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President Hoover Delivers Addresses in Three Middle West States—Moves Toward Restoration of Economic Prosperity.

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President Hoover

RESPONSIBILITY for the existing economic depression in the United States should be laid to frozen confidence rather than to frozen assets, according to President Hoover, who addressed the Indiana Republican Editorial association and his guests in Indianapolis. The Chief Executive expressed his hopes and plans for renewed prosperity which shall be wrought out of the nation's great natural resources by a people with renewed courage; and he vigorously defended the course of his administration in the crisis and denounced panaceas for recovery.

After alluding to the Russian five-year plan, Mr. Hoover proposed what he called an American plan. Said he: "We plan to take care of 20,000,000 increase in population in the next 20 years. We plan to build for them 4,000,000 new and better homes, thousands of new and still more beautiful city buildings, thousands of factories; to increase capacity of our railroads; to add thousands of miles to our highways and waterways; to install 25,000,000 electrical horse power. We plan to provide new parks, schools, colleges and churches for this 20,000,000 people. We plan to secure greater diffusion of wealth, a decrease in poverty and a great reduction in crime."

From Indianapolis the President and his party, which included Mrs. Hoover and their son Allan, went to Marion, Ohio, and took part in the dedication of the magnificent memorial to Warren G. Harding. Mr. Hoover delivered the chief address in which he severely condemned the "friends" who betrayed Harding's trust. Former Senator Freylinghuysen, president of the memorial association, presented the memorial to the association, and Calvin Coolidge, who succeeded Harding in the presidency, replied in acceptance. Gov. George White accepted the structure on behalf of the state. Immediately after the ceremonies Mr. Hoover went to Columbus and reviewed a parade of Civil War veterans attending the Ohio G. A. R. encampment.

Next day the presidential party journeyed to Springfield, Ill., for the dedication of the remodeled tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Hoover was the guest of Governor Emmerson and again delivered the main speech at the imposing ceremonies.

The political implications of President Hoover's trip to the Middle West were evident and not denied. The three states he visited have all caused alarm among the Republican leaders by their votes in recent elections. Only last November Illinois replaced a Republican senator with a Democrat and sent five more Democrats to the house in place of Republicans; Ohio elected a Democratic governor and sent six Democrats to congress in place of Republicans, and Indiana replaced six Republican congressmen with Democrats. The Republican managers hoped the presidential tour would have effect in bringing these states back into the fold, and there was also the expectation that it would help in promoting Mr. Hoover's prospects for renomination and re-election. That he is a candidate is no longer in doubt, if it ever was. The recent conference of young Republicans in Washington, under the guidance of Senator Fess, national Republican chairman, made that certain.

FRANKLIN D. Roosevelt's presidential boom was given a decided boost in Massachusetts by the luncheon given by Col. Edward M. House at his summer cottage near Manchester-by-the-Sea. The governor of New York was the guest of honor and among those present were the most influential Democratic leaders of the Bay state. Little was said about politics during the luncheon, but the feeling was general that the affair was of considerable political significance, and friends of Mr. Roosevelt are of the opinion that the Massachusetts delegation in next year's national convention will be in line for his nomination. Just before the party rose from the table Colonel House offered a toast to the governor as the man on whom the eyes of the nation are focused.

It will be remembered that Colonel House recently announced that he was corresponding with leading Democrats with a view to promoting Roosevelt's presidential prospects. Among the guests at the luncheon was Henry Morgenthau, like House a close friend of Woodrow Wilson, and it is believed he has associated himself with House in this movement with the sanction

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ONE more member of the federal farm board—the third within a few months—has resigned from that body. He is Samuel R. McKelvie, the wheat member of the board, and he said that as his term had just ended presidential acceptance of his resignation was not necessary. His successor has not yet been announced. Mr. McKelvie, who took part in the recent grain conference in London, will retire to his large live stock ranch in Nebraska.

