HINDENBURG CRASHES

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Largest Airliner Carries Nearly 100 to Death

Queen of Air Explodes in Mid-Air; Capt. Max Pruss Listed Among the Victims

FDR WILL SEEK SUPPORT FROM COURT PROBERS

Sen. McKellar says President Should be Allowed to Cut Appropriations

WASHINGTON, May 6. (AP)—Hints of a new effort by President Roosevelt to win the closely divided Senate to his court reorganization proposal came today from administration leaders.

They suggested Mr. Roosevelt either might appeal again to the public or might use personal suasion on uncommitted senators after his return to the capital May 13.

These leaders pointed out there would be time to offer a compromise after the President's arrival, if he should choose to do so.

GOP May Help

Senator Bridges (R-NH) said Republicans might back some Democratic senators opposed to the President's measure in 1938 elections. He indicated especially senators Van Nuys (D-Ind), Gillette (D-Ia) and Clark (D-Mo).

The Supreme Court heard arguments yesterday on constitutionality of the old age pension provisions of the Social Security law. That case and one involving the unemployment insurance provisions probably will be decided this month.

In line with demands for economy in government, Senator Byrd (D-Va) proposed consolidation of the Home Loan Bank Board, the Home Owners Loan Corporation and the Federal Housing Administration. He said $24,500,000 could be saved by their merger into a Federal Home Credit administration.

Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) suggested President Roosevelt be given power to cut 10 per cent from any appropriation for next year.

Abnormal Demand

Other developments in the capital:

Secretary Roper cautioned business men that huge world armament expenditures "will tend to create abnormal demand conditions that can not last and naturally will be followed by recessions if advance precautionary methods are not used."

The Senate's investigators ended one hearing and started another, while Kentucky miners who testi-

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OFFER AMENDMENT INCREASING COURT

McAdoo Would Fix Size of Court at 15 Members for 25 Years Then Change

WASHINGTON, May 6. (AP)—Senator McAdoo, California Democrat, a supporter of the Roosevelt court bill, introduced today a proposed constitutional amendment to fix the size of the supreme court at 15 members for 25 years.

At the same time McAdoo offered an amendment to the Roosevelt bill to make the increase in the court to 15 members unconditional, instead of being dependent upon failure of the older justices to retire.

25 Year Period

His constitutional amendment would fix the court at 15 for the next quarter century and then provide for congress to fix the size of the court by legislation every quarter century thereafter.

It also would provide for voluntary retirement of justices at 70 years of age and compulsory retirement at 75 years.

At the same time that McAdoo, once a cabinet officer in the Wilson administration, was offering his alternative for the Roosevelt plan, Senator Andrews, Florida Democrat, offered a modified form of his previously proposed compromise.

Zeppelin Was Preparing for Landing After First Crossing of Atlantic This Year

39 PASSENGERS; 61 CREW

LAKEHURST, N. J., May 6. (AP)—The big German Zeppelin Hindenburg burst into flames today as it prepared to alight at the naval air station on her first crossing of the year.

Aboard the Hindenburg were 39 passengers, a crew of 61, including several students.

The giant ship had tossed her nose lines to the ground in a light shower when suddenly there was a terrific burst of flames from her stern.

The sound of the explosion and the flames brought shrieks from many spectators who had gathered to see the ship complete her twenty-first safe crossing between the United States and Germany.

Immediately afterward the great ship collapsed and fell.

Within a few moments there was nothing but a twisted steel frame collapsed on the ground.

No estimate of the injured or dead was available immediately.

The Zeppelin had been delayed several hours by strong headwinds over the Atlantic and a rainstorm which broke shortly before it was sighted here kept it aloft.

It had cruised above the air station within sight of spectators for more than an hour waiting for the weather to clear to permit a mooring. The ship was preparing to come down when suddenly it burst into flames.

The ship was in command of Captain Max Pruss, former first officer. Captain Ernst A. Lehmann, who commanded the ship on its crossings last year, was aboard in an advisory capacity.

The spectators stood sobbing, many of them hysterical as Army trucks sped up with screaming sirens toward the still blazing wreckage.

The great silver ship, largest lighter-than-air craft ever built, made ten round trip voyages between Lakehurst and Germany last summer without mishap. The trips were designed to test the feasibility of regular service between the two continents.

