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HALF HUNDRED DEAD IN BOAT COLLISION

Crash Explodes 500,000
Gallons of Gasoline.

Doston, Mass.—Fifty lives were lost by fire and drowning when the Fairfax, bound for Baltimore, rammed and sank the tanker Pintula, laden with 500,000 gallons of high test gasoline, in Massachusetts bay off Scituate, in the midst of a heavy fog.

Several survivors of the Fairfax still are in the Carney hospital here suffering from burns and are not expected to recover.

The Pintula's crew of 19 went down without even a cry when the explosive fluid she carried blew up at the first shock and tore the tanker apart. Four of the Fairfax survivors died aboard ship and in hospitals, and 13 were listed as missing. These, it was believed, were among the score or more who leaped or fell into the sea during the first few moments of panic and perished in the blazing film of gasoline from the vanished tanker that floated on the water and ignited the port side of the Fairfax.

The injured were brought into port by the Gloucester, a sister ship of the Fairfax. With them came the more fortunate ones who had escaped the flames.

From these the first details of the tragedy were learned. All seemed on the verge of hysteria, except for a few marines and sailors who chanced to be on board and who seemingly remained calm throughout.

Some of the passengers denounced Capt. S. J. Brooks and the crew of the Fairfax. Others praised the personnel of the ship for their bravery and coolness in the crisis. The accident was the worst since the Lamport & Hole liner Vestris sank off Cape Hatteras more than a year ago.

Acting Secretary of Commerce Julius Klein ordered the local steamboat inspectors to determine if criminal negligence was a factor in the heavy death toll. Representative McCormack made formal request upon United States Attorney Tharr to order a federal grand jury investigation.

Capt. Charles M. Lyons, one of the federal steamboat inspectors here, did not wait for the formal convening of the inquiry but boarded the Fairfax at her pier, inspected her log book, and questioned Captain Brooks, her master. Afterwards he charged that the ship's officers were "gambling with lives out there."

"Captain Brooks admitted to me that he did not at any time send an S. O. S.," Captain Lyons said. "He also admitted that no attempt was made to get coast guard stations for aid or ask any one in Boston to go and search for those overboard."

Coast guardsmen asserted that they had picked up no S. O. S. from the stricken ship and reported that the commanding officer of the coast guard cutter Tampa, which was near the scene of the collision, received word from the Fairfax that no help was needed.

Gangster Roundup May Sweep Entire Country.

Chicago.—With the arrest of hundreds of alleged gangsters, the Chicago authorities are endeavoring to make a cleanup of the city as a result of the recent murder of Alfred Lingie, a reporter on the Chicago Tribune.

There have been demands that the heads of all departments having to do with the police activities resign, but thus far all maintain they will hold on and have renewed their efforts to roundup the hundreds of gangsters with which the city has for years been infested.

Newspapers throughout the country are demanding a cleanup that bids fair to take on nationwide proportions. Rewards totaling \$53,100 have been posted for the conviction of Lingie's slayer.

Fear Hoover Will Veto Veterans' Relief Bill

Washington.—A favorable report on the house bill to liberalize World War veterans' compensation was ordered by the senate finance committee, after modifying it to reduce the annual additional outlay it would impose on the government.

When the bill was passed by the house estimates as to what it would cost the government varied from \$100,000,000 to \$400,000,000 a year. As framed by the finance committee, it will impose an additional charge of \$74,000,000.

Effort will be made to force the bill through the senate and bring it to the enactment before the session closes. Whether President Hoover will veto it is a subject of much speculation in the Capitol. It is a question of whether the two houses will pass it over the veto.

Soucek's Altitude Mark Approved
Washington.—The National Aero-nautic association confirmed the world record of 43,160 feet reached by Lieut. Apollo Soucek of the navy. This mark tops all previous altitudes attained by both land and seaplanes.

St. Louis Has 817,334
St. Louis.—The population of St. Louis was announced as 817,334, a gain of 44,437, or 5.7 per cent, since 1920.

CAROL IS CROWNED KING



Carol, Rumania's New King.

Bucharest, Rumania.—Carol Carol man, known to the world as his generation's most venturesome prince and until a few days ago an exile from his country, has been proclaimed King Carol II of Rumania.

