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DOINGS OF THE WEEK

CURRENT EVENTS

Smith Selects J. J. Raskob. Big Business Man. as National Chairman.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD. JOHN J. RASKOB, head of the finance committee of the General Motors corporation and a resident of Delaware, was elected chairman of the Democratic national committee at active Catholic and has given much money to the church and to the antiprohibition cause, but the Presidential candidate made it plain that he selected him to conduct the campaign not for these reasons but because he is a big business man.

In accepting the chairmanship Mr. Raskob declared there should be no mud-slinging and no pussy-footing in the campaign on the part of the Dem-ocrats, and he was surprisingly out-

spoken as to the wet and dry issue.
"Governor Smith," he said, "as President of these United States, with all the resources then at his command, will be able to give the people of the United States a picture of the real social conditions under the present social conditions under the present so-

"If, as a result of careful study, he can evolve a plan for the regulation and control of the liquor question in a way that will absolutely prevent the return of the saloon, eliminate bootgraft, corruption, and murder—and re-store temperate life in our country, then all fair-minded men must admit his right, if not his duty, as President to promulgate such plan and to advocate such changes in our laws and Constitution as may be necessary for its adoption. This is leadership-not pussy-footing.

"Mud-slinging always makes more enemies than friends. I should like to pledge every speaker and worker for our cause to constructive policies.

"In our business life today we succeed by constructive work and by having better goods to sell than our com-petitors. There is every reason why the Democratic party should follow this constructive business policy in this campaign. This is our job. Let

Col. Herbert P. Lehman, New York banker, succeeded Jesse Jones as chairman of the finance committee of the national committee. James W. Gerard and Charles A. Greathouse were re-elected treasurer and secre-tary respectively. Raskob was authorized to appoint an advisory campaign committee and selected as chairman of that body Senator Peter Gerry of Rhode Island, who had rather expect-ed to be made chairman of the national committee. The five national vice chairmen chosen were: Frank Hague of New Jersey, Gov, Harry Byrd of Virginia, former Congressman Scott Ferris of Oklahoma, former Gov. Mra. Neilie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming, and Mrs. Florence G. Farley of Kansas. It was decided that main headquarters should be in New York city, but that Governor Byrd should have special campaign in Virginia is expected to be quite important.

THOUGH Al Smith, in conference with his running mate, Senator Robinson, declared that if he were the first thing he would would be to start on plans for relief of the farmers, the Farmer-Labor par-ty, in national convention in Chicago, was not won over to his support. In-stead it selected as its candidate for the President Senator George W. Nor-ris of Nebraska. The choice was made on the third ballot, which was 16 for Norris and 14 for Norman Thomas, nominee of the Socialist, Will Vereen

nominee of the Socialist, Will Vereen of Moultrie, Ga., wealthy cotton mill owner, was nominated for vice president. Both Norris and Vereen said they would not accept the nomination.

The Prohibition party convention, also held in Chicago, nominated William F. Varney of Rockville Center, N. I., for President and James A. Edgerton of Alexandria, Va., for second place. An attempt to stampede the convention for Hoover failed, but

the Republican candidate received 45 votes on the deciding ballot.

ERBERT HOOVER, who already has sent to President Coolidge his resignation as secretary of com-merce, left Washington Saturday for merce, left Washington Saturday for the West. On the way he held confer-ences with party leaders of several sec-tions, and he spent Sunday afternoon with Vice President Dawes in Evanston, considering the difficulties that confront the Illinois Republicans, due largely to the wet sentiment in Chicago and Cook county. Mr. Hoover's further plans included a two-days' vigit with President and Mrs. Coolidge on the Brule river in Wisconsin and continuation of his trip to California, with a brief stop in Omaha. The noti-fication ceremony is now scheduled for August 11 at Leland Stanford university, and at that time, Mr. Hoover says, he will outline his position on farm relief. Senator Curtis is to be notified of his nomination for the vice presidency on the evening of August 10 at his home in Topeka, Kan.

ganizing the party machinery, is arranging to give more authority than ever before to the national committeemen and state organizations. Senator Moses of New Hampshire has been appointed "contact man" for the ticket in the northeastern seaboard states and as Chairman Work explained, will and, as Chairman Work explained, will undertake "the organization and direction of the service of plan and policy for the eastern campaign."

