



Survivors of the Vestris disaster aboard the Wyoming as the battleship arrived at Hampton Roads, Va., after her important part in the rescue work. Left to right are Mrs. E. F. R. of New Bedford, Mass., and Mrs. Dolores Dorff of Brooklyn, N. Y., with three members of the Vestris' crew, John Boxil, John Morris and Gerald Burton.



When several thousand members of the National Grange called at the White House yesterday to pay their respects to President Coolidge. Farm communities in all sections of the country were represented in the big gathering on the White House lawn. In the center, left to right, are Louis J. Taber, master of the Grange; President Coolidge and Mrs. Taber.



Witnesses on the second day of the New York investigation of the Vestris disaster as they appeared in the Federal Court Building. Left to right, standing: J. S. Smith of the British Marconi Co.; James McDonald, first radio operator on the Vestris; and Charles Veschere, assistant operator on the ship. Seated are Edward Silver (left), and George J. Mintzer of the United States Attorney's office.



Seriously injured in rescue work in the Vestris disaster, Seaman S. W. Baker of the United States Battleship Wyoming, is shown being carried from the battleship on its arrival at Hampton Roads, Va. He received a probable fracture of the skull.



Business High School girls take up the uniform school dress idea by adopting the smock as a classroom costume, in line with the recent proposal of the Congress Heights Parent-Teacher Association. The students are members of section 446 at Business, and are shown with their vice principal, Miss May P. Bradshaw, third from right in back row. A card worn on each girl's shoulder declares, "I am for the smock."

NORRIS CONDEMNS POWER BROADCAST BIG STOCK-BUYING CAMPAIGN PUSHED

Tells Commission WENR Request Means Attempt to Control the Air.

The right of a public utilities corporation to broadcast was questioned yesterday by Senator Norris of Nebraska, when he told the Federal Radio Commission he could see in such activity "no purpose other than furtherance of an attempt to control public opinion."

The statement followed a pointed attack by the Senator on the request of station WENR, operated by the Great Lakes Broadcasting Corporation, composed of seven utilities companies, for increased privileges in broadcasting. The station now shares a part-time broadcast with WLS, operated by the Prairie Farmer, a newspaper.

The request for full time broadcast with a cleared 870-kilocycle channel is an effort by power interests "to control the very air we breathe," the Senator said. He asserted granting of the WENR request would be at the "expense of agriculture."

Senator Norris, together with Senators Walsh of Montana and Brookhart of Iowa, appeared as witnesses before the commission in behalf of Station WLS, which also asks full privileges on the 870-kilocycle channel. WLS had five-sevenths and WENR two-sevenths time on this channel, under reallocation, which went into effect Sunday.

Senator Norris reviewed disclosures of the Federal Trade Commission at length, declaring they showed that the "power trusts" have entered an attempt, "secret, always secret," to control text books, to mix in elections "to influence social, economic, religious—all kinds of organizations—for selfish purposes."

Burrage Butler, publisher of the Prairie Farmer, Clyde Wickard, president of the Alumni Association of Purdue University, and Edgar Bill, director of WLS, were other witnesses.

The statements of the three Senators were assailed by John A. Wing of Chicago, one of the counsel for WENR, who declared the Senators "had little, if any, knowledge" of the evidence and his station.

GERMAN WARSHIP WINS. BERLIN, November 17 (AP).—The construction of the first German warship laid down since the war will continue as the result of the rejection by the Reichstag yesterday of a Socialist-Democrat motion to turn the funds to other use. The vote was 255 to 203, with 8 abstainers, who are members of the German Peasant's party.

Market Turns Irregular After Opening—New Records Are Made.

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, November 17.—A mighty torrent of buying and selling orders again poured into the New York Stock Exchange today, but the price movement turned irregular as a result of heavy week end profit-taking. Early gains of \$1 to \$5 a share were offset by losses of similar extent, although the main price tendency was still upward. The opening was not as wild as that in yesterday's record-breaking session of 6,714,400 shares, but there were several blocks of 5,000 to 15,000 shares changing hands in the early trading.

Sales for the last five days follow: Monday, 5,387,400; Tuesday, 5,387,400; Wednesday, 5,426,800; Thursday, 4,747,000; Friday, 6,714,400.

Holiday Sought. The strain of the human machine has led to recurring sentiment for a holiday for the stock market, similar to that which was ordered last Spring in order to allow the bookkeeping staffs of brokerage houses to catch up with their work.

Even the mechanical facilities have been swamped, the ticker yesterday being two hours and three minutes behind the market at the close. It is hoped that the high-speed printers producing orders, the noise rolling out and echoing back from the canyons of the financial district—a mighty shout as compared to the ordinary hum of voices.

