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RESCUED TELL STORY OF SHIP WRECK

HOOVER HOPES TO ESTABLISH BETTER FEELING

No "High Hat" Will Be Permitted On Trip Of President-Elect

MRS. HOOVER WILL ALSO MAKE TRIP

Palo Alto, Calif., Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—President-elect Hoover hopes to establish through his Latin American tour the neighborly custom of an exchange of visits between the heads of those countries and the United States.

To that end, he will invite officials in the various Central and South American countries he visits to come to the United States as the guests of the nation during his administration as president, it was learned today.

Hoover wants to remove all "high hat" atmosphere from his visit. He has requested the state department that he go as a private citizen instead of as official representative of the United States. He has decided to take Mrs. Hoover along with him. Mrs. Hoover will be accompanied by her private secretary Miss Ruth Fessler, of Duluth, who like the president-elect and Mrs. Hoover, is a graduate of Stanford University. These two will be the only women aboard the battleship Maryland.

Hoover's idea in inviting officials of Latin American nations to visit the United States while he is president goes beyond his own administration in purpose. He would like to see it a permanent custom for heads of the various countries in the western hemisphere to visit one another, a custom of European nations for centuries.

Hoover has broadened the scope of his tour to include a visit to Nicaragua, and will stop at Corinto, on Nicaragua's west coast, before visiting any other country. With his visit to Mexico, he thus will take a personal appearance in the two countries below the Rio Grande in which most ill feeling against the United States has been shown in recent years. The Coolidge administration policy in both has come under heavy fire in the senate.

Hoover and his party are expected to make the 27 mile trip inland from Corinto to Managua, the capital, where American marines have been familiar figures in recent months. Invitations also have come from Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia, but no decision has yet been reached as to visits. There is a possibility the president-elect may visit Guatemala. The only stops provided in the tentative southward itinerary to Valparaiso, Chile, besides Corinto, are Bahia, in the canal zone, and Lima, Peru.

The itinerary will be flexible and indefinite for the present, according to (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

LODGE DEPUTY VISITS DECATUR

B. P. O. Elks Entertain Fred Gardner At Regular Meeting

Fred Ardner, Bluffton, district deputy of B. P. O. Elks, was in the city yesterday, inspected the local lodge of Elks and attended the regular meeting of the lodge last evening.

Mr. Ardner told of the tentative plans for the raising of a national fund with which to establish a foundation fund for the care of crippled children, providing financial assistance to boys and girls to obtain an education and welfare work.

Expressions from the subordinate lodges are being obtained and the Decatur lodge voted to support and help in the raising of any such fund. Mr. Ardner explained the proposed plan and the local lodge went on record in favor of such a step. The matter will be brought up for action at the national convention of the grand lodge next summer and in the meantime expressions will be obtained from all the Elks' lodges throughout the country.

Dr. G. F. Eichhorn, grand knight presided at the meeting and introduced the district deputy. The regular lodge meeting was held and Mr. Ardner complimented the Decatur lodge on its fine home and on the splendid financial condition.

To Sell Road-Paving

Indianapolis, Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—Bids for 67.5 miles of the proposed 300 mile paving program for 1929 will be opened by the state highway commissioners Nov. 27, it was announced today by Director John D. Williams.

The first letting includes some of the most important state roads in the system, Williams says. In every instance these projects are a continuation of pavement which will eventually extend across the state or are necessary trunk connections, he asserts.

ROBERT INSLEY IS ARRAIGNED

Filling Station Operator Charged With Liquor Law Violation

Robert Insley, operator of a filling station northeast of Decatur, was arrested last night by Sheriff Earl Hollingsworth on affidavits filed by Julius Roop and Robert Ball, charging him with violation of the prohibition law. The direct charge is selling liquor to the state's witnesses on November 11th.

Insley was placed in jail last night and this morning appeared in city court before Mayor George Krick. Ed Bosse, local attorney appeared as counsel for the defendant and pleaded for more time to arrange his case. B. F. Roller, local attorney, was named special prosecutor for the state, due to the illness of Prosecutor John T. Kelly. The counsel for the defendant stated in his plea before the court that sufficient time was not given to him to arrange his case and after some discussion Mayor Krick granted a continuance to the defendant.

Both affidavits charged Insley with violation of the prohibition law. On the one affidavit Ball, Roop and Merila Venis were given as witnesses.

The state was ready to try the case and the witnesses were on hands. Roop is confined to the jail serving a ten day sentence for public intoxication.

Insley, unable to furnish the required bond, was taken back to jail by the county sheriff. His bond has been placed at \$500 on each affidavit.

Insley took over the filling station a few months ago. He and his family live in the back part of the building.

Defense Counsel Plans Strong Counter-Attack

Indianapolis, Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—Counter-attack of defense attorneys in the state motor theft case in federal court was to be started today following a two-day barrage of government witnesses.

