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Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, not much change in temperature.

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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.

BY JAMES C. AUSTIN

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 belief 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.

### '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, bearing 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.

Ruling from Philip Lutz Jr., attorney-general, today advised State Auditor Floyd O. Williamson of the legality of the claim, which was investigated by the auditor's office.

Some time ago, according to the story as related in the auditor's office, a claim was received for tax refund on 1,050 gallons of gasoline used during a ninety-day period in a "stove."

Questioning the probability of such a large consumption in a stove, Howard Rhea of the auditor's office sent an investigator to interview the claimant. The only gasoline equipment shown the investigator was a lighting plant, which was for incalculable of consuming 1,500 gallons of fuel in three months.

Returning to his office, the investigator reported on the situation and turned over the inconsistent claim for the \$40 refund. He was given new instructions:

"If you can see the equipment which used the gasoline, we will accept the claim."

Returning to the claimant, the investigator informed him of the ruling that it was necessary to inspect the equipment which used the gasoline.

"All right with me, if you ain't afeared," was the reply.

Bravely, the investigator evinced his readiness to follow the rough and thorny path of duty.

He felt a qualm, however, when a blindfold was produced, but submitted to having his eyes securely hidden beneath the folds. He was placed in an automobile and driven for a considerable length of time, was led from the car and the blindfold suddenly removed.

Stills Are Gigantic

Before his startled and blinking eyes were "three of the biggest stills I ever saw in my life," according to his report. There is no doubt of their ability to consume the amount of gasoline reported, he says.

The claim was sent to Lutz for a ruling, and the answer was that since the gasoline was not used on the highway, the claimant is entitled to the \$40 refund.

### \$6,000 LOSS IN FIRE

Garage, Five Trucks Are Burned in Yard of Coal Firm.

Undiscovered until it had gained headway, a fire burned five trucks and the garage of the Champe and Garland Coal Company, Inc., at Thirtieth street and the canal Monday night.

Loss is estimated at approximately \$6,000, with two trucks badly damaged. The fire is believed to have started in short-circuited wiring of one of the trucks.

### SLAYS WIFE AND SELF

Mental Derangement Believed Cause of Farm Tragedy.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., Aug. 22.—A mental derangement resulting from illness was believed today to have motivated Isaac A. Baker, 68, to kill his wife and commit suicide by shooting at their farm home near here Monday.

Figures compiled in the office of Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, revealed \$3,662,396 paid from the state treasury during the period, compared with disbursement of \$30,958,965 for the first seven months of 1932.

However, McNutt pointed out, included in this year's figure are distributions of gasoline tax and school funds back to local taxing units, as well as refunds made by the gasoline tax government.

While governmental expenses were being reduced at the rate of \$15,892 a day, or \$11.01 a minute, the money sent back by the state to local governmental units to decrease property taxes increased by \$3,188,378, McNutt said.

Most significant, he said, is the fact that expenditures in the state general fund, used for running expenses and offering the best opportunity for extravagance or economy, declined by \$787,807 in the period, or more than \$100,000 a month savings.

Keeping maintenance of state roads to the highest standards, the highway commission reduced its expenditures \$2,746,463 in the period, the statement asserted.

A part of the savings was effected through action of the state legislature and part by the general reorganization. The latter just has been completed, and should, in the future, produce even more economies, McNutt said.

He called attention to the fact that the reduction of \$3,362,750 was accomplished at a time when increases normally would have been expected because of the drastic reorganization program.

With the completion of the reorganization, which consolidated all of the state's 169 departments into eight departments, further economies will be effected by giving attention to smaller details of the state's business, he added.

### HOUSEWIVES PLEDGE HELP IN NRA DRIVE

Results Are Gratifying in First Day's Campaign of Crusaders.

### THOUSANDS IN PARADE

Throng Spurred On to Aid at Mass Meeting After Procession.

From far-flung outposts of the Indianapolis NRA army today came reports of minor victories, as the first day of the "big push" against the depression began.

First report received at NRA "field headquarters" today, came from J. O. Bridge, "captain" of the local recovery army in district 10, located in the 1200 to 1300 blocks on West Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, in the northwestern part of the city.

Bridge reported that already 118 housewives in his district had pledged themselves as consumers to buy only from Blue Eagle dealers.

He also reported twenty-four unemployed men and six unemployed women in the district.

### On Trail of "Chiselers"

James E. Fisher, "colonel" of the local recovery forces, waited at NRA headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce for returns from the volunteer workers.

"We have the machinery available to deal with 'chiselers' in the NRA program," said Fisher, "but we can not put the President's offensive across unless we have the whole-hearted support of the consuming public. I can not emphasize too strongly the necessity of people, especially housewives, to deal solely with NRA firms."

Spurred on by the ringing challenges of their officers, delivered at an overflow mass meeting in Cadiz Tabernacle Monday night, the volunteers began warfare to rout the foes of the President's economic offensive.

