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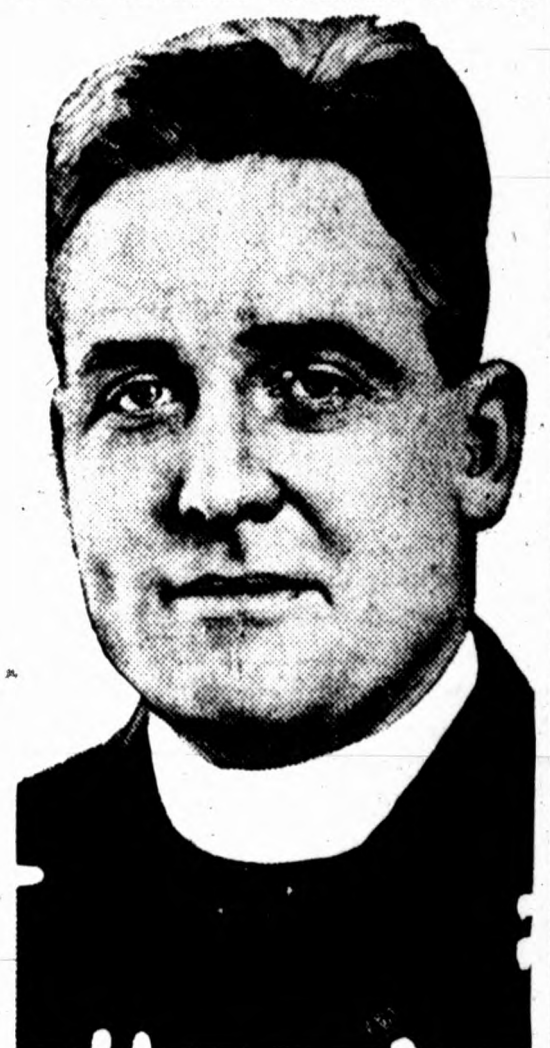
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## "FIGHTING JOE" IS NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

"Fighting Joe" is the title which has been bestowed by general consent on Rev. Joseph Lonergan of Durand, Ill., recently elected national chaplain of the American Legion. And the title is not a flimsy honor, either. It has a background.

For it harks back to old days when as a boy with two fists who knew how to use them and Father Joe sometimes found employment for them in ways other than earning money by working on railroad tracks to go to college. The story goes back to the time when he was a famous football star, "the miracle halfback" at St. Vitor's college.

The nickname recalls a baseball career culminating in a batting average for his last year of .448, rather a big league average. It carries a picture of Father Joe, the ecclesiastical student at Montreal, tying up his priestly soutane above his knees and sliding bases like Ty Cobb. It is reminiscent of the young priest at Aurora, Ill., who appeared in the pulpit one day with a bulging black eye—fruit of too strenuous endeavors to show



Rev. Joseph Lonergan.

his eighth graders in the school league he organized how to take 'em hot off the bat.

Then comes the time when Father Joe took up his work with the Eighty-sixth division organizing at Camp Grant. He was without military status and without salary, but he carried on. While there he lectured to all officers at Camp Grant on the necessity of religion. Shortly afterward he got a commission as first lieutenant chaplain, and began his extraordinary activity in the fighting game. It was he who spoke at Camp Grant's greatest day, July 4, 1918, when he addressed 50,000 of the division gathered there. A sentence stood out, which was flashed over the country: "A man never became a man until he got a good punch on the nose."

Then the Argonne and the Vosges. Father Joe says that when the shooting was close he became Dugout Joe, but the boys don't say that. They think he's all man. The chaplain reorganized a band for the Twelfth engineers, "the band with a personality," chosen by the French mission to accompany them when they took over Alsace and Strassburg from the Germans. He was transferred to the Ninetieth division and remained with them until he was discharged. Membership in the American Legion followed soon and then his election as department chaplain for Illinois in 1922. In 1924 he was unanimously named national chaplain. That's the story of "Fighting Joe" Lonergan, whose record at the front with the men endeared him to all veterans and makes him a very popular "padre."

