

DR. ECKENER

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THE FIRST AUTHORIZED STORY OF THE LIFE OF THE
COMMANDER OF THE ZEPPELINS

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters

Dr. Hugo Eckener, educated as a scientist and philosopher, was one of the leading critics of Count Ferdinand Zeppelin in the early days when Zeppelin was first endeavoring to prove his theory of the rigid balloon as a successful means of navigation of the air. While Zeppelin was devoting his time to dirigible construction Dr. Eckener was contributing articles to the Frankfurter Zeitung, many of which pronounced Zeppelin's theories impracticable. He referred to them as the "air castles of an air-count." But in 1904, after the wrecking of Zeppelin's third dirigible, the student and the sky-dreamer met.

CHAPTER IV

"On a spring morning of the year 1904, as I was working in the garden of my house in Friedrichshafen, my cook came running towards me and said: 'Count Zeppelin is here and wants to talk to you!' She was quite excited, for Count Zeppelin was already at that time a well known personality, perhaps not so much famous as considered an original, for he was a cavalry general who had got the idea in his head that he wanted to fly, and had already experienced many disappointments."

Thus begins the story of what proved to be a momentous meeting between Dr. Eckener and Count Zeppelin, as it was dictated by Dr. Eckener when he was in New York recently at the close of his first round-the-world flight. It was the first meeting between the student with the call of the sea in his blood and the dreamer who would ride the clouds.

Dr. Eckener was then more than 40 years old, and had devoted his recent years entirely to the study of economics and writing. His had been the secluded life of the student, Zeppelin's the active life of an army officer. Zeppelin was now the struggling inventor, Eckener the critic. One was silver-haired and aging, the other in the full vigor of life.

It was a clear spring morning. The waters of Constance, the

lake which was to be made famous by these two men, glistened a clear blue in the early sunlight. But, to return to Dr. Eckener's dictated description of what was said and done:

"I told the cook to bring the count to the house. I quickly made myself a little tidy, and went into the room where I found the count waiting. He arose and without further preliminaries, showed me a paper of a newspaper and asked: 'Did you write this?'"

"It was an article in the Frankfurter Zeitung," I answered in the affirmative, for I had, indeed, made a report in that paper with regard to the latest disaster of Count Zeppelin's airship, the stranding of same in the Allgäu, in a very objective, and for the person of the count, a very friendly way.

"The count said: 'I thank you for what you say about me personally in this article. I am glad to have met you at last, since we have been trying to find out for a long time who might be the author of the reports about my flights in the Frankfurter Zeitung that are signed 'Dr. E.' Your reports are friendly and prove of technical knowledge, but they contain some erroneous conceptions, and I have come to give you some information in this respect.'"

"We discussed a few questions, and the count said on leaving: 'Do you play chess? If so, I would like to invite you to a game one day when I am in Friedrichshafen, then we can talk over my affairs.'"

"I answered in the affirmative, and, really, a few days later a groom from the hotel came to me, inviting me, in the name of the count, to supper and a following game of chess. This was repeated quite often in the course of the next few weeks, and we became good friends. I became more and more interested in the plans of Count Zeppelin.

"Two or three months later I happened to meet Count Zeppelin in the early evening on the street in Friedrichshafen. He greeted

me, and I soon noticed that he was in a depressed state of mind. He then told me that he was in great difficulty, and did not know any way out.

"A result of the revolution in Russia, where the countess possessed vast estates, he had lost most of his fortune. He did not know how he would be able to gather enough money for the building of a new airship, as no body had any confidence in his idea, and he was considered irrational to waste the rest of his fortune for such a folly. All official institutions and the public were against him.

"I tried to comfort him, conscious of the meanness of my phrases. But, at last I said to him: 'Excellency, I will try to help you at least in one respect, as well as I can, namely in the effort to win public opinion for your cause. I believe the Frankfurter Zeitung, where I have good connections, will be of some significance to your work.'"

"The count thanked me, but I felt very well that he did not derive any great hopes from the results this support by the press would bring about. And this showed his whole attitude at the time toward the importance of public opinion. Later on he changed his views on this subject.

"Thus I became, first of all, the journalistic helper of Count Zeppelin. I report 'his incident, which is for me one of highly historical meaning, rather in detail because in many quarters the opinion prevails that I was a journalist by profession, and thereby came to the work of Count Zeppelin.'"

And so was established a friendship to be followed by business association which was destined to bring to realization the dreams of Count Zeppelin, traitor to the student of the north into a man of action, and lift him from his library into the clouds, there to conquer the winds, and lay the foundation for a new vessel of transportation which eventually would circle the globe.

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TIMBERMEN ARE AGAINST RATE OF TAXATION

Claim Cruise Puts An Unjust Burden on Forests.

Timbermen are filing protests with the county board of equalization against the assessments levied this year on timber owners in Klamath county. The protesters are not the complainants in the suit now in federal court, it has been revealed.

Up to noon today the only protests filed were those of the Gilchrist Timber company and Ralph E. Gilchrist.

