

15 GIRLS MISSING IN FACTORY FIRE

Howell in Last Lap of Campaign

Candidate for Senator Enters Last Week of Fight--Democrats Have Machine Working.

Rain Halts Departure

By P. C. POWELL. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Omaha, Neb., Oct. 30--(Special Telegram)--H. B. Howell, candidate for United States senator, started today on the eighth and final week of his campaign. A heavy rain falling in Omaha this morning forced Mr. Howell to delay his departure and consequently annulled his speech at Cereso, where a large crowd of people and a band were waiting for him.

The Turn in the Long Lane

EDITORIAL. It was "back when the world was young," a few years ago, when a few politicians gathered together. They were wise men in their generation. The prohibition issue was being agitated then, somewhat, and it had found strong opposition which was known as the "wet" group of voters.

These wise men had no views or convictions one way or the other, but the "wet" group of voters looked good to them. It was a strong, solid group. It could be counted on to "vote its convictions." And so Senator Hitchcock and his group of politicians, tied their kite to the "wet" voter. It was "good politics" to do so.

The "wet" voters put the senator and his personal group of politicians into power. And then came the other wave, the "dry" wave. For a time, the senator continued to make good with the "wet" supporters who had placed him in power. It was safe to do that in the first three or four years of the senatorial term. But as the six years grew to an end and no relief to the "draught" in Nebraska was in sight, the situation became grave, exceedingly grave.

The lack of convictions of his own, which had been his chief asset and qualification in securing the "wet" vote, and in securing the position into which they had placed him, had become a liability. The long lane was beginning to have its turning. Another meeting of the wise men was called and out of the minds of the wise men came the decision that there was nothing else to do but turn "dry," become "converted."

The hour was late. It was the eleventh hour, in fact. But still the vote had not been cast and something might be done. And then the Association Against Prohibition in Washington, wanting to show their appreciation of what the senator had done, sent out the endorsement of his candidacy.

It was a damn fool thing to do. But the Association was sincere in its appreciation, even if untimely. And then the long lane really turned. The senator was compelled to wire the Association that he couldn't do anything for them any more. "Because he had promised the voters in Nebraska he would not," and particularly the women voters.

This gave the "wet" voters the opportunity they had long needed to see the manner of man they had made in these years. When the senator was revealed to them by his last telegram, their idol, too, was broken. The "wet" voter likes to vote for a man. They prefer a "wet" man, but he must be a real man. The "wet" voter doesn't like a "trimmer" any more than any other real man or woman.

And now who is it that wants this man Hitchcock for senator? The "wet" voter won't have him because he double-crossed him the first real chance he had to show his hand. The "dry" voter won't have him, because "his conversion came too late" and too soon before election and in too "dry" a state. Who is it that wants this man Hitchcock for senator?

Mussolini Takes Reins of Italy

Chief of Fascisti and New Premier Greeted as Savior of Country Amid Wild-est Enthusiasm.

Confers With the King

Omaha Bee Special Wire. Copyright, 1922. Rome, Oct. 29--Benito Mussolini, chief of the fascisti and new premier of Italy, arrived in Rome at 11 this morning. He was greeted at the railroad station amidst the wildest enthusiasm of tens of thousands of people who acclaimed him the savior of the country.

He conferred with King Victor Emmanuel for an hour immediately after his arrival and then proceeded to the Hotel Savoy. American tourists cheered him.

Address by Mussolini

Sig Mussolini made a short address from the balcony of the hotel in which he said: "The fascisti are completely victorious. I have come to Rome, not only to give Italy a ministry, but a true government. In a few hours you will have such a government. Long live King Victor Emmanuel. Long live the victorious Italy. Long live the fascisti."

Trieste Calm

Trieste, Oct. 30--(Special Telegram)--Trieste passed into the hands of the fascisti calmly. According to a prearranged plan the fascisti seized the governor's palace. Under the leadership of Sig Gianna, the fascisti deputy at Trieste, they demanded entrance to the building. Thousands of the fascisti paraded the streets of the city wearing black shirts and black fezzes. The blue-shirted members of the Dalmatian city also paraded. The latter carried clubs.

Business is proceeding as usual.

Whisper Attack Is Answered by Senator Randall

Republican Candidate for Governor Retorts to Stirring Up of Religious Prejudices. By A. R. GROH. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Geneva, Neb., Oct. 30--(Special Telegram)--Charles H. Randall, republican candidate for governor, replied at a big meeting held in the auditorium here tonight to the campaign of whispering, which has been started by supporters of his opponent, Charles Bryan.

Mr. Randall answered in plain terms and was greeted with applause by the big audience. "I favored the language law because I know what a boon it will be to the children of foreign-born citizens," said Mr. Randall.

"I admire our foreign-born citizens. At home my staunchest friends are men and women who were born in foreign lands."

