

Forecast—Fair tonight and Thursday. Highest yesterday 81. Lowest this morning 39.

Highest year ago today 82. Lowest year ago today 48.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Mellon Rumors. Expensive Prohibition. Switzerland Votes Wet. Chewing the Clippings.

Wall Street 'enjoyed' a bad day Monday, thanks to rumors and, perhaps, a few facts.

One rumor told of Mr. Mellon's coming resignation. Mr. Mellon is not that sort of a person. When he is through with his job, and feels like attending to his own business, he will resign. Nobody will crowd him into resigning.

When he does resign, the people should find a way to show their gratitude for services rendered by the ablest secretary of the treasury in the history of the United States.

There is "always good in evil," and little lumps that saw values shrinking Monday will, perhaps, find comfort in the fact that the price collapse meant happiness for the Federal Reserve gentlemen.

They had not been very successful in efforts to smash the market thus far, and even a little success must be gratifying.

The money would have been well spent, had the spending made the people temperate.

Unfortunately, all of the millions, and all the shootings have not interfered with the operations of 2,000 speakeasies in the city of New York alone. They have not interfered with the operations of drug peddlers or the working of tens of thousands of private whiskey stills.

Instead of spending millions trying to enforce prohibition, the nation might class gin, whiskey, and other alcoholic poisons, with deadly drugs, and class light wine and beer with tobacco, deriving a gigantic revenue from the regulated sale of both. That is what Thomas Jefferson advised. It might be worth trying.

Every one of the 24 cantons in Switzerland voted against prohibition and local option. The Swiss, a small people, have ruled themselves and kept as sober as they cared to be, for many centuries.

The proposed prohibition law would not have effected beers and wines, European countries having always used them temperately, do not call them "intoxicating."

The Swiss, in every one of the 24 cantons, expressed the opinion concerning strong alcoholic liquors that they would continue to drink or not drink as they thought best, rather than let some law decide it for them.

The fight against drugs is particularly difficult.

A prisoner in California received several newspaper clippings, editorials containing lofty advice.

The prison chief said: "You can't have them unless the editor of the publication sends them to you direct."

The reason is interesting. Men soak newspaper clippings in a liquid containing strong drugs. The clippings are dried, then sent to convicts and the convicts, instead of reading them, chew them, and extract the drugs.

Ramsay MacDonald, head of the British labor party, a self educated and WELLD. educated man, urges Britons to vote for labor, at the coming election.

His vote will be very big. Lord Beaverbrook, who belongs to the many-time millionaire party, believes that labor will poll the biggest vote.

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95 PERISH IN HOSPITAL HOLOCAUST

HELPLESS PATIENTS IN CLEVELAND CLINIC SUFFOCATED BY GAS

Fire Follows Explosion—Patients Powerless to Escape—Dead Turn Green—Tragedy Brief, But Terrible—Firemen Use Gas Masks—Many Injured Expected to Die—Fumes of Burning X-Ray Films Blamed—Survivors Bleed at Nose—Spectators Surge About Scene of Disaster—Relatives and Friends Seek Loved Ones.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 15.—(AP)—At least 95 lives are known to have been lost and scores of persons injured in a deadly explosion and fire at Cleveland Clinic hospital here today. Many of the dead were victims of poisonous gases and suffocated in agony. Others died from burns. Most of the victims were patients who were powerless to escape the death they could see approaching them.

Two hours after the building took fire all of its occupants had been removed and the fire had been extinguished.

Most of the fatalities were the results of fire but many were believed to have been suffocated by poisonous fumes from burning chemicals. Some of the dead turned a ghastly green when they were removed from the building, spectators said.

Hardly two hours was required to complete the tragedy. With the first alarm, all available fire apparatus in the eastern part of the city was rushed to the hospital, which is located at Euclid avenue and East 38th street.

Scores of firemen battled the scorching flames while others donned gas masks and risked their lives inside the building. In rescue work, some of the patients were removed through windows. One group of patients, doctors and nurses were taken off the roof.

Some of the victims were burned horribly. Others were unconscious. Many were crying out in fright and bewilderment. They were rushed as fast as possible to nearby hospitals.

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Many of the bodies were taken to the county morgue. Some remained at hospitals and some were placed in a temporary morgue in the rear of the damaged building.

The scenes of the explosion and fire were ghastly. Some of the patients screamed horribly with fright as they saw the deadly gas creep upon them while they lay in bed, helpless to move.

Tragedy started then in the face and they were helpless. Some who were rescued burst into hysterical tears as they were carried from the building, but many screamed with the pain of the awful burns.

