

The Weather

Maximum yesterday 51
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U. S. DIRIGIBLE EXPLODES, SCORES DIE

DEATH LIST ESTIMATED 33, 4 P. M.

Italian Dirigible, Roma, the Second Largest Airship in World, Purchased Recently From Italy, Destroyed— Falls 1000 Feet Hitting Barracks Building.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—The number of dead from the Roma disaster was estimated today at 33, while it was said that there were a total of 43 on board when the explosion occurred. Ten persons have been rescued, many of them seriously injured.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—Exploding after crashing downward during a trial flight, the army's Italian-built airship Roma was destroyed today near the naval base here with the loss of an undetermined number of lives. Estimates an hour and a half after the disaster placed the dead from half a dozen to nearly forty out of most than half a hundred persons on board.

The naval hospital at Portsmouth was officially informed that 35 of those on board the airship, the largest semi-rigid dirigible in the world, were killed, while undertakers in Newport News were officially notified that 29 or more persons had lost their lives.

It was officially announced at the army base at 2:40 o'clock that only ten survivors have been rescued from the Roma. Eight are seriously injured and two slightly. All are in nearby hospitals.

Difficulty in definitely fixing the number of killed and injured, was caused by the fact that intense heat from the burning wreckage prevented close inspection.

Flying at 1000 Feet. Eye witnesses said the Roma was flying at a height of from 600 to 1000 feet when she was seen to be in trouble. A thin wisp of smoke appeared and the craft started downward obliquely.

Before the ship struck the barracks building a number of men were seen to leap, some with parachutes and some without. Some of those removed from the wreckage were badly burned but others escaped virtually without injury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The accident to the Roma occurred when the vertical controls were carried away, Captain Doyle of the naval air station at Hampton Roads said in a telephone conversation late today with Rear Admiral Moffett at the navy department.

This, he said, caused the dirigible to dive nose first and in its descent it struck a high tension electric wire, causing the airship to catch fire. Captain Doyle reported that 38 were believed dead and that ten or twelve had escaped.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The navy department was notified of the disaster in the following telegram from the naval authorities at Norfolk: "Army dirigible Roma caught fire and fell to ground near army base Norfolk about 2:10 p. m. Thirty-five persons reported dead out of 50 aboard."

Immediately on receipt of the official dispatch Major General Patrick, director of the air service, left by airplane for Langley field.

The list of injured as given out at 4 o'clock included: Captain Reed, U. S. A. Walter A. McNaire, of the bureau of standards, Washington. Major D. Reardon.

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ALONE SHOWED PRICE INCREASE IN JAN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Wholesale prices on the average approached slightly nearer the 1913 level in January, according to information made public today by the bureau of labor statistics of the department of labor. The bureau's weighted index number, based on 100 for the 1913 wholesale price level stood at 148 last month, compared with 149 in December and 177 in January, 1921. Prices generally last month represented a decline over the same month of a year ago of 16 per cent. Of all commodity groups, agricultural products alone showed an advance in prices during the month, gaining approximately 2 1/2 per cent. In all other groups decreases were recorded, ranging from one half of one per cent for building materials to 3 1/2 per cent for food. Clothes and clothing declined one per cent, chemicals and drugs 1 1/4 per cent, metals and home furnishings goods 1 1/2 per cent and fuel and lighting materials over two per cent. In the group of miscellaneous commodities, the decrease in average prices was 1 1/2 per cent.

WIFE OF EX-PREMIER ASQUITH WHO IS HERE FOR LECTURE TOUR



Mrs. Margaret Asquith, wife of the former British premier and author of a volume of outspoken memoirs that agitated all Britain, has just come to this country on a lecture tour. This photograph, made the day of her arrival in New York, shows her rather peaked and weak from seasickness during a very rough voyage.

DIS'T ATT'Y OF BOSTON GUILTY GRAFT CHARGE

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Suffolk county was removed by the supreme court today. The court found him guilty in several counts, under charges of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office.

The court's ruling was on charges brought by State Attorney General Allen that Pelletier had been a party to conspiracy to extort money under threats of prosecution and to suppress indictments. His relations with Daniel H. Coakley and other local attorneys were characterized by the attorney general as "a partnership in crime."

United States Senator Reed of Missouri, as counsel for Pelletier presented no testimony in defense arguing that the charges were merely the outgrowth of a conspiracy by political enemies.

