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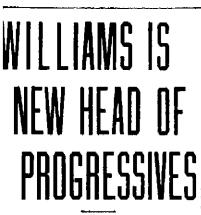
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### HINDENBURG EXPLODES Debt Exceeds Actual Explosion of German Zeppelin Hindenburg Limit Set by Mr. Roosevelt



s Chosen Chairman of County Organization, Succeeding Nevin S. James—Club Goes Strike of Woodworkers

Arthur N. Williams was unanmously chosen chairman of the Vinnebago County Progressive lub at the annual organization neeting held last evening at the Iotel Raulf. He succeeds Nevin . James, who, because of illness, vas not a candidate for reelec-

on. About 50 attended. Other officers chosen were: ecretary, James Hart and treasrer, Mayhew Mott. Mr. Williams nd Mr. Hart are Oshkosh resi- rate inactive fund to offset the ents, while Mr. Mott is a resient of Neenah.

Loan Made Today Increases Total to Over 35 Billions-And End Not Yet - Some Figures to Show What Such Sum Actually Means-Deficits Cause Alarm to President.

(By Lyle C. Wilson, United Press Staff Correspondent.) Washington-(U.P.-The national

debt rose today beyond the \$35,-026,000,000 limit fixed by President Roosevelt. While congress struggled with economy and the nation prepared for higher taxes, the treasury On Record As Endorsing statement for today revealed that the nation's debt reached the unprecedented high mark of \$35,039, 956,335.49 on May 5.

The indebtedness figure represented an upward movement of \$52,052,439.07 from the previous day, resulting principally from another step in the treasury's borrowing program of \$50,000,000 weekly

Much of the recent rapid increase in the debt resulted from the treasury's gold "sterilization' program, through which gold im-

ports are purchased at \$35 per ounce and segregated in a sepacredit inflationary effects of an increasing gold supply.

Mr. Roosevelt estimated Before the eyes of hundreds of horrified spectators gathered at picture was taken as one of several explosions sent giant balls of the Lakehurst, N. J., airport to witness the arrival of the Zeppelin fire spurting from the falling bag. Note the mooring mast in the Hindenburg from Europe on its first 1937 crossing, the giant ship foreground. (Copyright, 1937, by the News Syndicate Co., Inc.-From was split asunder in a series of deafening blasts. This remarkable Associated Press.)

School Bands to

300 DEAD IN

STREET FIGHT

(By Louis Walter, United Press

Staff Correspondent)

Three hundred persons, injured

Perpignan, France - (U.R)

in the anarchist revolt street

fighting, died overnight in Bar-

celona hospitals from lack of

medical care, frontier reports said

Hundreds more were reported

Saint Paul hospital, in Barcelona,

victims of the insurrection which

bid for power denied them in re-

the two-day-old government. com-

autonomous Catalan state.

today.

rectorate.

threatened

# **GIANT DIRIGIBLE IS BURNED WITH 30 KNOWN DEAD**

Zeppelin Takes Fire Following Blast at Lakehurst, N. J., and Crumples to Ground With Crew and Passengers, Some Of Whom Escape and Others Are Burned to Death or **Fatally Injured** 

(By Associated Press)

Lakehurst, N. J. - The flaming destruction of the once-seemingly impregnable dirigible Hindenburg brought swift action today by the American and German governments to determine the cause of the disaster.

Thirty persons were known dead or missing.

Of the 98 passengers and members of the crew aboard when the greatest of all airships exploded, burst into flames and crashed to earth last night-just as it was lowering to the mooring mast, and only 200 feet above the ground-68 persons survived. One of those killed was a spectator, burned to death in the falling, fiery debris.

The ruins of the luxurious liner of the skies lay crumpled on the landing field at the naval air station—a junk heap of black metal, a mass of ghastly, grisly framework.

nce the constitution of the club rovides that these officers shall e chosen by the various commuresidents of the county club.

Members of the executive comittee elected were: N. P. Nelson. Iarion Justus, Philip D. Lampert Irs. Charles Swan, S. J. Luchnger, Dr. Burton Karges, Mrs. leta Justus, Mathew Pollock and tto Lemke, all of Oshkosh; Fred ronsdon, Neenah; Mrs. Martin Jeinberg and Veleria Brodzinski lenasha; George Klaus, Winnenne; Ira Hough, Larsen: and F Geinbensohn and Herman rant, Omro.

