

# 300 PERISH IN THEATER FIRE

## FLETCHER HERE CONFIDENT OF SMITH VICTORY

### Speaks at Democratic Meeting Tonight

Senator Fletcher will sound a rallying call to Democrats in Tampa tonight at a mass meeting in the municipal auditorium at 8 o'clock.

He arrived here last night from Jacksonville confident that Al Smith will lead Democracy of the nation to a victory in November.

"The situation is steadily improving throughout the state," Senator Fletcher said. "A certain element of the people were led away by a lot of propaganda during the earlier stages of the campaign, propaganda without any foundation whatsoever, but they are getting away from it now and beginning to realize the true consequences of another Republican administration."

#### Loyalty Helps State

"There is no doubt about it that it is to Florida's interest, as well as the interest of the entire nation, that the Democrats should win, and the real citizens of the country realize it. There are those who talk about loyalty to the nation being above loyalty to the party, and that is quite true, except loyalty to the party is loyalty to the nation. I can see no distinction there, whatever."

"It is difficult to say right now just how much Florida will go Democratic but I am perfectly confident that the state will do so by a most satisfactory majority."

"One of the arguments of the Republicans and the anti-Smiths is that the large northern population in the state will sway the vote here to the Republican ranks. That is pure propaganda and a false assumption. There are as many if not more Democrats in the ranks of our northern residents as Republicans, and I do not believe their presence here will make one whit of difference in the final lineup."

#### Early Vote Needed

"At the same time, however, Democrats should take nothing for granted—there is too much at stake to neglect our duty to the Democratic party and the state. The old habit of the Democrats of voting in the primary and letting it go at that will not do in this fight. We must stick together and carry on to the end—let every man vote, that is important."

"I believe Smith's chances in the south as a whole are not as good as the Democratic candidates of the past. I am confident he will carry every single southern state and there is not one exception that I know of. The talk of Tennessee going Republican is unfounded—Tennessee will be found in the column of Democracy when the final figures are tabulated."

"I think Al Smith is making headway every day. His speeches are making a wonderful impression on the nation. He talks straight from the shoulder, the sort of appeal the American people like. His magnetic personality is making the same impression right now on the middle west that it has always made in New York."

Senator Fletcher praised Smith for his stand on the power interest investigation, declaring that "no one could unfavorably analyze Smith's position on any moral question. His position there has always been clear and above board."

Senator Fletcher arrived at 7 o'clock last night and will remain in Tampa at the Temple Terrace hotel until Thursday. He will officiate at the memorial exercises for the S. S. Tampa, sunk during the world war, and be the guest of honor at a number of functions arranged for him during his stay.

At noon today he will be the guest of the Exchange club at its regular weekly meeting and at 7 o'clock tomorrow he will attend the dinner at the El Pasaje restaurant, Ybor City, given by the executive committee of the American Legion to the visiting Legionnaires from Brooklyn, here to attend the S. S. Tampa memorial exercises. He will leave the dinner at 9 o'clock in the auditorium.

The program will not be broadcast. It was announced last night by C. J. Hardee, state Democratic finance director, who with Philip Murphy, James W. Morris and several others met the senator at union station.

Senator Fletcher will leave here Thursday in time to address the Smith-Robinson club, of St. Petersburg, and Friday will carry his campaign to Bradenton, Arcadia, Fort Myers and Miami.

## Four in Family Die As Train Hits Auto

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—Four members of a family were killed today when their automobile was struck by a train at a crossing near Crawfordsville. A six-year-old boy who crawled from a window in the machine and a baby who was tossed from the car were the only survivors.

The dead: Edgar Carlisle Jones, 47; his wife Cora, 44; and their daughters Volma, 11, and Gladys, 5, all of Crothersville, Indiana.

## The Weather

Showers Monday and Monday Night, Probably Clearing Tuesday; Cool Monday Afternoon or Night; Moderate to Fresh South and South-west Winds.

Hourly Temperatures Yesterday	
1 a.m.	70
2 a.m.	75
3 a.m.	75
4 a.m.	74
5 a.m.	75
6 a.m.	74
7 a.m.	75
8 a.m.	76
9 a.m.	78
10 a.m.	82
11 a.m.	83
12 noon	85
1 p.m.	86
2 p.m.	86
3 p.m.	86
4 p.m.	86
5 p.m.	85
6 p.m.	83
7 p.m.	80
8 p.m.	77
9 p.m.	74
10 p.m.	71
11 p.m.	68
Midnight	67

High: 86. Low: 67. \*Tribune reading.

