

Today

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Victor Berger, A Good Man.
Dining in the Clouds.
A 33,000 Mile Post.
Millions, and In Jail.

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SAN SIMON, Cal., Aug. 10.—Victor L. Berger, late editor of the Milwaukee Leader, was buried today. His death is a loss to his city, his state and to Congress, which heard unpleasant truths from him, and listened, because it respected his sincerity.

Victor Berger was able, honest, a good American. His fellow citizens of Milwaukee, the ablest, including those that disagreed with his political theories, will endorse that statement.

A man of great ability, he could easily have accumulated wealth. He preferred to devote his life to the welfare of other men.

Flying around the world should be popular, in prohibition America, when flying safely becomes firmly established.

Passengers, gathering for their first dinner, found waiting in the clouds, over the ocean, caviar, green turtle soup, squab, strawberries and cream.

Lazarus, traveling upward in Abraham's bosom, enjoying the sight of Dives burning in hell, had no such luncheon as that. "And," says Wiegand, "there was exquisite wine from the dead's cellar."

The Wilson observatory has photographs of recent happenings on our sun that interest you.

Our real life, future and safety are there, more than 20,000,000 miles away.

If the sun's temperature dropped below 39,000,000 degrees centigrade, life on this earth would be impossible; you would freeze.

One photograph shows a burst of gaseous flame, hundreds of thousands of miles in length. In that flame our earth would look smaller than a baseball in a big furnace.

The observatory is studying with particular care one spot 33,000,000 miles wide. That is only a bubble on the sun's surface, equivalent in size to a small freckle on a girl's nose.

You may safely examine that spot through a piece of colored glass or an over-exposed photographic negative.

Science will be much obliged if you will tell what supplies the sun's tremendous energy.

It is not "combustion," nor mere "burning up of matter," once thought. The sun, billions of years old and one billion times bigger than our earth, would have burned up long ago. "The stripping of the atoms," which means tearing the electrons away from their nuclei, creates the energy, according to recent scientific teachings.

Stripped of their electrons, the atoms are packed close together, possessing a specific gravity beyond comprehension. Scientific science tells you that there exists in space, matter so densely packed that one cubic inch of it would weigh a ton.

The Frenchman of Voltaire's day, asked to prove his statement that the earth goes around the sun, admitted that he could not prove it, and said, "Mais je vous en donne ma parole d'honneur." But I give you my word of honor! "Proof" would suffice, in many modern instances.

A young American who got his millions from his father has spent his first week in a British prison.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR PRESIDENT

First Lady and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh Arrange Birthday Event - Mr. Hoover Builds Dams to Catch More Trout - Simplicity Marks Natal Day.

MADISON, Va., Aug. 10.—(AP)—The president of the United States was given a surprise birthday party tonight by members of his family and the small group of friends and high government officials who are spending the week-end with him at his fishing camp in the Virginia mountains.

Just what took place at the party or just what were the presents given the fifty-five-year-old man who holds the highest office in the nation is something that, for the time being at least, is a secret known only to those in the little camp.

It was learned, however, that the party was arranged by Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, wife of the distinguished flier, and that they personally directed the carrying out of plans. The only description of the presents was that they were of an expensive nature and similar to presents given at surprise birthday parties such as are held for the average person.

A year ago, Mr. Hoover then the republican nominee for the presidency, was accorded a somewhat similar party in honor of his 54th birthday by friends and newspaper men who were with him at his home in Palo Alto, California. The correspondents this year, however, were not in attendance.

Earlier in the day the president had joined with other members of the party in the construction of rock dams in the swift headwaters of the Rapidan river. These are being built to provide pools in which trout may gather as this species of fish enjoys fishing in a stream.

All the men on the party, including Secretary Hyde of the agricultural department, Mr. Hugh S. Cummins, chief of the public health service, and Lindbergh joined the president in this task. Several of the men were high rubber boots, waded into the stream after large stones and carried them to the dams. This provided one means of obtaining stone desirable as well suited for the construction work under way.

With the completion of these dams it is expected that conditions for catching the wild trout will be improved materially and the work is being pushed for this reason.

