

MELLON CAST FOR ROLE OF G. O. P. DICTATOR

Pennsylvania Hopeful That It Will Pick Candidate for 1928 Race.

By LEO R. SACK
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon is returning to the United States next week to—perhaps—dictate the next Republican candidate for President.

Mellon, himself, ostensibly will be a candidate, but he will remain a candidate, only until the right moment arrives. Then his lieutenants will withdraw his name and throw Pennsylvania's seventy-nine delegates to the candidate satisfactory to Mellon. They hope to find a moment when Pennsylvania's vote will be decisive.

Pennsylvania politicians already are planning their program for the next Republican national convention. Secretary Mellon has been suggested by Pennsylvanians as a candidate, and all factions seem to be behind him. Mellon was cruising around the Mediterranean in a private yacht when President Coolidge withdrew his candidacy, but, despite this, Mayor Charles Kline of Pittsburgh, the following day "nominated" Mellon for President.

Solid for Mellon
Two weeks later Governor Fisher of Pennsylvania, chosen because of Mellon support, announced that the Pennsylvania delegation would be solidly for Mellon.

The treasury secretary is 72, too old, in the opinion of politicians, to run for President. But his presence in the group of favorite sons will give Pennsylvania Republicans the best opportunity to talk terms to other and younger candidates they have had in years.

Pennsylvanians anxiously are awaiting this opportunity. Because the State is so solidly Republican it has profited little from patronage distribution, according to Senator David A. Reed.

Reed, on several occasions, has protested to President Coolidge at what he termed the shabby treatment his State has received in this respect.

Keystone State Wrath
Even had President Coolidge remained a candidate, Pennsylvania, it was understood, were determined to reach some sort of understanding

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Bear of Day for Bruin

Whenever his friend and master, Louis Gohman, 1519 Woodlawn Ave., appears, this native of the frigid zone, almost grins, for Gohman has been turning the hose on Bruin every few hours during the warm weather this summer.

Gohman brought Bruin from Montana in June. The bear wrestles



Louis Gohman and His Pet Bear

with him before climbing aboard the band-wagon.

Secretary Mellon, it is understood, has conferred in Europe with Senator Reed, who urged him, regardless of his own wishes, to say or do nothing that would indicate he regarded his age as a presidential prohibition. This advice will be renewed by others next week.

Alleges Ax Threat
By Times Special
PORTLAND, Ind., Sept. 2.—Chester J. Hanks alleges in a divorce suit filed here against Edna C. Hanks that she expressed a desire to chop him to pieces with an ax. He also charges she was a poor housekeeper, and declared she would rather be with her first husband than with Hanks.

U. S. DOLLARS CALLED AGENTS OF GOOD WILL

Loans to Foreign Lands Are Rated As Insurance on World Peace.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Thirteen billion American diplomats—in reality thirteen billion American dollars—all spreading the gospel of good will on every continent, are America's surest good will asset, Lewis E. Pierson, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, declares in Collier's Weekly for Sept. 10.

"One of the great forces for the rebuilding of Europe since the war has been the American dollar, just as a few decades ago the pound sterling and the franc and the mark were potent constructive allies of the great empire builders in our own country, when they were laying the foundation of our own industrial structure," says Pierson.

Money Loaned Everywhere
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"We have lent money to electrical goods makers in Germany, iron and steel mongers in the Ruhr, cattle raisers in the Argentine and film producers in Portugal."

Helped Japan Rebuild
"American capital helped rebuild Japan after her earthquake and again helped steady her business last spring after it had been hit by a financial earthquake."

"Our dollars have helped develop nitrate plants in Chile, oil companies in Venezuela, coffee-growing in Brazil. We have even lent money to the Pope."

"We advanced millions to the Catholic hierarchy of Bavaria and millions to the Protestant church of Germany."

"Of course, all these nations we lend to together might defeat America if such a foolish adventure were ever started.
But it wouldn't be a cheap fight. We would all be terribly scratched

'Ouch Seat' Source of Unholy Glee for Cops

A COMMON wooden bench, charged with a current of electricity, provides members of the Indianapolis police department with a great deal of enjoyment every day.

