

## BUMPS, BRUISES ARE SOUVENIRS OF CONVENTION

Hot Blood of Dixie Is at Boiling Point: Battles Are Result.

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HOUSTON, Tex., June 28.—Several battered heads, bruised arms and mashed toes—and a woman's dishevelled hat—bore witness today to one of the "fightingest" Democratic convention in history, and the party has a long history.

Hot Southern blood stood responsible for a series of fights in five Southern State delegations in convention hall, all precipitated by varying sentiment over Governor Alfred E. Smith.

But since there was no actual blood spilled, and the fight was confined to the Solid South, which always goes Democratic, there probably will be no lasting ill effects on the party.

The day of fighting came to a climax last night during the Smith demonstration, when Mississippians got so mad at each other that they got mixed up in two real scraps, and one mere scuffle, which was over.

All Southern Fights

Delegates from North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, who had fought it out in the day's first session, were too tired to mix it up again, and merely looked on.

The fight was a strictly Southern fight, without outside encouragement or interference. New Yorkers almost turned their eyes the other way, though they were right behind the Mississippi delegation. They are very careful about keeping out of any fights here.

One policeman, whose head had been cracked by an irate North Carolina delegate during the first session's general engagements, stood at the front of the hall early last night and said hopefully:

"I hope there ain't any arguments here tonight."

Mississippi at War

About an hour later the first Mississippi fight began. This started during the Smith demonstration when a stout man, "Mike" Morrissey of Vicksburg, who was not a delegate, tried to shove the State standard into the noisy parade which was throwing the hall into an uproar.

He insisted to Senator Hubert Stephens of Mississippi that the banner should go in. Stephens insisted the delegation would vote for Senator Pat Harrison.

There were sharp words. Morrissey caught Stephens by the shoulders. Stephens is a cripple, but has a pair of strong arms. He choked his antagonist.

Policemen, who finally got through the crush, led Morrissey from the hall. Only a few minutes later several young alternates decided to take things in their own hands. Picking up the standard, assigned to the alternates, they started down the center aisle.

Challenge Marchers

F. C. Hathorne of Hattiesburg, Miss., a delegate and his wife, joined by others, challenged this show of sentiment, and a free-for-all began over possession of the standard.

Policemen finally got command of the situation, after Mrs. Hathorne had lost her hat. Other women, not so bold, shrieked during the encounter.

"I was a lady, I am a lady, and only Mississippi instructs me to vote differently. I'll be against Al Smith," she said.

These fights were quite noticeable, but they were only sideline encounters to the big show, the tremendous Smith demonstration, like private fights among the crowd at a football game. That demonstration was set off when Franklin D. Roosevelt concluded his nominating speech with the words:

"The happy warrior—Alfred E. Smith."

Smith "Riot" Starts

James A. Farley, New York boxing commissioner, sprang from his seat at this, seized the State standard, and marched down the hall. All over the hall other banners rose into the air. The grand march was on.

The band struck up "The Sidewalks of New York." Around and around the hilarious delegates pranced, laughing and shouting.

There was a movement toward the side box where Mrs. Smith sat, led by the Oklahoma City band, playing "We're For Al." Shouting delegates gathered here.

Delegates Kiss Mrs. Smith

Two enthusiastic delegates insisted on kissing Mrs. Smith. Smiling and happy, she shook hands with numbers of elated delegates.

Her son and daughter sat beside her, their faces shining with the wonder of it all.

Wisconsin produced the prize exhibit of the evening, sending through the hall a huge cardboard replica of the capitol at Washington, with the designation:

"Al Smith's new home."

FAVORS WATER MERGER

Commission Head Suggests Firms at Huntington Be United.

Purchase of the College Park Water Company by the Municipal Water Company of Huntington is urged by Frank T. Singleton, public service commission chairman as the solution to the present problem confronting both cities.

College Park was recently absorbed by Huntington, which has a municipally owned water works, while the former has a privately owned company.

Recently the absorbing city began installing water mains and the private owners objected as it would lower the valuation of their property. If no agreement for a purchase price can be reached, Singleton suggested the commission engineer will be permitted to make an appraisal.

## Mary Philbin Is Back on New Pathway to Fame



HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 28.—About five years ago a brand-new face appeared on the horizon of cinema fame. It was the face of Mary Philbin, who played one of the foremost roles in "The Merry-Go-Round."

Everybody hailed Mary as one of the coming screen stars. She was a sensation and she had the field to herself.

But this young actress, who came to the front so rapidly on the Universal lot, slipped backward again almost as fast. In Justice, the actress, it must be said, that she wasn't given an opportunity.

Now she is back on the road to fame, all due to the keen insight of D. W. Griffith. The famed producer, despite the opinion that she was only a demure "gah-gah" girl, decided last summer that she just fit a part which he desired to fill. She did.

After that came a still greater triumph in Victor Hugo's "The Man Who Laughed." And that's Mary's comeback, and she says she's back to stay.

