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ZEP DEATH LIST GROWS AS QUIZ OPENS



News Behind The News
 By Paul Mallon
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 WASHINGTON, May 8.—In connection with this new self-assertive news within congress, it is an overlooked fact that the president and congressmen have never got along very well together personally. Frankly, the average congressman does not like President Roosevelt. He has never had much cause to.

Two emotions dominate congressional thought. One is fear, the other gratitude. The congressmen have had cause to fear the president politically, but they have not had much cause for personal gratitude. Contrary to the popular opinion, not much patronage has been doled out to the average member of the house. They get a few postmasters and then, some of them, a few more trouble back home than any other part of their business. The best jobs have been going to the few powerful chairmen of the big congressional committees.

On top of this, several congressmen have come back from the president's court program, complaining that there was a noticeable lack of popular interest in the plan. One congressman, making a speech in a large southern city, drew an audience of only 150 people. Also their popular concern over the approaching nuptials of the duke and Mrs. Simpson.

Of such practical things are revolts made.

The strange preachings of Agricultural Secretary Wallace lately have stirred considerable commotion among the thinkers of the new order. They are all thumbing through copies of his speeches which are supposed to be prophetic of the coming "social democracy" (Wallace's phrase), but apparently he means something like a socialized democracy.

There is not much new in the Wallace philosophy. He merely says frankly what some of the less W. Scherer, assistant director of the bureau of air commerce and member of the department investigating board. Heading this board was South Trimble, Jr., commerce department solicitor, and the third member was Dennis Mulligan, chief of the bureau's regulation and enforcement division.

Germany was to be officially represented at the hearings, German Ambassador Luther naming Lieutenant General Friedrich von Voeltcher, military and air attaché of the German embassy as his observer.

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NAZI AIR CHIEF LISTS DISASTER 'AN ACT OF GOD'

No Definite Theory On Cause Advanced—Germany Rushes Work On New Skyliner—Navy Holds Inquiry.

LAKEHURST, N. J., May 8.—(AP)—Members of a naval board of inquiry prowled today through the junk heap that was once the mighty dirigible Hindenburg.

They sought an answer to the baffling question of why the German Zeppelin burst into flames and crashed 1000 feet from the end of its transatlantic voyage, bringing death to 34 of those aboard and one member of the ground crew preparing to land it at the U. S. navy air station here.

The Hindenburg death total mounted to 35 when two men, Capt. William Speck of the crew and Eric Knicker, an importer, succumbed to injuries early today. Thirty-one persons remained in hospitals, two of them in serious condition.

With Capt. Gordon W. Haines as presiding officer, the three-man board this afternoon began a "thorough investigation of all the circumstances surrounding the disaster." Named by Capt. P. C. Martin of Philadelphia, acting commandant of the fourth naval district, on orders of the navy department, it was directed to "report its opinion as to the cause of the disaster and the responsibility therefor."

Captain Haines said the inquiry would parallel one ordered by Secretary of Commerce Hoper. Public hearings in both will start at the air station Monday. A third inquest, to look into the death of Allen Haganman, a civilian ground crew member, was ordered by the station's commanding officer, Commander Charles E. Rosenbalm.

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Deadline Near for Star's Decision on Film Strike

ACCUSED OF TAX EVASION



Testimony at the income tax hearing against John J. Raskob (left) and Pierre S. DuPont (right) in New York indicated that the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee paid no income tax in 1930. The government claims the two men sold stock to each other to establish deductible losses.

WALLY CUTS DOWN EDWARD'S SMOKES AND HARD LIQUOR

DUKE ALSO RISES EARLY FOR MORNING AIR—REFORM PLEASES DUKE—STROLL IN ORCHARD.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(AP)—Charging that Representative Walter M. Pierce has reversed his stand on the sale of Bonneville dam power, Cascade Locks citizens denounced the Oregon congressman today.

Police said night detectives would be placed about both the duke's and Mrs. Simpson's suites because of threatening letters she had received. They ascribed the letters to cranks. Monts authorities have reported similar letters.

DENVER, May 8.—(AP)—The Colorado house of representatives adopted a memorial today inviting Edward, Duke of Windsor, and his betrothed, Wallis Warfield Simpson, to make their permanent home in Colorado.

SEATTLE, May 8.—(AP)—Arthur Crawford, 14 months, was burned fatally tonight in his crib which caught fire from matches in the hands of his three-year-old brother, Billy.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 8.—(AP)—A novel method of keeping a husband home was discovered by police who were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert. They found the couple glaring at each other from opposite corners of the living room.

