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## FLETCHER HERE **CONFIDENT OI** 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 victory in November.

"The situation is steadily improv-ing 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 are getting away from it now and beginning to realize the true consequences of another Republican admin-

### 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 Demo-cratic 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

### Early Vote Needed

"At the same time, however, Democrots 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 practically the same 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

'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

Senator Fletcher praised Smith for his stand on the power interest investigation, declaring that "no one Page 2. could unfavorably analyze Smith's poeition 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 here. At noon today he will be the guest of the Exchange club at its regular weekly meeting and at 7 o'clock tonight, 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 in time to begin his address promptly at

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 address the Smith-

Robinson club, of St. Petersburg, and Friday will carry his campaign to Bradenton, Arcadia, Fort Myers and

## Four in Family Die

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 Henryville. A six-yearold boy who crawled from a window in the machine and a baby who was tossed from the car were the only

Edgar Garfield Jones, 47; his wife

### The Weather

Showers Monday and Monday Night.

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Rainfall Total this month to date ..... 6.72 Excess since Sept. 1 ...... 0.54
Deficiency since Jan. 1 ..... 3.91

Highest...... 86 Lowest..... 74

Temperatures Elsewhere Highest Sat'day

	Yes'y	N
Asheville	64	- 5
Atlanta		6
Birmingham	70	6
Boston	74	5
Chicago	50	4
Cincinnati	62	5
Denver	64	4
Detroit	50	4.
Jacksonville	78	. 7
Kansas City	62	5
Los Angeles	76	5
Memphis	66	6
Miami	86	8
New Orleans	68	6
New York	70	5
San Francisco	60	5
Washington'	74	5

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sin, says he will not vote for Hoover Mrs. Willebrandt says Smith hides

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Giants beat Reds in 14 innings to itay in National race.—Page 9. Philadelphia and New York both vin in American league.—Page 10. Electrics beat Mango in third game of post-season series.—Page 9. Assistant coach appointed to help Johnson at Hillsborough,—Page 9. Canzoneri to defend feather title against Routis Friday,—Page 10.

### 15.000 Influenza Cases in Porto Rico

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 23;— (A.P.)—More than 15,000 cases of inluenza were reported by the health authorities and Red Cross chapters at the island relief organization meet. ing here today. They also reported 5000 other cases of malaria, measles er's son modelled his crime after that and other diseases.

Grave concern is felt over the situation with the possibility that there will be an outside call for nurses if Japanese went to the school the boy the influenza cases continue their attended, obtained his release from tendency to develop into pneumonia

## As Train Hits Auto Soldier Kills Negro

WEST PALM BEACH, Sept. 23,-A.P.) -A soldier on duty in this storm stricken city today shot and killed a also found. The arrest ended a five-negro, who was alleged to have at- day man-hunt in which thousands tacked him in the negro section of joined. the city, military officials tonight announced they had been advised by ivil authorities.

The military officials said the soldier Cora, 44, and their daughters Velma, had accompanied a policeman to the procured \$4000 Tuesday night. 11, and Gladys, 5, all of Crothersville, section to arrest a negro for petty was found dead Thursday. He had hig man, when thieves made off with

# Probably Clearing Tuesday; Cooler Monday Afternoon or Night; Moderate to Fresh South and Southwest Winds. MORE VICTIMS

## Official Death Total and carpenters today were busy Mounts to 1200

WEST PALM BEACH, Sept. 23,-(Associated Press.)—Two hundred as equipment now in her hold is more bodies said to have been located today at Pelican Bay on Lake Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 0.00 Okeechobee, brought the total to 400 found there since yesterday. The flocks of visitors, who marvelled at report that the additional bodies were located was made today to A. L. Schafer, Washington representative of

Lowest the Red Cross here. Mr. Schafer said that a man named ight Hall, a rescue worker in that section, had brought the report to him, According to it, the 200 bodies were found in a space 200 yards just as 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 Bolle Glade on the south clearing the road that connects 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 indus-

try. The bodies have been in 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 have been sent 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 hannening.

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 purricane 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)

## **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, kidnaper 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 slaver of the bank of William E. Hickman, killer of Marian Parker, daughter of a Los Angeles banker. Like Hickman, the class through a ruse and then carried him away to his death.

Before Fukunaga made his confession detectives announced he was a At West Palm Beach drug addlet. 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 Gill Jamieson was kidnaped Tues-Gill Jamieson was kidnaped Tues-day afternoon. Ten thousand dollars in wayson was damanded of the in ransom was demanded of the stocks worth approximately \$1,000,000 child's father by the abductor who

been strangled to death.