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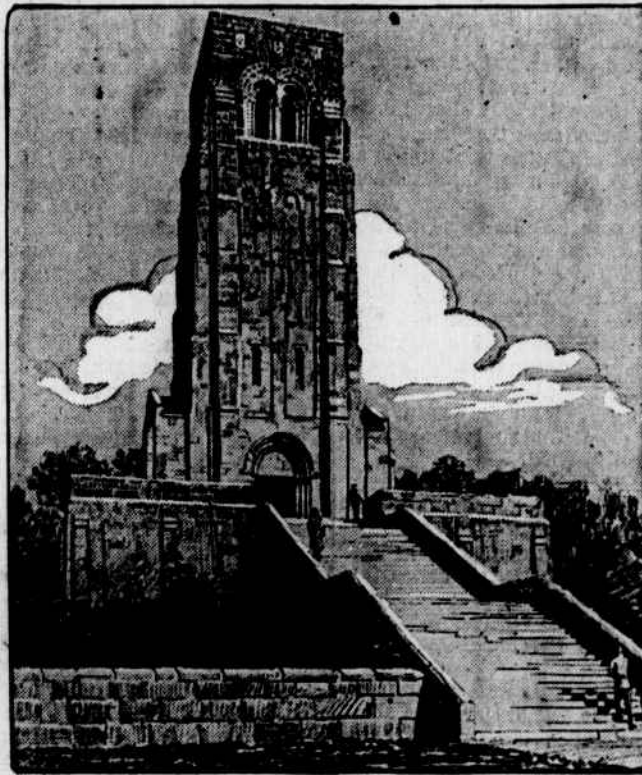
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Design for Belleau Wood Memorial



This is the design for the memorial to be erected at Aisne-Marne cemetery, near Belleau Wood, France, to the memory of the American soldiers who fell in battle, by the American battle commission. It will be 110 feet high, including the tower which rises 80 feet.

Expose Suicide Club in Probe

Twenty-Four Already Have Taken Their Lives; Seek to Save Others.

Amityville, N. Y.—Startled by revelations of a suicide club of which twenty-four members already are said to have taken their own lives, police are making strenuous efforts to prevent the self-destruction of the twenty-six persons whose names have been given to them as the surviving members.

Expose of the alleged club came from the reluctant lips of Miss Louise Schwartz after she had been taken into custody and threatened with a charge of murder growing out of the death of her fifty-five-year-old brother, Edward, a wealthy business man.

Miss Schwartz later was indicted on a charge of murder in the second degree, accused of shooting her brother to death on orders of the club after prayers for his relief from chronic rheumatism had failed to effect a cure. Miss Schwartz, pleading not guilty at her preliminary hearing, said that her brother had committed suicide and that she had not slain him because, as the authorities believe, his nerve failed when he was told that the time had come for him to die by his own hand.

Believe Story True. Not only were authorities of Nassau and Suffolk counties inclined to believe the fiction-like organization exists, but Dr. Theodore Reed, owner of a private hospital, said he believed, from revelations of mental patients from surrounding towns, that Miss Schwartz's story is true.

The same opinion was given by Dr. Richard H. Hoffman, an alienist who examined Miss Schwartz. Although he found her the victim of "delusions and obsessions," Doctor Hoffman said the woman apparently was speaking truth in mentioning the suicide club. The club was formed several years ago, Miss Schwartz told authorities, after members had "delved into the history of suicide" and were "convinced that scientific Christianity did not prohibit self-destruction."

The club's specific aim, Miss Schwartz said, was to bring about cures through prayers. If the prayers were unavailing, then suicide of an ailing member was the only alternative, or if he failed to take his life then a member of the cult was chosen to put him to death.

Mostly the suicide club was composed of elderly members and among the names she mentioned was that of George Britenbach, who committed suicide by hanging last April 25.

hours that one of us would be cured of our feebleness. There were many members, and twenty-six are still living.

"If the member for whom we prayed was not helped by our prayers, he was bound by oath to commit suicide. If he failed to end his life before the next meeting, he was to be slain by a chosen member of the cult.

"When we met at the home of George Britenbach, we found he was not receptive to prayers. So he committed suicide."

When prayers failed to cure her brother, Miss Schwartz said, he committed suicide after she reminded him of his duty to the cult.

Circumstances, however, pointed to murder, police say. They claim that Miss Schwartz was the member designated to end the life of her brother after he balked at taking it himself.

