

DIRIGIBLE FALLS; 43 MEET DEATH

16 Yankees, 27 Britons Killed in Accident.

ZR-2 DROPS INTO RIVER

Monster Airship Purchased by United States From England Is Wrecked.

NAVAL CRAFT ON TEST TRIP

Flight of 34 Hours Ends in Disaster 1000 Feet Over Humber Near Hull.

HULL, England, Aug. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sixteen officers and men of the United States navy and 27 officers and men of the British navy met death today in the collapse of the great dirigible ZR-2 over the city of Hull.

All except one of the Americans on board the ill-fated craft perished, as far as could be ascertained at midnight tonight. The surviving American is W. O. Walker of Commerce, Tex., who was burned badly.

Only five men of the 49 who were making the trial trip in the dirigible prior to the vessel's being turned over to the United States navy are known to have been saved.

The American officers who started the trip included Commander Louis H. Maxfield, Lieutenant-Commander Emory Coil, Lieutenant Henry W. Hoyt, Lieutenant Marcus H. Esterly, Lieutenant-Commander Valentine N. Bieg and Lieutenant Charles G. Little.

Eleven Enlisted Men Aboard.

The American enlisted men who went up with the craft from Howden were: C. I. Aller, Robert Coons, L. E. Crowl, J. T. Hancock, William Julius, M. Lay, A. L. Loftin, A. I. Pettit, W. J. Steele, N. O. Walker and George Welsh.

The British losses include the famous air veteran, Brigadier-General E. M. Maitland, and all the other officers on board except Lieutenant Wann, the commander of the ZR-2. Starting from Howden Tuesday morning on a test flight to Pulham, the big aircraft had been aloft for 34 hours, at times in bad weather, and was returning to the Pulham airfield at the time of the disaster, which constitutes the most terrible of its kind in peace times.

The ZR-2, sister ship of the famous R-34, the first dirigible to cross the Atlantic, was on her final test trip prior to being accepted by the United States navy and taken across the Atlantic by an American crew especially trained for that purpose. She was 695 feet long and was built to carry a crew of 30. Her speed was estimated at 70 miles an hour. The American navy was to pay \$2,000,000 for the craft.

1000-Foot Plunge Taken.

While flying at about 1000 feet over Hull, spectators saw the ZR-2 seemingly buckle amidships and plunge downward over the city and into the Humber river.

One theory of the cause of the disaster is that, while the ship's rudders were being tested, the giant craft took a sharp turn, which caused her framework to buckle, and that the explosion of a gasoline tank completed the tragedy of the air. The actual cause, however, may never be known. A rumor had been afloat for some days that the ZR-2 was structurally weak, but this was stoutly denied by all in authority.

Tens of thousands of spectators saw several men climb outside the balloon and drop from the falling mass, which was enveloped in smoke, and others jump into the Humber as the crippled craft came over the water. As the dirigible struck, the wreckage above the water was burning and there was slight chance for any of the men caught inside to escape.

Rescue Is Prompt.

Tugs immediately put out into the stream and brought ashore survivors, who were taken in ambulances to hospitals.

Among these was the American

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FOOD PRICES REDUCED BY LOCAL CAFETERIA

HAM, EGGS AND POTATOES TO BE SOLD FOR 20 CENTS.

Washington-Street Restaurant Man Says Pre-War Quotations Are Here to Stay.

Ham and eggs, with potatoes, for 20 cents brought the echo of another price war to Portland. The proprietor of a dairy lunch on Washington street declared last night that the new price schedule, which is exactly the same as the charges for food were in his establishment in 1917, is here to stay.

At 12 o'clock last night the new price schedule was inaugurated, with the result that breakfast dishes, such as bacon and eggs with potatoes, were being sold for 20 cents; two eggs cooked any style for 15 cents; pork chops for 15 cents and pork sausage with potatoes for 15 cents.

The new schedule not only prevails in the breakfast dishes. Dinner and lunch specials will be sold at the same reduction. For instance, the prices of foodstuffs for these meals will include roast beef at 10 cents, roast pork and apple sauce at 15 cents, and roast veal with dressing 15 cents. Steaks have also met the price ax, and it is now possible to obtain them for from 15 cents for the small steaks to 45 cents for the special T-bone cuts.

There has been a general reduction in restaurant prices in Portland within the past few months, but the figures quoted yesterday were said to be the lowest since pre-war days.