#### **INCREASE VALID**

Preceding the election of memers of the executive board it was oted unanimously to increase the ze of that body from 14 to 16 embers. In addition to the 14 embers at large, the officers of e club serve on this commit-

The name of Arthur N. Wilems was placed in nomination Philip D. Lampert, who first aid a glowing tribute to the impast president, Mr. ediate imes, and then said the club æds a chairman who will be ple to "weld all factions togethwith the same skill shown by r. James.

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**OOSEVELT OFFERS** DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR LOSS OF LIFE

Galveston, Tex.---(UP)---President posevelt today expressed to hichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler of Gerany "my deepest sympathy for e tragic loss of life" in the Hinnburg disaster at Lakehurst, N. yesterday.

Fhe message, addressed to Hitsaid:

'I have just learned of the dister to the airship Hindenburg d offer you and the German ople my deepest sympathy for e tragic loss of life which relted from this unexpected and ihappy event."

News of the disaster was reived by the president aboard the S. S. Potomac off Port Aransas x, in the Gulf of Mexico where is on a vacation fishing trip. An earlier message sent to temrary headquarters here by Mr.

"I am distressed to hear of the gedy of the Hindenburg and exid my deepest sympathy to the nilies of passengers, officers and ew who lost their lives."

Berlin-(U.P)-Adolf Hitler, in ponse to President Roosevelt's ssage regarding the Hinden-

'I thank your excellency deepfor the sincere words of symthy which you address to me

budget message last January that the national debt would increase by \$1,248,000,000 during the curities in the county. The presi- rent fiscal year and reach \$35,026,ents of the locals serve as vice 000,000 on June 30 when the fiscal period ends.

> EXPECTED LITTLE CHANGE At that time he said he expect-HOUSE KILLS ed the national debt to remain "at about the same amount" during the ensuing fiscal year, and the implication was the debt would not exceed that figure henceforth. The treasury program of weekly \$50,000,000 borrowings is not vet completed for this fiscal year, indicating that the debt will rise still further over the upper limit fixed by the president.

LA FOLLETTE

proval of President Roosevelt's

Administration forces, seeking

to reconsider the vote by which

the governor's retirement proposal

was defeated two weeks ago, lost,

Immediately afterward, the

on the resolution was 49 to 35.

The rollcall on the La Follette

bill followed an appeal made by

the Dane County Lawyer, guild

for enactment of the measure,

which, he contended, was not a

mprove the administration of jus-

As before, party lines were

crambled on the final decision.

Many Progressives, who originally

voted to kill the measure, also

voted against reconsideration. The

principal argument advanced by

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150,000 high-pressure steel con-

"Therefore it was decided to

fill the ship with hydrogen," he

Eckener said United States au-

thorities, especially the depart-

ment of commerce, has shown

willingness to meet the desires of

the Zeppelin people in the matter

He said Washington experts told

him the United States held enough

In Eckener's opinion, there is no

navigation for a century.

LINES ARE SCRAMBLED

judicial reorganization plan.

43 to 42.

tice.

Helium Hereafter

said.

of helium.

COURT PLAN

Both president and congress are alarmed by the succession of deficits and the soaring debt which

have accompanied Roosevelt re-Madison --- (P) --- The assembly form and recovery. Mr. Roosedefinitely defeated today Governor velt has called upon his depart-La Follette's bill to permit sument heads for immediate econpreme and circuit court judges in omies. Influential members of the Wisconsin to retire on half pay Democratic congressional leaderwhen they reach 70, but adopted ship are campaigning on their a memorial to congress asking ap-

own for reductions in appropriations below levels sought by the president. The drive centers on the \$1,500,000,000 work relief appropriation for the next fiscal year which senate Democrats hope to pare to \$1,000,000,000.

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house approved and sent to the **GOVERNOR SIGNS** senate the joint resolution of Assemblywoman Mary O. Kryszak, Democrat, Milwaukee, to support SCRIP MEASURE the Roosevelt court plan. The vote

Madison- (P) -Governor La Follette signed a bill late yester- the governor in a recent address to day authorizing cities to issue scrip in an amount not to exceed the city's interest in delinquent real estate taxes for the preceding pension plan, but a proposal to

three years. The act, sponsored by Sen. Philip E. Nelson, Republican, Maple, amends a statute which permitted issuance of scrip for payment of current city expenses to a sum equaling tax delinquencies for the preceding year.