Answer Is Applauded

Mr. Randall's answer to Bryan's whispering campaign was also greeted with applause at other meetings held today in Wynora, Fairbury, Hebron and Bruning. "As the campaign is reaching the final stages, the 'whispering' campaign is being carried on with increased vigor," said Mr. Randall. "It is a disgraceful and unworthy method of attacking a man. It is a disgraceful and unworthy method of attacking a man. It is a disgraceful and unworthy method of attacking a man."

Boat Calls for Help

Boston, Oct. 30--A radio message from the coast guard cutter, Acushnet, picked up here said that the steam lighter, Lizzie D. A., was calling for assistance. The Acushnet was unable to go to its aid. The lighter, with 13 men aboard, had been missing for nine days.

Have You Lost Your Dog?

Dogs and other domestic animals stray off, get lost or are stolen every day. Very few cases indeed are there that the wandering animal is not worth an effort to recover. Maybe some child is crying over the loss of his pet dog. A few lines at small cost in the "Lost and Found" column of The Omaha Bee immediately starts a hunt for the lost animal that usually results in locating it and getting it back safe and sound. No matter what your loss may be, let a "Lost and Found" advertisement in The Omaha Bee do the searching for you.

Omaha Bee "Wanted" Ads Bring Better Results at Lesser Cost.

The Harp With the Broken Strings.



Norris Has Plan to Eliminate Senate of State

Nebraska Solon Will Devote Part of Time After Retirement to Seeking Simple Government. Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 30--(Special Telegram)--Senator Norris today announced a plan to eliminate the Nebraska Senate after his retirement from the senate two years hence. He would resume his residence in Nebraska and though he never again would be a candidate for any office, would devote time to public affairs.

He declared informally to friends, and later at the weekly dinner of the Rotary club, that he hoped to organize a movement throughout the state for an amendment to the state constitution reducing the legislature to one house of representatives and preferably cutting down the representation into larger districts, with the view of making the legislature more responsible to the people and of preventing the log-rolling, evading of the record and the passing of the buck now so prevalent and deceptive to the voter, aside from being more economical and permitting legislators to be better paid for the time they put in.

Meet to Plan Combine Rail Bodies Called

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 30--(By A. P.)--A national conference of railroads to "devise ways and means" of affecting an amalgamation of the 16 standard railroad organizations will be held in Chicago December 9 and 10. C. H. Wagoner, of St. Paul, secretary of the national committee on an amalgamation, announced today.

American Wages Highest

Japan and Germany are two of the greatest nations in the world, but their wages are not as high as those of the United States for world consumption. Especially do they seek American trade. In June, 1921, the average pay of German workmen in steel-making industries, including the big steel works at Essen, was \$1.10 per week. In Japan the average wage in 1921 was \$1.10 per week. In Germany, it was \$1.10 per week.

Grand Island War 'Vet,' 93, Robbed of \$95 by Woman

Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 30--(Special Telegram)--James Whittaker, 93, a World War veteran, reported today that he had been robbed of \$95 by a woman who stopped at the home of his wife, Mrs. South, on Thursday. The woman had been introduced to the home by a neighbor. The woman had been introduced to the home by a neighbor. The woman had been introduced to the home by a neighbor.

Reparations Committee Leave Paris for Germany

Paris, Oct. 30--(By A. P.)--The reparations committee which will discuss with the German government the economic and financial situation in Germany, left Paris today for Berlin. The party included Mr. Hoover, Mr. Clegg, Mr. Glavin, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gurnea, Mr. Harbo, Mr. Hendon, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Nease, Mr. Tamm, Mr. Clegg, Mr. Glavin, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gurnea, Mr. Harbo, Mr. Hendon, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Nease, Mr. Tamm.

Government May Arrest Students

Sleuths Discover Youths Are Enclosing Letters in Laundry Sent Home. Lincoln, Oct. 30--(Special)--Joy Boatman, university student of Morrill, is accused in a complaint sworn out by federal authorities of having sent a typewritten letter in a fourth class mail package upon which he paid fourth class rates, sent to his home.

Adams Tells of Savings by Republican Party

Washington, Oct. 30--(By T. Adams, chairman of the republican national committee, said in a statement last night that his party had consistently practiced economy since coming into power, that among other things it had reduced the public debt \$1,152,827,211 since March 4, 1921, and that during that time it had dropped 79,812 employees from the public payroll.

Business Shows Big Improvement, Meyer Declares

Director of War Finance Corporation Visits West--Record Cattle Movement Predicted. Washington, Oct. 30--General business conditions throughout the west are "enormously improved" over a year ago, Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the War Finance corporation, declared today after a three weeks' tour of six western states.

