

HOOVERS HAVE WILD TRIP ON STORM-TOSSED POTOMAC

GALE LASHES CROWDED SHIP, SOAKS THROUG

Wind, Rain and Lightning Provide Thrills for President's Party.

HIGH SEAS POUND BOAT

Clothing Ruined, Executive and First Lady Jostled by Hundreds.

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WASHINGTON, April 27.—A choppy overnight return voyage in a small boat brought President Hoover to the close this morning of an exciting week-end experience with the elements up and down the Potomac.

From the time he left Washington Saturday in a stiff breeze, the chief executive found himself, his party, and his 100-foot inspection boat of the commerce department fighting wind, rain, lightning, and—for the Potomac river—heavy seas.

Half the time there was bright, warm sunshine, as on Sunday afternoon, when he disembarked from the Sequoia to celebrate the 324th anniversary of the landing of the cavaliers on the sand dune desert of Cape Henry, Va., 22 miles from Norfolk.

But the other half was worse than had been considered possible, like the climax of the trip, when a thunderstorm broke up the celebration as a clergymen was reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Hoovers Given Thrills

Neither the President nor Mrs. Hoover soon will forget that experience. It was possibly the most thrilling moment and trying time since they have been in the White House.

Eighteen hours they had journeyed down the Potomac in the cramped quarters of the Sequoia to help the Tidewater Association of Virginia Women commemorates the landing of the first permanent American colonists.

About 8,000 persons were crowded into the sands, well of a natural sand dune amphitheater at the tip of the capes. Mr. Hoover wore his silk hat and Mrs. Hoover a pretty new white-colored bonnet. Both were ruined in the downpour, which began five minutes after the ceremony started.

Prayer Is Halted

While Girl Scouts ran screaming for the cover of the stands and the President and first lady stood with the rain beating down upon them, not moving an inch. Even Bishop Thompson of the Episcopal church, the radio microphones in front of him, was forced to stop his prayer at this point: "Give us this day our daily bread."

Raincoats were thrown over the shoulders of the president and first lady and several persons tried to hold umbrellas above their heads, but this protection was fruitless against the whipping gusts of heavy rain.

The vicarious Girl Scouts were excited, but not frightened, and seemed to enjoy the rain more than did the dignitaries present. Their screams mingled with blasts of lightning, rumbling thunder, intonations of the minister and the swishing of the rain to create a tumultuous scene in which every one was scurrying and the President and Mrs. Hoover.

Caught in Crowd

Five minutes in the downpour compelled the executive to give up. As he stepped out of the stands on the return walk to a special train, the rain stopped. But when he reached the tracks, the rain started up again, heavier than before.

The President and Mrs. Hoover took refuge in a tea room, where they were marooned half an hour while hundreds of excited citizens, who never had seen a President, milled around him at arm's length. The train and a long-sought motor car arrived at the same time, and Mr. Hoover chose the motor for the ten-mile return trip to the Sequoia.

With a mocking smile the sun again burst from the clouds as he stepped aboard the yacht for a warm bath and a change of clothes. But the end was not yet. Squalls intermittently blew across the lower Potomac, and the work boat yacht danced to the tune of the deep. The squalls were not very severe, but they made traveling extremely uncomfortable.

10,000 MENACE REBELS

Portugal Government Takes Move to Prevent Revolt Spread.

LISBON, Portugal, April 24.—(Friday, delayed by censor)—The war office today issued a communiqué announcing that 10,000 men had been concentrated at various strategic places throughout Portugal, in an effort to maintain order and prevent the spread of rebellion. Other detachments totaling 2,000 men are to be dispatched to the Island of Madeira, where rebels continued to hold Funchal, the capital, defying the government.

HURTS HEAD IN FALL

Walter Curtis Injured in Tumble From Flaming Truck.

Falling from a truck after furniture on it had caught fire, Walter Curtis, 57, of 4403 Caroline avenue, suffered serious head injuries today. He was riding on the rear of the vehicle driven by his son, Carl Curtis, 315 East Fifteenth street. Cause of the fire was undetermined. Curtis was taken to city hospital.

Girl Is Shot to Death

YONKERS, N. Y., April 27.—An unidentified girl, about 20, pretty and auburn-haired, was found dead behind a low wall today. Police said she was shot while in an auto and her body thrown behind the wall.

Reconciled by Court Suit



RELATIVE WILL FACE QUIZ IN 'FARO MURDER'

Father-in-Law of Swindler Slain in South Bend Is 'Afraid to Talk.'

