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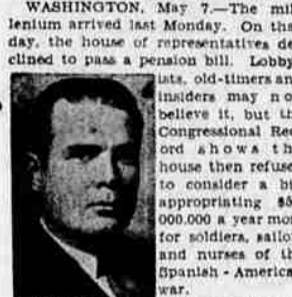
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31 LIVES HINDENBURG DISASTER TOLL



By PAUL MALLON



WASHINGTON, May 7.—The mill-levies arrived last Monday. On that day, the house of representatives declined to pass a pension bill. Lobbyists, old-timers and insiders may not believe it, but the Congressional Record shows the house then refused to consider a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 a year more for soldiers, sailors and nurses of the Spanish-American war.

When legislators decline to vote for pension bills, you may be reasonably certain that something is wrong with the world. In this instance, it is a fairly good indication that the appropriators are downright serious about setting President Roosevelt's budget aright.

In fact, those who have joined the house and senate appropriations committees in their corner seasons lately have it on top authority that Mr. Roosevelt's recommendation for a one and a half billion dollar relief appropriation would be cut to a flat billion.

A majority of the two committees are agreed on it. Their decision will be made public eventually.

The committeemen also have some bad news in store for Interior Secretary Ickes. The sub-committee of the house appropriations committee has decided to trim his PWA expenditures down to a point approaching abolition. What the sub-committee says usually goes, which means that the Ickes era of PWA spending is probably nearing an end, by congressional edict.

PWA expires June 30. A resolution extending it for two years has been under consideration by the sub-committee. Mr. Ickes has obligated the federal government for expenditures amounting to \$282,000,000 during this two-year period. In addition, he has a \$145,000,000 revolving fund, which amounts to a drawing account on the treasury.

The sub-committee has decided to let Mr. Ickes spend his \$282,000,000 of obligations, but to cancel his drawing account. His \$145,000,000 revolving fund is to be abolished. The money automatically is applied to curtailing the national debt.

In a word, this would be the end of the far-flung PWA, pet child of Mr. Ickes.

If these things work out, you will have to hand it to congress. The workings of this democracy down the ages have created the general supposition that congress is the irresponsible spending agency and the executive is the sound retrenchment force. Now you have a situation in which the congress, under able and quiet leadership, is taking the budget in hand to do an effective job on it. You have serious-minded legislators bent on a commonsense revision of federal expenditures instead of trying to hog all they can from the federal treasury for their local districts.

It may seem to be too good to be true, and it probably is, but, if the current drive is carried through, a lot of legislators who have just been ordinary congressmen for the last few years, will earn justifiable renown as statesmen.

What papa said, went. The Farley candidate for the secretaryship of the federal communications commission still is with the Democratic national committee, hoping for a job in the commerce department. The successful candidate for the post was Thomas J. Snow, secretary to Representative William S. Jacobson of Iowa. His selection was dictated by the president.

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A queen wasp will produce from 10,000 to 20,000 offspring.

EXPLOSION CAUSE IS DEEP MYSTERY; INQUIRY STARTED

Fire, Starting at Rear, Envelopes Ship Within Few Minutes — Identification of Dead Is Difficult Task

LAKEHURST, N. J., May 7.—(AP)—Harry Bruno, press aide to the Zeppelin Hindenburg company, announced tonight that Captain Ernst Lehmann, former master of the ship, died in Paul Kimball hospital, Lakewood, at 5:03 p. m. (E. S. T.).

His wife already had announced plans to sail from Cherbourg tomorrow on board the liner Bremen.

The death of Captain Lehmann raised the known dead from the burning of the Hindenburg to 31.

By the Associated Press. LAKEHURST, N. J., May 7.—The flaming destruction of the once-seemingly impregnable dirigible Hindenburg brought swift action today by the American and German governments to determine the cause of the disaster.

Thirty persons were known dead or missing. Of the 97 passengers and members of the crew aboard when the greatest of all airships exploded, burst into flames and crashed to earth last night—just as it was lowering to the mooring mast, and only 200 feet above the ground—68 persons survived. One of those killed was a spectator, burned to death in the falling, fiery debris.

Unofficial list showed the survivors to be 24 passengers, 44 of the crew; the known dead or missing to be 13 passengers, six of the crew, and 10 others, mostly crew, whose names were not known. The one death on the ground brought the total to 30.

