

## HURLEY'S CLAIM OF 'MERCY' IN BONUS EVICTION RIDDLED BY EYE WITNESS STORIES

Scores Who Saw Veterans Driven From  
Camps Tell of Brutality on  
Part of Troopers.

### RED CHARGE FAILS TO STAND UP

Shacks Were Fired, Bystanders Struck by  
Military, Declare Washington  
Residents, in Protests.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Accuracy of Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley's formal charge that the bonus army evicted by federal troops consisted largely of civilian Communists rather than ex-soldiers, and that the evacuation was conducted with "unparalleled humanity and kindness," was challenged today by other officials and eyewitnesses.

Newspaper dispatches carried by press associations, Democratic and administration newspapers were cited in denial of Hurley's 2,000-word statement that the troops did not use violence or set fire to veterans' shacks.

Quoted testimony of residents of districts occupied by the bonusers was cited to disprove the cabinet member's assertion that the veterans had lied tribute and inspired fear in the people of the District of Columbia.

#### Try to Bolster Hoover

Hurley's defense was issued in an apparent effort to substantiate President Hoover's charge that the bonus marchers were mostly radicals. Hoover himself has sent a letter to a Boston American Legion post expressing doubt that half the bonus demonstrators had served in the army.

These specific charges were made by the two government officials responsible for the troop movement just as a federal grand jury resumed the investigation ordered by Hoover. Witnesses today were District of Columbia commissioners and four police inspectors.

It was the district commissioners who asked for troops against the advice of General Pelham D. Glassford, police chief. Justice Oscar Luhring has told the grand jury he hoped they would find that Communists were responsible for the riots.

#### Waters Denies Charges

While the campaign to "lie the red label" to the bonus men continued, all the men seized during and after the Thursday evictions was alleged Communists had been released.

Glassford, who was in direct contact with the bonus army for two months, is taking no part in the anti-red drive. He has said that comparatively few of the veterans were Communists.

Discussing Hurley's charge, Commander W. W. Waters of the bonus army said:

"Regarding the charge that we harbored radicals, I need only point to an order which warned members of the B. E. F. that they must cease manhandling radicals who crept into the ranks of the organization. Secretary Hurley says that one-third of the men were not veterans."

"Throughout the stay in Washington we compelled every man to produce indisputable evidence that he was an ex-soldier."

The statement that the troops did not set fire to the camps is ridiculous. Many men had no time to save their bedding, their clothing or any of their personal property."

#### Troops Fired Billes

In his statement praising the conduct of troops, Hurley said:

"The statements made to the effect that the billets of the marchers were fired by the troops is a falsehood. The billets were fired by retreating radicals."

Witnesses, including reporters who followed the advancing soldiers, say they saw Hurley's men and policemen setting fire to shacks in the occupied area.

On the second day foray, reporters followed the troopers closely. In one instance, infantrymen borrowed matches from newspaper correspondents. It was here the flames so endangered surrounding property and trees that firemen extinguished the fire.

"The duty of restoring law and order was performed with directness, with effectiveness, and with unparalleled humanity and kindness," said Hurley.

#### Struck With Sword

Newspaper dispatches and eyewitnesses' stories do not bear out this statement. Men and women were ridden down by cavalry at various points, and jabbed with the sword if they did not move fast enough.

An 8-year-old boy was knocked down by a horse, and his father whacked with a sword when he stopped to protect his son. The father was not a bonus marcher, but was returning from work.

A one-legged, popscicle peddler, blinded by gas, was prodded and pushed to the ground. An old man carrying a sack of potatoes near the botanical garden was cut with a sword. Another sword cleaved through the box of an ice cream peddler. A bonus marcher suffered a hacked ear when he did not sidestep a cavalry rush. Scores were thrown to the ground, including

## Auto Industry Ace Is Named by Hoover as Commerce Secretary

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER  
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—President Hoover has strengthened his cabinet at a critical time, economically and politically, by appointing Roy D. Chapin of Michigan as secretary of commerce.

Chapin is an ace in the automobile industry. His appointment was announced by President Hoover Wednesday when he made known the resignation of Robert P. Lamont of Illinois.

It was explained that Lamont's private affairs required his attention back to Chicago so he could bring new blood to Washington.

Chapin is expected to take office in about ten days.

Chapin's appointment is significant for two reasons. One is economic. The other is political.

Economically, the administration believes, the turn has come. It is afraid to make another optimistic prediction, but hopes are going up daily.

At this decisive time Chapin, an aggressive organizer, salesmen and promotion man, with business contacts extending far beyond the automobile industry, is brought into the department of commerce.

His job is to stimulate activity and key up shell-shocked business. Just before he was appointed, Chapin issued a statement predicting better times.

Lamont practically was a retired business man when he was appointed at the start of Mr. Hoover's term. His numerous industrial directorships were held as a capitalist, rather than as an active, hard-hitting business go-getter. He was content to let the department of commerce carry on under its own momentum. Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary, was the chief energizing force.

But Mr. Hoover has his own secretary of commerce.

The department of commerce building will have more business men walking importantly through its vast corridors now than at any time since Mr. Hoover used to hold his almost daily trade conferences.

Mr. Hoover four years ago have been muttering that they wouldn't give a cent this year.

