



THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. COOLIDGE VOTE BY MAIL. Nelson P. Webster, the White House notary public, administering the oath when the President and Mrs. Coolidge placed their signatures upon ballots which will be mailed to Northampton, Mass.



"MUM" SHOW ATTRACTS THOUSANDS OF WASHINGTONIANS. The annual show of the Department of Agriculture has opened with a fine showing of blooms, this photograph showing only a few of the plants. Many thousand persons have already visited the exhibition.



M. Georges Daeschner, who has been appointed to succeed Ambassador Jusserand as the French representative in Washington.



LEADING FRENCH ACTOR PLACES WREATH ON TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER. M. Firman Genier, actor and director of the Odeon Theatre of Paris, called on the President at the White House yesterday and then went to Arlington National Cemetery, where he placed two wreaths, gathered at Belleau Wood and Verdun, upon the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mrs. James K. Hackett, wife of the American actor, accompanied M. Genier.



Richard E. Mellon of Pittsburgh, brother of the Secretary of the Treasury, in Washington to testify before the Borah committee investigating campaign funds.



TO ELIMINATE FOGS AND CONTROL RAINFALL. Capt. A. I. Eagle of Bolling Field showing the small generator used in the process of spraying electrified sand through fog and clouds from an airplane. The process has been devised and patented by Dr. E. Francis Warren of Harvard.

## COOLIDGE SOLICITS ADVICE ON CABINET

Asks Farmers Who Is Preference for Successor to Wallace.

President Coolidge has called upon agricultural leaders throughout the country to send him recommendations as to their preference for the appointment of a Secretary of Agriculture to succeed the late Henry C. Wallace.

Telegrams were sent from the White House last night to officers of the Farmers Union, the Federated Farm Bureau, the National Grange and the American Live Stock Association, who were asked by the President to confer with heads of their State organizations in this regard.

It is known that the President is planning to consult heads of other farm organizations, and it has been indicated at the White House that he would welcome suggestions from any farm organizations on filling the cabinet vacancy.

Those close to the President feel certain that he will not make an appointment until after election, and in the meantime, will continue his canvassing of the field of possible available men with particular reference to the choice of one who will represent the farmers in a practical way. The name of Charles March of Wheeling, Mass., has been added to the half dozen or more received at the White House to be considered in making this appointment.

## U. S. Asks Press Tax List While Preparing Suit

While one arm of the Government is preparing to sue newspapers for publishing income tax returns another is asking newspapers to assist in collecting such data.

The Federal Trade Commission has mailed requests to newspapers throughout the country, asking for copies of the papers containing the lists of names and taxes. The commission, it was explained, desired the information in connection with compilation of data regarding wealth, income and taxation in the United States, in accordance with a Senate resolution.

Otis B. Johnson, secretary of the commission offices in large cities of the country will obtain the figures requested from internal revenue collectors, to be supplemented by the information obtained by the newspapers.

## WILL OBEY ORDERS IN INCOME TAX CASE

Cleveland Revenue Collector to Give Out No Levies for Publication.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, October 31.—C. F. Roush, internal revenue collector here, will adhere to the present to his orders against giving out income tax levies, he announced, notwithstanding the action of Federal Judge D. C. Westenhaver in overruling a petition of Attorney John W. Reavis against publication of his own income tax payments for 1923.

Judge Westenhaver discussed at length the two sections of the Federal statutes in dispute, section 3167, providing criminal penalties for certain improper uses of income tax returns, and section 257, providing for the preparation of tax lists and payments made each year.

Held as "Grave Question."

"It is a grave question," Judge Westenhaver said, "whether the law passed in June, 1924, applies to the 1923 returns or whether to those returns only to which the law as it stood prior to June, 1924, is applicable.

"The latter is the case, the collector and other officers might be in grave danger of severe penalties if they gave out lists for publication. They might be removed and punished for their acts.

"It is not the custom of this court ordinarily to extend comment, but I do believe that these are points which should be settled in a legal, orderly way."

See No Reason to Change.

In a statement issued by Mr. Roush, he said that in view of the announcements of Government officials that publication is illegal, and "the probability of early action to determine the question by legal process, I see no reason to change my original opinion.