Pharmacists blamed the gas after the explosion and said it was bromine gas that had choked many of the victims to death. The gas came from burning X-ray films, thousands of which were stored in the basement of the clinic.

Many of the living victims taken to hospitals were bleeding at the nose and mouth and their lips were covered with froth.

Attendants at Mount Sinai hospital, said Dr. Carl Helwig, treating the injured there, found the body of his wife among the dead. She was a technician at the clinic.

Patrolman Ernest Staab, who was on traffic duty near the hospital when the explosion occurred, and who was one of the first rescuers in the building, may be dying from gas fumes he inhaled, doctors said.

Dr. Crile, leading the rescue work, directed all available firemen to go through the building searching for the missing. Among the missing, Dr. Crile said, is a prominent Cleveland physician. He did not reveal the physician's name.

During the afternoon thousands of spectators surged about the scene of the disaster. Police fought to keep them back. Plaintive cries came from persons who believed friends or relatives had been trapped in the building.

The hospital is a four-story brick structure, which was rated as semi fireproof.

Bodies in Heap CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 15.—(AP) Lieutenant Thomas Rees and his men were among the first police at the scene. On entering the building they staggered over a heap of 25 bodies, all believed to be dead.

George Irwine, a passerby, was at the scene at the time of a second explosion. He saw a man fall out of the first floor window. When Irwine approached the man was dead.

Deadliness of the bromide gas was plainly evident to firemen. One woman trapped in a third floor room smashed a window to leap to a net firemen had spread below. As she stood on the window sill a mist of the deadly vapor surrounded her and she toppled back into the building.

Because of the confusion, little is known of the number at hospitals or at other places where the victims may have been taken. Latest estimates were that 200 persons were in the building. It is not known how many escaped without injury.

Very little chance for recovery is given for most of those at hospitals.

It was built in 1924 by Dr. Crile, Dr. John Phillips, Dr. William E. Lower and the late Dr. Frank E. Butts.

CLEVELAND, May 15.—(AP) The dead in the Cleveland Clinic include Miss Fay, an x-ray nurse at the clinic; Cleveland; a Miss Fisher, a nurse; Cleveland; C. E. Sherbuth, Leora Hollenbeck, R. D. Fulton, John Ward and Max Bartholomew, all of Cleveland; and Harry Sterling of Denver, Colo.; Adam Tight, Sandusky, Ohio; Mrs. Carl Helwig, Cleveland; J. Barker Smith, secretary-manager of the Cleveland Athletic club; Dr. Harry Anderson, Cleveland; W. H. Spellman, Forest, Ohio; Blanche Young, address unknown; Paul Roquemore, Dallas, Texas; Ruth Wilde, no address; Phil Butler, George Strapp, John Danforth, Miss Roberts, George Moore and Miss Julia Szabra, all of Cleveland; Mrs. Carse, no address; Margaret Ransaka, no address; Miss Perkins, Miss Maats, Cleveland; Miss Mary Bartholomew, Miss Young, V. N. Fleming, Evelyn Sapeur, Akron, Ohio; James T. Reefe, Miss Coffey, Miss Greer, Miss Sue-Matz, Mrs. Aultro Scriber, Francis Sergello, Samuel Haan, John Ward, Miss Costley, Dr. Henry John, Charles Leowald, Cleveland; C. H. Long, Barberton; Margaret McKenna, East Cleveland; Charlotte DeHart, Miss Helen O'Connell, Elyria, Ohio.

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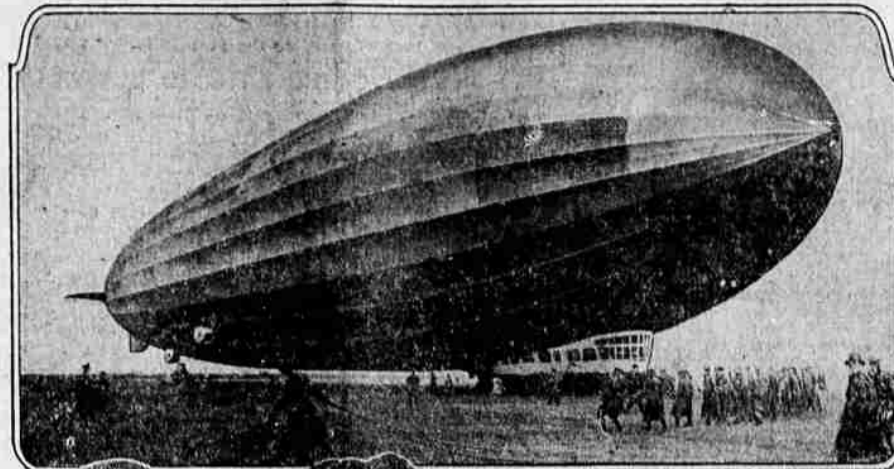
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ZEPPELIN READY FOR SECOND FLIGHT TO AMERICA



The giant German air liner, Graf Zeppelin, is being made ready for its second trans-Atlantic flight to the United States, scheduled to start May 15. Below, left to right: Hugo Eckener, pilot; Frank E. Nicholson, radio announcer; George M. Crouse, Syracuse, N. Y., and Baroness Lili Hatvany, who will be passengers.

