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SMITH INSISTS STAIN OF OIL IS ON HOOVER

Calls on G. O. P. Candidate to Repudiate Acts of Harding Regime.

SCANDAL STALKS AGAIN

New Yorker Assails Party in Power in Helena Address.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES
United Press Staff Correspondent
HELENA, Mont., Sept. 25.—Governor Alfred E. Smith will turn back toward the East today, leaving State political leaders to follow up the missionary work of his personal appearances extending from Oklahoma northward through the western corn and wheat belt.

He closed this phase of his campaign with a revival of Teapot Dome oil lease scandal upon which John W. Davis built his campaign in 1924, by vigorously denouncing the Republican Administration in his speech here last night. He repudiated Herbert Hoover to repudiate this and other transactions, which he called "as cold-blooded and as deliberate a fraud against the people of the United States as could possibly be recorded in history."

The Democratic candidate leaves Helena at 11 o'clock today on a two-day journey across Montana and North Dakota to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Speaks at St. Paul

He is expected to devote his speech at St. Paul Thursday night to a discussion of inland waterways and the St. Lawrence Great Lakes waterway.

The New York Governor has visited this territory for the last time in this campaign. His chief memory as he leaves is a series of enthusiastic receptions, some closed with the old-time political atmosphere of red fire. He has met the issues here, openly—farm relief, water power and the "whispering campaign" against him on account of his record.

Smith has revealed the tactics of his campaign. He will turn his fire upon Hoover repeatedly from now till November, in an effort to draw out the Republican candidate.

There was evidence of Ku-Klux Klan hostility here last night, when a fiery cross was burned on Mount Helena, overlooking the city.

Smith made the greatest hit in his speech last night when he closed his recital of the Teapot Dome case and a denunciation of the Republican administration of the last seven years with a reference to the Republican vice presidential candidate, Senator Curtis.

Raps at Curtis

"According to the papers this morning," he said, "the vice presidential candidate lost his voice yesterday. If he was talking against the Democratic party with that kind of a record he would have lost it a week ago."

Smith turned his fire upon Herbert Hoover for failing to condemn as a member of the cabinet, the "scandals" of the Harding administration.

Calling upon the Republican presidential candidate to repudiate the "scandals" now, the Democratic candidate said Hoover can not pass this challenge to the Republican national committee, but must meet it himself.

The Republican administration of which Hoover was a member must bear responsibility for the Teapot Dome and Elk Hills naval oil reserve transactions, the administration of the veterans' bureau by Charles R. Forbes and of the alien property custodian's office by Thomas W. Miller as well as the attorney general, Smith declared.

Assails Hoover Stand

He took for his subject "party responsibility," and took a "text," in his campaign manner long known to New York, from Hoover's recent speech to a delegation of Maryland young men, in which the Republican candidate said a new generation must begin to take over party responsibility.

Hoover also lauded in this speech the Republican party as being all-party.

"Nobody will deny that Mr. Hoover sat in the Cabinet for seven and a half years, yet I search in vain for any word from him of protest, of condemnation or of repudiation of this black chapter in his party's history," said Smith. "On the contrary, in the face of that record, in his speech of acceptance he said:

"The record of these seven and a half years constitutes a period of rare courage and leadership and constructive action. Never has a political party been able to look back upon a similar period with more satisfaction."

TAX HEARING OCT. 2

Protests to School Levies Will Be Considered.

State tax board members have set Oct. 2, as the tentative date for hearing remonstrances on tax levies of Indianapolis school city and Marion county, which were filed with County Auditor Harry Dunn by Harry Mels, secretary of the Indiana Taxpayers Association.

CLICK AND NO CLICK

Gun Fizzes; Lighter Doesn't

THIS is a story about a cigar lighter that worked—too well. As Roy Branth, 30, of 222 N. Davidson St., attempted to light a cigarette with his lighter early this morning, the flame ignited a can of lighter fluid and set fire to his motor car, parked in front of the court house.

He was burned slightly on the hands and arms and the fire department was called to extinguish the blaze.

The name of the lighter will be furnished on request.

INDIANS ARRIVE IN LAIR OF FOE, READY FOR WAR

SEEK TEXTILE PEACE

Hold Arbitration Meeting on New Bedford Strike Today.

By United Press
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Sept. 25.—Representatives of textile strikers and manufacturers will meet the State board of arbitration today in an effort to reach an amicable agreement.

Arbitrators are reported to favor a 5 per cent compromise, according to Horace A. Riviere of the United Textile Workers in a speech to a group of strikers.

REVEAL TAYLOR REVOKED WILL

Document Made in July Changed in August.