Albert Ward, United States district attorney, was prepared to rest the government's case against the fifteen defendants on trial following introduction of ten government witnesses.

Louis Wyndt, Chicago engraver, sixteenth defendant on the twenty-one indicted in the conspiracy case, was in custody of a deputy marshal today following his removal last Wednesday from Chicago, where he was arrested. Five other defendants in the case are still fugitives.

Wyndt is alleged to have negotiated for engraving of counterfeit Packard, Cadillac, LaSalle and other automobile serial plates for Leo and Ted Baldwin, according to government witnesses.

Name Is Omitted

The name of Mrs. H. H. Bell of Craigville, was omitted from the list of children in the story of the death of George M. T. Houck published Wednesday, November 14, in The Daily Democrat. The name was erroneously omitted.

Democrats Optimistic

Washington, Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—Democratic leaders from all parts, and of all factions, assembling here for the opening of congress, are manifesting no chagrin at the political outlook of the party.

Generally they are not talking about reorganizing or overthrowing, but on the other hand they speak both publicly and privately of building up from the 14,500,000 vote basis provided by their presidential candidate, Gov. Alfred E. Smith.

For the present, the leaders indicate they will leave matters as they are. No active campaign work will have to be undertaken until the congressional campaign of 1930 and this will involve no activity on a national scale. The national sentiment of the party will not be tested until 1932 when the presidential primaries are to be held.

The Men Who Saved Twenty-Eight Lives



Capt. Von Thuciw (center) of the S. S. Berlin and his officers, who accomplished thrilling rescue of five passengers and twenty-three crew members of the Vestris. Their search through the night was constant and untiring. Picture rushed to Midwest over wires.

DEATH CALLS HENRY GROTE

Aged Resident Of Union Township Expires Wednesday Night

Henry C. Grote, 75, life-long resident of Union township, Adams county died at 9:35 o'clock Wednesday night at his home, following a ten week illness. Death was said to have been due to heart disease, with which Mr. Grote was stricken some time ago.

Henry Grote was born February 27 1853, in Union township. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grote. The day of birth also marked the date of the signing of the deed for the farm on which Mr. Grote spent his entire life.

In early life Mr. Grote was united in marriage to Caroline Schoenstedt, who survives. Two children also survive. They are Mrs. Joe Germann, of Ohio City and Roland Grote, of Union township. Fourteen grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters are living: Charles Grote, of Union township; Fred Grote, Herman Grote, Mrs. Sophia Lee, Mrs. Carrie Buechner and Mrs. Minnie Brademeier, of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Mary Reinking of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Grote was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran church of Union township. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock standard time from the home and at 2:15 o'clock (Standard time) from the church. Burial will be made at the Emanuel Lutheran church cemetery.

EXAMINER IS AUDITING BOOKS

No Official Statement Is Ready Concerning Bank At Geneva

No statement was forthcoming today from the officers of the Farmers and Merchants State bank at Geneva, the work of checking the assets and liabilities of the bank being underway under the direction of Luther F. Symons, state bank examiner. It is not likely that the auditing of the work will be completed today and until such work is completed no official statement will be issued, E. B. Gauker, cashier of the bank stated this morning.

The bank did not open yesterday, following action of the board of directors late Tuesday evening, when fearing that a run was being made on the bank, decided in special session not to open the doors of the bank Wednesday morning.

Mr. Symons arrived in Geneva late Wednesday afternoon and immediately started to work at the bank. It was unofficially stated in Geneva that in all probability the bank would not open for business again. The consensus of opinion is, that the directors will ask for the appointment of a liquidating agent and close out the assets of the bank and quit business. It is believed that the depositors will be paid in full. The bank was reorganized in 1925, following a close down of the bank, which resulted in an assessment of 60% on the stockholders.

Name Is Omitted Through an error, the name of Mrs. Rebecca Eady was omitted in the guest list of the James Hurst wedding anniversary party which took place Saturday.

Former Decatur Man Dies At Liberal, Kas.

Word has been received by Mrs. Coat Cook of the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Curt Mann, who died Monday. Mr. Cook was a former resident of Decatur but for the last twenty-five years has made his home in Liberal, Kansas. The body of Mr. Cook arrived on the Erie railroad this afternoon and burial took place immediately after the arrival.

NEW BROOMS TO BE PRESENTED HERE TONIGHT

Sam Grathwell, Lecturer, Tells Of His Many Experiences

FRIDAY NIGHT IS TOBIAS JOY NIGHT

China, the land of strife was brought to Decatur last night by Sam Grathwell noted lecturer and world traveler in one of the finest addresses ever delivered in this city. Mr. Grathwell spoke on "China-A Vision or a Nightmare."

Mr. Grathwell told many interesting stories of his experiences with the warring Chinese soldiers and also of conversations he had with Chinese business men, who wanted the war to end.