One-Cent Reduction Is Announced in Gas Price

Chicago, Oct. 30--Effective tomorrow another reduction of 1 cent a gallon in the price of gasoline was announced by the Standard Oil company of Indiana, making the Chicago price 13 cents a gallon at tank wagon and 12 cents at service stations with corresponding prices throughout the 19 middle states served by the company.

Slavey of Girl Electrocuted

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30--Thomas Vern Hirsch, convicted murderer of 14-year-old Clara Belle Lewson, New-marks high school girl, was electrocuted at the Rockville penitentiary today.

Evacuation Completed

Chattanooga, Oct. 30--The last evacuation of troops from the Tennessee front was completed today. The evacuation was completed in a most orderly manner and the troops were moved to their new quarters without incident.

Expansion of Sheep Raising Urged by Reserve Board

Minneapolis, Oct. 28--Expansion in the northwest of the sheep raising industry, which was characterized as having been placed in the strongest strategic position in its history by the new tariff on wool and sheep products, was urged by the monthly report of the North Federal Reserve district.

Texas Secretary of State Cited in Mayfield Case

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 28--Motion requesting that S. L. Staples, secretary of state, and W. A. Keating, attorney general, be cited to appear and show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court was filed in the fifth court of civil appeals here today by W. W. Nolms of counsel for U. E. King and others.

Missouri Senator Plans Intoxicants Commission

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30--(By A. P.)--United States Senator Nelson P. Spencer of Missouri, who voted for the Volstead law, today issued a statement saying he was sponsoring legislation that would set up a commission to study the effects of alcohol on the health of the people.

3 Tramps Crushed to Death

Chicago, Wyo., Oct. 28--Three men were crushed to death and two others injured when the roof of a building in which they were living fell on them. The building was a shanty and the roof was made of planks and was in a state of disrepair.

Dies of Football Injuries

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 30--Hugues Frazar, South Western University student football star, died today of injuries sustained in a football game yesterday with Charleston, Tennessee.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska, generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Tuesday in west portion and in east portion Wednesday.

One Dead, Five Dying, in Hospital

Three Firemen Rescued by Comrades After Fire Escape Collapsed--50 Girls in Building. Many Forced to Jump. New York, Oct. 30--One person is dead, 15 missing and 18 seriously injured in a fire which tonight swept through a Brooklyn factory. Several persons, trapped by the flames which were fanned by high winds, jumped from the windows.

Many Forced to Jump

A series of fire alarms called engines from all parts of the Greater City to fight the blaze. Nearby hospitals immediately recruited emergency forces and the injured were rushed there by police and firemen.

Firemen Rescued

The missing persons, who are employees of a shirt factory in a Thirteenth street, Brooklyn, plant, are believed to have been cut off from the exits because of the rapid spread of the fire. The burned building is occupied by Kasher-Chatfield company, shellac manufacturers, in the heart of a manufacturing district of South Brooklyn. The structure is bounded in by several large shirt factories, employing scores of women workers.

A sewing shop of the Friedman Shirt company is on the fourth floor of the building. H. P. Nicholas, an employee of this firm, has reported to the police that 50 girls were in the shop. Several of them, said to have leaped from a rear window of the shop, have not been found.

Firemen and volunteer workers are removing large stores of gasoline and oil in a three-story garage of the Edison company, next door to the burned factory building.

Three firemen were injured when the fire escape on the fifth floor of the building collapsed. They went up to the roof of the building on scaling ladders and were making an attempt to reach the girls reported to be trapped in the shirt shop, when the fire escapes fell.

All three of the men were left dangling from the air holding onto the edge of the building with smoke and flames pouring out around them. They were finally rescued by their comrades.

Leaps From Window. Lillian A. sky, a stenographer, was descending the stairs in the building when she was driven back to the fourth floor by flames. She finally made her way to the front of the building and leaped from a window before she was picked up unconscious.

Fire boats were included in the apparatus sent to the scene by way of a canal a block away. A stiff wind handicapped the work of the firemen. Nicholas, who escaped from the shirt shop, said that the fire was discovered in a slack of shirt material in the fourth floor.

Dive From Windows. Other witnesses questioned by District Attorney Ruston, who went at once to the scene to gather testimony on the origin of the fire, said that the flames appeared to have started on the lower floor and, fed by shellac, swept to the other levels.

Mrs. Rebecca Lasky, who lives directly opposite the destroyed building, said she was seated at the window of her room, when she saw flames dancing in the windows on the third and fourth floors in the middle of the factory.

A moment later, she said, she saw a man and two women climb to the window sill at the extreme east end of the fourth floor, pause for a second and then dive into the street below.

In the windows of the fifth floor, she said, she saw the frightened faces of girls pressed against the glass for a moment. Then a cloud of smoke burst forth as several of the windows were broken. When she could see the building again the faces were gone. The 15 girls reported missing are said to have been working overtime.

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