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## DIRIGIBLE DISASTER IS PRICE OF FLYING

### Naval Board of Inquiry Reports on Shenandoah Crash; Crew Praised

## REPORT IS EXHAUSTIVE

### Reduction in Number of Automatic Gas Valves Deemed "Inadvisable" by Investigating Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—The Shenandoah disaster which cost the lives of Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne and 13 other officers and men, "is part of the price that must inevitably be paid in the development of any new and hazardous art."

This was the conclusion of the naval court of inquiry which investigated the accident. Its report, made public tonight, urged the navy department to give "most careful consideration" to recommendation that the development of lighter than aircraft go forward.

The big airship was wrecked by the storm which encompassed her, said the report; whether prior minor damage to the hull structure caused by excessive pressure in the helium gas cells was a determining factor in the final breakup, the court was "unable definitely to determine."

It is described as "inadvisable," however, the reduction in the number of automatic gas valves from 18 to 8, a change which some critics have held was responsible for the collapse of the ship.

Excusing the ship's personnel from responsibility for the wreck, the court declared that during the period of danger "the conduct of all officers and men was deserving of the highest praise." Consequently it recommended that no further proceedings in connection with the wreck be prosecuted.

The report of the court was exhaustive, reviewing the history of the ship from her beginning in 1912, to her destruction over Oya, Ohio, last September 3, and taking up one by one the major points raised by Capt. Anton Hain, former German dirigible pilot; Col. William Mitchell, Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne, her commander's widow, and other critics.

Secretary Wilbur does not plan to pass upon the findings until they have been submitted to various officers and bureaus of the department for comment and recommendations.

The report of the court was unanimous and was signed by Rear Admiral Hilary F. Jones, president; Capt. Lewis B. McBride, of the construction corps; Commander John H. Towers, navy air service, and Major Henry Leonard, a retired marine corps officer, who was the judge advocate in the later stages of the inquiry after Capt. Paul Foley had retired at his own request.

While taking direct issue with Mrs. Lansdowne that her husband had protested against making the dirigible flight on account of weather conditions, the court agreed with her in a measure against the advisability of exhibition flights. On that point it said: "While recognizing that the practice of ordering movements of naval vessels for the purpose of complying with public requests is in accord with long established custom, it is considered that such movements should be limited to essential naval and military operations in so far as possible, especially in the case of new and experimental types."

As to Commander Lansdowne's (Continued on page 5)

## OLD PLATES ARE BANNED

### WASHINGTON AUTO OWNERS ARE GIVEN NO GRACE

OLYMPIA, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Washington automobile drivers who failed to display 1925 license plates on their cars today were given an opportunity to extend New Year's greetings to judges throughout the state, declared William Cole, supervisor of the state highway patrol, who announced that the entire highway patrol was devoting its time to tagging cars operated by litigious owners.

More than 50 drivers operating under the old licenses were broken in Olympia and it was estimated the day's catch through the state would include more than 200 persons.

Motorists had 31 days in which to obtain licenses, since the new plates were available in December.

## POPULAR NOTIONS REGARDING BEAVER LIFE ARE PUNCTURED

### Scientists Declare Intelligence of Water Animal Has Been Exaggerated; Exhaustive Study Is Made of Beaver Colony Life and Habits

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. Elliott R. Downing of the University of Chicago has punctured several of the popular notions about beavers. In a lecture in connection with the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here today, Dr. Elliott Downing contradicted certain exaggerations of the beaver's intelligence.

"It has been claimed for the beaver that he builds his dam with the curve upstream, as engineers do to offer the greatest resistance," he said. "I have observed in 2,000 or 3,000 dams that they curve the wrong way—downstream. This is because the current velocity is greatest in the middle of the stream and bears the beaver down somewhat with his building material."

"It has been claimed that the beaver can foresee an unusually heavy winter and lay in an extra supply of poplar wood for his food, but I have found where they have come out of their houses to add to their supply."

It has been assumed popularly that the old beavers never make the mistake of felling trees in such a way that they catch in the branches of other trees. This, too, he said, is myth.

Mr. Downing said the largest dam he ever had seen, was one 2,200 feet long and three feet high in the Payette river, in Idaho; the highest one 15 feet high in Colorado. The largest beaver house—a sort of apartment house, he called it—he found in the Payette river, in Idaho. It was 37 feet long, 15 feet wide, extended six feet below the water and nine above. Three generations of beavers lived there, comprising some 300 or 400 individuals.

