

PROBERS STUDY CONDITIONS OF SUNKEN LINER

Human Angle of Vestris
Tragedy Dropped for Mechanical Study.

BY HARRY FERGUSON,
NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Steel and
stocks that made up the sunken
liner Vestris, crowded human beings
out of the spotlight today in the
government's two investigations into
the causes of the disaster.

Bulkheads and bolts, ports and
pipes will engage the attention of
Francis O'Neill, United States com-
missioner and commerce department
agents until the two hearings re-
convene Monday morning.

Ignore Human Element

O'Neill is sitting at the hearing
started by Federal Attorney Charles
H. Tuttle and the commerce depart-
ment officials are conducting an in-
vestigation in behalf of the steam-
boat inspection service. O'Neill and
Tuttle are seeking to ascertain if
criminal prosecution is warranted
and the other inquiry is looking into
the inspection which was made by
federal agents, who declared the
Vestris seaworthy before she sailed
away on the voyage that caused
the loss of 114 lives.

It is the first time the human
equation has been almost alto-
gether eliminated from the hearings.

Today the investigators want to
know which of the following
caused the Vestris to ship 1,000 tons
of water and roll over into the sea:

1. The inflow of water through
open coal ports.
2. The bursting of water pipes in
the hold.
3. The springing of a number of
seams in the ship.
4. The loosening of rivets in the
bunkers on the shelter decks.

Hunt Ship's Weakness

Men who have come and gone on
the stand have said all these things
caused the ship to list 32 degrees.
But until Tuttle is able definitely to
point out the weakness—if any—in
the Vestries, he will be unable to
fix the blame for the disaster.

That is why the planks and
hatches, some of which probably are
still floating around in the Atlantic
have assumed so much importance
today. So contradictory has been
the testimony that it is virtually
impossible to pick out any one rea-
son why the Vestris was unable
to weather the storm and get its pas-
sengers safely to port.

BAPTISTS TO HEAR OGDE

Church Schedules Home-Coming
Celebration Sunday Afternoon.

James M. Ogden, Indiana at-
torney general-elect, will talk to the
men of Temple Baptist church at
2:30 p. m. Sunday as a feature of the
church's open house and home-
coming celebration. Following the
morning sermon by the Rev. W. H.
Harris, pastor, dinner will be served
by the ladies of the church.

Institute Head Buried

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 24.—
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Dr. Frank C. Wagner, president of
Rose Polytechnic Institute, killed
Wednesday when the auto he was
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in a body.

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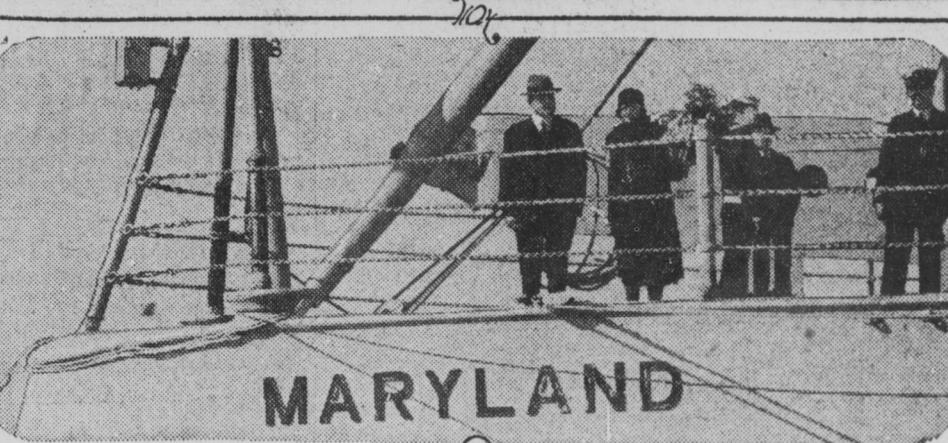
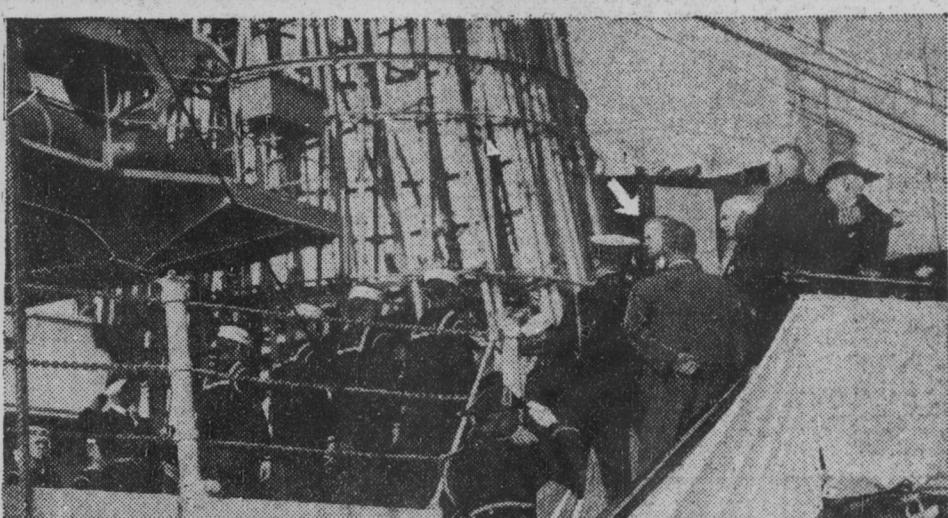
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On Herbert Hoover's Good Will Tour



