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## REED LEAVES FOR EAST TO MEET SMITH

Missouri Senator to Take Active Part in Drive for Votes.

DRY LAW BIG ISSUE

Party Leaders Assemble to Map Out Plan of Battle.

BY FOSTER EATON  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
ST. LOUIS, July 9.—A veteran campaigner, whose political motto reads "To the End of the Road," swung aboard a train here today bound for Albany, N. Y., to confer with the man who defeated him for the Democratic presidential nomination.

James A. Reed, senior United States Senator from Missouri, was in telephonic communication here Sunday with Governor Alfred E. Smith at Albany and accepted the party nominee's invitation to join this week's conference of leaders at New York.

"Now that the storm of battle is clearing away," Smith wrote in a letter of invitation to Reed, "I hope that I can prevail upon you to spend a night at Albany at the executive mansion and confer with me on the conduct and issues of the campaign in which we are all engaged together."

Will Take Active Part  
Reed is expected to take an active part in the campaign. Before the Houston convention he avoided commenting on the prohibition issue, stressing "official Republican rascality."

Since the Smith write to the convention after the nomination, however, Reed said "Prohibition now is injected definitely into the campaign and can not be avoided."

Recent activity of Reed here indicates he believes prohibition will be at least of equal importance with the "honesty in government" issue which featured his pre-convention campaign.

Last week he launched a campaign designed to solidify Missouri sentiment behind the United States senatorial campaign of James A. Collett, a life-long friend, in opposition to Charles M. Hay, dry Wilsonian Democrat and Reed's most bitter political enemy in Missouri.

Tariff Is Minimized  
In a statement issued exclusively to the United Press Saturday, Reed charged that efforts of the Republican national committee to submerge prohibition as an issue "smack more of political chicanery than of statesmanship."

He declined to say specifically what he felt was the most important issue in the campaign, but indicated that if he took the stump he would combine an attack upon prohibition with a plea to "turn the rascals out."

He minimized the importance of the tariff of the tariff as an issue.

Al Plans Campaign

BY PERCY B. SCOTT  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
ALBANY, N. Y., July 9.—Plans for the presidential campaign of Governor Alfred E. Smith begin this week.

Starting at the Capitol here today, the Governor is scheduled to confer with national leaders. These conferences will culminate in New York Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and then Smith will begin preparation of his acceptance speech.

The Governor is making himself ready for the two days he has been undergoing a physical examination at the hands of Dr. Raymond J. Sullivan of New York. The physician has informed Smith he is in excellent condition.

The appointment schedule of the Governor for the week is as follows: Today he meets Senator Joseph T. Robinson, his running mate, and Jesse Jones of Texas, chairman of the finance committee of the national Democratic committee.

Wednesday he will meet the national committee in New York, and on the following two days he will confer with leaders and committeemen who car to see him.

There was just one official announcement coming from Smith early today. That was that the date for official notification of his nomination would not be announced until after it had been submitted to the national committee in New York Wednesday.

## Wife Admits She Fired Home Awarded to Mate

ANGRY because the Dearborn Circuit Court awarded their Lawrenceburg home to their former husband, Emil Schonegg, when they were divorced, Mrs. Frank Wilson, 49, set fire to the house early on July 5, she has admitted in a signed confession to George E. Coogan, deputy State fire marshal.

Four days after she was divorced on June 26 Mrs. Schonegg married Frank Wilson, who had boarded with her and

her husband for thirty-two years.

She pleaded guilty in court to setting fire to the \$2,500 home, which was saved when the fire was discovered.

Her new husband pleaded not guilty, but her daughter, Mrs. Elenora Dell, and sons, Eddie and Leroy Schonegg, also have signed confessions.

Mrs. Dell helped her mother place the kerosene-soaked paper in the basement, with which the fire was started, the deputy marshal said.

## THROAT ILLNESS WAVE KILLS 9 PLAN TO NOTIFY HOOVER AUG. 11

450 of 4,000 Affected by Epidemic.

By United Press  
LEE, Mass., July 9.—The death toll from Lee's epidemic of septic sore throats had increased to nine today, with about 450 of the town's residents reported ill.

State and local authorities redoubled their efforts to check the disease, which is spreading with alarming rapidity. Church and theaters have been closed indefinitely.

Four doctors have arrived from Pittsfield and twelve nurses from that city, Holyoke, Springfield and Great Barrington.

Belief that the epidemic would reach its peak tomorrow was expressed by Dr. Leland M. French, district health officer.

The disease has been traced to the milk supply, and health officials have ordered all milk pasteurized.