When beavers become old, they sometimes do not work hard enough proportionately to wear down their constantly growing teeth, Dr. Downing related.

The teeth grow long and sometimes lock the jaws open so that they starve. Beaver colonies are intolerant of the lazy, he said, and drive them away.

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## ALABAMA TRIUMPHS OVER HUSKY ELEVEN

### Washington University Defeated by Score of 20-19 in East-West Game

## WILSON IS FORCED OUT

### Hopes of Husky Team Flattened When Triple-Threat Halfback Is Retired on Account of Injuries

ROSE BOWL, Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—University of Alabama's football team, the champion eleven of the south, passed and rushed to triumph here today against Washington University's Huskies, champions of the Pacific coast, and wrote the south's first pigskin history in the far west all over the New Year's day rose bowl. The score: Alabama 20; Washington 19.

George Wilson, Washington's great all-American halfback and its tower of strength, crashed near the end of the second period and with him went the Husky hopes as he was taken, injured, from the field.

He came back in the last quarter but too late. The Tuscaloosa team had seen and seized its opportunity. Under the brilliant field generalship of Pooley Hubert, the lads from Dixie crowded enough scoring into a small portion of the third period to carry off the game.

With the reckless abandon of an almost forlorn hope, they threw the throttle wide open, and cut the Husky defense to ribbons with a dazzling succession of passes, runs and bucks.

Hubert, here, there and everywhere, and Johnny M. Brown close at his heels for the honors of victory, hustled the ball across the purple line thrice in rapid succession. Brown making two of the touchdowns and Hubert the other two. Buckler added the extra point. On the third he failed to clear the bar.

The Crimson tide came out of the south touted as a team of tremendous passing. It made good. The most outstanding pass was one of 33 yards from Grat Gillis to Mack Brown. It paved the way for Alabama's score.

From that point the Husky defense crumpled and the Crimson attack gained speed.

The Washington charge staggered perceptibly, and when Louis Tesreau fumbled a pass from center on his own 35-yard line, it slumped completely and Alabama took the ball. On the next play, Hubert heaved 40 yards to Mack Brown, who took it under the goal bar and made the touchdown that clinched the game.

The Washington team that (Continued on page 5)

## FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS SEND NEW YEAR NOTES

### MESSAGES OF GREETING RECEIVED BY UNITED STATES

### France, Italy and Japan Are Among Those Expressing Good Will

(By Associated Press.) A worldwide note of peace and good will is struck by New Year's messages of greeting to the American people which came today through the Associated Press from heads of governments and cabinet ministers of nations in both the East and the Occident.

Premier Briand of France found time in the midst of governmental difficulties to pen a brief message of cheer. Benito Mussolini the Italian fascist chief refers to the part played by natives of Italy in the growth of the United States and his finance minister, Count Volpi, expresses gratitude for the reception accorded him on his recent debt funding mission to Washington.

Baron Shidehara, speaking for Japan, takes occasion to decry talk of a Japanese-American conflict, declaring "that one does not fight one's best customer."

General Primo de Rivera looks for a tightening of the bonds for a friendship between his country and America, sounds a note of peace as does Emile Vanderveelde, the Belgian foreign minister, who makes reference to Locarno and America's participation in the efforts toward disarmament.

From South America comes expression of good will voiced by Argentine, foreign minister Gallardo and President Serrato of Uruguay, while President Machado of Cuba assures the American people that his countrymen never will forget the debt they owe to "the generous protection of their colossal neighbor."

President Chiari of Panama welcomes American development of his country's resources and hopes for the establishment of a firm basis of understanding and cooperation. And in the Emerald Isle, the Ulster premier plucks the string of optimism, looking to the New Year for "the sunshine of abundant prosperity."

## ARRESTS ON INCREASE

### 1925 SEATTLE POLICE BLOTTER SHOWS LARGE GAIN

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Police arrested 2,094 more persons in Seattle in 1925 than they did in 1924, figures made public today indicate. The 1925 total was 33,014; in 1924 it was 30,920.

### RIVER SETS RECORD

COBLENZ, Germany, Jan. 1.—The Rhine river was higher today than at any time since the floods of 1784. The higher water mark is 9.3 meters (about 30 feet) above normal.

## NATIONS UNITED BY SUPER RADIO WAVES

### Thousands in Three Continents Listen to First International Program

## RESULTS MERIT PRAISE

### Tests Said Most Successful of Any Previous Attempt at Two-Way Trans-Atlantic Broadcasting

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—In thousands of homes in the two Americas and Europe listeners tonight heard the old world and the new speak to each other by radio.

