

WHITE HOUSE IS MAKING HEALTHIER MAN OF HOOVER

PRESIDENT, 57 TODAY, IN BEST TRIM IN YEARS

Harried and Irritable, Chief of Nation in Fine Physical State.

HAS LOST 23 POUNDS

Mental Worries Engrave Deep Lines, Splash Hair With Gray.

BY RAY T. TUCKER
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—No President since Woodrow Wilson has been bowed down by the burdens of the presidency as heavily as Herbert Hoover, who celebrates his 57th birthday today—probably because no chief executive since Wilson had to struggle with so many staggering problems in the space of two years in the White House.

Physically, Hoover is declared by presidential physicians to be in excellent condition, perhaps better than when he crossed the White House portico on the rainy March 4 of 1929.

The medics at the White House, of course, always issue optimistic statements; that is their job. But other medical experts, including Senator Copeland of New York, are authority for the opinion that Hoover is in finer health than the average man holding such a strenuous office at his age.

Follow Friends' Advice

Prior to entering the White House, Hoover was inclined to rotundity, phlegmatic living and irregular methods of eating and sleeping. Naturally healthy, his physical state never was a consideration with him.

Since he became President, Hoover has followed the advice of friends who warned against neglect of his health. He has paid great attention to his eating, exercise and sleeping. He lives according to a definite schedule that rarely varies.

Though he takes no exercise, except a round of medicine ball each morning, fishing, walking and horseback riding at the Rapidian camp each week-end, it suffices because of its regularity.

Reduces His Weight

As commerce secretary, he worked at any hours. Now he keeps his eyes on the clock. Up at 6:15 each morning, he reaches his desk at 8:30; has lunch at 1:15, quits his office at 6, has dinner at 8 and retires at 10:30 or 11.

In this routine he has reduced his weight from 210 pounds to about 187, he has lost pounds from his waistline, which once had the appearance to be expected in a middle-aged man who took no exercise. His face has lost the flabbiness it had, and the paunches have disappeared from beneath his eyes.

But the nervous strain has marked him, as it would any man whose day had been crowded with one "crisis," "emergency," and "reverse" after another. It has engraved deep wrinkles beneath his eyes, deepened the lines of his once-round face, splashed his hair with broad strokes of gray. It has made him more irritable, although sensitivity always has been his chief characteristic.

Succumbing to "Complex"

At times he has shown, publicly and privately, that he was succumbing to a "persecution complex." He is, as might be expected, harassed and worried over the outcome of grave problems which confront him. And it would be only natural if he resented indications that his popularity is lessening steadily.

He does not look or act like a happy man, at least not with respect to the fortunes of the administration for which he had such high hopes.

Warren Harding once expressed a sentiment many Presidents feel after a few years in the presidency.

"Jim," he confided in wiseful tones to ex-Senator Wadsworth of New York, "the White House is a prison. Had I known what it was going to be like, I never would have accepted the nomination."

Hoover does not feel that way. Harding's reaction resulted from the fact that his office kept him from full enjoyment of the human things he liked—the cards and cronies and cocktails of pre-presidential days.

Hoover does not feel the need, and never has, for such diversions. Hard work and restrained recreation keep him happy and healthy. In that respect he resembles Calvin Coolidge. Both thrived at the honor and glory of their office.

JAPAN HOLDS FLIERS

Pangborn, Herndon Held Under Surveillance at Tokio.

BY United Press

TOKIO, Aug. 10.—Still intent on a nonstop flight from Tokio to Seattle, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon Jr., American around-the-world fliers, chafed under surveillance today while they awaited release of their plane by Japanese authorities.

The ship was ordered seized on the fliers' arrival from Khabarovsk, Siberia, when a camera was found aboard. It was said to have contained films giving a birdseye view of one of the strategic fortified zones of Japan. The fliers' situation was complicated because they had no permit to land in Japan.