A verdict of not guilty was returned on charges that the district attorney had improperly dropped prosecution of "Browne" Kennedy, who as the conspirator of Miahawim Manor, figured in the trial on which District Attorney Nathan Tufts of Middlesex county was removed last fall.

The court found Pelletier guilty in most of the important instances of misconduct alleged by the attorney general.

He was found guilty on the charge that while running for mayor he offered to quash any proceedings against persons who took it upon themselves to resent vigorously reports that Pelletier intended to resign.

The district attorney was found guilty also in the Emerson Motors case in which that company was said to have paid \$20,500 to stop prosecution in Suffolk county. A half dozen other cases also were brought against him.

Wrestling Meet Eugene. EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 21.—A boxing and wrestling carnival will be held here Friday night with teams representing college organizations taking part.

POLICE FIRE UPON MOB, 1 MAN KILLED

When Strikers Refuse to Disperse and Heave Rocks, Mayor's Orders Carried Out—Two Seriously Wounded and Six Hurt—State Troops Are Called Out.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 21.—One man was killed, two were seriously wounded and six persons were hurt when the police used riot guns today on a crowd of 1000 persons who gathered at the plant of the Jenekes Spinning company where a strike is in progress. The guns were brought into play when several patrolmen had been knocked down after the arrest of three strike sympathizers.

Mayor Robert A. Kenyon, witnessed the shooting. He had arrived at the gates of the plant early in the day to observe the crowd that has customarily gathered to watch working operatives enter the mill.

The mayor, believing there was danger in the crowd, read the riot act. He then told the patrolmen to be careful and calm, but to do their duty and to "shoot if necessary."

Meanwhile women were pulling and mauling at the girls who were attempting to enter the mill, and several were knocked down. The police put their shoulders to the crowd and were countered with fists and clubs. The patrolmen were knocked down and the arrests followed.

A passing furniture van was commandeered as a patrol wagon, but when the patrolmen attempted to hustle their prisoners aboard they were stopped by a bombardment of stones. Then the riot guns swept the crowd. Eight persons fell, all but two of whom got up and ran away. The crowd dispersed.

The eighth coast artillery company which was mobilized in the state armory last night, left the armory at 5 a. m. today. Its destination was not made public.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21.—Two troops of state cavalry today patrolled the mill village of Pontiac, where striking cotton operatives yesterday besieged the mill and offices of the B. and R. Knight company. The cavalry dispatched last night at the order of Governor San Souel, was to be augmented today by a detachment with machine guns and possibly by a coast artillery company.

Pontiac, cut off from telephone communication, was quiet all night, according to reports from the neighboring town of Arctic.

NATICK, R. I., Feb. 21.—Striking textile workers and sympathizers jammed the streets of this village today waving small American flags, but preserving silence. Meanwhile mounted cavalry troops and police kept strict patrol, forcing the throngs to keep moving.

In the village of Pontiac, eight miles away, people remained in their houses with the blinds drawn. Orders to remain indoors were issued last night by the military authorities after disturbances at the B. and R. Knight company mills.

SLEUTHS BEAT TIME IN TAYLOR MURDER

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—Investigators detailed on the case of William D. Taylor, film director shot down in his house here three weeks ago, were working today on possible facts they hoped to develop from an amplified statement taken yesterday from Henry Peavey, Taylor's house man.

They were trying to locate another negro said to have roomed with Peavey in St. Louis at one time, and later to have been known to him here and they were also checking through eastern sources to determine whether Taylor carried any bank accounts in New York or other large eastern cities.

The investigators were silent today about any progress they were making, but were willing to say that nothing of importance had been developed in the last few days.

John D. Wants Max To Become Citizen Of United States

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—John D. Rockefeller has given his approval to the attentions of his grand daughter, Kathilde McCormick, 16 year old daughter of Harold F. McCormick, to Max Oser, Swiss riding master. It was reported also that he had expressed a wish that Oser become an American citizen.

Emil Burgoyne, the first Chicagoan to announce his relationship to Oser, called at the McCormick home yesterday but was informed that Mr. McCormick and his daughter Kathilde were not receiving on Monday, it was said.

