

PROBERS STUDY CONDITIONS OF SUNKEN LINER

Human Angle of Vestris Tragedy Dropped for Mechanical Study.

BY HARRY FERGUSON. NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Steel and sticks 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 commissioner and commerce department agents until the two hearings reconvene Monday morning.

Ignore Human Element. O'Neill is sitting at the hearing started by Federal Attorney Charles H. Tuttle and the commerce department officials are conducting an investigation in behalf of the steamboat 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 altogether 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 steams 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 Vestris, 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 reason why the Vestris was unable to weather the storm and get its passengers safely to port.

BAPTISTS TO HEAR OGDE

Church Schedules Home-Coming Celebration Sunday Afternoon. James M. Ogden, Indiana attorney 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.—Funeral services were held today for Dr. Frank C. Wagner, president of Rose Polytechnic Institute, killed Wednesday when the auto he was driving was struck by an interurban car. Students attended the services in a body.

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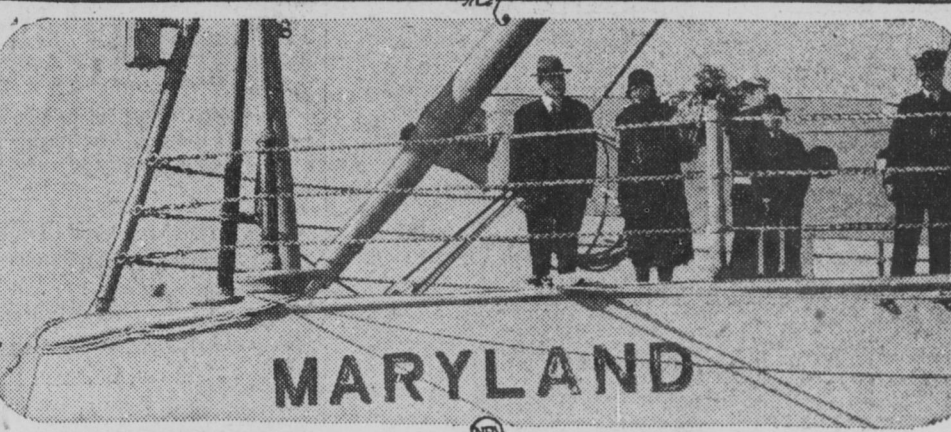
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On Herbert Hoover's Good Will Tour



These two pictures show President-Elect Hoover and Mrs. Hoover aboard the U.S.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 Times Special. 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.

'Ouch, Baby!'

Pity Poor Burglar on Night Like This: 200 Coppers.

I'm going to get out of this burglary business; it's gettin' too tough.

It might have been an Indianapolis burglar speaking through puffed lips while his wife bathed numerous bumps and cuts on his face and head.

"Look at that," he motioned toward a pile of pennies, 200 of them. "That much for the beating I took. I'm goin' to be a job drivin' a truck."

The conversation could have followed the burglar's visit to the Frejles Restaurant, 540 East Georgia street, Thursday night. Philip Tripi and his son, who I've above the restaurant, heard a noise in the place. Tripi, armed with a knife, and the son with a large stick, entered the cafe. They discovered the powler, but were unable to capture him.

He escaped with 200 pennies taken from the cash drawer.

Kellogg Peace Pact Lauded

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The Kellogg anti-war pact has put the United States upon the "paths that lead to enduring international peace," Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas told the annual meeting of the Academy of Political Science Friday night.

'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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7:00 to 7:10 P. M.—Address, "The Radio Age," over station WFBM of the Indianapolis Light and Power Company.

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

Friday 12:15 P. M.—N. 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.

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

Three abandoned cars recovered, 2 stolen. Deputy Sheriff Finds Autos All Stripped.

Three abandoned automobiles were recovered Friday night and this morning by Deputy Sheriff O. H. Mays.

An automobile owned by D. E. Wolf, 734 North Meridian street, reported stolen Nov. 5 at New York and Meridian streets, was found near Nolan and Speedway avenues.

Another automobile was found on Seller's farm, Kentucky avenue and Eagle creek. The name "Hunt" found by police was the only identification.

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. CONNERSVILLE, 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.

Aged Man Fatally Crushed

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.

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.

Create Farm Board

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

These two bodies will work through a stabilization corporation, 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 theory is correct. If the bill proves to be inadequate, he predicts a revival 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 cannot 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."

Growth of the National Guard personnel since the World war was reflected in a table incorporated in the report which showed that on June 30, 1919, there were 131,221 guardsmen enrolled, which figure was progressively increased until on June 30, 1928, there were 181,221 officers and men listed.

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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Ex-Brewers to Honor Crafts' Pioneer Masters

Statues Will Commemorate Services to 'Ancient' Industry.

Two masters of a craft which America has killed and replaced with a horde of amateurs are not to go unremembered—referring to Anton Schwarz and John E. Siebel, recognized by brewers in those distant pre-prohibition days as scientists of distinction.

Albert Lieber, president of the L. G. S. Manufacturing Company, former head of the Indianapolis Brewing Company, has been named president of a memorial committee to perpetuate the names and scientific service of Schwarz and Siebel.

Bronzes to Be Made. Lieber is directing a movement for funds out of which bronze busts of the pioneers in the American brewing business, also known as authorities on thermodynamics and refrigeration, will be erected in New York and Chicago.

Schwarz died in New York in 1895 and Siebel in Chicago in 1919. Prominent sculptors will be commissioned to fashion the busts. Lieber expects the monuments to be ready in a year.

The executive committee of the group of former brewers has sent letters to the brewing fraternity memorializing Schwarz and Siebel as:

"Pioneers of a once honorable and legalized profession which the younger generation has been taught to look down upon while unconsciously indulging in the consumption of health-destroying beverages holds full sway."

