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President Hoover on Business and Pleasure Trip to Porto Rico and Virgin Islands—Mayor Walker Under Fire.

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GOV. THEODORE ROOSEVELT and a "stag party" sailed from Norfolk, Va., Thursday morning on the reconditioned battleship Arizona for a twelve day trip on which the Chief Executive planned to combine rest and pleasure with business. Included in the party were Secretary of War Hurley, Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, Capt. William Furlong, who handles navy island matters; Capt. Charles R. Train, naval aide; Col. Campbell Hodges, army aide; various other officials from the White House, and a bunch of newspaper men and photographers. Capt. C. S. Freeman was in command of the Arizona and the vessel carried a full complement of 90 officers and 1,244 men for it was making a shakedown run after being rebuilt.

The first stop was at San Juan, Porto Rico, and the President for two days was to be the guest of Governor and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt at La Fortaleza, the old mansion in which governors of the island have resided from the early days of the Spanish regime. It was planned that Mr. Hoover should make a tour of the island in order to observe industrial, agricultural and social conditions, meet the leaders of the political parties and gain a general idea of the success Governor Roosevelt has attained in meeting the problems of the Porto Ricans, which are many and serious.

The governor in his official reports and in communications to the American papers has given detailed pictures of the distress obtaining in the island. Sixty per cent of the people are out of work, he said, either all or part of the year.

The population density is exceeded by few countries. It is 440 to the square mile and even intensive agriculture would not support this population. So it is industries that Governor Roosevelt says must be developed. More than 35,000 persons are suffering from tuberculosis, 200,000 from malaria, and 600,000 from hookworm.

From Porto Rico the Arizona was to proceed to St. Thomas, principal port of the Virgin Islands, where Mr. Hoover was to be met by Dr. Paul M. Pearson of Philadelphia, the recently appointed civil governor, and Waldo Evans of the navy, the retiring governor. With them he was to study the problems of the group, which are as serious as those of Porto Rico. The Virgin Islands used to prosper on the manufacture of rum and the transshipment of European cargoes for the entire Caribbean region. The prevailing economic distress is the result of prohibition and the conversion of coal burning vessels to oil consuming ships. Only a few days ago the control of the Virgin Islands was transferred from the Navy to the Interior department, and now in Washington it is suggested that one result of the President's visit may be the amalgamation of the group with Porto Rico as a single political unit administered by one governor.

DEVELOPMENTS in the campaign to clean up New York city politically are coming rapidly. During the week formal charges of neglect and unfitness were filed against Jimmy Walker, the dapper and debonair mayor of the metropolis, now regaling himself in California. The charges were presented to Governor Roosevelt by leaders of the city affairs committee and were said to be of such a nature as to compel the governor to take some action toward widening the investigation now being conducted by Samuel Seabury and confirmed by police and magistrates.

Governor Roosevelt had let it become known that he would not respond to any public clamor for a city-wide investigation and that he would act only upon specific charges, such as led him to appoint Seabury to investigate the conduct of District Attorney Thomas C. Crain. Previously Seabury had been put in charge of an investigation of police frameups

in vice cases and of the conduct of city magistrates. The governor was asked by Crain to revoke the appointment of Seabury on the ground of bias, but refused, and Crain was summoned to appear and answer the charges made against him by the City Club.

Republican members of the state legislature were still trying to put through a resolution for a general inquiry into New York conditions, but were blocked by several recalcitrant members of their own party.

THEODORE G. JOSLIN, Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript, has been made secretary to President Hoover to succeed George Akerson, resigned. Mr. Joslin is a close personal friend of Mr. Hoover. His main duties will be arranging the President's calling list, handling visitors at the executive offices and maintaining contact between the President and the correspondents.

The new secretary is an experienced political reporter and has a wide acquaintance among public men. He is a native of Massachusetts and is forty-one years old.

SENATOR HIRAM JOHNSON of California, who is one of the most independent members of the upper house, thinks the recent conference of progressive leaders was a "fine thing" and that the leaders of the Republican party should call a similar meeting, adding: "Only good can come from such gatherings." He is convinced that "something is radically wrong somewhere" with the Republican party.

Mr. Johnson gave out a statement in which he agreed with some of the progressive doctrines and disagreed with others, but said that "public consideration, study and discussion constitute the contribution and value of the conference." He asserted the country was naturally interested in unemployment, representative government, the power question, monopoly's encroachments and public utilities, adding:

"Some of our Republican brethren not only belittle the effort but would transmute it into the one public matter of concern to them—politics. But a philosophic onlooker who long ago marked his own course, and prefers in his own way to follow it, might suggest that only progressives, in the interim between sessions, bring these vital questions up in public meeting for public discussion. Can any one imagine the standpoint of either party meeting together with earnest and able experts and publicly discussing economic problems?"