WHEN the dirigible Italia met with VV disaster in the polar region three of the survivors, Dr. Finn Malmgren, pilot, and Capt. Filippo Zappi, navi-gator, started on foot in an effort to reach the mainland. Wednesday of last week, 42 days later, a Russian last week, 42 days later, a Russian aviator discovered the little party on the ice floes, but was unable to land. Next day the Russian icebreaker Krassin reached the group and rescued Mariane and Zappi, but found that Malmgren had been dead about a month, his body having been carried along by his half-frozen and starving companions. The icebreaker, as soon as it had rescued the two Italians, as it had rescued the two Italians, again turned its prow toward the east and a few hours later reached and rescued the five men who had been

A MONG the half-dozen victims of airplane accidents during the week was Morris Titterington, inventor of the earth inductor compass which Lindbergh used on his transatiantic flight and of other safety devices for airplanes. He and Mrs. Patricis Andrews, a pupil, were killed when their plane crashed near Snyders, Pa., in a

Despite the various stories to the effect that Captain Loewenstein landed alive in some way or another from his plane and is in hiding, the Belgian court that investigated the case de-cided that the famous Belgian finan-cier really fell into the sea and is cier really fell into the sea and is dead. The insurance companies refused to pay until proof of death was given and the capitalist's family stationed boats along both coasts of the English channel to get the body if it was washed ashore. In London it is believed Leewenstein's disappearance is either a fake or suicide.

Comstess Brandenstein's daughter of

Count Zeppelin, christened the world's largest sirship, named after her fa-ther, at Friedrichshafen, Germany, and it was announced that the huge di-rigible would make three trips to the United States this year.

ONE of the worst sea disasters of O recent years occurred of the coast of south Chile when the Chilean coast of south Chile when the Chilean army transport Angamos struck a rock after losing her rudder in a storm and speedily sank. More than three hundred lives were lost, the list of victims including a number of political dignitaries. The other passengers were laborers and their families on their way to the nitrate fields in northern Chile. The crew numbered 215. Lifeboats were smashed by the heavy seas as fast as they were launched and only a few persons were washed ashore alive. The captain shot himself on his bridge.

The schooner Rofa, one of the entrants in a race across the Atlantic, ran into rough weather and lost her masts when about 800 miles out. The

six members of the crew, including Capt. William Boos of Pelham Manor, the owner, and Mrs. Boos, were picked up by the oil tanker Tuscarora and brought back to New York. An attempt to tow the schooner in falled and she was abandoned.

SECRETARY KELLOGG'S proposed pact to outlaw war is well on its way to acceptance by all the powers to which it was submitted. Germany has already sent a favorable reply, and last week the French ministerial council authorized Foreign Minister Briand to notify Mr. Kellogg of France's unconditional acceptance of the treaty in its present form, since his revised suggestions showed a con-siderate interpretation of France's reservations in respect to her connec-tion with the Locarno pact and the League of Nations. This action fol-lowed a puriey in Geneva by Sir Cecil Hurst, M. Fromageot and Herr Gauss, representing, respectively, Great Brit-

representing, respectively, Great Brit-ain, France and Germany.

Another conference in Geneva, held under the auspices of the League of Nations, agreed upon the general abolishment of trade restrictions, with a few exceptions. An American delegation was present but there is no indication that the United States will consent to abolish its tariff.

HOSTILITIES between Paraguay and Bolivia are said to be imminent following the breakdown of nego-tiations for a peaceful settlement of the boundary dispute by a commission that has been sitting in Buenos Aires for some time. It was reported that a vir-tual state of war existed on the frontier, to which Bolivian troops had been sent. Failure of the negotiations was due to Bolivia's refusal to dismantle the forts in the disputed zone.

EADERS of the Chinese Nationalists held an eight-day conference in Nanking with 150 provincial officials, and proposals looking to the complete governmental and financial unification of China were adopted. These in-clude detailed regulations, seeking im-provement of the country's financial administration, elimination of graft, increased authority for the finance ministry, and other regulations looking to the development of China's re-sources and trade.

INVESTIGATION of Republican pa-tronage in Georgia, conducted by a senate subcommittee, revealed that postmasters, whether Republican or Democratic, had been in the habit of contributing from their salaries to the Republican state party fund. Some of the witnesses more than intimated that they were virtually compelled to make the contributions, while others said the money was not "demanded" but that they were told the gift of 5 per cent of the salary was customary. In Mississippi a federal grand jury is inquiring into Republican methods of distributing federal patronage and about two hundred postmasters assembled in Blloxi to give evidence.