With nearly every order a rush one "at the market" the scenes on the floor of the exchange this week have exceeded any ever witnessed before. Under the eyes of crowded galleries, brokers fight and scramble on the floor, screaming orders, the noise rolling out and echoing back from the canyons of the financial district—a mighty shout as compared to the ordinary hum of voices.

Curb Records Made. Around the stations at which the most active big stocks are traded there is a maelstrom of humanity. Many of the older members of the exchange have been compelled to retire from the floor, giving up their places to more durable and active members of their firms.

Going along with the big exchange, the Curb Exchange also set a record for the week, yesterday's trading being 2,151,800 shares. A few months ago a 1,000,000-share day was considered unusual.



Commissioner Dougherty presenting The Evening Star Cup to Capt. W. A. Brayley of No. 23 Engine Company, winner of the trophy in the speed contest, in front of the engine house yesterday. In center of group, left to right: Commissioner Dougherty, Fire Chief Thomas F. O'Connor, chairman of the committee which arranged the speed tests; Acting Battalion Chief C. A. Wells, Oliver Owen Kuhn, managing editor of The Star, and Capt. Brayley. Firemen of the winning company are grouped with them.

WHITEHURST PLAN IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Commissioners Name Committee to Co-ordinate Surface and Underground Street Work.

The District Commissioners yesterday approved the recommendation of Assistant Engineer Commissioner Herbert C. Whitehurst and appointed a committee to report on plans for co-ordinating surface and underground work on Washington streets in such a way as to protect the pavements, save money and have the streets tied up during construction as little as possible. Maj. D. A. Davidson, Maj. L. E. Atkins and Capt. Whitehurst, all Assistant Engineer Commissioners, were named members of the committee along with W. H. Harland, director of traffic, and R. J. Klotz, engineer of the Public Utilities Commission.

The committee was directed to begin its meetings at the earliest possible date and to make a report to the Commissioners this Fall.

HUNGARIAN HITS DIVORCE

BUDAPEST, Hungary, November 17 (AP).—Deputy Bernhardt declared in Parliament yesterday that, except for the United States, Hungary led the world in the number of divorces granted. He demanded that the government modify the present easy laws and hinted that unless this was done, Budapest would become a greater mecca for those seeking freedom from marriage vows than either Paris or Reno. He said that there were 152 divorces for every 1,000 marriages in Hungary, as compared with only 29 for every 1,000 in England.

Rich Englishman Weds Former Model As Irate Father Speeds Here Across Sea

By the Associated Press. ALBANY, N. Y., November 17.—Friends of Miss Betty McCormick, former cloak model, were surprised today by an announcement that she had married John Robert Lawson-Johnston, well-to-do young Englishman, while his father, a London stockbroker, was en route to the United States.

The announcement came from Betty's sister Margaret, who said the ceremony took place on November 2 before a New Jersey justice of the peace and was followed by a religious ceremony. She said they now are living in New York City.

Mr. Lawson-Johnston's father left for New York upon reading an announcement in newspapers of his son's intended marriage. He cabled his son for an explanation. Miss McCormick said he has been informed of the marriage.

The groom, 26 years old, is known in England as an all-around athlete, playing tennis, rugby and cricket. His favorite hobby is motor racing, and he has taken part in several meets. His uncle is Sir George Lawson-Johnston, beef tea magnate.

CHILD HEALTH STRESSED IN EDUCATOR'S ADDRESS

By the Associated Press. IOWA CITY, November 17.—Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford University, in a speech prepared for delivery at the formal dedication of the University of Iowa's new \$4,500,000 medical plant, yesterday said it is necessary to concentrate medical education and practice upon the topic of child health and protection. The address was read by Prof. Henry S. Houghton, head of the University of Iowa's College of Medicine, as Dr. Wilbur was unable to attend, due to the illness of his wife.

"Civilization is beginning to sense its future lies with the child and not with the machinery produced by science," Dr. Wilbur's address declared. "Our durability, in a biological sense, depends primarily upon our attitude toward childhood. The only thing the human race possesses is life. The recognition of its value is dawning upon us and childhood is assuming a new importance."

DR. W. A. WHITE URGES MORE PSYCHIATRISTS

Increase in Mental Cases Blamed on Civilization, Round Table Told.

The utilization of the so-called institutions for the insane for the training of additional psychiatrists and carrying on extensive research work regarding the care and treatment of mental diseases was urged by Dr. William A. White, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at a luncheon of the Washington Round Table in the University Club yesterday.

This is particularly necessary at the present time, Dr. White indicated, because of the increase of the average span of life, which makes more people live into the period of life in which they are most apt to suffer from nervous and mental disorders—the age beyond 40 years—and because of the mental and nervous strain of the present-day civilization.

