

TWO RANGER MEN KILLED IN BLAST SUNDAY

ADDITIONAL MARINE FORCES WILL BE SENT TO NICARAGUA SOON

TO SAIL FROM NEW YORK IN FEW DAYS

Movement Described By Authorities As Replacement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Fifteen officers and 150 marines will sail for Nicaragua from New York in a few days, Marine corps headquarters announced today.

STATE BRIEFS

DALLAS.—Wholesale merchants of Dallas are making plans for the largest spring buying season in recent years. The spring market season opens Jan. 31.

EL PASO.—Although his grandfather died before he was born, H. C. Cashman, city policeman, has received \$7,000 as his share of his grandfather's estate.

MEXIA.—December replaced June as the month of brides in Limestone county, according to Lee Allen, county clerk. December marriage licenses broke all records.

GAINESVILLE.—Thirteen marriage licenses were issued here on Christmas eve but the number proved unlucky. The youth who took out license No. 13 returned it after Christmas, explaining that he had taken it out before he asked the girl.

LOCKNEY.—Lockney's 47,000 egg incubator went into operation this week. During the spring hatching season this one machine will have a capacity of 423,000 eggs and it is thought that the plant bookings will exceed that number.

AUSTIN.—Hunters who have deer or ducks in cold storage must dispose of them by Jan. 10. Game laws provide that game may be stored only 10 days after a closed season.

MEXIA.—The present session of congress will be a business session, with tax reduction and flood control work the principal business.

MARINES FACE WELL EQUIPPED REBEL FORCES

Belief Expressed Nicaraguan Rebels Were Backed By Outside Aid.

MANAGUA, Jan. 2.—The military preciseness by which bandits attacked a group of U. S. marines, killing five and wounding 23, caused officers to wonder today whether the bandits had not had advantage of training from other than their own forces.

U. S. Informs France It Is Ready To Join Peace Declaration

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The U. S. has informed France it is ready to consider joining of her major powers in a common declaration against war but that it cannot enter into such a treaty with France alone, as proposed by Briand.

Hickman Defense Attorneys Work For Tomorrow

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Further indications that William Edward Hickman will not plead guilty to the murder of Marion Parker on the grounds of insanity when he enters court tomorrow were in evidence today.

One Killed Many Are Injured In Chicago Crash

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Rushing home a crowd of New Year's celebrants, a South Shore interurban express train crashed into the rear end of a local train just outside the city limits yesterday.

NEW ENGLANDER FIRST TO GREET COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—J. W. Humfeld, a New Englander, was first in line today to greet President and Mrs. Coolidge and to wish them a happy new year.

RESUMES PUBLICATION AFTER BEING DYNAMITED

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 2.—The Scranton Sun, afternoon paper which was wrecked by dynamite at 1 minute after midnight new year's day, is published today as usual.

A Bonnet as Is a Bonnet!



Some bonnet that Barbara Weeks is to wear in "The Goddess of Pearl" at the Chelsea Arts Ball in London! It's a great be-tasseled spider web of pearls nearly six feet in diameter. Bet she takes it off before she Charles-ton!

PRINCIPAL NEWS EVENTS OF 1927

- JANUARY
 - 1—Imperial Valley is shaken by more than 60 tremblers, inflicting damage estimated at \$2,500,000.
 - 4—A surplus of \$218,279,937 in the United States treasury is announced for the first six months of the fiscal year 1926-27.
 - 5—American and British destroyers take up positions in Yang-tze river. Shanghai municipal council announces "a state emergency exists."
 - 9—United States government issues order permitting the shipping of arms to President Diaz of Nicaragua and orders a blockade to prevent munitions from reaching rebels under Sacaes.
 - Seventy-six persons, mostly children, are trampled to death in a panic following a fire in a Montreal theatre.
 - 10—In a special message to congress, President Coolidge says that the United States government has proof that Mexico has aided the sending of munitions to the revolutionists in Nicaragua, and that the United States cannot fail "to view with concern the serious threat to the stability of constitutional government in Nicaragua tending toward anarchy and the jeopardizing of American interests."
 - 11—Mexican embassy at Washington makes a public denial of the charges made by President Coolidge against Mexican policy in Nicaragua.
 - U. S. senate empowers the Reed special committee to inquire into the belated in the Pennsylvania senatorial election and investigate the election of William S. Vare to the senate.
 - 12—Commissioner of Baseball Landis exonerates 21 baseball stars charged with buying four games in 1917.
 - 13—U. S. Senate fails to ratify the Lausanne treaty with Turkey.
 - 19—Former Empress Charlotte Amelia, widow of Maximilian of Mexico, dies.
 - 20—Frank L. Smith, senatorial appointee and senator-elect from Illinois is barred at the door of the senate and his eligibility is referred to a committee.
 - 23—Ban Johnson, president of the American baseball league, is removed from control of his club by the owners.
 - 24—Senate rejects the appointment of Cyrus E. Woods as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.
 - 27—Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker found not guilty by Judge Landis of "fixing" a baseball game in 1919.
 - 31—International military control over Germany's armament ceases, to be superseded by supervision by the League of Nations.
- FEBRUARY
 - 17—The Texas state senate votes to repeal the amnesty granted to former Governor James E. Ferguson. Many are killed by a tornado sweeping through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.
 - 19—Sixty thousand Chinese workers strike in Shanghai and sporadic attacks on foreigners occur as sympathizers celebrate Cantonese victory in Hongchow.
- MARCH
 - 2—Commander Franceses de Pinedo arrives in Buenos Aires, completing the first flight from Italy to the Argentine.
 - The federal jury trying former attorney general Harry M. Daugherty and Col. Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, finds Col. Miller guilty but discharges Daugherty. The indictment against Daugherty is then nolle prossed.
 - More than 2,000 persons are killed and scores of villages are destroyed by an earthquake in central Japan.
 - 14—Preliminary arguments in \$1,000,000 libel suit brought by Aaron Sapiro against Henry Ford are heard in Detroit.
 - 16—Harry F. Sinclair is found guilty of contempt of the senate for refusing to answer questions asked by members of the public land committee.
 - 19—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon issues an order creating the bureau of prohibition and the office of prohibition commissioner.
 - 20—Cantonese troops take Shanghai. Foreigners are unharmed and are protected by 15,000 foreign troops.
 - 24—Roy A. Haynes is appointed acting prohibition commissioner.
 - Dr. J. E. Williams, an American connected with Nanking University, and several other foreigners are killed by Cantonese soldiers in Nanking. Foreigners are evacuated from the city while American and British gunboats lay down barrage to enable them to escape.
 - 30—Henry Ford is seriously injured when his car is crowded over an embankment by men in another automobile near Detroit.
- APRIL
 - 2—Edgar M. Wilkins, American engineer, is murdered in Mexico.
 - 5—William Hale Thompson is elected mayor of Chicago.
 - 9—Col. Edward Davis, American military attaché at the City of Mexico, is recalled to Washington to explain the loss of official documents and to report on spurious documents given President Calles to provoke anti-American feeling.
 - 14—Bert Acosta and Clarence Chamberlain set a world record of remaining in the air in a plane for more than 51 hours.
 - 15—Flood conditions along the Mississippi river become serious.
 - 18—A definite break between the moderates and the radicals occurs in the Chinese Nationalist party. General Chiang Kai-shek leading the moderates and General Peng Yu-Hsiang the radicals. Chiang Kai-shek sets up a new government in Nanking in opposition to the Hankow regime.

COOLIDGE BUSY DEPARTMENTS TAKE HOLIDAY

Appears At Office Early And Seemingly Was In Excellent Health

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—President Coolidge took up the work of another year apparently unmindful of the beckoning finger of time. Departments observed a holiday but Mr. Coolidge was at his office early. Callers noticed there was a definite suggestion of "business as usual."

Coldest Spell For Many Years Now Subsiding

A sun that came out of a clear sky this morning broke the grip of the cold spell that has prevailed over Eastland county for two days and the mercury took a substantial rise in comparison with New Year's day. The thermometer registered 28 degrees above zero this morning and with the coming of sunshine, it was expected that it would take another jump before the afternoon was over.

Governor Moody Will Revoke Two Bandit Pardons

AUSTIN, Jan. 2.—Governor Dan Moody Monday morning announced that during the day he would revoke the conditional pardon granted by Miriam Ferguson to Henry Helms and Marshall Ratliff, who are now under arrest charged with murder and robbery in connection with the robbing of the Cisco bank.

Wagner's Widow Celebrates



The latest portrait, this, of Cosima Wagner, widow of Richard Wagner, the musician, who on Christmas day celebrated her 90th anniversary at her home in Germany.

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE CISCO ROBBERY

Body Convened Monday Morning And Given Charge By Judge Davenport

The wheels of justice were set in motion this morning for an investigation of the Cisco bank robbery when Judge Geo. L. Davenport of the 91st district court charged his grand jury, re-convened for the special purpose, on the law relative to murder, robbery with firearms, theft, etc. The laws regarding accomplices and accessories to crime were also given the jurors by the court.