## STORM RUINS Byrd Rushes Ship Repairs DENIAL MADE Says Hoover Drinks To Hasten Food Supplies THAT HOOVER South Before Ice Thickens

ING, NAVAL BASE, NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 23 .- (Special.) -- Steam fitters aboard the Eleanor Bolling, refitting the supply ship of the Byrd Antarctic expedition for her 8900-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,

needed in the polar regions before winter sets in. The sturdy little North Sea trawler, tied up at Pier 2, has attracted her size and seaworthiness. Alongside 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 Seas during the war as a "mys-

tery ship" in the British fleet, and

she showed her seaworthiness by rid-

And Homes Renovated

PALM BEACH, Sept. 23 .- (Associ-

ated Press.)-Palm Beach, society's

winter playground, is rearing itself

out of the chaos of the Florida hur-

ricane 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 rare-

ly gains any momentum before the

homes was not so great as first esti-

damage was to tapestries and ex-pensive furniture and fixtures, he

difference will not be so noticeable.

the worse for the experience.

the mansions. Prospects are that re-

construction for the most part will

have been completed within 60 days.

trolling the Breakers and Royal Poin-

ciana hotels have been in conference

here since vesterday. They have

Use Care To Guard

Storm Area Liquor

From Hi-Jackers

With truckloads of liquor being sent

to the storm area for ill and exposed

every precaution is being taken to

protect the legalized shipments from

Guards accompany the truckloads

of seized liquors, and wire and radio

nessages asking for liquor and those

telling of its shipment are carefully

coded so as not to reveal their true

A radio message for "more turpen-

ine" or any such other commodity

might mean a request for figuor, and

there is no flag waving or ballyhoo

when the precious stuff, once destined

Releases of seized liquor were

authorized from Washington by Mrs.

Mabel Willebrandt, in charge of pro-

hibition enforcement, after realizing

the great need for stimulants in the

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 consid-

ered of sufficient quality to offer

STEAL \$1,000,000 IN STOCKS

Gill and Clarke Davis, financier and min-

a strong box from a safe.

those who really need it.

for the sewers, starts out.

stricken territory.

hi-lackers on the highways.

made no statements.

Officials of hotel companies con-

Rome, N. Y.

last month in the year.

through the West Indian hurricane ABOARD S. S. ELEANOR BOLL- last week. Speed will be necessary if the Bolling is to reach Dunedin, New Zea-

land, by Nov. 1. The crew will make many needed repairs that came to light on the New York-Norfolk trip. Steam packengine 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 Two of the three volunteer boiler. 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 Mc-Pherson believes that the Bolling can be speeded up to 11 or 12 miles an

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

## ing safely though precariously, **FUND BOOSTED ABOVE \$41,000** WINTER SEASON

## Shrubbery Replanted Workers To Meet Today To Check Totals

Tampa's eash contribution to storm relief work passed the \$40,000 mark yesterday with many checks and promises of help not yet turned in, Officials of the central relief committee expressed confidence that the total would top \$50,000 within the next day or so.

Approximately \$4100 was written up yesterday, while several hundreds more was collected too late for tabu-A re-check of the damage showed lation. The total received up to Saturday night was \$37,706.09, making that actual damage to the palatial the total at 6 p, m, last night

mated, Town Manager L. Trevitt \$41,806.09.
Lockwood, said today. The greatest The con The committee will meet at the city hall this morning at 10 o'clock to make arrangements for general dis-Now what was happening.

No thought had been given to the single loss to the town.

Sattlement of Pelican Bay until GovWorkmen set 300 of the cocoanut Coast and the Lake Okeechobee section. said. Shrubbery was the greatest tribution of the fund among the hur-

yesterday and experts say that they will live. A number were broken in two by the terrific wind, but com-R. Wallace Davis, chairman of the general committee, said last night he pared to the number of trees, the understood Doyle Carlton and others working in the field already had spent Royal palms, apparently more delicate about \$10,000 of the Tampa contributhan the hardy cocoanut tree, must grow more fronds before they retion for supplies and for general relief for the storm victims, and that cover their natural appearance. The the meeting was to decide the manner cocoa trees left standing appear little in which the balance of the money Mr. Davis emphasized the fact that

A number of notables have arrived to look after the renovation of their every cent of the contributions would houses, among them E. T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia; J. Leonard Replogle, be spent to assist the victims of the disaster. All workers are volunteers New York; Gurney Munn, New York; and there will not be one cent for Dr. and Mrs. Wiley P. Kingsley, overhead.

