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WIDOW OF LANSDOWNE IS WITNESS

Naval Inquiry Court Is Told Dead Commander Protested Fatal Western Trip of Dirigible Shenandoah.

REITERATES CHARGE OF POLITICAL MOTIVE

My Husband Believed Big Ship Should Not Have Been Used to Show Taxpayers Where Money Goes,' She Says.

By Paul R. Mellon

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—

Commander Zachary Lansdowne protested "as vigorously as any naval officer can without insubordination" against the order of his superiors sending his airship, the Shenandoah, westward into the Ohio storm which wrecked it and killed fourteen of its crew, his widow told the naval court of inquiry here today.

Dressed in mourning black, Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne reiterated her charges that the Shenandoah's trip was inspired by "purely political motives" and said her statements had been substantiated by the record of the inquiry thus far.

Mrs. Lansdowne cited a letter written by her husband Aug. 4, 1925, protesting against the long westward voyage and suggesting that a trial trip be taken to Detroit, to test any possible deficiencies in the ship.

Cites Navy Reply

She also mentioned the reply of the Navy bureau of navigation refusing her husband's request on the ground that the department could see no reason for such a trial trip.

Reading from a brief prepared statement, Mrs. Lansdowne also said that her husband sought to have the trip postponed because he knew violent storms were frequent in the Ohio region at that time of year.

"This protest also was overruled by the department," she said. "My husband believed that in as much as the Shenandoah was the only Navy dirigible suitable for war use, it should confine its activities to war maneuvers entirely." Mrs. Lansdowne told the court.

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Left to right, James and Charles Welch and John Pesut.

STATE'S STAGE SET FOR TRIAL OF STEPHENSON

Venire Called and Other Preparations Made to Hear Case Monday.

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Oct. 9.—With the drawing of 100 names by Hamilton County jury commissioners Thursday afternoon to furnish prospective jurors, preparations are complete for the murder trial of D. C. Stephenson and his two aids, Earl Klinck and Earl Gentry.

The trial will begin Monday in Circuit Court here before Special Judge Will M. Sparks, Rushville, Ind. The three defendants are held in jail here on charge of venue from Marion County, charged with murdering Miss Maudie Oberholzter, one of Stephenson's neighbors, in Irvington, Indianapolis suburb.

Jury Big Task

Getting a jury is expected to take the better part of a week. Hearing evidence, attorneys' arguments and deliberation of the jury will take two additional weeks, it is said.

Under the Indiana law the following verdicts can be returned: Death penalty, life imprisonment, to twenty-one years imprisonment, or not guilty. In addition there is a possibility of a deadlocked jury, with a subsequent retrial.

In addition to the murder charge Stephenson is held on numerous charges, including conspiracy to kidnap Miss Oberholzter, malicious mayhem, assault and battery and conspiracy to burn his home, which caught fire after his arrest.

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THIRD TILT OF CLASSIC RAINED OUT

Postponement of Today's Game Favors Senators, Giving Bluege Chance to Recover and Johnson Time to Rest His Arm.

'FAIR AND COLDER' SATURDAY FORECAST

Pirate Chief Disappointed— Hoped to Have Ray Kremer Beat Harris Squad and Gain All-Important Edge.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—Third game of the world's series between Washington and Pittsburgh was postponed today because of rain.

The decision upon the postponement was made by Judge K. M. Landis after he had conferred with representatives of the two clubs and had been advised by the umpires that the field in Griffith's stadium would not be fit to play upon even if the rain, which fell steadily throughout the morning ceased by game time.

Bluege Recovering

The postponement favors the Senators, as it gives Oscar Bluege, the Washington third-baseman who was hit in the head by a pitched ball yesterday, at least another twenty-four hours to recover. It also gives Walter Johnson and Stanley Covelskie, the veteran twirlers of the world's champions, an extra day to rest their arms.

For those who don't know what a pawpaw is—it's the Indiana banana.

Some say they are too sweet. But nothing could be too sweet after losing a buck on Washington with the price of coal where it is.

The inside of a pawpaw—you city folks, who have never roamed nature's woods—is about the size of a sweet potato. It's yellowish in color and has a pungent odor.

There are many traditions about them. Some say, if eaten when the moon isn't just right they are poisonous. I ate mine when the sun was shining.

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