"That opinion is that, although the law appears somewhat ambiguous, I nevertheless can see no warrant in the law justifying publication of the private tax lists."

## NAVY SEEKS BIDS ON CAPE MAY BASE

Will Lease Site to Aviation Firm Agreeing to Build Rigid Ships.

The Government yesterday announced its intention of extending a helping hand to airship and potential airship concerns, when it agreed to lease the Cape May, N. J., naval aviation base to a commercial company on condition that the leasing organization will begin construction of a rigid airship within one year from the date of taking possession.

The lease, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur announced, will be awarded on competitive bidding, and will be revocable at any time, and will carry with it the option of renewal at the discretion of naval authorities.

Several concerns interested in commercial aviation have made informal inquiries of the Navy Department for the use of the base, where is located the third largest airship hangar in the country—the largest being at Lakehurst, N. J., and the next in size at Scott Field, Belleville, Ill.

Location of a commercial airship base on the Atlantic coast would carry on such buildings and facilities at Cape May as are used by the Navy and protection of other buildings on the reservation which are to be closed by the department; "the Government to be protected against all claims that may arise through the occupation of the station; operation of the station, including necessary heat and light, to be carried on without expense to the Government; the right to retain such portions as now used by the Coast Guard to be held by the Government; the airship company to maintain and operate the station "as an aviation base." Further details upon which bids may be submitted will be announced soon, the department said.

## REFUSE LA FOLLETTE O. K.

Wets' Action Based on Candidate's Passive Stand.

The Association Against the Prohibition Amendment issued a statement last night refusing to give its "endorsement" to the presidential candidacy of Senator La Follette. Membership of the association has been notified of its stand.

In explaining the attitude of the association, W. H. Stayton, head, said, while the association had some reason to believe that Senator La Follette was opposed to the Volstead law, he declined to take a definite stand on the question.

## Quartermasters Hold Luncheon.

Quartermasters residing in or around Washington yesterday held their first get-together luncheon, at the Army and Navy Club. Maj. Gen. William H. Hart, U. S. A., was the guest of honor and made a short address, in which he told of the many accomplishments of the Quartermaster Corps, whose motto is, "Service for the Line." The varied work carried on by this department of the Army was fully explained by Gen. Hart. It was decided to make the luncheon a regular monthly affair, and it will be held at the Army and Navy Club, starting at 12 o'clock.

## PRANKS OF LIVE ONES PLAYING THEY'RE DEAD ONES DUE TONIGHT

Ghosts of Law Enforcement Officials and Other Disturbers of Conscience to Carry Out Traditions of Halloween.

Sh-h-h. Tonight's the night. As the dark shadows of twilight fall ominously over the highways and byways of Washington this evening there will emerge from the stygian recesses of Rock Creek, South Washington, Virginia and Sixteenth street, the evil dead to hold high carnival among their fellows of flesh and blood.

With chastely grin, clutching talons and other witchcraft, the formless spirits will celebrate the annual festival of ghostdom, known now-a-days as Halloween, but called in the days of Tut-an-kh-Amen the feast of the dead.

This is the day of reckoning for wrongdoers, for as the darkness gathers over the city tonight the conscience-stricken will be confronted with specters of malice incarnate, forth to wreak belated vengeance. Reports were rife today that the Government's conscience fund received sudden increments from unknown sources as rumors of an impending visitation by the wrath of Galen.

Political Spooks Wander.

There are those who declare that tonight of late at the White House there has been a weird succession of noises, not unlike the hee-hawing of a donkey, while others say that Democratic headquarters here is preparing to forestall a reported visitation of that rare and forbidding creature "Gop," said to be an unearthly mammal resembling the white elephant of Calcutta.

Many and varied will be the forms that haunt old and young alike. The man who phoned his wife yesterday that a business conference would be held at the department, the evening may look for an empty bank roll goblin with poised wings and poker hands.

The motorist who stealthily tore up an overtime parking notice found on his steering wheel the other day will face the accusing shape of Headley, the traffic inspector, and hear the clanking of the ball and chain.

Ghosts of Conscience.

