



1—Warren D. Robbins of New York, new American minister to Salvador. 2—General view of the funeral procession of General Obregon leaving the national palace in Mexico City. 3—John H. Mears and Capt. C. B. D. Collyer landing at the Battery, New York, after record-breaking trip around the world.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### America Assists but Japan Hampers the Nationalist Government in China.

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JAPAN seems to be doing what it can to hamper the new Nationalist government of China, while the United States is proceeding toward recognition of that government and taking the lead in negotiations to free China from the unequal treaties that have restricted the nation. Only a few days ago the withdrawal was ordered of 1,350 American officers and marines from the "danger zones" in China, so there will be left in Shanghai and Tientsin only about 2,600 of our troops. Immediately following this, Secretary of State Kellogg dispatched a note to the Nationalist foreign minister offering to begin at once negotiations for a new treaty that will permit China to levy on imports such tariff duties as she sees fit. Under the old treaties with various powers China is not permitted to levy duties higher than 5 per cent ad valorem. Abolition of the privilege of extraterritoriality and the recognition of the Nationalist government will, it is believed, come along soon in due course.

The negotiation of a new tariff treaty will not subject American goods at once to higher duties. Under the stipulations made by Secretary Kellogg, Chinese tariff autonomy would not become effective until the unequal treaties with all other nations also are abrogated. This precludes discrimination against American exports should other nations fail to scrap the old treaties.

The Nationalists have already renounced their old treaty with Japan, but the Japanese government refuses to agree to this action, holding that, as revision of the pact was not accomplished within the stipulated period, it was automatically renewed for ten years. Premier Tanaka told the foreign diplomats in Tokyo that Japan was unable to accept the Nationalist demand in view of the provisions of the treaty itself and would be unable even to agree to a revision of the treaty until the Chinese government withdrew its notice of abrogation.

GOV. AL SMITH went down to a country club at Hampton Bay, Long Island, for a few days of vacation during which he expected to make much progress in the writing of his speech of acceptance which will be delivered on the evening of August 22 from the steps of the state capitol at Albany. Herbert Hoover, who has been resting at his home at Palo Alto, Calif., started on a fishing and automobile trip of about a thousand miles through northern California. His acceptance address is practically completed and it will be made in the great stadium of Stanford university the evening of August 11.

Probably 100,000 persons will be present to hear Mr. Hoover, and as many will gather in Albany to listen to the words of Governor Smith. But their real audiences will be perhaps a third of the population of the United States in each case, for arrangements have been made for a hookup of ninety radio stations for the broadcasting of the speeches.

ONE of the hopes of the Democrats—the winning of Wisconsin—was stimulated by the hot fight up there between the regular Republicans and the La Follette group. The young

radical senator is up for renomination and is opposed by G. W. Mead, mayor of Wisconsin Rapids. The real battle is over the governorship, for which there are three candidates. Gov. Fred Zimmerman, who is a dry and has become rather a free lance, seeks re-election. Walter Kohler was nominated by the regular Republicans on a middle of the road program; and Joseph D. Beck is the La Follette candidate and for Volstead act revision. Democrats believe their cause would be aided by the nomination of Beck and La Follette. The primaries are to be held on September 4. The wet sentiment in Wisconsin is notoriously strong. On the other hand the Republicans say that the Wisconsin swing toward Smith will be stopped effectually by the prospects of a good harvest and that they are confident of carrying the Badger state in November.

John J. Raskob, Democratic national chairman, has resigned as chairman of the finance committee of the General Motors corporation, because, it was said, some of the directors of the concern who are supporting Hoover thought Mr. Raskob's retention of the position would make it appear that the corporation was backing the Smith candidacy. In his letter of resignation Mr. Raskob recognized this possibility and also said his duties as national chairman would take all his time.

In one way it was a Hoover week. The Republican candidate and Senator Hiram Johnson of California ended their eight-year-old feud; Robert L. Owen, former United States senator from Oklahoma and a Democratic power, announced that he would support the Republican candidate, believing him "the best qualified man any party ever presented for President"; Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, who opposed Smith's nomination, resigned as a member of the Democratic national committee without explaining his action; and officers of the Daughters of the Confederacy in California declared most of that state's members of the order, Democrats in the past, would vote for Hoover. William H. Woodin, president of the American Car and Foundry company and for years a member of the stanchy Republican Union League club of New York, came out for Smith.

ROY O. WEST of Chicago, former secretary of the Republican national committee and a Deneen adherent in Illinois politics, was appointed secretary of the interior to succeed Dr. Hubert Work, and assumed his duties in Washington. He faced several big matters that will require his official action. These include the Boulder dam investigation, big reclamation and irrigation projects, oil leases on public lands, and the Alaskan railroad. Doctor Work in introducing Mr. West expressed the hope that the latter might serve even longer than his own five-year term. In view of Doctor Work's close connection with Herbert Hoover his remarks were interpreted as implying that he expects Mr. West to remain in the cabinet in the event of the election of Mr. Hoover.