## Legion Posts Aim to Cut Down Fire Loss

"The source of America's largest and most preventable waste is fires, and American Legion posts and departments throughout the country are taking up the problem with an aim to appreciably cut down the loss annually of millions of dollars from fire," declared Legionnaire J. H. Dulaney. He and W. S. Atkinson are heading the department of Oklahoma's move for fire prevention. Both are leaders in the Oklahoma Fire Prevention association. The American Legion, department of California, has been active in fire prevention in the redwood forests on the coast the past year.

## Prize for Student

It's time to reward the studious lad with the bulging cerebrum, as well as the campus hero of bulging biceps, decided the A. A. Mountain post of the American Legion of McMechen, W. Va. Accordingly, they offered a substantial cash prize to the high school student whose scholarship record is best during the year.

## SUNDAY THROWS WITNESS FATAL CRASH IN MID-AIR.

Santa Monica, Calif.—A man and a woman were killed and two other persons were seriously injured here when the airplanes in which they were seriously injured here when the airplanes in which they were flying collided in mid-air.

The dead: Ralph Hugh Jennison and Miss Ruth G. Wilson, both of Pasadena, were about to make a landing in their commercial plane when it collided with another machine, piloted by Leslie K. Traugber, a lieutenant in the army air reserve. Traugber and his passenger, Sergeant Gilbert R. McMurrin, of the army air service, were taken to a hospital in Sawtelle, near here, where surgeons said they had a fair chance to recover.

Spectators said the two planes appeared to sidle into each other and then fell 200 feet to earth with wings locked. Both machines were completely wrecked.

## SURRAUT SOUNDS WARNING

### DECLARES FUTURE MENACE NON-WHITE RACES; FEARS ASIATIC BLOC.

Paris.—Albert Surraut, former minister of the colonies, former governor general of Indo-China and a member of the French delegation at the Washington arms conference in 1921, sounded a note of alarm before a distinguished audience in Paris, declaring that the real menace of the future lay in the non-white third of the world's population.

"No one can think without misgiving," he said, "of the preparations Japan is making to head an Asiatic bloc against the European bloc."

He hoped that the leading spirits of Japan and the United States would avoid a conflict, "far more terrible in effect on the world than the war of 1924."

The steady increase in the colored peoples had located the center of the world's importance somewhere in the Pacific ocean, he continued, and a colossal struggle between Japan and the United States was going on for control of that ocean.

The colored element in the world's population he placed at 550,000,000 of a total of 1,750,000,000 and described them as having been taught their power by the World War, in addition to being worked by religious hatred and Russian Bolshevism.

Paris Prepares to Refund Debt.—Washington.—Reports that the French government might initiate proceedings before long looking to a refunding of that nation's debt to the United States, were received here, despite that members of the American debt commission declared they had no definite information that Paris officials were moving definitely toward such negotiations.

Secretary Mellon, discussing this possibility, said frankly that he believed the French government would take such a step, but he hesitated to suggest when their action might be expected. Mr. Mellon's view appeared to be based largely on the recent callification of the European situation. The French have made several gestures toward opening funding negotiations, but treasury officials hardly expect a definite proposition until after the New Year.

## Cleveland Cabinet Member is Dead.

Cazenovia, N. Y.—Charles Stebbins Fairchild, 82, secretary of the treasury under President Cleveland, died suddenly at his home here.

Death resulted from infirmities due to old age, it was announced.

Mr. Fairchild had been a lifelong resident of Cazenovia with the exception of the years which he spent in Albany as deputy attorney and attorney-general of New York State and in Washington as assistant secretary and secretary of the treasury.

He served as president of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railroad Company and director of the Erie.

## Fire Destroys Kinston School.

Kinston.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Grainger High School of this city causing an estimated loss of over \$100,000. Insurance covered the property to the amount of \$85,000 and officials state that approximately \$200,000 will be required to replace the school building, erected a year ago. The destruction of the building throws 400 students out of school and efforts are being made to provide temporary quarters for them in various buildings of the city. The school board will meet to decide what definite steps are to be taken to care for the children while the building is being rebuilt.

## Johns Hopkins Has Big Endowment.

Baltimore.—Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins university, announced that the general educational board has offered to give \$1,500,000 for the proposed Wilmer institute, treatment of diseases of the eye, which is to be established as part of Johns Hopkins medical school.