So as to avoid the necessity of deposing his eight-year-old son Michael, who has ruled under the regency for almost three years, the national assembly which bestowed the crown upon Carol declared that his rule should date from the death of his father, King Ferdinand July 30, 1927.

King Carol issued a proclamation decreeing his former wife, Princess Helene, queen of Rumania. The national assembly a few days ago declared Helene's divorce null and void.

TO PAY \$74,243,000 FOR SEIZED VESSELS

Allowance for German Ships
Taken During War.

Washington.—Payments totaling \$74,243,000 will be made by the United States under the terms of awards made by James W. Remick, war claims arbiter in the cases arising out of the seizure of German ships during the World war.

Determination of the awards marked the close of disputes lasting nearly ten years over the value of the vessels interned by the government in American harbors and utilized chiefly for transporting troops. Estimates ranged from \$34,000,000, the appraisal by the United States naval survey board when the ships were taken over, to \$220,000,000, the amount claimed.

The awards cover claims for 21 ships, and include interest from July 2, 1921, to December 31, 1928. The principal claimants are the Hamburg American line, awarded \$38,801,100; and the North German Lloyd line, which gets \$27,311,000.

The largest single award was in the case of the liner Vaterland, now the Leviathan of the United States lines for which a total of \$12,688,000 is to be paid, including interest. Other awards for more than \$1,000,000 each and the ships involved were: Kronprinzessin Cecilie, \$4,287,000; Kaiser Wilhelm II, \$3,829,000; George Washington, \$3,851,000; Amerika, \$2,979,000; Cincinnati, \$2,887,000; Koenig, \$1,358,000; Hamburg, \$1,258,000; Grosser Kurfuerst, \$1,500,000; Pennsylvania, \$1,104,000; Princess Alice, \$1,861,000; and Princess Irene, \$1,415,000.

The war claims arbiter, in setting the awards, acted under a law passed by congress in 1928 authorizing a maximum of \$100,000,000 to cover the claims of Germany against the United States.

19 Candidates in Race for Governor of Texas.

Austin, Texas.—Fourteen candidates, including Miriam ("Ma") Ferguson, ex-governor, who was named by her husband, James E. Ferguson, who while he was governor was impeached, were certified by the Democratic state committee; five were named by the Republicans. The Texas primaries will be held June 26.

Chicago's Population 3,373,753
Chicago.—The population of Chicago, as shown by the 1930 census, is 3,373,753, a numerical increase of 672,048 over the census figures for 1920, and an increase in percentage of 24.8.

Names Forbes for Japan
Washington.—President Hoover has moved to fill the last of the major diplomatic posts now vacant by nominating W. Cameron Forbes, wealthy Bostonian, as ambassador to Japan.

Scott Challenges Winner
New York.—Phil Scott, the English heavyweight, has filed a challenge to the winner of the Sharkey-Schmeling bout. His communication was received by the New York state athletic commission.

Approves Farm Labor Inquiry
Washington.—Approval of the McNary resolution authorizing an investigation of the supply of agricultural labor was given by the house agriculture committee.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
Assembled for Information
of Our Readers.

A county unit of the Oregon division of the National Farmers union will be set up at McMinnville.

A bill to authorize J. C. Tenbrook, mayor of Astoria, to bridge the Columbia river at Astoria was signed by President Hoover.

Sam H. Baker, Grants Pass, was elected president of the Oregon State Bankers' association at the 25th annual convention in session at Grants Pass.

Orville Rigby of Cottage Grove probably will be the winner in the contest for the largest strawberry. He picked one recently that had a circumference of six inches.

Henderson Bates, 93, of Grants Pass, was in a dentist's office for the first time in 30 years. He came in to get the dentist to fix up his 61-year-old son with a set of "store" teeth.

Estimating the Rogue River valley apple and pear 1930 shipment total in the neighborhood of 5000 cars, County Agent Wilcox predicts the largest fruit crop in the history of the valley.

Reconstruction of the outside plant of the West Coast Telephone company at Lakeview will start next month. Replacements and additions to the wire systems will cost about \$12,000.