Six persons died Saturday and three more yesterday. Those who died Sunday were Mrs. Ruth Miller, 29, mother of three children; James Bossidy, 70, and Dr. John Bossidy, a throat specialist, who contracted duty in connection with the disease while doing emergency epidemic.

SUICIDE VICTIM'S BODY FOUND ON CITY DUMP

Charles B. Wilson Leaves Notes to Mother and Daughter

The body of Charles B. Wilson, 48, of 434 S. Rural St., was found today on the bank of a dump at Southeastern Ave. and Rural St., in the rear of School 21.

Wilson, a partner in the Empire Hat Company, Inc., 42½ W. Maryland St., committed suicide, police said. An acid bottle was found twenty feet from the body.

A note to his mother found in Wilson's pocket declared he was "double-crossed" in a business deal. Another note bade his daughter, Charlotte, 10, farewell, saying he was feeling queer and thought he was going to die.

His wife, Mrs. Mamie Wilson, came to the scene while police were there and collapsed when she saw her husband's body. She and Wilson left his home about 4 p. m. Saturday, she said. She had been having business troubles.

IMPROVE PENNSY TRACK

\$1,000,000 to Be Spent for Illinois Improvements.

As part of the project to double track the entire main line between St. Louis and Indianapolis, the Pennsylvania railroad has authorized expenditures of \$1,000,000 for three miles of track and eliminating two reverse curves near Griffith and Adenmoor, Ill.

The three-mile stretch will cost an average of \$63 a foot. Approximately half of the \$1,000,000 appropriation will be used for grading and one-quarter of the sum for bridge work.

The line from Indianapolis to St. Louis has 230.11 miles of first track and 107.13 miles of second track in operation.

FAIL TO END STRIKE

New Bedford's Mills Reopened But Workers Refuse to Return.

By United Press  
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., July 9.—New Bedford's cotton manufacturers failed today in their attempt to end the twelve-week-old textile strike affecting more than 25,000 operatives.

The twenty-six mills closed by the walkout were reopened, but not one of the strikers accepted the operators' invitation to return to work under the 10 per cent wage cut plan which caused the strike.

Secretary to Leave Capital for West July 14.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, July 9.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover will accept the Republican nomination for President at Stanford University, California, on Aug. 11, it was announced today at his office.

Senator Curtis, the vice presidential nominee, will make his acceptance speech at Topeka, Kas., a few days later.

The date for Hoover's acceptance was announced after a conference with Curtis, who returned to Washington today from a short vacation in New England.

Hoover plans to leave Washington Saturday evening to confer with President Coolidge at the summer White House at Brule, Wis., the Commerce Department statement said.

GIVE ROAD CONTRACTS

County Commissioners Let Work on Three Projects.

Contracts for the construction of two gravel and one concrete road were awarded today by county commissioners. Fifteen bids were received on the three projects, the low bidder getting the job in each case.

Successful bidders were: John E. McCray, the W. P. Holmes Rd., Wayne Township, on Oliver Ave., between Holt Rd. and Roena St., \$4,236.84, engineer's estimate, \$5,105.98; American Construction Company, the Grover C. Ewing Rd., Lawrence Township, extension of E. Seventy-fifth St. to Sargent Rd., \$6,260.67, engineer's estimate, \$7,973; and William D. Vogel, the John C. Lanford Rd., Forty-sixth St. between Keystone Ave. and Allisonville Rd., concrete, \$9,132.16, engineer's estimate, \$10,233.

HOLD GUNMAN SUSPECT

Man Believed to Have Wounded Detective Held for Auto Theft.

Detectives today placed vehicle taking and assault and battery charges against Ray Caldwell, 32, of 219 Bolton St.

Caldwell, who charge, was the man who wounded Detective Charles Russell in the hand in a gun battle the night of May 28, when Russell and Detective Robert Taylor were watching a stolen automobile parked in a garage in the rear of 1456 Central Ave.

Caldwell was arrested Sunday night at his home by Detectives Stone and Becker. Another man with him at the time of the shooting is being sought.

CITY CHIEFS IN OUTING

Worley and Slack Are Guests of Cab Firm Owner at Resort.

Mayor L. Ert Slack and Police Chief Claude M. Worley today returned from a week-end trip to Lake Wawasee.

The city officials and their wives and Dr. L. R. Clark were guests of Mike Moroney, Yellow Cab Company owner, who has a cottage at the resort.

They formed a foursome on the links of the Wawasee Hotel and Country Club Saturday and engaged in water sports Sunday.