Mass of Junk Left. The ruins of the luxurious liner of the skies lay crumpled on the landing field at the naval air station—a junk heap of black metal, a mass of ghastly, grisly framework. On the lips of everyone was the question—what caused the crash, what was the matter? Twenty times had the Hindenburg crossed the north Atlantic safely.

At Washington officials and Dr. Hans Luther, the German ambassador, were expected to arrive today.

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MOVIE BOYCOTTS PLANNED TO HIT FILM PRODUCERS

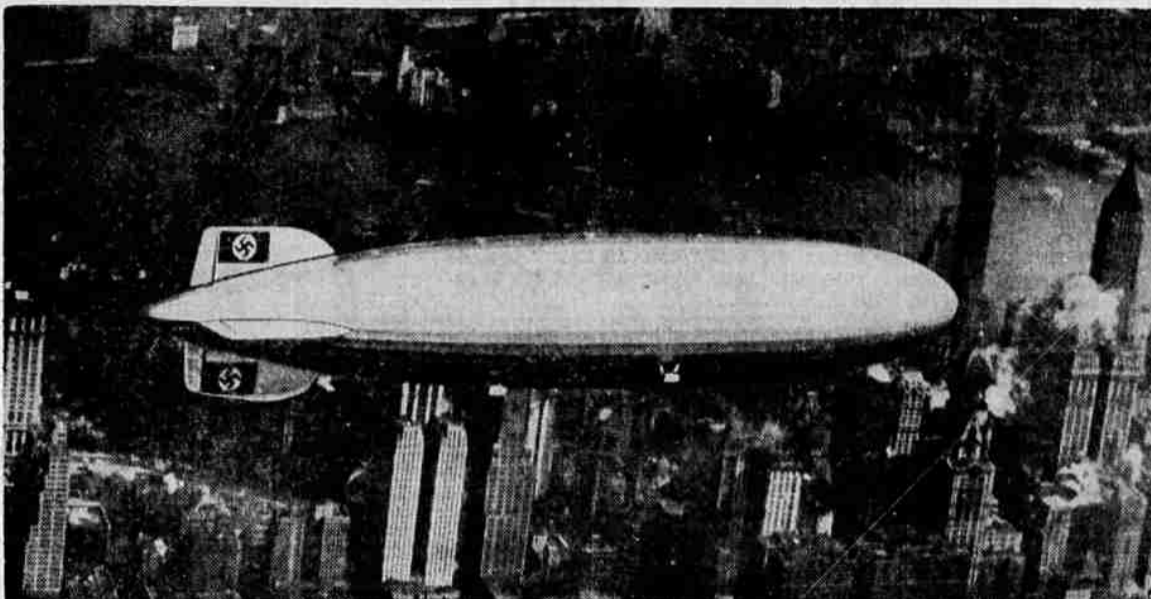
HOLLYWOOD, May 7.—(AP)—The plan of striking film studio craftsmen to put new pressure on producers by a national boycott and widespread picketing of theaters entered headway today.

The committee for industrial organization offered its help to the Federation Motion Picture Crafts, American Federation of Labor affiliate.

L. P. Lindelof, of Lafayette, Ind., president of the Painter's Union, aligned with the A. F. of L., telegraphed Charles Leasing, F.P.C. head, asking the names of the strike-affected studios. He said when these were received he would ask all labor councils in which painters are members to boycott theaters showing their productions.

John L. Lewis, C.I.O. chief, telegraphed C. H. Jordan, local organizer, that union workers, no matter what their affiliations, would support the strikers.

Tragedy Comes in Final Minutes of Over Sea Trip



The giant German Zeppelin, Hindenburg, lashed over New York yesterday afternoon, waiting for favorable weather to land at Lakehurst, N. J. Thirty-nine passengers and 61 members of the crew looked down on the Brooklyn bridge, shown at left in upper picture, saw Brooklyn across the East river; perched down on the towers of the financial district of lower Manhattan, right, as the German "pride of the air," waited to complete its first crossing of the Atlantic for this season.

Three hours later, Murray Becker, Associated Press cameraman, sent to the Lakehurst field to secure routine news shots of the skyliner's arrival, trained his camera on the ship (at left) at the precise moment it struck the earth, a flaming pyre. (A. P. Photos by wire and air mail to Mail Tribune). (Additional photos on page 12).

NOEL BENSON ELECTED U. OF O. VICE PRESIDENT

EUGENE, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—The University of Oregon student body elected Bernard Hall, junior in social science from Portland, its president at the annual balloting yesterday.

