

CHARGES SMITH HIDING BEHIND HIS OWN CHURCH

Mrs. Willebrandt Says He Covers Wetness

LORAIN, Ohio, Sept. 23.—(Associated Press.)—Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general, in an address before a conference of Methodist Episcopal ministers here tonight charged that Governor Smith, the Democratic presidential nominee, "is hiding behind his own church because he is afraid to come out and face the record that he has made as a champion of the liquor traffic."

The woman assistant attorney general made this statement in denying a declaration in the candidate's Oklahoma City speech, in which she claimed he had said she was opposing him because of his religion.

"Prohibition is a moral issue which the churches have long espoused," Mrs. Willebrandt continued. "It was he who injected this moral issue into the campaign. It was therefore his act that drew the churches into this campaign."

Calls It Moral Issue
In opening her address, she reviewed the years of opposition by churches to the liquor traffic. She contended it was a moral issue and not political and that "Tammany's candidate for the presidency, in defiance of the large dry sentiment of his own party, has dragged it into politics."

Friends of prohibition, Mrs. Willebrandt said, were almost in equal numbers in each political party. "Making prohibition therefore," she declared, "a party issue was an adroit political trick to split the dry forces along sectional, geographical and party lines."

"But you didn't split. You accepted his challenge. You are standing together to fight the candidate who declared war on you."

Mrs. Willebrandt said 31 national organizations, including Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Unitarians, Congregationalists, Quakers and "two influential groups of Catholics," have joined to advance prohibition. She cited a resolution adopted at a meeting of these organizations in which Governor Smith's record was condemned and told of a similar resolution adopted by the Methodists.

Answer To Charge
Anti-prohibitionists, she said, have charged "your church" with going into politics. "But you have replied, 'The eighteenth amendment is our spiritual and moral achievement,'" she continued; "we are only defending it from a Tammany politician's unwarranted attack. If that be politics, then make the most of it."

"Did the 'happy warrior,' engaged in calling his anti-prohibition braves about him for a war dance over the eighteenth amendment, actually think you pastors who always have defended prohibition from your pulpits, could be lightly waved back with the admonition to keep away from worldly things?" Mrs. Willebrandt asked.

"You must be the political trick to divide you or deter you from protecting the eighteenth amendment did not work. Governor Smith at Oklahoma City last week said quite truly that voters should carefully consider the 'ability of the candidate to make his party's platform effective.' The Democratic party put a dry plank in its platform. 'The Democratic candidate bored bored holes in it with his telegram of acceptance. He invited your opposition. You are giving it to him more concertedly and intelligently than he likes.'"

Not Opposing Catholics
Mrs. Willebrandt declared that if Senator Walsh of Montana "or any other law abiding constitution-respecting Catholic Democrat, were the Democratic candidate, that neither the Methodist ministers nor any other minister interested in 'the moral issue of prohibition' would have taken a partisan stand."

"Governor Smith has become the greatest force for disregard of the prohibition laws in America today. As such he draws my opposition. Religion has nothing to do with my attack upon him or the attack of the dry forces. We condemn his own record, acts and utterances. These make him wince. So he seeks to shield himself and his record behind a religious issue—an issue which he, himself, raises in this campaign."

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Leaves Husband



LILA LEE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—The Times says that Lila Lee, motion picture and stage actress and her husband James Kirkwood, also of the Kleigis and footlights, have come to the parting of their ways.

"Mr. Kirkwood and I separated when we went to Europe," Miss Lee was quoted by the paper as saying. "We have decided to make the separation permanent."

Smith is not because he is a Catholic. That is a "wolf-in-the-skin" cry raised to cover up the fact that he is unwilling to meet you on the grounds of your actual opposition to him, to wit, his long legislative record as champion of the saloon, his Tammany training, his refusal of state co-operation in enforcing the eighteenth amendment and the illogically of his using the lawlessness thereby resulting in his state as an argument against prohibition; these things, topped off by the Houston telegram.

"Demagoguism has been lost in common defense of the eighteenth amendment. You Methodists in opposition to Smith are standing beside the association of Catholics favoring prohibition, the Catholic Clergy Prohibition league and leaders in the Catholic Total Abstinence society."

Mrs. Willebrandt declared that prohibition had not failed of enforcement and added that the effect of the leadership of a wet president "would demoralize enforcement and multiply lawlessness."

Smith To Touch Oil Scandals in Speech Tonight

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scandals in this speech?" one of the correspondents inquired.

"You can draw your imagination and perhaps reach the conclusion that when a man talks about party responsibility he could not very well overlook anything as large as that."

