

Salem's Own Winifred Byrd in Concert Tonight at the Capitol Theater Will Be Greeted by a Crowded Sympathetic House Plans for Talent Contest to Be Staged Here by County Federation of Community Clubs Furthered at Big Gathering at Donald

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The short skirt, says the Secretary of Ayreshire Breeders' association, enables the research worker to tell whether or not a girl is undernourished. Isn't it wonderful to be able to look at things scientifically?—Columbus Dispatch.

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

CITY POLITICS AT STANDSTILL AS TIME NEAR

Mayor Livesley Uncertain and Others, If Any, Wait On His Move

NO RUSH FOR ALDERMAN

Seats Won't Go Begging But Only Two Contests So Far Developed; Hal Patton and Phil Eiker Opposed

CITY POLITICS AT A GLANCE

Candidates have until April 17 to file. Mayor T. A. Livesley honestly doesn't know yet whether he will run for reelection. No names of other possible candidates have been suggested.

The petition of C. O. Rice, city treasurer, for reelection will be filed today.

Nobody doubts that Recorder Mark Paulsen will run again.

First Ward—L. J. Simeral holds over. Carl O. Engstrom may or may not run for reelection. No opponent has appeared to date.

Second Ward—W. W. Rose will run again. His petition is ready to file. Phil Eiker has filed to run against him.

Third Ward—Paul V. Johnson holds over. W. H. Dancy has filed his petition for reelection.

Fourth Ward—E. B. Parvine holds over. H. Herrick will not run to succeed himself. Newell Williams has announced his candidacy.

Fifth Ward—Terms of both George W. Thompson and George J. Wenderoth expire. Both have filed for reelection. Hal D. Patton has filed for the two year term.

Sixth Ward—Watson Townsend holds over. Carl B. Arrmstrong will run to succeed himself.

Seventh Ward—H. M. Hawkins holds over. E. B. Grabenhorst has not announced whether or not he will run again.

With only three weeks remaining in which candidates may file, city political situation has failed to take any definite shape particularly with respect to the mayoralty. Mayor T. A. Livesley says he hasn't any idea whether or not he will run again. It may be that he is looking for some indication as to whether the elector-

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TYPING CONTEST ENTRIES CHOSEN

MUCH INTEREST IN FIRST COMMERCIAL EVENT

Salem High Bookkeepers and Typists Closely Matched In Tryouts

Salem entrants for the first county typing and bookkeeping contest which the junior chamber is sponsoring Saturday, March 31, were announced yesterday by Miss Cecile Graham, advisor to the junior chamber of commerce, composed of students in the commercial department of the high school building, beginning at 10 o'clock.

The maximum number of students per team has been set at four, although it is probable a number of the outside schools, and especially the smaller ones, will not fulfill the quota.

From a group of 12 of the most proficient first year bookkeeping students from the classes of Miss Graham and John W. Thompson, difficulty was found in narrowing the selection to the team: Lily Nelson, Dorothy Payne, Claudine Gillespie and Hazel Roenicke.

The junior typing team, or those who have had one year of typing, is: Louigne Bretzke, Lela Fox, Dorothy McCracken and Grace Rose. These students are from the class of Miss Muriel Wilson.

Senior typists, or two-year typing students, who compose the senior team are enrolled in the class of Miss Elizabeth HOG. They are: Sarah Dark, Dorothy Gutekunst, Barbara Moberg and Gertrude Oehler.

The typing contests will begin at 10 o'clock and will be conducted and judged before the bookkeeping teams vie. Mr. Wiess of Stanford university, the originator of the tiger stroke, said to be the most scientific typing stroke devised, will judge this part of the contest. Mr. Hyatt of Seattle, where he is district representative of the Southwestern publishing company, will judge the bookkeeping contest.

It has been decided the reception committee for the event Saturday will consist of one junior chamber of commerce committee from each school.

Eight other high schools of the county will join with Salem in this first contest which it is hoped will materialize into an annual occurrence. They are: Mills City, Woodburn, Hubbard, Turner, Gervais, Astoria, Silverton and Jefferson.

LIFE UPON MARS HELD PROBABLE

EARTH SAID ONE OF MOST RECENT OF PLANETS

Development on Other Worlds Far Ahead of This One, Scientists Assert

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Life probably exists on Mars and may extend to dozens, hundreds or thousands of other worlds, Dr. Henry Norris Russell, professor of research astronomy at Princeton university, declared in an address before students of the University of California at Los Angeles today.