TWO DOCTORS TAKE OVER RESCUE WORK

Fire Follows Blast Causing Loss Of \$5,000

New Year's day in Ranger was marred by a disastrous explosion that occurred at 11:50 o'clock Sunday morning on the J. L. Harrison lease, four miles west of Ranger, belonging to the John M. Gholson interests, which took two lives and destroyed approximately \$5,000 worth of oil tanks and crude oil.

Curtis "Shorty" Taylor, 30, was killed instantly by the explosion, his body being burned to a crisp and J. E. High, 54, died a few hours after the accident at the City-County hospital, Ranger.

Both of the bodies were horribly burned, that of Taylor being burned beyond recognition as his body was extracted from the fire about an hour after the explosion. High was burned severely from the waist down, his body being a mass of blisters and his legs practically cooked. High died at 6 o'clock, about six hours after the accident happened.

Although the cause of the accident is not definitely known it is the opinion of John D. Gholson that the men were there when they opened one of the wells and when they opened the stop the gas ignited. The two men were the only ones working on the lease at the time of the explosion.

Drs. T. L. Lauderdale and J. L. Barnett, who were paying a professional call on Mr. High's granddaughter, who is afflicted with meningitis, were on the scene at the time of the explosion and were the first ones on the scene. They dragged High's body from the fire and rushed him to the hospital in an endeavor to save his life.

A watch belonging to High was found in his trousers and was stopped at 11:50, the exact time that the explosion occurred.

The explosion and the fire that followed destroyed six 100 barrel tanks, four 100 barrel tanks and approximately 200 barrels of crude oil. John D. Gholson placed the actual damage at about \$5,000 this morning.

EL PASO, Jan. 2.—Albert B. Fall former secretary of the interior is too ill to go to Washington for a trial of the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy case scheduled for Jan. 16, his physician announced here today.

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Atwood and Wife Make Appearance Bond in Pugh Case

Harry Atwood and his wife, of Ranger, were put under \$500 bond to insure their appearance before the Palo Pinto county grand jury...

Johnnie Reeves and his wife, Bertha Reeves, also made appearance bond in the same amount before they left for Mountpelier, Ind., to accompany the body of Pugh.

County Attorney G. L. Creighton, of Palo Pinto, on a recent visit to Ranger said that no charges had been filed relative to the murder but that he was endeavoring to get the six witnesses to the murder together for the grand jury investigation.

The two men wanted in connection with the robbery of Atwood's party and the killing of Pugh, are said to have been seen last at Breckenridge but eluded the officers there.

The Ranger police force is working with the Palo Pinto authorities in connection with the case.

Public Utility Men Looking For Prosperity 1928

DALLAS, Jan. 2.—Prosperity is coming to Texas during 1928 in generous measure, in the opinion of leading public utility executives of the state.

A composite picture of what is expected industrially and commercially for the state in the new year has been obtained by the Texas Public Service Information Bureau of Dallas from statements of utility men representing many sections.

The information discloses that the utilities are preparing for a large growth, both in population and industrial enterprises, which will require much additional light, power, heat, transportation and communication.

The Stone and Webster group of utilities which cover a large part of the investment in addition to other utilities of the country, are so certain that the state will develop rapidly they expect to spend \$10,000,000 in 1928 in getting ready for development.

The group operating in Houston, El Paso, Fort Worth and Beaumont, are all the developments in Texas are perhaps the most rapid development that has occurred in the history of the state.

Col. W. B. Tuttle, president of the San Antonio Public Service company, stated "there is every indication that San Antonio and its vicinity is facing the most rapid development that has occurred in the history of the city."

One of the bulls Lindbergh saw killed was finished off by the head of the traffic department of Mexico City. It was a case of when bull meets bull.

EASTERN STAR MEETS TONIGHT.

The regular meeting of the Eastern Star will be held tonight at 7:30.

PERSONALS.

Wayne C. Hickey, secretary of the Ranger chamber of commerce, and his family have returned from a ten day's visit with Mr. Hickey's parents at Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Boon had as their guest during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. F. Carroll, parents of Mrs. Boon, and Edwin B. Carroll, brother of Mrs. Boon, all of Panhandle and Mrs. Boon's sister, Miss W. A. Carroll of Brady.

Funeral Services For John W. Taylor Be Held Tuesday

John W. Taylor, 58, resident of Ranger for eight years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Stiles at 5:22 Monday morning, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Taylor began sinking Saturday night and due to his already weakened condition, failed to recover.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Rosa Taylor, he is survived by one son, Frank Taylor of Cross Plains, and two daughters, Mrs. A. L. Stiles of Ranger and Mrs. Albert Bradford of Eliasville. The three children were at his bedside at the time of death.

Mr. Taylor is also survived by two sisters, Miss Minerva Taylor of Clyde and Mrs. W. P. Barton of Clyde and two brothers, George Taylor of McAllister, Okla., and Jerry Taylor of Rotan.

Funeral services will be held at the New Hope church at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and interment will follow in the Macedonia cemetery.

Methodists To Meet In Eastland In All Day Session

The First Methodist church of Eastland will host Wednesday to the Missionary Conference, which will be in session for one day. The session opens at 10 o'clock a. m. in what is known as the Wright building on West Main street, just west of the postoffice.

Dr. Rawlings of Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the principal address in the forenoon. This address will be followed by an address by Rev. Roy Langston, secretary of the conference here.

SAYS REDS THREATEN INDIA. If India is bolshevized and thrown into utter confusion, as China has been, the world outlook will be black indeed, declares the Maharajah of Burdwan, one of the greatest Indian nobles and respected in Europe for his intelligence and foresight.

The maharajah added that in the old czarist days the risk to India from Russia was much less grave than it is today.

BRADY.—Brady turkey sales last year totaled \$400,000 according to figures compiled by the Brady chamber of commerce.

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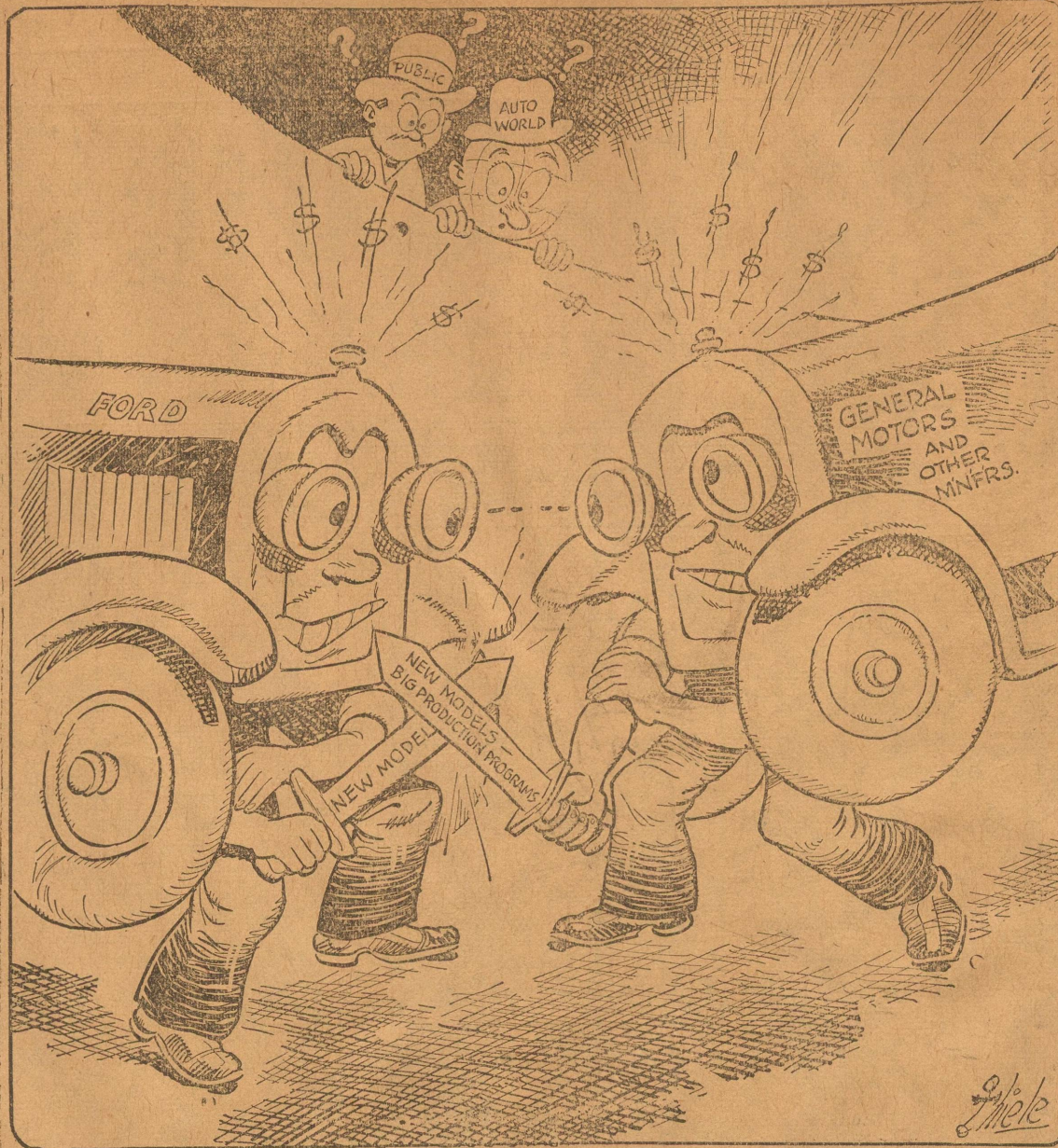
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220 ARBITRATION FACTS EXIST, LEAGUE DISCOVERS

By United Press. GENEVA.—Arbitration and conciliation are tending rapidly to outstrip war as the recognized means of settling international disputes.