By United Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 27.—Mrs. Myrtle Tanner Blackridge, who resigned as collector of internal revenue at Chicago after the famous Springfield faro game in which she lost \$50,000 of Edward R. Litsinger's money, declared today she felt " vindicated," after proving to her own satisfaction that a man killed here was one of the trio who swindled her.

Leaving the home where she had been confined by influenza, Mrs. Blackridge came here Sunday, looked once at the body of George Perry in an undertaking parlor, and declared positively he was the "George Parker" who last Jan. 22 lured her into the card game which resulted in such notoriety that she was forced out of one of the most responsible political positions ever held by a woman in America.

Seek Other Plotters

"I feel like I now have a new lease on life," said Mrs. Blackridge in discussing Perry's death and charges made by Litsinger in January that he believed she had conspired with the gamblers to "rob" him of \$50,000 by making it appear she had "lost" to them the money he lent to her.

Convinced that Perry was the leader in the plot to fleece Mrs. Blackridge, and strong in their belief that Perry was killed because he beat his companion swindlers out of their share of the faro loot, police directed their efforts toward a search for the other two conspirators and to questioning of Perry's father-in-law, who himself has a record as a gambler.

The father-in-law, John Caniff, at whose garage door Perry was shot down in the dark last Friday night, was quoted as saying he hated Perry and that there were others, perhaps a dozen, who also hated him.

Others Thought Involved

Congressman B. J. Bolke said Caniff expressed an opinion that perhaps six or more persons might have directed Perry's death and that possibly he was not shot because of the faro game, but because of some other illegal transaction.

The other two men who police believed were involved in the faro swindle were known as Roy Browder, alias Burgess, and Roscoe Reynolds, alias Gilmore.

Police felt certain that if they found these men some light could be shed upon the Perry slaying, as well as upon the fleeing of Mrs. Blackridge.

Mrs. Blackridge personally questioned Caniff at length Sunday. She knew him years ago in Chicago when her husband ran a drug store there and Caniff was one of the customers.

She expressed to police a belief that Caniff had told Perry things about her and her late husband which Perry used in influencing her to play in the game at Springfield, with \$207,000 on paper, and then borrow \$50,000 in cash from Litsinger, only to lose it all.

Afraid to Talk

Police said Caniff denied he had any part in the faro plot. He admitted, they said, that he could "tell more" but was "afraid to."

Suspicion that Perry was "Parker" first was aroused by his widow, who told police he traveled extensively and had much money, but no job.

She had accused him, she said, of being "in" on the Springfield job, with the gamblers to "rob" him.

Expressing confidence that the death of Perry would open the way for a clearing up of the Springfield faro plot, and prove her positively a dupe and not a conspirator, Mrs. Blackridge hinted she probably would sue Litsinger for telling newspaper and officials in January that she believed she had plotted with the gamblers to "rob" him.

A belief that some of the Litsinger-Blackridge loot might be recovered was expressed by police Saturday by Superior Judge Joseph R. Williams provides.

The restraining order at least will remain in effect until May 8, when the town's governmental actions enter court again to iron out their prolonged, unsolved troubles.

Ford was to be impeached by Robert Stamm, self-styled dictator, and William Hubbs Sr., because, it is alleged, Ford cut down the pole supporting the town fire bell and turned off the town's lights at 11 p. m.

LIONS' PRIZES TO BOYS

Awards Are Made Despite Down-pour Washing Out Ball Game.

Despite rain which prevented 6,000 youths from seeing a free baseball game Saturday, they were awarded prizes for floats, bands and slogans, in the parade held under the auspices of the Lions club.

The awards were: Best band, Indiana Boys' school, of Plainfield; best drilled unit, Crispus Attucks high school; best float, a goat-drawn cart entered by the Carrollton Avenue Boys; best float by organized groups, Boy Scouts, troop No. 10; best slogan, Washington high school.

Wales, Brother Near Home

LISBON, Portugal, April 27.—The prince of Wales, and his brother, Prince George, proceeded to Bordeaux, France, on board the British cruiser Kent, early Sunday. They are returning to England after an extensive good will tour of South America.

Three years ago, the public service commission sitting in a similar case, granted wage increases, making the present scale for carmen from 40 to 45 cents an hour, graduated by service up to five years. A 5-cent extra hourly wage is paid to one-man-car and bus operators.

Plans are expected to be made for a series of noon meetings during which the details of the drive and solicitation methods will be discussed.

Taking Third Step

The petitioners, James Green and Harry Pearson, set out that their demands have been refused by the company officials and this is the third step as provided under the working agreement.