A pair of valuable black foxes were found poisoned, presumably from rattlesnake bites, in their pen at the Bar Y black fox farm on Coyote creek, about 12 miles from Glendale, by their owner.

With all danger of frost at an end and with crop conditions fairly well established, indications are that Hood River valley will harvest an excellent crop of most tree fruits, especially apples and pears.

Harry W. Poole of Klamath Falls has announced that he will accept the appointment on the state game commission made by Governor Norblad to succeed M. F. Corrigan of McMinnville, removed.

Several farmers of the Summit Hill district, Marion county, are considering the installation of a lighting plant after many unsuccessful efforts to interest an electric light company to run a line through the district.

Keeping time with other lines of business, the lawyers of La Grande have agreed to close their offices at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon during the months of June, July, August and September of each year.

An excess of spring rains caused the Lane county strawberry crop to be below normal this year, and the peak of the season has already been passed, according to officials of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Little celebrated the anniversary of their 52 years of married life at their farm home near Medford.

Smoking is taboo at the well which is being sunk at Fat Elk oil dome in the Coquille valley. A depth of 1100 feet has been reached, and it is stated that gas is present in sufficient pressure to ignite at the mouth of the casing.

Banks of the state of Oregon and their stockholders affected by the intangibles and excise taxes will pay to the state this year taxes in the amount of between \$225,000 and \$250,000, and between \$300,000 and \$350,000 next year.

An increase of 25729 pounds of milk and 1100.4 pounds of butterfat was made last month by the 40 herds on test in Yamhill county by the Dairy Herd Improvement association, according to the monthly report of Douglas Dickie, tester.

Now on display in the lobby of the Bank of Amity is a piece of bone about a foot long having the appearance of the front leg of some wild animal that was found embedded in the heart of a fire tree. The tree is believed to be about 150 years old.

Ashland will combine fireworks, merry-go-rounds and all the other amusements which go to make a hilarious Fourth of July celebration, with displays and features depicting early pioneer history in its Fourth of July program this year.

Fire destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCoy at Austin, Grant county, and burned to death their granddaughter, 7 months old. The infant was sleeping in an adjoining room and could not be reached after the flames were discovered.

After being in operation 21 years, Kimball school of theology held its final graduation ceremonies at Salem recently. Within the next few days the school will be closed indefinitely. Fourteen men and women were included in the 1930 graduating class.

A special 10-mill tax to be levied against all of the property in Roseburg is being considered by the city council to meet a bond issue of \$40,000 due in September of this year. The money derived from the bonds was used 20 years ago for the first street paving.

The 1930 strawberry crop in the Lebanon section appears at this time to be considerably short compared with other years. The warmer and settled weather promises, however, to react favorably on both the quantity and the quality of the fruit to be harvested.

The oiling program of the state highway department for the year 1930 totals 911.21 miles, according to announcements made in Salem by Roy Klein, state highway engineer. Of this total, 338.77 miles of highway will be re-oiled, while 171.25 miles is classified as new oiling.

The Jacksonville Masonic lodge, one of the oldest lodges in the west, will celebrate its 75th birthday with appropriate ceremonies. Warren lodge was established in 1855 when Indians still

roamed the southern Oregon wilderness and Jacksonville was the metropolis of the Rogue river valley.

A total of 601 companies transacting all classifications of insurance business in Oregon collected more than \$40,000,000 in premiums and fees during the year 1929 and paid losses and claims of approximately \$20,000,000. This was set out in a report prepared by Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner.

Here's a fellow who could teach Diogenes a lesson. Martin Ramsey, of Klamath Junction, lost \$412 on the Pacific highway near Ashland. E. W. Dilman, Long Beach, Cal., found it, returned to Ashland, deposited the money in a bank to Ramsey's credit. Ramsey offered Dilman half the sum, but it was refused.

More unemployed persons have been arriving in Salem during the past week than during any corresponding period for many years, according to R. J. Hendricks, census enumerator for the district. Hendricks said most of the newcomers were from California and have been attracted to Oregon by the opening of the berry season.

After a three-year fight in which thousands of dollars were spent and millions of pounds of poisoned bran mash bait spread, the extermination of the grasshopper pest on the old Tule lake bed is almost complete. At times during the three year campaign as high as 35,000 pounds of bait was used daily but this year only 1000 pounds will be used during the season on a few scattered infected places.