MARY GARDEN TO QUIT MANAGING CHICAGO OPERA

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mary Garden intends to resign her position as director of the Chicago Opera company at the close of the current season, if someone can be found to take her place, but she expects to continue with the company as an artist where she belongs and knows she belongs," it was announced today by her secretary, Howard E. Petteer.

Mr. Petteer said Miss Garden would make no definite decision until she had conferred next month at Chicago with Samuel Insull, the new president of the Chicago Opera company. The diva had received a \$250,000 offer from a New York manager for a concert tour and she had many other interests which she had found it impossible to carry out, he said, because of the demands on her time exacted by the position as director of the opera company, and the attending "responsibilities, annoyances, troubles and harassments" of that position.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Samuel Insull, president of the Chicago Civic Opera association, which has charge of the Chicago Opera company, declared he was not surprised when informed today that Mary Garden planned to resign as director.

"There is nothing for me to add to Miss Garden's statement," said Mr. Insull. "I have known for some time that she planned a reorganization of her personal affairs and it is only natural that she should tire of the arduous duties of directing a company of grand opera singers."

LEWIS WORKING TO AVERT COAL STRIKE

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America today asked coal operators of the central competitive field comprising the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, to meet with union officials at Cleveland, on March 2 for a wage conference which he said might avert the impending strike.

Similar requests have been rejected by some operators who said that they wished to discontinue collective bargaining with the miners.

Fresno Up in Arms Over Ku Klux Klan, Taxi Man Assaulted

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 21.—Police at Taft and the district attorney's office at Bakersfield have been investigating reported activities of the Ku Klux Klan for the past two weeks, according to a story the Republican published this morning.

The investigation was started by a complaint by Eli Andrews, local rental driver who asserted that he had been tarred and feathered by a band of unmasked, unidentified men.

Printed warnings bearing the heading "Ku Klux Klan" were distributed in Taft shortly before the alleged assault. City Marshal Munsey announced today, but all efforts to trace these warnings down have failed.

ERIN RIVALS MAY PATCH UP PEACE

Griffith Agrees to Delay Election if DeValera Will Agree Not to Obstruct Provisional Government—No Enmity to Griffith Says Ex-President of Ireland.

DUBLIN, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.) Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, speaking at this evening's session of the Ard Fheis or Sinn Fein convention, promised that if he received a guarantee from Eamonn DeValera's minority in the Dail not to obstruct the provisional government, he would accept Mr. DeValera's proposal to defer the general election until a constitution could be drafted.

DUBLIN, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eamonn DeValera apparently regarding a split in the Sinn Fein party as inevitable, openly advocated such a division in addressing the Ard Fheis, the national Sinn Fein convention, at its extraordinary session, saying it would be better for Ireland to have two armies, each ready to assist the other if the country were imperilled, rather than one army divided in itself.

Mr. DeValera's speech was the outstanding feature of the morning session of the Ard Fheis which had only begun the discussion of the party's future for or against the Anglo-Irish treaty when the luncheon adjournment was taken at 1:40 p. m. until 3 o'clock.

Speaking on his resolution urging the Sinn Fein party to continue the fight for a republic, Mr. DeValera won hearty applause at numerous points he made in his address.

"I would rather see the country flooded with British troops than give them the irrevocable right to be here," was one of his assertions, made in a dramatic manner which resulted in loud cheers.

No Legitimacy. "Ireland," he declared later on, "is entitled to the dignity of a mother country, and I will never consent to make her the illegitimate daughter of England."

Again he said: "My position is the same as when I was made president of this organization when I said 'our colors are nailed to the mast.' What I said I meant."

Mr. DeValera appealed for harmony between the divisions if a breakup should occur, saying he and Arthur Griffith always had been colleagues and would continue so.

Most of the morning session was taken up with making arrangements for a vote, which probably will be taken on Mr. DeValera's motion about 7 o'clock this evening, although it was agreed this morning that if the Ard Fheis desired to defer the vote, and continue debate it could do so.

The hall was crowded and many delegates were forced to stand, finding great difficulty in hearing the speakers.

The extraordinary meeting of the Ard Fheis, which furnishes an opportunity for reviewing the extent to which the Sinn Fein clubs of Ireland are supporting the new provisional government, opened amidst tense excitement in the rotunda of the Mansion house today.

After the delegates who crowded the confines of the meeting room, had been seated a contest developed over the question of the method of taking a vote on the resolutions setting forth the attitude of the convention.