In the most successful attempt yet made to encircle the world, music played in a London club was re-broadcast throughout nine stations in the United States to all parts of this country, Canada, Cuba, Bermuda and South America, while a program from New York was picked up in England and continental Europe and relayed to listeners abroad.

American stations cooperating were: WJZ, New York City and 2-XAR, Bound Brook, N. J., linked as one station; WRC, Washington, N. C.; WGY, Schenectady, N. Y.; WBZ, Springfield, Mass.; KDKA, Pittsburgh; KYW, Chicago; KFXX, Hastings, Neb.; KOA, Denver, Colo., and KGO, Oakland, California. Through this concentration of super-power, great artists for the first time had the entire world as a prospective audience. The greatest single powerful unit in the hookup was 2-XAR, experimental station of the Radio Corporation of America. This station is one of the most powerful in the world, having a maximum of 50 kilowatts and thus far has only been used experimentally under a special dispensation from the department of commerce.

The average large broadcasting station has but one-half of one kilowatt, and being 99 times more powerful than the average station, 2-XAR has become known as a "super-power" station.

The outstanding features of the musical program were selections by John McCormack, tenor; Lucie Arnica, soprano; the Victor Symphony Orchestra, Geoffrey Ludlow, violinist, the Eastman Symphony Orchestra, the Shannon Male quartet and Anton Bress, Carrillonneur of the Park Avenue Baptist church who rendered "O God Our Help in Ages Past" on the chimes of the church.

Kent Cooper, general manager of The Associated Press, gave a brief address and then read news dispatches gathered via radio teletype. Mr. Cooper said:

"As a preface to reading tonight some brief Associated Press dispatches especially transmitted by wireless telegraph from foreign capitals, the hope is expressed that each individual in this radio audience may give at least momentary thought to the fact that besides being informative news this internationally transmitted performs the simple but important function of acquainting our people with the fact that they really are concerned with the activities and aspirations of other peoples."

"As you read your daily newspaper, you can well give thought to what is going on subconsciously in your mind by way of the mental record thus established of the trend of civilization in every clime and it ought to add romance to your thoughts to remember that day by day and through each moment, there is a flashing through the ether for newspaper publication this record of events which mankind is bringing to pass."

"It is particularly pleasing to me that I can, through some of our news messages, introduce you, in a way, to the work of a few of that great army of Associated Press correspondents whose names never get into the newspapers but who are keeping a ceaseless news vigil of the world around. Some of (Continued on page 5)

## NEW YEARS RECEPTION HELD IN WHITE HOUSE

### OVER 3,000 PERSONS SHAKE HANDS WITH COOLIDGE

### Continuous Flow of Visitors Pass Through Doors of Executive Mansion Yesterday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—A total of 3,130 men, women and children visited the White House today to shake hands with President and Mrs. Coolidge, who received for nearly three hours in continuance of the New Year's reception custom established more than a century ago.

A third of the crowd—high government officials, diplomats and others—were admitted by card.

Later the doors were open to all comers and for an hour the executive with Mrs. Coolidge at his side greeted a continuous flow of visitors at the rate of 40 a minute.

The reception began an hour before noon, with members of the cabinet, foreign diplomats, senators and representatives, army and navy officers, lesser government officials and representatives of various patriotic organizations exchanging New Year's greetings with the president and his wife. The general public was received after a brief luncheon rest.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge appeared to enjoy the handshaking ordeal and to each caller they extended greetings of the season.

The Marine band, divided into two orchestra sections, playing almost continuously as the line moved through the stately rooms of the executive mansion, affording many their first glimpse of the president's residence. The number received was slightly less than the total welcomed a year ago.

Several hundred persons, however, failed to reach the White House in time for admittance. A number of those who greeted the president during the afternoon reception had remained outside the White House gates for several hours.

The weather had moderated and the sun contributed to the comfort of those who were in line outdoors.

## KELSO MAN TAKES LIFE

### RANCHER'S BODY FOUND ON FLOOR BESIDE GUN

LONGVIEW, Wash., Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—The dead body of John Hulick, 50, rancher living three miles east of Kelso, on the Cowesman river, was discovered by a neighbor today on the floor of his home with a discharged shotgun beside him. Deputy Coroner W. T. Patterson pronounced death due to suicide.

Neighbors believe Hulick had been dead since Tuesday, as no lights or signs of life had been seen around the house since then. He left a letter written in Finnish saying that this would be his last letter. "He gave no reason for his deed."