DEATH once more has changed the political make-up of the house of representatives which will assemble in December. James B. Aswell of Louisiana, Democrat and ranking minority member of the agricultural committee, passed away at his apartment in Washington after a heart attack. He was sixty-two years old and had served in congress for nine consecutive terms.

Mr. Aswell's death leaves in the house 217 Republicans, 215 Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite. Representatives John F. Quayle and David J. O'Connell, both Democrats of New York, died last winter. Their successors, Matthew V. O'Maley and Stephen A. Rudd, are both Democrats. Representative Henry Allen Cooper, Republican of Wisconsin, died last March 1. His successor has not been chosen.

PROBABLY twenty men perished when the sealer Viking was blown up in White Bay, Newfoundland. Of the survivors 118, many of them badly injured, managed to reach little Horse Island, where a few inhabitants tried to care for them with inadequate food and no medical supplies. Several others were picked up by vessels that sped to the rescue, called by the messages of the young girl radio operator on the island. Besides the large crew the Viking carried the members of a moving picture expedition.

EVERYONE has now filed his income tax return, or should have done so, and the experts in Washington are busy figuring up how much

Uncle Sam will receive. Treasury officials could not yet make definite predictions as to the collections for the first quarter, but they hoped that the receipts for March would run above \$400,000,000 and those for the first quarter, ending March 31, well above \$500,000,000. At least one-fourth of the total tax due was paid with the income tax returns filed, so that collections for the first quarter will run somewhat above the average for the four quarters.

Indications are that the higher tax rate for 1930 incomes will fall to offset the losses caused by the economic depression by around \$100,000,000. Last year's collections for the first quarter were \$628,000,000.

ONE of the earnest hopes of the American Federation of Labor—the affiliation of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen with the federation—is soon to be realized, according to dispatches from Washington. Representatives of both bodies and of certain affiliated railway workers' unions were engaged during the week in drafting the terms of an agreement for the amalgamation. Representing the federation in the conference were President William Green, Secretary Frank Morrison and Vice President J. M. Bugenietz, who also is secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Sitting in for the trainmen were President Albert Whitney and James Farquarson, legislative agent.

The drafting conference was the culmination of negotiations that have been in progress for a year, in which Secretary of Labor Döak, in his former capacity as legislative agent of the trainmen's organization, is said to have played an important part.

UNEXPECTEDLY heavy demands by World War veterans for loans have made it necessary for the treasury to raise \$200,000,000 in less than a month. Secretary Mellon announced a request by Veterans' Administrator Hines for \$500,000,000 to cover payments on 1,372,006 applications received up to March 15. It had been estimated \$300,000,000 would suffice, and 1 1/2 per cent treasury certificates were issued to get that sum. Hines said, however, the \$500,000,000 would be needed by April 11.

The veterans' administrator also told Mellon \$1,000,000,000 would be required to pay all loans.

MAL DAUGHERTY, brother of former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty, was sentenced at Washington Courthouse, Ohio, to ten years in prison and a fine of \$5,000. He was convicted recently of abstracting funds from the now defunct Ohio State bank of which he was president and was refused a new trial.

PIETRO CARDINAL Maffi, archbishop of Pisa and one of the most eminent members of the sacred college, is dead in Pisa at the age of seventy-three years. In his earlier years he gained fame as an astronomer and teacher of philosophy; he was made archbishop in 1903 and four years later was raised to the purple by Pope Pius X. The same pope, it was rumored, considered deposing him because he supported the modernists in a contest with the reactionaries in the church. Twice, afterward, Maffi was considered a papal possibility. He was always a great friend of the Italian royal family, and he officiated last year at the marriage of Crown Prince Humbert of Italy and Princess Marie Jose of Belgium. For this he was given the Collar of the Annunziata.

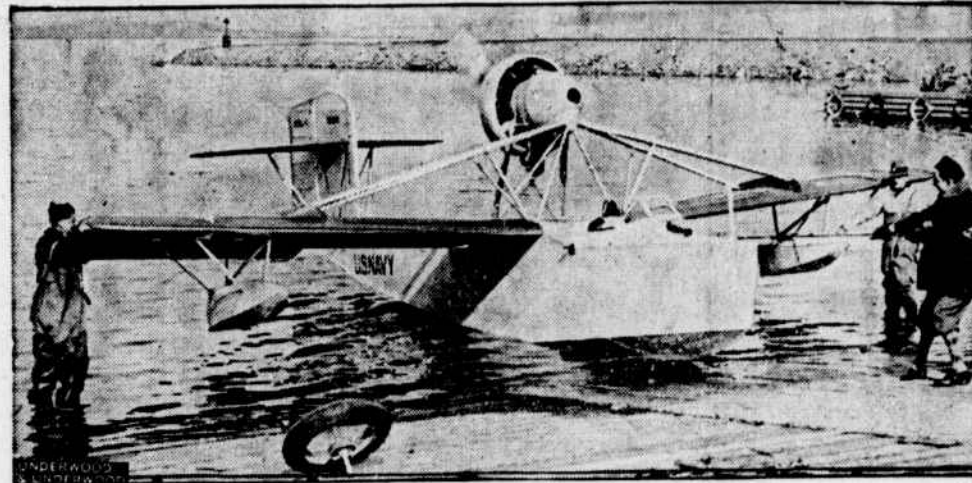
Cardinal Maffi's death reduces the Italian membership in the sacred college to 28, against 30 foreign members. Therefore it is expected in Rome that a consistory will be held before long at which the pope will create a number of cardinals and give the Italians at least equal strength with the foreigners.