While the men were engaged in the dam building work, Hoover and Mrs. Lindbergh took a long walk through the woods. Earlier in the day Mrs. Lindbergh was accompanied by her husband and Herbert Hoover Jr., had taken a horseback ride while the president and other members of the party remained at the camp reading copies of this morning's newspapers which had been received by airplane.

The weather was ideal for an outing. The day was cool and although the sky was overcast there was no rain to mar the occasion as has happened recently.

A number of messages congratulating the president upon his birthday were forwarded to the camp by telephone from the White House. These included one from King George of England.

MADISON, Va., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Amid the quiet of the Blue Ridge mountains, broken only by the occasional call of a bird, President Hoover today celebrated his 55th birthday. He was surrounded by members of his family and a small group of friends and government officials.

The chief executive and members of his party breakfasted about 8 o'clock. Afterwards, for some time, he sat with Secretary Hyde of the agricultural department and Dr. Hugh S. Cummins, chief of the public health service, on the front porch of the little tent but reading copies of this morning's newspapers which had been brought by airplane.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, accompanied by her husband and Herbert Hoover, Jr., went horseback riding through the mountain trails.

The weather was cool and somewhat overcast, much more refreshing than in the capital. The president and his party arrived at the camp late yesterday and were pleased to find that Hoover, who with his mother had remained there during the week, apparently entirely recovered from a slight illness.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Edward Mendinball, practicing attorney in Medford, justice of the peace at home, was today. He had been retired for several years.

GREETED ZEPPELIN AT LAKEHURST



Edith C. Anderson (left) and Mrs. Mitzie Perry Bartch of New York were at Lakehurst to greet the Graf Zeppelin. The dirigible's arrival marked the reunion of Mrs. Bartch and her husband, one of the pilots of the Zeppelin.

NEUNER SLATED HOTTEST DAY FOR HIGH POST OF YEAR OVER MABEL VACATED ENTIRE STATE

U. S. District Attorney Called to Washington, D. C. For Conference - Well-Known in This County - Often Mentioned for Governor

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 10.—(AP)—The Oregonian will say tomorrow that George Neuner, United States district attorney for Oregon, has been summoned to Washington, D. C., by the attorney general, who probably will offer Neuner the position formerly held by Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt as head of the prohibition enforcement in the attorney general's department.

Several months ago Mrs. Willebrandt offered Neuner a position as a special prosecutor, the papers will say in charge of Pacific coast work with headquarters at Portland, but without increased compensation, Neuner declined.

"It is also assumed that if Neuner is offered the position, he will accept," the newspaper will say. The attorney, during the past two months, has been mentioned favorably as a possible republican candidate for governor of Oregon.

Neuner is well known in this city. He was a special prosecutor in liquor cases, and was the chief prosecuting attorney in the Dr. A. S. Reimann brothers' trials.

ILLINOIS BANKER KILLS WIFE, SELF

KANKAKEE, Ill., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Frank H. Hennings, 77, vice president of the State Bank of Kankakee, was today found dead, having killed his wife, Ella, 74, and committed suicide today. Worry over his financial reverses was believed to have motivated the act.

FAMOUS TENOR TO TEACH AT "U"

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Arthur Boardman, American tenor, who recently returned to the United States from an extended tour in Italy, has accepted the position as head of the vocal department of the University of Oregon school of music.

This announcement has been officially confirmed by Dr. John J. Landwehr, dean of the school of music. Boardman came to Eugene recently as tenor soloist for the Eugene Oratory society. He was induced to remain as guest teacher during the University summer session.

ZEP LIKE A CRADLE ON TRIP HOME

No Hardships Encountered and Comforts Galore. Except Smoking - Blimp Now Urged For Polar Expedition After Girdling Globe

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Passengers aboard the Graf Zeppelin, particularly those who had made the previous crossing in her, were enthusiastic about the voyage to Friedrichshafen.

"Compared with the previous crossing and the Mediterranean trip," said Lady Grace Drummond Day, "this was an immense improvement especially along the lines of comfort and provisioning. For me, it was merely like getting aboard an ocean steamer. We could get things hot when we wanted them, and cold, even beer, when we wanted them, even. The service was far superior to the previous crossing."

