

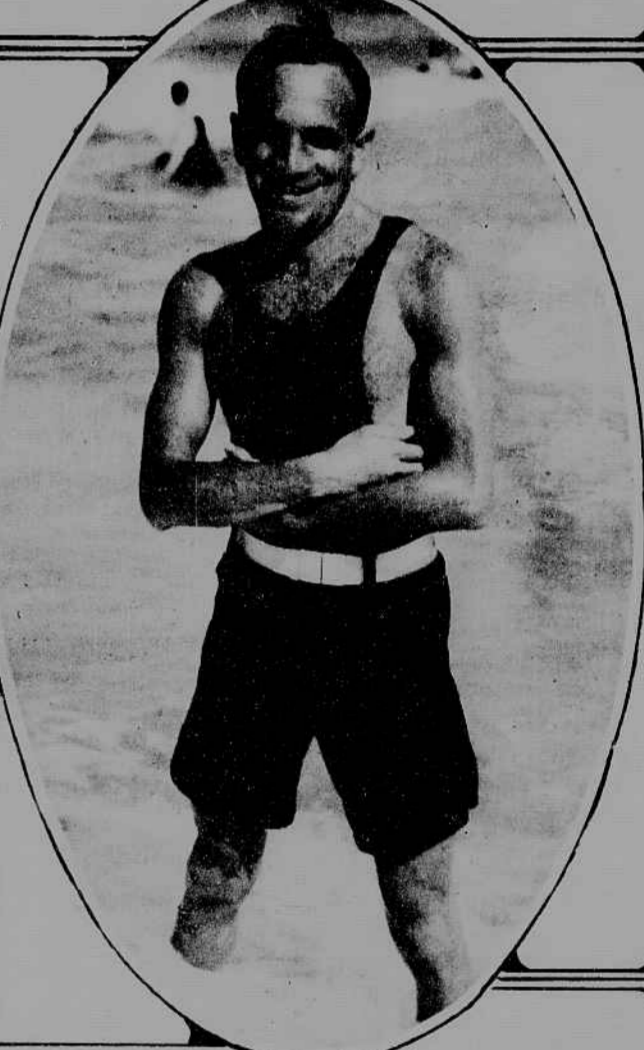


WORCESTER, Mass., has an epidemic of incendiary fires; over a score that do nearly two million dollars' worth of damage within twenty-four hours. Here is a view of Main Street showing the smoking ruins of some of the city's important business buildings with the tired firemen still wetting down the ice-covered walls. Zero weather made the fire-fighters' job a thankless one, and Worcester owes a debt to their heroic efforts that she can never quite repay.
Underwood