William S. Taylor, former Governor of Kentucky, who died Aug. 2, prepared a will and then revoked it a few days before his death, it was revealed today in Probate Court.

Municipal Judge Dan V. White, administrator of the estate, told Probate Judge Mahlon E. Bash. Taylor called him to his bedside the latter part of July and said he wanted a will prepared. White testified this was done, but later the document was found with revocation markings in Taylor's handwriting on the outside.

The Tribesmen embarked for Rochester Monday night and arrived in the eastern city today where they went through a snappy workout in the Red Wings' park.

With the team was Eddie Ash, veteran sports editor of The Times, who will cover the important series in top-notch style.

Ash is one of the most capable baseball scribes in the country and his accurate detailing of the game will be carried in The Times throughout the series.

In addition, The Times will have its huge scoreboard in operation in front of The Times building, where every strike, every ball and every play will be flashed to the waiting crowds as Ash shoots it over the wire.

The Times also will broadcast the series games through WFBM, the Indianapolis Power and Light Company station.

GIL RULES FAVORITE

Mexican Congress to Select President Today.

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 25.—Congress was ready to select a provisional president today to succeed President Calles when he retires on Dec. 1.

Emilio Portes Gil was expected to be named by a large majority.

Present plans called for Congress to act after 4 p. m. today. The first step was taken Monday when the congressional electoral commission certified the death of President-Elect Alvaro Obregon, who was assassinated in July.

HEAVY FROST ON WAY, WEATHER MAN WARNS

Heavy frost warnings were broadcast today by Weather Man J. H. Armington.

Although Indianapolis and the State enjoyed a respite from the cold last night and today, it is going to be chilly again tonight, Armington, he said.

A heavy frost, likely to be damaging to vegetation, will spread over the north and central portions of the State, he warned.

The temperature here will drop about 35 or 36, the low mark reached Sunday night. Flowers and garden crops should be covered to protect them from the frost, Armington advised.

The Indianapolis Power and Light Company turned on the steam in its heating system Monday afternoon.

JUST A LITTLE PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS WILL WIN FOR INDIANS

EVERY baseball fan loves a home run. It's music in his ears, that resounding crack of the ash on the hurtling horseshoe which means the old ball is going for a long, long ride.

The reason? It's easier to hit a home run in Indianapolis than it is to smack a circuit clout in Rochester.

THAT probably requires a little explaining, so gather closer and tune in on a lesson in

INDIANAPOLIS, TUESDAY, SEPT. 25, 1928

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EXTRA

TWO JURIES OPEN QUIZ OF CRIME RINGS

Federal Group Convened to Start Sifting Evidence of Auto Thefts.

COUNTY PROBE PRESSED

Victims of Clever Thieves Here to Throw Light on Deals.

BULLETIN

The Federal grand jury this afternoon returned an automobile theft indictment against Bertram Libowitz, brother of Harold Libowitz, who was burned fatally in the Traugott store fire. One other person said to be involved in the alleged interstate auto theft ring also was indicted. Libowitz is under arrest on an affidavit charging him with the same offense for which he was indicted.

Double-barreled investigation of the Indianapolis crime situation was on in earnest today.

The Federal grand jury, with decks cleared of routine matters, reconvened, to devote its entire attention to the interstate automobile theft ring, in which nine persons already are charged with complicity.

The Marion County grand jury was in the second day of its probe of the \$100,000 explosion which wrecked the Traugott clothing store, 215-17 W. Washington St., and the Em-Roe Sporting goods store, 211-23 W. Washington St., the night of Aug. 26.

Two Probes Linked

The two investigations dovetailed, since the investigators have crossed the trails of the same persons in both quizzes.

The Federal grand jury apparently was beginning at the base of the auto theft ring case, since officials who through altered records and other clews first uncovered the alleged ring were among those seen around the Federal Bldg.

Among them was State Policeman Charles Bridges, who has led in the recovery of twenty stolen high-priced cars in Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Louisville and Chicago. Two valuable stolen cars have been found burned.

Robert James, head of the filing room of the State automobile license bureau, and Ben Heaton and M. C. Powell, notaries attached to the bureau, were at the Federal Bldg.

Max Goldberg, who had one of the cars for a time, and Joseph Haller, Cleveland, Ohio, from whom a Packard sedan was stolen Aug. 17, 1927, were here.

It was disclosed today that a salesman from an agency for an express car had said that members of the theft ring for several months trailed him to prospects. After he had tried to sell the prospect the legitimate proposition, the theft ring conspirators would approach the "victim" and offer practically new cars at ridiculously low prices.

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