In the latter connection the speaker questioned whether the people of today are not "paying too great a price for civilization," as may be shown from the huge number of mental and nervous cases.

Census statistics, he said, show that there are in round numbers a total of 800,000 beds in various hospitals throughout the country, and that one-half of these are occupied by mental and nervous cases. In addition, Dr. White said, there are no doubt many more such cases which have not come to the attention of institutions for treatment.

Mental diseases, Dr. White said, are rarely known in uncivilized tribes, but emphasized that civilization takes its toll.

Dr. E. M. Ellison, president of the Round Table, presided.

WOMAN OF 50, ILL, ENDS LIFE WITH GAS RACKETEERS' GUNS KILL UNION CHIEF

Federal Reserve Board Clerk Leaves Note Requesting No Rescue Attempt.

Leaving a note in which she requested that no aid be given her if she was found before she was dead, Mrs. Helen P. Wedderburn, 50 years old, a Federal Reserve Board clerk, committed suicide by inhaling gas last night in her apartment at 1424 R street. She was discovered this morning.

Mrs. Wedderburn had been too ill to work for the past several weeks and had appeared despondent, it was said. The note she left reads: "Anybody who finds me: Please leave me until job is well finished; for am too sick to work and doctors do not seem to be able to cure me." It was unsigned.

Find Body on Floor. Another occupant of the apartment house, Edwin P. McKnew, smelled gas and notified the Washington Gas Light Co. G. A. Goldsborough and Oliver E. Thomas of the gas company responded. They obtained a key from the janitor, Joseph E. Butler, colored, and entered the apartment.

Mrs. Wedderburn was stretched on the kitchen floor, newspapers under her head and her head on a pillow. A nose had been attached to the range and inserted in her mouth and all of the burners on the range were fully turned on.

The Fire Department rescue squad responded and gave her artificial respiration for a half hour before Dr. J. N. Jordan of the Emergency Hospital staff pronounced her dead.

Leaves Note to Daughter. A second note found in the apartment was addressed to her daughter, Mrs. George Sidebotham, 918 Eighteenth street, a sculptress.

Mrs. Wedderburn had been employed in the Federal Reserve Board since its organization in 1914. She was the divorced wife of Alex J. Wedderburn, Jr., a local patent attorney.

Mrs. Wedderburn's daughter, Mrs. Katherine Heath of this city.

May Fly "Stunt" Plane in U. S. Gerhard Fiesler, the German trick flyer, who is having constructed near Berlin a new machine which is declared to be the first purely "stunt" plane ever built, may demonstrate it in this country. He claims that with it he will make upward serpentine and corkscrows hitherto never attempted. He promises to demonstrate these in England and other countries.

Promoted to Rank of Colonel. Lieut. Col. Rex H. Rhoades, Army Dental Corps, stationed at the West Point Military Academy, has been promoted to the grade of colonel, according to War Department announcement. He is from Iowa and was appointed a dental surgeon in the Army in April, 1911. During the World War he served as a colonel in the Dental Corps, National Army.

Boss of Drivers Slain as He Sits Behind Desk in Office.

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, November 17.—Guns of the racketeers, mute since they dealt death to Big Tim Murphy in Midsummer, pumped eight bullets last night into the body of John G. Clay, boss of the Laundry and Dyehouse Chauffeurs' Union.

Killers never had a better target than the 59-year-old secretary-treasurer of the chauffeurs' union. He was seated at his desk, facing a front window in a room adjoining Clay's when the shots were fired. They ran into the street too late to catch more than a fleeting glimpse of the machine in which the slayers fled.

Hold Key Position. Clay, according to police investigators, held the key position in the Chicago cleaning and dyeing "racket," as they call it.

The "cleaning racket" is reputed by police to have taken millions from Chicagoans. The warfare between rival groups seeking to control the business has been marked with many bombs and slayings.

It has always been the police theory that Big Tim Murphy's assassination was attributable to his efforts to "muscle in" on the cleaning and dyeing "racket."

A number of motives for the Clay killing were advanced. One was that Clay was a rival of friends of Big Tim. Another was that gangsters from other cities, attracted by what appeared to them to be big money in the Chicago "racket," had killed Clay.

Capone's Name Mentioned. Then there was the mention of Al Capone's name, inevitable when gangsters are mentioned.

Capone several months ago became involved in the cleaning and dyeing business, being associated with the Sanitary Cleaning Co., organized by Morris Becker, a wealthy South Side business man. Becker organized the Sanitary Cleaning Co. to do the cleaning and dyeing of uniforms.

Internal trouble within the chauffeurs' union was another theory under consideration, but it was given little credence.