

HURLS LIE AT PARTY LEADER

WASHINGTON, April 22. (AP)—Senator Simon D. Fess, Republican, Ohio, in a formal statement as chairman of the Republican national committee, today accused J. Edgar Hoover, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, of telling "a deliberate lie" and offered ten thousand dollars for any proof of the truth of a statement attributed to Hoover.

According to Fess, Hoover told a Democratic club of San Francisco last week that the Republican national committee had purchased ten million copies of a magazine containing an article attacking the religious affiliation of Chairman John J. Raskob of the Democratic committee.

Fess' version of the incident was that Hoover made the alleged statement at the end of a speech to the Democratic club at the time when the Democratic leader believed his remarks were no longer broadcast, but when, as a matter of fact they were still being over the air.

"Hoover, believing himself free from discovery, stated the Republican national committee has purchased ten million copies for distribution of a magazine article that has made reference to religious affiliation of Raskob," said Fess. "This charge was a deliberate lie."

ROTARY CLUBS OBSERVE WEEK

CHICAGO, April 22.—So grown-ups will not forget what growing-up boys think and do, hundreds of communities throughout the United States for observance of Boys' week, April 23-May 2. Each of the seven days will be devoted to constructive elements in citizenship training under direction of the sponsoring civic organizations.

NEW CAFE TO OPEN IN CITY

Remodeled and redecorated, the new Sate Cafe will open for the first time at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Under the new management of A. T. Spatz, C. O. Lee and W. A. Ferguson the new cafe will give twenty-four hour service. The cafe was formerly known as the A. C. Kitchen.

LEGION MEMBERS NOW TOTAL 200

Membership in the Las Vegas post of the American Legion has reached 200 it has been announced by S. J. Shaw, chairman of the committee in charge of the new material for the veterans' organization.

It is planned to start another drive in an effort to bring the total membership to a still higher mark. An entertainment is planned in the near future by the local post to which all ex-servicemen in the district will be invited.

The American Legion district convention which will be held at Caliente May 9 and 10 was the subject of much discussion and a big representation from Las Vegas will attend. After the meeting the usual refreshments were served by Deardrich and McInyre of the refreshment committee.

HERE FROM UTAH L. E. Brown, prominent business man of Salt Lake City, is here for a week.

29 KILLED IN HONDURAN BATTLE

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, April 22. (AP)—At least twenty-nine persons were killed and many were reported wounded in sharp skirmishes between the rebel and Honduran regular troops in several places on the northern coast. The dead included Col. Salvador Canales, one of the rebel leaders.

GIANT GUSHERS DEATH BLOW TO SMALL WELLS

TULSA, Okla., April 22. (AP)—The law of survival of the fittest is being felt in the midcontinent oil fields.

Continued existence of thousands of small wells which have been pumping petroleum for many years is threatened by new flush pools.

The death knell for several hundred of the little producers, each yielding only a few barrels of oil daily, already has been roared by mighty gushers of the newer and more prolific areas, such as the recently opened east Texas field and the two-year-old Oklahoma City pool.

Present low crude prices and high operation costs make operation of the small wells unprofitable. The tide of "plugged and abandoned" wells is growing rapidly. Major companies are closing their small wells by the hundreds, many of them in old pools once themselves regarded as "menaces" to the crude oil price structure.

Oklahoma's first big field, Glenn pool, near Tulsa, had a daily average production of 117,400 barrels at its peak in June, 1907. The present daily average is less than 6,000 barrels from 2,480 wells.

The Cushing, Okla., field, held responsible for a break in the crude oil market in 1912, reached a peak of 305,000 barrels daily in May, 1915. Today it is making something like 12,000 barrels daily from 2,245 wells.

The story is the same in other settled fields. The oil wells, known in old field parlance as "strippers" because their production has declined to a settled stage, simply cannot compete with giant gushers of the newer areas.

BETTELHEIM MEET CALLED

Inviting every voter to attend, no matter what his or her political leaning, a meeting of the "Bettelheim for Commissioner" committee will be held in Bettelheim's store tonight at 8 o'clock.