EXCHANGE BILL ENACTED

Amendment to Law Exempting Homesteads From Debts Also Wins.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Bills providing for the exchange of lands in the Deschutes national forest of Oregon and the Rainier national forest in Washington were put through the house today by Representative Sinnott. The legislation permits the government to consolidate its holdings in a compact body by changing other lands outside the forest for privately owned lands within these two reserves.

Mr. Sinnott obtained also the passage of a bill amending the law exempting 160-acre homesteads from judgments for debts contracted before the issuance of patent so that the same exemption is granted to the 320-acre and 640-acre enlarged homesteads.

LAND OFFICE JOBS FILLED

Seven Candidates for Oregon Nominated by President.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Seven of the candidates recommended last week by Senators McNary and Stanford for land office positions in Oregon were nominated by the president today, as follows:

La Grande—Carl G. Helm, register; John H. Peare, receiver.

Seaside—James W. Donnelly, register; Thomas C. Queen, receiver; Roseburg—Fred W. Haynes, receiver.

Burns—James J. Donegan, receiver; Lakeview—Frank P. Light, register.

Harry J. McDiarmid was nominated today for postmaster at Bandon, Or., and Ross R. Cain for Postmaster at Crane.

FALL BACKS PARK CHANGE

Secretary Urge Inclusion of Diamond Lake in Crater Area.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Secretary Fall will urge upon congress the inclusion of Diamond lake in the Crater lake national park. The secretary of the Washington, D. C., office of the National Park Service, according to T. L. Stanley, secretary of the chamber of commerce, just returned from accompanying the Fall party to Crater lake. Stanley stated Secretary Fall said he would approve annexation in accordance with the terms of the pending McNary bill.

Secretary Fall's party planned to leave Crater lake this morning for Medford, where E. O. McCormick's private airplane was waiting to take them to Portland.

ROBBERY BIT THEATRICAL

Loaded Rifle, Jerked From Clerk Used in Two Holdups.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—William Meyers, 36 years old, jerked a loaded rifle away from a clerk who was demonstrating the weapon today, lined the clerk up against the wall and disappeared with the rifle, according to the police.

Later he held up the proprietor of a pawnshop at the point of the rifle, took \$5.50 in antique coins from a tray in the window, fired a shot at the proprietor as the latter dashed out the door and then was disarmed by a policeman after a hand-to-hand struggle. A charge of attempted robbery was placed against him.

EX-SUGAR REFINER DEAD

William Frazier, 82, Passes Away at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 24.—William Frazier, 82, widely known sugar refiner and head of a family long prominent in the financial and social affairs of this city, died today at his home here. Death was attributed to the infirmities of age.

Mr. Frazier was head of the Franklin sugar refinery until his retirement from active business several years ago.

PEACE PACT WITH AUSTRIA SIGNED

One With Germany Meets With Delay.

TECHNICAL POINT IS RAISED

Dresel Asks Permission to Query Washington.

RULING TO BE REQUESTED

Technicality Does Not Involve Contents of Treaty—Governments In Accord on Official Text.

VIENNA, Aug. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The treaty of peace between the United States and Austria was signed here this afternoon. Arthur Hugh Frazier, American commissioner in Vienna, acting for the Washington government.

Such expedition and secrecy attended the preliminary negotiations and today's simple ceremony that the late newspapers today furnished the first news that the United States and Austria no longer were even technical enemies.

The terms of the treaty are being withheld for the present. It is understood that the government does not desire public discussion of the treaty pending its ratification by the foreign affairs committee of the parliament. The committee will meet Saturday to prepare the ratification of the treaty for consideration by parliament when it reassembles.

Ceremony Without Formality.

The ceremony of signature was devoid of formality. Mr. Frazier, accompanied by Secretary Schoeber, arrived at the foreign office at 12:57 o'clock this afternoon. They went immediately to the chancellor's bureau, where they were received by Chancellor Schoeber and a few other officials. The document was in readiness and was signed at once.

A brief and informal exchange of congratulations followed. Mr. Frazier saying the occasion marked a vital step in the restoration of peace and expressing the hope that it would have a great moral as well as material effect upon Austria. Chancellor Schoeber, with ill-concealed emotion, voiced deep gratification upon the restoration of relations with the United States.

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The peace treaty between the United States and Germany (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

SOLDIERS SAVE DEAD BUDDIES FROM FIRE

PIERS OF HOBOKEN ENVELOPED IN \$5,000,000 BLAZE.