President Goodnow said the remainder of the \$3,000,000 needed for founding the institute would have to be raised in order to take advantage of the \$1,500,000 offer.

## BANKERS EXTEND GERMANS CREDIT

### AMERICANS AND BRITISH UNDERWRITE \$15,000,000 FOR THE RAILWAY.

New York.—Financing German's railways reconstituted under the Dawes plan, were taken by American and British bankers, who placed a credit of \$15,000,000 at the disposal of the German State Railway company. One-third of the loan will be in pounds sterling and will be underwritten by a London banking group, headed by J. Henry Schroeder and company. The New York banking syndicate, headed by Speyer and company, includes the Equitable Trust company, the Chase Securities corporation, Blair and company, The Bank of the Manhattan company, and J. Henry Schroeder Banking corporation. Organized in accordance with the Dawes plan to take over the operation of German railroads under private management, the German State Railway company constitutes what is said to be the largest railway system in the world, having 33,000 miles of road. Two-thirds of the equipment, consisting of 31,000 locomotives, 70,000 passenger cars, and 750,000 freight cars, is less than 10 years old. The original cost of the system, whose lines extend into every part of Germany, was \$6,200,000,000. Present capitalization consist of 3,995,000,000 common stock, issued to the German government or the German states and 2,620,000,000 first mortgage repairment bonds, guaranteed the German government which have been issued to a trustee appointed by the reparations commission. The company also is authorized to issue \$476,000,000 in preferred stock and \$22,500,000 second mortgage bonds.

## 17 Drowned When Freighter Sinks.

London.—Much damage was done by a furious gale which swept both the east and south coasts of England and inland points. Seventeen persons were drowned when the freight steamer Hartley, a vessel of 2,000 tons, sank off Portland. Only two men of the crew were rescued. There were many minor casualties to coastwise shipping.

The channel steamer Dieppe grounded at the mouth of New Haven harbor on a da tug which attempted to rescue her, was smashed against the breakwater. The Dieppe was refloated after her 66 passengers from France had spent five hours of misery on board. The cruiser Callopie, was sent from Portland to assist vessels in distress in the English channel. At Southampton, the Royal mail liner Almazora, of the Buenos Aires service, broke her moorings and swung about dangerously. She narrowly escaped smashing a naval transport. The vessel was eventually warped into her berth again after three hours of hard work by tug boats.

## Hoover Reports Big Progress.

Washington.—Recommendations concerning legislation for the reorganization of the commerce department, for the control and development of radio and aircraft, and for a revision of the navigation laws, were submitted to President Coolidge by Secretary Hoover in the annual report of his department. The secretary also recommended that Congress appropriate funds for a department of commerce building of sufficient size to house all branches of the organization, which at present are scattered through a half dozen buildings in Washington.

Mr. Hoover's report defined the economic progress of the country for the past year, setting out as outstanding features the advance of agriculture prices which had lagged behind industry since the slump of 1922, the beginning of "sound" policies in German reparations leading to a hopeful measure of economic recovery in Europe, and the complete recovery of the nation's own industry and commerce, aside from agriculture. The past year, the secretary reported, has been great stability of prices, high production, full employment, expanding foreign trade, and prosperity throughout the business world. There were some moderate decreases in activity of some lines during the latter part of the fiscal year, he added, but since its close, there has been general recovery in these lines.

## Doctors Close Annual Parley.

New Orleans.—Dr. Stewart Roberts, of Atlanta, was elected president of the Southern Medical association at the concluding session of the association's annual convention here. Dr. R. H. McGinnis, of Jacksonville, was chosen first vice president, and Dr. Homer Dupuy, of New Orleans, second vice president.

## Three Killed in Crash.

Columbus, Ohio.—Three people were killed and one seriously injured at Eleatown, three miles south of Newark, when an automobile in which they were returning from a party at Buckeye Lake skidded and crashed into a ditch eight feet deep which was partially filled with water. The dead all from Newark are: Sidney Jones, 32; J. J. Speigle, 34; and Harvey Plummer, 27. Mrs. Kathryn Davis, 28, of Dayton, is in a hospital at Newark suffering from a crushed foot and possible internal injuries.