Neither is the protest which will be made this year the same as that made last year. But the protest will this year be made principally by local firms.

Used Zone System
Last year the timbermen protested the tax levy on the basis that the Edgar and Cullison cruise raised the timber valuation between 25 and 40 per cent more than the valuation placed on other property in the county.

Last year the timber in the county was taxed in relation to its accessibility to railroads and its value. Timber close to or on railroad lines was taxed at about \$3 a thousand feet. Timber in the back country was taxed from \$1 a thousand feet upward. Timber that was being cut was usually taxed at \$3 last year.

Change System
This year the timbermen find, the system has been changed. No timber in the county is taxed at a higher rate than \$2 a thousand feet and no timber is taxed at less than \$1.50 a thousand feet.

Lumbermen also find that this year they are being taxed for mixed woods—white fir, cedar and other woods which in this section are classed as practically valueless by the millmen who have no market for that class of wood.

Timber which was last year valued at \$3 a thousand in placing the assessment is this year valued at only \$2. Timber that a year ago was valued at \$1 or \$1.10 or \$1.25 a thousand because it was not on or near a railroad is this year taxed at not less than \$1.50, the owners charge.

Timber which last year came under the \$3 valuation was that in the north end of the county, owned by Shevlin-Hixon, Brooks-Scanlon and Ralph E. Gilchrist, Bend; some in the southwestern part of the county owned by William Bray and Walker & Hovey and by I. E. Kesterson, and timber east of Klamath Falls on the O. C. & E. railroad, but west of the reservation boundaries.

Some Is Increased
Timber in the Bly district, on Yamesy mountain and some in the southwestern part of the county owned by the Lamm Lumber company, Long-Bell Lumber company, Walker & Hovey, the Pelican Bay Lumber company and the Weyerhaeuser Timber company has been increased in valuation.

Protests will be filed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Walker & Hovey and the Long-Bell company. Kesterson and Lamm will be included in the Long-Bell protest, but it could not be learned whether or not the Pelican Bay will protest. Today is the last day on which protests may be filed.

Favors Bend Men
The result of the change in the system—the drop in valuation from \$3 to \$2 on some timber and the increase of timber valued at \$1 to \$1.50—is that the Bend firms and all who had the \$3 rate will get a reduction in taxes while local timber owners and those who owned timber which was valued at less than \$1.50 will stand the saving which is saved by the Bend timbermen.

The increased results in a jump of about 17 per cent on a large part of the timber of the county, **Can't Understand**
What the timber owners can not understand is why there should be but 50 cents difference in the value of timber which is on a railroad and that which is 30, 40, or 50 miles from a railroad; why timber valued last year at \$3 should this year be worth only \$2 and why timber which is as inaccessible this year when it is taxed \$1.50 or \$1.75 as it was last year when it was taxed \$1 or \$1.10.

The timber suit was based on the 1929 county budget. In it the timbermen, a different group, protested the manner in which the budget was made up, stating that many items which should have been counted on were left out and that \$450,000 too much was put in the budget. About \$136,000 in taxes have been protested.

Great Northern Paid
Many school districts now facing a financial crisis, would not be in the position they are now in if the county had accepted the tender of the timbermen who did not protest some school district levies but offered the full amount asked in the county assessment, the timbermen state, not paid \$124,000 in 1928 taxes. Although the timbermen have

Miss Girl, Latest Model



Fanny O'Day

NO BOYISH FIGURE HERE!—Florence Ziegfeld having set his face against the flat-chested, hipless form as being contrary to any authentic standard of feminine beauty, his crop of 1929-30 beauties are among the earliest harbingers of the return to the chorus of normal feminine curves. Miss O'Day is one of the highlights of the chorus of "Show Girl", the new Ziegfeld show opening on Broadway and hailed by critics as setting a new mark for musical comedy producers to shoot at.

During the air races at Cleveland a parachute jumper was arrested for robbing gasoline stations. Maybe he merely got confused on the word holdup.

Through misinformation the News yesterday stated that the Great Northern railroad had not paid their first half taxes. The Great Northern has paid the tax, Allen Sloan, deputy tax collector, advised the News reporter yesterday.

Returning South—Mrs. K. H. Haines and daughter, Mary Jane, are leaving in the morning to return to their home in Orlando, Fla., after visiting during the summer months in Klamath Falls with relatives and friends. While here they were the guests of Mrs. Haines' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Houston. Mr. Haines is connected with the International Fruit company in Orlando. Both Mr. and Mrs. Haines were raised in Klamath Falls, and have many close friends here.

DETROIT DEATH LIST GROWING

DETROIT, Sept. 21. (AP)—The death list in the fire which early Friday swept the Study Club, a Detroit cabaret, was increased to 20 today.

The latest death was that of Mrs. Helen Snyder, wife of Stuart Alfred Snyder of Montreal, who died at Receiving hospital.