These two pictures show President-Elect Hoover and Mrs. Hoover aboard the U. S. Maryland, giant battleship, which is carrying them on Mr. Hoover's good will tour of Latin America. The top picture shows Mr. Hoover (indicated by the arrow), Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher and Admiral William V. Pratt as they boarded the vessel at Los Angeles. Below, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are shown on quarterdeck of the Maryland.

WEALTHY WIFE SEEKS DIVORCE

Daughter of Late Hoosier
Sues at Chicago.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Mrs. Catherine Barker Spaulding \$30,000.000 heiress whose marriage to Howard Henry Spaulding was the social triumph of the west in 1915, has sued for divorce on grounds of drunkenness.

News of the divorce application, filed in superior court here, caused a sensation among the "400" of Chicago, where Mrs. Spaulding's family has been prominent for three generations. She is the daughter of John H. Baker, Michigan City, Ind., who died in 1910, leaving in trust for his daughter the fortune which he had accumulated by manufacturing railroad cars.

Since she became 21 years old—she is in her early thirties now—Mrs. Spaulding has drawn an income of \$150,000 a year and has contributed heavily to charities. Her husband, son of the late Howard H. Spaulding, is a lumber manufacturer. He has only a moderate income.

The Spaulding wedding in 1915 was at the Barker summer home in Harbor Point, Mich. There were exactly 400 guests, said to represent that mythical number of socially elite in Chicago. Save for the last minute withdrawal of the maid of honor, after a tiff with the bridegroom, the wedding was a big success. Miss Barker was known then as the nation's richest girl.

After the wedding the Spauldings circled the world and in recent years they have spent much time abroad.

Although the divorce petition says they separated a month ago, society folk here did not know anything about the Spaulding family troubles until suit was filed.

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Where Wizard Will Give Radio Demonstrations

Following is the official schedule of the wireless wonders that Maurice J. Francill, radio wizard, will present in Indianapolis for seven days, starting Sunday, under auspices of The Times and the Lyric theater.

Sunday

2:00-4:35-6:00-8:35 P. M.—Lyric theater. Supreme vaudeville attraction all week. Operating a miniature battleship, a standard, stock model Hudson-Essex automobile and performing other miracles of wireless control.

Monday

9:30 A. M.—Auditorium of Manual Training high school. Special scientific expose of the methods employed by fake spirit mediums, clairvoyants and other so-called "fortune tellers." For faculty and students.

Tuesday

12:15 P. M.—Illinois street, from Georgia to Ohio. Operating by wireless control, without motorman, conductor or touch of human hand, a standard trolley car of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company.

Wednesday

2:00-4:45-6:00-8:30 P. M.—Lyric theater; vaudeville presentations.

Thursday

10:30 A. M.—Broad Ripple high school. Scientific expose of fake spirit mediums and other "fortune tellers," for benefit of students and faculty.

Friday

11:25 A. M.—Shortridge high school. Scientific expose of spirit mediums and other "fortune tellers," before students and faculty.

Saturday

2:00-4:35-6:00-8:35 P. M.—Lyric theater; vaudeville presentations.

Wednesday

12:15 P. M.—Meridian street, from Washington to Monument Circle. Operation of two or more standard, stock model Hudson-Essex automobiles by radio control, without drivers, or touch of human hands.

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2:00-4:45-6:00-8:35 P. M.—Lyric theater; vaudeville presentations.

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SENTENCE TRIO IN BANNER CASE

Pity Poor Burglar on
Night Like This;
200 Coppers.