Every house, every place of business, and every man and woman in Indianapolis directly or indirectly concerned with industry will be visited, in a survey which will list the unemployed and prepare economic death for violators of the NRA covenant.

### Will Not Brook Defeat

The crowd at Cadiz tabernacle was told that all were "engaged in the greatest adventure of civilization—an adventure which will brook no defeat," by L. A. Raffa, personal representative of General Hugh S. Johnson, national recovery administrator.

"Your ancestors conquered the plains of Indiana," the 28-year-old economist of Washington told the "army."

"In this adventure we have no such enemy to fight, but a far more vicious and insidious foe—the economic depression."

Charles W. Chase, "general of the local army," told his volunteers that they were engaged in a "sales war"—to sell American business the idea of getting into the NRA.

Reginald H. Sullivan, speaking briefly, told the crowd that he brought a message of good cheer. "I was notified today," said the mayor, "that 6,000 families have (Turn to Page Eleven)

### OHIO EDITOR HUNTED; MISSING TWO DAYS

Coshocton Publisher May Have Lost Memory.

COSHOCTON, O., Aug. 22.—Disappearance of F. S. Wallace, 62, editor and publisher of the Coshocton Tribune, was revealed today by members of his family after a two-day search had failed to reveal his whereabouts.

Wallace last was seen at about 1 a. m. Sunday when he left the Tribune office following printing of the Sunday editions. Employees believed he was going to his home, but he never appeared there.

Robert B. Wallace, a son, has directed the search for the missing publisher.

Wallace has owned the Coshocton Tribune for many years and is well known throughout the southern part of Ohio. He had been in ill health for several years, members of his family said.

Members of the family were of the opinion that the editor's illness might have caused a lapse of memory and that he wandered away from the city.

### Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.	64	10 a. m.	81
7 a. m.	66	11 a. m.	83
8 a. m.	74	12 (noon)	84
9 a. m.	78	1 p. m.	84

### CAPTURED AT LAST



Harold C. Vanderbilt (below), America's richest bachelor, contract bridge expert and noted yachtsman, embarked on the good ship matrimony when, in a secret ceremony in New York, he married Miss Gertrude L. Conway (above), socially prominent sports woman of Philadelphia. The couple sailed immediately for a honeymoon abroad. Vanderbilt is 49, his bride 32.

After she escaped she came to live with her mother, Mrs. Mary Louise Bigelow, 1310 East St. Clair street. Romance followed and she married Stodghill.

The first hint of trouble came three weeks ago, when Mrs. Stodghill met a girl on the street who also had escaped, and who recognized her.

The girl, she said, wanted to live with her.

"I refused to let her, telling her I was married and happy and couldn't have her at the house," she told the court. "The girl told me that if she was caught she would report me to the authorities at the home."

The threat came true, and police went to the Stodghill home Monday night with a warrant for Mrs. Stodghill. Her husband demanded to know why they wanted his wife and protested. Police told him she was branded a fugitive from the home.

### Husband Is Arrested

When his protests increased, police charged him with vagrancy.

Myers, after hearing the girl's story, flatly told officers he would not turn her over to Ft. Wayne authorities unless some other court action was pressed.

Detectives asked that the case be held open until this afternoon, to give them opportunity to obtain more information from the home.

As the couple walked from the courtroom, released by the court until the afternoon session, the girl's mother told the background of the story.

"I remarried after my husband died and family trouble resulted," she said. "The only reason Helen ever was sent to the home was because of this trouble. I tried to save her and lost my last piece of property trying to obtain her release."

"She never was feeble minded, it was just a case of domestic trouble. Today, she is happy and then (she) flew out of the past had to fall."

Dan Brown, attorney, said that he would continue his battle to free the girl from the fugitive cage, if action later today should be against her.

### 'MARY' PICNIC IS SET

Annual Event to Be Held Thursday at Riverside Park.

Annual picnic for persons named "Mary" will be held at Riverside park Thursday. A basket lunch will be spread at noon.

### Smashes at Anti-Trust Law to Aid NRA Code

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Federal anti-trust injunction restrictions, which had hindered 113 industries in the nation from free negotiation of NRA codes, were removed today in a test ruling by Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley.

The decision was made in the case of the Tanner Products Company which contended anti-trust injunctions issued by federal courts in recent years on trade codes and price-fixing hindered negotiation of codes under the NRA.

Anti-trust injunctions affecting the furniture, candy, kitchen cabinet manufacturers, tanners and scores of other industries are affected by the Lindley ruling.

pet golf shot, poodle dog, or the kind of gasoline, pills or cough syrup he sells.

Fifty ballots should put one's name among the ten leaders in the skull standings that will be printed daily in The Times.

You can vote as many times as you wish. Repeat like a rifle, stuff ballot boxes, get votes in a manner. Everything goes!

Who is the city's most distinguished citizen? You tell us with VOTES!

Turn to Page 16 for today's ballot.