He Was a Cripple. Schwartz had been a sufferer from chronic rheumatism for ten years. As a result, he had become crippled in arms and legs. Police, called to investigate his death, found he had been shot three times by a revolver which was found beside him. Any of the three wounds, medical experts said, would have prevented the other two from being self-inflicted. One

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wound in the top of the head could not have been fired by Schwartz's own hand.

Miss Schwartz admittedly was the only other person in the home prior to the finding of the body. Her story is that she had gone out, leaving her brother alone, and returned to discover his body.

School Finance Survey of U. S. Starts in July

Washington.—A four-year national study of the tax dollar spent on schools will be started July 1, according to Secretary of Interior Wilbur. The survey, which will be known as the national survey of school finance, was authorized by the last congress.

William J. Cooper, United States commissioner of education, will be director of the survey, but the active work will be in charge of Dr. Paul E. Mort, recently of the Columbia University Teachers' college, who has been appointed associate director.

The survey is expected "to produce comparative information on the sources and uses of the \$2,450,000,000 spent annually for educational purposes" for the use of congress, state legislatures and school boards and officials. Congress appropriated \$350,000 for use in the investigation and \$100,000 a year more is expected for the next four years.

Pays Inventor's Heirs for Fuse Used in War

Paris.—The heirs of Andre Lefevre, who perfected a shrapnel fuse used by allied armies during 1917 and 1918, have been awarded \$3,200 damages from the French government and the costs of their suit as payment for the invention.

M. Lefevre, former minister of war, finished work on the L. A. L. fuse in August, 1916, and presented the plan to the Ecole Pyrotechnique de Bourges. The fuse was accepted and manufacture and use of it begun, but the rights of the inventor were not protected. After the war M. Lefevre sought payment from the Allied armies, but all except Belgium refused. He obtained a decision from the war ministry that payment was due him, but the amount could not be decided. The petitioner died soon after, and the question was dropped until his heirs brought suit against the government a short time ago.

President of Chile Is an Airplane Enthusiast

Stratford, Conn.—Capt. Boris Sergievsky, chief test pilot for the Sikorsky Aviation corporation, has made an aviation enthusiast of the president of Chile, Don Carlos Ibanez Del Campo, according to a report received here.

Sergievsky told factory officials he took the president for a two and one-half-hour flight in a Sikorsky amphibian which he recently flew in Chile.

Youth Routs Shark in Hand-to-Fin Fight

Brisbane, Australia.—Stanley Roser, an eighteen-year-old boy, beat off a shark which attacked him while he was swimming.

A man-eater bowled him over with a furious rush, but Roser jammed his thumb in the shark's eye and it beat a retreat. Roser walked to a hospital.

Robot Opens New Air Service

This mechanical man summoned the passengers, delivered a speech and started the motors of the first plane to leave the airport at Newark, N. J., at the opening of the 31-hour transcontinental service.



Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

Mary Graham Bonner

INTERESTING LOOKING

"It's a perfect shame," said the snails in the small aquarium in the house.

Goldfishes and two silver fishes lived in this aquarium. "You're supposed to keep this clean, or at least, you are supposed to help us, and you're growing fat and lazy."

The Polliwog listened and said: "I don't see at all why I should do so much work. The goldfishes and the silver fishes are very lazy."

"Just because they are beautiful, they think it is quite enough."

"Well, and so it is," said the snails. "Now you can't for a moment even make yourself believe that you are beautiful, can you?"

"I'm not so sure about that," said the polliwog. "I am most interesting looking at any rate."

"Nonsense," said the snails. "You are no more interesting looking than we are."

"Now, maybe we are slow, but we do get there in the end. We do our work each day."

"We keep the plants clean and the glass, and you should keep the gravel in good, clean condition."

"You should, but you don't. It's very bad of you."

"It seems to me," said the polliwog, "that you are very cross today."

"No, we're not, but the fishes aren't so well. And it's all your fault."

"You don't do your work. You really must keep things clean. You have your work to do every day, and you'd better do it, or our little charges will not live."

"How do you know the fishes aren't well?" asked the polliwog. He had stopped wiggling and was listening to the three snails, who talked in turn as they came out quite far from their shells.

"The silver fishes have red marks around their heads and gills," said the first snail, who was more cross and annoyed with the polliwog than the others.

"And their fins aren't up as they should be," said the second snail.

"Their tails are growing together," said the third snail. "All that means they are not well."

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