The lecturer concluded his address with a story of the needs of China and he told of the great work American missionaries were doing in that land.

Tonight at 8:15 o'clock the comedy "New Brooms" will be presented under the personal direction of Ernest Raymond Misner. The play which has a long-run record in New York is one of the outstanding comedies of recent years and a large crowd is expected at the program.

Tickets for tonight's program will sell at the doors for 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children. Friday night the four-night program will close with the Jay Tobias Joy Night Revue. Miss Aileen Bliss, former Geneva young lady, is one of the leading members of the Joy Night Revue cast.

A delegation of Geneva residents are planning to attend the last night's program. Tickets for the closing night performance will sell for 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children. The program will start at 8:15 o'clock.

32 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

THE ARNICA AN' COURT PLASTER BUSINESS IS GOOD JUST NOW: THE FOOTBALL SEASON IS IN FULL SWING



TO CALL GRAND JURY MONDAY

Judge Jesse Sutton Sets November 19 As Date For Jury Session

Judge Jesse C. Sutton has issued a summons for the convening of the grand jury at 9 o'clock Monday morning November 19th in the circuit court room.

This is the regular meeting of the grand jury. During the session the members will be called on to inspect the county buildings, jail and infirmary and make a report.

It is not known if any criminal cases will be brought before the grand jury for investigation. Prosecutor John T. Kelly, was confined to his home today and it could not be learned if he was going to present any matters before the grand jury.

The members of the grand jury who were selected last Monday are, Abe Bollenbacher, Emil Ashleman, Amos Lehman, Harvey Ineichen, Willard D. Hower and Jacob E. Sprunger.

The November term of court will open Monday morning.

To Start Air-Mail

Washington, Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—Air mail service to Michigan City, Ind. and Flint and Pontiac Michigan will be started December 1, assistant postmaster general Grover announced today.

PROBE DEATH OF SOLDIERS

Investigation Ordered In Airplane Mishap Near San Antonio

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—The six soldiers killed yesterday when a transport plane crashed near here, were rapp'd in the cabin by folds of an open parachute, an investigation of the wrecked biplane revealed today.

Two men leaped free of the falling plane and floated to safety in their parachutes. They were Lieut. Harvey P. Dyer, pilot of Beverly, Kansas, and Sergt. Frank J. Siebenaler of Milwaukee.

The cabin doors were blocked by a third parachute, apparently opened too soon or accidentally by one of the soldiers.

Lieutenant Dyer said the big plane went out of control at an altitude of 3,000 feet. He said he shouted to the men to jump. Then he and Siebenaler, in open seats leaped.

"I was knocked unconscious when part of the plane struck me just after I jumped," Dyer said. "I regained consciousness just as the parachute lowered me to the ground."

Wing fittings of the plane, investigating officers said, broke, causing the ship to get out of control. Shortly after the two men had leaped, the right wing broke from the plane and fell.

Lieutenant Dyer is one of the pilots who carried mail for President Coolidge when the President was vacationing in the Black Hills two years ago.

The six soldiers killed were: Privates Niceford Villarrodi, Puanta Cochabamba, Bolivia; Arthur W. Hardesty, Lebanon Junction, Ky.; Carl W. Morris, Winnisboro, Tex.; Harry W. Gauldin, Callender, Va.; Deaner F. McClosky, Placid, Tex.; Irvin Self, Victor Tex.

Governor Approves Pardons

Indianapolis, Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—Governor Ed Jackson has approved the paroles of ten prisoners in the Indiana state prison, the state reformatory and the Indiana state farm.

Those granted paroles included: Ivy Spates, sentenced from St. Joseph county to five to 14 years for robbery; Uval Hightower, sentenced from White county for a term of two to fourteen years for burglary; Sylvester Sims, sentenced from Laporte county to a term of 5 to 21 years for criminal assault; and Vernon Jones, sentenced from Clay county to a term of five to twenty-one years for automobile banditry.

HONOR ROLLS ARE ANNOUNCED

Monroe High School Pupils Receive Honors For High Grades

Honor rolls for pupils of Monroe high school for the months of September and October were announced by Principal E. M. Webb today. The system of placing the pupils on the honor list has been adopted by most high schools of the county.

No pupil is eligible to make the roll, unless his average is above 90 per cent in all subjects. The Monroe system places three pupils from each of the four high school grades on the roll each month, and the three pupils of the entire school with the highest grades are placed on a special honor roll.

In September Miriam Yeoman, junior, Ruby Hendricks, Freshman and Lois Hoffman, Sophomore were placed on the special honor roll and in October the Misses Hendricks and Yeoman and Wilbur Fricke, freshman received the special honor.

