

ITALY FORCING NAVAL CONTEST, FRANCE FEARS

Duce's Building Program to Stir Up Old Race of Armaments, Is Charge.

By United Press
PARIS, May 3.—The Italian naval building program as announced earlier this week can result only in a new armaments race, in the opinion of competent naval and government quarters in Paris.

A detailed study of Italy's announcement of her intention to lay the keels of at least twenty-nine new naval ships this year has led to the conclusion among the French that their position is bound to be affected greatly.

The foreign office in Paris previously had been inclined to discount the possibility Italy would embark on so formidable a program so soon after the London naval conference. One highly placed naval authority said:

"France at London made the proposition of reduction in naval programs if Italy would do likewise, particularly in submarines. Italy refused, causing the famous deadlock."

Now with her additional 800,000-tonne program, Italy apparently is out to achieve parity with the French navy, which she always claims."

France now is forced proportionately to increase her naval building program, in the view of most persons in the navy and elsewhere in Paris.

Otherwise, it was explained, she would be at a disadvantage with Italy, as the French fleet is divided between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

EMERGENCY SQUADS IN RAID; KITTEN 'HELD'

Animal Left in Loan Office Touches Off Burglar Alarm.

"Come kitty," was the plea of three squads of city police, answering an emergency call to the Sachs loan office, 508 Indiana avenue, early today.

They found a black cat, engaged in play with a string hanging from the door knob. Kitty got excited when unable to drag the string down and climbed the door.

Her claws struck an American District Telegraph Company burglar alarm wire and caused the alarm to sound.

OFFICERS TO BE NAMED

East Side Christian Endeavor Union to Hold Annual Banquet.

Annual banquet of the East Side Christian Endeavor Union will be held at the Brookside United Brethren church Monday night with Arnold Wright of Franklin, vice-president of the Indiana Christian Endeavor Union as principal speaker.

Officers will be elected.

Candidates for president are Paul Suits of the Linwood Christian church and William Watkins of the Downey Avenue Christian church. James Craig of the Downey Avenue Christian church and Lavan Knowlton of the Centenary Christian church are candidates for vice-president. Miss Georgia Peterman of the Otterbein United Brethren church, Miss Helen Thomas of the Beville Avenue Evangelical church and Miss Mary Frances James of the Centenary Christian church are candidates for secretary. Harold Mills of the Englewood Christian church is the only candidate for treasurer.

NAME FOOTE RECEIVER

Former Revenue Chief to Take Over Radio Allied Industries.

George L. Foote, former collector of internal revenue for Indiana, was appointed receiver for the Radio Allied Industries, 1134 Division street, in federal court Friday.

The action following the filing of a complaint by Boynton & Co., Chicago, listing claims of \$3,662, and alleging the company owes more than \$38,000 to more than seventy-five creditors.

MOP CALLS OUT POLICE

Store Jailer Touches Wire; Four Squads Answer Alarm.

A Jailer at the L. S. Ayres & Co. store struck an alarm wire of a burglar alarm system with a mop and four squads of police made a run there this morning.

MORTGAGE LOANS

5 3/4%

INTEREST FOR JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.

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Good Investments FLETCHER AMERICAN COMPANY

