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Dirigible Hindenburg Destroyed by Explosion, Two Score Persons Perishing—Economists and Spenders Continue Their Battle in Washington.

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ONE of the major tragedies of aeronautical history occurred when the big German dirigible Hindenburg exploded and fell in a blazing mass at the landing field in Lakehurst, N. J. At this writing the exact number of dead is unknown, but it probably is more than forty.

American passengers who in the early reports were unaccounted for and presumably killed were: Burris Dolan, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. John Pannes, New York City; Moritz Feibusch, Lincoln, Neb.; Edward Douglas, New York; James Young and Birger Brinck, addresses not given.

The airship, just arrived from Europe on its first transatlantic trip of the year, was about to land when there was an explosion toward the stern. Instantly flames broke out and ran the length of the ship. The tail sagged first, then the nose crashed down and the split sections telescoped as they fell. A few of the 44 passengers and some members of the crew were able to jump to safety, but many of the others aboard hadn't a chance for their lives. The navy men of the ground crew heroically plunged into the flaming wreckage and dragged out those victims who could be reached.

The screams and cries of injured in agony were "terrible," the hardened sailors and marines who did the rescue work reported. The clothing was completely burned off one man.

An explosion of the No. 2 gas cell toward the stern of the ship was named as the cause of the disaster by State Aviation Commissioner Gill Robb Wilson, who called the blast "strange."

Some authorities scouted the theory that the explosion could have been caused by the ignition of hydrogen inside the gas cells. They said a mixture of 20 per cent free air with hydrogen would be necessary to cause an explosion, indicating the first blast must have occurred outside one of the gas cells.

Aeronautical experts said the only way they could explain an explosion inside the ship would be that free hydrogen had in some way escaped and was lying in the stern of the ship where it was accidentally ignited.

Capt. Ernest Lehmann, who piloted the Hindenburg last year, was aboard it on this fatal trip, but its commander was Capt. William Pruss, just promoted to the post. He is a veteran in working dirigibles.

HOW to economize by cutting down government expenditures, as the President has demanded, and at the same time to continue with such huge expenditures as the billion and a half dollars Mr. Roosevelt asked for relief is a puzzle that congress doesn't know how to solve. Harry Hopkins, Works Progress administrator and most accomplished spender of the administration, took a hand in the discussion, telling a house appropriation subcommittee that unemployment is a permanent problem, that the government should be prepared to support seven million jobless persons at all times, and consequently that congress must appropriate the billion and a half for relief instead of cutting the sum down to a billion.

Both Democrats and Republicans on the committee protested, and Chairman Woodrum of Virginia told Hopkins he would use every endeavor to have the appropriation reduced by at least a third. He challenged the figures and arguments submitted by Hopkins, contending that if the extravagance of the work relief principle and the padding of relief rolls with undeserving cases were eliminated and the states required to assume a greater share of the burden the cost to the federal government would not exceed one billion.

Senator William H. King of Utah, Democrat, not only disagrees with Hopkins as to the amount needed for relief, but isn't satisfied with the way the administrator has been conducting the work. He introduced resolutions in the senate calling for an investigation of the works progress administration and taking the future spending of relief money out

of Hopkins' hands. King said his purpose was to abolish the WPA.

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ELEVEN unions of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts, with about 6,000 members, went on strike in Hollywood, Calif., and the great film industry there was in serious difficulties. The strikers counted heavily on co-operation by the Screen Actors' guild, but that body, which has 5,600 members, delayed action until it could confer with the producers. The guild already had presented a number of demands regarding working conditions and hours and overtime pay.

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Three Hambletonian Colts in a Work-Out



Three of the candidates for the \$40,000 Hambletonian Stake to be trotted at Goshen, N. Y., in August, limbering up at Seminole park, Longwood, Fla., during a recent work-out. From left, are: Schnapps, driven by his owner, Will N. Reynolds, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Harver, driven by Will Rosemire and owned by Henry Warwick, New Hamburg, N. Y., and Lawrence D. driven by Ben White and owned by W. N. Reynolds. This trio is expected to be tough to beat on the 1937 Grand Circuit and in the Goshen Derby.



EVERYBODY TEASES PETER RABBIT

thought that they were bigger and different. That's what everybody thought.

So whenever they saw him they teased him until it got so that Peter wouldn't stick his head out of the dear Old Briar Patch until after dark. You see, he didn't like being teased and laughed at. No one does. Of course not. But it was great fun for the others. Once Jimmy Skunk came to the edge of the Old Briar Patch and pretended to be terribly excited.

"I've found some tracks, great big ones, down on the Green Meadows," he cried. "Come with me, Peter, and see if they are like the ones that you saw in the Green Forest."

Right away Peter was quite as excited as Jimmy seemed to be, and he hurried to follow Jimmy down across the Green Meadows, which, you know, were not green then at all, but all covered with snow. Peter was so excited he didn't know what to do. It seemed to him that Jimmy Skunk, who, you know, never hurries, moved slower than ever. "What did I tell you, Jimmy Skunk? Now, perhaps, you'll believe me the next time I tell you a thing," he whispered as they drew near the place where Jimmy said the tracks were.