Hope for Better Days. Permanent organization of the memorial body was effected at Chicago. Among a long list of officers and patrons appear the names of Colonel Jacob Ruppert, baseball magnate, and Charles Vopicka, former United States ambassador to Rumania. Both are vice-presidents of the memorial committee.

The official publication of the memorial committee admits that "the time-honored art of scientific brewing is well-nigh crushed. The survivors of the old brewing fraternity deeply regret this condition, but are powerless. They hope that intelligent Americans will some day conclude that legalized brewing may be instrumental in saving the nation from complete surrender to an impending moral debacle."

Shortridge Champions Given Congratulations

Principal George Buck of Shortridge high school has received congratulatory letters from K. V. Ammerman, Broad Ripple high school principal, and Milo H. Stuart, Technical high school principal, on the winning of the city football championship by Shortridge.

"More than seven thousand boys and girls of two great schools met together in a spirited contest with the finest of attitude permeating the whole situation," said Stuart. "This occasion is but another illustration of the fine working relationship between our two schools."

"I congratulate you on winning the city championship," said Ammerman. "Great spirit was displayed, and with such spirit in evidence at a game of this sort, victory has a double meaning, the score and the character."

SET SENTENCE DATE FOR THREE

Steinbrenner Defendants Face Judge on Dec. 8.

Three defendants in the Steinbrenner Rubber company postal fraud case, convicted by a jury in federal court, Friday night, will be sentenced by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell, Dec. 8.

Two other defendants, Edwin E. Ayres, 83, president of the defunct Huntington County State Bank, Huntington, and Walter W. Bray, assistant cashier of the defunct First National Bank, Noblesville, were acquitted.

Those convicted were S. Homer Federman, treasurer of the former rubber company; Newton W. Cowgill, cashier of the Noblesville bank; and E. Porter Ayres, cashier of the Huntington bank.

The three were convicted on the first four counts of the indictment, charging use of the mail to defraud, and were acquitted on the fifth count, charging conspiracy to use the mail to defraud.

The indictment charged the five with a check-kiting scheme, through which the company, with knowledge of the bankers, financed itself with a constant flow of checks, totaling more than \$12,000,000, through several banks.

The scheme, it was charged, resulted in failure of the Huntington and Noblesville banks, and losses to the Guardian National bank and the Central Trust Company of Illinois, Chicago.

Trial of the case was started Thursday and it went to the jury at 6:15 p. m. Friday, the verdict being reached at 9:10 p. m.

Spent \$450 for Matches

By Times Special. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Nov. 24.—The expense account of Jerry Shandy, successful candidate for Vigo county treasurer, includes an item of \$450 for matches.

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WOMAN QUILTS POLITICS FOR COOK STOVE

Attacks Her Sex for Opposing Others Because of Apparel.

By United Press. DETROIT, Nov. 24.—After spending eight years in active political work, the last six as a member of the Republican state central committee, Mrs. James Downey today announced she was "through."

"I've been completely disillusioned," Mrs. Downey said. "I've watched women try to do things in a political way and I've found a jealous, selfish lot, seeking their own glorification and advancement."

"If they do not gain their ends, they doublecross their friends. 'Why,' said Mrs. Downey, 'would you believe it, women don't show interest in their particular candidate or party. They oppose some particular one because they do not like their clothes, their husbands or friends.'"

Mrs. Downey excused club women, saying that if those women in politics had the same spirit of loyalty that the club women have, they could accomplish more.

"And," she said, "I'd rather be a good cook to them, than a good politician to the world."

S. E. O'NEEL IS DEAD

Civil War Veteran Passes at Du Pont, Ind.

S. E. O'Neil, 87-year-old Civil war veteran and grandfather of Edwin V. O'Neil, member of The Times editorial staff, died Friday afternoon at his home in Du Pont, Ind. A native of Indiana, Mr. O'Neil was born in Ripley county and settled in Du Pont after serving in the war with Company K, 82nd Indiana volunteers.

Mr. O'Neil, a retired merchant, formerly was president of the Du Pont state bank and is known throughout southeastern Indiana.

Besides E. V. O'Neil, he is survived by a son, William M. O'Neil, of Du Pont. Funeral services and burial will be Monday afternoon at Du Pont.

THREE HOLDUPS STAGED

Stopped by Two Negro Women; Robbed, Man Reports.

Bandits staged three holdups here early today and Friday night. Two men met in the 700 block Virginia avenue at 2:30 a. m. today, who tried to sell him a suit of clothes, beat him and searched him without finding any money, John Roe, 534 Harmon street, told police.

Theodore Habney, 519 East Twenty-second street, told police two Negro women he met at Michigan and Illinois streets, held him up at 1 a. m. and took \$12.

A lone bandit held up Harry Faulk, attendant at a filling station at Northwestern avenue and Fall Creek Friday night and took \$50.

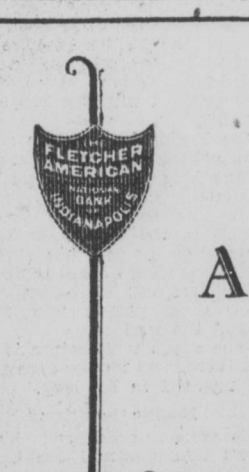
SAVES CAR FROM TRAIN

Deputy Sheriff Finds Driver in Ditch Near Tracks.

Deputy Sheriff O. H. Mays rescued a new sedan, parked partially on the B. & O. tracks near the Wall street crossing, about 2 a. m. today. He removed the car just before a fast train, which would have demolished it, passed.

Looking about he found the driver in a ditch some distance from the machine.

The man gave his name as Paul Adams, 25, Linton automobile salesman. Mays arrested him for drunkenness.



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