"If living beings exist on other worlds, they have probably reached a stage of development billions of years in advance of our own," said Dr. Russell. "The only present reasonable theory as to the origin of planets would suggest that the earth is more recent than any other body supporting life.

"We, as living things on this planet are not unique. This is, comparatively, a very young world and we are beings who have just acquired the capacity of contemplating our origin. We are racial in our infancy, and not at the end of time."

Dr. Russell advanced the theory of planet origin as the most rational that the sun, at some former time, was an isolated star moving in space. By some chance another star passed the sun and by its attraction forced portions of the sun's gases out into space. Due to the rotation of the sun, these gases were unable to return to their original relation and were compelled to start their eternal journey, later cooling into the present planets.

BUCK LIEUALLEN VISITS

Famous Hickman Captor Slips Quietly Into City and Out

A character of national fame, especially on the Pacific coast, quietly slipped into the city yesterday afternoon, with only a dozen knowing of his being here. The reputable character was "Buck" Lieuallen, state traffic officer, who with Sheriff Tom Gardane of Pendleton, was responsible for the capture of Edward E. Hickman, three months ago, who was reputedly a murderer of the murderer of little Marian in Los Angeles, and is now awaiting execution at St. Quentin penitentiary.

Lieuallen drove here from Pendleton in the same Buick coupe which he and his partner used to capture the murderer who was speeding eastward in a stolen Hudson coach when arrested. The state officer had traveled over some muddy roads on the way to Salem, as the whole car was mud from top to bottom and front to rear.

After their capture of the wanted criminal, both he and Gardane were offered heavy sums of money by various moving picture and candeville concerns in California. They accompanied the wanted prisoner back to California, and while there were engaged by one show house at a sum of \$500 a week. Of the reward offered for the capture of Hickman they received \$25,000. They both returned to Pendleton a short time ago.

ROSEBURG GETS AIRPORT

City Authorizes \$25,000 Bond Issue in Yesterday's Vote

ROSEBURG, Ore., Mar. 28.—(AP)—A \$25,000 bond issue was voted by citizens of Roseburg today for the purchase and development of an airport here which it is believed, will be the equal of any field in the Pacific northwest. The project was approved by a vote of 807 to 394.

The air project was submitted to the city by the Umpqua post of the American Legion after the veterans had secured options on a large tract one mile from the city. The new field will have two runways, one 4,500 feet long and the other 3,000 feet. Aviators who have inspected the field declare it is ideal because of favorable air currents and the topography of the surrounding country. The vote was one of the heaviest that has ever been cast in this city.

CHAMPS GO TO CHICAGO

Washington High School Quint Bids for National Title

PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—(AP)—The Washington high school basketball team, state champions, will leave tomorrow for Chicago to participate in the national high school tournament there April 3 to 7. Pledges made by Portland people to provide funds for the trip amount to between \$1600 and \$1700, it was announced tonight. The team expects to arrive in Chicago Sunday morning.

The players making the trip are Ed Lewis, center; Vincent Dolp, Harold Tamara and Don MacPhee, forwards, and Frank McCartney, Alan Cox and Arnold Heikonen, guards. Ed Lewis, center, and Vincent Dolp, forwards, were named all-state basketball teams at Salem.

TALENTED FOLK OF COMMUNITY CLUBS PREPARE

Four Talent Concerts To Be Held At Elsinore Beginning April 13

MANY AT DONALD EVENT

Over 650 at Big Gathering; Movies Filmed; Plans for District Presentations in Salem Outlined by Stewart

Talents and more talents! Marion county appears to be filled with talented people and all are anxiously awaiting the opening of the talent concerts at the Elsinore theater on April 13 according to the enthusiasm displayed at the large meeting of the Marion county Federation of Community clubs at Donald last night.

Over 650 people gathered at Donald last night for the regular monthly meeting of the organization, and everyone displayed a great amount of interest in the five proposed talent concerts. During the meeting, plans for district presentations in Salem were outlined by Stewart.

CAPITOL GROUP TALKED

Architects Seek Delay Until General Plan Is Outlined

A committee of Portland architects, headed by Jamieson Parker, conferred with Governor Patterson here Wednesday in connection with the proposal to construct a state office building in Salem costing approximately \$600,000.

The architects have requested that construction operations be delayed until such time as a capitol grouping plan is worked out. Governor Patterson was asked to appoint a committee of architects to make a survey of the capitol grounds and submit a plan of capitol grouping.