Other officers are Noel Benson, Medford, vice-president; F. R. C. Schupp, Portland, second vice-president; and David Silver, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

The sophomore class elected Zane Kenler, Pendleton, president; Virginia Regan, Pendleton, vice-president; Kathryn Coleman, Portland, secretary; and Brock Miller, Portland, treasurer.

ASHURST WILL HEAR LITIGATION OF FEHL

SALEM, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Chief Justice Henry J. Bean assigned Circuit Judge Ashurst of Elkhart Falls to Medford to hear the civil suits brought against Earl H. Fehl, former Jackson county publisher and county judge of Jackson county. Fehl is now on conditional parole from the state penitentiary where he had served time for ballot thefts.

FORD TO OPPOSE FEDERAL TAX ON UNSPENT PROFIT

Motor Magnate Describes Law As 'Ramshackle Legislation'—Says Ford Motor Company Is Target

DETROIT, May 7.—(AP)—Henry Ford, who steadfastly opposed the NRA to the day it was declared unconstitutional, said today he also would oppose the federal tax on undistributed profits.

He described it, in an interview as "ramshackle legislation," enacted by "politicians who are parrots for the international financiers."

The Ford Motor company, he declared, is the "target."

"The real purpose is to tax the independent, large and small, out of existence," he said. "The financiers want to drive every independent business man to borrow money, to make American business pay continual tribute to the money lenders. They want to send the companies they can't control to Wall street, and it is only the companies they don't control who are objecting. The others are all in one pocket."

Change Seen in Congress. He spoke approvingly of a "changed attitude" he noted in congress toward that and similar matters.

"Congress did not concoct this ramshackle legislation, although it passed the bill," he said. "Now it is trying to see how it can do better. For that reason, you hear more good things about congress today than for six years past. Of course, the members have heard from home, but that only means that congress and the people are coming to the same conclusions."

"No one with the interests of the country at heart would plan such a taxing program. It must have had a target. Naturally, we are the target."

"If we knew where the money is going, if we knew it was doing anything to lift the national level, that would be different. But the spots where things are not getting any better are the spots where they say the money is going. It has kept the people at the same low level where the depression found them. The only

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PRENTICE PLANS BUNGALOW COURT

Construction of a modern eight-bungalow court at the southeast corner of Park and Dakota streets was announced Thursday by Harry R. Prentice when he applied for a permit at the city building inspector's office. Stated cost of the court, actual work on which will start immediately, was \$12,000.

Prentice told City Building Inspector Frank Rogers he intended to build five houses 36 by 30 in dimension and three houses 24 by 36 feet in size. All will be modernly equipped with oil heaters, refrigerators and other appliances.

Construction of the court was made possible Tuesday night when the city council passed an ordinance changing the district from a 1-A residence zone to an apartment zone, class 2. The city planning commission had previously approved the change.

SETTLEMENT OF LOGGERS' STRIKE SEEN BY MONDAY

Labor Relations Board Head Predicts Columbia Walk-out Near End — 13,000 Men to Return to Tasks

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Announcing that logging operators and union representatives had reached a tentative agreement to arbitrate their differences, Charles W. Hope, regional director of the national labor relations board, predicted that some 13,000 idle workers in the Columbia river district would return to work Monday.

The announcement came early this morning after parties to the dispute ended a conference which continued almost without interruption from Tuesday afternoon to late Thursday night.

The group will meet again at 1:30 p. m. today for final ratification of the agreement.

Hope withheld full details of the plan, but revealed that, if adopted, it will provide that arbitration be completed and a final working agreement in effect within 30 days.

He announced the appointment of Father George Thompson of Madeline parish, Portland, as neutral arbitrator to sit with three union and three employer representatives.

He said also he had selected a hiring hall supervisor to replace Charles Gram, state labor commissioner, but declined to reveal his name.

Hope's announcement forecast a probable quick end to the dispute which began in March with demands by lumber and sawmill workers' unions throughout the northwest for wage increases of 10 cents an hour "across the board."

JUNIOR TARZANS BACK TO SCHOOL IN DARK HOLLOW

The Tarzan "pianists of the Dark Hollow section, Robert Edward Harris, 14, and his brother, David Leroy, 10, returned to their home last night and were back in school again today, after two days and nights of wandering. On a similar escapade a month ago the boys remained away from home 14 days.

Sheriff Syd I. Brown said that it has been determined that the taking of food from three cabins at the Bell & Mankins mine was not done by the brothers. Investigation showed it was the work of an older person, who had systematically robbed the cabins, taking about 25 pounds of foodstuffs.