LONDON A-JITTER WITH CORONATION SHOW TIME NEAR

Parade Rehearsal Today To Lure Thousands—King And Family In Castle Retreat Over Week-End.

LONDON, May 8.—(AP)—London, splendid with the blue, the red, the white and the silver of bunting and flags, and bulging with the regal and commoner visitors of an expected world, plunged tonight into celebration for the coronation of a king.

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SURVIVOR TELLS STORY



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SENTIMENT HIGH IN ACTOR'S GUILD TO CALL WALKOUT

Producers Given Till Sunday Night To Yield—Movies Aces Vote In Homes Of March And Cagney.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 8.—(AP)—The likelihood the Screen Actors' Guild will walk out next week over show-business developments on the movie studio strike front today.

Only 25 or 30 more affirmative votes are needed to complete the three-fourths majority guild vote necessary to authorize a strike. Business Manager Aubrey Blair said.

Guild leaders would be empowered to call the strike unless a satisfactory agreement is reached with film producers on guild demands for a preferential shop and benefits for minor players.

Negotiations were virtually at a standstill today.

As the strike of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts passed its ninth day, the guild prepared to hold a mass meeting Sunday night in Hollywood Legion stadium to hear reports on the negotiations and strike balloting.

Blair said guild members pooled so far in a series of meetings at various players' homes are virtually 100 percent in favor of a strike call if necessary.

"Those at a meeting last night at Frank Morgan's home were 100 percent for a strike," Blair reported. "Only two were against it in Thursday night's meeting with James Cagney, and Wednesday night at Chester Morris, the vote was 100 percent for."

"Others not at the meetings have been coming to Guild headquarters to vote. Ballots will be accepted up to the time Sunday night's meeting opens."

NEGRO VALET OF LONG SLAIN FILM DIRECTOR SOUGHT

Plan Pertinent Query On Silence—Jeweler Denies He Gave Mrs. Shelby Pistol.

LOS ANGELES, May 8.—(UP)—A negro valet, who for 15 years has protected the murder of his former master, William Desmond Taylor, film director, was sought tonight by district attorney's investigators along the cold trail of the mysterious Hollywood slaying.

Henry Peavey, the valet, believed to be living in Sacramento, is wanted to answer at least one pertinent question: "Did any person, following the slaying, approach him to induce him to keep quiet about Taylor's life and habits?"

Revival of the investigation of the "Taylor mystery" was initiated by a statement from the sister of Mary Miles Minter, star of the silent screen, who frankly admits that Taylor was "the only man she ever loved."

The sister, Mrs. Margaret Fillmore, suing her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Shelby, for money she claims is due for services rendered, stated in a deposition that part of those services consisted of "protecting my mother from the Taylor murder."

But, when the jeweler, Harry Harris, manager of the Eaves jewelry store in Santa Barbara, was questioned he flatly denied ever knowing anything about the gun or giving it to Mrs. Shelby.

FILIPINOS MIX IN PORTLAND STRIKE, POLICE DISPERSE

Cannery Workers Try To Picket Meier And Frank Store With Longshoremen In Union Dispute.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—(UP)—Captain of Detective John J. Keegan told 100 Filipinos gathered at the picket line at Meier & Frank company here to desert "or else I'll round up the whole bunch of you and hold you for investigation and deportation."

The I.L.A. called the strike Friday on ground the firm had refused to recognize as bargaining agents the association "that the workers themselves want."

The American Federation of Labor has opposed the strike, declaring that jurisdiction at Meier & Frank belongs to the teamsters union and not to the longshoremen.

Approximately 75 men and women walked out at the store.

The Filipino pickets withdrew from the scene upon Keegan's demand. Police said the trouble at the big store was a jurisdictional one between two unions, and that the presence of the Filipinos might have led to open violence.

F.D.R. EYES POWER, HOUSING ISSUES

PORT ARANSAS, Tex., May 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference on board the U.S.S. Potomac in the bay here late today he would confer with congressional leaders on the general legislative situation when he returns to Washington May 14.

He said he also would meet departmental and capitol officials on low-cost housing proposals, but no date had been set for this parley.

BULLETIN

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Little Ad Laska stopped the losing streak of the Beavers by shutting out the Seattle Sueds tonight with only five hits, 7 to 0.

Only two men reached second on Laska. Muller in the second on a double and Hunt in the ninth on his single and a walk.

Night Game.	R.	H.	E.
Seattle	0	5	0
Portland	7	13	0
Barratt and Basler, Fernandez, Laska and Cronin.			

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