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A column for Mr. Hoover.  
Did He Read About  
Cleveland?  
What Lesson There?  
Have We a Little Attila?

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The dreadful Cleveland disaster, 120 already dead, thirty more expected to die, contains a fearful warning for this nation, and those upon whom rests the responsibility for its defense.

A trifling explosion liberating gases that in warfare would be considered contemptibly inefficient, killed scores. And after the first deaths following the explosion, other deaths occurred, and it is impossible to say how many more will die.

Doctors say that the poison, having entered the blood, works and destroys, bringing death with horrible certainty.

Imagine, in contrast, REAL war, as it will come, inevitably, some day.

A great city will suddenly find itself the scene of a thousand explosions, dropping down from the clouds.

Bombs of force inconceivable will blow into the air entire blocks of buildings. Compared with such explosions, the Cleveland incident would be like a toy pistol.

And following the explosions, designed chiefly to drive terrified populations into the city streets, would come the down-pour of deadly gases. It was not in idle warning, or exaggeration, that England's House of Lords was told:

"Deadly gases, possessed by every efficient nation, would cause the death of every human being within a mile of the spot where the gas bomb might fall."

In New York two or three millions, in Chicago one or two millions, would be killed, inevitably, by a modern bombing and gas attack. In smaller cities deaths would be in proportion to density of population. Bombing and gas dropping air fleets from Asia would kill hundreds of thousands in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. And similar attacks from Europe would kill tens and hundreds of thousands in Boston and other cities along the Atlantic line.

Washington will please note that three gas bombs, well placed, would kill every human being from the White House to gentlemen playing politics "on the hill."

"Murder, piracy, defiance of all the laws of God and man!" Certainly.

But in real war, who is to punish the gas murderer and pirate? Not the vanquished, surely. And, in the next war, victory will be on the side of the deadliest gases, and explosives DROPPED ON CENTERS OF POPULATION MOST PROMPTLY.

It is some comfort, of an unpleasant kind, to realize that the first air attack would in all probability be aimed at Washington.

We should lose at one blow the entire government that has failed to show intelligence worthy of a tuberculous chimpanzee, in preparing for what will come some day.

The editor in charge of a late morning edition would have no difficulty in finding names of the dead, following authentic information of a gas attack on Washington.

He would take the Congressional Directory, and print it completely in this footnote: "From this list should be excluded members of Congress absent from Washington."

## CLAIM NO SABOTAGE ON BLIMP

Dr. Eckenr Says Reports Absurd — French Blue-jackets Aiding Former Enemies — German Commander Tried to Avoid French Landing — Departure Problematical.

CUERS, France, May 18.—(AP)—Dr. Hugo Eckenr today characterized as "absurd" reports that the engine trouble of the Graf Zeppelin came from sabotage.

"Where would the sabotage have taken place?" he asked.

By Thomas T. Topping, A. P. Staff Correspondent.  
CUERS, France, May 18.—(AP)—French blue-jackets stood guard today about the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin, housed in the hangar from which their own ill-fated Dixmude went forth five years ago to disaster. Inside the hangar, French mechanics assisted the Graf's crew, former enemies but now friends in distress, to repair the damage which had incapacitated four of the dirigible's five motors.

It was no secret here that the German commander did everything possible to avert a forced landing in France. When turning back when off the coast of Spain, it was Dr. Eckenr's deep-rooted intention to make Friedrichshafen under the dirigible's own power, even though two of its motors were already out of commission.

"We have failed to cross the Atlantic as we had done before and as we shall do again before long," Dr. Eckenr said.

French naval authorities were loud in their praise of the manner in which Dr. Eckenr had handled his ship in an extremely difficult situation. "Consummate art, I call it," Rear Admiral Bentry remarked.

Passengers, except those who left for Cherbourg and Paris, resorted today at Toulon after the fatigue and worry for the past two days. None of them had French visas for their passports, which was in order exclusively for America, but the French authorities waived formalities and permitted them to proceed to Toulon, France's greatest Mediterranean seaport.

Departure of the Zeppelin, either for Friedrichshafen or elsewhere remained problematical.

NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—A race between a French and an American crew for the honor of being the first this year to cross the Atlantic by air appeared today to be in prospect for next week.