Staff Correspondent)

All delinquent tax receipts after issuance of the scrip must be used to redeem it.

Company Will Use

Vienna - (U.P.) - The Zeppelin tainers. company will use noninflammable osevelt, said: nelium gas instead of hydrogen ereafter, Dr. Hugo Eckener, Ger-

man dirigible chief, said today. In an interview before leaving for Berlin, Dr. Eckener expressed the opinion that the Hindenburg HITLER THANKS

would be the last airship to be operated with hydrogen. "Henceforth, naturally no passenger would set foot in a hydrorg, cabled today as follows: gen-filled airship," he said. Therefore, regardless of cost, we helium to supply the needs of air will use helium."

He recalled that the Hindenburg

BAND FESTIVAL PROGRAM SATURDAY 8:00 a. m.--Contest competition 12 o'clock. 12:00 noon-

hotel. 1:00 p. m.-Contest schedule resumes,

AT BARCELONA 4:30 p. m .- Parade of uniformed bands, through business district. 5:30 p. m.-Luncheon for visit-

ing band and orchestra directors, Athearn hotel. 7:30 p. m .-- Grand finale program, at the Winnebago county fairgrounds.

Treated to "just a glimpse" of festival grandeur last Saturday, when a preliminary portion of the 1937 district music festival was by the government to be dying at held here, Oshkosh citizens may expect a grand spectacle, tomorrow, when 33 gayly-uniformed

flared anew today through all the bands, and five orchestras will be here for competition and review. Anarchists, making a desperate

Oshkosh has hung out its sign of "welcome," to greet the huncent governments, were reported dreds of school musicians, and to to have issued an ultimatum to extend hospitality to the many thousands of adults who will be posed of a four-man dictatorial di- here from all sections of Wiscon-

sin, as speciators. Disband the government assault The sale of the "boosfer" butguards immediately, the anarchsts said, or face an attack by took on a final spurt today, as the Of course, the members have heard

anks and poison gas. Meanwhile, lapel disks were eagerly bought from home, but that only means anarchists told their adherents to by persons wishing to take advan- that congress and the people are remain calm and assemble at tage of the prefestival price. Totheir headquarters because "the morrow these same buttons will hours to come will be of the utbe sold at regular prices. nost scriousness."

Those who have the lapel buttons will have an "open sesame"

ASK NAVY AID French warships in Barcelona in their possession, which will adharbor were asked to land 200 mit them to each and every event (By Ferdinand Jahn, United Press | sible, one filling requiring almost | bluejackets as street fighting | on tomorrow's festival program, anywhere, any time. The booster the safety of their

consulate. Anarchists, already in control of uburban Hospitalet, a city of gram, Saturday night at the fair-40,000 persons adjoining Barcegrounds.

lona, were reported to have extended their sway as far as the French border. The frontier fortress city of as follows: igueras, 73 miles northeast of

Barcelona, and its neighbor, Junquera, were occupied by the in the Oshkosh High school audianarchists.

set up to govern Figueras, a city contest in sight reading. of 15,000 persons, and Junguera.

Parade Wares at | WILL FIGHT Annual Festival **PROFITS TAX** Detroil-(P)-Henry Ford, who steadfastly opposed the NRA to opens, continuing to the day it was declared unconstitutional, said today he also

HENRY FORD

-Luncheon for festival would oppose the federal tax on judges, at Athearn undistributed profits. He described it, in an interview, as "ramshackle legislation," en-

acted by "politicians who are parrots for the international financiers.' The Ford Motor Company, he

declared, is the "target." "The real purpose is to tax the ndependents, large and small, out of existence," he said. "The financiers want to drive every independent business man to borrow money, to make American business pay continual tribute to the

money lenders. They want to send the companies they can't control to Wall Street. And it is only the companies they don't control

who are objecting. The others are all in one pocket." **CONGRESS IS CHANGING** 

He spoke approvingly of a changed attitude" he noted in congress toward that and similar matiers.

"Congress did not concoct this amshackle legislation, although it passed the bill," he said. "Now it s trying to see how it can do bet-

ter. For that reason, you hear more good things said about contons for the 1937 music festival gress today than for six years past.

coming to the same conclusions. "No one with the interests o

brought back some of the glory the country at heart would plan of the days when the Thames had such a taxing program. It must

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The Weather

Day's Rises 4:35 Sets Length May 7 7:07 14:32 (By Associated Press) Wisconsin - Fair and cool to-

ness followed by showers in northvest and extreme west central portions; somewhat warmer in east portion.