CONVALESCENT ZEP WILL BEGIN COMMISSION TO KING RETURNS FLIGHT TO U. S. SCAN VETERANS TO OWN HEARTH LATE TONIGHT AID PROBLEMS

English Welcome George After Long Absence During Illness—Rose Petals Showered On Auto—King and Queen Happy.

WINDSOR, Eng., May 15.—(AP)—King George came back to his own British in this ancient home of British sovereigns today like a conquering hero.

All Windsor and the surrounding countryside were out to welcome their monarch back after his long illness which for many weary months had kept him from them.

The king, accompanied by Queen Mary, had a remarkable reception throughout the two and a quarter hours trip from Craigview House, Bognor, where the king had spent several months of convalescence.

But it remained for the "old home town" to outdo all the others as it welcomed again its most prominent resident.

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ERIE-DRECHSHAFEN, Germany, May 15.—(AP)—The departure of the Graf Zeppelin for the United States was definitely set late today for between 5:30 and 6 a. m. central European time tomorrow (between 11:30 and 12 midnight eastern standard time) Wednesday.

ERIE-DRECHSHAFEN, May 15.—(AP)—Captain Von Schiller of the Graf Zeppelin announced late today that Mrs. Mary Pierce of New York, the only woman listed on the dirigible's passenger roster, had cancelled her passage.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—The urgent request sent to Mrs. Mary Pierce of New York City by the secretary of state, suggested that she refrain from crossing the Atlantic to the United States aboard the airship Graf Zeppelin, was inspired by her husband, Henry Pierce.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—A survey of the veterans bureau, the pension bureau and other federal organizations having to do with government relations with the veterans of all wars is to be undertaken by a special commission set up by direction of President Hoover.

There have been suggestions for the creation of one division of the government to deal with all veterans' matters embracing the veterans' bureau, now an independent establishment; the pension bureau, which is administered by the interior department, and the soldiers' homes over the country which are under the direction of a separate commission and other agencies.

One purpose of the study of the president's commission will be determination as to the feasibility of this plan as a part of the scheme of government reorganization.

This work is under immediate direction of Walter H. Newton, administrative assistant to the secretary of the interior, who is the liaison officer between the chief executive and the heads of the independent commissions and agencies.

WISCONSIN REPEALS STATE DRY MEASURE MADISON, Wis., May 15.—(AP)—Wisconsin's dry law was repealed by the state legislature today, the senate passing the Grobschmidt bill which the assembly already had approved. Twenty-one senators voted for repeal and nine against. The measure now goes to Governor Walter J. Kohler for approval or veto. The repeal was voted in the recent primary election.

OLMSTEAD, WHEELER BEGIN PRISON TERMS TACOMA, Wash., May 15.—(AP)—Prison doors at McNeil federal penitentiary changed shut behind Emory Olmstead and J. E. Wheeler, prominent Portland businessmen, who today started serving sentences of five and three years, respectively, as a result of their conviction for "killing" checks in connection with huge timber operations in Portland.

NEW YORK, May 15.—(AP)—The New York association for the blind is experimenting with a police dog with a view to providing such animals for guiding the blind about the streets.

Veterans' Bureau and Other Agencies Subject of Survey by New Hoover Commission—Consolidation Is Objective.

Baseball Scores table with columns for National, American, and individual teams like Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh, etc.

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PLANT FRUIT MEN WILL BUILD SAY TRUST ORGANIZED

\$80,000 Pre-Cooling and Storage Structure Will Be Ready for Coming Crop—Announcement Made by Medford Ice and Storage Co.—Handle 20 Cars Each 24 Hours.

The Medford Ice & Storage company will start work within the week upon the construction of a pre-cooling and storage plant, the building and equipment to cost \$80,000, it was announced today by O. F. Berger, manager. Plans for the building are practically completed.

The structure will be built of concrete, three stories high, with dimensions of 77 feet wide and 100 feet long. The plant will have a pre-cooling capacity of 20 cars of pears every 24 hours, at a temperature of 32 degrees at the core.