A policeman sits at one end of the bench with the button controlling the electric switch under his foot. Other spectators sit around the bench and talk, waiting for their "prey."

Various methods are used to attract unsuspecting persons to sit down on the other end of the bench, although the fact that this is the only vacant seat around will lead many to sit down on the "dangerous" spot.

"Hey, Bob, come here a minute," some one calls to a policeman passing by. "Did you have an accident in your district this morning?"

"Nope, not in my district," the victim usually replies as he sits down. "Things were very quiet out there this morn— Hey! Ouch! Ouch! what the—?" he continues as he leaps from the bench amid the loud laughter of the spectators.

A leather covering hides the electric wires and plates and makes the seat more inviting.

Many persons who have been initiated go out and bring others along to the "treat." About an even dozen are "electrocuted" daily. Many forget and get a second and third charge in a day or so.

Nobody seems to know where the "electric chair" came from originally. It is believed to have been found in Military Park by a policeman a great many years ago, brought to police headquarters and rejuvenated by the auto mechanics back in the police barn.

and bruised when it was over. It would cost them three times as much in money and twenty times as much in devastation and destruction, to say nothing of lives, as the debts they had thus cancelled.

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"But it is foolish to talk of these loans breeding wars. They will breed peace because they will foster the one thing which is the greatest source of peace—intercourse and understanding between our people and the other peoples of the earth."

REPORT BANDIT DYING

Detectives at Bedside Seek Statement Before End Comes.
Alvin L. Price, 30, of Kokomo, Ind., shot Monday after he and another bandit wounded Henry Weidner in the attempted hold-up of Weidner's barbecue at Pendleton Pike and Emerson Ave., was reported dying at city hospital today.

Two detectives were sent to his bedside at once to attempt to obtain a statement before his death.

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FOUR PERSONS MISSING

Youth Runs Away to Kentucky. Mother Tells Police.
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Henry Stearns, 81, wandered away from the sanitarium at 3547 E. Washington St., and Leopa McFadden, 30, from the Central Hospital for Insane.

Addie Crissles, 15, Negro, ran away from her home 1214 E. Twenty-Third St., police were told.

RIVER SURVEY ASKED

South Bend Isak Waltons Want St. Joseph Stream Inspection.
South Bend's Isak Walton League of 1,000 members has requested the State Health Department to make a sanitary survey of the St. Joseph river, running through northern Indiana.

A preliminary survey will be made soon, but a complete inspection can not be made before next spring, Dr. William F. King, secretary, said.

OPPOSE PLAN TO SPLIT CHINA

Government Frowns Upon Bingham Proposal.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Reported proposal of Senator Hiram Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, following his return from China, that the United States call a conference of native factions to set up regional Chinese Governments, is opposed by the administration here.

President Coolidge has no intention of changing the traditional American policy favoring a unified China, the United Press has learned.

Opposition to direct and indirect efforts to partition China, which might operate to the advantage of predatory foreign interests, was described as the most vital part of this Government's far eastern policy.

Under the Washington conference treaty this Government and other powers are pledged not to aid movements to divide China and not to intervene for one native faction against another, it was pointed out.

Rules on Weapon Law

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., Sept. 2.—Firearms carried without concealment in an automobile is not a violation of the Indiana statute relating to weapons in motor vehicles, City Judge C. E. Greenlee ruled in a case here.

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BURNS MAY KILL BABY

Father Also Injured When Auto Becomes Ignited at Rockville.

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 2.—

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller of near Dellmore, is expected to die of burns at a hospital here and the father is suffering from serious injuries of the same nature as the result of a fire in the family automobile. Mrs. Keller was slightly burned.

The tank of the car, being filled with gasoline at Rockville, became ignited from the exhaust, and Keller leaped out with his clothing aflame. Mrs. Keller jumped from the car with the baby. Filling station employees tore off Keller's clothes, but not before he suffered deep burns.

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