"Ho, ho! Ha, ha, ha!" laughed Jimmy Skunk. "There are your tracks of the Green Forest, Peter Rabbit. Look at them, so that next

"Better Find Out What's the Matter With Your Eyes, Peter. They See Too Much."

ever so much bigger than those of Bowser the Hound. No one ever had heard of such a thing in the Green Forest, and no one believed Peter. At first they thought he was joking, but when he grew indignant and they saw how very earnest he was they thought that he had been frightened and had imagined that the tracks were a great deal bigger than they really were. Of course they were made by Bowser the Hound, and timid Peter had just

Rose Point Lace



The pattern of rose point lace is faithfully copied in this unusual print on black silk crepe. The borders of the print form double panels down the front of the dress, which is buttoned from neck to hem. The rest of the dress has spaced motifs of the lace design.

FIRST AID TO THE AILING HOUSE

By Roger B. Whitman

REPAIRING A GARAGE

N OT long ago a friend told me that the doors of his one-car frame garage were beginning to stick; that he was having more and more trouble in opening and closing them. We examined the garage together, and found that the trouble lay in the rotting of the bottom of the post on one side of the door opening — a timber four inches square. The garage floor was concrete, but at that particular spot water had collected, and the bottom of the post was rotted to such an extent that the whole corner of the garage was beginning to settle.

To repair the damage, we screwed a 2-foot length of a 2 x 4 to the post, with the bottom 18 inches or so above the floor and well above the rotted portion. Putting an automobile jack under this screwed-on piece, we raised the post to its original position, in which the doors opened and closed freely. We then cut off the rotted portion, and replaced it with concrete. For this we built a box of light wood, about 6 inches square inside, directly under the 4 x 4 door-post. This we filled with concrete, using a mixture of 1 part cement, 3 parts of sand, and 6 parts of gravel, with only enough water to make a thick mixture. The box was filled full, so that the concrete came up to the cut-off bottom of the door-post. After three days, the box was removed, and the jack worked to let the door-post come down on its new base. This movement was hardly one-half inch. Protected by the concrete, there is no chance that there will be any further rotting. Later, my friend did the same thing to the post on the other side of the door frame.

The doors of my garage swing outward. In a heavy storm the catch of one of them slipped, and



Now She's a Rider



Maria Solivieff Rasputin, daughter of the "Mad Monk" of the Czarist regime, after a career as lion tamer which nearly ended fatally, has returned to America to enter the circus ring in the less hazardous role of an equestrienne.

its door was slammed so hard that the horizontal pieces at the top and in the center were broken away from the vertical side piece to which the hinges are attached. At first it seemed that a new door would be required; but before going to this expense, a repair was made that has now stood for four years. The main part of the door was blocked up and the horizontal pieces forced tightly against the vertical side piece. Two 1-inch holes were bored into the edge of the door — through the hinged side piece, and into the end of the horizontal top piece. Two similar holes were also bored through the side piece and into the end of the horizontal piece in the center of the door. One-inch dowels of hardwood were then driven into these holes, and secured by nails. This repair was a complete success.

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MOPSY
IF YOU WON'T MARRY ME I'LL KILL MYSELF.
THAT WON'T HELP YOU - I'M PRETTY STUBBORN WHEN I MAKE UP MY MIND.

A BABE IS BORN

By DOUGLAS MALLOCK

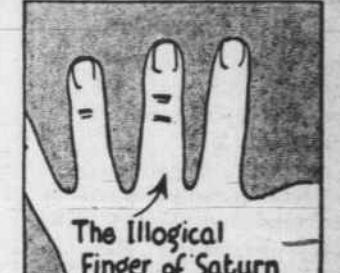
A BABE is born, and life begins With trouble, though it's only pins. Already culture hovers o'er him And clothing has provided for him. If he has been so ill-advised. He happens to the civilized, Conspiring persons on the quiet Already start to plot his diet.

The babe, the boy, and then the man. They civilize him all they can. He must have certain fixed persuasions, And certain clothes for some occasions. Created in the image of His God, or something else above, He soon becomes, while Satan chorries, The image of all other mortals.

The babe becomes, of many a thing, A subject, who should be a king, And life, that should be all enjoyment, Becomes his regular employment. And then some day he lays it down, A stranger in some crowded town, And often wonders, wher it's ended. If that was just what God intended. © Douglas Mallock — WNU Service.

THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR HAND

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GIRUGAGS

"The groom of today guarantees his bride of all the luxuries of her single days," says soliloquizing Elizabeth, "that is if her job and salary permits."

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time you will know them. Ho, ho, ho! Ha, ha, ha!"

But Peter was too disappointed and too angry to say a word. He just turned his back on Jimmy Skunk and started back for the Old Briar Patch as fast as he could go.

"I don't care," Peter would say over and over to himself when he was alone. "I did see those tracks, and there is a stranger in the Green Forest, and he has got terrible great claws. I wouldn't go up there again for anything! No sir, I wouldn't go up there again if I was starving and there was no food anywhere, but there. I do wish that somebody would believe me."

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B EAR in mind, before forming definite conclusions from your study of fingers, that not only the characteristics found in the finger itself must be relied upon for a correct analysis of the inner self; its position on the hand, degree of flexibility, and, second only to shape and length, the inclination toward or away from the fingers next to it are highly significant. Here is the second of seven types of second fingers which you will frequently find in your analyses of hands.

The Illogical Finger of Saturn. The outstanding characteristics of this type are shortness and thickness. This finger is decidedly pudgy or peglike in appearance. With the fingers closed side by side the tip is found to be