By Times Special

PALO ALTO, Nov. 24.—Hoover's home town won its first battle against the Communists Friday afternoon, by sentencing to jail for six months each the three men who protested against "American imperialism" by displaying banners among the crowd gathered to bid the president-elect goodbye last Sunday night.

Attorney Austin Lewis, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, however, gave notice of appeal, on the ground that the complaint charged that "obnoxious emblems" had been displayed, while no evidence was adduced to prove them "obnoxious."

Three Palo Alto policemen and one United States secret service man, Charles Rich, testified that the defendants had pushed and jostled the crowd in seeking to get their banners before Hoover and in line of the firehoses.

The three, D. V. Dart, carpenter; James Arnett, laborer, and James Jones, University of California senior, all denied they had jostled the crowd or in any way disturbed Palo Alto's peace.

They declared they had acted under auspices of the communist party of California, and had displayed political banners in conformity with their constitutional rights.

"The prosecution obscured the issue," Lewis said. "The display of political banners is not illegal; on the contrary, it is a fundamental right in America."

The appeal comes up a month hence in San Jose.

By Times Special

LEWIS, Ind., Nov. 24.—David Keller, 73, is dead at his farm home four miles north of here, as a result of injuries suffered when crushed by a hayrack which fell from posts supporting it.

Change Closed

The New York Stock Exchange will be closed today in order to give brokers an opportunity to catch up with their bookkeeping. Brokerage offices will remain open as usual.

The New York Exchange also will be closed for trading today. Offices of members will be open for deliveries supporting it.

M'NARY DRAWS UP SECOND BILL FOR FARMER AID

Equalization Fee Left Out
Hopes Draft Will Get
Coolidge O. K.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—A new farm relief measure embracing all major provisions of the twice vetoed McNary-Haugen bill, except the equalization fee, will be completed by Senator McNary, (Rep.) Oregon, early next week.

Co-operating with agriculture department experts, McNary is trying to modify his old measure to satisfy President Coolidge and at the same time conform with the principles laid down by President-elect Hoover in his St. Louis farm relief speech.

He believes the draft, now virtually completed, will accomplish both purposes. The measure probably will be presented to congress at its short session, and McNary is confident it will be signed by the President. Thus, he hopes, the proposed extra session of congress can be avoided.

Creates Farm Board

The new bill will provide for creation of a federal farm board with \$250,000,000 to deal with the agricultural surpluses. A council selected by the farmers themselves will be given advisory powers.

These two bodies will work through stabilization corporations composed of producers and financed by the board. The corporations will be empowered to buy up surplus crops in times of plenty and place them on the market as the demand warrants.

This virtually is the same machinery as in the old bill except that the farm board will be empowered to create as many corporations as it considers necessary. Under the old measure, there would have been one corporation for each commodity.

No Need of Exports

In excluding the equalization fee, which by terms of the old measure would have been invoked to pay the cost of exporting surpluses, no provision is made for disposal of surplus crops in foreign markets.

The new bill is based on the theory that actual exportation is unnecessary in dealing with the surplus problem—that the home market is sufficient to take up the entire production of American farms is a system of orderly marketing is instituted.

McNary himself is not certain this is correct. If the bill proves to be inadequate, he predicts a revision of the equalization fee proposal.

Tariff Also Wanted

In addition to the McNary bill, most farm leaders agree that some kind of a marketing measure, probably the Borah bill designed to protect shippers of perishable commodities from exploitation, must be enacted. Borah's bill already is on the senate calendar.

And finally, they want higher tariff protection for agricultural commodities. It generally is agreed this can not be accomplished at the short session, and there is a decided difference of opinion as to whether tariff legislation should be taken up at a special session or postponed until the next long session.

BIG GAIN MADE BY GUARD UNIT

Efficiency Is Much Higher,
Chief Reports.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—General improvement in the efficiency of National Guard units throughout the country was noted by Major General Creed C. Hammond, chief of the militia bureau of the war department, in his annual report made public today.

This improvement, according to the report, was especially marked in personnel, organization, training and supply services and was made possible "despite restrictions imposed by limitation of funds available for the support of this component."

The third automobile was owned by Ray Johnson, 408 North Dearborn street, and was found back of the Capitol Gravel Company on Eagle creek. It was stolen two days ago from Massachusetts and College avenues.

All the cars were stripped.

Child Killed by Auto

CONNELLSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 24.—Maurice Martin, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin, is dead of injuries suffered when struck by an auto driven by Charles Craig, Negro. The driver was arrested on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

The program for 1929 and 1930, according to the report, provides for increases in the aggregate strength to 188,000 and 190,000, respectively.

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