BRIBERY TRIAL JULY 24

Martin Frankfort Case Set in Criminal Court.

Trial of Martin Frankfort, local real estate dealer, who faces bribery charges in connection with the city council scandals of last week, was set today for July 24, in Criminal Court upon agreement of attorneys. Should the court docket be cleared before that date the trial will be held earlier, it was agreed.

## \$600,000 JAM OVER SCHOOLS TO BE BROKEN

\$20,000 Loan Authorized for Drawing Up Plans to Clear Congestion.

WORK WILL BE RUSHED

Expansion to Be Provided at Three Buildings, With One New Structure.

An end to the delay in enlarging three crowded public grade schools and constructing a new school building at Bellefontaine and Sixty-Second Sts., appeared today when the State tax board approved plans for a \$20,000 temporary loan from the Shortridge high school bond fund for drawing up plans and meeting other expenses incidental to launching the project.

At the same time, the State board assured Alfred F. Walsman, business director, and William H. Book, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce civic affairs committee, that it would approve the proposed \$600,000 bond issue for the improvements and new building, if open and competitive bidding were specified on the heating and ventilating systems, Walsman said.

"I gave them that positive assurance," Walsman added.

Schools Are Crowded  
Walsman and Book explained the crowded condition of Schools No. 43, at Fortieth and Capitol Ave., No. 47, at Ray St. and Warren Ave., and No. 66, at Thirty-Eighth St. and Broadway.

The crowded condition of the schools was deplored by Mrs. Lillian Sedwick, member of the board of school commissioners, when the board met last Friday night.

Pupils were taught in corridors, principals' offices and basements, she said.

The temporary loan is for ninety days. Tuesday night, the school board will give formal approval to the procedure.

Plans Ready in 10 Days

It is expected plans will be ready in ten days so that bids may be asked. Delay in getting approval for the bond issue has so retarded the work that the improvements cannot be made ready for opening of school in September.

They should be completed by the start of the second semester, however, Walsman said.

School commissioners will receive bids Tuesday night on approximately 27,000 tons of coal for the city's eighty grade schools, six high schools and branch libraries.

At a special meeting, Wednesday, 11 a. m., bids will be received on installation of acoustical panels in the Shortridge High School library and auditorium.

## RAIL EXECUTIVE DIES

Howard Elliott Was Former New Haven President.

By United Press  
DENNIS, Mass., July 9.—Howard Elliott, 69, one of the Nation's most prominent railroad men, died last night. Death was from heart disease.

Elliott, former president and chairman of the board of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, began his career with the Burlington system when he was 20.

In 1913, after Elliott had been associated with several other railroads, he became president of the New Haven and continued in that office until 1917, when he was forced by illness to resign. He was a director of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

TAKES UP CITY DUTIES

Fred T. Gladden Begins Work in Public School Offices.

Fred T. Gladden, former assistant State superintendent of public instruction, today took up his duties in the offices of Indianapolis public schools.

Gladden will direct the expenditure of budget items and will be in charge of the districting of schools. Gladden's connection with the city schools began July 1, but his attendance at the National Education Association convention at Minneapolis, prevented his taking over his duties until today.

The rest of the story was told by the frightened girls. They gave police the license number of the car and detectives are tracing it.

One of the men had warned them: "We will make this another Hickman case unless you do as you are told," and again, "If you make any noise we will kill you."

They drove around all afternoon and evening in the hilly country thirty miles southwest of the city, avoiding towns and roads with heavy traffic. The men tried to get the girls to get out at a pump and drink water. The girls said they resisted successfully.

The men, becoming bolder, finally tried one last bit of force. One pushed Miss Jordan from the car and led her up the road. Miss Carden clung to the side of the car, screaming.

Two Girls Appear

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## Mother, at Death Point, Has True Vision of Girls' Peril as They Are Seized by Kidnapers

Daughters Are Back Home After Abduction; Story Matches 'Dream.'

SAVED ON RURAL ROAD

Captors Threaten 'Another Hickman Case' as They Drive Away.

A mother, from whom life fast is fading, stretched her arms toward heaven today and vowed that an invisible force had sent her a message that her daughter and another girl had been kidnapped by two men Sunday and that God had answered her anguished prayers that the girls be brought home unharmed.

Scientists who grope about the hinterland of the mind probably would explain the message as mental telepathy, growing out of the uncommonly strong bond of affection between the mother and the daughter. The girl has given up school and all the joys of youth to sit by her bedside and nurse her for eight long months.

But to the mother, Mrs. Cal Jordan, 1346 Deloss St., it was nothing but the hand of God.

