of the advisory committee, State, National, and District WPA officials, and members of boards of education have been extended invitations to be present.

Organizations sponsoring the work in Jackson county are, Western Carolina Teachers College, the Board of Education, the Rotary Club, the Red Cross, the churches, and the others.

The voters in this county have, as far, shown little interest in casting ballots in the nation wide Presidential straw vote. We are hopeful of getting a full local expression before the ballot closes.

The vote in Jackson County today stands:

Roosevelt	5
Landon	2
Thomas	2

New York, August 19—First scattered returns in the Presidential poll, to reach Straw Vote Headquarters here score Landon highest in the initial tabulations of the nation-wide weekly newspapers' poll.

Ballots were received and tabulated from 23 states but votes in sufficient number to actually be indicative of what the final returns may show, were available in only five of those 23 states.

Nevertheless, on all returns from the 23 states as between the 2 leading candidates only the ballots show voters' choices as follows:

Landon	54 per cent
Roosevelt	46 per cent

The 23 states from which the first scattered ballots were received here for national tabulation are:

California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia.

Bearing out early surmises of political observers that support of the Union party candidates, Landon, would come from the small towns of rural America, the tabulations of first returns from the same 23 states discloses division of choices in this manner:

Landon	50.9 per cent
Roosevelt	43.5 per cent
Lemke	03.4 per cent
Thomas	01.3 per cent
Colvin	00.3 per cent
Browder	00.6 per cent

In only one state, Michigan, of the 23 from which first returns were received here, was the vote of sufficient volume, at this early date, to warrant tabulation which might be considered an authoritative straw which indicates the direction of the August political winds. The Michigan vote shows:

Landon	45.9 per cent
Roosevelt	45.5 per cent
Lemke	03.4 per cent
Thomas	01.3 per cent
Browder	00.9 per cent

The early interest shown in this poll by publishers throughout the country, plus the continued increase in the number of weekly newspapers that are cooperating, by conducting the straw vote in their territories, indicates most clearly that the first returns in the nation-wide balloting will be the most representative pre-election expression ever tabulated from small towns and rural America in a national election year.

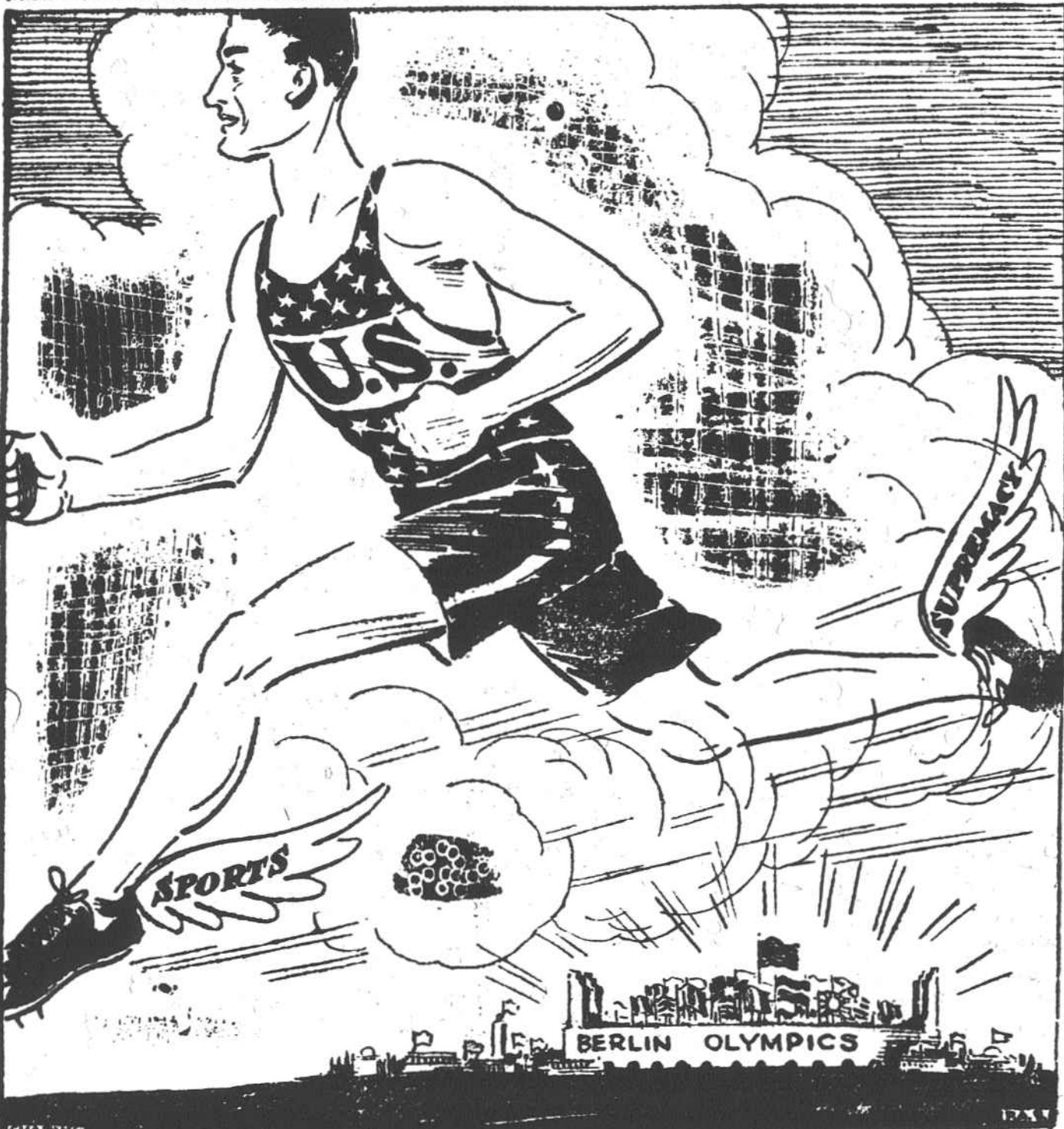
Extra effort has been made to keep this poll non-partisan in every respect. All weekly newspapers, whether they be Democratic, Republican or Independent in policy, have been invited to join in on the poll. Hundreds of them are now conducting their local polls. They will then forward their ballots to Publishers Autocaster Service, straw-vote headquarters in New York, for national tabulations.

Readers of The Journal may expect more and more interesting national returns in the weeks right ahead. This newspaper will give you week to week reports on the progress of the voting.

Have you yet voted? If not, then clip out the straw-vote ballot below, vote for your presidential choice, then mail or bring it to The Journal. Every voter in Jackson County should cast a ballot in the poll. It will swell the popular vote and the national percentage of your candidate, in this straw vote that is being closely watched by the entire country seeking to find how the sentiment of the people in the small towns and rural America is crystallizing in this extremely important election.

## Wings Over Europe

by A. B. CHAPIN



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