It was stated in Washington that President Coolidge had offered the vacant secretaryship of commerce to William M. Butler of Massachusetts, former Republican national chairman.

GENERAL NOBILE and the other survivors of the Italia disaster arrived at Oslo, Norway, on the Citta di Milano and were immediately put aboard a train for Italy. An armed seaman guarded the vessel's gangplank and no one was permitted to see or talk with the Italians. With them were three Swedes who took part in the sledge expedition to search for Captain Amundsen and his comrades. The Russian ice breaker Krassin,

which rescued the Noble party, had another chance to save lives. It received wireless calls for help sent by the German motorship Monte Cervantes which, with 1,500 passengers aboard, had struck a rock at Bell Island, Spitzbergen. The Krassin hurried to the rescue and sent divers down to examine the damage to the German boat's hull.

Bert Hassell and Parker Cramer hopped off from Rockford, Ill., in the plane Greater Rockford on their projected flight to Stockholm, Sweden, by way of Greenland and Iceland. But the plane was too heavily loaded and the aviators were forced to land on rough ground. Neither man was injured, but the machine was so badly smashed that the flight may be delayed for several weeks.

JOSE TORAL, stayer of General Obregon, confessed that he was persuaded to commit the crime by Manuel Trejo, an employee of the national arms factory in Mexico City, who purchased and gave to him the pistol he used. He said he thought he was aiding the cause of the Catholic church, but now realized he had been the tool of labor leaders. A priest induced him to make the confession by telling him he was doing great harm to the church by concealing the truth. Luis Morones, head of the Mexican laborites, who resigned as secretary of labor and went into hiding, and his associates are bitterly scored by the agrarian groups which were supporters of Obregon. The agrarians are demanding that "all labor influences" be removed from the national government, holding them morally responsible for the assassination. They do not even ask the death penalty for Toral. During the week the Obregonista leaders were trying to determine who should become President on December 1. It seemed probable that either President Calles would be asked to succeed himself as provisional President under certain constitutional arrangements which might be made or that Aaron Saenz, governor of Nuevo Leon, would be favored.

DAME ELLEN TERRY, Britain's best loved actress and almost as well known and well loved in America, died at her home in Kent in her eighty-first year. In deference to her own request there was "no funeral gloom" at the obsequies, held in the village of Small Hythe and St. Paul's church, London, and her ashes were deposited in the crypt of St. Paul's.

Others who died during the week included Dr. George Colvin, president of the University of Louisville, Kentucky, and Rear Admiral W. M. Folger, retired.

CIRCLING the world in 23 days and 15 hours, Capt. C. B. D. Collyer and John Henry Mears established a new record when they stepped from a boat at the Battery, New York city. The journey was made by steamships and airplanes and they traveled in all 19,725 miles at an average speed of 840 miles a day.

FIFTEEN nations are invited by France to send representatives to Paris for the signing, on August 27, of the Kellogg antiwar treaty. The ceremony will be held in the famous Halle d'Horloge of the ministry of foreign affairs and will be most elaborate.

GENE TUNNEY is to retire as the unbeaten heavyweight champion. In his last fight, with Tom Heeney of New Zealand, he scored a technical knockout in the seventh round. The referee stopped the battle, Heeney having been knocked unconscious in the tenth and being at Gene's mercy. It was estimated that Tex Rickard, the promoter, lost \$400,000 by the contest.

## NEWS OF THE SOUTHEAST

Happenings of the Week Over Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida.

### GEORGIA-TENN PAVING TO BEGIN

TWO KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Canning Firm for Florida; Three Stills Destroyed; Woman Court Clerk Named; Other Items.

MARIETTA, GA.—"Work is ready to commence on the paving of the Dixie highway from Marietta to Tennessee line as soon as right-of-way tangles have been smoothed out," said John N. Holder, chairman of the state highway department in a letter to officials here.

Advice from the commissioner's office here was that all difficulties relative to obtaining clear right-of-ways will be removed in a short while, when, it is stated, arbitration measures will be effected with contending parties.

Replying to the rumor that the state highway department is out of funds and, therefore, holding up work on the project, Chairman Holder stated that sufficient funds would be available.

#### Lightning Kills Two

Florence, S. C.—Two negroes were killed and three others were injured by lightning which struck the Florence East Side Grammar School grounds where the uniform military division of the South Carolina negro grand lodge of Knights of Pythias was encamped.

#### Canning Firm for Florida

Melbourne, Fla.—Incorporation papers have been drawn up here for the Melbourne canning factory, the first to be located here. The organizers and officers of the company are O. L. Bennett, Frank C. Powell and H. R. Nobles as well as manufacture citrus and blues as well as manufacture vitrus and guava marmalades, pickles and catsup. It would be operated on a co-operative basis.

#### Three Stills Destroyed

Fort Valley, Ga.—Peach County Sheriff Briggs Fagan and Officers Douglass Williams and Edgar Murray raided three big stills on what is known as the Fulton farm, east of Fort Valley, and found five or six hundred gallons of beer, which was destroyed, together with the stills. No arrests have been made, as the outfit seemed to have been temporarily abandoned.