NCREASING speculation in stocks I in Wall street is causing the fed-eral reserve board a lot of worry and some method of checking it and averting a great crash is being sought. Last week a step in that direction was taken when the Chicago and New York Federal Reserve banks increased the rediscount rate from 4% to 5 per cent. It was expected this example would be followed by the other re-serve banks. The Chicago action resulted in a wild break in prices on the New York exchange, declines ranging from 1 to 18 points, wiping

out millions of paper profits.
Charles E. Mitchell, president of the
National City bank of New York, in a
recent warning said that the heavy borrowing of the banks through redis-counting and their relending of the money on stock and bond collateral, which is not rediscountable at the re-serve banks, are reducing the liquidtion which, if not actually dangerous, reflects a trend that is unfortunate.

FLKS, in national convention in bert of New York as grand exalted ruler for the enging year. They voted to establish a \$20,000,000 trust fund for use in charitable, educations and benevolent enterprises.
It will be known as the Elka' national foundation.

to have been brought to this country in the ballast of ships from Porto Rico. First reports of injury caused by the cricket were received from the

inland from the coast, with a rate of speed of about 25 miles a year along the coast and slightly less toward the



India, are often worn in the most sin-

ular combinations.

The typical national dress of the

ish fex, which widens toward the top.
In the house and at work women
wear long calleo shirts, wide, colored

pants like the men, and head-cloths above gold-embroidered caps. Their

above gold-embroidered caps. Their street dress consists of long, wide pants and a blue or black overdress, the costume being completed by a loose garment that covers the bead and upper part of the body, just allowing the eyes to look through a latticed insert like a strip of mosquito bar. The feet are stuck in large red allippers.

Meager Bill of Fare

The bill of fare of the Afghan is

very simple and reflects the poverty of the country. Bread, fruits, vege-

cheese are the main foods. Rice, mut-

ton, fowl, and sweets cooked in vari-

ous ways are found on the tables of the well-to-do. The average Afghan

ferior quality; the better sorts are im-ported from Russia, India and Egypt. The Amir Habibuliah Khan always

had a good private stock of Havana cigars. Both young and old people

Tea, sweetened and unsweetened, is the favorite drink and is consumed in prodigious quantities. When you go to see an Afghan, you can hardly es-

cape before swallowing four or five

cupfuls of tea; it is, therefore, no trifling gastronomic feat to pay sev-eral visits in one afternoon, the more

so if the polite host (with a view of

honoring the western guests) has the ten served in big Russian glasses.

The right hand is always used in

eating and drinking, the left hand be-

Dogs, though numerous and useful.

Animals that go badly lame on the

march or camels that get snowbound in the mountain passes are abandoned to their fate. Afghans never kill such

animals, as we might do, to put them

out of their misery. They believe that the lives of all living things are in the

he presumes to interfere with the su-preme will. Afghans will not even kill flean or other vermin; they mere-ly pick them off and throw them

The trade of Afghanistan is moved

entirely by caravans and is largely in the hands of Hindus and Tadjika.

The chief route lies through the fa-

mous Khyber pass, the great gateway from India, which has been fortified by the British government.

This pass is open every week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, except in very hot weather, when it is available to trade only on Fridays. A most rigid scrutiny is exercised by the amir's

agents on all who come and go. As soon as caravans from India enter the country, their Indian leaders are turned back and heavily-armed African guides take their places.

Some of these Afghan caravans, or-

ganized with military precision, number thousands of camels and a proportionate number of guides and cameldrivers. In the morning the Khyber pass is open for caravans coming into Afghanistan, and in the afternoon for

thore routed in the opposite direction.

oked upon as unclean, and pious

or spirits.

A Caravan in the Khyber Pass.

FGHANISTAN, one of the most A secluded of the larger countries of Asia, has come more into world consciousness in recent months than ever before became of the visit of its king and oneen to Europe. Until this occasion monarchs had never been outside their native land, and their trip through Europe was made up of a series of amazing adventures. A journey by an American through Afghanistan would

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be little less amazing.

Authorities differ as to the exa origin of the Afghans, but the old theory that they are of Semitic extraction is now discredited; it seems me probable that they are merely a mix-tue of Turanian tribes, developed here through many centuries of raids, mi-grations, and tribal changes.

In physical appearance the Afghan is a sort of Turco-Iranian type, the minor tribal divisions in the east of the country showing also a mixture of Indian blood. (The name "Afghan," or "Agwan," is of comparatively recent usage.)