The man who, on completing a phone call at a pay station, found his nickel returned and kept it, will be awakened frequently after 1 a.m. by his telephone bell, to hear the "excuse it, please" of the Voice With a Smile. And the woman who

sneaked a "weigh" on a platform scale by stepping on before her daughter was off will gaze upon the vision of herself weighing 200 pounds.

While there is no way of confirming it, it is understood that the jeering ghosts will prepare a great spectral feast, to which Cozy Dolph, Al Fall and probably others will be invited. The piece of crude oil with sliced peaches, apples and apricots, generously seasoned with sand from Konesaw Mountain.

Those who have no hopes of being hosts to ghosts tonight will do a little spiriting themselves, either on the downtown streets or at neighborhood parties, club celebrations, hotel and cafe masquerades or other festive gatherings.

The watchful eye of the law will be the target, no doubt, for blowpipes, banned by the police, but in high favor among the urchini. This is one night when the police look benevolently upon innocent pranks, however, and most any sort of escapade or make-up will get by except down-right rowdiness. Grown-ups will not be allowed to wear masks, even if they belong to the Ku Klux Klan, and shikeness of the law will not be raised against masking of small children.

No Halloween story is complete without a confusing explanation of what it is all about. The explanation varies from year to year, but nobody knows the difference, so what matters it? Here is this year's offering:

It all started back in Egypt, when a dead Pharaoh, taking on the reincarnated form of a black cat, perched itself at midnight on the left shoulder of the Sphinx, looked up at the moon, and let out a nocturnal howl. Aroused from their slumber, the sheiks and shikeness of the desert rained a barrage of console mirrors at the sacred feline, precipitating the seven-year plague. All in all it was agreed along the Nile that it had been a Halloween, even, which is Egyptian for Halloween.

The custom got started in this country because of the fact that Halloween ushers in the first of November, on which date the ghost walks in all the Government departments.

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Campaign Workers Turn in Results at Dinner Meeting—A. H. Phelps Is Speaker.

Membership campaign workers of the Y. M. C. A. who are canvassing the city for 700 new members reported at a dinner meeting last night that 150 new members have been obtained since the drive opened Tuesday. Andrew H. Phelps of the United States Chamber of Commerce presided at the meeting.

"To the thousands of men in Washington living in rented rooms away from their families, the Y is the great friend maker," he said. "It is the ladder to social happiness. Its big reception halls, game rooms, bowling alleys, swimming pools and gymnasiums provide constant opportunity to make friends and enjoy recreation; its educational classes gather studious climbers; its concert, lectures and entertainments make delightful for thousands of men evenings that otherwise would be empty or lonely, and its religious meetings are a welcoming door to the religious life of Washington."

## HENRY FORD URGES COOLIDGE ELECTION

Noted Manufacturer Indorses the President's Consistent Drive Against High Taxes.

Indorsement of President Coolidge by Henry Ford for re-election is contained in a telegram made public by the Republican national committee, which received it at the White House, where it had been sent to President Coolidge by Arthur Brisbane, editor-in-chief of the Hearst newspapers, who had received it in reply to a request by the latter. The telegram follows:

"Our Government has been freer of the influence of the money powers during Calvin Coolidge's brief administration than for a long time before. He understands the difference between American business and money power. American business is the means by which we earn our living and supplies the need of the country. Agriculture, manufacture and transportation are its three pillars. It is constructive. The money power represents the exploiting, gambling and destructive counterfeits of business.

See Two Business Systems.

"Two systems of business confront each other in this country—production for use as against production for profits only. Calvin Coolidge is on the side of productive service and prosperity.

"He is increasing the number of jobs in this country by drawing back into business the moneys that have been driven out by high taxes. The greatest prosperity will not arrest Calvin Coolidge's drive against high taxes.

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## EQUIVALENT OF FOLLIES SUCCESS IN GERMANY

Revue "An Alle" Three-Fifths American, With Leading Lady Straight From Brooklyn.

By Radio to The Star and Chicago Daily News. BERLIN, October 31.—A further step in the Americanization of Germany was seen last night at the dress rehearsal of the revue entitled "An Alle" (To Everyone). The Germans have been seeking during the last years to rival the splendors of the American follies, but most German revues are poor.

