

Coolidge Has Made Good First Year As President

Flaunted by Congress Gained in Favor of Party as Result of Firmness in Face of Congressional Hostility and Won Re-nomination Hands Down

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Washington, July 28.—Calvin Coolidge completes this week his first year as President of the United States, coming to the White House at a time of national mourning, the end of the year finds the President in the midst of a personal bereavement.

Between the two seasons of sorrow, the Coolidges naturally have enjoyed the greatest happiness that could come to an American family—the fulfillment of all political and social ambitions.

Politically it has been a curious year for Mr. Coolidge, but one which could not help but bring him supreme satisfaction. He was a man suddenly called to the Presidency at a time when the leaders of his party had just about determined that he had made so little impression upon the people nationally that a stronger and more appealing figure would have to be put on the ticket for Vice President in 1924. A few months elapsed and Coolidge was master of his party. He was giving orders to the same men who had agreed wisely in council that Coolidge must go. And these men were glad to take the orders and release the few volenters who came to Washington as sweeping away official reputations and delving deep into the doings of the Republican administration. The party leaders knew instinctively that no investigation could possibly involve Mr. Coolidge.

Democrats claimed that Mr. Coolidge as Vice President had sat as a member of the Harding cabinet and should have known what was going on. They also said he was presiding in the Senate when the first attacks were made upon the lease of Teapot No. 2. But that was as far as they went. The Republicans began to look to Mr. Coolidge as the Moses to lead them out of the wilderness. They clung to him and proclaimed him as the party's greatest asset.

Opposition to his nomination fell away so rapidly that only Hiram Johnson was left and before the convention he gave in. The scattering votes that had come to him in the early primaries, Coolidge won the party convention and the party primaries virtually everywhere.

This unprecedented triumph with the people, as reflected in the wishes of his own party, came to Mr. Coolidge after a Republican Congress—Republican at least in name—had flouted him as no President has been defied, not even Cleveland or Roosevelt. Mr. Coolidge found himself at odds with Congress from the beginning to the end of the one session which has been held since he became President on August 2 last. One of the very first of the Coolidge declarations was that he would attempt so far as possible to carry out the policies of the lamented President Harding. The one outstanding Harding policy at the time of his death was that America should give adherence to the World Court of Justice as organized under the League of Nations. Mr. Coolidge has been able to make no headway with a recalcitrant Senate, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, from his own state of Massachusetts having been one of the big stumbling blocks encountered.

Congress passed five big measures during its session. President Coolidge vetoed three of them and would have vetoed the other two except for the belief that some means of public relief was contained in them. The two measures given his approval were deeded, however, because they included provisions against which the President had protested in vain.

One of these was the tax reduction measure which was framed by the Democrats and the insurgent Republicans of the Senate and House. Mr. Coolidge had pleaded in vain for the Mellon plan. He urged loyal Republicans in the House and Senate to stand by him in the fight. But they told him frankly the Mellon plan could not pass. They promised. There was some doubt whether Mr. Coolidge would sign the bill. But he could not withstand the pressure for tax relief. In signing, however, he declared the bill was just about all it should not be and he announced he would take his case to the people and urge the next Congress to re-frame the tax principles in accordance with the Mellon recommendations. It is to be presumed Mr. Coolidge will take this stand in his speech of acceptance.

President Coolidge told Congress in his first message that he did not favor a soldier bonus. Congress passed one. Mr. Cool-

HEAR DENIALS AND CONFESSIONS READ

Chicago, July 28.—Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, Jr., who pleaded guilty to the slaying of a young girl, Robert Franks, Jr., and read in open court their own denials and their own admissions of the crime.

Richard Loeb, one of the attorneys for the boys, helped out into the record the final stage of the state's prosecution of the slaying by reading the state's admission.

"Loeb's confession was read for 20 minutes of his trial," said the state's attorney, "and his own confession was read for 20 minutes of his trial."

MISS ALBERTSON AT HOME AGAIN

Home Demonstration Agent Finishes Two Weeks Course and Is Preparing for Summer Camp.

Miss Marcia Albertson, home demonstration agent, returned Saturday from Raleigh where she has been attending an annual Home Demonstration conference. During the two weeks course in public hygiene and home economics, she attended the Fair State Convention.