The body of a woman in the county morgue was identified shortly before noon as that of Miss Mabel Ireland of Saginaw, Mich.

Authorities were seeking to determine whether the unidentified body of a man at the morgue is that of Allan Klein of Cleveland, president of the Goldsmith Publishing company, as indicated in an anonymous telephone call received by Deputy Coroner George A. Berg.

Klein is known to have been in Detroit on business Thursday and to have been a friend of Miss Ireland.

Later—Klein Identified
The body of the remaining unidentified victim of the fire was definitely identified shortly after noon today as that of Allan Klein, 31, vice-president of the Goldsmith Publishing company of Cleveland. The identification was made by John Patten of the book department of the C. W. Miller and company, Detroit department store.

CANNERYMAN ILL.
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21. (AP)—Frank A. Soutter, canneryman of The Dalles and one of the industrial leaders of the upper Columbia country, today was reported in a critical condition at his Portland residence by physicians attending him.

Soutter believed himself in good health until a few days ago when he was stricken. For nearly 50 years he has resided at The Dalles. He is well known throughout Oregon.

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TRIO ACQUITTED

DETROIT, Sept. 21. (AP)—Raiph A. Wood, Cecil Holt and Herbert L. Sullivan were acquitted of the murder of Ambrose L. Hagerly at Wyandotte on the night of January 9, by a jury in Wayne county circuit court today. The verdict was returned at 2:45 p. m. after less than five hours deliberation.

MONTY BANKS WEDS
NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (UP)—Monty Banks, screen actor, was married today to Gladys Frazer, an actress. They called tonight on the liner France for Europe, where Banks will make a picture called "The Compulsory Husband."

The United States' idea of reparations seems to be quite a healthy Young plan.

IDAHO HUNTS FOR MURDERER

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foot from a willow patch near where the body was found. She dropped her lunch bucket and the food spilled out along the right of way. The bucket was found, the food hastily crammed back into it, on an embankment above the railroad.

Officers were conducting their search principally among towns along the railroad, for the country is sparsely settled to the north and east of King Hill for some distance, and is entirely desert, a short distance across the river to the south and west.

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and substantial citizens of the county.

When horse and cattle thieves terrorized the basin and ran practically all of the stockmen out, Mr. Shook stood his ground. One day he received word that the thieves were coming to "get" him. He prepared for the impending battle and when the leader opened fire, Mr. Shook did likewise. The bullet intended for him grazed his neck but the bullet from his gun found its mark in the thief's head. The rest of the gang figured the cattlemen meant business and they no longer molested him.

After breaking up the rustlers, Mr. Shook heeded the call of his fellow citizens to serve this district in the legislature. He was elected in 1894 and gave his best efforts to serving his constituents. He secured a charter for the city of Klamath Falls and got the salaries of the county officials raised to "living wages."

Referring to early days in the Klamath country, Mr. Shook said there were just two cabins in Linkville when he came here. There was neither bridge nor ferry across Link river and the settlers had to go to upper Klamath lake to make a crossing. There was an army camp about where Pelican City stands and the soldiers had a barge which they piled on the lake. The settlers hired this barge to ferry their cattle and wagons around the river intake.

Mr. Shook is a veteran of the Modoc war and for many years has drawn a pension. This with the income from his property makes him a comfortable living and he is enjoying the fruits of his labor in a quiet and peaceful manner.

SCHWAB SAYS DEAL NO GOOD

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relate upon his appearance before the committee.

Senator Robinson became greatly aroused because Schwab wouldn't disclose what action Grace took. There was a heated exchange between the two. Robinson finally told Schwab "not to lecture me."

"And likewise," responded Schwab calmly.

Grace then was called to the stand. He first said he had been interested in the Geneva conference as a citizen but not from a

CASCADE WILL HAVE PHONES

Passengers on the Southern Pacific Cascade line travelling between Portland and San Francisco, will be afforded a new luxury of present day railroad facilities within the next 30 days, according to a recent announcement made by F. S. McGinnis, passenger-traffic manager for the line.

McGinnis, whose headquarters are in Portland, recently let out the information that a new telephone service would enable passengers on the Cascade to phone from any seat of the car to the diner, the observation car, the barber shop, or to the porters, without having to ring for a porter and send him in to make arrangements for seats in the diner or to see whether there is a vacancy in the observation car. Telephone service has never before been used by any other railroad any place.

Mr. McGinnis commented in Portland recently about the new Alturas line, giving Portland and Klamath Falls another direct outlet to the east.

America is a country where you're liable to be arrested if you park too long in front of a blind pig.

MacDonald's Plea at Geneva



"One of the greatest risks of war is that some of us—all of us—are still too heavily armed." . . . It was an eloquent plea for international peace by Premier Ramsey MacDonald of Great Britain. This remarkable photo shows him delivering his far-reaching address in the crowded League of Nations assembly room at Geneva, when he paved the way for the calling of a world disarmament conference which he is to discuss further with President Hoover in Washington early next month. The largest crowd ever to attend a league session heard him.