

LABOR NEUTRAL TO AVOID SPLIT OVER CAMPAIGN

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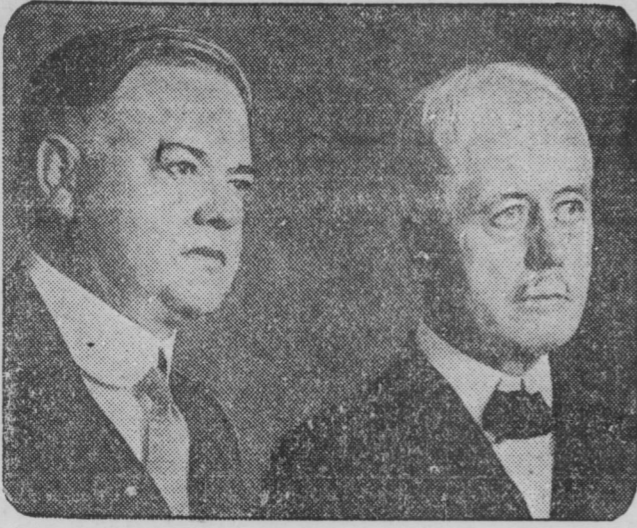
By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Picture two strange and normally pug-nacious bulldogs circling around each other and maintaining strict neutrality because they are uncertain where a fight once started would end, and you will have an idea of the brand of neutrality which dominates the leading United States labor organizations in the present campaign, according to labor leaders here.

While the leaders of both the American Federation of Labor and the railway brotherhoods have placed their organizations in the neutral column during the present campaign, it is asserted that it is the very absence of neutrality in their ranks that makes this necessary.

They are split into Smith and Hoover camps from top to bottom, and leaders here assert that an organization indorsement of either of these candidates by national organizations would precipitate serious internal rows.

"The national labor organizations are divided in the campaign along exactly the same lines as voters generally," one of the prominent leaders in the neutrality movement said today, "and an indorsement of either candidate by these organizations easily might result in disastrous warfare within their ranks."

Hoover Greets Successor



Herbert Hoover, resigning to make the race for President, is pictured here, left, with his successor to the post of Secretary of Commerce, William Whiting of Holyoke, Mass. Whiting will serve until the new administration takes office in 1929.

"It is not lack of interest that is keeping so many labor organizations on the fence in this campaign," he said. "It's rather too much in-terest."

Some leaders of the "neutral" labor organizations already have expressed their personal preferences in the presidential campaign, and more are expected to do so as the campaign advances. David Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, has announced that he personally favors Hoover, as has William N. Doak, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Train-men.

President William Green of the equally "neutral" American Federation of Labor just has indicated marked personal sympathy with

those who intend to vote for Al Smith in a speech before the New York Federation of Labor at Rochester.

GUM WAD STARTS SUIT
\$155,000 Asked; Mother Catches Heel and Falls.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 31.—Three suits, totaling \$155,000, were filed in Federal Court here recently, because of a wad of gum. Mrs. Myrtle Booth, her husband and a baby daughter seek damages, because Mrs. Booth fell down the stairs when her heel caught in chewing gum on the stair-tread of a Youngstown, Ohio dime store.

BAN PARIS TAXI HORNS AT NIGHT AS HEALTH AID

Nervous Diseases Linked to
Nocturnal Noises by
Scientists.

By NEA Service
PARIS, Aug. 31.—The latest bat-tle of Paris is a battle against the noises of the night.

M. Jean Chlappe, prefect of police, has taken the first official action to put the soft pedal on Paris nights. He has given orders that drivers of taxicabs and other automobiles must slow down at street crossings between the hours of 1 and 5 in the morning, instead of dashing at illegal speed across intersections of streets tooting their horns.

Paris by night has become almost as noisy as Paris by day because of the blasts of automobile horns. M. Chlappe has instructed his men that a howling horn indicates excessive speed and that they should take stern measures.

The action of the prefect of police followed an investigation by scientists who were called upon to deal with the situation that is depriving Parisians of sleep by night and sweet dispositions by day. It has been discovered that those so afflicted are suffering from somnifugousness, or the state of having sleep driven away. In their behalf the anapausists are rallying.

This resurrection of obsolete terms indicates the seriousness of the situation which, the scientists say, prevails in London, New York

and other large cities just as it does in Paris. Dr. Berillon, distinguished neurologist, says that the problem is of the highest importance because it affects the health of all of us.

"When his work is done a human being needs rest and quiet," he said. "This he does not get in Paris now, chiefly because of the countless automobile horns. These auto horns keep up an infernal racket all during the day and night."

"Nocturnal noises unquestionably are a source of nervous disease. The study of their cure is an old one known as anapausie. The study of anapausie is the study of repose. It endeavors to produce the necessary relaxation for muscles and nerves. It has found that constant excitation of the organs of hearing by noise amounts to nothing more or less than persecution."

"All men are prey to it. Once in a while you come across a man who could sleep in the midst of noise. Napoleon apparently was one of these. But they are not many."

1,200 Youths Report for Army
ROME, Aug. 31.—Out of 1,300 youths called for military service this year only thirty-four failed to report. And several of the absentees had been excused from duty.

U. S. NAMES IN GERMANY

Families Barred From Emigrating
Gave Towns American Titles.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Fifty miles east of this city are a number of villages bearing names which are decidedly pro-American. They were settled during the reign of Frederick

the Great, by families who were prevented from going to the new world.

As compensation they were permitted to name the settlements after their intended destination; thus the villages bear such names as America, New York, Pennsylvania, Hampshire, Quebec, Florida and Jamaica.

London Talks to Java
LONDON, Aug. 31.—A telephone conversation from London to Java was successfully made recently by L. S. Amery, secretary of the Dominions and his under secretary, Maj. W. Ormsby-Gore. The distance between the two points is 7,000 miles.

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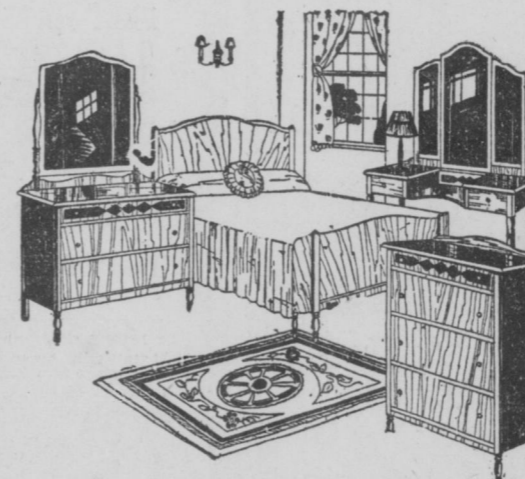
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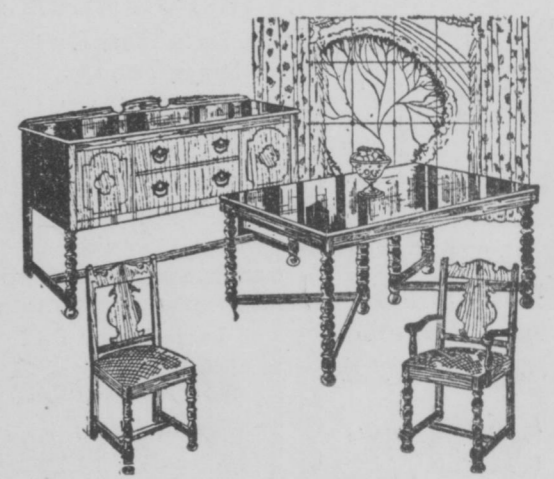
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