The pre-cooling plant will be completed and in operation by July 20 next, in ample time for the coming fruit season. It will be equipped with the brine spray system of pre-cooling, with automatic controls.

The site of the structure will be on South Fir street, in the heart of the fruit shipping district, in front of the present building.

The plant will afford a storage capacity for 120 cars, bringing the current capacity to a total of 240 cars. The new plant will be used exclusively for fruit.

The fruit will be handled through the medium of power belts, which will eliminate all rough handling of fruit. The conveying system will represent an outlay of \$50,000.

A receiving platform will be built on all four sides of the plant, assuring plenty of unloading space and insuring growers that their fruit will not remain on the platform in the summer sun. Manager Berger has assembled an experienced crew for the handling of fruit, and will invoke the highest speed possible in this department.

The erection of the pre-cooling plant is the climax of a development program launched by the ice and storage company, January 1, 1928, which will represent an expenditure of over \$200,000 in improvements and equipment to meet the demands of the fruit industry in this valley.

They complete today an ice storage warehouse with a capacity of 10,000 tons, affording a total capacity of 22,000 tons. The work of cooling the huge building for the reception of ice, to be used in fruit shipping, will start tonight. Workmen are busy putting the finishing touches on the building.

The plant is equipped with 210 tons refrigeration, which permits the manufacture of 110 tons of ice daily.

Its car icing facilities have been increased to handle 65 refrigerator cars at one "spotting." This involved the erection of costly icing platforms and ice carrier systems, and was made possible through the zealous cooperation of the Southern Pacific railroad and the Pacific Fruit Express company.

Machinery replacements and minor improvements have brought the plant capacity and efficiency to a high point. It is equipped with modern machinery throughout, and is one of the most complete on the Pacific coast.

The improvement program enables the rendering of complete fruit service, save packing.

The Medford Ice & Storage company is largely owned by Medford and Ashland citizens, who have made heavy investments to meet the future needs of the rapidly growing fruit industry of this section.

LESTER HUMPHREYS MAY HAVE DROWNED MADRAS, May 15.—(AP)—Searchers were today seeking some trace of Lester W. Humphreys, Portland attorney, who disappeared yesterday while fishing on the Deschutes river near North Junction. It was feared he had been drowned.

Humphreys, a former United States district attorney in Portland, disappeared between 1 p. m. and 1:30 p. m. yesterday. He was with a party of Portland friends.

NEWBERG—Construction of Ambassador Apartments completed.

Senators Told Huge Fruit Trust Prepared to Take Over Stabilization Corporations Planned for Deciduous Fruit—Senate and House Controversy Holds Interest.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—Developments in the threatened controversy between the senate and house over the right of the former to initiate export debenture legislation in its farm relief bill provided the over-shadowing topic of interest on Capitol Hill today, despite that two other important administration proposals were formally before congress for discussion.

The differences between the two chambers on the debenture question was made a definite issue with the passage of the senate bill, 54 to 33, late yesterday. It was ordered sent to the house today in the face of numerous indications that administration leaders there would move to have it voted unacceptable and returned to the senate because of the debenture section.

The general debate on the tariff bill remained the regular order of business in the house, meanwhile, and the senate had before it a motion to give the combined measure providing for the 1930 census and for reappointment of the house membership on the basis of that enumeration, the privileged status of unfinished business.

An echo of the effort made during the senate farm relief debate to exclude fruits from the products affected by the bill reached the desks of all senators late yesterday in the form of a statement "on behalf of the commercial apple growers of the United States." It charged that a "huge fruit trust" already had been organized to take over stabilization corporations of unfinished business.

Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, said the men listed as connected with the organization include the president of a railroad, manager of a power company and a vice-chairman of a federal reserve bank, and declared that "congress is legislating for the farmers and not the railroads" in the farm bill.

Senator Shorridge, Republican, California, said he saw "no harm in the proposal."

The statement declared that the general manager of the prospective corporation would be Donald D. Conn, former manager of public relations for the American Railway association, and the vice-president, Lloyd S. Tenney, former chief of the bureau of agricultural economics.

Will Rogers Says: PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—Farm relief, stock market, federal reserve, chain stores, mass production, and all that is a poke. The state of Louisiana without any glare of trumpets is doing the biggest thing being done in our land today. They stood highest in illiteracy. They opened up moonlight schools and are teaching over a hundred thousand to read and write. Mostly older people. They are going to wipe out illiteracy in two years with both whites and blacks. That beats all your luncheon clubs, and your good roads advertising campaigns. That is like learning the cripple to walk, and the blind to see. One hundred thousand happy citizens will bring your state more dividends than one hundred thousand miles of concrete roads will.



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