Mr. Parker was accompanied here by H. R. Whitney and O. R. Bean. Mr. Jamieson is president of the Portland chapter, American Institute of Architects.

The state supreme court, in a decision handed down recently, held that the state had authority to construct the office building with funds borrowed from the industrial accident commission. It was said that the case would be appealed to the United States supreme court for final consideration.

BORAH RENEWS PROHI DEMANDS

DRY PLANKS IN BOTH PARTY PLATFORMS WANTED

Address Made By Idaho Senator Over Radio From Washington, D. C., Last Night

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—Renewing his demand that the republican and democratic national conventions take a definite stand for enforcement of the prohibition amendment, Senator Borah of Idaho, in a radio address tonight declared it was "the plan among certain powerful influences in both parties to avoid the issue—to withhold from the voters a vote upon the question."

"If avoiding the issues in the campaign was all the avoiding there was to do," he continued, "it would not be so serious. But the same influences which will make the political party spineless will make the administration indifferent. The same influences which frighten parties into silence will frighten the administration into neutrality. And that is all those who are opposed to the law expect or will demand."

During his prepared speech the Idaho senator referred to the oil scandal repeatedly and once to Harry F. Sinclair.

"The one great instrument of political power," said Mr. Borah, "stands discredited and degraded, while trusted agents enter into a conspiracy with the bribe giver and the despoiler, not only to betray the rank and file of the party but to exploit the nation's natural wealth and compromise the nation's honor."

"To connive at or consent to or approve of wrongdoing in party management, even by acquiescence in the end to the voters and render powerless the vote of the party. The failure of the voters to repudiate wrongdoing within the party is in the end to approve of it and encourage it in the future."

STORM LULLS SLIGHTLY

Only .13 Inches of Rainfall; Wind Veers to Southwest

A comparative lull in the recent wind and rain storm which most Salemites fervently hope may mark the end of the storm, occurred yesterday with only .13 inches of moisture falling in the 24 hour period closing at 7 o'clock last night.

At the same time the wind was not so strong as on the two previous days and had shifted from the southeast to the southwest.

Running true to form, the Willamette river here rose slightly more than a foot yesterday, reaching a point 11.8 feet above normal late last night. It was still going up, but local observers predicted that the crest would pass within a short time and flood stage would not be reached.

LINDBERGH BUYS SELF NEW PLANE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT MADE AT SAME TIME

Wild Rumors Continue to Fly About As to Future of America's Air Hero

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 28.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's new plane was trundled out to the deadline on Mahoney field yesterday and is being prepared for test flights.

The new craft has "cats eyes" for night flying and landing; two large projectors on the wing structure capable of developing 250,000 candlepower and parachute flares designed to light up land for 10 square miles.

The plane is built on the same lines as the Spirit of St. Louis, but instead of cockpit and periscope, a "brougham" cabin takes its place, in glass enclosed and has accommodations for four passengers.

The same type engine is used but the wing spread is slightly larger and has a gasoline capacity of 1,000 gallons.

Colonel Lindbergh is expected to be here in about a week to accept delivery.

WAR RISK POLICY PAID

Widow of Clifford W. Brown Beneficiary of Insurance

"Senator Steiwer has succeeded in securing allowance of claim pending before U. S. Veterans bureau of Mrs. Alice G. Brown, 1116 Mission street, in amount of \$10,000 to his widow and beneficiary under war risk insurance policy of Clifford W. Brown, deceased."

This was received by The Statesman yesterday from D. Swayze, secretary to Senator Steiwer.

HUGE RUM RING EXPOSED WHEN ARRESTS MADE

City of Chicago Again Center of Spotlight As Indictments Made

CAPITAL FIVE MILLION

Large Section of Middle West Flooded With Liquor, Investigation By Federal Officials Discloses

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—(AP)—An alderman, a former Lincoln park commissioner and nine others were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of operating a \$5,000,000 alcohol ring which has been flooding Chicago and the middle west with liquor.

Titus Haffa, elected to the city council from the "gold coast" ward the 43rd, provided bond an hour after being indicted and declared he was being persecuted by political enemies.

"I can't understand this charge," said Haffa. "I never sold a drop of liquor." He is running for committee man of the 43rd ward on the Governor Small-Bayard Thompson ticket.