"An Alle," which was managed by Erich Charell, is the exception. It is unquestionably as good as any American production. One-fifth of the numbers are modeled on the Russian numbers of the "Chauve Souris" company and one-fifth are pure German, but three-fifths are American in feeling. One of the principal dancers, Olive Beebe, who is virtually making her debut, comes from Brooklyn.

The rehearsal met with considerable success, and the scenery and costume effects are superb. (Copyright, 1924, by Chicago Daily News Co.)

## AUTO INJURES BOY.

Seven-Year-Old Lad Run Down at Street Crossing.

Seven-year-old Lucian Minor of 1025 New Jersey avenue southeast was struck by an automobile operated by Eddie Slade of 46 Hanover street northwest, while the former was crossing an intersection at First and N streets southeast, yesterday. According to police, the machine passed over the boy's body. Slade took the child to Providence Hospital, where it was reported his condition was serious.

## BAND CONCERTS.

Today, 8 p.m., at the United States Marine Corps Institute Hall, Eighth and I streets southeast, by the United States Navy Band Orchestra, Charles Benter, director; Earl V. Grimes, guest soloist.

March, "The Bride-elect," Sousa Overture, "Der Freischutz," Von Leubner

Ballet, "Egyptien," Dr. L. Luigini (a) Allegro Non Troppo. (b) Allegretto. (c) Andante Sostenuto. (d) Andante Espressivo. Finale, Allegro Non Troppo.

Tone poem, "Finlandia," Sibelius

Tenor solos, selected.

(Earl V. Grimes, pharmacist mate, first class.)

Grand fantasia from the opera, "Pagliacci," Leoncavallo Suite, (a) "In a Rose Garden." Acciani (on the original Chinese scale). (b) "Serenade," Dr. L. Luigini (on the original Chinese scale). Guion

Excerpts from the musical comedy "Woodland," J. L. Luder (The Star Spangled Banner).

Beginning November 7 these concerts will start at 8:15 p.m.

Concert by the United States Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, Stanley Hall, tomorrow, at 5:45 o'clock; John S. M. Zimmermann, bandmaster.

March, "The Aristocrat," St. Clair Overture, "The Barber of Seville" (on the original Chinese scale). Rossini

An Oriental fantasy, "In a Chinese Temple Garden," Kettleybey

"The Incantation of the Priests in the Temple," "The Perfume of Incense Floats on the Air," "The Song of the Lovers," "A Manchurian Wedding Procession Passes Noisily By," "A Street Disturbance Among the Coolies" (on the original Chinese scale). Kern

Fox trot, "Doodle-Do-Do," Stitzel

Waltz suite, "Puppohen" (Dolly), Gilbert

Finale, "Dandelion Time," Frost

"The Star Spangled Banner."

## POLICE PRESIDENT SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Milton D. Smith Asks Honor of Again Heading Society of D. C. Peace Guardians.

Milton D. Smith, president of the Policemen's Association, is a candidate to succeed himself at the annual election of the organization Tuesday night.

Ballots have been distributed to every precinct of the police department. Smith-for-president clubs have been organized by supporters of the incumbent candidate, who point with pride to the distinctions achieved via motor cycle and speedometer of the present president of the organization.

Just as all American voters will elect electors for the electoral college, so also will policemen on the night of Tuesday elect delegates for the general board of the Policemen's Association, and as the electors in turn will elect the President at a later date, so also will the members of the general board elect a president on Thursday, November 13.

Although insurgents in the association's ranks have set on foot a movement for "A bigger, better president," the loyal supporters of the administration have countered by promising to supply all policemen with buttons bearing the terse slogan: "The Best Goods Come in Small Packages—Vote for Smith."

Named for West Point.

The President has appointed Charles L. Olin, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., a cadet at large to the United States Military Academy, subject to the usual examination.

## OIL DEAL SECRECY LAID TO ROOSEVELT

Mines Bureau Director Says Fall Had Only Perfunctory Part in It.

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, October 31.—Further defense testimony by Dr. H. Foster Bain, director of the Federal Bureau of Mines, promised to occupy all of today's session of the trial of the Government's suit to cancel Elk Hills naval oil leases and contracts granted E. L. Doheny's Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. in 1922.