Statistics just completed by the treaty registering department of the League of Nations show that there are now 220 treaties in force which contain provisions for settling all disputes arising under them by arbitration.

The great bulk of these have been negotiated since the organization of the league and under the impetus of the arbitration movement which the league has launched. During the past year alone 40 such treaties, nearly all between European nations, were registered with the league.

Up to the present time 18 different nations also have accepted the compulsory jurisdiction clause of the league's permanent court of international justice at the Hague. Under this caused the signatory nations accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the court for the settlement of all juridical disputes which may arise with other nations accepting the clause.

Makes Body Transparent. That he has invented a method by which the human body can be made as transparent as glass is claimed by Dr. Tours, a French doctor. He says that by his new device the organs of the body can be seen working as if in a mirror. Some experts declare that the invention surpasses X-rays in value and that it will revolutionize the practice of both medicine and surgery. Dr. Tours has announced that he intends to reveal the secrets of his discovery shortly.

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HOUSTON, Jan. 2.—Gift of 600 acres of land by John Henry Kirby, millionaire Houston lumberman to A. & M. College by Bryan was announced today by Kirby when he spoke before the A. & M. club luncheon at the Rice hotel.

The faculty of the forestry department may select the tract from any land the donor owns. It is to be used in the study of reforestation, the crop to be sold each year and the income to be applied to a student loan fund for the department.

Nature adjusts things pretty evenly. The wife is generally willing to make allowances in about the same proportion the husband is willing to give them.

Pleasant Grove Special Correspondence.

Miss Elma and Roger Threatt motored over to Fort Worth Wednesday.

Misses Laura Threatt and Alma Sledge of Eldorado, Ark., visited Miss Laura's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Threatt this week.

Two of our school teachers, Misses Clarice Lovet and Vallie Ransom, were married Sunday. Also Misses Addy Bell and Ann Battles were married during the holidays.

Bew Lee and family from near Merriman attended the Christmas tree here Saturday night.

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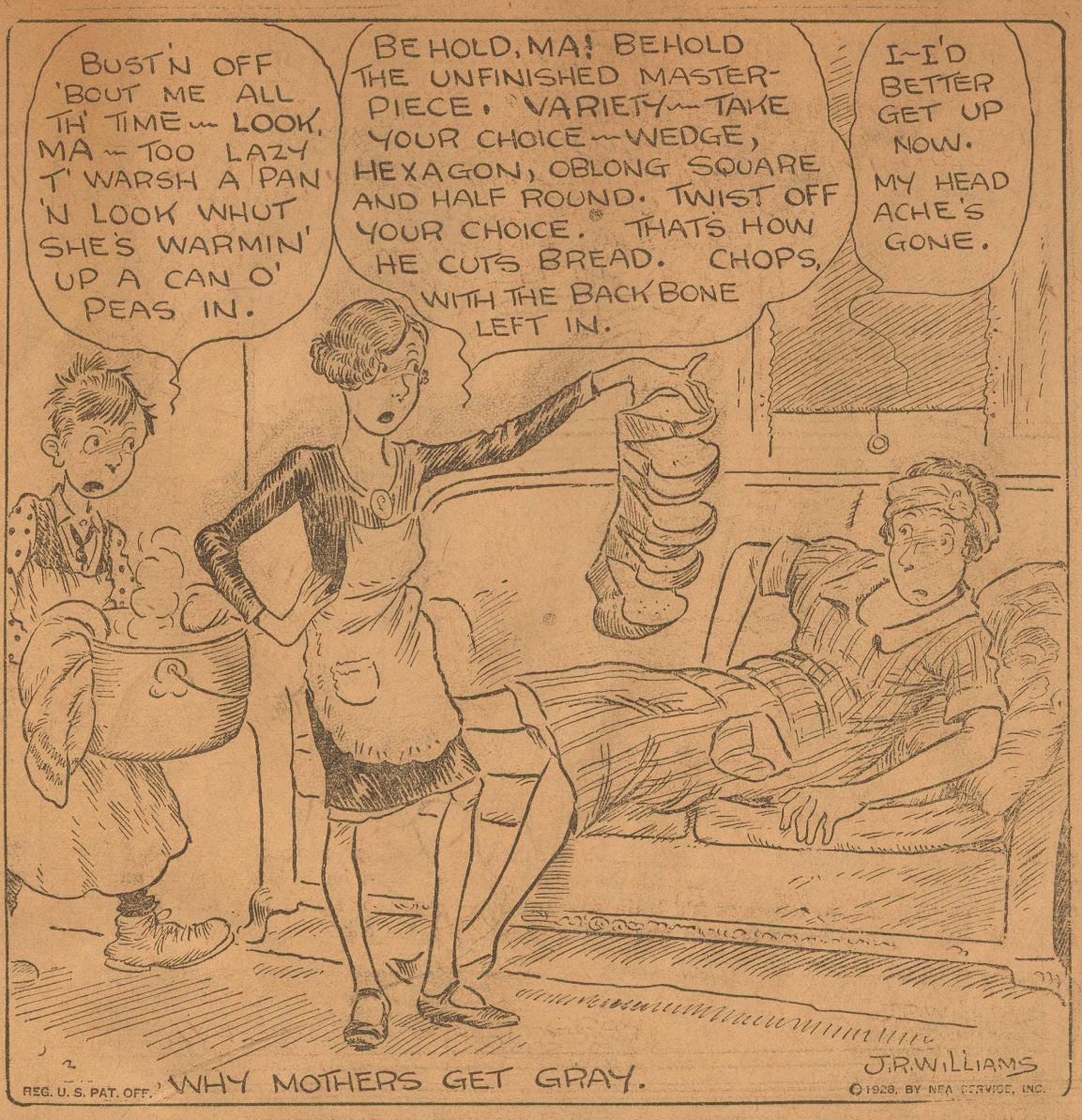
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Principal News Events of 1927