In spite of the fact that vesterday Miss M. Weiler, whose Normandy was Sunday and that the collection cottage. La Chaumiere, is one of the of the relief fund had gone on for most interesting places on Australian several days, teams of workers conevenue, also has arrived from New tinued to canvass the downtown sections and the theaters and Mr. Davis expressed the opinion that a large owners of other buildings have sent um had been collected yesterday that money for the necessary repairs to had not been reported last night. He urged all team captains and committee officials to attend meeting this morning so an accurate check can be made of the money collected.

In addition to the contributions to the central relief committee, the Red nor yote for Herbert Hoover. Cross and the American Legion both His statement follows: received additional money yesterday, They were not prepared to announce Mr. Davis received several wireless

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## Legion Issues Call burden in the rehabilitation of the For More Volunteers

in a message received last night by nations," J. Frank Carmack, commander of Ur S. S. Tampa post No. 5, American President Wilson's policies were popu-Legion, from Howard Rowton, state lar, he was willing to capitalize those department adjutant.

"These men must report to legion headquarters, Franklin and Madison streets, by 10 o'clock Monday morning," Mr. Carmack said in broadcasting the appeal to the ex-service men of Tampa, "They should come pre-pared for a week's tour of duty, wearing warm clothing and heavy shoes; s toilet articles. Beds and food will be supplied by the legion organiza-Mr. Carmack also requested six

contingent into the storm area. Se- Wilson which no doubt led Mr. Hoover lection of a commander will be made after the volunteers are assembled to the president as Democratic nomiand given instructions. The need for additional man power

Mr. Carmack explained, is extremely ernor Smith and Mr. Hoover is a urgent because crews of legionnaires, now on duty at West Palm Beach, Belle Glade, Pahokee, Okeechobee and Hoover has been willing to embrace other devastated communities are on either party for the presidential nomithe verge of exhaustion.

## 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

Bruce quoted as his authority Clarence Darrow, noted crimina awyer of Chicago, who in a statenent at his home added his denial o that of Akerson. Darrow declared ne 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

### Never Met Darrow Akerson said Hoover had never mei Darrow in his life and that "consequently he could hardly have taken

a drink with him," The Republican nominee spent his 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 or 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 latter part of October when he will begin his cross country trip to vote, the first four weeks of work in all probability have been less arduous

than will be the next month. Grows in Intensity Already the campaign is growing in intensity and as he goes into its fervid closing days, he probably will be forced to expand the speaking pro-

Even as his Democratic opponent Alfred E. Smith, trained his oratorical guns upon the normally Republican (Continued on Page 7)

### Wisconsin Republican Senator Won't Vote For Herbert Hoover

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 .- (Associated Press.)—United States Senator John J. Blaine, of Wisconsin, Republican, in a statement issued at his home Boscobel, Wis., today and made public by Democratic national headquarters, here, announced he will not support

"No Republican owes any political allegiance to Mr. Hoover as presidenthe total last night, due to the fact tial nominee. In the congressional that the officials in charge had not campaign of 1918 he urged the election of a Democratic congress. He said 'I am for President Wilson's leadership not only in the conduct of the war but also in the negotiations of peace and afterwards in America's

world.' "Mr. Hoover in 1920 sought, and was For Storm Relief president on the Democratic ticket. After he was convinced that he could not receive the Democratic nomina-Thirty additional volunteers were tion, he declared I must vote for the called for service in West Palm Beach party that stands for the league of

> "Eight years ago when he assumed policies if the Democratic party would nominate him.

"Mr. Hoover was a part of Presi dent Wilson's administration. He served as President Wilson's food administrator and as a member of his war trade council. During the war Mr. Hoover was chairman of the United States Grain Corporation that The only other requirement needed beat down the price of the farmer's wheat. He was also chairman of the United States sugar equalization board which boosted the price of sugar.

"I point out the fact in proof o automobiles to take the second legion his close association with President to believe he was the logical successor nee for president.

"The only difference between Goyperiod of eight years. Governor Smith

SENATOR BRUCE

## 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 Sabbath quietly as is his custom. In 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 pro-

gressive 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

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

### Studies Dispatch

A copy of a newspaper was produced and for several minutes the nominee, chewing his cigar as he sat in the midst of reporters, studied an Associated Press dispatch from Washington which quoted Hoover's remarks yesterday to a visiting delegation of Republicans from Maryland. "Well, here it is," he said finally,

and then dictated: "Mr. Hoover said that the govern-

ment can only be conducted with a definite party organization. He furlican party has always been a pro- dren, either crushed or burned to gressive, constructive party.'