Hulick's wife had been in a Portland hospital for several weeks. Neighbors reported to the sheriff's office several days ago that Hulick had been acting peculiarly for some time, and had refused to tell them where his wife was. The body was brought to Kelso today.

## TO IMPROVE NEW YORK

### GOTHAM TO BE MADE BETTER CITY, WALKER STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Promising to make New York a better city, and announcing his intention to seek enlargement of the police force if it is found to be inadequate to cope with lawlessness, Mayor J. J. Walker, in his inaugural address today outlined his plans for governing the biggest American city for the next four years. He is the eighth mayor of greater New York.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the population of this city is decent, respectable, industrious and home-loving," he said, "and the fair name of this city should never be besmirched by the vicious, evil and insignificant minority."

## JOHN B. COFFEE DIES

### FORMER MULTINOMAS LEGISLATOR PASSES

PASADENA, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Water played with a fire hose upon would-be gate crashers resulted in a small riot in which one city fireman sustained a possible serious injury by being struck on the head with a rock at the south entrance to the rose bowl, in which the east-west football game was played today.

After being routed by the streams of water, some of the 2,000 persons engaged in the attempt to rush the entrance returned and showered the fireman with rocks. The second attack also was repelled.

## OVER 200 ARE HURT WHEN STANDS CRASH

### Grandstand for Pasadena Rose Tournament Collapses in Tangled Mass

## ALL HOSPITALS FILLED

### Thirty Receive Serious Injuries When Crowd Is Thrown Into Panic; Other Accidents Mar Day

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—A day of roses and joy ended in tragedy for 235 persons who were precipitated into a tangled mass of wreckage when a temporary private grandstand collapsed during the parade of the Tournament of Roses here today. More than 30 cases of serious injury were treated in the operating room of the Pasadena hospital and 200 others received treatment. Of these 100 left after first aid and went to their homes. A few blocks distant from the scene of the tragedy a woman fell from the top of a building while viewing the parade and was killed.

As the mile long floral pageant neared its end a frenzied big black horse, throwing its rider from the line of parade, crashed through the crowd and seriously injured two women. The collapse of the stands came without warning. Witnesses said it started to sway with a groaning noise and a moment later collapsed completely, throwing its human load of nearly 500 persons into a tangled mass below. Great confusion reigned for several minutes until the cooler heads in the crowd organized the rescue. The parade was halted temporarily and a general call was sent out for ambulances. In the meantime every form of conveyance in the vicinity was impressed into service and the injured were started toward the receiving hospital.

Streets near the line of parade had been roped off and automobiles were not allowed to enter them. As a result but few cars could be had at first to convey the injured persons. The First Presbyterian church, across the street, was thrown open and a large number of injured were given first aid by physicians called from the crowd.

At the receiving hospital where but ten or twelve persons could be treated at one time, it was necessary to divert the cars to the Pasadena hospital, the only institution of its kind in Pasadena. Calls for assistance were sent to Los Angeles and nearby towns and ambulances were soon forthcoming with physicians and nurses.

At the Pasadena hospital where accommodations for such a large number of patients were not available, a truck was sent to a furniture house for mattresses and within half an hour the halls of the hospital were covered with injured persons lying on the mattresses.

A large portion of the injured were elderly persons and women and children who had been given the preference in seats from which the best view could be obtained.

A warm sunny day had resulted in the turning out of one of the greatest throngs that ever witnessed a Tournament of Roses parade and, many temporary standards were erected on vacant lots and on front lawns in which seats were sold to those who wanted the best possible view.

Of those injured many were from other towns and cities. It was virtually impossible to secure an accurate check of all the victims, many of whom were taken directly to Los Angeles when it was evident that the hospital facilities here were overtaxed.

W. F. Vail, general manager of (Continued on page 5)

## SIX PRIESTS SELECTED

### MONSIGNOR TITLE CONFERRED IN SEATTLE DIOCESE

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Following receipt of briefs from Rome, Bishop O'Dea of the Roman Catholic diocese of Seattle today announced elevation of six of his priests to the rank of Monsignor. The diocese had previously been without Monsignors, said to be an unusual condition for such a large jurisdiction. The priests honored were Daniel A. Hanley, vicar general of the diocese; Theodore M. Ryan, chancellor of the diocese and secretary to the bishop; Gustav Aehring, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic church; James McDonald, pastor of St. James' Catholic church; John Stevens, chaplain of Mount Saint Vincent home for the aged; and William J. Noone, pastor of St. Mary's church.