Volunteers of 13th Infantry Perform Herculean Task in Rescuing 5000 Bodies.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Bodies of 5000 American soldiers who died in France, ranged in rows on pier 4, Hoboken, narrowly escaped cremation tonight in a fire that destroyed piers 5 and 6, threatened for a time to consume other piers and to spread into the city of Hoboken. The steamship Leviathan, moored at pier 4, was in danger for a time, but was saved by fireboats. Piers 4, 5 and 6 were used by the army transport service.

No accurate estimate of the loss has been made, but it will run somewhere between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Five hundred volunteers, recruited by Major Garrison, in command of the 13th infantry, almost immediately after the discovery of the fire, moved 500 bodies in less than an hour to places of safety on piers 2 and 3, operated by the United States Mail Steamship company.

These men worked under great difficulties and in danger of their lives. Swept by waves of heat intense enough to break adjacent windows and at least handicapped by the Hoboken City lighting, they never faltered until their task was finished.

Each of the bodies of the American heroes brought home for burial with honors, was in a lead coffin, this in turn being in a rough wooden box. The combined weight of each of the wooden and leaden boxes was 650 pounds, which made the removal of the bodies a herculean task.

Not only did the Hoboken lighting system fail in the emergency but just when the peril to the city itself from the waterfront blaze seemed most imminent, the water supply proved unequal to the demands upon it. Except for the presence at the scene of the fireboats William L. Strong, the New York city fire department, it is doubtful if the blaze could have been controlled. These boats not only fought the flames from the river side but also supplied water for the land engines.

The fire was discovered at 8:30 o'clock and was reported under control at 9 o'clock, with all danger to the Leviathan and to the buildings in the Hoboken waterfront and to the other piers at an end.

The most serious damage from the fire was the destruction of the army transport headquarters building, which included the barracks of companies C and D of the 13th infantry, the cantonment, the guardhouse, the postoffice, the machine shop and other departments. About 20 prisoners were taken from the guardhouse to the Hoboken city hall.

Only one man was injured in the fire. He was James McIntyre of engine company No. 6, Hoboken. As he was opening a hand fire extinguisher it exploded, burning his hands severely. He was removed to the Hoboken city hospital.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The body of Lemuel Foster, who was (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

BIG EXPORT FINANCE DEALS NEAR FINISH

EARLY MOVEMENT OF FARM PRODUCE ASSURED.

War Finance Corporation Reports Negotiations Involving Nearly \$20,000,000 About Closed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—Negotiations for advances to finance agricultural products for export sales involving approximately \$20,000,000 are nearing completion, the war finance corporation announced today.

Final action on seven transactions will be taken within a few days, the corporation added. The seven propositions are:

Oklahoma Cotton Growers' association, 200,000 bales of cotton; Texas Farm Bureau association, 300,000 bales of cotton; California Prune and Apricot Growers, Inc., 25,000,000 pounds of prunes; Washington Wheat Growers' association, 5,000,000 bushels of wheat; Idaho Wheat Growers' association, 2,000,000 bushels of wheat; Oregon Co-operative Grain association, 2,000,000 bushels of wheat; and the Montana Wheat Growers' association, 1,500,000 bushels of wheat.

A complete agreement on terms of the agricultural exports credits bill, which has been in controversy between the house and senate, was reached today by conferees. The disagreement, outside of the controversy over the anti-beer bill, was one of the principal obstacles to the recess provisionally arranged for congress.

The measure as agreed to empowers the war finance corporation to issue \$1,500,000,000 in its own bonds and to lend \$1,000,000,000 for financing agricultural exports. The house refused to agree to senate provisions which would allow the corporation to lend directly to European purchasers of the commodities, but the compromise will allow the finance corporation to lend to anybody, provided satisfactory collateral is furnished to it for the sums advanced.

The extra \$500,000,000 of war finance corporation securities authorized by the bill, it is expected, will be sold and the money utilized for purchase of railroad securities. Conferees also agreed to eliminate the senate provision allowing the war finance corporation to lend \$200,000,000 to the federal farm loan bank.

LOGGER KILLED BY AUTO

While Being Cranked, Car Throws Victim Against Wall.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—W. O. Wilson, employe of the Foster Lumber company at a camp on the Big Duckwater river, near Hoskins, was fatally injured today by being thrown against the side of a garage by an automobile which he was cranking.

The injured man was attended by an independent physician, but died while being brought to a Salem hospital.