The grand jury action followed months of investigation by prohibition agents who gained the confidence of the 43rd ward gang, tapped wires, attended political meetings, opened "booze joints," operated gambling establishments and stills to obtain details of the gigantic ring.

The main still, the agents declared turned out 1,000 gallons of liquor a month and half a dozen other stills controlled by the bootleggers supplemented that supply. A regular "pay off" system was maintained they found, which included politicians, prohibition agents and police.

A chemist was employed by the concern, known as "The Midwest Construction company." It was his duty to test the liquor as to quality and safety.

Those indicted included Albert P. Bauer, former Lincoln Park

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JIM REED FILES HERE

Missouri Senator First To Seek Nomination in Oregon

James A. Reed, United States senator from Missouri, Wednesday filed in the state department here a request that his name be placed upon the official ballot as the primary election, as a candidate for the nomination for president. Senator Reed is a democrat.

Other filings here Wednesday follow: Frank W. Settlemier, Woodburn, for the republican nomination for one of the four seats in the lower house of the legislature for Marion county.

Samuel E. Notson, Heppner, for the republican nomination for district attorney of Morrow county.

Frank B. Tichenor, Portland, for election as a delegate to the democratic national convention. "Opposed to Tammany" is Mr. Tichenor's slogan.

Will M. Peterson, Pendleton, for election as a delegate to the democratic national convention. Mr. Peterson favors either Walsh or Smith for president.

COMPANIONATE IDEA N. G.

Portland Woman Finds It Doesn't Work So Well

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28.—(AP)—A "companionate marriage" was dissolved here today when Edna Butcher was granted a divorce from W. Chester Butcher. She said they were married in Vancouver, Wash., last April on the companionate plan. Both were to do very much as they pleased.

But the wife said the husband paid too much attention to other women.

"If I have a husband again I don't want a companionate one. I'll get one that will be all mine," said the wife.

The court granted her \$35 a month alimony, \$150 attorney fees and court costs.

MOLALLA STORE BURNS

Building and \$25,000 Stock of Goods Entirely Destroyed

WOODBURN, Mar. 28.—(Special)—The Molalla Mercantile company's big store on the Robinson road caught fire last night and burned to the ground. The \$25,000 stock of goods was entirely destroyed, and the building also was a total loss.

The high wind fanned the flames so that the fire quickly got beyond control. There was some insurance on the building and contents.

MORE BOMBINGS LOOM IN CHICAGO

ANONYMOUS WARNINGS SENT PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Investigation Into Recent Outrages by Police Results in Exactly Nothing

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.—(AP)—New warnings of bombings and other violence were passed out today, the second devoted to Chicago by the tick heads of two of the strong republican factions engaged in a life and death battle leading to the state wide primary April 10.

Meanwhile investigation of the bombing of the houses of Charles S. Deneen, United States senator who is the titular head of one faction and Judge John W. Swanson, candidate for state's attorney, was devoid of positive results.

Herman J. Haenisch, Deneen ally running against Mayor Thompson for republican committeeman in the 46th ward today carried to George E. Johnson, federal district attorney, an anonymous letter threatening to bomb his home and kidnap one of his children.

Frank J. Lyne, sanitary district trustee and Deneen candidate for ward committeeman also reported a bomb threat.

Police were assigned to guard the home of Alderman A. K. Mose of the 50th ward who received a letter threatening violence because of his activity in war centuries ago. Several others reported they received similar letters.

MORMON BISHOP SPEAKS

Faith Borne Out by Archaeological Discoveries, Claim

Recent archaeological discoveries in the American continent have tended to substantiate the claims of the Mormon church that this part of the world was peopled by a civilized race many centuries ago, a race which according to the faith had the benefit of the Christian religion and preserved its teachings in the Book of Mormon, it was declared by Bishop W. R. Sloan in an address at the Nelson building here last night.

Figures revealing the industry and good citizenship of the Mormon people were quoted by Bishop Sloan, including the fact that while 62 per cent of the people of Utah are Mormons, only 15 per cent of the prisoners in the state penitentiary there claim relation with this church.

MRS. KIRKWOOD RETURNS

Attacked Woman Back in Own Home; Assault Unidentified

PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Opal E. Kirkwood, wife of the editor of an outdoor sports publication here, was removed from a hospital where she had been taken last night following what police term a mysterious attack on her at the Kirkwood home. Kirkwood was out of the city at the time.

Police found the woman in an unconscious condition after a telephone operator had reported hearing cries at the Kirkwood house. The telephone had been upset.