Trucks speeded toward the wreckage with screaming sirens. Spectators were weeping and shouting hysterically. The ship used hydrogen, a highly explosive gas.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, famous airship commander, and Captain Ernst A. Lehman were skippers on the Hindenburg last year. Captain Pruss, assuming command for the first time on this trip, has worked in close cooperation with these two veterans. He traveled with both the Graf Zeppelin and the Hindenburg last year and was on the Graf on its trips to the Arctic, Northern Africa and around the world.

Pruss also was aboard the old Los Angeles, decommissioned airship of the U. S. Navy, when it was brought to the United States in 1934 and he spent five months at Lakehurst as an instructor.

The Zeppelin was to have made 18 round trips this year and was to have cut its time at Lakehurst to one day on each trip. Speedier reservicing operations were worked out during the off season by Lieut. Commander C. B. S. Knox, assembly and repair officer at the Naval Air station, and technicians of the oil company which supplied the ship with its hydrogen gas and Diesel fuel oil.

Those aboard the Zeppelin included 31 passengers and crew of 61 including several lighter than air students and the first doctor ever assigned to a Zeppelin.

Observers fixed the time of the explosion at 6:20 p. m. E.S.T. The first report listed the survivors as including Clifford Osburn, of Chicago, Joseph Spahs and Philip Mongon.

All available cars and trucks were commandered to speed to hospitals those taken from the wreckage.

QUEEN OF AIR CRASHES AT AMERICAN BASE

These remarkable pictures of the Hindenburg, Germany's queen of th e air, was taken from the top of the Zeppelin hangar at the naval air base shortly after the arrival of the huge liner on its last 1936 trip he re. Today the Hindenburg crashed and burst into flames shortly before the above scenes were to be re-enacted on its first trip here this year. Passengers and crew numbering 100 met horrible deaths

A police radio appeal was broadcast from Freehold for all ambulances and fire apparatus and Monmouth to rush to Lakehurst. A commercial airline (American Airlines) which had awaited a call from Lakehurst before sending planes there to return passengers to Newark immediately sent a plane with physicians and nurses to the disaster.

A statewide alarm also was broadcast on police teletype letters for ambulances and nurses.

Two ambulances with doctors and nurses prepared to leave the Jersey City medical center immediately.

The Hindenburg was scheduled to arrive early today. Strong headwinds over the Atlantic delayed her and it was mid afternoon before she passed over New York City.

She cruised over Northern Jersey waiting for 5 p. m. E.S.T. before mooring. The ground crew had been instructed to report at that time. Then she decided to approach Lakehurst Air station but a rainstorm had come up meanwhile and she was forced to cruise about still longer.

Firm Administration Main Aim of Court, Hughes Says

WASHINGTON, May 6. (AP)—Chief Justice Hughes said today a "competent and independent judiciary" must parallel legislative and executive institutions in order to safeguard individual rights.

"The firm and true administration of justice is thus the primary concern of civilized society," he told the American Law Institute.

"The success of Democratic institutions lies in the success of the processes of reason as opposed to the tyranny of force. If society chooses the processes of reason, it must maintain the institutions which embody those processes."

The chief justice did not mention President Roosevelt's proposal to enlarge the supreme court unless members over 70 retire.

He pointed out, however, that the court is up in its work as it approaches the close of a term.

"This week cases have been argued which were filed as late as April 20," he said. "There are no inordinate or unjustified delays in the supreme court."

Mr. Hughes made a similar statement on March 22 in a letter to Senator Wheeler, Montana Democrat, declaring an increase in the court's membership was likely to impair its efficiency.

He also referred today to the fact that the court has been able to act as a unit in dealing with all cases. Some proponents of the Roosevelt bill have suggested an enlarged court might be able to sit in two

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BOY ENTERS SEVENTH WEEK STILL ASLEEP

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn., May 6. (AP)—Connie Mack Henderson, 15-yaer-old high school student, entered his seventh week of sleeping sickness today at the home of his parents near here.

Dr. O. H. Yarberry said the boy was stricken with the disease following German measles.

"He is getting along very slowly," the physician said. "He has an inflammatory condition of the brain and is partially paralyzed. He is awake part of the time and during these periods is extremely sick."

The boy's real name is Connelly McSpadden Henderson, but his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Henderson, and friends call him "Connie Mack."

The president of the United States receives about $380,000 yearly for salary, secretarial help, traveling expenses and upkeep of the White House.