Dr. Bain yesterday told the court it was Theodore Roosevelt, then Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who ordered secrecy in negotiations leading up to the first Government contract with Doheny's company, involving the exchange of Elk Hills naval petroleum for Pearl Harbor storage and fuel oil, and that Albert B. Fall, as Secretary of the Interior, played only a perfunctory part in the negotiations.

During Arms Conference.

In a letter dated December 9, 1921, said Dr. Bain, Roosevelt instructed Edward C. Finney, First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to treat all the negotiations as confidential matter, inasmuch as the project was part of the Navy's war plans.

At about this time, Dr. Bain recalled, under further questioning by defense counsel, the limitation of arms conference was in session at Washington.

On December 23, the witness said, he left Washington to solicit bids on the Pearl Harbor project from various oil companies on the Pacific coast. Secretary Fall having turned the negotiations over to him and Finney with the words: "Go ahead and handle this matter."

On the coast, Dr. Bain continued, the plans for the first Pearl Harbor project were submitted to the Standard Oil Co. and Associated Oil Co., and the Union Oil Co., the General Petroleum Corp., and the American Petroleum & Transport Co., and only one of them declined to bid. The Union Oil, he said, was not sufficiently interested in the matter. The Petroleum questioned the legality of the proposed exchange of royalty crude for fuel oil and storage.

## V. M. I. ALUMNI TO DINE.

Local Chapter to Observe Anniversary of School's Foundation.

The eighty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Virginia Military Institute will be celebrated by the Washington chapter of its alumni Tuesday, November 11. The event falling on Armistice day will be the occasion of a dinner at 7 o'clock at the Army and Navy Club.

Guests of honor will include the new superintendent, Gen. William H. Cooke, who took charge at Lexington, Va., October 1 of this year, and ex-Senator Charles J. Faulkner of West Virginia, who served from the institute in the Battle of New Market during the Civil War.

The military college was founded in 1839. It had for its first superintendent Dr. Francis H. Smith, who was succeeded by Gen. Scott Shipp, who, in turn, was succeeded by Gen. Edward W. Nichols, and more recently by Gen. Cooke. Stonewall Jackson was an instructor there before the Civil War.

The committee in charge of the dinner comprises Capt. P. St. Julian Wilson, Stuart B. Marshall and H. Gen. Samuel D. Rockenbach, in command of the tank unit during the war and president of the local chapter, will preside.

## VOTERS PLAN RALLY.

La Follette-Wheeler Supporters to Gather Tonight.

James P. Eagen, editor of the American Federation of Labor's Weekly News Letter, will represent organized labor at the La Follette-Wheeler campaign rally to be held at the Star Hall, Mount Rainier, this evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Minnie Honning of Minnesota, who has toured the country in support of the Progressive ticket, will represent the woman's division of the La Follette-Wheeler forces, while Charles A. Lyman, director of the agricultural division of the Progressive campaign, will speak for the farmers. Mayor George Finger of Capitol Heights, Md., will also address the meeting.

Between now and election day meetings will be held at La Plata, Brentwood, Rockville, Hyattsville and Capitol Heights. Arrangements have been made by local Progressives to receive election returns Tuesday night at the Arcade ballroom, Fourteenth street and Park road. A dance is being arranged.

## INDORSE 5-DAY WEEK.

Rabbis' Conference Favors Period for Seasonal Work.

The recommendation for a "five-day week for seasonal occupations as an interpretation of the spirit of Judaism bearing on modern social and economic problems" was indorsed by the executive board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the conclusion of a two-day session here yesterday.

The board also indorsed the movement for observance of the Sunday before Armistice day, November 11, as "mobilization day for world peace and world justice," and established a standing committee on international justice. A special committee on good will between Jews and Christians was appointed to co-operate with a similar committee appointed by the Federal Council of Churches.

## Belgian Sugar Output Bigger.

BRUSSELS, October 31.—Belgian sugar manufacturers have decided to increase this year's output to 300,000 tons, against 200,000 last year, and a drop in price is forecast.