Saying at first that she had been attacked by an unidentified assailant, Mrs. Kirkwood later told police there had been no one at the house. She then said, officers declared, that she had been grabbed from behind by a man as she answered the telephone. Finally she repeated her former declaration that she had been alone and that she had seen no one throughout the night.

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GALE CAUSES MUCH LOSS

Five Crab Fishing Boats Smashed On Washington Coast

ABERDEEN, Wash., Mar. 28.—(AP)—A severe storm last night at Tokeland, on the upper arm of Willapa bay, smashed five crab fishing boats to pieces. Two boats were battered against the Tokeland wharf, where they sank, and the wreckage of two others was cast upon the beach. Due to the damage of the wharf, the Tokeland-South Bend ferry was off schedule for the first time in five years. The storm abated this morning.

CRATER SNOWFALL DEEP

Thirty One Inches Fall in Past Five Days, Report Says

MEDFORD, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Thirty one inches of snow has fallen in Crater lake park within the past five days, and this, added to the old snow, made 136 inches at the rim of the crater tonight. This snow in event of a comparatively cool spring, is said to mean a sure supply of water for irrigation in the valley during the summer months.

McNARY BILL UP SOON

Farm Relief Measure Has Next Consideration in Senate

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Big Manufacturer Is In Salem Today

Paul A. Polson of the Polson Rubber Company, Cleveland, Ohio, Is in Salem today, helping the local manager of the Western Auto Supply company in introducing the Polson supply line.

The company has held a reputation of being the largest manufacturer of the accessories in the United States.

GERMAN PLANE POISED TO FLY OVER ATLANTIC

Bremen Expected To Take Off At Dawn Today On Trip To America

COLD RAIN FEARED MOST

Wings of Machine Well Oiled to Prevent Ice Formation; Route May Go Far South of Usual Air Lines

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, March 29.—(AP)—Thursday—Unfavorable weather held the German transatlantic fliers at Baldonnel airdrome, Dublin, this morning.

It was considered unlikely that the Bremen would start today.

BALDONNEL AIR DROME, IRISH FREE STATE, March 28.—(AP)—A long wind runway stretching in the direction of Galway and America was ready tonight to aid the Junkers airplane Bremen to take off at dawn tomorrow if weather reports from the United States justify the start of the three Germans in their attempt to make the westward flight across the North Atlantic.

Captain Hermann Koehl, Baron von Huenefeld and Arthur Splinder, daring comrades in arms are ready and eager for the great adventure.

Baron von Huenefeld today paid an Irish farmer 570 for tearing down a stone wall at the far end of the field so that the plane will have a mile and a quarter straightaway for lifting its big weight of three men and 2,500 litres of fuel into the air.

The wings of the monoplane are oiled to prevent the forming of ice when the machine gets into the area of fogs, mists or rains, and the cold winds. The motor has been tuned to perfection and every navigation instrument has been put to the test. The plane remained all day in the hangar under guard of Junker mechanics and Irish Free State air force men.

Pacing nervously back and forth between the hangar and a lane of green Irish turf where the

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BLASTING NEAR DAM REVEALS

625 POUNDS OF POWDER SET OFF TESTIMONY

Engineer Tells Story Before Coroner's Jury as Investigation Continues

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Four days before the St. Francis dam collapsed, the blast of blasting powder was believed to have been part of the wall to give way to the man whose warning brought his chiefs on a tour of inspection a few hours before the disaster.

The blasting below the dam was recounted before the coroner jury today by J. H. Bouey, engineer in charge of maintenance of the dam. He said that Tony Harschberger, the caretaker, had the powder charges while building a new road leading down behind the western wing. It was Harschberger who later telephoned headquarters of the Los Angeles bureau of power that brought William Muiholland, the 72 year old chief engineer and his assistant on a visit to the structure.