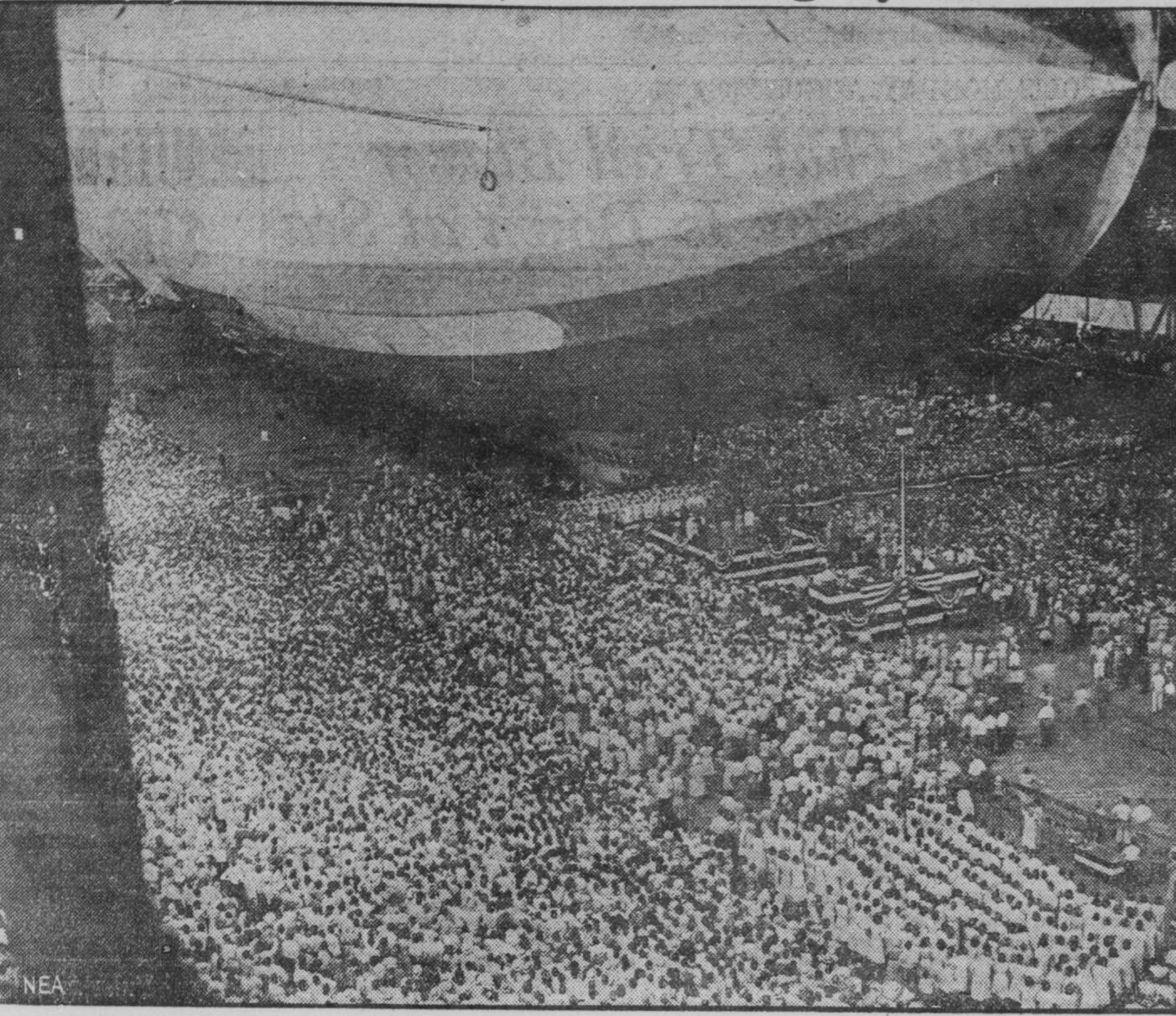
ISSUE TAX HIKE ORDERS

Edicts to Be Delivered to Six of Seventeen Counties.

Sixteen counties in which the state tax board ordered levy increases, will be given blanket orders for the increase because they refused the board's demands, for township raises.

All seventeen have replied to the request. Tax commissioners will issue the blanket orders at once.

Thousands See Christening of Akron



Thousands of spectators are shown in this striking picture gathered inside the hangar of the Akron, world's mightiest airship, at Akron, O., to watch Mrs. Herbert Hoover christen the flying fortress. A crowd estimated at 100,000 attended Saturday's ceremonies.

FIREFMEN IN SESSION

1,500 Attend Convention of Association at Evansville.

By Times Special

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 10.—The fifteenth annual convention of the Indiana Firemen's Association opened here today to continue through Wednesday. Attendance is about 1,500, and in addition to firemen, mayors and other city officials are here.

Paul V. McNutt, past national commander of the American Legion, will speak Tuesday morning. A barbecue dinner will be served at 8 p. m.

The program Wednesday will open with a memorial service. Judge Walter E. Treanor of the Indiana supreme court will speak.

There will be a demonstration of fire fighting equipment at 1 p. m., followed by a boat ride on the Ohio river. The annual banquet and smoker will be held at 7 p. m.

Frank H. Miller, Terre Haute, is president of the association.

AUTO CRASH KILLS 3

Two Americans, Canadian Perish in Wreck in Laurentians.

By United Press

MONTRÉAL, Aug. 10.—A Dayton (O.) couple and a Montreal man were killed in an automobile accident near St. Agatha, in the Laurentian mountains late Sunday. The dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Brun, Dayton.