Austin Stack, minister of home affairs in the DeValera cabinet, opposed a secret ballot, saying he saw no reason why the delegates should not publicly declare their sentiments.

Open Voting Wins. On a showing of hands Eamonn DeValera, who presided, declared those in favor of open voting had won their point. Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, assented to this decision, thus checking objections to the speaker's ruling.

It was finally decided to retain the ballot form of voting, but to make the

D. A. R. RECEIVES PEN USED BY HUGHES TO SIGN TREATIES



At the close of the arms conference, Charles E. Hughes, secretary of state, presented the pen which he used to affix his name to the treaties to Mrs. George Maynard Minor, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the organization. Photo shows Mrs. Minor with the pen.

LODGE AGREES TO RESERVATION ON 4 POWER TREATY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A reservation to the four-power treaty, providing that no "adjustments or understandings" reached under its provisions shall be binding without the consent of congress, was debated for two hours by the senate foreign relations committee today without action, but with a majority of the members indicating their general approval.

Senator Brandegee, republican, Connecticut, offered the reservation and committee members said the discussion developed that even Senator Lodge of Massachusetts was favorably disposed toward it. Senator Pomerene, democrat, Ohio, presented a substitute covering somewhat the same ground, but the committee reached no vote on either proposition.

By some committee members it was predicted after the meeting that the Brandegee reservation would be adopted by a virtually unanimous vote after further discussion, and that other reservations which have been tentatively drafted by various senators would be withheld until the treaty comes into the senate. It was said a favorable report with the reservation attached, might be voted tomorrow.

Consideration of reservations began in the committee after there had been a short discussion of President Harding's message declaring he could not give the senate any of the records asked in connection with negotiations of the treaty.

INSANE WOMAN SALEM SUICIDES

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—Attendants at the state hospital for the insane here this morning found the lifeless body of Frida Motz, 33, a patient, hanging by a bed sheet from the window guard. The body was cold when cut down, indicating that Mrs. Motz had taken her life during the early hours of the night. Hospital records show that two brothers of Mrs. Motz have committed suicide.

LIVESTOCK MEN NEED ADVERTISING MORE THAN LOWER FREIGHT RATES

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The livestock industry of the country needs advertising more than it needs lower freight rates, Charles Dillon, assistant to the chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, said today in a statement issued by the association.

PHONE RATE INCREASE IS SUSTAINED

Oregon Public Service Commission Hands Down Final Decision Pacific Phone Case—Original Order Reaffirmed in Every Particular—Petitioners Flayed.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—Affirming its original order granting increased rates to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, and scoring the petitioners who asked for a re-hearing of the case, the Oregon public service commission today handed down its final decision on the company's application for higher rates.

The order handed down today reaffirms in every detail the commission's order of February 28, 1921, granting the telephone company rate increases on its service in Oregon, varying from 30 to 200 per cent on different classes of service.

Petitioners for the re-hearing are flayed in the order for burdening the state with the unnecessary expense of a re-hearing and for wasting the time of the state officials.

"The evidence produced at the re-hearing on the part of the petitioners is insufficient to justify any changes, alterations or modifications of any of the provisions," of the original order granting the protested increase, the order issued today declares.

"In spite of positive assertions of error in the findings of evidence worthy of the name was offered in support of the contentions of the petitioners," the order reads.

Portland Surprised. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—The re-hearing of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company rate case was granted by the public service commission on the petition of the City of Portland, the Oregon Telephone Federation and other organizations and municipalities after a movement had been started in Portland for a recall of certain members of the public service commission.

H. M. Tomlinson, deputy city attorney of Portland, who handled the city's case in the re-hearing, said he was much surprised at the commission's action, announced today.

"The only remedy of the people is the big stick and the ballot box," said Tomlinson. "I am convinced the people are entitled to relief."

C. E. Hickman, division commercial superintendent of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, said:

"I could not see how the commission could do anything else. I would have been surprised had the commission ordered rates which we originally asked for to return eight per cent on our investment. The rate increase sustained, allows a four per cent return."

Senate Passes Bill Aid Disabled Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Bureau bill giving disabled emergency officers of the American expeditionary forces the same privileges as regular army officers was passed today by the senate, 50 to 14, and transmitted to the house.