Total for 24 hours ending 6 p. m. 0.00  
Total this month to date 6.72  
Excess since Sept. 1 0.54  
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Rainfall  
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Temperatures Elsewhere

Lowest	Highest Sat/Day	Yes/ Night
Asheville	64	58
Albany	60	52
Birmingham	70	62
Boston	74	54
Chicago	50	42
Cincinnati	62	50
Denver	64	42
Detroit	50	44
Jacksonville	78	74
Kansas City	62	50
Los Angeles	78	58
Memphis	68	60
Miami	88	80
New Orleans	88	88
New York	70	54
San Francisco	60	52
Washington	74	52

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## NEWS SUMMARY

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Tax problems to be discussed at retailers' convention.—Page 5.  
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Children organize to present own theatricals.—Page 5.  
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### STATE

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### TELEGRAPH

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Socialists say they will elect next president by holding balance of power between major parties.—Page 7.

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### SPORTS

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Assistant coach appointed to help Johnson at Hillsborough.—Page 9.

Cannoneer to defend feather title against Rouths Friday.—Page 10.

## 15,000 Influenza Cases in Porto Rico

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—More than 15,000 cases of influenza were reported by the health authorities and Red Cross chapters on the island report organization meeting here today. They also reported 5000 other cases of malaria, measles and other diseases.

Grave concern is felt over the situation with the possibility that there will be an outside call for nurses if the influenza cases continue their tendency to develop into pneumonia.

## Soldier Kills Negro At West Palm Beach

WEST PALM BEACH, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—A soldier on duty in this storm stricken city today shot and killed a negro, who was alleged to have attacked him in the negro section of the city, military officials tonight announced they had been advised by civil authorities.

The military officials said the soldier had accompanied a policeman to the section to arrest a negro for petty larceny.

## STORM RUINS GIVE UP 200 MORE VICTIMS

### Official Death Total Mounts to 1200

WEST PALM BEACH, Sept. 23.—(Associated Press.)—Two hundred more bodies said to have been located today at Pelican Bay on Lake Okeechobee, brought the total to 400 found there since yesterday.

The report that the additional bodies were located was made today to A. L. Schafer, Washington representative of the Red Cross here.

Mr. Schafer said that a man named Hall, a rescue worker in that section, had brought the report to him. According to him, the 200 bodies were found in a space 200 yards long and two working parties reached the settlement. Mr. Schafer said this would make the official Red Cross count of known dead 1200.

Men have been working from Pahokee on the north of Pelican Bay and Belle Glade on the south clearing the road to connect Pahokee and Belle Glade. Pelican Bay lies on this road. The two parties met today for all but the 200-yard stretch which they were unable to clear. Hall's report said that 200 bodies were in that stretch.

### Bodies in Road

A report to Mr. Schafer last night said that 200 bodies had been found, which was the first word to come from this little center of sugar industry. The bodies have been just as the road since the hurricane struck Lake Okeechobee last Sunday. Indications are that the discovery tonight will be augmented slightly after the district has been opened completely.

The bodies are being cremated as they are brought out. Mr. Schafer said barrels of crude oil will be ready to Pahokee and Belle Glade for this purpose, since it is impossible to handle the corpses.

Apparently those whose bodies were found on the road today had attempted to escape a wall of water pushed from Lake Okeechobee by the winds of the hurricane and which broke the dikes protecting the place. It engulfed them before they recovered their senses long enough to know what was happening.

No thought had been given to the settlement of Pelican Bay until Governor Martin asked Friday night what had become of the people. The governor had just concluded an investigation of a part of the Everglades. The discovery of the first 200 was made the next day.

Roads have been piled five to 10 feet high with debris, blocking all attempts of workers to reach the bay. Attempts to clear the road were begun as early as last Tuesday.

### Rebuilding Started

WEST PALM BEACH, Sept. 23.—(Associated Press.)—Even while it continued to pick up its dead, this section was turning its face toward the future today, planning to rehabilitate itself from the tropical hurricane which swept over it a week ago exacting an enormous toll in life and property loss.