"The trip was the smoothest imaginable—there was no bumping and no rocking. I look forward to the rest of the journey not only with a feeling of absolute safety but with the greatest eagerness. Our passports evidently brought us luck."

Asked what she considered the most thrilling moment of the journey, Lady Day said: "That was when, some time yesterday, we realized what fine time we were making and how soon we would be in Germany, just outside Thursday we left Lakehurst—now Saturday we are in Friedrichshafen. That certainly shows that airship transportation is the coming thing. There was suppressed excitement among all of us when we realized we were on a voyage establishing a record."

Sir George Hubert Wilkins, the noted explorer, said he was heartily in favor of the 1929 North pole flight projected for the Graf Zeppelin.

"The voyage was a magnificent demonstration of the thoroughness of the inspection of the Zeppelin's machinery before the take-off, and the efficiency of the wonderful navigation knowledge of Captain Neuner and his men."

"I am not only for the trip around the world but also heartily in favor of the 1929 North pole flight. While the Zeppelin is not able to do as much detail as I expect to do with my submarine yet with the Zeppelin we can cover more ground and get a better general impression."

Lieutenant Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, U. S. N., apparently especially enthusiastic about observing the silence pledge, confined himself to remarking: "Fine trip. Great journey."

Captain Hans von Saldler merely shouted enthusiastically at the American correspondents: "Plenty of champagne! Plenty of champagne! Hurry for the U. S. A!" He then hurried off with his wife and two children.

Count Albrecht Montagu of Berlin seemed far more interested in seeing that two big cardboard boxes came to his hotel than in discussing the journey which he summarized as being a "fine trip."

Holding up the boxing "count" said: "This is the best souvenir of the journey—52 cans of corn given me by Mrs. W. O. Durand. Won't this yellow banana corn on the cob taste good. You must come to the Krugarten hotel to have some."

William Weber of New York confessed that he had viewed the trip with some apprehension, but that he got the greatest thrill of his life once he was aboard. "There was absolutely smooth sailing," he said, as Nathan Westerman interrupted, "It wasn't so smooth, though, to get along without smokes."

ENDURANCE TRY IS SHORT LIVED

LONG BEACH, Cal., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Charles Rochelle and Jack Egan, mixed southern California pilots, terminated their nonstop endurance flight three hours after their take-off from the municipal airport here today. The plane carried a load of 10,000 pounds and in the lead the pilots said their trouble was due. The plane's three engines failed under the strain and 800 gallons of gasoline were dumped. Rochelle said another attempt would be made as soon as the motors could be repaired.

WITNESSES IN SNOOK TRIAL



Witnesses at the trial of Dr. James H. Snook at Columbus, Ohio, included Edith Dillon (upper left), telephone operator, who was last person to see Thora Hix before she went riding with Dr. Snook; Dr. C. F. Long, city chemist (upper right); William Walter (lower left) and Mrs. Margaret Smalley (lower right).

OPEN QUIZ FOR UNFORTUNATES STATE PRINTING FLEE AS FIRE SCHOOL BOOKS MENACES HOME

Thousands of Dollars In State, If Feasible—Name Committees and Call Meeting for February.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 10.—(AP)—An investigation to determine whether the state of Oregon can publish textbooks and sell them at a price lower than now paid private publishers was launched yesterday by a legislative interim committee. H. H. Westerspoon, sponsor of the resolution, says that if the state can publish the textbooks it will keep hundreds of thousands of dollars in Oregon.

The committee is to make its report to the 1930 session of the legislature. The legislators have an idea that it may be possible for the state to enter the publishing business, using paper and ink made on the Pacific coast. The text, it was said, could be purchased on a royalty basis. There are 230 contracts engaged in preparing texts for elementary schools and most of those are willing to sell the plates to states on payment of a royalty ranging from one cent to twelve cents per book. The committee will determine whether the state can sell books at cost, plus a handling charge, at a price lower than that paid for similar books issued by private publishers.

Next meeting will be called some time in February.

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The first step by the committee on state printing of school textbooks, appointed by the last legislature, was taken here today when the group organized and assigned special studies to its members. The committee is to report to the next legislature.