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FUND HEADS TO MEET

Groundwork for Jewish Drive Will Be Laid at Session.

Groundwork for the drive of the Jewish welfare fund, which is to start May 8, will be laid at the meeting tonight of the special gifts committee at the home of Joseph M. Bloch, 4163 Washington boulevard, chairman of the fund campaign.

Plans are expected to be made for a series of noon meetings during which the details of the drive and solicitation methods will be discussed.

Hunters to Use Bows

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Asks Graduated Scale

Today's petition asks a graduated scale from 60 to 65 cents for carmen and 7 cents extra for one-man operators. A 10 cent increase for shop and pit men also is requested.

Frozen Assets

CHICAGO, April 27.—It was not the depression, but a dilapidated, old-fashioned icebox that "froze" George Morrison's assets.

Morrison withdrew \$700 from his bank to pay taxes, took it to his rooming house, and hid it in the icebox.

A few days later he went for the money. The icebox was gone. His landlady had discarded it in favor of a new mechanical one.

Two policemen found Morrison's assets in a drain pipe, frozen stiff.

COUZENS URGES C. OF C. TO AIR WAGE SLASHING

Michigan Senator Demands 'Big Business' Make Clear Its Stand.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Senator James Couzens (Rep., Mich.) has acted to bring the question of wage reductions out into the open and has laid it right on the doorstep of big business. In an open letter Sunday the senator, himself a business veteran, challenged the United States Chamber of Commerce, meeting this week in Atlantic City, to go on record on this issue.

The challenge was based on a recent statement of Julius Barnes, chairman of the board of the chamber.

"Mr. Barnes, in a recent statement, stated there normally were about 45,000,000 persons employed receiving wages of approximately \$50,000,000 daily; that there were 5,000,000 out of work, with the 40,000,000 still employed, receiving over \$46,000,000, and therefore suggests that this \$40,000,000 is spread over the entire number of 45,000,000 usually employed."

Would Retard Recovery

"In other words, there is to be taken from those employed approximately \$5,000,000 daily to be distributed in wages for employment of those now unemployed," Couzens said.

"Does this not place the entire burden of unemployment on the wage earners, and relieve capital of any expense in taking care of the 5,000,000 unemployed?"

Such a policy, said Couzens, would retard, not advance, economic recovery, by causing a maladjustment of the distribution of the earnings of capital and labor.

Today's program included a visit to Wellesley college.

The prince and princess were to leave by train tonight for Montreal.

Because of the discovery of what

police interpreted as a plot against the lives of the couple last week, Police Superintendent Michael H. Crowley assigned forty plainclothes men to guard them.

WINDSTORM HURTS SIX

Concessions Stand Falls at Akron

Airport in Near-Cyclone.

By United Press

AKRON, O., April 27.—Six persons were recovering here today from injuries received late yesterday when a wind and sleet storm, sweeping through the municipal airport, crushed a concession stand near the field, including the giant navy dirigible Akron, was undamaged by the wind, which approached cyclonic velocity.

FISH SPURS LEGION TO HUNTING 'REDS'

Criticises 'Mild' Position Against Activities of Communists.

Chief Kinney Acts on Report Offered Frequent Beer Joint.

Charged with neglect of duty, Patrolmen Pearl Davis and Arthur Reeves were suspended today by Police Chief Jerry Kinney. According to Kinney, the officers had been frequenting a home-brew joint on the east side. Date of trials before the safety board has not been set.

FEAR FIVE DROWNED

Rescue Parties Search Bay by Air and Water.

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Rescue parties searched San Francisco bay by air and water today with only faint hope that five members of the younger social set, missing since their small boat capsized early Sunday, would be found alive.

Those missing were Gilbert Loken Jr. of Piedmont, 31, San Francisco stock broker, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Loken, 31; Carl E. Jefferson, Hubbard, 33, Piedmont, manager of an Oakland building and loan association.

Harbor officials expressed the belief that the boat was caught in the wake of a ferry boat or had been swamped by a wave. The sea was choppy when the five started out early Sunday morning from the Oakland Yacht Club, where they had been attending a dance.

Coal Found on Farms

EARL PARK, Ind., April 27.—Reports are current that several farmers living northeast of here have found coal on their land and steps may be taken to mine it.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD EXCURSIONS SATURDAY, MAY 2

\$6.75 Pittsburgh

ROUND TRIP

Lv. Indianapolis - 7:05 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Lv. Pittsburgh - 10:00 pm

\$5.00 St. Louis