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SEEKS HOOVER TO TESTIFY IN BANKS PROBE

Prosecutor Will Request
Ex-President Accept
Detroit Subpoena.

COUZENS STIRS TROUBLE

Senator's Claims That
G. O. P. Permitted Violations of Law Studied.

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DETROIT, Aug. 22.—Former President Herbert Hoover will be requested to accept a subpoena to testify before the grand jury investigating bank failures here.

Circuit Judge Harry B. Keidan and Prosecutor Harry S. Toy decided to make the request, at a conference Monday night.

The grand jury has no power to enforce its subpoenas outside the state, officials admitted, but they were "hopeful Mr. Hoover will cooperate and voluntarily accept the subpoena." Once before, the former President was requested to appear, but officials received no reply to their letter, inviting him to testify.

Decision to subpoena the former President came as a result of repeated testimony of Senator James Couzens, now concluding a three-day appearance before the grand jury, that banks throughout the country were permitted to operate in technical violation of law because of the attitude of the Hoover administration.

Just Around the Corner

Originally, Couzens charged that the persistent beliefs of "every one connected with the Hoover administration that prosperity was just around the corner," led them to permit banks to operate against the letter of the law.

Tuesday, he charged that if the government had forced the First National bank to write off the loans federal bank examiners listed as losses in May, 1932, the bank would have been "hopelessly insolvent."

"However, you must remember there was a political campaign in progress," he added.

Father Coughlin to Testify

Senator Couzens was to be subjected to further questioning by Attorney-General Patrick H. O'Brien today.

Father Charles E. Coughlin, Catholic priest, who became a focal point in banking difficulties after a series of public denunciations of bankers last spring, is next scheduled to appear. Prosecutor Toy was uncertain whether Father Coughlin would reach the stand today, however.

By United Press

PALO ALTO, Cal., Aug. 22.—Former President Hoover, who may be subpoenaed by the grand jury at Detroit, is with his fishing party somewhere in northern California or southern Oregon, his secretary, Paul Sexon, said today.

Sexon said he expected Mr. Hoover to return in "two or three days," but that the ex-President's plans were not known definitely to him.

Sexon asserted he did not know himself how to get in touch with Mr. Hoover, who did not announce his destination when he left last week for the Siskiyou mountains.

'COOTIE ROW' RECEIVES THOROUGH CLEANSING

Made-Work Men Scour Chairs of Criminal Court Loungers.

"Cootie Row" received a thorough cleansing today.

The row is the rubberneck chairs in criminal court, where loafers and courthouse hangers-on spend cold winter days listening to justice scales, bouncing up and down.

Chairs used by the "row" were being scoured with soap and water by ten city made-work men.

Chewing gum, parked by feminine thrill seekers, was one of the most popular deposits mined by the cleansing crew in the courtroom.

RESENT ISLAND SEIZURE

Japan Lodges Formal Protest Over Action of France.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—Japan has lodged a sharp protest with the French government over France's occupation of nine small islands in the China sea, near the Philippines.

The protest, bringing to a head rising feeling in Tokyo over the recent French action in the oriental Pacific, was made verbally by the Japanese charge d'affaires, Rikichi Sawada, acting on instructions from his government.

Sawada emphasized Japan's persistent claim to the islands on the basis of previous title.

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Moonshiner to Get Tax Rebate From State on Gasoline Used in Stills

Legality of Odd Claim Made by Pike County Bootleg Whisky Maker Upheld in Opinion by Attorney-General: \$40 to Be Given Back.

Within the next few days, a Pike county moonshiner will receive a \$40 check from the state of Indiana, refund for tax collected on gasoline used in operation of three mammoth stills.

TRUCK, TRAIN CRASH; 7 DEAD

Five Others Are Seriously Injured in Accident at Crossing.

By United Press

LUMBERTON, N. C., Aug. 22.—Seven persons were killed and five others injured, four critically, when a tobacco truck from Deep Run crashed into the side of a Seaboard Airline passenger train at Fairmont road crossing near here today.

All of the dead and injured were riding on the tobacco truck. Reports here said the brakes on the heavily-laden transport failed to hold going down the hill leading to the crossing.

Bodies of the victims and wreckage of the truck were strewn along the railroad right-of-way for 300 yards. The train, No. 14 of the Seaboard Airline, was not derailed.

Three occupants of the truck were dead when physicians reached the scene. Two others died en route to a hospital here, and the other two died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Haywood Smith, driver of the truck, said his views of the track were obstructed by houses, and that he did not see the train in time to prevent a collision.

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