(Continued from page 1) which he charges is controlled by Communists. 25—President Coolidge, in a speech at the twentieth anniversary dinner of the United Press association outlines the policy of the government in Central America and China, and says that the United States will not embark on any program of military aggrandizement. 29—The Mississippi levee at Poydras, La., is cut to relieve the pressure of the flood on New Orleans. With 6,000,000 acres already under water, the flood is increasing hourly. MAY 2—The United States supreme court upholds the Virginia law providing for the sterilization of mental defectives. 6—Hudson Maxim, the inventor, dies. 7—Captain Charles Nungesser and Major Francois Coli take off from Paris on their fatal air flight toward New York. 10—The middle west is visited by a series of tornadoes which kill 225 persons and do millions of dollars' damage to property. 12—The headquarters of the Soviet trade delegation in London is raided by police who announce the discovery of documents disclosing an anti-British plot. 13—Prices on the Berlin stock exchange collapse in the worst crash since the war. 18—Thirty-seven children and seven adults are killed when an insane man dynamites a school at Bath, Mich. 20—Captain Charles Lindbergh takes off for Paris. 21—Captain Charles Lindbergh completes his solitary non-stop flight from Mineola, N. Y. to Paris. He is greeted by a frenzied mob at Le Bourget flying field. 22—World unites in praise of Lindbergh. Monetary loss so far in Mississippi flood is estimated at \$240,000,000, with 750,000 homeless and 18,000 square miles inundated. The flood continues unabated. 27—Great Britain breaks diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. JUNE 1—William Phillips, first United States minister to Canada, received by Governor-General Willingdon. Governor Fuller of Massachusetts appoints President Lowell of Harvard university, Samuel W. Stratton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and former Judge Robert Grant to an advisory committee in his investigation of the Sacco-Vanzetti case. 4—The Marquis of Lansdowne, aged 82, dies in Clonmel, Ireland. He was formerly governor-general of Canada and a prominent figure in English politics. 6—Chamberlain and Levine land at Eisleben, Germany, being forced down by lack of fuel before reaching Berlin, their objective. 7—Averescu ministry, which has been in power in Roumania since March, 1926, resigns. Charles A. Lindbergh commissioned as colonel in Missouri National Guard. 7—Soviet Russian minister to Poland, L. Voikoff, said to have issued death warrant of Czar Nicholas II, is assassinated by young Russian monarchist. 10—Twenty "white Russians" are executed by Soviet government following midnight trial. In address President Coolidge predicts a surplus for the current fiscal year ending June 30 of \$599,000,000. 11—The nation's official welcome is tendered to Colonel Lindbergh in Washington where he is presented with Distinguished Flying Cross by President Coolidge. 13—New York gives Colonel Lindbergh a tremendous ovation. President and Mrs. Coolidge leave Washington for a summer vacation in the Black Hills of South Dakota. 14—Jerome K. Jerome, novelist, and playwright, dies at Northampton England. 16—Marshal Chang Tso-lin announces that he has assumed the post of "generalissimo dictator of the forces for the suppression of communists." 20—Tri-power conference for the limitation of naval armament opens at Geneva. 23—William T. Cosgrove is re-elected president of the Irish Free State. 28—Lieutenants Lester J. Maitland and Albert Heegenberger take off from San Francisco on non-stop flight to Honolulu. 29—Commander Byrd, Bert Acosta, George O. Noville and Berni Balchen take off in monoplane America from Roosevelt Field, L. I., for Paris. 29—Lieutenants Lester J. Maitland and Albert Heegenberger land at Wheeler Field, Honolulu, from San Francisco, making the longest non-stop flight in history. JULY 1—Commander Byrd, Bert Acosta, George O. Noville and Berni Balchen piloting the monoplane America, land in the sea, off Ver-sur-Mer, France, near Havre, after losing their way in a fog while enroute from New York to Paris; their plane is wrecked. Twenty-one persons are dead in Chicago as result of terrific heat wave which sweeps Middle West. 8—Henry Ford orders attack on Jews in his Dearborn Independent to cease and settlement of \$1,000,000 libel suit instituted by Aaron Sapiro as result of independent articles seem likely. 9—John Drew, dean of American actors, died in San Francisco. Famous Players Lasky movie corporation is ordered by Federal trade commission to discontinue "unfair methods of competition." 10—Kevin O'Higgins, vice president of council of ministers in Irish Free State, assassinated in Dublin. 14—Ernest L. Smith and Emery B. Bronte, take off from Oakland Cal., for Hawaii. 15—Ernest L. Smith and Emery B. Bronte, flying from Oakland, Cal., to Hawaii, are forced to land at Molokai, one of the Hawaiian islands and their plane is wrecked. Bobby Jones of Atlanta, Ga., wins for the second time the British open golf championship. 20—Ferdinand, king of Roumania, dies and is succeeded on throne by his five-year-old grandson, Mihai, who will rule under a regency. Secretary Hoover recommends an annual expenditure of from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for ten years for flood control and navigation development of the Mississippi river and its tributaries, in his flood report. 25—Frederick A. Stirling, first envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Irish Free State from the United States, arrives in Dublin and is greeted by a representative of President Cosgrave. 27—Lena Wilson is wed to James Stillman, Jr., at Grand Anse, Que. AUGUST 2—President Coolidge, at summer white house, Rapid City, S. D., issues statement, saying "I do not choose to run for president in 1928" and creates a political sensation. 3—Governor Fuller of Massachusetts decides that Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, sentenced to death, must accept the death penalty. 4—Three power conference for limitation of armament, held at Geneva, ends without agreement. 5—Governor Fuller of Massachusetts announces that he finds no reason justifying his intervention to save the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti, his advisory committee stating that they found no evidence of prejudice in the court records. Two New York subway stations wrecked by bombs supposed to have been planted by Sacco-Vanzetti sympathizers. 7—Maj.-General Leonard Wood dies. 13—James Oliver Curwood, author dies. 15—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation, dies. 16—J. Ogden Armour, packing-house magnate dies. Four airplanes take off from Oakland, Cal., in \$35,000 Dole air derby to Honolulu, the first trans-oceanic air derby in history. 17—Arthur C. Goebel, Hollywood, Cal., with Lieut. W. V. Davis, in plane Woolaroc, wins the derby. 20—All hope is abandoned for the airplane, Miss Doran and Golden Eagle, entries in Derby with seven persons aboard and the plane, Dallas Spirit, with two aboard; the Dallas Spirit had gone out to search for the missing derby planes. 23—Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti are executed for killing a paymaster in South Braintree, Mass., ending worldwide protests that they be granted clemency. 25—Four Japanese warships crash in Sea of Japan during naval maneuvers, one ship sinking with the loss of 129 officers and seamen. Paul Redfern leaves Brunswick, Ga., on his ill-fated flight toward Brazil. 27—Bobby Jones wins national amateur golf championship at Minneapolis. 31—Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim-Freudenberg, Lieut.-Col. Minchin and Capt. Howard take off in the monoplane St. Raphael for Canada from England. They apparently were lost at sea. SEPTEMBER 5—Wayne B. Wheeler of the anti-saloon league dies. Marcus Loew, motion picture magnate dies. 6—Eleven years of prohibition in New Brunswick, Canada, ends when the law giving the government a monopoly of the liquor trade goes into effect. The monoplane Old Glory piloted by J. D. Hill and Lloyd Bertrand and carrying Philip Payne as passenger, takes off from Old Orchard, Me., for Rome. The plane is wrecked and all lost. 7—Capt. Terry Tully and Lieut. James Medcalf leave Newfoundland in the monoplane "Sir John Carling" for England. They are lost at sea. 10—The Davis cup is won by the French tennis team, LaCoste defeating Tilden while Johnston loses to Cochet. 14—Isadora Duncan, famous American dancer, is killed in an automobile accident in France. The American polo team retains possession of the international polo cup by defeating the visiting British-Indian team. 16—General Pershing and the "second expeditionary forces" arrive in Paris to hold the American Legion convention. 20—Dwight W. Morrow is appoint-

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ates he will not run for president in 1928. 7—Senate denies seat to Frank L. Smith of Illinois. President Coolidge submits a billion dollar budget and asks only a \$250,000,000 tax cut. 9—Senate refuses to seat William S. Vare of Pennsylvania. 10—Seven years of technical state war between Poland and Lithuania ends with agreement. House of representatives votes Colonel Lindbergh congressional medal. 12—President Coolidge approves billion dollar navy expenditure. State troops bar legislators from legislature building on orders of Governor H. S. Johnston, Oklahoma, as legislators seek to impeach him. 13—Colonel Lindbergh takes off from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C. on non-stop flight to Mexico City. 14—Colonel Lindbergh lands in Mexico City after being lost in fog. Thirty-five children die in Quebec orphanage fire. 15—House of representatives passes \$289,000,000 tax reduction bill. House of commons in London rejects revised Church of England prayer book. 16—Army-Navy football game for 1928 is believed cancelled, following failure of West Point authorities to sign contract. 19—The submarine S-4 of the U. S. Navy is sunk off Provincetown, Mass., with 40 men aboard, after having been rammed by the U. S. destroyer Paulding. Expert Radio Service EXIDE Battery Company 205 So. Commerce Ranger BEAUTY SERVICE Exclusive for ladies. Facials and scalp treatments given by efficient operators. Permanent waves and marcelling. GRAZIOLA BEAUTY SHOPPE 112 N. Marston St. Phone 550 Ranger Storage MISSION GARAGE Phone 45 Ranger Get a Eugene Wave at our Beauty Shoppe. STAFFORD DRUG CO. Ranger USED CARS Some real bargains. Get our prices first. SUPER-SIX MOTORS CO. Hudson-Essex Ranger, Tex. Good work—Prompt Service CITY TAILORS 107 No. Austin Ranger Radiator Repairing Have radiators repaired now and avoid the winter rush. Special prices on new Ford radiators. Clarke's Radiator Shop 403 Main st. Ranger All Prescriptions Filled by Registered Pharmacist HICKS DRUG STORE 301 Main Ranger TAILOR MADE SUITS We are just as cheap on made-to-measure suits as on cleaning and pressing for \$1.00. CLASSIE TAILORS 115 South Rusk Ranger DR. PHIL R. SIMMONS Practice limited to diseases of ear, eye, nose and throat; Glass Fitting. 203 Hodges & Neal Building Telephone No. 5 Ranger, Texas

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BILLY EVANS' SPORT TALK

Stole, Then Went Back.
Strategy and comedy figured in the two most unusual bits of base running I ever gave a decision on, covering 22 years of calling them wrong and right on the ball field. Mostly wrong, if you would believe fandom at times.