DAM AIRPLANE SERVICE SEEN

Airplane service between the municipal airport at Los Angeles and a dry lake near Boulder City was being contemplated yesterday by a group of coast men headed by Captain E. B. Keenan. Other members of the group include F. J. Warren, J. E. Henriksen and J. W. Bertleson, all of southern California. Keenan declared that planes had already been purchased for the service which, according to tentative plans, would be used to carry fresh produce to Boulder City.

LOSES WATCH

Theft of a watch from his trousers pocket while he was asleep in a downtown rooming house was reported to the police yesterday by Elmer Johnson. He said he had his trousers hanging across the foot of his bed and at dawn someone opened the door and emptied the pockets.

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British Starts as Royal Court Near; 100 Americans Seek To Attend



British society has started preparations for the royal courts of 1931. Below is shown a group of debutantes being taught the correct way to court to King George and Queen Mary during the presentations.



LONDON, (AP)—Although the royal courts still are a month hence, the big rush already is under way at the American embassy.

Out of the hundreds who will court to King George and Queen Mary at this year's courts on May 19 and 20 and June 9 and 10 only 30 or 32 will be Americans. More than a hundred applications have been made, however, and Walter T. Prendergast, the third secretary, is devoting his full time to the delicate business.

The presentations are a personal prerogative of the ambassador and the selections are made by him. Last of the western world's great courts, the presentations at the court of St. James each year are Europe's most glittering social event, and a regal cap for the English "season."

Whether the Prince of Wales or Prince George will be present at any of this year's courts can't be determined yet, but it is probable they will attend at least one. At this year's court it is expected 3,000 will get the chance to see the throne room in the cold, gray palace at the head of the Mall.

Meas Much To Deb For an English debutante with serious intentions in the social world, presentation at court means everything as far as the right start is concerned. For one thing it determines her social standing to a large extent and assures her invitations to the affairs of those less exalted.

Furthermore, there is the preparation, which takes some weeks. First the court gown must be made in a strict accordance with specifications given out by the Lord Chamberlain and approved by Queen Mary herself.

Then there is the rush on the "big day" when cars bearing excited debutantes and their sponsors pack the Mall leading to Buckingham Palace, waiting their turn to be presented.

Presentation Brief Once in the throne room, after careful inspection in the anteroom (or any deviation from the rules of dress, their time is very brief. Once her curtsy is made to their majesties, the deb is hustled out at the side and then away—most likely to have her picture taken by one of London's swankier photographers.

Many Big Specials AT DELKIN'S LAS VEGAS CASH & CARRY Friday, Saturday and Monday GET A FREE COPY OF BETTER LIVING

PERMITS SHOW BUILDING RUSH

More than \$11,500 in new construction within the city limits was represented during the week by twelve building permits, issued by Paul Hoeman, inspector of building.

Leading the list in cost of construction is a new hotel at 219 North Second being erected by Mrs. Irma Jones and estimated to cost \$3,000. A new \$3,000 home for Dr. P. R. Mildren is going up at 222 South Second and a \$1,000 addition to Bob's bakery is being built at 620 South First.

H. S. Rear is building a four room home which will be sold as soon as completed; W. M. Beckel is to build a \$1,600 house at 930 South Third; A. V. Ham plans an addition to his 411 North Seventh street home and a storehouse and construction shed will be put up by P. J. Cline at a total cost of \$700.

A \$300 cabin is being built at 706 South First by W. D. Siever, and M. Paas is building a similar structure in the Boulder addition. A cabin at 312 South Fifth will cost \$100 and is being built by J. Lapsden, while Strang brothers will erect two cabins at 307 South Sixth.

HAWKS BREAKS EUROPEAN RECORD

HESTON, England, April 22. (AP)—Flying the same little red plane in which he shattered Colonel Lindbergh's speed record for a transatlantic flight in the United States, Capt. Frank Hawks of Texas today set a new aviation mark for European pilots to shoot at, even though he failed to accomplish the task he planned.

Leaving here at 6:30 this morning, he arrived in Rome, 930 miles away, five hours and twenty minutes later. On his return flight he was forced down in France by a lack of fuel and could not complete his trip tonight. His plane was undamaged. Hawks said he would fly back to Rome tomorrow. His time for today's trip was far better than any on record.