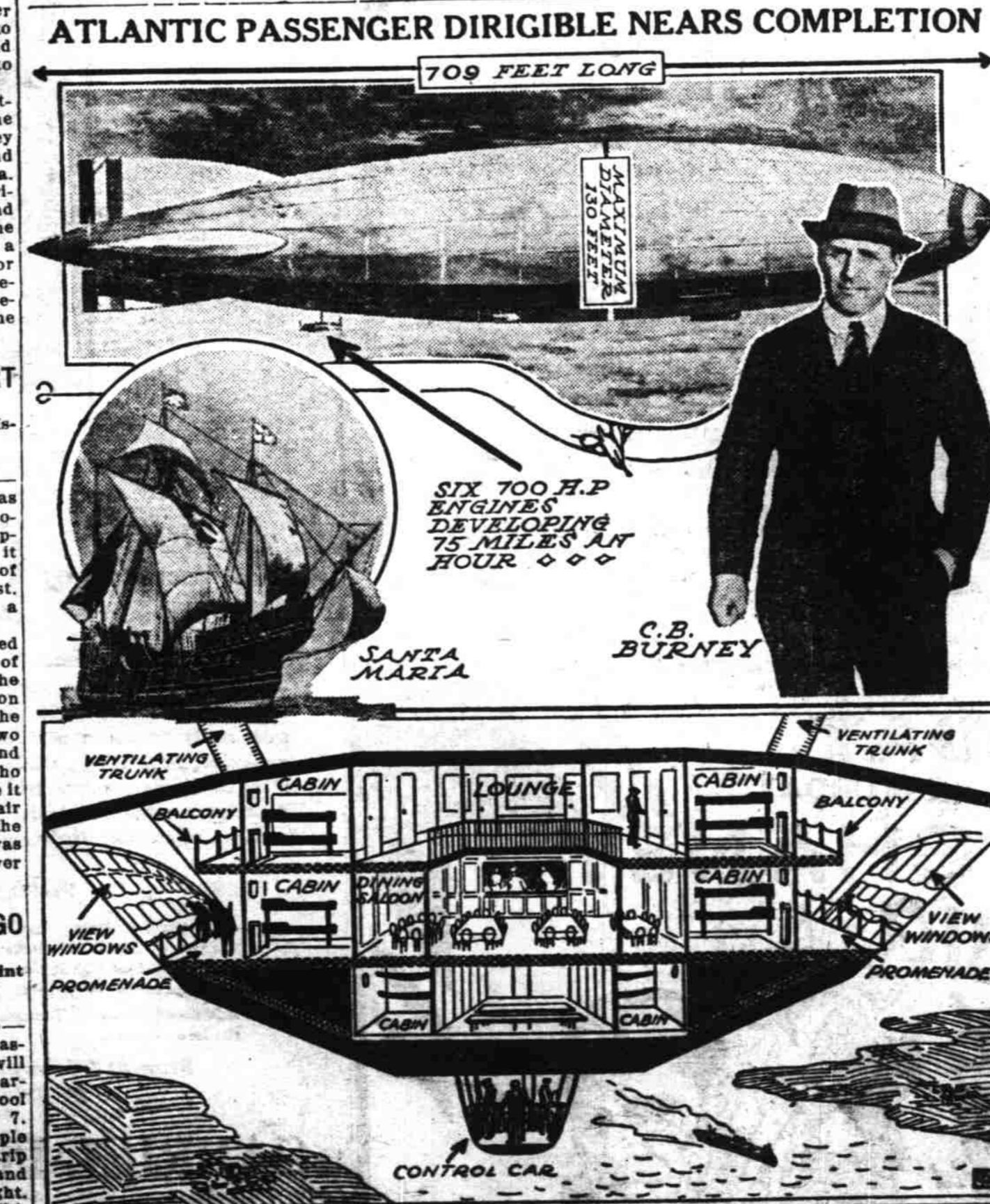
Bouey, however, declared that blasting had not sprung any leaks in the dam.

Records by a silent witness written on top of the St. Francis dam while the flood waters were pouring through the break at rushing through the valley where they claimed probably more than 400 lives, today told their story at the inquest.

A faint pencil line on a chart recorded the drop of the water level in the reservoir. Situation on the center part of the dam, a record was left behind and produced at the hearing today.

Ed Hendrix, boss rigger, climbed hand over hand up a 170 feet up the inside base, flung a loop of rope over the mo

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Regular passenger service across the Atlantic by dirigible is nearly at hand, according to Commander Charles D. Burney, of the British navy, designer of the R-100, giant dirigible nearing completion at Howden, England. With accommodations for a crew of 35 and 100 passengers, and driven by six engines, developing 700 horsepower, the R-100 will make the distance between London and New York in 48 hours, Burney has estimated. Above is a view of the hull of the huge air liner with an overall length of 709 feet. It is compared with the Santa Maria, the flagship of Christopher Columbus. Below is a sketch of the passengers' quarters in the interior of the hull. To the right is Comdr. Burney.