Roger Q. Williams planned to take off Sunday from Teterboro airport, Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., for Old Orchard, Maine, from where he will take off for Rome, while Armeno Lott, Jr., said his French plane was virtually ready for its projected flight to Paris.

Williams will make his attempt in the monoplane Green Flash, used by Martin Jensen to establish a solo endurance record early this year. He will be accompanied by Lewis Yancey, author of several textbooks on air navigation.

The airman said they hoped to start across the ocean next Tuesday and reach Rome in 50 hours. The plane has a single motor and will carry 500 gallons of gasoline. The French plane, also a single-motored, will carry 1,600 gallons of gasoline for its flight to Paris.

## Highball Setup Taboo Issued by Chicago Hotels

CHICAGO, May 18.—(AP)—The merry tinkle of ice cubes being stirred with ginger ale or mineral water—apparently, less legal liquids—no longer will be heard in guest rooms of the world's largest hotel, the Stevens.

The hotel management has decided to forbid the serving of ice or set-ups in rooms. Ice water will still be obtainable—without the ice.

This drastic rule of the Stevens was preceded a few days by similar restrictions on room service at other hotels.

At the Morrison, the guest who has ginger ale, mineral water or ice taken to his room, is placed on his honor not to use them for mixing alcoholic drinks. He must sign a pledge card upon delivery of his order.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 18.—(AP)—Clyde VanDuzen wins; Mainslager second; Panchio third. Time 2:10 4-5.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 18.—(AP)—Derby day started out with snow, true to the prediction of the weather bureau.

Shortly before 4 p. m. heavy dark thunder clouds came up out of the southwest. Simultaneously a heavy rain fell and the track was broken through and more than 1000 men and boys poured into the infield. Semi-riotous conditions prevailed as mounted police started a counter charge but the break was too widespread to be checked. The scattered forces of the law yielded after clattering their attacks on a few heads. The infield was quickly overrun.

In a few moments a terrific down-pour was on, flooding the track and soaking thousands.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 18.—(AP)—The annual "dry derby drive," launched yearly just before the running of the Kentucky derby at Churchill Downs here, began in earnest late yesterday when 100 prohibition agents, police and undercover men, armed with 150 warrants, started out to mop up the various supplies of "derby liquor."

The drive came as the culmination of two months' work in obtaining evidence, and was under the direction of William O. Mays, prohibition administrator for Kentucky and Tennessee.

NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—The modern woman is old-fashioned at heart and marriage is the only career which will bring her happiness, May Allison Quirk believes. The former film star is married and is a writer, so she believes her three careers qualify her as a judge.

## Medford Visited by Royalty of Tulip Land on Plane Trip



From the tulip region of Bellingham, Wash., Ruth Rivers (center) queen, and two princesses, Margar Lane (left) and Muriel Tricker (right), were Friday air visitors in Medford. The beauty trio were en route home after a flight to Los Angeles.

## POISON FUMES BURDICK FLAYS HAD POTENTIAL ACTION IN BIG KILLING POWER FRAUD LAWSUIT

Burning Films Generated Asks Friends to Suspend Enough Gas to Slay Four Million — Football Player Last to Die — Others Are Improving — Judgment — Inclusion of Family Declared 'Dastardly' — Rendered Faithful Service, He Claims.

CLEVELAND, May 18.—(AP)—Poison gas released by burning X-ray films in the Cleveland clinic disaster was sufficient to have killed four million persons, chemists investigating the cause of the 122 fatalities, reported today.

That approximately 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas was generated by the 75,000 pieces of film in the basement storeroom at the clinic was the opinion concurred in by health officials.

The chemists agreed that the amount of gas generated of such high poison content could have wiped out the entire city and a couple more cities like it if it had been widely distributed.

Officials of the clinic today announced that the death list, to date, included 122 names. Fifty persons were in hospitals, they said.

Ben Jones, 30, professional football player, was the last to die. He had undergone an operation for the removal of tonsils when the blasts came. Clinging to a window sill, he was rescued by firemen and then drove to his home at Grove City, Pa., apparently unhurt. But the brown gas had filled his blood with poison and, unknowing, he had been dying slowly from the time of the explosions. Physicians said the injured had improved chances of recovery today. They reported "great improvement" in the more seriously hurt.

PARIS, May 18.—(AP)—The reparations experts, with the exception of the German members, met late today in an effort to prepare counter-proposals to the German counter-proposals. These were to be submitted to Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, head of the German delegation, tonight so that he would be able to reply by Monday.