The regular schedule of club work will be taken up this week as follows: Monday afternoon, thanks club with Mrs. George Sawyer; Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Edward Wainwright; Wednesday, Bayard and Riverside Clubs at Hartsville; Friday afternoon, the Woodville Girls Club with Miss Elizabeth Fletcher; and Saturday the Club Market at the usual place with eggs, chickens, vegetables, fruit and cakes for sale by the club members, one of whom is still holding her record of \$100 a month cash record from sales at this market.

FIXED AND WARNED FOR ASSAULT AND THIEF

John Henry Boyce, rural Post-graduate negro, was in court Tuesday to answer to the charge of hitting a small colored boy on the head with a stick and slapping a 12-year-old colored girl. Parents of the children claimed that they had ordered him to stay away from the house when the children were left at home alone and that the trouble ensued on such a forbidden visit. John Henry was let off with a fine of \$15 and costs, but was put under suspended jail sentence which is to become effective should he be found trespassing on the same premises again.

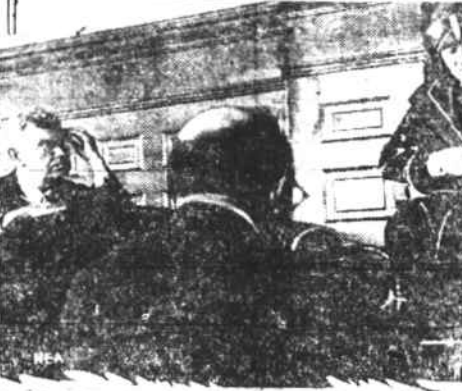
George Williams, colored, on a charge of swearing, was let off with a fine of \$15 and costs.

SHAVES 25 AN ISSUE IN SIXES ONLY

New York, July 28.—Chas. S. McNeill, chief of the Democratic National Committee, in a formal interview with newspaper men at Davis headquarters last night said he believed the Ku Klux Klan would be an issue during the campaign in spots determined by local conditions.

He added that whether the National campaign would take cognizance of the question was a problem the parties themselves would decide.

Mrs. Franks on Stand



Mrs. Franks, 42, since the murder of her 14-year-old son, July 28, 1924, has been in the witness stand in the trial of her son, Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, Jr., for the slaying of young Robert Franks, Jr., in Chicago, July 28, 1924.

Sane But Irresponsible Is Leopold-Loeb Defense

If Court Grant Mercy 'Twill Set New Precedent in History of Jurisprudence in Illinois and Establish Ground for Mitigation of Punishment'

By O. L. STOLL
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McKENNEN STARTS NEW KIND OF NEWSPAPER

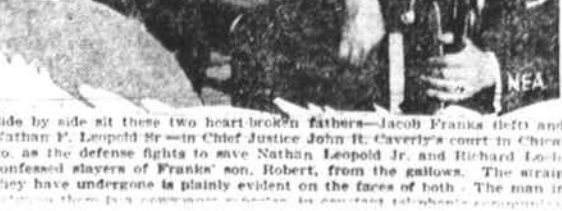
New York, July 28.—Henry McKennan, the largest publisher of monthly magazines in the world, today entered the field of daily journalism.

He bought the plant of the old Evening Mail from Frank Munsey and will issue a new kind of daily newspaper starting at 10 cents.

CHAIRMAN COMMISSION MANY YEARS IS DEAD

Richmond, July 28.—Franklin McNeill, aged 74, chairman of the State Corporation Commission from his inception in 1887 until he retired in 1912, died Monday afternoon at a local hospital.

Two Heart-Broken Fathers



Side by side sit these two heart-broken fathers—Jacob Franks (left) and Nathan P. Leopold Jr.—in Chief Justice John R. Caverly's court in Chicago, as the defense fights to save Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb, confessed slayers of Franks' son, Robert, from the gallows. The strain they have undergone is plainly evident on the faces of both. The man in the foreground is a member of the defense.

HELD FOR MURDER OF NINE YEARS AGO

Washington, July 28.—The body of a man who was held for murder nine years ago today was found in a creek near the site of the crime.

AUTO DRIVER'S BODY IS FOUND

W. J. Joyner, White Man, Brutally Murdered by Negro Who Employed Him for Country Trip.

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SAVING AMERICA SAVED THE DAY

Inter-Ally Conference Circles Give This Country Credit for Timely Aid at Experts' Meeting.