Daughter at Interview
Throughout his interview with the reporters, the governor's daughter, Mrs. John A. Warner, sat at his elbow. It was the first press conference she had attended, either in Albany or since the nominee took the road a week ago tonight for his first stump-tour.

Questioning brought out that Smith had not determined what he would talk about in his speeches at St. Paul Thursday night and Milwaukee Saturday night.

Recalling that in Denver the governor had informed newspapermen that during the campaign he intended to devote a speech to the tariff question, a correspondent asked whether he had determined where that address would be made.

"The candidate replied, 'there has nothing been agreed upon beyond Monday night.'"

"That is a rather good topic for this part of the country, because of the sugar beet, wool, cattle, hides and all that sort of thing that are raised out here," it was suggested.

Four Ends of Blanket
"What I am saying is evidently being heard all over the country, judging from the telegrams that are coming in," Smith responded. "With the radio it doesn't make any difference where you discuss a certain topic because you can talk in Omaha and get letters from California, Massachusetts, Oregon and Florida. Those are the four ends of the blanket."

When the governor's attention was called to Denver newspaper accounts which said he had told a group of farm leaders there yesterday that he favored a high tariff on sugar as a protection to sugar beet growers, he remarked that they had not asked him anything about the tariff, and that they had been with him only a few minutes.

"Then you did not commit yourself on the tariff?"
"No."

Looking back over his first week of active campaigning, the Democratic standard bearer said he had been "agreedly surprised" at the reception he had received.

"Naturally," he added, "the enthusiasm of the crowds and size of the gatherings have been very pleasing and hopeful. I am entirely satisfied with this week's work."

Before leaving Denver at 11 a. m. today, Governor Smith attended mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He was accompanied by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Daniel O'Day, vice chairman of the Democratic state committee of New York; William F. Kenny, the governor's close friend, and Charles W. Berry, comptroller of New York city, who is about the train as a physician.

ROYAL WEDDING ARRANGED
LONDON, Sept. 23.—Official announcement of the engagement of Crown Prince Humbert of Italy to Princess Marie Jose of Belgium will be made within a few days, according to dispatch published in the Daily Express. The wedding, according to the report will be performed at Turin.

REPAIRS RUSHED ON BYRD'S SHIP FOR TRIP SOUTH

Supplies To Be Speeded To New Zealand Base

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The hurricane Tuesday night flooded the captain's quarters as was the mess room. This condition will be remedied by packing and new paint.

The entire cargo is being restored, in order that it will "stay put" through any sort of storm. And while the repairs are going on, a search will be made for needed supplies that could not be located on the trip down from New York.

Houses Abroad
The Bolling is a vital part of the expedition for she carries the five houses that will protect the expedition from the polar blizzards, in which the wind attains a velocity of more than 125 miles an hour. In her holds are other scientific equipment, as well as all the radio sending and receiving apparatus that will keep the expedition in touch with the outside world.

The Bolling will remain here long enough to superintend the repairs to the Eleanor Bolling, and then depart on the Savalo, yacht of Vice Rear Admiral, newspaper publisher, for Baltimore. From there he will go to his home in Winchester for a day's visit, and then hurry up to New York to wind up details of the expedition before going by train to San Pedro, Calif., to be taken aboard the Larsen two weeks hence.

The flying machines for the expedition, four in number, and the three fliers, Bert Balchen, Harold G. Gatty, and O. Dean Smith, commercial airman, were aboard the Larsen when she slipped out of the harbor here. The planes were loaded yesterday, all in their crates with the exception of the fuselage of the huge Floyd Bennett, stout tri-motor, which will be packed up at sea. The Larsen also is carrying two extra motors, one a Wright whirlingwind such as is used on the Floyd Bennett.

Treadmill for Dogs
William Riley, the veteran Alaskan dog driver, came in on the Bolling, and immediately took up the task of handling the 100 huskies that will be used by the expedition. Though he had a rather sick voyage from New York on his ocean boat, Riley went immediately to work, and the training apparatus, handlers and dogs will be loaded aboard the whaler Ross at once. A treadmill is included in the equipment, and special refrigeration will keep the huskies from smothering in the region of the equator.

Large crowds thronged the pier all day yesterday, inspecting the two supply ships and equipment, which included a number of sleds, many foodstuffs, artificial heating apparatus and fuel, airplane motors, and other impedimenta.