Others placed on the school honor list for the first two months of the year are:

Freshmen	
September	
Ruby Hendricks	94.50
Wilbur Fricke	93.25
Nora Glick	90.25
October	
Wilbur Fricke	96.75
Ruby Hendricks	95.25
Dolores Longenberger	93.00
Honorable Mention	
Vida Ward	91.00
Nora Glick	90.00

Sophomores	
September	
Lois Hoffman	94.50
Doyle Hoffman	93.25
Elmo Stackey	91.00
Honorable Mention	
Naomi Walters	90.00
October	
Lois Hoffman	94.25
Doyle Hoffman	92.75
Frieda Heyerly	91.75
Honorable Mention	
Naomi Walters	91.50

Juniors	
September	
Miriam Yeoman	96.00
Mary M. Schwartz	91.20
October	
Miriam Yeoman	95.00
Mary Schwartz	92.00

Seniors	
September	
Lois Zeurcher	93.50
Naomi McManama	91.75
Leo McAhren	90.50
October	
Lois Zeurcher	94.00
Naomi McManama	93.25
Floyd Johnson	96.75

For the Whole School	
September	
Miriam Yeoman, Junior	96.00
Ruby Hendricks, Freshman	94.50
Lois Hoffman, Sophomore	94.50
October	
Wilbur Fricke, Freshman	96.75
Ruby Hendricks, Freshman	95.25
Miriam Yeoman, Junior	95.00

Man Accidentally Killed By Hunting Companion

Franklin, Ind., Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—An inquest was to be held today in the death of J. W. Hill, well known sportsman, who was accidentally killed near here while hunting, by the Rev. Francis Mellen, Indianapolis.

The men were hunting quails, near here on Hill's estate, when the dogs "pointed" a covey of birds. Hill told the minister to fire, and in some manner the gun was discharged, the shot taking effect in Hill's back, disrupting the spinal column.

Physicians said he must have been dead by the time he struck the ground. Dr. D. L. Phipps, Johnson county coroner, indicated immediately after the death that a verdict of accidental death would be returned. The Rev. Mellen was permitted to return to Indianapolis after filing a deposition with the coroner.

ENGINE ROOM SCENES TOLD TO REPORTERS

Bravery Of Those Aiding Rescue Is Praised By All Passengers

SURVIVORS TELL OF MANY EVENTS

Facts of Wreck By United Press A tabulation of those known to have been rescued and bodies already picked up after the sinking of the steamship Vestris follows: Rescued and brought to New York Aboard the S. S. Berlin 23. Aboard American Shipper 125. Aboard the Myriam 57. Totals 205. Rescued and enroute to port: Aboard the battleship Yoming 8. Bodies already brought to port Aboard the cutter Tucker 4. Bodies reported enroute to port. Aboard the Manning 4. Aboard the Porter 1. Aboard the Shaw 13. Aboard the Davis 3.

New York, Nov. 15.—(U.P.)—The last scenes in the engine room of the Vestris, as water flowed neck high about the negro stokers and the ship rolled and tossed threateningly, were described today by some of the rescued by the French tanker Myriam.

Late Saturday night, the Vestris tossed violently as it entered a fierce storm. The members of the "black gang" as the engine room crew is known, braced themselves firmly as they slid the coal into furnaces. "Looks to me kinda like there's a list to starboard," Dave Doten, fireman remarked to his boss, Junius Ford, Ford agreed.

Early Sunday a trimmer hurried to the chief engineer. Doten reported and said: "There's water in the forward compartments."

Four forward coal bunks were found flooded and water poured in from an open port coal door, which under ordinary circumstances is four feet above the ship's water level.

At 4 a. m. Sunday a trimmer again went to the chief engineer. "There's so much water in the forward coal bunkers, sir, we can't draw on them," he said.

The chief engineer turned to a few trimmers and ordered: "Hey you men. Man the pumps for the forward coal compartments."

Within a few minutes a pump was at work. By 8 a. m., the trimmers were carrying the wet coal from the compartments to the furnaces.

But as the day progressed, the men in the engine room felt the ship pitch more violently and several said today they noticed a decided list to the star-

MISS BLISS ON TOBIAS PROGRAM

Geneva Young Lady Will Appear In Festival Friday Night

Miss Aileen Bliss, of Geneva, daughter of A. J. Bliss, will appear on the closing night of the Evening Star festival in this city Friday night with the Jay Tobias Revue. Miss Bliss has been with the company for some time and has devoted all her time for the past several years to the chautauqua platform.

The Jay Tobias Revue is a mixture of music, melody and fun and brings to a close the four-night chautauqua program being sponsored in Decatur by the local Lions club. Many critics say the closing night entertainment is the best of the entire program.

Miss Bliss is a reader of note and also plays the violin in several solo numbers. Miss Bliss is known in this city among music lovers as a talented musician.

Several friends and relatives of Miss Bliss who reside in and near Geneva are planning to attend the Friday night entertainment in this city, according to word received in Decatur from Geneva today.