While relief workers were discussing (Continued on Page 2)

## Firemen Disperse Mob Storming Jail For Slayer of Boy

HONOLULU, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—Firemen were called out today to shower streams of cold water on crowds gathered around the Honolulu jail where Yutaka Fukunaga, 19, kidnaped and slayer of 10-year-old Gill Jamieson, son of a Honolulu banker, was incarcerated after the Japanese was arrested last night and confessed.

The killer, who was traced to his room through a purchase he had made with one of the \$4000 in ransom bills paid to him by the boy's father, was not disturbed by the presence of the threatening crowd. He speaks faultless English and was graduated at the head of his class in high school here.

The crowd was dispersed by the water after authorities had been unsuccessful in speeches urging that the band disperse and let the law prevail in the handling of the youthful oriental.

The confessed slayer of the banker's son modeled his crime after that of William E. Hickman, killer of Marian Parker, daughter of a Los Angeles banker. Like Hickman, the Japanese went to the school the boy attended, obtained his release from class through a ruse and then carried him away to his death.

Before Fukunaga made his confession detectives announced he was a drug addict. A drug outfit was found near the body of Gill.

A blood-stained pair of trousers was found in Fukunaga's room. Police said some of the ransom money was also found. The arrest ended a five-day man-hunt in which thousands joined.

Gill Jamieson was kidnaped Tuesday afternoon. Ten thousand dollars in ransom was demanded of the child's father by the abductor who procured \$4000 Tuesday night. Gill was found dead Thursday. He had been strangled to death.

## Byrd Rushes Ship Repairs To Hasten Food Supplies South Before Ice Thickens

By WILLIAM T. CHRISTIAN  
ABOARD S. S. ELEANOR BOLLING, NAVAL BASE, NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Steam fitters and carpenters today were busy aboard the Eleanor Bolling, refitting the supply ship of the Byrd Antarctic expedition for her 8000-mile voyage to the ice barrier in the Ross sea, in order that they may make the long sea trip faster than she did the short voyage from New York to Norfolk, as equipment now in her hold is needed in the polar regions before winter sets in.

The sturdy little North Sea trawler, tied up at Pier 2, has attracted flocks of visitors, who marveled at her size and seaworthiness. Along side the C. E. Larsen, whale fleet flagship, which has sailed carrying flying equipment and personnel, the Bolling looks like a life boat. But she weathered the great storms of the North Sea during the war as a "mystery ship" in the British fleet, and she showed her seaworthiness by riding safely though precariously,

through the West Indian hurricane last week.

Speed will be necessary if the Bolling is to reach Dunedin, New Zealand, by Nov. 1.

The crew will make many needed repairs that came to light on the New York-Norfolk trip. Steam packing and new valves are needed in the engine room, and where the lines extend into the stern and bow of the freighter.

But the big need, as seen by the ship's officers, is men to stoke the boiler. Two of the three volunteer firemen had to be relieved when the intense heat and four-hour watches precipitated mal de mer, and new men are being sought to take their places in the boiler room. With firemen who can keep the steam gauges up, good coal, and safeguards against loss of steam, Chief Engineer Frank Peterson believes that the Bolling can be speeded up to 11 or 12 miles an hour.

The driving wind and rain met in (Continued on Page 2)

## PALM BEACH TO BE READY FOR WINTER SEASON

### Shrubbery Replanted And Homes Renovated

PALM BEACH, Sept. 23.—(Associated Press.)—Palm Beach, society's winter playground, is rearing itself out of the chaos of the Florida hurricane and for the most part will be ready for the annual visit of its prominent residents by the time the season gets into full swing.

The season opens in November, but rarely gains any momentum before the late month in the year.

A re-check of the damage showed that actual damage to the palatial homes was not so great as first estimated. Town Manager L. Trevitt Lockwood, said today. The greatest damage was to tapestries and expensive furniture and fixtures, he said. Shrubbery was the greatest single loss to the town.

Workers set 300 of the cocoanut palm trees blown down by the wind yesterday and experts say that they will live. A number were broken in two by the terrific wind, but compared to the number of trees, the difference will not be noticeable.

Some palms apparently more delicate than the hardy cocoanut tree, must grow more fronds before they can recover their natural appearance. The cocoa trees left standing appear little the worse for the experience.

A number of notables have arrived to look after the renovation of their homes, among them E. T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia; J. Leonard Replogle, New York; Gurney Munn, New York; Dr. and Mrs. Wiley P. Kingsley, Rome, N. Y.