The late Herman Schaefer pulled the base-running that had strategy as its base. Eddie Ainsmith, the second catcher to handle Walter Johnson's varied assortment of staff, played the role of comedian in the other unusual happening on the bases. Schaefer pulled his stunt of stealing second and then sneaking back to first after two balls had been pitched to the next batter, in a game at Washington, with Chicago as the opposing team.

The situation arising late in the game had Milan, a fast runner, on third, and Schaefer, equally fleet of foot on first. At the time Washington needed a run to tie the score.

But Milan Was Out.
The game was close, two out, the pitcher up and the manager couldn't afford to gamble with a pinch hitter at that stage. He trusted to luck and hoped the weak-hitting pitcher might surprise him.

Schaefer wasn't as optimistic about the chances of the pitcher to break up the game as the Washington manager. After one strike had been called on the batsman he dashed for second on the next ball pitched, hoping to draw a throw that might enable Milan, perched on third, to dash for home.

The Chicago catcher, realizing the chances were all against the pitcher making a hit, refused to fall for the strategy and didn't throw. After two more balls had been pitched, Schaefer started plenty of confusion by dashing back to first base.

No one knew just how the runner could be properly retired, and while the ball was being tossed hither and thither Schaefer made several more breaks for second. Milan finally dashed for the plate only to be retired at home on a close play.

Schaefer's act in stealing a base the wrong way caused the rule-makers to specify particularly how it is possible to retire a runner when he starts to run the bases in reverse order.

What a Tragedy!
Ainsmith's comedy stuff happened in a game between Washington and Philadelphia. Going into the last half of the ninth, Philadelphia, with Chief Bender pitching, had the home boys beaten something like 12-3. A nine-run margin at that stage is quite an advantage.

With two down, Ainsmith hit safely. He stole second and third unmolested, as his run didn't mean a thing since Washington needed nine to tie.

When Ainsmith reached third, the count on the batter was two balls and a strike. It was at this stage that some wag in the bleachers started trouble by suggesting that Ainsmith steel home, which he crazily proceeded to do. Bender, having started his delivery, entered into the comedy situation by continuing his wind-up, instead of curtailing it.

When Ainsmith slid across the plate in apparent safety, Bender was still doing his windup stuff. As a matter of fact, Ainsmith had almost reached the bench before Bender finally delivered the ball.

Was Comic Scene.
Everything would have been all O. K. if the batsman had simply let the ball go by. Even had it been a strike the count would have been only two and two and Ainsmith would have registered on the pitch. But he elected to swing and fled out to left field, retiring the side and ending the game.

Most of the fans left the park under the impression the final score was 12-4, believing Ainsmith had stolen home when, as a matter of fact, the run didn't count. The inception of the play was the windup on which Ainsmith made his dash for home. It ended in the ball being delivered to the batter, who hit it, flying out for the final play of the game.

Since no runs can score on a third out on a play in which the batsman fails to reach first base, as was the case here, Ainsmith's daring proved but comedy.

In my next article I will discuss the most trying situation I ever faced on the ball field during my major league career.

Don't criticize the lowly black sheep. He is only a poor fellow of the flock who doesn't know anyway to go but wrong.

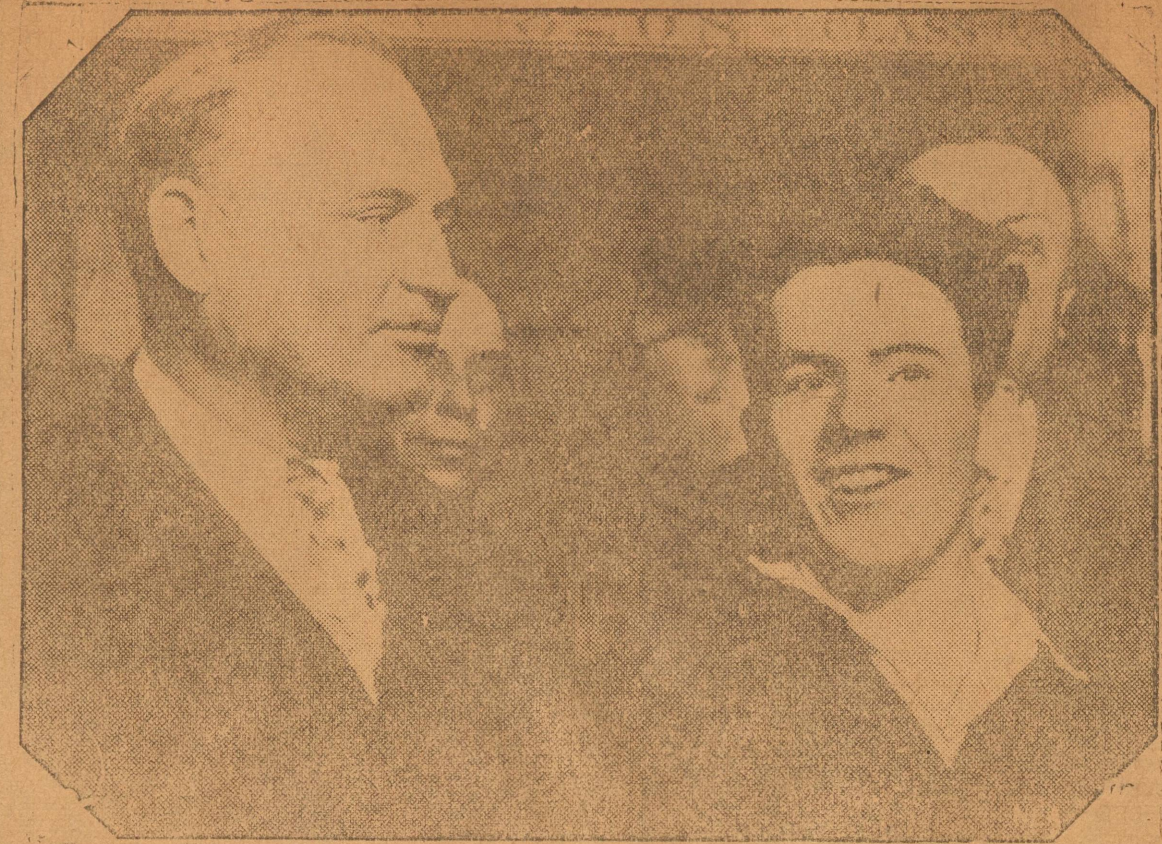
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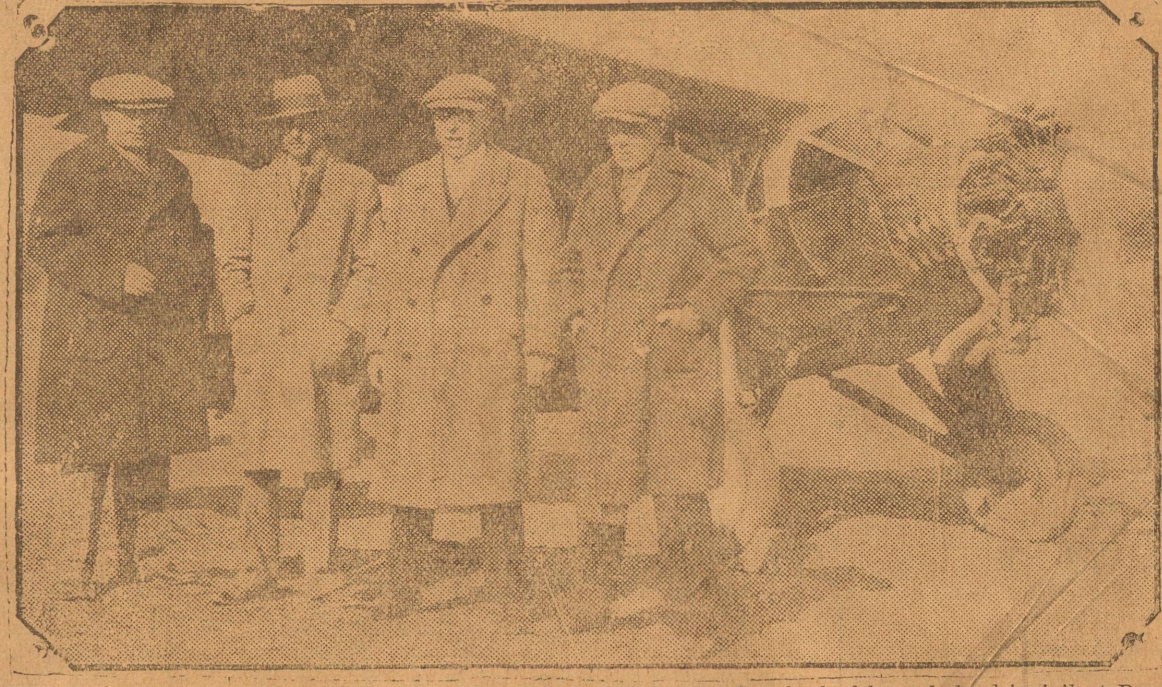
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Hickman Laughs After Confessing Murder



With a defiant laugh on his mouth, which was somewhat belied by the expression of his eyes, Edward Hickman returned from Pendleton, Ore., to Los Angeles with the confession that he had kidnaped and murdered Marion Parker. This photograph, taken as his train reached San Francisco, shows him with District Attorney Asa Keyes of Los Angeles, who hopes to send him to the gallows for the crime.