Jack Ferris of La Grande was named district governor of the Lions International, and his city was selected as the 1931 meeting place of the organization when the final business session of the Oregon Lions was held in Bend recently.

One of the outstanding features of the Elks-American Legion "Days of '49" celebration in Klamath Falls will be the old-time fiddlers' contest. Fiddlers from all over Oregon and the Pacific northwest have been invited to participate.

C. C. Hulet of Myrtle Point was elected master of the state grange at its meeting in Redmond recently to replace George A. Palmer, who refused the post after having been named master for the eighth year.

Plans for the rigorous grading of dried prunes throughout the northwest and for an advertising campaign to market the superior product of northwest orchards were laid at a meeting of prune growers at Eugene recently.

State prohibition department operatives participated in 114 arrests during May, according to a report by George Alexander, state prohibition director. Fines imposed aggregated \$9110, with jail sentences totaling 832 days.

The Clatsop county court has adopted a resolution opposing the plans for the creation of a highway improvement district to construct a modern highway from Vernonia through the Nehalem valley and Hamlet to the coast.

SCHMELING WINS ON FOUL IN 4TH ROUND

Decision Carries Championship
to Germany.

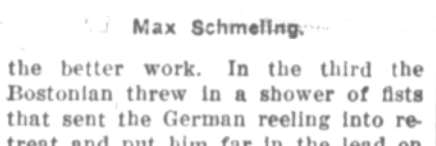
FACTS ABOUT FIGHT
Place, Yankee Stadium, N. Y.
Attendance, 70,000.
Paid Admissions, \$740,000.
Winner, Max Schmeling, Germany.

New York.—Before 70,000 spectators in the Yankee stadium here, Max Schmeling of Germany was declared the winner of the heavyweight championship bout against Jack Sharkey of Boston on a foul in the fourth round.

The decision of the referee, James Crowley, carries with it the championship vacated by Gene Tunney after the latter's last bout with Jack Dempsey.

The end of the fight was wholly unexpected and the packed stadium was the scene of great excitement after the referee's decision had been given. It was a most unsatisfactory ending to the contest and doubtless will lead to as much argument as did the famous long count that Tunney received in his Chicago fight with Dempsey.

Sharkey was leaving as the fight ended. The first two rounds were rather listless, with Sharkey doing



the better work. In the third the Bostonian threw in a shower of fists that sent the German reeling into retreat and put him far in the lead on points.

In the fourth and last round, Sharkey again returned to the attack and had Schmeling in rather a bad way. Suddenly the German collapsed to the ropes, holding his groin. While he was writhing on the floor, the gong sounded, ending the round. His seconds made claim of a foul.

The referee did not see the alleged foul blow struck. Neither did C. F. Matheson, one of the judges. The other judge, Harold Barnes, was in position to have seen the blow. After consulting several times with Barnes, Crowley gave his decision in favor of Schmeling.

The crowd seemed stunned. Schmeling, by the decision, becomes the first foreigner to win the American heavyweight championship. Sharkey was a pronounced favorite in the betting.

The final round leading up to the last blow was as follows: Sharkey stabbed Schmeling with two straight lefts and then crossed a right to the head. Sharkey landed a right to the jaw, but Max countered with a right to the same place. Schmeling missed with a left hook, and Sharkey missed with a right. Schmeling landed a left hook to the head. Schmeling led with a right and Jack crossed with a right to the heart. Sharkey drove a right to the jaw and Max's legs wobbled. Max hit Jack with a left hook to the jaw. Schmeling came in and Sharkey let fly a low left hook. Schmeling went down. He was on the floor about two seconds when the bell rang.

Favors Added Pensions for Civil War Veterans

Washington.—The rate of pension of every veteran of the Civil war was raised when President Hoover signed two pension bills, one of which added \$12,000,000 to the annual sums received by the veterans and widows of the Civil war. The act revising and equalizing the rate of pension for Civil war veterans affects approximately 50,000 soldiers and 27,000 widows. A second Civil war pension bill signed by Mr. Hoover added a number of soldiers and widows to the Civil war pension list.