Northwestern Observations Temperature Remarks Fair

Fair Class C bands-Concert contest temperatures yesterday. Phoenix it will move to Spithead for the hurled clear of the falling ship. Government demands to surren- in Recreational auditorium be- 90. Abilene 86; Yellowstone 33, Park coronation naval review.

### "WHAT CAUSED IT?"

On the lips of everyone was the question-what caused the crash, what was the matter; twenty times had the Hindenburg crossed the North Atlantic safely.

At Washington officials and Dr. Hans Luther, the German ambassador, opened inquiries. Three possible causesall, however, relating to the highly-inflammable hydrogen used in the German Zeppelins-were outlined by the ship's designer and pilot on numerous voyages, Dr. Hugo Eckener.

"I should say that if this disaster was caused by sabotage," said Dr. Eckener, who was in Austria on a speaking trip, "only the firing of a burning bullet into the bags . . . could have accomplished it. That seems very unlikely."

"From this distance and on the basis of incomplete information," Dr. Eckener set forth these possibilities:

#### SOME POSSIBILITIES

"1. When the ship is lowered, some hydrogen usually is released. This free hydrogen in the air might have been sufficiently concentrated to be ignited by lightning or a spark,

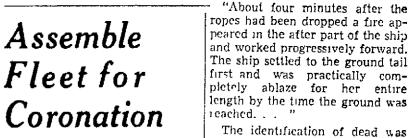
"2. When landing, the water ballast is released from the tanks. A stream of water, connecting with the earth, might have served as an electrical conductor to bring up a spark from the ground.

"3. Someone aboard may have made a fire, a spark possibly from a cigaret lighter. I regard this also as unlikely, for the conduct of passengers and crew is watched carefully."

Smoking on the Hindenburg was allowed only in a spark-proof compariment.

Commander Charles E Rosendahl, commandant at the naval station, said the fire originated at or near the stern of the ship about 5 25 p. m., central standard time.

In his report to the navy department, the commandant, a veteran n lighter-than-air craft service, said:



ocean liners.

to royal palaces

ropes had been dropped a fire appeared in the after part of the ship and worked progressively forward. The ship settled to the ground tail first and was practically completely ablaze for her entire length by the time the ground was reached. . .

The identification of dead was difficult. The ship's manifest was London - (A) - Britain s home | destroyed in the holocaust. Zeppe-

fleet — 30 warships — brought a lin officials were in frequent comtouch of coronation splendor to munication with Germany, checkthe old Thames river today and ing last minute changes in the pasroused it from its routine of coal senger lists Reservations had been barges, tug, tramp steamers and made for 39 persons, but company officials said only 36 were aboard,

Flags flying and escorted by all and 61 members of the crew. Insurance authorities in London manner of private ciaft, the fleet

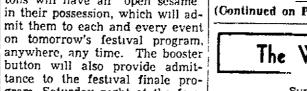
said the ship was insured for \$2,-500,000 with \$2,000,000 held by an important part in the lives of Lloyds' underwriters and the rest Britain's kings and queens, when by German interests.

royal barges coasted up and down Scores of spectators witnessed the sudden, shocking tragedy. One King George and Queen Mary instant, they waved greetings up previously had retouched the lus- to passengers standing in the winter of the Thames with then barge dows of the observation compart-

journey from Westminster to ment, Greenwich to open the national Then, in a flash, a cannonading Maritime museum, although it was explosion jarred the huge cigara motorized, stream-lined barge, shaped craft, a streak of flame

lashed out, and the Hindenburg not one propelled by oarsmen. Some of the peers and peeresses plummeted clumsily to death. attending the coronation cer-JUMP, CRAWL, FALL

emony in Westminster Abbey, In the span of seconds before near the Thames, will arrive by flames enveloped the silvery river, to avoid street traffic. fabric of the world's largest dirigi-The fleet is scheduled to remain ble, some of the passengers and in the Thames until May 12, when crew jumped, crawled or were



CONTESTS. LOCATIONS

During the day, the various contests and their location will be Class D bands and orchestras-Saturday forenoon and afternoon,

torium. These groups will play Time 64

Committees of anarchists were in competition, but will have no 1:30 a.m.

Milwaukee - Highest and lowest

night; Saturday increasing cloudi-

