

MR. LUCAS FIGHTS FOR A PRINCIPLE

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The Year at a Glance

YALVIN COOLIDGE turns journalist and alligator pear growers teach people how to eat alligator pears. Dwight W. Morrow comes out for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, which Judge Clark declares invalid, and Coste and Bellonte fly from Paris to New York. The Russian antireligious campaign stirs up international protest and Bishop Cannon bulldozes the Senate lobby committee. The S. S. Europa sets a transatlantic record, America discusses the size of Primo Carnera's feet and the decline of food prices puts steak and chops on boardinghouse tables. Mussolini never stops reviewing troops for the newsreels.

Schmeling wins the heavyweight title from Sharkey on a foul and public opinion in some states forces advertisers of a new soft drink to add skirts to posters showing a pair of legs from the knees down. New York police beat tattoos on Communists and Michael Petrillo of Nutley, N. J., listens to the radio for 155 consecutive hours. Drought sweeps the country during the summer months and miniature golf becomes a national industry. Mrs. Doran publishes a book of recipes for kickless cocktails.

The Chrysler Building—world's tallest—is completed and backgammon boards sell like hot cakes. The R-101 crashes, the bodies of Andree and his companions are found, and some newspaper editors refuse to publish accounts of tree sittings. Judge Lindsey and Bishop Manning have a tiff in a cathedral over companionate marriage and Haile Selassie I is crowned in Ethiopia with appropriate splendor. The November elections result in wet and Democratic victories and Hoover grandchil-

dren arrive to brighten Washington news dispatches. Stocks go down, down, down, down, Bobby Jones beats everybody else and retires, Sir Thomas Lipton receives a "good loser's" cup, Sinclair Lewis accepts the Nobel Prize and only antiquarians speak of the new economic era, dissatisfied employees and three-car garages.

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THE LONDON naval conference disappoints, the British imperial conference fails, the conference on India meets and West Point plays Annapolis. Charles Evans Hughes is appointed Chief Justice of the United States and the Dancing Masters' Association predicts the return of the old-fashioned waltz. H. L. Mencken marries Sara Powell Haardt and astronomers discover a new planet. Gandhi's non-violence movement gets under way in India, there is an earthquake in Italy and Zaro Agha arrives in the United States attributing his longevity to this and that. Six Latin-American countries stage successful revolutions.

Mabel Walker Willebrandt joins the grape growers and a New York crowd stampedes to see a film explaining Einstein's theory of relativity. Byrd returns from the South Pole and crowds collect around Austin cars. Congress passes the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill, Amos 'n' Andy appear in the talkies, Mary Ware Dennett is vindicated and King Carol returns to Rumania. Associated physical directors declare the daily dozen not particularly beneficial to health and Aimee Semple McPherson and Ma Kennedy come to blows. The Wickersham Committee keeps on Wickershamming.

Helen Wills, Marie José of Belgium and Giovanna of Italy become brides, Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, the Duchess of York and Princess Astrid of Sweden become mothers, and parrot fever, Humanism, cheaper books, long skirts for daytime wear, Grover Whalen's Communist documents and Will H. Hays' new code of movie morals turn out to be false alarms. Believe It or Not Ripley announces that the year did not end at midnight, December 31.

The Lucas Case

THE PROLONGED DISPUTE between Robert H. Lucas of the Republican National Committee and Senator Norris of Nebraska has opened a number of interesting questions. There are, for example, the questions of whether the Republican insurgents will help the regulars to organize the next Congress, as apparently they will; whether there is to be an extra session, as Senator Borah demands; whether the electoral college should be abolished, as Senator Norris desires; and whether there is to be a third party, as Professor John Dewey* believes there should be. Two questions, however, jut up beyond all others. They are, first, whether the Republican party is to remove Mr. Lucas from his position as Executive Director, and, second, whether the party is to disavow or support the insurgents.

The first is of the greater immediate importance. Though it is in danger of being obscured in a cloud of controversy, the issue here is perfectly simple. As Executive Director of the Republican National Committee, Mr. Lucas, using a fictitious name, ordered and paid for a low kind of campaign literature which

^{*} See editorial on Page 10.