Persian; but an eager desire for learning is innate in every Afghan, and of British, culture and customs have be gun to influence the better classes of

The Afghans call their language "Pushtoo." For official matters, bow-ever, the Persian Idlom is used and understood over most of the country. The Turkish and Mongolian tribes in western and central Afghanistan speak their own tongues. The ruling Amir knows Persian, some Pushtoo and

coming from India, are most carefully read at the amir's court, where they are translated by hired students trained in India. The amir delights in illustrated newspapers and is him self a fairly good photographer. Jealous of Harem.

The Afghan is notoriously jealous of his harem, and few, indeed, are ever looked on the face of an Afghan woman of the towns. With the desert women, wives and daughters of the ing of this custom by the queen on her recent journey was deplored by many Moslems.

The Afghan works no more than is

The Afghan works no more than is absolutely necessary to make his living. The upper classes consider it their privilege to exploit the poor, and the burden of taxation is very heavy.

As for entertainment, the people, especially the wealthy, are fond of games and of sports. Hunting, horse-racing, wrestling matches, and gymnastic games are popular. Recently, nastic games are popular. Recently football and tennis have been adopte by the upper-class youngsters of Ka-bul. Ram fights, cock-fighting, and even fights between male quall, are favorite diversions, and throughout all Afghanistan dancing is indulged in and the public declamation of be

piano, imported from Bombay, which he plays with one finger, keeping his foot on the loud pedal constantly. When an outsider plays for them, using ten fingers at a time, they are overcome with amazement and admiration. A tale is told of one man at Esbel who sawed the legs off his grand plane, so that he might play it while sitting on the floor, Afghan

Costumes vary in different parts of the country. In the East the garapproach the Indian style, and of late years a few natives have ever appeared in European dress. A dec ade ago the amir introduced Euro pean uniforms and suits for himself and his whole riaff of officials.

European hats and uniforms of all

"YES MOM" AND "NO MOM"

ACQUIRED

away from Poker Chip ranch.

This picturesque name had been bestoved by its young purchasers chiefly with an eye to the sensation it would create as a letterlead in eastern correspondence back home. Charlotte Lowman, unprofessional nurse, looked at her six feet one-half something distinctly wrong with a world where fine, upstanding young men with bright, gold-flecked green eyes and a correspondingly bright smile drove tractors on wheat ranches, said "yes, mom," and "no, mom," "you was" and "have saw" and played fast-and-loose with a knife at their meals. His manners save for a few peccadilloes at the dinner table great-ly outclassed his grammar, which Mrs. Maddox, her hostess and ex-roommate at college, assured her was co

was a bride and new to ranch life, had rushed into her guest's room with

The typical national dress of the Afghan consists of a long-tailed calloo shirt, white pants, leather shoes or boots, and a tanned sheep-skin coat elaborately embroidered with yellow silk; this coat is sometimes replaced by a long togs of red cieth.

Three kinds of headgear are customary. Some wear a low, many-colored cap; others a blue or white turban, which is frequently gold-embroidered with a flap hanging down behind to protect the neck from the sun. In some provinces men wear the kulish, a colored cap that looks like a Turklish fez, which widens toward the top. visible excitement to announce:

"We have a Greek god with green eyes for a new harvest hand."

The Greek god has been promptly dubbed "Red" by the men—not as Mrs. Maddox had remarked, because his hair was really red—only coppery.

And now, a few hours ago, poor Red had been brought in from the field with a temperature of 103%.

"Typhoid, it looks like," the doctor said, as he took a drop of blood from the patient's ear to send to the city for analysis.

The sick man had been removed The sick man had been removed from the bankhouse to the only spare room in the ranch house; Charlotte, as having the most leisure and the only speaking acquaintance with a clinical thermometer, had volunteered as nurse; a hand had been laid off from the field to administer the cold

sponges prescribed by the physician.

The heavy silver toilet articles and embroidered silk kimono flung over the foot of the bed were conspicuous touches of metropolitan elegance in the plain ranch bouse. As she lifted the lid of the jewel box on the dresser one of those conceits at which the Swiss are so adept—the strains of the "Miserere" floated out faint and fairylike in tinkling melody.

For two successive days the sick man's temperature mounted and upon the third reached 105%. Then he went out of his head and babbled of many things. And it was borne in up on the amateur nurse that delirium improved his grammar and that be called upon her frequently by her

Though they had always been most confidential, Charlotte did not men tion these facts to her friend. Nor had she chronicled an encounter a week earlier with this young man at the back gate.