"You won't get a chance to write much today," the governor went on, much today," the governor went on, fire started the orchestra brayely We only make a stop or two and you struck up a tune in an effort to calm get busy this afternon and say that I the stage, however, killed several shall take up the challenge of the musicians and added to the panic, Republican candidate and talk on Further explosions occured while the party responsibility at Helena, Mon- fire raged on. has always been a constructive, pro-

gressive party." "Will you make some reference to To Challenge Statement

"I shall talk on party responsibility, and I shall vigorously challenge the statement that the Republican party Senator Walsh in his home state? he was asked. "Will you talk on corruption?"

"I don't like that word, but party

esponsibility makes it necessary."

"Teapot Dome and so forth?"

"Well, that would come in under Senator Walsh?" "Governor, do you want us to go so ar as to say you will discuss the oil

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## How To Sell A Home

The Tribune want-ad colums are read daily by thousands of prospective home buyers. Here a want-ad setting forth the attractions of your home will reach an interested buyer.

With greater activity in real estate than in the past two years, you have an excellent opportunity to sell,

Write a want-ad-describe your property thoroughlyand insert it in The Tribune today. Capitalize on the growing demand for good residential property.

## Tampa Tribune Want-Ad Section of the route followed by Governor Smith on his western jaunt.

# AT HOSPITALS IN SPANISH CITY

## Packed Madrid Playhouse Scene of Panic

MADRID, Sept. 23.—(Associated Press.)—Reuters tonight reported several hundred persons are believed to have perished in a fire which broke out tonight during a performance at the Novedades theater. More than 200 injured are under treatment at hospitals and emergency stations,

The theater was packed to the doors with a typical Sunday audience for a performance of "La Mejor del Puerto" when, during a brief inermission there was a great burst of flames on the stage.

Rush for Exits The theater holds 3000 and the capacity audience rushed for the exits, The occupants of the stalls and boxes were able to leave before the flames spread into the auditorium but those in the galleries were less fortunate and the exits were soon choked with struggling masses.

The Novedades is one of the larg-

est theaters in Madrid. The flames spread rapidly through the wooden Hundreds of persons were trampled by those who pushed on from behind

while other suffocated and doubtless burned to death. The interior was soon roaring with flames which spread to adjacent buildings. Premier de Rivera and municipal authorities hurriedly went to the scene.

Every available automobile was commandeered to help remove the inured. A regiment of infantry from nearby barracks assisted in moving those hurt. All of the first aid stations in Madrid were quickly filled with injured, more then 20 of whom

The number of bodies in the smoking ruins could not be learned but it was feared hundreds had been unable to escape from the upper tiers of the house. There had been many children in these balconies.

Searchers found 25 bodies huddled together on one of the stairways. Others were seen in various parts of the theater but it was impossible to count them in the semi-darkness lit

### Set Deaths at 300

LONDON, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—The Express prints, specials from Madrid estimating the deaths in the Novedades theater fire tonight at 300. Women and children were said to have been trampled to death in frantic rush for the doors which were soon jammed with bodies,

the crushed bodies into the streets but the panic-stricken crowd inside trampled down new victims even faster. Army engineers cut openings in the building with axes which released some of the trapped. When the firemen finally managed

Police and firemen worked fran-

The Express story says when the will get nothing tomorrow, so you can the audience. An explosion behind

## Curtis Forced To Cut Outdoor Speaking, as

ENROUTE WITH SENATOR CUR-TIS IN IDAHO, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—Bothered by an attack of acute laryngitis, Senator Curtis, the Republican vice presidential nominee, today put a ban against any more outdoor speaking engagements on his

western tour. The senator notified the Republican national committee of the impossibile ity of speaking outdoors in the future on the advice of Dr. R. C. Monahan of Butte, who examined his throat to

day upon his visit to that city. The veteran campaigner has been making from two to 14 speeches a day since leaving Chicago last Tuesday, and with few exceptions all have been in the open air in all manner of weather, and in competition many times with strong winds, passing

trains and other noises.

Dr. Monahan declared Curtis has a "very bad throat as the result of his excessive speaking" but he believes his voice could be kept in condition if future speaking engagements were confined to indoors. Otherwise he seemed none the worse for the strenuous week. Although a little weary, making the turn homeward on his western swing, Senator Curtis traveled across Montana and Idaho

Another full week of campaigning races him before he gets into Chicago a week from Tuesday for a few days of rest.

By coincidence the trail of the sen-

ator this week doubles back over much

tically to clear the exits by dragging ther said: 'It goes to the very root of to clear the doors sufficiently to enthe organization of our form of gov-ernment and of democracy itself. We on an unbroken line of stretchers. intend to go forward as the Repub. They were mostly women and chil-

# Throat Becomes Sore