Indiana's Largest Investment House

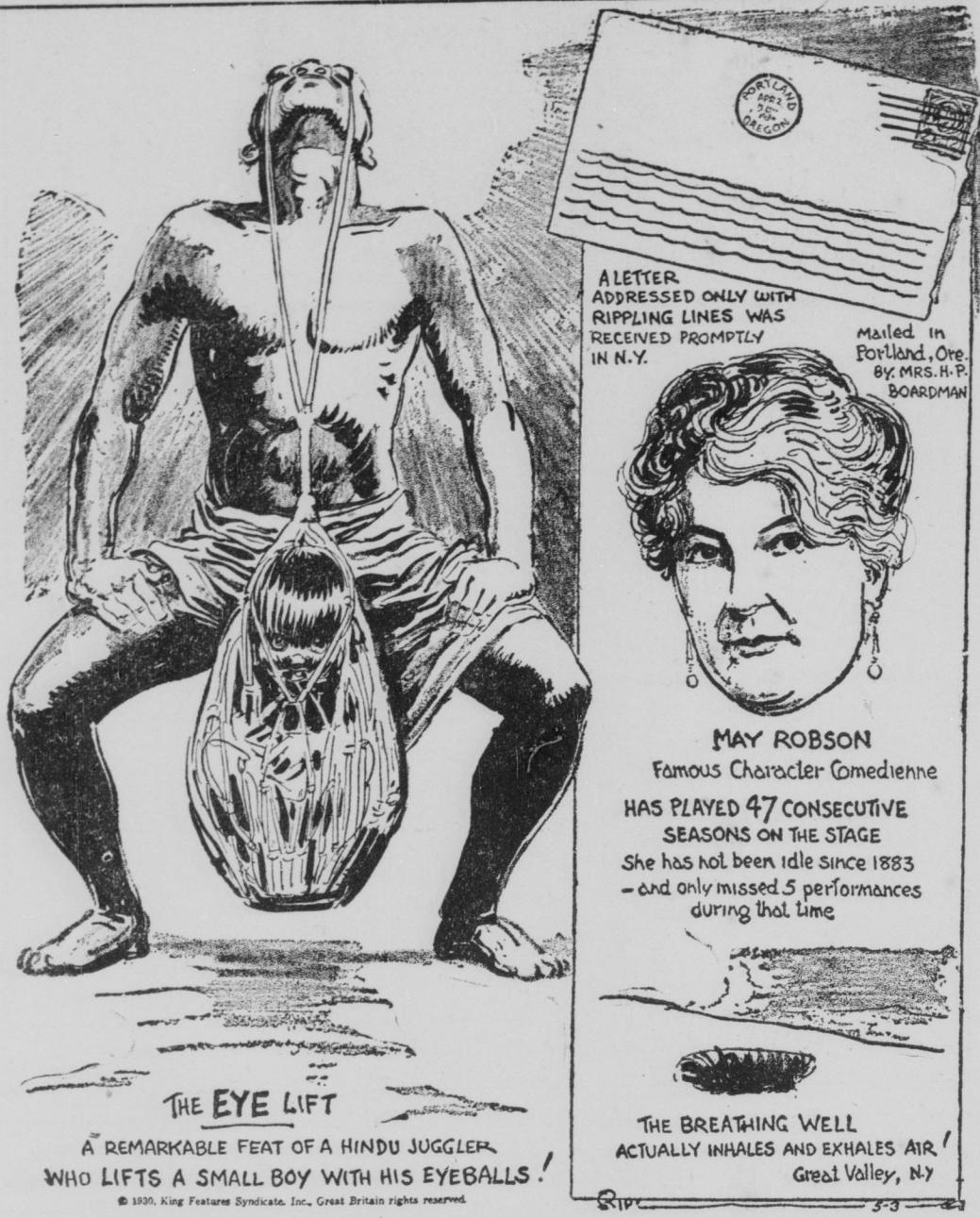
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Mailed in Portland, Ore. BY MRS. H. P. BOARDMAN

STORM DEBRIS CLEARED AWAY IN MIDWEST

Toll of 23 Deaths, Damage of \$5,000,000 Taken in Thursday Gales.

By United Press
CHICAGO, May 3.—Storm-shattered sections of nine central states turned today to the task of reconstruction as volunteer workers cleared away debris left by the season's first onslaught of destructive, life-taking tornadoes and violent storms.

Red Cross and national guard units engaged in relieving the suffering of the many injured and the hundreds made homeless in the series of cyclonic disturbances, reported a storm toll of twenty-three deaths and damage approximating \$5,000,000.

A survey of the devastated areas showed that the towns of Tekamah, Neb., Norborne, Mo., Westby, Wis., and Russell, Ia., had suffered most.

A large section of Tekamah was laid waste when it was struck Thursday evening by a tornado in its wild course over northeastern Nebraska. Tekamah's deaths numbered four and its losses were estimated at \$150,000.

First aid crews established headquarters at Norborne, Mo., where five were killed by the tornado that raged from northeastern Kansas over northwestern Missouri. Damage was \$100,000.

At Westby, Wis., where a small boy was killed, the damage caused by the tornado that whirled across it was said to total \$100,000.

3 HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Driver of Car In Collision Held by Police on Speeding Charge

Luther E. Polen, 59, of 34 Layman avenue, was cut on the head and hands; his wife, Mrs. Margaret Polen, was cut and bruised; and Mrs. S. A. Wiggins, No. 5, Maplewood court, sustained chest and head injuries in an automobile accident Friday at Emerson avenue and Brookville road.

The auto in which they were riding was in collision with a car driven by Harry D. Savre, 42, Spencer hotel, who was arrested by police on charges of speeding, reckless driving and assault and battery.

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