Miss M. Weller, whose Normandy cottage, La Chaumiere, is one of the most interesting places on Australian avenue, also has arrived from New York.

Contractors have announced that owners of other buildings have sent money for the necessary repairs to the mansions. Prospects are that reconstruction for the most part will have been completed within 60 days.

Officials of hotel companies controlling the Breakers and Royal Poinciana hotels have been in conference here since yesterday. They have made no statements.

## Use Care To Guard Storm Area Liquor From Hi-Jackers

With truckloads of liquor being sent to the storm area for ill and exposed victims and exhausted relief workers every precaution is being taken to protect the legalized shipments from hi-jackers on the highways.

Guards accompany the truckloads of seized liquors, and wire and radio messages asking for liquor and those selling liquor are carefully coded so as not to reveal their true meaning.

A radio message for "more turpentine" or any such other commodity might mean a request for liquor, and there is no flag waving or ballyhoo when the precious stuff, once destined for the sewers, starts out.

Releases of seized liquor were authorized from Washington by Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, in charge of prohibition enforcement, after realizing the great need for stimulants in the stricken territory.

Most of it is being supplied from East Coast cities and Jacksonville. Tampa's supply of "good liquor" has been at a low ebb, and most of that in official vaults here is not considered of sufficient quality to offer those who really need it.

## STEAL \$1,000,000 IN STOCKS

BOSTON, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—The Boston Post tomorrow will say that stocks worth approximately \$1,000,000 were stolen from the office of Howard Clarke Davis, financier and mining man, when thieves made off with a strong box from a safe.

## DENIAL MADE THAT HOOVER TOOK DRINKS

### Secretary Answers Senator's Charge

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(Associated Press.)—For the first time in the campaign, official cognizance of charges leveled at Herbert Hoover was taken today at the headquarters of the Republican presidential candidate.

Hoover himself maintained silence but his secretary, George Akerson, flatly denied an allegation by Senator Bruce, Democrat, Maryland, made last night that the nominee showed hypocrisy on the prohibition question because he had been known to drink intoxicating liquors.

"As a matter of fact," Akerson said, "Mr. Hoover has not taken a single drink of intoxicating liquor since he became a constitutional executive officer of the United States and has never had a drop of liquor served at his home."

Bruce quoted as his authority, Clarence Darrow, noted criminal lawyer of Chicago, who in a statement at his home added his denial to that of Akerson. Darrow declared he had never made the statement attributed to him by Bruce that he had taken several drinks with Hoover and consequently had been surprised that the nominee had come out for prohibition.

### Never Met Darrow

Akerson said Hoover had never met Darrow in his life and that "consequently he could hardly have taken a drink with him."

The Republican nominee spent his Sabbath quietly as is his custom. In the forenoon, he attended services at the historic Quaker meeting house at Sandy Springs, Maryland, a nearby town, accompanied by Mrs. Hoover and their son Allen.

After dinner at home, Hoover went for an automobile ride into the nearby country accompanied by Allen and one of two friends. This is the candidate's method of recreation. The remainder of the day was spent quietly with his family and a few friends who called at the S street residence.

Although the day marked the half way point between the time the nominee set out from his home in California to set up his campaign headquarters in Washington and the later part of October when he will begin his cross country trip to visit the first four weeks of work in all probably have been less arduous than will be the next month.

Studies Dispatch  
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## Says Hoover Drinks



SENATOR BRUCE

## SMITH TO TOUCH OIL SCANDALS IN SPEECH TONIGHT

### Will Challenge G. O. P. Claims To Progress

GOVERNOR SMITH'S TRAIN ENROUTE TO HELENA, Mont., Sept. 23.—(Associated Press.)—In the home town of Thomas J. Walsh, who prosecuted the senate oil investigation, Governor Smith tomorrow night will lash into the Republicans on the score of party responsibility. He intends particularly to challenge the contention of his opponent, Herbert Hoover, that the Republican party "has always been a conservative progressive party."

As his campaign train traveled northward through northern Colorado toward Montana today, the Democratic presidential nominee, who last night in a speech in Denver assailed Hoover and the Republicans on the water power issue, disclosed that he would hammer away at his opposition in his address tomorrow night from Helena.

Before revealing his plans to more than 30 newspapermen at a Sunday press conference in the club car, the New York governor inquired: "Who has the morning paper that has the Hoover interview in it? Did anyone see that in the morning paper?"

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