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Wealthy Negro Held By Kidnapers Who Threaten His Life

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—Gasper Holstein, wealthy Harlem negro sportsman, real estate operator and philanthropist, is being held for \$50,000 ransom by kidnapers who have threatened to kill him if the money is not forthcoming and if the police, who have arrested five suspects, do not withdraw from the case entirely.

Holstein himself revealed his plight today when he telephoned Denis Armstead, of the Monarch Lodge of Colored Elks, that he was kidnaped by seven men and a woman shortly after midnight Friday in a hallway at 205 West 145th street.

Police were notified of Holstein's disappearance Friday.

Police learned that Holstein was known to have had \$7000 in cash and a \$3500 diamond ring at the time he was kidnaped.

Saturday night police arrested Michael Bernstein, 30, the Bronx, charged with the actual kidnaping, and three white men and a negro charged with acting in concert with him. They still are seeking the white woman and two other men, believed to be negroes.

Those returning from the area said that one could draw a line from Twenty Mile Bend, on the highway from this city, to Pahoehoe and then to Belle Glade, connect the sides of this triangle and gain an idea of the most tragic section.

Between the two lake communities of Pahoehoe and Belle Glade was one of the most thickly settled portions of the Everglades and here, relief workers said, was the heaviest toll of life. It was believed that some persons may yet be isolated in the back wood wilderness.

Relief received last night from the relief agencies at Clewiston minimized the possibility of an outbreak of influenza there where additional personnel and medical supplies have been rushed after receipt of messages stating that 20 to 40 cases of the disease had broken out among refugees. It was said that the supplies had enabled the relief workers to have the situation well in hand and that only a few cases were found.

Among the tragic chapters added to the story of stark devastation was that "last night" which related the fate of Pelican Bay, tiny sugar cane village on Lake Okeechobee where every inhabitant is believed to have perished. The Red Cross reported 20 bodies located across the bay from the village and expected that at least 150 more were buried under debris. The normal population of the village is about 250 but many sugar cane laborers were said to have recently gone there for employment. The village has not yet been entered and no one from there has reported since the storm.

ESCAPES BANDIT RAID
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—United States Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow today escaped by one hour a bandit raid on a village between Queravaca and Mexico City. He arrived in the town to find it a great excitement but with the bandits gone.

Socialists Plan To Rule Britain by Labor Council

LONDON, Sept. 23.—(Universal Service.)—Is Britain to be ruled in the future by a "grand council of labor?"

The possibility is foreshadowed by Arthur Henderson, secretary of the socialist party.

Henderson attended the trade union congress at Swansea and put forward a proposition for the establishment of the socialist party, the trade union and the co-operative trading organization. The idea was cordially welcomed, and it is likely that Britain will soon see established a comprehensive labor junta possessing more actual authority than parliament.

Ever since the first socialist government fell in 1924, the more vigorous section of the party has been pressing for a system under which any future socialist cabinet will act only on the instructions of a body representing the rank and file of socialism.

At present there is no link between political socialism, trade unionism and the powerful co-operative trading movement. In seeking to create one in the form of a grand council, Henderson described it as a unit which ought in some respects to be the cabinet of the labor movement.

"Its purpose," he said, "would be not so much to decide policy as to promote common understanding of policies already decided upon by the official bodies, to exchange information regarding our several purposes, and to enable us to understand one another's intentions."

Confidence that the socialists will return to power after the general election in Great Britain next year was also voiced by Arthur Henderson. "If I read the signs of the times correctly," he said, "labor now stands on the threshold of power and responsibility."

One of the most important developments in the socialist party recently is the postponement of a declaration in favor of state grants to families, which was to have figured in their election program. Lack of sufficient public funds is the reason.

Storm Ruins Give Up 200 More Bodies; Death Toll Now 1200
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plans to make an extraordinary appeal for funds with which to give those citizens who were left destitute by the storm a new start in life, a number of property owners already had started about the business of rebuilding wrecked homes and places of business.

The official estimate of property damage by the storm stood at \$50,000,000.

A report made today by O. C. Geiger, sent by Howard Selby, head of the Palm Beach Red Cross, to the storm area to gather as much information as possible about the number of the dead and the number of survivors, said that 1500 negroes and 700 white people died during the storm, that property damage was 95 percent and that 98 percent of livestock and poultry in the stricken district had been killed.

Plans for the rehabilitation work still are in the making, Selby said today, but it is the purpose of the relief organization here to obtain funds with which to aid farmers and poverty stricken workmen to get "back on their feet."

Tents and rations were being supplied to farmers who cared to return to their places and attempt to rehabilitate themselves, and a number had taken advantage of the opportunity, Selby said.