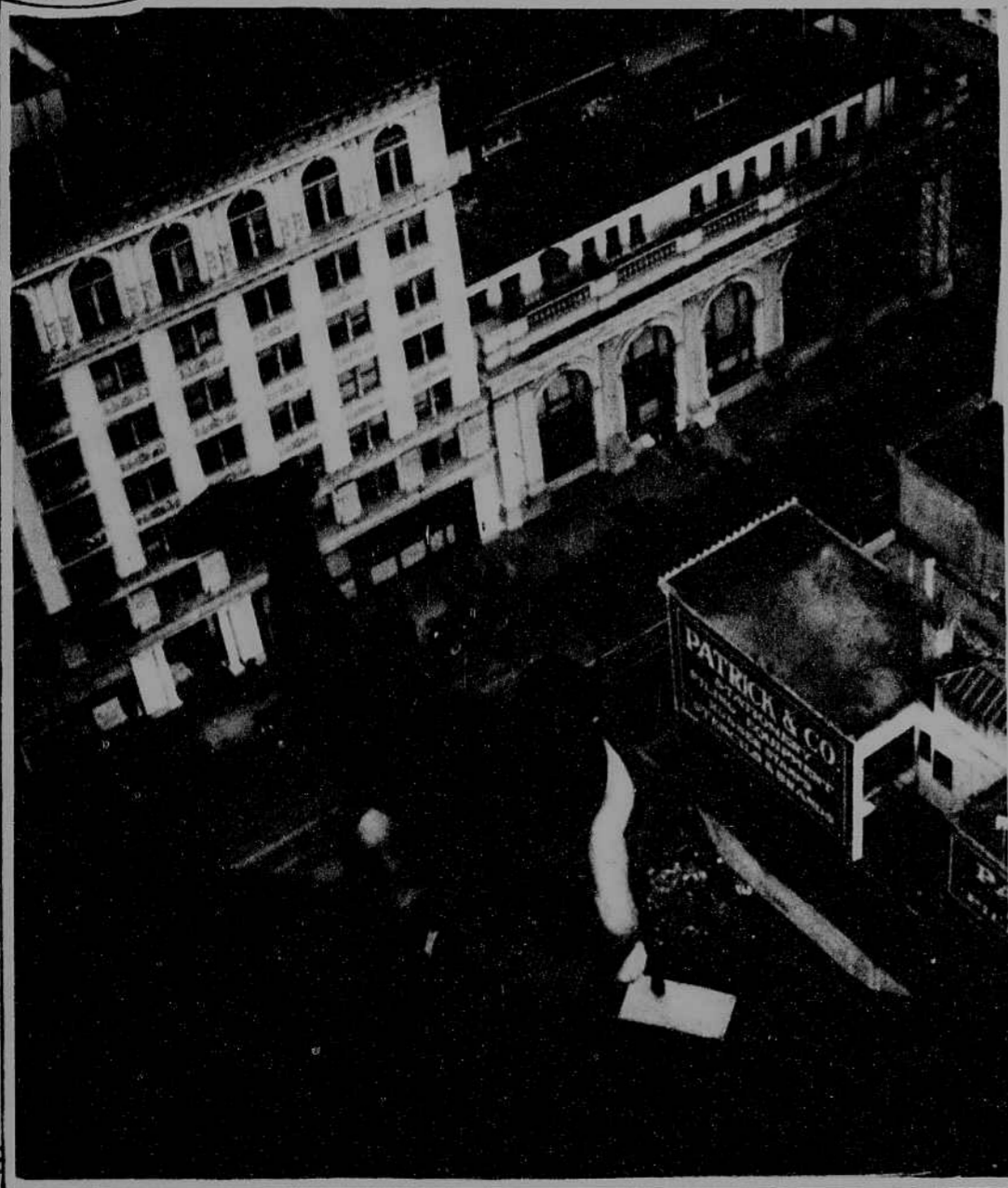


Right — SMILING WILL H. HAYS, chairman of the Republican National Committee, who is almost certain to be our next Postmaster General. *K V*

Left — "CHANCELLOR" OF THE SOVIET "EMBASSY," one Gregory Weinstein, former associate of Trotsky on a Bolshevik paper here, who was deported from Uncle Sam's domain last Sunday along with the be-initialed Martens, unrecognized Soviet "ambassador" to the U. S. Study the photo, friend reader, and then go ahead and finish this caption yourself.
Paul Thompson



LORD READING, who on April 1 becomes Viceroy of India, from a new photo taken in his judicial wig and robes of office. Lord Reading is known among his political associates as a man who rose to fame without making an enemy. Born of an obscure Jewish family, he began the practice of law, and in 1906 entered the House of Commons. By his own efforts he subsequently rose to be Lord Chief Justice of England. In January, 1918, he came to America as Ambassador to Washington, but resigned seven months later. The press of India warmly welcomed the new appointment.
International



THE CALIFORNIA CLIMATE AGAIN! San Francisco's famous athlete, Pete Bellone, stimulates the heart action of several thousand native sons by balancing himself on a chair on the cornice of a roof some twenty-two stories above the city streets.
Underwood



THE INIMITABLE "AL" JOLSON, one of the most popular of all American stage blackface comedians, comes up smiling after a refreshing plunge in the Palm Beach surf. By the way, where's that play, "The Wreath of Love," that "Al" secured on his trip to Honolulu last year, and which press notices of last summer said would be presented this winter?
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THE NAVAL WONDER OF SPANISH WAR DAYS, the famous old battleship Kearsarge, which in 1898 was expected to revolutionize naval warfare, has been removed from the fighting line without ever having fired a gun at an enemy, and will become "Naval Crane-ship No. 1." Here is an architect's drawing of how the big ship of yesteryear will look when she's been refitted at League Island. The monster electric crane with which she will be equipped will be capable of lifting 250 tons.
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