So eager were Los Angeles officials to question Edward Hickman after he had been lodged in jail at Pendleton, Ore., that they used an airplane to get there. This photo shows a group of officers leaving for Oregon. Left to right, they are: George Contreras, chief of detectives of the district attorney's office; F. H. Jerome, pilot, and Detective Lieutenants H. G. Taylor and E. M. Hamren.

SPORTSMATTER

BY FRANK GETTY
UNITED PRESS SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball men are working quietly to bring peace between the major leagues and the minors before the former's ultimatum expires, a month hence.

The general impression is that the differences over the draft will in some way be patched up, so that the national pastime may continue as one big, if not happy, family.

A definite break between the majors and the minors, with each operating independently, would create a situation which, accustomed as we are to the present national agreement, would seem strange.

It might work out to the advantage of some ball players; it might militate against others. Certainly it would make for confusion and law suits, whereas for the past seven years the iron hand of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis has smoothed out most of baseball's difficulties without the necessity of anyone's going to court to get his just deserts.

Nearly everyone has felt that while Judge Landis' verdicts may not always have been just, they have at least been mercifully swift.

In baseball, as in boxing, the one advantage of a supreme authority is that it keeps a lot of lawyers away.

The question of the draft always has been the one unfortunately complicated feature of baseball. Everything else about the national pastime is simplicity itself. The sandlot kids do not find the need of a high commissioner, although sometimes a riot squad is required to save the umpire.

The national agreements to which majors and minors subscribed seven years ago, worked out pretty well. Difficulties over the draft and the sale and purchase of ball players did not arise from any intrinsic fault in the document.

Greed of magnates, whether big or little magnates, brought on baseball's present sore throat.

It seemed to the leading legal minds which were called into conference with Judge Landis on the occasion of the recent baseball meetings, however, that the national agreement was, on its face, unilateral, and therefore not legally binding.

For instance, one paragraph of the agreement reads that it "shall continue in effect as long as Judge Kenesaw M. Landis remains high commissioner of baseball."

Obviously, this gave the major leagues a tremendous advantage—so great an advantage that the major-league agreement probably was not altogether legal.

If the majors continued satisfied with the agreement, all they had to do was to continue Judge Landis in office. If they wished to get out of it, they had only to fire him. The minors had nothing to say.

There was considerable question, also, as to the legality of a measure passed by the minors at Dallas forbidding non-draft leagues to take players who were subject to the draft.

ing and naturally wished to go through with them.

Some of the master minds conferred with the high commissioner on the matter and decided that a definite date, such as the first of February, 1928, should be fixed for the enforcing of such a rule.

For a winter meeting from which in the way of trades had been anticipated, the recent gathering in New York City proved disappointing.

Billy Evans and Roger Peckinpaugh came on from Cleveland primed to trade half their ball club, if the opportunity presented itself. They went away wondering what was the matter with this business of being the bosses of a ball club. Only St. Louis clubs maintained a high average for barter.

From England comes the claim of discovery of a new heavyweight with championship possibilities.

It is an old story, but one to which an Englishman will ever lend a sympathetic ear.

If one of her explorers should discover both poles at once old England could scarcely grant him more acclaim than awaits the discoverer of a British boxer capable of winning the heavyweight championship of the world.

The identity of the latest British aspirant is a closely guarded secret. Just why this should be necessary is not quite clear. Perhaps his backers fear that some third rate American fighter will walk up and slap him horizontal before he has been properly exploited.

It is barely possible that they consider this secrecy useful from a publicity point of view. Perish the thought.

If there were a real British heavyweight anywhere in Great Britain he would be crated and rushed to Tex Rickard forthwith and C. O. D.

The newcomer is a former office boy. That much, and a little more has been learned about him. Recently he was promoted to be a junior "clerk" in a city office, a position which entitles him to two celluloid collars and a little black "darby" hat, with spots, of course.

This potential champion is not yet 20. He has been boxing for several years, however, and recently stopped three amateurs in a single evening. The training methods of "Kid X" are as mysterious as his identity.

During the lunch hour in the city, several boxers of repute tie themselves to the offices in which the junior clerk is employed and all descend to a basement, where the gloves are produced and the fun begins.

The youngster, it is said, (and this couldn't all be publicity chatter, could it?) takes on the others, one after another, each tiring rapidly under the strenuous attack of "Kid X." One 217 pound heavyweight is said to be unable to stay more than two rounds with our hero.

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name is spelled right, professes to believe that when Phil Scott returns to this country next year the Hackney Wick fire laddie can be made into a first rate fighter.

But it might be well to have Phil take on that mysterious office boy in the meantime.

A review of the racing season shows that 1927 was not a particularly good year for the American turf.

Ralph Heinzen writes from Paris that it was a poor year in France also.

American race fans, who occasionally have had cause to complain of small fields will be interested to know however, that the principal complaint on the Continent concerns a glut of thoroughbreds.

"Horse racing in France," he says, "is beginning to suffer from a glut of horses, and backers and trainers agree that unless hundreds are taken to the French butchers each year from now on the sport will be crushed out of existence beneath a weight of numbers."

"Looking back on the racing season in the Paris region, which closed December 15, it appears that although there was a mass of 'thoroughbred' material, only two real racers stood out.

"They were Martinez deHoz's Tailman and the Moulins stable's Grand Prix de Paris winner, Fiterari.

"Although the calendar of the Paris season now runs over ten months, it is not long enough to provide for all the horses in training. Each year the number of thoroughbreds increases, so that soon there will be 200,000 horses pawing for places on the French turf.

"Entries were so numerous at Maisons-Laffitte, a training center favored by English stables on the Continent, that many races during the season drew 35 or 40 starters. In one afternoon at that track it was not uncommon to have 180 or more horses entered for the six events.

"These bulky fields hamper and delay the starts and often as many as 10 horses are left at the post.

"As the favorite is quite likely to be boxed in such a mob of horses, betting in the mutual machines has fallen off considerably, and the authorities are disturbed. As for the factors, they feel they do not get a fair run for their money."

In the United States, more horses carried colors on the Jockey Club tracks than in the past ten years. The total, however, was only 1,550, which gives some idea of the comparison between the number of French and American horses.

The two-year-olds of 1927 established three new track records in the United States, but the other ages produced no startling performances.

The French tracks likewise produced some fair two-year-olds, and the prospect for next season is more hopeful, if only the butchers get busy during the winter.

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TWO CHRISTMASSES OBSERVED IN RUSSIA

By United Press. MOSCOW.—Christmas in Russia this year is being celebrated on two different days. The first celebration occurred Sunday. It is the "official" Soviet Christmas day. Thirteen days later another Christmas occurs. Then it will be Christmas for those Russians of the Orthodox faith who persistently refuse to accept the Gregorian calendar which the Soviets introduced in Russia after the revolution. Despite all changes, Christmas remains as beautiful here as it was before.

All day children admiringly gazed at the huge Christmas tree which has been planted in almost every large square of the principal cities throughout the country. Sunday the markets in the center of most towns look like miniature forests with their hundreds of forests with their hundreds of all sizes ready for delivery to the homes of those who want to purchase them.

Tonight the shops of Moscow are ablaze with light. Thousands of multicolored glass beads, of brilliant silver stars and the traditional Russian wax angels adorn window displays. Even the government stores have been decorated for the occasion.

For the past two days long lines of people have been waiting in the streets to take their turn at entering the numerous stores where they want to purchase the traditional Christmas goose and caviar for tonight's late supper. Lavish supplies of Russia's national drink, vodka, will complete the annual feast in each home.

The lady who wants to put a "chair of love" in a southern university probably doesn't know they have park benches in that town.