R. Labonte of Montreal.

The accident occurred when the automobile in which the Americans were traveling tried to pass other cars on a hill and crashed into a bus. Brun and Labonte, the latter bus passenger, were killed instantly. Mrs. Brun died soon after.

ESCAPES BANDIT TRAP

Earl Park (Ind.) Man Outdistances Gunman in Road Holdup.

Two large sedans roared backwards and toward Flackville on State Road 52 early today.

In one was G. Timothy, Earl Park, Ind., and in the other two Negro bandit gunmen, who had attempted to hold Timothy's car northwest of the city.

Timothy told deputy sheriffs that he shoved his car in reverse and escaped the bandits and they pursued him in reverse. Timothy said that he was able to outdistance the highwaymen and turned his car toward Indianapolis to escape.

STIMSON FORMS PLAN

War Debts Adjustment Scheme Is to Be Presented Hoover.

By United Press

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Daily Mail said today that Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state, had prepared a plan for adjustment or cancellation of world war debts.

Stimson and Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald discussed international finances and the war debts question at Stimson's shoulder bridge in Scotland over the week-end. Last report of the bank listed liabilities, \$350,000, deposits, \$300,000, and surpluses and profits, \$25,000.

LAGRANGE BANK CLOSES

Eighteen-Year-Old Institution Shut by State Examiners.

By United Press

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A HINDU MYSTERY—WHAT A RACKET!

Prince Alibi Gives Up; and His Name Is Plain

Roy.

For disruption of his Hindu living burial mystery Prince Alibi had no alibi except the ignorance of the Barker alibi that paid him dimes to watch a living man entombed.

Murdering mystic stories over Luther Woods, 20, Negro, 1041 East Twenty-sixth street, Prince Alibi hypnotized Woods Saturday night in full view of hundreds of other Negroes at Northwestern and Twenty-fifth street.

Then, garbed in a crude coffin, Woods was lowered into a grave and buried. For a small sum the curious could peer through a pipe and watch him, sleeping until Sunday when another rendition of the mystic formula, Prince Alibi said, would restore him to life.

But the crowd was dubious, and its doubts were inflamed when two brothers of Woods appeared and demanded immediate resurrection of their undead, but well buried brother.

Prince Alibi made a dash for a street car, and clung to a window. Police pulled him off. He confessed he was Roy Burton, 327 West Twenty-eighth street, not a Hindu prince of magic, but merely working at a racket.

They didn't see the hamburgers and pop I fixed for Luther at the other end of the coffin," he explained to police. He is being held on a vagrancy charge.

7 BARELY MISS DEATH

Auto Plunges Over 12-Foot Embankment at Anderson.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 10.—Seven persons had fortunate escapes from injuries when an automobile driven by Henry Killen, Pontiac, Mich., plunged over the end of a dead-end street and down a twelve-foot embankment to the tracks of the Anderson Belt railroad.

Other occupants of the automobile were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Powell of Pontiac and their four children, and Mrs. A. D. Dudderer, St. Louis, Mo. The party was returning from a vacation at Poplar Bluff, Mo. Several persons have been killed at the scene of the accident.

ONE FOR RIPLEY—CITY HAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Mayor of New York Is Greeted at Bremen.

By United Press

BERMUND, Germany, Aug. 10.—Mayor James J. Walker, smiling and in good spirits, was warmly welcomed by German officials today on his arrival from New York for a month's rest and bath cure.

Walker looked fit and up to his statement that he does not "care a hang" about the Seabury investigation in New York. He walked back on the sun deck with the welcoming committee, where Senator Kock, representing the Bremen delegation, toasted the mayor's health in champagne.

"I'm finished with the job of being mayor," Walker was quoted by the Express correspondent.

BUSINESS UP TURN SEEN

Retailers' Association Head Predicts Improvement in September.

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SET U. S. LINES PLAN

Ocean Steamer Company Will Be Refinanced Liberally.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—A plan for refinancing the United States lines on "liberal terms" which may permit Paul W. Chapman, present owner, to retain possession of the Leviathan and its sister vessels, has been formulated by shipping board officials.

O. F. HAMMER NAMED MOTOR GROUP'S CHIEF

Takes Over Operation of Indiana Organization; Officers in City.

Operating as a state and continental touring information organization the Indiana Motorists' Association today is headed by O. F. Hammer.

Recently elected to the post, Hammer has taken over operation of the association at the offices, 308 North Meridian street. Hammer was one of the organizers and former president of a large Chicago motor club.

The Indiana Motorists' Association has provided travel information to thousands of tourists from Indiana, various parts of the United States and foreign countries, officials said.

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