Wilson is survived by his widow and a child. The funeral services will be held in Salem, where Wilson resided prior to accepting employment with the lumber company.

JAPAN WELCOMES MOVE TO DISARM

Invitation to Join in Conference Accepted.

HARDING'S INITIATIVE LAUDED

Heavy Burden of Armament on World Recognized.

FRIENDSHIP IS INVITED

Hope Is Expressed Agenda Will Be Agreed On Prior to Sessions to Insure Harmony.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—Japan's "heartily and appreciative" acceptance of President Harding's invitation to participate in the Washington disarmament and far eastern conferences was expressed in a note received at the state department today from the Japanese minister of foreign affairs.

The Japanese government, in accepting the invitation, however, expresses the hope that the agenda of the far eastern conference would be arranged prior to the meeting. In accordance with its suggestion that matters concerning only a few nations, or which are accomplished facts, not be brought into the discussions.

Japan Lauds Harding.

The text of the Japanese note in part follows: "In communicating to you for transmission to the president the hearty and appreciative gratitude for his invitation by the Japanese government, I would ask you to be good enough in the first place to say to Mr. Harding with what pleasure the government sees him take the initiative in this all-important matter. His great republic, the pacific traditions of your people, and his own high personal qualifications invest his act with a personal appropriateness which must be universally felt and recognized."

"The peace of the world has long been a chronic object of solicitude to the Japanese government people. That attitude has not remained a platonic policy—it has followed out in action. It results naturally in the Pacific attitude toward world problems, that government and people alike should welcome the idea of the limitation of armaments and the removal of the menacing burden on industry, cultural development which swollen and competitive armaments create."

Hopes For Success Spoken.

"This government is also completely sympathetic to the valuable suggestion advanced in your note, that it may well be desirable that the use of novel agencies of warfare should be controlled."

"The discussion and removal of any causes of misunderstanding which exist, and the arrival at an eventual agreement with regard to general principles and their application which will insure friendship and good mutual understanding between the nations are regarded as of great value and importance. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, in Japan that the conference will secure fruitful results and prove a practical success."

Harmony Is Sought.

"The Japanese government gladly concurs in the proposal of the United States that the scope of the discussion of Pacific and far eastern problems shall be broad subjects for a free exchange of views prior to the assembly of the conference. They hope that the agenda of the conference will in this way be arranged in harmony with the suggestions made in the memorandum of the Japanese ministry of foreign affairs of July 26, 1921, bearing on the same subject, in order that the labors of the conference may meet speedily with the fullest measure of successful achievement."

"The undersigned cannot conclude without again expressing the thorough and hearty sympathy of his government with the thesis so clearly and justly stated in your note, of the crushing encumbrance and menace which modern armaments present to civilization. No effort can be too unremitting to reduce that menace to insignificance. In the full consciousness of this fact, the initiative of the president of the United States is warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated, and I would ask you to assure the president."

Postmaster Tests Oured.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The civil service commission was requested today to arrange examinations for the selection of postmasters at Central Point, Enterprise, Falls City, Gladstone, Liberty, Newburg, Salem, Springfield, Wasco, Weston and Woodburn, in Oregon.

ALBERS' WILL FAVORS NEPHEWS AND NIECES

150 SHARES EACH OF STOCK IN MILL ARE BEQUEATHED.

Sister Receives All Insurance Money—No Intimation Given as to Size of Estate.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The bulk of the estate of Henry J. Albers, wealthy miller who died at his home in Milwaukee recently, is left to his nephews and nieces, according to the will filed for probate in Clackamas county court today.

Nephews and nieces who receive 150 shares each of stock in the Albers Bros. Milling company are: Agnes, Theresia, Hermena, Bernard, Alfred and Ernest Albers; Anna, Frank and Theresia Terheyden.

Mrs. Anna A. Terheyden, Albers' sister, receives all life insurance money. A bequest of \$2500 in cash is made to St. Joseph's Catholic church of Portland.

The remainder of the estate is divided equally among the children of Albers' three brothers—Frank, George and William.

Executors of the estate are William and Frank Albers and Dr. Ernst A. Sommer of Portland. J. E. Hedgen, James Lobbett and Clyde G. Huntley were appointed appraisers.

No intimation was given as to the size of the estate. Henry Albers' death followed a breakdown attributed to espionage charges brought against him.