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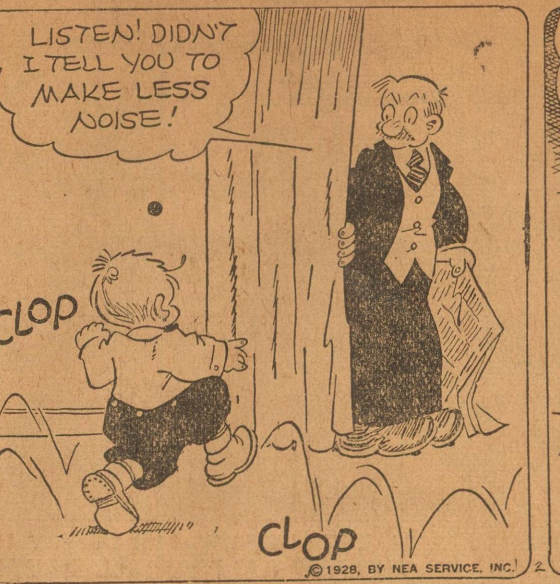
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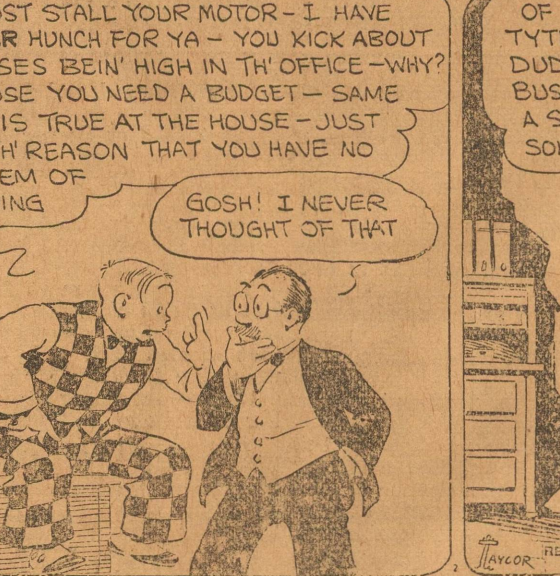
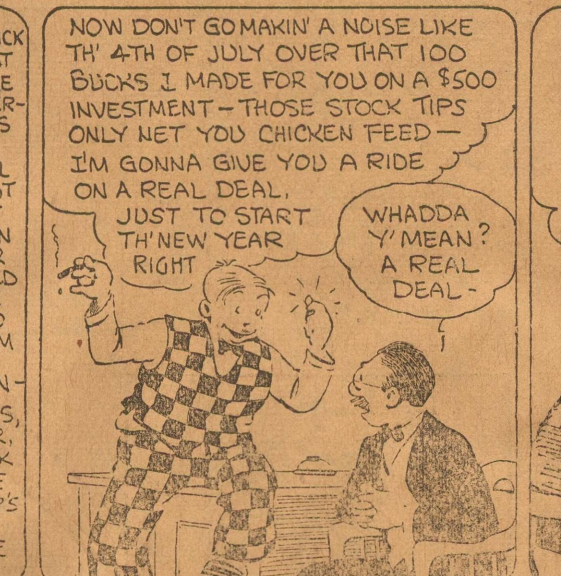
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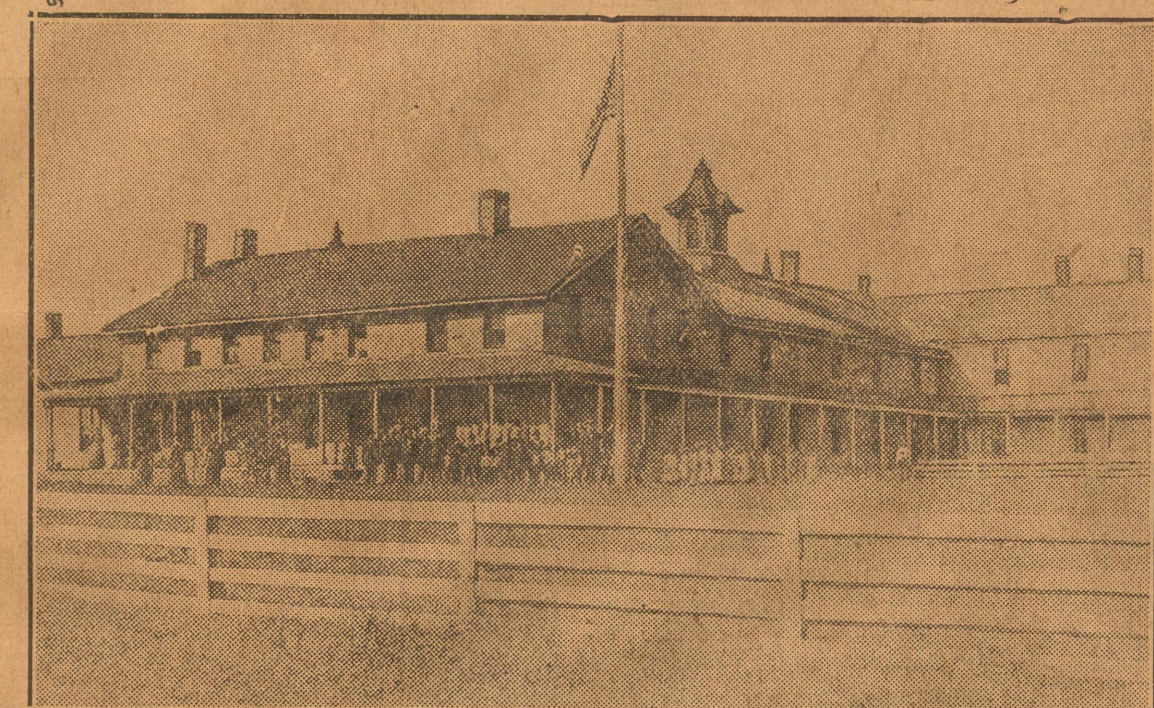


Mom'n Pop



The Blazing Horizon by ERNEST LYNN

THE STORY THUS FAR: When Jeff Harrison, gambler, is killed in a poker game in Caldwell, Kas., his 13-year-old son, Tony, is taken to the Bar K ranch in the Indian territory by Joe Craig, who appoints himself the boy's guardian. There Tony is welcomed by Titus Moore, owner of the Bar K brand, and his little daughter, Rita. Another who has befriended Tony is G. W. Lillie, who later becomes known as Pawnee Bill when he teaches school at the Indian reservation in Pawnee.



The Indian School at Pawnee, Okla., where Pawnee Bill taught

In the months that follow, reports come to the Bar K of the activities of the now notorious Benton gang, Tom Benton being the murderer of Jeff Harrison. Craig and Tony depart for Pawnee to visit Pawnee Bill.

CHAPTER XIX Crisp autumn was on the Indian territory and the man and boy who rode toward Pawnee passed through a veritable hunter's paradise. They flushed innumerable flocks of wild turkeys and one fine quail fell victim to Tony Harrison's rifle. They cooked this for their mid-day meal.

The boy also got his chance at a deer, but with his rifle raised against his shoulder and his finger pulling on the trigger he suddenly put the gun down. "I couldn't do it, Joe," he said, smiling wistfully. "He just seemed too pretty to kill—and I got a look of those big eyes of his."

"You're right, Tony; they are too pretty and helpless looking to kill. I have never shot a deer except when I was downright hungry and couldn't find anything else."

They made their camp for the night on the south shore of the Salt fork, in a little grove of pecan trees. Just before sundown they heard the crashing of a heavy animal in the underbrush and Craig signaled to Tony to grab his rifle and follow.

"It's a bear," he said in a low tone. "Be careful, now, and I'll let you bring him down."

The bear evidently was curious for presently they heard him again and then spotted him, not twenty yards away from their camp, a fine looking black fellow. He raised his head and sniffed curiously.

Craig lifted his own rifle. "Right between the shoulders, Tony," he whispered, and the boy fired.

The bear emitted a loud grunt, rose to his hind feet and pawed furiously at the wound in his breast. "Another one, Tony; right in the chest."

This time the bear dropped, and Craig ran up to finish him with a shot through the head. But it was not necessary. A bullet had penetrated the animal's heart.

"That's pretty fair shooting," pronounced Craig. "We'll skin him right after supper, and you'll have a first class robe to crawl under this winter."

The next afternoon they passed a number of buffalo wallows, and Craig paused to dwell on the passing of the great herds. "There was millions of 'em at one time, Tony, but they've thinned out considerable, mostly due to the coming of the railroads. I've seen a herd so big that it took half a day for it to pass, and Pawnee Bill has seen bigger ones than that. He was on a trapping ex-

pedition with Tom Evans some years ago, and the party they were in killed 1200 in one day out of a herd that took a whole day to pass."

He pointed with his finger. "Buffalo bones, Tony. Somehow they make me right mournful. . . It's a shame to see the old days passing. If Payne and his Boomers have their way, it won't be long before all the game will be gone; and with four families to every square mile, there won't be any place even for cattle."

His voice was tinged with bitterness and resentment, and Tony saw the angry gleam in his eyes.

"But it'll have to come some day, Joe," the boy said. "Maybe not soon, but they'll open the territory for settlement some time. And why shouldn't they?"

Craig regarded him in surprise. "Who's been talking to you?"

"No one—lately—but I've been reading something about it. The cattlemen haven't any real legal right to hold land in Oklahoma or in the Strip. Not that I blame them for doing it—you couldn't find a finer man than Colonel Moore. But some day it will have to come, and I guess the cowboy will have to get out."