NO ARRESTS MADE DYNAMITING CASE

Combined Barber Shop and Home Damaged by Blast; Probe Continues

(Special to The Times)

BLOUNTVILLE, May 6.—Sullivan county officers reported today that no arrests had been made in connection with the late Tuesday night dynamiting of a combined home and barber shop operated by Joe Delaney, aged negro, who narrowly escaped death.

Besides endangering the lives of Delaney and his wife who were asleep in a rear room of the building at the time of the terrific explosion, considerable damage was done to the structure and nearby homes and business houses.

Officers stated, however, that a complete investigation was underway although they had obtained only meager clues on which to establish the identity of the person or persons who committed the act. The officers are still of the opinion that the placing of the high explosives on the front porch of the negro's home was a deliberate murder attempt. They advanced no reason for the crime.

The dynamite blast was set off about 11 p. m. and tore away practically the entire northeast corner of the building located in the heart of the town. The concussion shattered numerous panes of glass from windows in a local garage and filling station and also residences in the vicinity. One man was slightly injured when flying door glass from the car in which he was sitting caused lacerations of the right hand.

The lowest temperature ever actually recorded in the United States was 68 degrees below zero, Jan. 12, 1916, at Saco, Mont.

WEATHER

CONTINUED COOL

TENNESSEE and KENTUCKY: Fair and continued cool tonight; Friday fair and warmer.

VIRGINIA: Generally fair and cooler tonight; Friday fair; Saturday fair and slightly warmer.

NORTH CAROLINA: Fair tonight and Friday; cooler tonight, except in extreme southwest portion.

WOMAN TAKES ACTIVE PART AT STATE LABOR CONVENTION

JACKSON, Tenn., May 6. (AP)—A pretty, 27-year-old brunette held the distinction of being the first woman to sit in the governing councils of the Tennessee Federation of Labor—organized 40 years ago.

"I'm very much interested in organizing the textile workers of East Tennessee," said Lucille Thornburgh, who was elected to the federation executive board here yesterday.

She was a convention delegate for the Knoxville musicians union.

"You know, we have what we call the 'TWOC'—the John L. Lewis textile workers organizing committee—operating in Knoxville but what I want to do is organize those workers under the American Federation of Labor banner."

Miss Thornburgh is qualified for the job. She is a former textile worker who left her job and the presidency of the Knoxville textile workers union in 1933 when the nation-wide strike forced her from employment.

She now holds membership in two unions—the American Federation of Government Employes by virtue of her employment as a Tennessee Valley Authority stenographer and the musician's union.

"I'm just an amateur pianist," she said, "but the musician's union

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PACKAGES TO DUKE WATCHED CLOSELY FOR BOMB DANGERS

By LOUIS MATZHOLD

MONTS, France, May 6. (AP)—Special precautions were taken today to safeguard the Duke of Windsor and Wallis Warfield Simpson from the possibility of receiving a bomb disguised as a wedding gift.

Police kept close watch of all packages addressed to the Chateau de Cande where Windsor and his bride-to-be are reunited, and none are delivered that Mrs. Simpson is not sure of.

She inspects them carefully and if the sender's return address is not familiar she instructs that they be returned unopened.

Windsor's narrowing waist line in the five months of his athletic exile in Austria created two problems for the household, bustling with activity for the still secret—or undecided—day when Edward will marry the woman for whom he gave up an empire.

Sources close to the former sovereign said he was contemplating a quick shopping trip to Paris to replenish his wardrobe. His newly-acquired slimness, they said, is the main reason that he can no longer wear many of the suits he brought with him from England.

The shopping expedition would be an economy trip, nevertheless, because the duke still is insistent

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MAY STRIKE PART FROM WAGE BILL

Author Would Eliminate Fair Trade Clause; Says Industry Opposed

WASHINGTON, May 6. (AP)—Representative Henry Ellenbogen, Pennsylvania Democrat, said today he is considering elimination of fair trade provisions from his bill to establish an $18 minimum wage and 35-hour week for 1,250,000 workers in the textile industry.

The labor provisions including the elimination of third shifts will "stick," the congressman said.

"But why try to force beneficial fair trade practices on the industry if it doesn't express any desire for them," he added.

Ellenbogen said he considered asking the house labor subcommittee which opens hearings on the bill next Monday to take the fair trade practice provisions out of the measure.

Will Fight Differential

He also said he will fight for abolition of any wage differential between north and south which existed under NRA, asserting:

"If the south is to develop it must have fair standards of wages and hours. The United States developed through adoption of high standards. This is not unfair to the south. The south always will be backward until it has higher standards."