

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

President Coolidge Issues Annual Call For Nation To Return Thanks

Washington, Nov. 8. — President Coolidge's Thanksgiving day proclamation, issued today, says:

"By the President of the United States of America:

A Proclamation

"The American people, from their earliest days, have observed the wise custom of acknowledging each year the bounty with which Divine Providence has favored them. In the beginning, this acknowledgement was a voluntary return of thanks by the community for the fruitfulness of the harvest. Though our mode of life has greatly changed, this custom has always survived. It has made Thanksgiving day not only one of the oldest but one of the most characteristic observances of our country. On that day, in home and church, in family and in public gatherings, the whole nation has for generations paid the tribute due from grateful hearts for blessings bestowed.

"To center our thought in this way upon the favor which we have been shown has been altogether wise and desirable. It has given opportunity justly to balance the good and the evil which we have experienced. In that, we have never failed to find reasons for being grateful to God for a generous preponderance of the good. Even in the least propitious times a broad contemplation of our who's position has never failed to disclose overwhelming reasons for thankfulness. Thus viewing our situation, we have found warrant for a more hopeful and confident attitude toward the future.

"In this current year, we now approach the time which has been accepted by custom as most fitting for the calm survey of our estate and the return of thanks. We shall the more keenly realize our good fortune if we will, in deep sincerity, give to it due thought, and more especially if we will compare it with that of any other communities in the world.

"The year has brought to our people two tragic experiences which have deeply affected them. One was the death of our beloved President Harding, which has been mourned wherever there is a realization of the worth of high ideals, noble purposes and unselfish service carried even to the end of the supreme sacrifice. His loss recalled the nation to a less egotistic and more charitable attitude. It sobered the whole thought of the country. A little later came the unparalleled disaster to the friendly peo-

ple of Japan. This called forth from the people of the United States a demonstration of deep and humane feeling. It was wrought into the substance of good works. It created new evidences of our international friendship which is a guarantee of world peace. It replenished the charitable impulse of the country.

"By experiences such as these, men and nations are tested and refined. We have been blessed with much of material prosperity. We shall be better able to appreciate it if we remember the privations others have suffered, and we shall be the more worthy of it if we use it for their relief. We will do well, then to render thanks for the good that has come to us and show by our actions that we have become stronger, wiser and truer by the chastenings which have been imposed upon us. We will thus prepare ourselves for the part we must have in a world which forever needs the full measure of service. We have been a most favored people. We ought to be a most generous people. We have been a most blessed people. We ought to be a most thankful people.

"Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby fix and designate Thursday, the 29th day of November, as Thanksgiving day, and recommend its general observance throughout the land. It is urged that the people gather in their homes and their usual places of worship, give expression to their gratitude for the benefits and blessings that a gracious Providence has bestowed upon them and seek the guidance of Almighty God, that they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

Done at the city of Washington, this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and forty-eighth.

"CALVIN COOLIDGE."

God's Voice Told Fox To Kill W. S. Coburn?

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 11.—Except for the whispered declaration that "God's voice" told him to kill Captain W. S. Coburn, Klan attorney, in his office here last Monday, Phillip B. Fox, Klan publicity chief in Fulton Tower under a murder indictment for the shooting of Coburn, has steadfastly refused to shed any light on the motive for the slaying.

The statement that "God's voice" told me to do it, and that's why I killed him," was made to Dr. N. M. Owensby, alienist, and Dr. Linton Smith, Fox's physician, late yesterday, they said, after they had prodded him with questions and had rescued him from a state of apathy.

Dr. Owensby was called into consultation by Dr. Smith when Fox, according to his physician, developed signs of mental disturbance.

The prisoner made the whispered declaration, the doctor said, in answer to questions concerning the case and after they had assured him of the welfare of his wife and child. No other statement was made by Fox, they said.

Soon after his arrest Fox was quoted as having said "I may have to hang for this, but I had rather hang than have him (Coburn) ruin the way he was trying to do."

necessary that the live-at-home iden be continued and pushed even more strenuously than heretofore. Grains and pastures and gardens and orchards should be put out again this fall and next year in continuation of this plan."—Dr. B. W. Kilgore.

Tom Tarheel says that there seem to be as many plans for fighting the boll weevil as there are boll weevils, but he is going to follow the plan tested and approved by those who have studied the matter for years.

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