Representative Westerspoon of Union county was elected chairman; Representative James H. E. Scott of Umatilla, vice chairman, and Senator Eberhard, Union, secretary.

Other members of the group named by the legislature were Speaker Hamilton and President Norblad. The committee's initial Walter Brock, former of the state printing office, and E. R. Turner, superintendent of the Dalles schools, to its membership. Committee named follows:

State education research: Turner, Scott, Norblad. Outside state research: Westerspoon, Eberhard, Hamilton. Cost of equipment and operation: Brock, Hamilton. Copyrights: Eberhard, Westerspoon and Turner.

Fair Enough. WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Another dollar a year man, "Mac," a 60-year-old man, was today at the National Press club and in that capacity official greeter of the nation's press and low-cost, was given a purse of \$87 on his 87th birthday.

SNOOK PUTS BLAME ON DEAD CO-ED

Ohio Professor Offers Self Defense Plea, With Insanity Claim - When Bruises On Defendant's Body to Sustain Case - Doped Sandwich Analyzed.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Eleven witnesses were called by the defense today in its effort to bear out contentions that Dr. Jas. H. Snook was temporarily insane when struck in half defense when he killed his Ohio State University student mistress, Thora Hix. Chemists and physicians attempted to describe what was in the stimulating sandwiches supposed to have been eaten by Dr. Snook and the girl when she was hammered and slung to death on a lonely rifle range near Columbus the night of June 15.

Among the witnesses were Robert Terry, pharmaceutical chemist; Dr. Clayton S. Smith, professor of pharmacology and physiology who taught Thora Hix when she was a medical student at Ohio State; Dr. Frank W. Harrah, who made an examination of marks on Dr. Snook's body, which the defendant claims were inflicted by the girl and finally John F. Seidel, one of the doctor's attorneys. Seidel related in detail the trouble he had encountered in obtaining permission to interview his client while he was under arrest.

Through the Chemist Terry the defense attacked the testimony of Chemist Charles E. Long, a state witness, in regard to the stimulating narcotic concoction which Long said he found in the stomach of Miss Hix, mixed in undigested beef.

Chemist Long testified that his microscopic examination revealed without question the cellular tissue and the substance of two excitement narcotics similar to the samples that had been taken from Dr. Snook's office.

But Chemist Terry testified that the cellular tissue, which Long had isolated and identified the substance in the girl's stomach, was not visible in samples of the narcotic to which Dr. Snook had access, supporting the defense protest that if the preparations actually were in the girl's stomach she was responsible for placing them there.

In Mr. Snook's account of the killing, as related on the witness stand, he said he struck Miss Hix the first blow with a hammer which he had in the car, to loosen her grasp on him. They had gone to the darkened rifle range, he said, because the girl did not wish to stay that night in a room they maintained in an apartment house.

Early about a week ago the doctor did not recall even to his attorneys the marks which he said were made on his body by Miss Hix when she attacked him. His counsel had then examined August 2 by Dr. Frank Harrah and today Dr. Harrah told the jury that bruises were visible when he made the examination, although he was unable to say how long they had been inflicted.

At a former attended meeting of the Pomeys Grange of Jackson county, held at Central Point last night, with representatives present from all sections of the county, plans for the proposed Grange public market were discussed. A report of County Agent H. G. Fowler, upon a similar market at Kankakee was read.

The meeting also discussed the matter of extending more unified help to the Farm Co-operative Exchange, which has been under consideration for some time. Routine matters were also thrashed out.

GRANGERS MEET WELL ATTENDED

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The body of Donald McDonald, 25, said by police to be a well-known gangster, was found today near 108th street and Mission road, in Johnson county, Kansas.

Eight bullet holes in the body indicated he had been slain and thrown from an automobile.

ABOWE PARK, England, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Sir Robert Baden-Powell, chief scout of scouts, announced at a boy scout gathering at the world jamboree here today that he had taken the title of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. The king recently conferred a peerage upon him.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 10.—(AP)—The Eastern Oregon tennis tournament will be held at Union, Aug. 18, 19 and 20, with men's and women's singles, and possibly women's doubles on the schedules.