"Nothing is impossible to God," said the pain-wracked mother. "I prayed and He listened and I have Clara back safely. Now I can die."

Girls to Movies

As a relief from the long hours of attendance at her mother's bedside, Clara Jordan, 15, was permitted to go to the movies Sunday afternoon.

Trula Carden, 15, her chum, was to go with her, and Trula's mother, Mrs. Fred Carden, 964 English Ave., came to sit with Mrs. Jordan while they were gone.

The girls started gaily away, the heavy burden of her mother's illness temporarily lifted from Clara's slight shoulders.

At Shelby St. and Hoyt Ave., two men in a coupe drove alongside and stopped. Telling the terrified children they would kill them if they screamed, the men leaped out and pushed them into the car, according to the girls.

Drive Into Country

One of the men made Clara sit on his lap in the rear seat while the other drove rapidly into the country. That was about 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

The mothers did not see their daughters again until 12:30 this morning, when a farmer brought them home with their stories of harrowing experience.

When darkness approached and the two girls had not returned, the two mothers became worried.

Suddenly, about 8 p. m., Mrs. Carden says, Mrs. Jordan, who is so weak she scarcely can raise her arms, lifted herself to a sitting posture and cried out that she had just seen a "vision that the girls were in danger."

She saw the girls struggling in a car with two men. She told of seeing Trula clinging to the side of the car as one of the men tried to drag her from it. She described Clara being led up the road by the other man.

Verify Mother's Story

The girls later verified that this was exactly what happened. Clara said that all the while she pleaded with the captors to let her go home to her dying mother and she was frantic because she feared the shock of her abduction would kill her parent.

"I do not know why I had the visions, but suddenly I saw Clara being led away into a woods by a man," said Mrs. Jordan today. "I saw Trula breaking away from the man who held her and running down the road to a farmhouse. And then suddenly I knew that they were safe."

"I prayed that God would take care of them. I cried out to him to save my baby for me, to send her home to me safely. He knows that I soon am to die."

"He can not give me health and so I asked him, knowing that it may be the last request I take care of my baby and Trula. That is how it happened, because I have faith and because I could not live longer without Clara."

Warned of Hickman Case

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Trula Carden (right) and Clara Jordan (left), both 15, were kidnapped Sunday and Mrs. Jordan saw visions of the attempted attack on them just as it occurred.

## JURY SWORN IN ATTACK TRIAL

Alleged 'Gas Hawk' Evidence Starts Today.

A Criminal Court jury to try Joseph Alstalt, 18, of 552 Highland Ave., the first of several alleged "gas hawks" to face trial for attacks on Indianapolis school girls, was sworn in today, and evidence was to start this afternoon.

The crime is punishable by life imprisonment, since the victim was under 12.

Alstalt is charged, with two other boys, both fugitives, with luring an 11-year-old girl into their automobile May 8, driving to a secluded spot in the southeast part of the city, and attacking her.

Prosecutor William H. Remy and Chief Deputy Judson L. Stark are handling the prosecution, while Alstalt is represented by Bess Robbins.

Miss Robbins in her opening statement said she will prove Alstalt had nothing to do with the attack. She blamed the two fugitives.

Stark made the opening statement for the State, branding the numerous abductions of young girls as deplorable. He said Alstalt was sentenced to serve a term for larceny when he was 17.

His father, Harry Fogelson, R. R. 2, Morgantown. A short time later the men drove up in front of the Fogelson home, put Miss Jordan out, and tossed a dollar bill, yelling that it was for "carefare back home." Then the men fled.

Describe Abductors

Fogelson borrowed a car from a neighbor and took the girls home early this morning.

The girls described their abductors as:

One, called "Whitey," about 30 years old, slightly bald, weighing about 170 pounds, about five feet seven inches tall, and wearing a dark suit and black shoes.

The other, about 26 years old, wearing a light suit with a dark pin stripe.

Aroused by the kidnapping, Police Chief Claude M. Worley, ordered patrolmen to increase their efforts in rounding up "gas hawks."

In the bulletin given all officers, he asked that youths cruising about in automobiles and flirting with girls on the streets be brought to the station at once and no excuses accepted.

VETERAN ACTOR DEAD

Joseph J. Dowling Played Title Role in "Miracle Man."

By United Press  
LOS ANGELES, July 9.—Joseph J. Dowling, 80, for more than 50 years a trouper and stage star, died at his home here Sunday after an illness of two years.

Dowling appeared in hundreds of pictures. Among the outstanding ones was "The Miracle Man," in which he played the title role.