London, July 28.—The inter-ally conference circles today gave this country credit for timely aid at an experts' meeting.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN SELLS HIS MILLONAIRES HOME

Chicago, July 28.—William J. Bryan today sold his millionaires home in Chicago.

FLIERS HOP OUT EARLY WEDNESDAY

Richmond, July 28.—The American record world air race will take off for London at five o'clock tomorrow morning, according to present arrangements.

AL SMITH PLEDGES SUPPORT TO DAVIS

New York, July 28.—Governor Al Smith after a long conference with the Democratic National Chairman Shaver today said he would give his full support to the candidacy of John W. Davis.

LAFOLETTE CALLS FOR TARIFF REPORT

Washington, July 28.—La Follette today called for a report on the tariff situation in the United States.

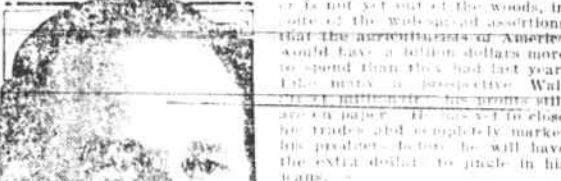
STATE ARCHIVES MADE HIS APOLOGIES

Richmond, July 28.—Morgan Robinson, state archivist who was suspended July 18 for expressing lack of confidence in the state historian, today made his apologies.

American Farmer Is Not Yet Out Of The Woods

Do Farmers Get Year of High Profits for Staple Farm Product? Such a Year, Wheat and Cotton, but Money Is Not Yet in Farmer's Pocket

By J. C. ROYLE
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New York, July 28.—The farmer is not yet out of the woods, in spite of the optimistic assertions that the agricultural community would have a billion dollars more to spend than they had last year. The money is prospective. Will it be available? The profits will be in paper. It will be close to the farmer's hand, but he will have the extra dollars to pinch in his pocket.

Many surely will accomplish this year's crop, and profitably. But others are counting their chickens before the eggs even are in the incubator. In other words, they are counting their crops already sold at present high prices, although there is no certain assurance that they will dispose of them at such prices.

Undoubtedly if they could sell the fruits of their fields at prices prevailing today they would have a most successful year, and the farmers, business men and manufacturers of the country would be richer than they have been in many years.

Level-headed business men, traders and financiers who express their confidence in the market above, make it plain that they do not hold the effects of the recent sensational rises in prices of farm products or minimize the profits which they hope will accrue to the growers. They state they desire merely to avoid the danger to business in general of over-inflating the purchasing power of the commodities until their returns are in the form of cash.

The Department of Agriculture, they point out, estimates the wheat production of the country at 710,000,000 bushels as compared with 700,000,000 bushels harvested last year. Thus the wheat grower must sell their grain this year at a higher price than in 1923 in order to realize an equal amount. Some experts place this necessary advance at 12 cents a bushel more. July wheat today is well above \$1.30 a bushel, as compared with an average of 99 cents in July of last year.

The corn crop is forecast by the department at 2,242,285,000 bushels as compared with 2,046,287,000 bushels harvested last year. The July corn price today is hovering around \$1.00 a bushel compared with the 1923 July average of 84 1/2 cents. Not only must the smaller production be taken into account in estimating the total cash returns to the farmer, but corn is not a direct market crop and the profit to the grower depends to a large extent on the price of livestock, since a goodly part of the corn crop is made into feed.

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Free Fair Attractions Of High Order Promised

Include One of the Most Elaborate Displays of Fireworks Ever Shown Here and Many Sensational Novelty and Aerobic Acts

Plans for the largest fair ever held in Elizabeth City, N.C., will be held at the fairgrounds here, and it is expected that the fair will be one of the best in the South. The fair will be managed by Frank Higgins and is composed of 12 pieces.

The plans also include a parade on the first day. Prizes will be awarded for the best fairs. Prizes aggregating \$2,000 will be offered for horse racing, according to present plans, and every attempt will be made to secure some of the fastest horses in the South to enter in these events. Races will be held every day during the fair.

Some novelty races on horseback have been announced for the opening day, which will also be School Children's Day with an admission to children of 15 cents. The ribbon, potato and music races on horseback will be open to all comers.

There will also be a novelty bull race and other amusing features which have not been definitely decided upon and which will be announced later.