SO VARIED are the interests of different countries that the tariff armistice convention called at Geneva by the League of Nations is forced to report that it has failed to reach an agreement, though it has hopes that within a few years enough nations will ratify the pact to make it effective for Europe.

The conference was called by the league in an effort to secure a truce on the raising of tariffs and later to obtain a general reduction of tariffs. Only eleven countries ratified the truce clause and all eleven made important reservations. The usual reservation was "if surrounding countries would also ratify."

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Folding Plane Designed for Submarines to Carry



This is the monoplane designed by Grover Loening and tested at the Curtiss airport, New York, by navy officials. It is so small that it can be folded up and carried in an eight-foot tube in a submarine. Its wing spread is 38 feet and it has a cruising speed of 100 miles an hour. It can be assembled or dismantled in three minutes.

Kills His Brother And Hides Body

Boy Confesses to Ghastly Murder Following Quarrel Over Car.

Stevens Point, Wis.—The murder of his brother, in cold blood, was confessed here recently by Anton Riske, seventeen, after a neighbor's boy on the way to school found pools of frozen blood on the road, mingled with bits of brain tissue which proved upon examination to be human. The body of the slain youth was recovered later from the Wisconsin river.

Riske said that he and his brother John, twenty-five, who lived with their widowed mother, Mrs. Mary Riske, on a farm in the town of Carsons, had been having trouble over use of John's car and that he determined to kill John.

"When we went out in the car," he told District Attorney John Meleski and Sheriff John Kubisiak, "I took my shotgun along and sat in the back seat. I said I would use it to scare some dogs that always ran out at us. I loaded the gun while John drove and I aimed at the back of his head and pulled the trigger.

Put Body Through Ice. "John didn't move, but the car ran into the ditch and stopped. I could see some lights coming and I was afraid somebody would see that he was dead, so I dragged him around back of the car and fastened him by the leg to the bumper with a tire chain. Then I drove away back in the stubble field and turned out my lights."

Anton said that he unfastened the chain in the field and loaded the body into the back seat of the car. Then, when the approaching car had passed, he drove out of the field and over to highway 10, from which a small side road took him to a river landing. He drove a mile up the river on the ice to a spot where he knew a hole was kept open to water teams. With a pole kept there for the purpose, he broke the thin ice on the body hole and pushed his brother's body head first into the river. He pointed out the place and at the first lunge with a long pike pole a deputy sheriff brought up the body. John Riske had been shot in the right temple.

Anton went home and wiped out the car with rags. He hid the bloody rags, including his handkerchief, under the hay in the barn, with one of John's oxfords which had come off in the car. He put his brother blood-stained overshoes in the house.

Then the slayer wrote a note and signed his brother's name, saying that John had gone away with another fellow and would never return. He addressed it to his mother and she found it the next day.

When Joseph Olszewski, seven, ran home to his father and said that somebody had been killed on the road, Adam Olszewski put him off with the remark that a dog probably had been hit. The boy, however, was so excited and so insistent that the father finally went with him to the spot. He trailed the bloody circle through the field and remembered that he had seen the lights of a car there the night before. Olszewski picked up pieces of brain tissue and brought them here to Dr. Carl Von Neupert, county physician, who said at once that they were human tissue.

Discover Bloodstains. The discovery led to rumors that Mrs. Riske had been killed. Only two farms are on that road, the Riske and the Olszewski places. Officers went

Automobile on Fire; Drives It to Firemen

Lynn, Mass.—Jacob Ganz left Anshu Sholom Synagogue only to discover that his automobile, parked outside, was ablaze.

He hopped into the driver's seat, drove to the nearest fire station and had the flames extinguished.

Il Duce Plans to Start a New Gambling State

Paris.—While the rulers of Monaco are squabbling as to how to use the gambling spoils, Mussolini has been planning to become dictator of the green tables, according to reports.

It is said that he plans to create an "independent gambling state" of San Remo to rival Monte Carlo.