JUDGE ORR RETURNING

Judge William E. Orr returned last night from Florence where he has been holding a two day term of the district court.

He expects to hear cases in the district court in this city today as usual.

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The department, through the evening newspaper, comes back with the following: "It seems that our Volunteer Fire Department is being made a main issue in the coming city election. One of our local papers publishing a complete plan on how to run a fire department. I should think the editor of this said local paper would step out of his office and look over the situation before he makes such a statement. We have a man on our department that is being paid \$30 a month to keep the trucks in running condition and to wash the hose after every fire, and he is doing a very good job of it.

"How could the city of Las Vegas afford a paid fire department, when right now we are badly in need of equipment? We ought to have at least 2,000 feet additional hose, four nozzles, 10 ladders and at least one more truck.

"We have a new truck which cost the city \$15,000. It now sits in the fire house (which has no doors) and is at the mercy of rain, sleet, and dust. Why doesn't our fire fighting Jimmie Squires suggest that such a condition be corrected? "Let us for the time being forget the idea of having one paid man to lay around the fire house to help the volunteers, because here won't be any volunteers if the city hires this man.

"We ask you people of Las Vegas if you would be willing to risk your life and use up your time to fight fires for nothing if some lazy so-called fireman was getting paid for the so-called job on the department? I don't believe you would.

"Give us plenty of hats, nozzles, helmets, more equipment and above all police protection, and we will fight fire day and night and enjoy every minute of it.

"As a last request, people of Las Vegas, don't let these office seekers break up our organization which has taken years to build up, and which means everything in the world to us."

(Signed) LAS VEGAS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. By Jimmie Down, Secy.

Hard-Working Clock Rouses, Feeds Owner

DAYTON, Ky., April 22. (AP)—Life is a simple matter for Henry Fahnholz. He has devised a robot which consists of a clockwork installed in a talking machine.

When the alarm sounds, the talking machine starts and the lights are turned on.

At the end of the record the radio is turned on, the furnace connected and the coffee percolator started.

Report Made On Nitrates Found in Southwest U. S.

Special to The Age WASHINGTON, April 22.—It was announced today at the department of the interior that the U. S. Geological Survey has just published a report on nitrate deposits in the southwest chiefly in California, the result of investigations carried on mostly during the World War but continued intermittently since that time and only recently completed.

During the World War, when nitrates were in demand not only for use in fertilizers but also for the manufacture of certain types of munitions, Chile was still the principal world source for this important commodity and a significant amount of shipping tonnage had to be allocated to the nitrate trade. An intensive search for nitrates was therefore conducted in many parts of the United States, particularly in the west and southwest, in the hope that the discovery and exploitation of commercial bodies of nitrate would release some of this shipping tonnage for other uses for which it was sorely needed. All occurrences of nitrate then known or reported to the Geological Survey were examined systematically in sufficient detail to determine their commercial availability, but the results of the investigations were uniformly negative. Some of these results have already been published.

The present report, which was written by L. P. Noble, is Geological Survey bulletin 820, obtainable for 42 cents from the superintendent of documents, Washington, D. C. It includes descriptions of fourteen localities in southern California, two in Nevada, and one each in Arizona and New Mexico. In the Nevada localities and in most of those in California the nitrate occurrences studied were caliche deposits associated with clay hills—that is, blank deposits of salts lying mostly within a foot of the surface and only a few inches thick. The low percentage of nitrate present in most of these salts, together with the irregular and patchy distribution of the caliche, renders all the deposits valueless commercially, although at one place caliche containing as much as 15.6 per cent of

sodium nitrate was found. Material of this grade, however, was highly exceptional; the great bulk of the caliche yielded less than two per cent of sodium nitrate, and much of it less than one per cent. The work showed that richer bodies of nitrate at depth were not to be expected.

Bare Traces: Three of the California localities were plays or so-called dry lakes, which are moistened by occasional rains. One of these yielded no nitrate and the others bare traces of nitrate.

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