Henry Ford is about the only one of the Michigan automobile men who has declared for Mr. Hoover. The six Fisher body brothers gave him a total of \$100,000 last campaign.

There's also a good deal of Democratic talk in Michigan. The state recently elected a Democratic congressman in one district which hadn't gone Democratic for thirty years.

Key men are being sought to pass the word down the line that a vote for Mr. Hoover will mean more automobile taxes on Michigan assembly lines.

The new commerce secretary is a pioneer of the motor car industry. He was born in Lansing, Mich., Feb. 23, 1880, educated at the University of Michigan and entered the automobile industry when he was 21. He was president of the Hudson Motor Company from 1910 to 1923, and has been chairman of the board since January, 1923.

The Michigan automobile industry has been bitter against the new tax law because of the automobile taxes.

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## MISSOURI VOTE IS SWEEPING WET VICTORY

Two Repeal Advocates Far  
Ahead of Dry in Race  
for Senate.

BY RAY TUCKER  
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Advocates of prohibition repeal appeared today to have won a smashing victory in both parties in the Missouri primary, although they did not fare so well in dry Kansas.

Chapin is expected to take office in about ten days.

The outcome of the Missouri Democratic senatorial primary may remain in doubt as a result of suggestions of a recount, but both Democratic and Republican candidates for the senate will favor repeal, no matter how the Democratic contest ends.

Charles M. Howell, the machine candidate, is trailing Bennett Clark, son of Champ Clark, on present returns.

Howell ran on the convention's repeal plank, but his chief support came from Tom Pendergast's wet organization in Kansas City. Clark made scrapping of the "noble experiment" his principal issue, and polled his largest vote in the supposedly dry rural districts.

Raised Bossism Cry

He also capitalized the cry of "bossism" raised against Pendergast's hand-picked gubernatorial, senatorial, and congressional slate.

Besides Clark's amazing run in country sections, the small vote for Charles M. Hay, a third seeker after the Democratic senatorial nomination, was significant. Hay once was a prohibition leader, and he ran a poor third.

Henry W. Kiel, who won the Republican senatorial nomination, boasts of his wetness. Roscoe C. Patterson, incumbent Republican senator, is a dry.

In Kansas, Senator George Mc- Gill won the Democratic senatorial nomination. Though long a dry, he favored the Glass motion to take up the latter's repeal resolution in the closing hours of congress.

Woodring Is Victor

His defeated opponent, Chauncey Little, ran as an avowed wet. Governor Harry Woodring, who won re-nomination is a dry, but he was one of Roosevelt's preconvention leaders in the middle west.

Wets minimized the outcome in Carrie Nation's state, as it was one of two states to vote dry in the Literary Digest poll. The result gave more cheer to Democrats than to Republicans.

There was an unprecedented Democratic turnout in both states, and record-breaking competition for Democratic nominations.

More than fifty candidates sought the at-large nomination for eleven Missouri house seats.

## Cop Was Scared, Boasts Youth, Shot in Holdup

Roy Love, wounded bandit, in hospital detention ward.

Courage Shown by Officer  
Discounted by Bandit,  
Critically Wounded.

"That cop was scared to death, and not very smart either. I could have plugged him twice before he grabbed me."

Thus does Roy Love, 17-year-old gunman, today dismiss the bravery displayed by traffic policeman Fred Stark who disarmed the youth after Love critically wounded Jack Werner, merchant and loan shop operator in a downtown holdup gun duel Tuesday.

"Yeah," said Love, flirting a long, unkempt pompadour out of his eyes, "I could've plugged him easy. He was walking toward me and didn't even have his gun up. I guess he was scared because mine was stuck right out in front."

"I might've plugged him, too," he added, "but that terrible pain in my stomach was dragging me down like it was a big weight."

Love was shot in the abdomen, chest, and right arm.

Hospital attaches give him little chance for recovery, and his victim's condition also is serious today. Werner has been placed in the Riley hospital oxygen ward.

"Did he say anything about me?" queried Love. That was his only concern for Werner.

"I gave him a 'break!'" said Love. "He was opening the safe and wasn't doing it fast enough. I plugged him with my fist and just then, some one started in the store. As I turned to look, this guy (Werner) reached for his gun and let me have it."

"I shot, too, as I ran out and was walking once apiece when he got outside. Then my insides seemed to be on fire and that cop grabbed me."

"How does it feel? Plenty bad, buddy! Oh! I want to shoot a guy. I don't know. I had the nerve to go through with it, but things went bad and here I am."

Love hardly is the heroic figure his words imply. He is pasty-faced

## CIVIC LEAGUE TO CELEBRATE

Fifth Annual Event to Be  
Held on West Side.

Fifth annual homecoming celebration of the Tibbs Avenue Eagle Creek Civic League, with west side merchants co-operating, will be held Friday and Saturday nights at North street and Rochester avenue.

The Friday night program will include an exhibition of acrobatics by W. G. Hanson, Y. M. C. A. physical instructor, assisted by Jean Marilyn Lieske and Everett McCay.

Speaker Friday will be James E. Fischer, who will explain the aims of the Marion County Association for Tax Reduction.

Paul H. Lieske is president of the league. The home-coming committee is composed of Clarence Wootery, Edward Workman and Oscar Schaub.

Concert will be given Saturday night by the Indianapolis Civic orchestra.

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