In West Palm Beach carpenters were at work all day. Several buildings which have been closed during the week will be ready to open tomorrow, it was said, and a number of residences have been sufficiently repaired so their owners could move back into them.

Emergency clothing headquarters announced today that three truck loads of clothing had been sent to Pahoehoe and Belle Glade. More than 8500 refugees have been furnished wearing apparel at the headquarters, established at the chamber of commerce building and in charge of the Salvation Army.

Shipment of clothing are coming in good. E. E. Vorenburg, secretary of the chamber of commerce and real estate board, said, but added that much is needed to take care of the situation. He said that Jacksonville and Tampa had met the immediate need for baby clothing with shipments which have been received here.

Relief Work Speeded
Relief workers hurried their operations throughout the lake region today despite the terrible handicaps of sanitary conditions, ruined roads and flood waters. Truck trains unloaded their burdens of supplies to waiting boats which bore the goods toward the razed towns along the lake shore where thousands, who last Sunday were enjoying the comforts of homes, today were homeless and in immediate need.

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GEORGIA POWER FIRM WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Gift of Summer Resort To Editors Charged

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(Universal Service.)—Reported establishment of a summer resort for Georgia newspaper editors, by electric power interests promoting "good public relations," will be investigated by the federal trade commission, it was learned today.

Information has reached the commission that this resort has been put at the editors' disposal, through the Georgia Press' association, by the Georgia Railway and Power Company. It is a mountain resort in northeast Georgia, on a tract described as the property of the power company near the Tallulah Falls dam. Cottages and a commodious community house, all equipped with electric lights and stoves and some furniture, were stated to be included.

As the story reached officials here, editors and their families have the right to spend vacations at "Press-haven," as the tract is called, for a nominal sum.

Dedicated in August
The resort was dedicated August 17 last, five months after hearings began in the commission's propaganda investigation, and three months after the commission had learned from propagandists' testimony and records of their prodigious feats of "space-grabbing" in Georgia.

The dedication was stated to have taken place at a barbecue held by the power company at Presshaven for delegates to a convention of editors, with Preston Arkwright, president of the company, making the presentation address.

Linton K. Starr, director of public relations for the company and an honorary member of the state press association, was said to have made what was taken as a speech of acceptance on behalf of the editors.

An editors' association official and a prominent editor also spoke.

Enlargement Promised
Enlargement of the resort, and improvements, were understood to have been promised.

Close relations with editors are maintained by the Georgia power propagandists, according to their written records. In one report Channing Cope told of visiting 50 communities and "helping make clear to the editors various points in connection with the mergers and the Muscle Shoals bid."

Willard Cope, his brother and executive secretary of the propaganda bureau, told of spending \$30,000 a year and destroying records of correspondence files showing how it was spent.

Californians Flee as Earthquake Rocks Homes
CALEXICO, Calif., Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—Rocked by a series of earthquakes today, residents of Calexico in many parts of the city rushed from their homes. Three distinct shocks were reported. Reports from El Centro, on the floor of the imperial valley, said shocks of unusual proportions were felt there also during the morning.

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MIAMI GIVES \$28,654
MIAMI, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—Miami's cash contributions to the city's fund for storm sufferers today was swelled to \$28,654 as gifts continued to come in. Additional donations included collections taken at theater performances, a liberal donation by the Men's Theatrical Bible class and a number of individual gifts. In addition more than 10 truckloads of clothing were gathered in a canvass of the city.

JACKSONVILLE GIVES \$34,000
JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—Negroes of Jacksonville at a mass meeting today raised approximately \$2000 to bring the city's total fund to date to \$34,000. A Rice King of the citizens relief committee, announced tonight.

Appeals to Women
TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 23.—(A.P.)—Mrs. John W. Martin, wife of Florida's governor, today appealed to the women of Florida to give clothing for storm sufferers. The appeal came after Mrs. Martin, who has been active here in gathering clothes for shipment to the storm area, received a message from the governor, who is in the heart of the storm district.

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Station 4AFC, West Palm Beach, after operating continuously since the storm struck, found its batteries rapidly weakening Saturday. As his set went down the operator sent out an S O S for batteries. Mr. Beckwith picked up the message and had the batteries. Mrs. Beckwith volunteered to rush them to West Palm Beach.

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Coolidge Approves Note To Britain and France

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It is to be made public early in the week.

In an unmistakable way it is understood he is to tell the French and British, as well as other European powers that the United States, because of its geographical position must stand alone and never can be bound by the naval agreements established between Britain and France.

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