Craig appeared to be shocked by this. "Tony, I'm real disappointed to hear you talk that way. Do you mean to say you're a sympathizer with the Boomers?"

The boy shook his head. "My sympathies are with Colonel Moore, and you know it. I owe him and you

more than I'll ever be able to pay. If I had my own way about it, I'd let things go on as they are now, but it would be because I was selfish about it and not because I thought the other side was wrong."

"Dave Payne," said Craig grimly, "will never live to see Oklahoma opened. Hell! It makes me sick to think about it even. . . There's Black Bear Creek, Tony; we're almost there."

He rode the remaining distance in to Pawnee in morose silence.

Pawnee was just a little settlement. There were a trader's store, a community boarding house, the big government school for Indians and the United States Indian agent's office. They had passed one of the Pawnee reservations on the way, and the others lay close about.

Craig dismounted in front of the Indian agent's office and inquired for Pawnee Bill. "I expect he'll be in here any minute," he was informed by Major Bowman. "If he don't come, you'll find him over at the boarding house."

They saw him coming down the street toward them presently, swinging along with his free and easy stride. He was as brown as leather and looked hard as rock.

"You can get a room right next to mine at the boarding house," he told Craig and Tony after he had greeted them. "Tony, you and I'll ride over

and shake hands with a chief or two. Want to come, Craig?"

"Some other time," Craig replied lazily. "I'm plumb anxious to sit down in one of Major Bowman's chairs and smoke a cigar."

"You kept right on growing, don't you?" Pawnee Bill said to Tony as they rode along. "Let's see—you're 15, aren't you?"

"That's right."

"And you look 18. Well, have you made up your mind to stick in the cow business?"

"No. I expect in a year or two I'll be looking around. Maybe I'll go east—I don't know."

"Sort of getting restless?"

"Well, it is kind of hard staying in one place, especially after being used to traveling around the way I did with my father."

"I'll tell you, Tony. I'm joining Buffalo Bill next spring, and I may go in the show business myself if it looks good to me. If I do, I can find something for you to do. It'll be a change, anyway."

The boy was silent for a minute or two. He was thinking that it

would be hard to part with Craig and Colonel Moore. "I'll think it over," he told Pawnee Bill. "About Buffalo Bill—do you know him?"

"I've only seen him once. Way back when I was a kid. I guess I was 12 or 13 or thereabouts. I was in Bloomington, Ill. I remember I was walking along the street one day,

on an errand for my mother, when I saw a large crowd in front of the St. Nicholas hotel. I thought at first it was a fire or something, but the people were all gathered around three men with long hair and buffalo robe

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Crowds Jam Show Rooms For Look At New Chevrolet

In spite of the raging cold weather a record crowd attended the opening display of 1928 model Chevrolets at the Oilbelt Motor company Sunday and Monday in Ranger. From twenty to fifty people were on the floor at all times during Sunday inspecting the new models and large crowds were present Monday morning for a glimpse of the bigger and better Chevrolets. The large crowd that braved the cold weather to view the new cars was beyond the expectation of the company.

Otis Deavers, Ranger, was the first man in Eastland county to purchase one of the new model Chevrolets, he having bought a coach from the Oilbelt Motor Company Sunday night.

The Oilbelt Motor company has four models on display, the Imperial Landau, the regular Coupe, the Coach and a one-half ton truck chassis, and these models were thoroughly inspected by interested spectators all of New Year's day. The crowd came in increasing numbers from the time the doors were opened at 8 o'clock until they were closed at 9 o'clock Sunday night.

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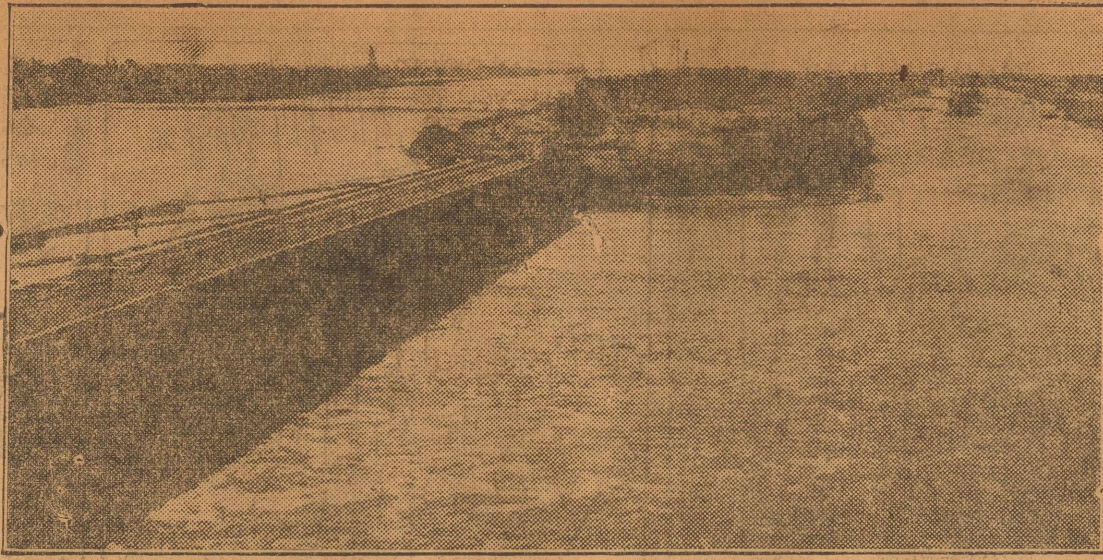
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The company has four carloads of the cars on hand and can give immediate delivery, according to officials of the company.

Not only was the public surprised at the new body changes made in the 1928 model but it was agreeably surprised at the price reduction. The models have been reduced \$20 to \$50 on all models.

Delivery of two of the models were moved off of the floor Sunday night and the remaining cars are expected to be moved soon.

M. R. Newnam, president of the company and Charles J. Moore, sales manager, were highly pleased at the crowd that attended the opening and the favorable comments made by the spectators. Past presentations of new models have been very favorable but there have usually been comments as to certain changes that should have been made.

"Never before," said Mr. Moore this morning, "have we displayed a new model without some unfavorable comment. This year we heard not comment from the many spectators as to changes that should have been made but were not."

The cars will be on display all of Monday and Tuesday and the motor company has a corps of salesmen on the floor to explain the many details of the new car and give demonstrations.

Tony frowned and fell silent once more. It was the last word spoken on that subject during his visit. A week later he and Joe Craig arrived back at the Bar K, Tony bearing a gift for Rita, a suit of soft doeskin, trimmed and trimmed with bright beads. It had been given him by a Pawnee chief.

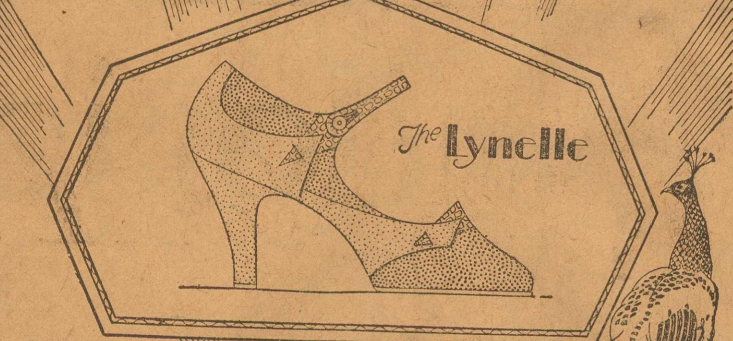
They heard no more from Pawnee Bill that fall or winter. The following spring they got word from him that he was back in Wellington and preparing to leave for Pawnee in some covered wagons to fetch a number of Indians.

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Directors Ranger Chamber Commerce To Meet January 9

The annual election of officers and directors of the Ranger chamber of commerce will take place Monday night, Jan. 9, and at that time the report of progress made by the organization during 1927 will be given and plans for 1928 will be out-

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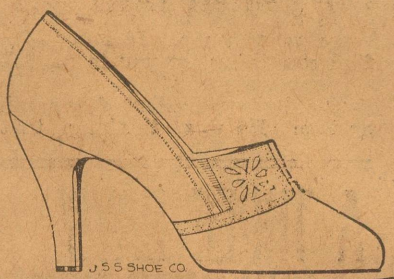
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A financial statement will be presented by the secretary along with his report of the activities of the chamber during the past year.

Lindbergh seems to have brought the spirit of peace and quiet to Mexico and maybe they won't have any New Year revolution this year.

SCHOOLS RESUME WORK FOLLOWING LONG VACATION

Eastland county students today resumed their trip up the long road to knowledge after a ten days vacation for Christmas. School convened at all of the ward schools and the high schools of Eastland and Ranger.

The officials of the different schools report a splendid opening attendance in spite of the ten day vacation and the prevailing cold weather.

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