### ST. LOUIS SLEEPING SICKNESS EPIDEMIC CLAIMS 15 LIVES

Young Wife Fights Return to Life as 'State Slave' as Inmate of Institution

Court Action Is Taken to Return City Girl to Home for Mental Cases Following Her Escape and Marriage Two Years Ago.

Freedom and happiness which came to Mrs. Helen Bigelow Stodghill, 24, of 1048 West New York street, after years as a "state slave" were threatened today, as a municipal court judge weighed evidence in a fugitive of justice case against her.

With her 21-year-old husband Howard, Mrs. Stodghill told Dewey Myers, judge pro tem, the story of the last thirteen years of her life.

She told how, two years ago, she seemed to have reached a happy turning when she fled from an institution for mental cases in Ft. Wayne.

The girl, garbed in a neat brown dress, told Myers that she fled the home after eleven years of "state slavery."

She said that as an inmate of the home, she was sent out to work in private residences, for which she received no pay.

### Recognized on Street

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Provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law and several consent decrees entered in federal court, restricting trade codes and price fixing agreements, will be set aside and industry will be permitted to negotiate under the National Recovery Administration code provisions, following today's ruling.

The decision paves the way for modification of all anti-trust injunctions now pending, it was said.

Representing the Tanner company at today's hearing in federal court was Don K. Jones. The government was represented by United States District Attorney Dwight H. Green, Assistant United States Attorney-General Harold H. Stephens and General Russell Hardy, special assistant United States attorney.

Baffling Disease Spreads as Scientists Start War on Source.

### 149 PERSONS STRICKEN

Worst Epidemic of Kind in U. S. History, Says Health Chief.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 22.—The outbreak of sleeping sickness in St. Louis was described here today as the worst epidemic of the disease this country had ever known by Dr. J. P. Leake, of the United States public health service.

Three new deaths and twenty-three new cases reported Monday brought the total dead to fifteen and the cases now in confinement to 149, since the malady first was observed here in July.

"While there is little fear the epidemic will assume the proportions of a plague, the situation must be regarded as serious, as science knows little about the disease," Dr. Leake said.

"It is not related to African sleeping sickness, but it is by the worst epidemic of encephalitis this country has ever known."

Working with Dr. Leake is Dr. W. G. Patton, superintendent of the county hospital. He discovered and diagnosed the illness here. Dr. Charles Armstrong, United States public health service pathologist, arrived today to aid in the laboratory search for the cause of the disease.

Many of the victims, Dr. Patton said, either were residents of low-land mosquito-infested sections or worked in sections badly infested with the insects.

Physicians Are Puzzled

The malady, puzzling to physicians, affects the brain in much the same manner as meningitis or infantile paralysis. Dr. Patton said, although it resembles infantile paralysis, there is no trace of paralysis, the hospital head said.

Strangeness of the malady is magnified because, with one exception, it has affected only one member of a family and because of the inability to discover the source.

ized which Dr. Patton said was unusual for an epidemic of this nature. Usually, Dr. Patton said, when an epidemic becomes as widespread as the present sleeping sickness here, it spreads to other localities. There has been no report of the disease spreading outside of this immediate area, however, according to Dr. Patton.

Little Known of Disease

Dr. Paul Zentay, assistant health commissioner of St. Louis, said that little is known of the disease and that scientists have been unable to isolate the virus, which he defined as "the smallest ultra-microscopic organism that can pass through the smallest filters we have."

Dr. Patton appealed to county and municipal authorities to pour oil on all open sewers and cesspools to prevent breeding of mosquitoes and he is conducting experiments to determine whether mosquitoes actually are the carrier agent that is spreading the disease.

Another authority who is entering into the war to end the spread of the disease is Dr. Ralph S. Muckenferri, bacteriologist of Washington university in St. Louis. He will conduct experiments through inoculation of a type of south American monkey, the rhesus, with virus of the disease.

### 3 Cases in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 22.—Three persons in Kansas City are believed to be suffering from a form of sleeping sickness, and one death Sunday was attributed to the disease.

The victim was Mrs. Effie Brooke, 60, of Ottawa, Kan., who died in a Kansas City (Kan.) hospital. The three who are ill are Earl Reno, 20; Miss Sara Lee Mohr, and Mrs. Henry C. Klock. Miss Mohr's condition was said to be dangerous.

### BREWERY PERMIT ISSUE

South Side Plant Not to Get State Permission, Is Rumor

Reports that the International Brewery, 1300 Madison avenue, will not be awarded the state's final beer-making permit, are current at the statehouse today, but Paul P. Fry, state excise director, has refused to comment.

The company, several weeks ago, was reported to have been in line for the brewery permit, but the state has taken no action.

Persons living on the south side said they have been informed that there is no possibility of the brewery opening.

### TWO KILLED IN BLAST

Three Are Burned Severely in Explosion in Celluloid Plant.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 22.—Two persons were killed and three others severely burned in an explosion in the plant of the celluloid corporation here today.

By United Press