The equalization bill raised the pension rate for veterans from \$65 a month to \$75 a month and grants a \$100 per month rate to all veterans requiring the aid and attendance of another person. In brief, this bill increases the rate of pension of all invalid veterans now receiving \$72 or \$90 a month to \$100 and lowers the age limit to seventy years for the \$40 a month rate. The present law allows a pension to widows after they have reached seventy-five years of age.

Britain Launches Three Subs
London.—Three new British submarines were launched within a period of 24 minutes at one shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness.

Women's Clubs Favor Treaty
Denver, Colo.—Only a scattering opposition greeted a resolution urging the speedy ratification of the London naval treaty upon its presentation to the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs here.

Seven Drowned in Quarry
Philadelphia.—Seven persons were drowned in the plunge of an automobile into 50 feet of water in an abandoned quarry south of here.

LEGGE REAPPOINTED FARM BOARD HEAD

Teague Also Is Renamed; Both
for Six-Year Terms.

Washington.—President Hoover sent to the senate the names of Alexander Legge of Chicago, chairman, and C. C. Teague of California, member of the federal farm board, for reappointment for full six year terms. Both accepted appointments originally for only one year and their terms recently expired.

The action of the President in reappointing Mr. Legge particularly is viewed in many quarters as an unquestionable indication that the board's activities to date, despite criticisms in and out of congress, have the Executive endorsement. In this connection observers recalled the recent attacks of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the chairman of its board of directors, Julius H. Barnes, Teague and other grain leaders have objected to the farm board's practices in efforts to stabilize wheat prices.

Mr. Legge, who was the \$100,000 a year head of a harvester company when he was persuaded by the President to take the chairmanship of the board, has been in open controversy with Mr. Barnes on several occasions, but it has appeared clear to observers that his differences have not acted to reduce Mr. Hoover's confidence in either.

Like Mr. Teague, Mr. Legge agreed to take only one of the shortest appointments when the board was established. While the new appointments call for full six year terms, this is not taken to mean that they will stay in office throughout that period. Their interest in carrying through policies of the board under the agricultural marketing act, requiring more time probably than they calculated would be necessary before getting into the work, it is believed, has influenced them in recent months to decide to continue in their offices at least until they are satisfied that their retirement will not interrupt the various farm relief undertakings.

Mr. Legge is understood to have welcomed the reappointment in view of recent charges that he is attempting to put the government into a Socialistic program of agricultural aid.

Scheme to Delay Naval Treaty Until Next Fall

Washington.—The attack on the London naval treaty having failed in a month to develop enough senate opposition to defeat it, the anti-treaty forces are said to be redoubling their efforts to delay action until next winter. Senator Johnson, of California, came out with a statement undertaking to show why, in his opinion, the cruiser agreement was advantageous to the United States. At the same time, the opposition resorted to a round-robin to try to line up a majority of the senate for postponement of the ratification vote until after the November elections.

The round-robin is being circulated by Senator McKellar, Democrat, of Tennessee, according to Senator Moses. The latter, who failed to persuade President Hoover to agree to a postponement until fall, is said to have suggested the plan.

Construction Contracts Make 21 Pct. Increase

Washington.—Surpassing all previous records, construction contracts for public works and public utilities for the first five months of 1930 amounted to \$588,000,000, the Commerce department announced.

This was an increase of 21 per cent over 1929, and of 35 per cent over the average for the last five years. Reports were compiled for thirty-seven states.

The 1930 figure surpasses by \$78,000,000 the previous high record of \$510,000,000 established in 1928.

Total construction awards in this period, including residential and non-residential, amounted to \$2,087,000,000 for the five months, or an 18 per cent decrease as compared to 1929.

Toledo Union Station Burns
Toledo, Ohio.—Fire wrecked the Union station, with damage estimated between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Fur Farm Indictments Reported
St. Paul, Minn.—Eighteen persons were indicted by the federal grand jury which investigated the new defunct Ten Thousand Lakes Fur Farms Corporation. Two former state officials were reported to be among those named.

Many to Attend Poultry Meet
London.—More than fifty countries will be represented at the fourth world's poultry congress at the Crystal Palace, London, July 22 to '30.

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