Creation of this new country would enable San Remo to devise gaming laws of her own, introduce every known kind of game of chance, attract big finance, and, last but not least, probably bring to the new casino the famed Greek banking concession, which went on a strike more than six months ago against the French government's new taxes on the baccarat bank.

There have been rumors for a long time of an Italian attempt to cut in on the French Riviera's profits by creating a new world of entertainment on the Mediterranean. It is said that the authorities on the other side of the border now consider the time ripe to make war on Monte Carlo and that the independent state of San Remo will result.

Defendant's Joy Over Verdict Is Short Lived

Columbus, Ohio.—"Not guilty!" read the clerk of the court from a jury's findings.

The youthful defendant sighed in relief and sagged down in his chair. "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, is that your true verdict?" asked Judge Mahaffey as a matter of routine.

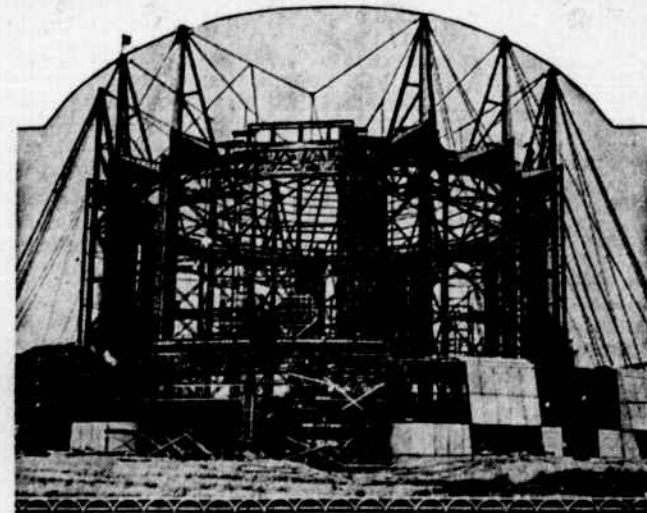
"No," emphatically answered the jurors.

The foreman then explained the defendant had been found guilty—but the wrong verdict was signed. The error was corrected.

Maine Grows Lemons

Bath, Maine.—Miss Jane Murphy has at her home here a tree which this year produced eight lemons, two of which weighed 1 pound, 11 ounces each and were 15 inches in circumference.

Building First Cobweb Dome in Chicago



Use for the first time in architecture, the so-called cobweb dome is being constructed for the Travel and Transportation building of the Chicago Century of Progress exposition.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

A LOVELY PLACE

Now some boys and girls want to know about the lovely sun parlor a lady had for birds.

She had the roof of her house made into a sun parlor. There were little trees all around, and moss, and little pools of water which she had fixed to make look as much like the outdoors as possible.

The sun parlor she had enclosed in glass. Of course the glass made the sun shine through all the brighter. And she had little wee doors that the birds could get through—but so small that a cat could never get into this bird home—as you know birds hate cats and are terribly afraid of them as they have every reason for being nervous.

Oh, it was a lovely, lovely place. But still more wonderful was a big cellar where all kinds of good apples, bread crumbs, more water, and countless goodies were kept.

The lady had it all so beautifully arranged as to the route the birds could take to get from the roof to the cellar.

In the sun parlor were tunnels which led down into the cellar, and the birds used to love to go through these dark passages into the place where all the goodies were kept.

At first the birds were tempted into their winter home by the bread crumbs that were in the sun parlor.

For, of course, as you can imagine, it took the birds some time to get used to a beautiful summer home in the winter that was really just for them.

Soon, though, little birds know when people are being kind to them and where they may expect kindness and help and bread crumbs.

The news spreads around Birdland very quickly.

Of course the lady let all the birds who wanted to come in have just as



Oh, it was a lovely, lovely place.

good a time and stay just as long as they wanted. But she especially wanted to help little sick birds who had, perhaps, fallen out of their nests, and who could not be watched over all day long by the mothers who had to think of getting food and all such things as breakfast for her other little children.

One day the lady came across a baby robin whose family had arrived before the warm weather.

The baby robin had fallen from its nest, and very gently the lady picked him up and took him to the sun parlor.

The mother was crying nearby, for she saw her baby being taken from her and she couldn't help at all.

But she saw, from the top of a tree, just where her little sick baby was taken.

How happy and relieved she was—for, of course, she had to be in her nest with all the other little robins.

But she sang every day the most wonderful songs for the lady who watched over her baby robin until it was quite strong and able to fly.

It was a lovely, lovely place as all the birds knew.

RIDDLES

Why is a washerwoman like Saturday? Because she brings in the clothes (close) of the week.

Why is a leaf of a tree like the human body? Because it has veins in it.

Why is a nobleman like a book? Because he has a title and several pages.

What tree is of the greatest importance in history? The date.

What miss is always making blunders? Mis-take.

What books are influenced by hard times? Pocketbooks.

What is the best key to a good dinner? Turkey.