After the evening meal in the cook car, which was situated at this time car, which was situated at this time in a field they were cutting about a quarter of a mile from the house, a neighbor dropped in to call, and as his conversation turned persistently upon equine diseases Charlotte had slipped out unnoticed, as she thought,

car it had rained and cleared. They dined late during barvest at Poker Chip ranch, and when Charlotte Chip ranch, and when Charlotte emerged the stars were struggling with the cloude. As she was brought to a sudden halt by a puddle some eight feet long completely filling the gateway, she was debating the possibility of scaling the fence in her narrow skirt when suddenly from the shadows there loomed up a stalwart althought.

"No, Indeed!" returned Charlotte

Before the protest was well out of her mouth she was lifted up and half across the little pond. "Thank you, Hed," she murmured with dignity tinctured with conde-

rension.
"You're quite welcome," he replied

"Tou're quite welcome," he repiled composedly. "Walt a minute, Miss Bowman. Tou ought not to walk about alone after dark. Tou're wenning quite valuable rings and a platinum wrist watch. That skinny Mexican, they call 'String Bean.' I wouldn't trust that gener very far. Last night i noticed you walking quite a distance down the road—alone. Mr. Maddox or I will be glad to excert you anywhere you want to go."

Chariotte 'thanked him with increased dignity for his advice und passed on.

Before the report was back from the city the patient was on the mend.

the city the patient was on the mend. The afternoon it came Charlotte, sitting beside her sieeping patient, saw the doctor's car coming up the road. The physician was a bachelor past forty, far gone to embonpoint, with a sentimental pale-blue eye; and as he Red.

showed her the report a plume stole up and rested upon Cher where it held the dispatch.

"For heaven's sake; if you we hold a girl's hand do it openia above board like a man and not der cover of handing her sometic "You young upstart!" mortomedical man, outraged and cricrossing over and trying to a Red with his pale-blue eye; "I weren't sick I would knock you do "You old pudding, you co knock a man down! If it wass the presence of Miss Bowman I

the presence of Miss Bowman I get up and pound up to an even

night by a terror-stricken scream came from Charlotte's room, bu from Charlotte's throat. Mr. Maddox, who had driven distant ranch that morning to

bunkhouse—all more or less armed and all attired in blankets—had gathered at Mrs. Maddox's call, and were standing just outside the bedroom door. By the wavering light of a candle held in the lady's shaking band

-her own costume a bedgue looked like a pow-wow of big chie Charlotte lit a lamp and the animate burgler was dragged of two of the men to be tied-up in bunkhouse until morning, when would be handed over to the law.

"A very neat burglar alarm!" comented Red, picking up the still pforming music box with one has
while with the other he drew me
closely about his tall athletic pajam
clad form the counterpane he hunatched from the bed when the las
had been lit. "They ought to be i
statiled all over the country. We've g
one on this order at home, only it's
chair and discourses aweet musmben sat man; we got it in—" I
broke off abruptly and colored.

"Ob. go on," prompted Charlett
"Tve suspected for some time pr
were not what you seemed. In you
delirium you bubbled not wisely b

saying, one winter abroad when a were traveling with your father, duke of Consaught, and shiling with prince of Wales."
"No, indeed," responded the you man, laughing. "But we did get one nummer in Geneva. My father Senator Robert Caswell Hawking, in his prodigal son, Robert, etc., II, graduating from Princeton, was irked by buckling down to work a law office that he went gallivant ull over the Wild West seeking after ture and supporting himself any.

become a substantial citizen and a ried man. Don't you believe, say he tiful angelic nurse, that I will? asked directing a look more sens that his words into Charlotte's or "You might," was the successful answer. "Go on back to bed! It teeth are beginning to chatter. We as you are from the fives, you mak catch your death of cold in this sair."

to Be Farming Pest

"Ground Puppy" Found

Once a source of juvenile joy, the queer little "ground puppy," that for his size can dig a hole as fast as any cricket has become a full-grown dog— the kind that every neighbor wants to From the southern border of Georgia, through South Carolina and as far corth as Wilmington, the mole cricket has pushed his depredations, constant-

ly increasing in numbers and in damage to seedling crops.

Equipped with short, stout front legs that terminate in shovel-like feet, the mole cricket is adept at fast and furious digging. His first appearance in the Atlantic coastal area was met with curiosity and merriment. A alight prod with a twig set him hurling the dirt for a quick disappearance. His habits led to the appellation by which he is most commonly known.

The insect is native to the West indies and South America and seems

constal section of Georgia a few years prior to 1909.

interior. Principal damage results cate root growth and causes soil