The widow and a son, Joseph J. Dowling, Jr., Mount Clemens, Mich., survive.

Stick Pierces Tongue

By Times Special  
BICKNELL, Ind., July 9.—A sharpened stick hurled at play by the 5-year-old son of Lave Sprinkle struck the father in the mouth, piercing his tongue.

WIFE WITH 'TOO MUCH TIME' BRINGS DEATH TO HER FLAME

By United Press  
DENVER, July 9.—Alpheus E. Dickson, 31, wealthy theater owner, and his pretty titian-haired wife, Zella, 27, were in jail here today and Herbert Hadley (Pete) Powell, 19-year-old truck driver, was dead, because Mrs. Dickson had "too much time on her hands."

Powell was shot to death in the Dickson home early yesterday morning when the theater owner returned home and found the pair together.

"I was lonesome," said Mrs. Dickson. "My husband was away from home most of the time. I had too much time on my hands and you know that means nothing but mischief. I kept up a little flirtation with Powell just to amuse myself."

"There was nothing wrong in it. We used to go riding, but that was all."

## WHEAT CROP ON WAY TO MARKET

Trainloads Arriving Hourly at Kansas City.

By United Press  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 9.—The handling of the Kansas wheat crop on the Kansas City market began today.

Trainloads of wheat arrived hourly at railroad terminals. Buyers dumped the grain into storage elevators or sent it on to new destinations on reassignments.

Railroads have rushed all available cars into the wheat country, expecting the peak of the movement to arrive about the middle of the week with a daily average of about 2,000 cars.

Cars from eastern roads are being routed to this section to aid the movement of the grain.

Concentration points are at Hutchinson, Great Bend, Wellington, Clay Center, Salina and Dodge City. Those cities, which have good milling and elevator facilities, are used as temporary storage places where grain is unloaded, weighed and inspected. Unloading at concentration points enables the railroads to send their wheat cars back into service.

It is estimated 135,000 bushels will be brought to the Kansas City market.

HARD DAY FOR TOUR

Planes to Fly From San Antonio to El Paso.

By United Press  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 9.—Facing what they expect will be the hardest day of flying in their trip, pilots of the national air tour prepared to hop off today for Maria and El Paso, Texas.

In preparation for possible emergency landings in the rough lands of southern Texas, pilots of the tour met Sunday night with Army officers to discuss signals.

Officials are expecting no serious difficulty, however, as they believe their planes are capable of overcoming the hazards of high altitudes and excessive heat.

The planes were expected to halt at Marfa, 350 miles from here, until 3 p. m., when they would start the 150-mile jump to El Paso.

SMITH LEADS IN TALLY

Substantially Ahead of Hoover in Chicago Straw Vote.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, July 9.—Governor Alfred E. Smith is leading Herbert Hoover 3,649 to 2,885 in a straw vote being taken by a Chicago newspaper. In nineteen theaters on the Democratic West Side of the city, Smith polled three votes to Hoover's two. Norman M. Thomas, socialist candidate, received only 2.21 per cent of the votes cast.

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## EAST WITHERS AS RAINS END MID-WEST HEAT

Whole Atlantic Seaboard Is Sweltering in Season's First Torrid Wave.

DEATH TOLL IS HEAVY

Twenty-Nine Lives Are Taken in Chicago; Jam Beaches for Relief.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, July 9.—The whole Eastern half of the United States was sweltering today.

Thunder showers and hail broke the heat wave in the Midwest during the night, but from the Atlantic seaboard inland as far as Ohio temperatures remained high.

Twenty-nine deaths, including ten drownings, were attributed to heat over the week end at Chicago.

Attendance records at Chicago beaches were shattered Sunday. More than 200,000 persons sought relief from the heat. The mercury rose to 95.

Fire plugs were opened throughout the city to flood pavements. Highways leading from the city were jammed as 500,000 picnickers sought shaded spots in the country.

East Is Steaming

The first oppressive heat wave of the year lay like a steaming blanket over the Eastern coast today.

The weather bureau predicted that the temperature, which reached a seasonal high of 91 degrees in New York Sunday, would be reduced to night by thundershowers. The mercury was climbing rapidly at midday and threatened to reach 93 or 94.

New York morgues held the bodies of twelve persons who had met death in the metropolitan area Sunday while seeking relief from the sun's rays. Three died of heat prostration and twelve by drowning.

At Coney Island, which experienced one of the largest crowds in its history, bathers stood shoulder to shoulder in the surf. The crowd was so dense that swimming was impossible.