

BLAMES DIRIGIBLE TRAGEDY ON MOTOR

Mechanic Declares Crew Knew of Trouble and Chief Pilot Refused to Go Aboard

TRIPLE PROBE IS RESUMED

By the Associated Press Chicago, July 23.—The investigation by federal, state and city authorities into the cause of the destruction of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company's dirigible on Monday which resulted in the death of two persons, the injury of twenty-eight others and the wrecking of the interior of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, was resumed today.

The investigation which started yesterday was adjourned because of the refusal of two witnesses—John A. Beetzner, pilot of the ill-fated dirigible on its last trip, and W. C. Young, local aeronautical expert of the company, to testify, on advice of counsel. They are held by the state's attorney, while the other members of the crew, who had related in detail the events which led to the plunge of the machine into the roof of the bank, were released to their attorney.

Coroner Hoffman is working with a double jury in an attempt to place the responsibility for the deaths, one jury hearing testimony and the other acting in an advisory capacity.

Henry Wacker, surviving mechanic of the disaster, who is suffering with a fracture of the skull, a broken back and fractures on the shoulder and three ribs broken, said that the fire in the dirigible was caused by backfire of the motor. He declared that the crew knew of the trouble which was being experienced with the engines and that Chief Pilot Kraft had refused to go aboard for the final trip.

The dependents of the employees of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank who were killed will receive \$4500 insurance. Each was insured for \$1000 on a life policy and \$3500 on an accident policy furnished by the bank.

BEER SUIT IN HIGH COURT

Government Appeal Carries 2.75 Per Cent Appeal to Supreme Tribunal Washington, July 23.—The question of the right of brewers to manufacture beer containing 2 3/4 per cent of alcohol reached the Supreme Court yesterday through appeals filed by the government from federal court decrees in Baltimore quashing indictments brought against the Standard Brewing Company under the food control act of 1917.

Because of the importance of the question in connection with the enforcement of the wartime prohibition act, court officials expect the government to ask that the case be expedited. Unless this were done a decision probably would not be handed down until after prohibition by constitutional amendment became effective.

Dollar Again at Par Buenos Aires, July 23.—The American dollar has reached par in foreign exchange quotations for the first time since the United States entered the war, following the arrival of 350 kegs containing \$17,000,000 in American gold coins, which reached here on the steamer Vanban on Saturday.

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'HARD-BOILED' SMITH SUED FOR DIVORCE

Petition Alleges Brutal Treatment; Husband Now in Disciplinary Barracks in N. Y.

San Diego, Calif., July 23.—Mrs. Marguerite Michel Smith filed in the Superior Court yesterday a petition asking for a divorce from Lieutenant F. L. Smith, who was given the sobriquet of "Hard Boiled" by the men of the American army. She alleged brutal treatment. Smith's career as commander of Prison Camp No. 2 in France recently came in for congressional investigation.

Mrs. Smith said her husband first was called "Hard Boiled" by his men while stationed at Camp Kearny. She added he seemingly took pride in the sobriquet.

Mrs. Smith yesterday received the following message from the Salvation Army: "Frank Smith is temporarily imprisoned at Fort Jay. He is well and will write to his wife."

The couple were married March 16, 1918. At that time Smith was a lieutenant in the 158th Infantry, an Artillery National Guard organization, which was part of the Fortieth Division. He had done recruiting duty for the regiment before it was sent to Camp Kearny.

Mrs. Smith said soon after her marriage she heard Smith was harsh with his men and that some of them sent her word of their troubles with him. She said she pleaded with him to be less severe, but "he seemed to delight in his attitude."

Soon after the regiment went to France Smith obtained charge of the

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RUSSIAN REDS BEG RUMANIA FOR PEACE; TRUCE IS ARRANGED

Lenine Waves White Flag on Dniester—Wants Rumanian Border Closed to Kolchak

London, July 22.—(By A. P.)—A Bolshevik delegation has arrived at Kishineff with an offer of peace to the commander of the Rumanian Dniester troops on behalf of Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, according to a Berlin government wireless dispatch.

Lenine offers to cede Besarabia to Rumania on condition that Rumania shall prohibit Ukrainian citizens and bands of Admiral Kolchak, head of the all-Russian government at Omsk, from crossing the Rumanian frontier.

An armistice to last eight days has been concluded on the Bessarabian front and the delegation has gone to Rumanian headquarters.

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POISONED BRIDE IS BETTER

Man Said to Have Given Drug Held in Jail

Mrs. William Whitlock, of 4619 Haverford avenue, the bride of three weeks who took poison Saturday, is slowly improving in the Jefferson Hospital and, according to physicians, will be able to be discharged in another week.

Giuseppe III, of Eighth and Federal streets, the man who, according to Mr. Whitlock, furnished Mrs. Whitlock with the poison, was held under \$500 bail by Magistrate Pennock at a second hearing in the Central Police Court Monday.

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Wilson & Co. sold its grocery lines New York wholesale grocers, as "wholly without foundation." Wilson & Co. is not interested in that concern, although stockholders of both companies were permitted to take a limited amount of stock in the reorganized wholesale grocery concern.

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