## THREE MEN KILLED IN AN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT.

Greenfield, Ills.—Three men were killed when an aeroplane from St. Louis fell into a backyard garden two blocks from the town square. An examination revealed that the gasoline tank was empty and it was believed the plane fell when the engine was stopped by the lack of fuel.

The victims: George Walker, 43, a newspaperman, of Jerseyville, Ills., and two fliers from St. Louis, said to be H. G. Tilley, 22, and Ole Hagen, 25. The three fliers had been hired by a Jerseyville merchant to distribute advertising purposes and were returning to St. Louis when the crash came.

## PROHIBITION HELP TO NATION

### EXHAUSTIVE SURVEY SHOWS ANNUAL SAVINGS NEARLY 200 MILLION.

New York.—Crime in the United States, in proportion to the population, has decreased, rather than increased since prohibition went into effect, according to a report made public by the World League Against Alcoholism. Savings to the states as a result of the decrease in crime exceed the amount formerly paid as revenue by the liquor interests, the report sets forth, the savings being "conservatively estimated" at approximately \$200,000,000 annually.

The survey, which the league declares is the most extensive ever made on the subject, is based on figures from the police departments from 300 of the country's leading cities, and the District of Columbia, every state except North Carolina and Oklahoma being represented. It covers the total number of arrests for all causes in the last four years prior to prohibition and the first four years of prohibition.

"It is true that the number of arrests of the 'dry' period in the 300 cities is greater than the number for the 'wet,' it is stated in the report 'but when analyzed in connection with the increase in population, which is five million, the findings are contrary to the accepted belief that we are growing more criminal.'

"The actual decrease in arrests for drunkenness, since the Volstead act went into effect, is 42.3 per cent for the 300 cities, or a million less cases of drunkenness each year than there were in the 'wet' period, for the whole nation. Where formerly drunk cases made up 32.5 per cent of the total arrests of the country they now have been cut to 18.8 per cent.

"From 1913 to 1916, there was a yearly average of 58,946 people arrested for all causes out of every million of population. The total for 300 cities was 1,756,078. During the first four years of prohibition, arrests for all causes were 2,040,700, or 58,859 per million population. The population in these cities have increased 5,600,000 during the four years.

"Applying this ratio of increase to the entire population we have a yearly total of nearly 1,000,000 less arrests during the 'dry' period than during the 'wet.'

## System to Dodge Coal Famines.

New York.—A report of the coal storage committee of the American engineering council, made public by James Hartness, president of the organization, outlines a series of community plans by which the principal cities of the country may, through a system of uniform monthly shipments avoid coal famines. Mr. Hartness said the survey on which the report is based has revealed that storage is the remedy for the nation's coal troubles. The committee recommends, according to the report that all consumers purchase their coal on an annual contract for yearly requirements with a provision that the coal be delivered monthly in equal allotments. Consumers are urged to provide storage facilities to meet the terms of such a contract. The recommendations are based on the finding that the purchases of coal on a monthly delivery basis will enable coal miners to inaugurate and maintain a regular production schedule and make it possible for carriers to plan definitely both schedules and equipment for a uniform movement of coal.

## Man Kills Wife's Employer.

Los Angeles.—R. D. Mack, president of the Golden State Vaudeville exchange, was shot to death in his office here in the presence of five persons. S. R. Southern surrendered to the police and said that he fired the shots. Southern's wife was employed as a stenographer for Mack and was in his office at the time of the shooting.

## Killed in Gun Fight.

Chicago.—One notorious gambling house and saloonkeeper was killed, two other men probably fatally wounded and a fourth less seriously hurt following a gun fight in Cicero. Eddie Tanel, known to police as a power in gambling circles, was slain in his saloon and gambling place in Cicero during a revolver fight. Myles (Klondyke) O'Donnell and Leo Climax probably were fatally wounded and Martin Sinet, a waiter in Tanel's saloon, was wounded slightly by a stray bullet from the gangsters' weapons.

## GIANT ZEPPELIN IS CHRISTENED

### ZR-3 IS DISPLACED WITH LOS ANGELES AS OFFICIAL LABEL.

Washington.—A vast gray bulk, roaring northward through the darkness, the United States air liner Los Angeles, sped to take her appointed station as a commissioned ship of the navy, but none the less a ship of peace.