"There is no use trying to make the Harris boys stay home," the sheriff said. "They are dissatisfied with their environment, and running off is the only way they have of protesting. As long as they live in Dark Hollow they will run off." The authorities hoped the boys would finish up their present term of school, when arrangements could be made to send them to their father at Oregon City. "They are truthful and dependable, and what they need most is a change in home conditions," it was pointed out in home conditions.

The state police and sheriff's office today were investigating the cabin thefts and getting a statement from the brothers.

SUIT IS SETTLED BY TRUCK OWNER

The damage suit of Mrs. Gertrude M. Moffett against J. J. Hendricks, operator of a truck line, between Marshfield and San Francisco, was settled out of court this morning, and the circuit court jury, hearing testimony the past two days, was excused. The plaintiff asked \$75,000 for asserted personal injuries sustained in an auto accident at Voorhies crossing, September 27, involving the Hendricks truck and trailer, and two autos, in one of which Mrs. Moffett was a passenger.

Amount of the settlement was not announced, attorneys holding it was "confidential." Besides the Moffett suit, settlement was also made, counsel for Hendricks reported, in a pending lawsuit, and four possible claims for damages arising from the same accident.

The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys Allison Moulton and W. E. Crews, and the defendant by Attorneys William M. McAllister and George M. Roberts.

DON HERRIED NAMED STUDENT BODY HEAD; SECRETARY VOTE TIE

Donald Herried is new student-body president of the senior high school, defeating his opponent, Burton Daugherty, 214 to 112, according to election results announced last night.

The office of student-body secretary, sought by Muriel Stocks and Josephine Bullis, is still in doubt, as the two girls polled 183 votes each. A special election was to be held today to determine the winner.

Other new officers are: Vice-president, Martin Luther, 241 to Roland Binswanger's 124; treasurer, Donald Montieth, 137, winning over Kay Nakagiri, 120, and Jack Denton, 108; business manager, Roger Henselman over Donald Stanley, 188 to 177; yell leader, Joe Pulka, uncontested; and song queen, Catherine Conroy, 191 over Mary Shreve, 171.

Herried has held the office of both sophomore and junior class president, was elected H. E. C. A. president for next year, is a member of both the Crater and Hi-Times staff, had the lead in this year's school opera and is considered a worthy successor of Ardo Stocks, this year's president.

ROOSEVELT SHOCKED BY AIRSHIP TRAGEDY

GALVESTON, TEXAS, May 7.—(AP)—Shocked by the Hindenburg disaster, President Roosevelt today requested he be kept informed of developments in the explosion that wrecked the German dirigible at Lakehurst, N. J.

Immediately upon learning of the tragedy last night, the president, from his vacation yacht Potomac off Port Arkansas, dictated messages of sympathy to the German people and the families of the victims.

Janouch Elected Chamber Director

Karl L. Janouch, supervisor of the Rogue River national forest and chairman of the Jackson county planning commission, was elected to the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at its weekly luncheon-meeting in the Hotel Medford today.

Mr. Janouch was elected to the board following the resignation of Albert Burch who gave the pressure of business as his reason for resigning.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—Army orders today included: Lieutenant colonel Jacob J. Gerhardt, Ind.; Corvallis, Ore.; to Fort Lincoln, N. D.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for National, R, H, E. Rows for Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Boston, New York, St. Louis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, Brooklyn, Philadelphia.

Table with columns for American, R, H, E. Rows for Detroit, Washington, Appleton and Millie; Lawson and Cochran.

Table with columns for R, H, E. Rows for Boston, Chicago, Grove and R. Ferrell; Kennedy and Shea.

Table with columns for R, H, E. Rows for New York, Cleveland, Hadley, Makokey, Malone and Dick; Galehouse, Fischer, Hudlin, Whitehill and Pylak.

SIDE GLANCES

Dr. A. N. Johnson, former Medford resident, describing the ironic fate of Crescent City's brand new fire engine which, racing to its first test, caught fire and was completely destroyed before ever reaching the scene of the configuration, the building which housed Dr. Johnson's office.

Bert Orr being the cause of much incredulity on the part of friends when he admitted complete ignorance of the Hindenburg disaster until this noon, he explaining the phenomenon by the fact that he returned at some extremely early hour last night.

Income Shares

Maryland Fund, b'd \$900; asked \$10.85. Quarterly Income, b'd \$17.87; asked \$19.58.