If Dr. Schacht accepts the counter-proposals then the figures proposed by Owen D. Young will become final. Those called for 37 annuities of 2,050,000,000 marks (about \$492,000,000) 26 annuities of 1,700,000,000 marks (about \$398,000,000) and one of 500,000,000 marks (about \$116,000,000).

## AL SOUGH, JAIL HAVEN IS REPORT

Carried Revolver As Bait for Cell Term Is Belief — Hostile Gangsters Threatened to Put Capone 'On Spot' — Prisoner Says Racketeer Leads Awful Life.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—(AP)—"Scarface Al" Capone, sentenced to one year in jail yesterday for carrying a concealed deadly weapon, was believed in some quarters to have sought jail as an asylum from the bullets of rival gangsters.

At the brief hearing at which he pleaded guilty it was intimated he had courted arrest and that the loaded revolver he turned over to police was carried for that express purpose.

The Philadelphia Record said today that his action followed receipt of word at Atlantic City, where he had asked hostile Chicago gang leaders to meet him for a peace pact, that not only would they refuse to meet with him but that he would be "put on the spot" and killed at the first opportunity.

Capone's story to police officials who talked with him for more than two hours tended to discount the jail-seeking theory.

"That suggestion is absolutely wrong," he said. "I'm here because I'm here although I feel secure for the first time in a long, long while."

Asked Awful Life  
During a talk with Director of Public Safety Lemuel B. Schofield, Scarface said: "I have been asked how I fared in gangwar in Chicago; whether the odds were in my favor. Well, my answer is this: 'I'm satisfied but it's an awful life to lead. You fear death every moment and worse than death, you fear the rate of the game, who would run around and tell the police if you didn't constantly satisfy them with money and favors.'"

"I never was able to leave my home without my bodyguard, Cline. He lives with me and has gone with me constantly during the last two years."

"What am I doing now? I'm retired and living on my money. I'd like to get out of the racket but I can't because of the parasites in the game. They follow you no matter where you go. I fear the parasites more than death."

Capone's first night in jail was a restless one, according to William H. Heston, superintendent of the Moyamensing prison.

Capone, to be transferred from the Moyamensing prison to the Holmesburg prison today, police officials said. An extra heavy guard of detectives known to be "quick on the trigger" will act as an escort as a precautionary measure against possible attempts to kill the Chicago beer baron and his escort, Cline, during the transfer.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—President Hoover left the White House shortly before 10:30 today, bound for his fishing preserve near Madison, Va.

The president's guests for the trip were Secretary Wilbur of the interior department and Edward Lewis, a political writer.

## Good Stockings Aid to Job for Working Girls

NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—A survey of girls in business Miss Lillian LaRocks of Columbia university has concluded that good clothes, especially stockings, are necessary in order to get a good job. "Personality," says her report, "is counting more and more in business, and clothes, including stockings that give a shapely appearance to the legs, are important because of the way they affect the wearer and her business associates."

## ANTI-SMUDGE VOLLEY FAILS TO AROUSE IRE

Local Orchardists Refuse to Become Excited Over Attack On Orchard Heating by L. A. Banks—Regard Issue As Settled Long Ago.

Those who predicted the pronouncement of L. A. Banks, owner of local pear properties against orchard-heating, would cause a furor in the Rogue River valley, have thus far been disappointed.

A canvass of prominent Medford orchardists today disclosed that none of them paid any particular attention to it. In fruit circles there was no excitement and no discussion. The general reaction was expressed by one prominent orchardist when he said:

"Oh Banks—he is against smudging. Everyone knows that. There is nothing new in his statement. We've heard that talk for 20 years. We have something more important to talk about than whether or not orchard heating is advisable. That question was decided a decade ago."

The following comment from another orchardist was also typical: "Banks opposed to smudging? Sure. Who cares. He can't hurt any orchards but his own. I like Banks, he's a shrewd fellow, but he's all wet on this smudging business."

In fact, out of over a dozen orchardists interviewed at random not one supported Banks, and not one showed any particular interest in the matter. None cared to be quoted, the most common explanation being something as follows:

"What's the use? If Banks doesn't want to smudge that's his right. I don't care to get into the public controversy with him. If he wants to stir up a controversy or stage a debate, let him go somewhere else. The whole thing's absurd—arguing for or against smudging is a waste of breath. Might as well argue about the force of gravity."