## Girl in Boy's Garb, 'Bums' Way in Hunt for Parents

### Plight of Mary Johnson Is Learned Through Arrest of Friends

"She sure makes a good boy," veteran police officers commented on Wednesday when Miss Mary Ann Johnson, 21, appeared at police headquarters.

Miss Johnson "bunned" her way back to Indianapolis Wednesday after unsuccessful trips to Louisville and Vincennes, searching for her parents from whom she has been separated for fourteen years.

She is being cared for by Catholic Community Center officials today.

Left When a Child

Her parents separated when she was 7 years old. A Vincennes family gave her shelter at the request of a Catholic priest. Five years ago she came here to the home of the Sisters of Good Shepherd with whom she stayed there years.

A month ago she "bunned" her way to Louisville to seek her parents.

But she had no clew with which to trace them, other than that her father had only one arm.

Returning to Indianapolis she made a trip to Vincennes to learn that her foster mother is dead and that the Vincennes family had never adopted her as she had believed.

"Bums" as a Boy

She traveled to Evansville with two families, settling water heaters and obtained her boy's clothes from them and started back to Indianapolis.

"Every one along the way thought I was a boy. I did not tell them I wasn't," she said.

Two men who gave her a ride from within a short distance outside Indianapolis were taking her to the Salvation Army home here when they turned around in the middle of the block. Police Lieut. Patrick O'Connor stopped the machine and learned the third "boy" in the car was Miss Johnson.

War Debt Talk Delayed

PARIS, June 28.—"There is no need to discuss war debts until after the United States presidential election," said Henry Berenger, former ambassador to Washington, to the Senate Foreign Affairs Commission.

Youth, 18, Kills Self

CROWN POINT, Ind., June 28.—William Jones, 18, is dead here after being unconscious eighty-seven hours as a result of hanging himself with a clothes line at the home of his parents. As the youth never regained consciousness, he was unable to give a motive for the act, and relatives assert they know of no reason for the suicide.

Four Picnics in July

Gatherings for Purdue Alumni and Other Former Students.

By Times Special

LAFAYETTE, Ind., June 28.—Four picnics will be held in as many sections of Indiana in the second week of July by Purdue University agricultural alumni and other former students.

The Southeastern Indiana picnic will be held at McCoy's lake, near Greensburg, July 10; the southwestern at Washington, July 11; the third here July 12, and the fourth at Leon Lake, Whitley County, July 13.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Norman Young, 615 Buchanan St., Chevrolet, at Plainfield, Ind.

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## BOY IS HURLED 100 FEET; AUTO PILOT ESCAPES

### Youth in Critical Condition After Accident; Car Hit by Trolley.

2: Hugh Robert, 6 weeks old, and Hurled more than 100 feet by an automobile driven at high speed late Wednesday night, Russell Meyers, 16, of 23 S. Belleview Pl., was injured critically. His condition in city hospital was no better this morning. He had started across Addison and W. Washington Sts. on his way home, when hit.

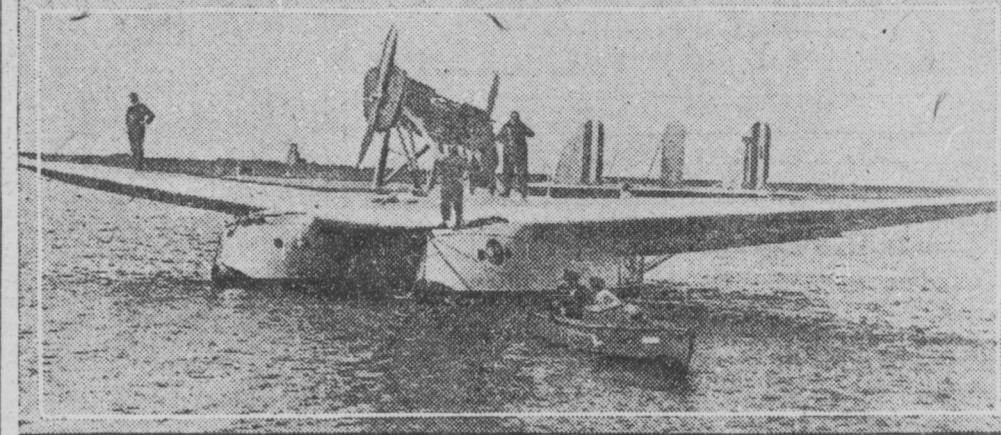
The driver did not slacken speed after hitting the youth. Harry Davis, 70 N. Addison St., and Willard Steman, 2607 W. Washington St., were walking immediately behind Meyers. They described the car.

Compound leg fractures and internal injuries were causing Meyers much pain.

Because Motorman F. J. Gibson, 30, of 215 N. Blackford St., drove through a stop sign, the evening ride of the Thompson family, 611 N. Denny St., ended early last night when the automobile she rode in was demolished by an E. Washington street car at Rural and E. Washington Sts., according to police.

The Thompsons, Mrs. Carl, 21;

## This Seaplane Took Aid to Nobile



Gen. Umberto Nobile and five of his men who are marooned on an arctic ice floe probably owe their lives to this twin-motored seaplane. The Italian craft Savoia 55 twice has been piloted over Nobile's position by Majors Maddalena and Penzo. There was not enough open water for a landing, but supplies were dropped by parachute.