Somewhere ahead of her in the darkness fled a half score of homing pigeons carrying word to the Lakehurst station that, with full pomp and ceremony, the name of the California city had been bestowed upon the ship by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the nation's President. With that act, the designation of ZR-3 which she has carried so long, passed off the navy's rolls—the name Los Angeles, signifying the peaceful mission she has been assigned by international agreement, blossoms in its place.

It was almost a perfect day for the christening. By the time the air giant came nosing out of the blue-gray haze to northward, the sun had broken through the banking clouds of the morning and was sweeping the sky clear moment by moment. The trip south from Lakehurst was made swiftly and the ZR-3, as she then still was, found herself with more than two hours of aerial loafing to do before she came down at the naval air station at Anacostia, since the President and Mrs. Coolidge were not due to arrive before 2:45 p. m.

## U. S. Revenue Shows a Loss.

Washington.—With all phases of the tax reduction carried by the new law in full force, a decrease of \$79,373,465 was shown in internal revenue collections from July 1 to October 31, the first four months of the current fiscal year.

The principal decreases include a loss as compared to the same period last year of \$22,267,692 in income taxes.

Total internal revenue collections for the four months covered by a statement from the internal revenue bureau were \$736,167,423 as compared with \$815,540,988 for the period from July 1 to October 31 last year. Income taxes for the last four months were \$430,119,549 while for the corresponding period in 1923 the collections were \$452,387,241.

Taxes from miscellaneous sources in the four months beginning July 1 this year were \$306,047,874 or \$57,105,772 below the same period last year. This sharp decrease resulted largely from the repeal of some of the miscellaneous taxes.

Tobacco taxes again showed an increase collections between July 1 and October 31 being \$120,696,495 as compared with \$114,492,088 for the same period of 1923.

## Finally Sunk; Officers Silent.

Norfolk, Va.—The battleship Washington was sunk off the Virginia Capes. Beyond the terse confirmation of the sinking and the time, nothing official as to the manner in which the United States carried out the last act of its scrapping program under the naval armament limitation agreement could be learned here. Any information as to the destruction of the ship, authorities at the Hampton Roads naval base said, would have to come from Washington.

Naval officers ashore were inclined to the belief that the Washington's final plunge came much quicker than was expected and may have been due to previous battering rather than to any gun fire planned. She was reported very low in the water and the theory ashore is that if the ship did not go down unexpectedly the Texas had little time for carrying out final experiments.

## Mid-West Paper Indicted.

Washington.—Indictment in Kansas City of the owner and managing editor of The Kansas City Journal-Post is the only one of the three federal proceedings thus far initiated which involves individuals, in the effort to clear up through court action the conflicting provisions of the revenue act affecting publication of income tax returns.

The indictment of The New York Tribune company, and that several days ago involving The Baltimore Daily Post, both named the publishing corporations themselves as defendants. In each case, it is understood, the purpose has been to develop a different phase of the tax publication question to bring about a complete test of the law, which opens tax returns to public inspection in one section and prohibits their publication in another.

## Yields 100 Indian Skeletons.

Moulton, Ala.—Skeletons of more than 100 Indians were found in a mound. One tomahawk was pronounced near here according to Dr. Garard Fewkes, representative of the Smithsonian institute. The mound is believed to have been the work of the Cherokee Indians. Numerous copper beads, pottery and other relics were found. One tomahawk was pronounced the largest ever unearthed.

Dr. Fewkes has also excavated two Indian mounds on the Tennessee river where valuable relics were found.

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Dr. Charles Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, in a recent address on "Religion for the Modern Youth," said: "I have never seen any description of heaven which was even tolerable." Doctor Elliot intimated that he had no belief whatever in heaven as a place of refuge from pain or rest from monotonous drudgery. "Joy in work is my ideal of happiness here or hereafter," he added, and repeatedly discounted the idea that heaven and idleness would have anything in common.

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## Dispute Over Seed Wheat

F. S. Johnston, a farmer at Morton, Wash., is pointing with pride to a wheat crop which he says originated from seed taken from a burying place in the Nile valley. He says he started his experiment four years ago and that the grain from his present crop is "white and very hard, the straw short and the heads prolific." Some scientists dispute the claim, saying that seed so long dormant, as it must have been if it came from the tomb, would not grow.

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