#### Woman Court Clerk Named

Nashville, Ga.—Mrs. Lilla Gaskins Whiddon, niece of Mr. Jim Gaskins, clerk of the superior court for twenty years, who died suddenly, has been appointed for the unexpired term by Ordinary J. I. Norwood. She has worked for several years in the office of her uncle. It is believed here that she is the first woman to serve as clerk of court in Georgia.

#### Bridge Is Completed

Waycross, Ga.—Another step towards the paving of the Oglethorpe highway from Savannah to Bainbridge has been taken. This is the completion of the \$55,000 bridge across the Ocklocknee river five miles west of Thomasville. The bridge is constructed of steel and concrete and is 1,216 feet in length. Another bridge is now under construction across the Alapaha river between Lowndes and Lanier counties.

#### Tax Digest Shows an Increase

Richland, Ga.—Tax Receiver P. C. Brown has consolidated his returns and his digest shows an increase of thirty thousand dollars over last year. In addition to this there has been a considerable development in public utility properties which does not appear on the tax digest. The total tax increase will reach at least a hundred thousand dollars.

#### Curb Market Planned

LaGrange, Ga.—At an enthusiastic meeting at the courthouse here recently, plans were made and discussed for establishing a curb market in LaGrange, at which farm products will be sold direct to the consumer. Plans discussed indicated that a curb market will be established here just as soon as a suitable location is decided upon.

Atlanta, Ga.—An appeal from the ruling in Fulton superior court by Judge Virlyn B. Moore that Fulton county should not be called on to pay the state gasoline tax on gasoline bought outside the state and used by the county, will be taken to the supreme court for final decision, it was stated recently by Robert B. Troutman, of the law firm of Troutman and Troutman, who with T. R. Gress, assistant attorney general, represented the state in the matter.

Judge Moore made permanent a temporary injunction previously granted on petition of the county restraining collection of the tax.

#### Pennington Elected Mayor

Eatonton, Ga.—L. M. Pennington, former mayor and prominent business man and churchman, of Eatonton, was elected without opposition as mayor of Eatonton in the municipal election here.

Mayor-elect Pennington came to Eatonton from Green county more than forty years ago and during that time he has established himself as one of Eatonton and Putnam's best citizens. He is at present the head of the Pennington Hardware company. Mr. Pennington is a Mason of high rank and prominence in Masonic circles in Georgia.

#### Tobacco Being Cured

Wrightsville, Ga.—The farmers of Johnson county are now busy with the curing of their tobacco. The tobacco in this section is not as good as it should be on account of too much rain, but the crop as a whole is satisfactory, and is expected to produce a nice profit to the growers. The growers are well pleased with the outlook, and it is very likely that a number of them who did not plant this year will do so next season.

Other crops have suffered badly from cold, and too much rain, and the crops in Johnson county are at least a month behind, and the smallest in the recollection of the oldest citizens for this season of the year.

#### Court Fight Is Won

Irwinton, Ga.—News has been received at Irwinton that the case of Wilkinson county vs. Mayor and Council of Danville, which has been for some time pending in the supreme court, and which involved the changing of the line separating the counties of Wilkinson and Twiggs, has been decided by the supreme court in favor of Wilkinson county.

The effect of this ruling is to hold unconstitutional an act of the general assembly of 1927 authorizing towns of certain populations located on county lines, to hold an election and determine which county the town should be located entirely within.

#### Counties Get Share of Gas Taxes

Atlanta, Ga.—Distribution of \$503,828.69 to the various counties of the state as their share of the gasoline tax for the second quarter of 1928 has just been completed by W. J. Speer, state treasurer.

The proceeds from one-fourth of the 4-cent per gallon tax on gasoline is allotted to the several counties in proportion to the state highway mileage in each county. Half the tax goes to the state highway department for construction purposes and one-fourth to the general treasury for the common school equalization fund. The sums paid to the counties is allocated by law for road purposes.

Thus far in 1928, the counties have received approximately \$1,000,000 as their share of the gasoline tax revenue.

#### Whitfield Tax Values

Dalton, Ga.—Consolidated estimates of Whitfield county tax values for this year, completed by John B. Hill, receiver of taxes, show an increase of \$71,532 over the values of last year.

The showing reflects a steady, substantial growth in Dalton and a number of the rural districts of the county.

#### \$150,000 for Study of Forestry

Atlanta, Ga.—A fund of \$150,000 has been completed by the American Forestry association for the promotion of forestry education in Georgia, Florida and Mississippi, according to announcement recently by representatives of the association in Atlanta. It will be used under the direction of the state forestry departments of those states cooperating with the forestry association.

#### Bibb Values Increase

Macon, Ga.—The Bibb county tax digest completed recently by D. D. Dunwoody, tax receiver, shows property valuations of \$43,000,000, or an increase of \$1,000,000 over last year. There are more than 9,000 persons paying poll taxes, which qualifies them to vote.