### PREDICTS CHURCH UNITY

#### Speaker Addresses 2,000 Persons of Three Churches at Riverside.

The Rev. J. A. Hanning, pastor of Union Congregational Church,

Two thousand persons, representing three denominations, attended the first annual summer festival sponsored by churches in the Riverside Park district Wednesday night at Burdick Pkwy. and Harding St.

The site was decorated gaily and

two bands furnished music. Congregations attended from the River-

side M. E. Church, the Temple Baptist Church and the Union Congregational Church.

The Rev. J. A. Hanning, pastor of Union Congregational Church,

said Protestants are coming closer together and that "possibly in our own time the union of all Protestant churches into one, to be known as the United Christian Church of America, will become a reality."

"In any event," he said, "the churches will unite" eventually as they have in Canada.

## PLANES TESTED FOR HOP OFF OF LONG AIR TOUR

Balloons Also at Detroit Field; German Gliders Not to "Stunt."

By United Press  
DETROIT, June 28.—Twenty of the twenty-six airplanes entered in the national air tour were on the ground at Ford Airport today, prepared for final trials before starting Saturday on their 6,300-mile journey.

The remainder of the entrants are on their way to Detroit and will be here for trials tomorrow.

George Hademan, copilot with Eddie Stinson on his record endurance flight, will fly the second Bellanca plane in the tour for the Ford reliability trophy. William S. Brock, who barely failed in his attempt for the world flight, will pilot the other Bellanca.

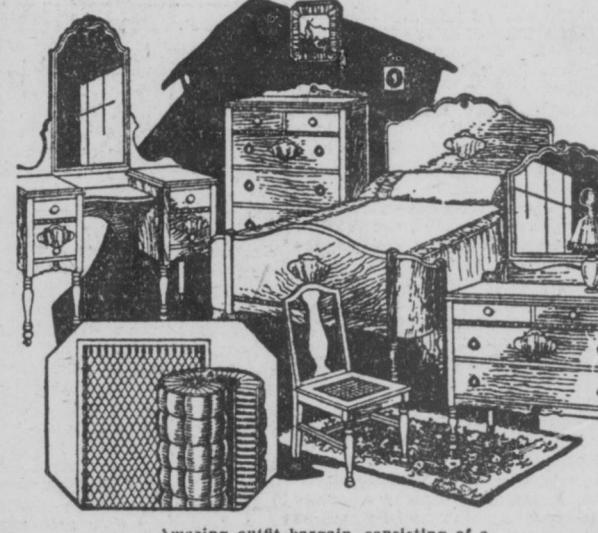
With the exception of Denmark and Italy, all of the thirteen balloon crews entered in the Gordon Bennett international races are here today. The balloonists will take off late Saturday afternoon as the last feature of the day.

The wrong type of gliders for use were shipped to the German pilots and they will be unable to demonstrate their sport.

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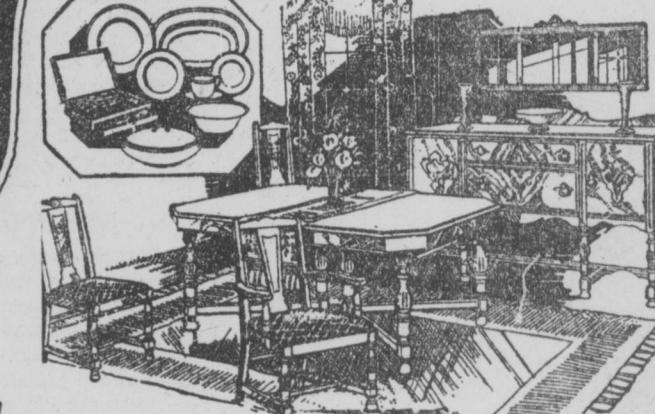
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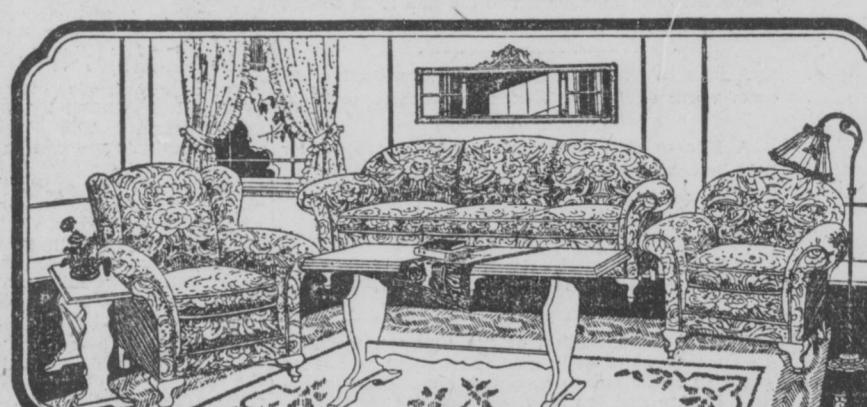
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