WEST-BOUND FREIGHT CUT

Lower Rates on Many Manu- factured Articles Announced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Reductions in westbound freight rates, ranging as high as 45 per cent, have been declared by the transcontinental rail carriers for hundreds of manufactured articles, including all types of furniture, G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company, announced today. The new rates become operative October 3.

The rates are on shipments originating east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. The reductions are intended to meet water competition, Luce said.

President Harding's announcement yesterday on several classes of foodstuffs and other commodities, to become effective on the same date.

NEW BRITISH BOND URGED

Imperial Constitution Necessary, Declares Lord Milner.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—An imperial constitution, which would include within its scope the United Kingdom and all British dominions, is necessary to declare Lord Milner, formerly colonial secretary, speaking last night at a farewell dinner given in honor of Premier Massey of New Zealand, who sailed for home Thursday.

Lord Milner added that a constitution in some form would become absolutely inevitable. He said it might not be a written document, but that it certainly should be something more tangible than the present agreement.

VIRGINIANS UNDER ARMS

Invaders Reported to Be Handed for City of Logan.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 25.—All citizens of Logan, Logan county, were called to arms at 6 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Don Chittum to repel a threatened invasion of armed men, according to information telephoned here by Wirt Stone, manager of a telegraph office at Logan.

Stone said that an armed band was reported to have reached Jeffers, W. Va., across Coal river from Logan.

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CONGRESS KNOCKS OFF FOR 30 DAYS

Recess Until September 21 Agreed On.

ACTION ON BEER POSTPONED

House Not to Resume Work Till October 31.

PRESIDENT AT CAPITOL

Shipping Board Deficiency Bill Is Signed, Also Expense Provision for Coming Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—Congress put aside its work tonight for 30 days after a determined fight against the anti-beer bill had forced those in charge of it to withdraw it for action by the senate next fall.

Prohibition leaders early in the night abandoned their effort to hold up the recess until it had been passed, falling even to obtain an agreement fixing a date for a vote on it by the senate after congress reassembles next month.

Senators opposing the bill because of the provision which would subject all of a man's property except his home to search for liquor without a warrant held the floor until its managers saw no hope of a vote and had it laid aside.

Announcement of adoption by the house of the recess resolution was made to the senate while Senator Stanley, democrat, Kentucky, was in the midst of a speech attacking provisions of the anti-beer bill. After it had been laid aside temporarily senators opposing it were on guard to see that it was not called up again in an attempt to obtain a quick vote.

President Harding arrived at his office at the capitol while the debate on a bill for a three months' extension of the dye embargo was under way ready to sign bills. Among the bills the president signed was the shipping board deficiency bill, with an amendment carrying \$200,000 for expenses of the disarmament conference.

Objection by democrats prevented senate consideration of a bill passed by the house imposing a duty of 80 per cent on war supplies sold by the government in France and shipped back to this country.

The recess extends to September 21. The senate ended its work at 11:55 o'clock and the house at 11:58 o'clock.

The senate is expected to resume work upon reconvening, but Representative Mondell, the republican leader, obtained an agreement to have the house declare three-day recesses from September 21 to October 31.

LEGION BARS ATTORNEY

Ex-Assistant Federal Prosecutor Involved in Election Forgery.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 24.—The state executive committee of the California department of the American Legion today recommended to the convention being held here that Thomas L. Lennon, ex-assistant United States district attorney at San Francisco, be not admitted to legion membership in California. The convention accepted the report.

The action was taken in connection with a telegram, alleged forged, sent from Chicago to San Francisco, withdrawing the name of a candidate for office in the San Francisco post. The executive committee in reporting its investigation said E. F. Ridgeway of San Francisco was equally implicated with Lennon in the episode.

New Cotton Rate Aids Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—A reduction of freight rates on compressed cotton in carload lots from \$1.50 a hundred pounds to \$1.35 from Chicago and points west to Pacific coast ports for export was announced today by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company. The reduction will tend to divert shipments for the far east from Gulf ports to Pacific coast ports, according to the company.

THE STORY OF LULU BETT.

Lulu Bett was a drudge. She made her home with her relatives but in no real sense did they make a home for her. Out of the situation grew the tragedy of a woman's life. But in the end Lulu found herself and rose above her circumstances.

"Miss Lulu Bett," the novel by Zona Gale, will be published in The Sunday Oregonian. The first installment will appear next Sunday. Read it and you will miss none of the subsequent installments. It is one of the big books of the year.