Floyd Young, government frost expert, expressed very much the same opinion.

"I have never entered into a local controversy regarding smudging and never will. I have never advocated smudging and never will. Propaganda is not my job. I am employed by the government not to encourage orchard heating, but to give the best and most authentic information available concerning it, and from such information, do all I can to intelligently direct it."

"Whether an individual orchardist smudges or doesn't smudge is entirely up to that individual. I only come in when he wants advice regarding methods, or facts regarding results."

"If anyone has any doubt about the necessity and value of smudging I would suggest that they ask the orchardists themselves, both here and in California. They are the men who know. They might consult Rosenberg Brothers, owners of the successful Bear Creek orchards; Howard Hill, on whose orchard for many years no smudging was done; or F. Corning Kenly who in 1924 decided that he could eliminate the expense and annoyance of smudging. He did that one year. He never has tried it again."

"Then there is C. C. Teague, president of the California Fruit-growers Exchange, rather a successful organization. Back in 1910 Mr. Teague opposed smudging, then gave it a trial in 1912. In his lemon orchard, the largest in the world, he placed smudge pots only on the low land, on the hill sides he believed they would not be necessary. That year there was a killing freeze. On the low spots where there was smudging, the entire crop was saved, on the high warm spots not only was every lemon killed but many of the young trees.

## AIRMAN IN SHAM WAR IS KILLED

Planes Collide in National Army Air Maneuvers Over Columbus — Rockwell Field Pilot Plunged to Earth When 'Chute' Tangles in Landing Gear of Blazing Ship.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 18.—(AP)—One man was killed and another slightly injured here today when two planes which they were piloting in the national army air maneuvers crashed over a north side residential district and fell in flames.

The dead man was Lieut. E. L. Meadows, of the 95th pursuit squadron from Rockwell field, San Diego, Cal. He died when his ship crashed.

The second man is Lieut. Fred Satter, Los Angeles, also attached to the 95th pursuit squadron. He jumped with a parachute and landed in a ravine, suffering only burns about the face. He was taken to a doctor's office where his injuries were pronounced minor.

It was the first accident to mar the maneuvers which started May 15 with 200 army aviators participating.

The crash occurred during the biggest single sham battle staged thus far in the mimic warfare between the red and blue armies. There were 184 airplanes participating in the maneuvers, forty-two pursuit planes from the red air headquarters at Norton field here went out to engage in mock combat with 18 bombers, 82 attack planes and 15 pursuit planes from the blue headquarters at Wright Field, Dayton.

Planes Follow Crash  
It was reported that one of the planes struck the tail of another, then burst into flames. An eye witness said that one ship suddenly became a mass of fire then plunged to earth. The pilot of the other ship tried vainly to fly it but it went into a tail spin and spiraled down.

The crash occurred at an altitude of approximately 15,000 feet. Both pilots attempted to use the parachutes. Lieut. Satter was successful, but Sargeant Meadows' chute caught in the under carriage of his plane and he was dragged to the ground with the flames from the burning ship whipping about him. As he neared the ground he swung under the ship which landed on top of him. The ship came down in the rear of a residence and set fire to a garage.

Dr. C. M. Valentine, Linden physician, who treated Satter's injuries said that the aviator told him he believed his plane was stuck from below.

Lieut. Satter was badly burned as his gasoline tank exploded and the plane burst into flames, but he was able to make the leap.

Oregon Weather  
Generally fair tonight and Sunday, but cloudy or foggy along the coast; cooler in the interior of west portion Sunday. Low humidity in the interior but rising in west Sunday. Gentle west and north-west winds on the coast.

Will Rogers Says:  
PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—This Al Capone that is supposed to be field marshal on Chicago's western front; well in Miami and Chicago and all the other cities cities he has been received by the mayor, chamber of commerce and daughters of various U.S. Revolutions, but he blew into our City of Brotherly Love here yesterday and before his valet could unpack his machine gun why he had been sentenced to a year in jail for wearing pistols instead of a vest. That's one of the worst blows against our new autocracy we have had.

Postscript: The Zeppelin landed. The gorilla and the woman are coming over by boat. That kills both vaudeville engagements.

Yours,  
WILL ROGERS.

