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VETERAN BONUS DISCLAIMED AS DEFICIT REASON

Income Tax Returns $16,000,000 Above Mark This Time Last Year

FUND TOTAL IN DOUBT

May Not Reach Goal, Though Treasury Will Be in Hole That Much

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—The treasury pendulum swung farther into the debit side of the arc today despite the tugging of increased income tax receipts.

Income tax receipts for last Tuesday, the latest date reported, were $16,000,000 greater than for the corresponding collection day last year. This kindled no spark of hope, however, that total receipts for 1930 would be larger than the previous year.

At the same time the daily treasury statement showed the government's deficit on Tuesday was $735,-136,823, a gain of more than $100,-000,000 over the previous day, due to placing $338,000,000 in the public debt retirement fund.

Loans Not Cause

Senator Vandenberg Republican, Michigan, issued a statement saying there was no basis for any implication that loans to World War veterans were responsible for or contributing toward the prospective treasury deficit.

"Everybody knows by this time," he added, "that the two things are unrelated. Every veteran's loan is a self contained credit operation which involves no net addition to the public debt and not a penny of increased taxation."

Income tax collections Tuesday amounted to $48,179,417, bringing the total for the month to $106,000,-000, compared with $93,000,000 for the same period the previous year.

For the fiscal year beginning July 1 the payments have totaled $1,277,-000,000, compared with $1,332,000,000 for the same period last year.

Not Encouraged

Officials have explained that the first few days income tax returns were not expected to portray what trend the total returns would take.

The belief in treasury circles that there was no encouraging news in receipts thus far led to the opinion that the total might not approach the $500,000,000 mark which had been expected.

If the total drops below this, experts believe the expected deficit June 30 will be much greater than the $200,000,000 estimated by Secretary Mellon and Under-Secretary Mills.

RESERVE CREDITS DROP $4,000,000

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—The daily average volume of federal reserve bank credits outstanding during the week ending March 18, as reported by the federal reserve banks was $940,000,000, a decrease of $4,000,000 compared with the preceding week and $165,000,000 below the corresponding week in 1930.

The federal reserve board reported that on March 18 total reserve bank credits amounted to $907,000,-000, a decrease of $25,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with increases of $44,000,000 in treasury currency, adjusted, and $5,000,000 in monetary gold stock, offset in part by increases of $8,-000,000 in money in circulation and of $9,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, etc.

Holdings of discounted bills decreased $11,000,000 during the week, the principal changes being on increases of $4,000,000 at Cleveland and $3,000,000 each at Philadelphia, Richmond and Atlanta. The system's holdings of bills bought in open market declined $28,000,000, while holdings of United States securities, largely as a result of treasury operations in connection with the sixteenth tax payment increased $13,000,000.

FARM BUREAU MAKES CHANGE IN MEMBERS

CHICAGO, March 19.—(AP)—Directors of the American farm bureau federation today accepted the resignation of Ben H. Thompson as president so he could join the federal farm board, and elected Edward A. O'Neal of Montgomery, Ala., to fill the unexpired term.

RHODE ISLANDERS DENOUNCE PROHIS

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 19.—(AP)—The Rhode Island senate today concurred with the house in passage of a resolution which denounces national prohibition and demands action of congress looking toward repeal or modification of the 18th amendment. The measure goes to the governor.

CHARGES FILED

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—(AP)—Two counts of murder and one of grand theft were included in complaints filed today against Frank Gonzales and Manuel Verdugo, Mexican youths, accused of driving a stolen automobile into another and fatally injuring two women March 15.

Where Convicts Razed Illinois State Pen

Raging mad at the killings which have taken place at the Stateville, Ill., penitentiary in recent weeks, 1600 convicts stampeded through the buildings there Wednesday wrecking equipment as they went and applying the torch to whatever inflammable material they encountered. Three of their number were shot down by guards and one of them probably fatally wounded. This picture shows the interior of the dining hall in flames. Four other buildings were razed by the felons.—NEA Telephoto.

White Haired Warden Waits As Quiz Into Tactics Starts

Rebellious Men and Women Who Rioted Three Times in Six Days Grumble as Order Comes to Lock Them in Cells

JOLIET, Illinois, March 19.—(AP)—Warden Henry C. Hill, white haired arbiter of Illinois' revolt-wracked twin penitentiaries, tonight awaited the outcome of a legislative probe into his administration "with complete confidence."

Still ailing and weakened by a protracted illness, which kept him in bed for weeks, he looked back over a week of disorder and expressed confidence that his iron hand tactics in quelling mutiny would be upheld by the legislators.

"I believe my every act and those of my subordinates have been what the situation demanded," he said. "I am ready for the legislative committee." That body arrived late today.

Looking from his office window in the old state prison, Hill could see augmented guards on duty to keep the sullen convicts in order; and across the town he knew there were national guardsmen watching Stateville prison homicide. In that institution the last and greatest of the uprisings took place yesterday.

Convicts in Cells

There was nothing tonight the rebellious convicts could do but remain in their tight-locked cells and hurl imprecations at the keepers who helped quell three riots in six days.

Two reports of further rebellion came in, but both failed to materialize. Prompt measures prevented a rumored plan for 60 old prison convicts to break loose at breakfast this morning. Machine guns frowned down on these men as they ate and guards lined the dining room.

Likewise the women's penitentiary, which houses 191, asked for extra tear gas bombs after Mrs. Bertha Finnegan, superintendent, said unrest was spreading from the Cross-Street old prison. But there were no indications of any disturbance.

Prisoner Dies

Raymond Barney, Negro convict, who was one of three men wounded yesterday, died today. The others are expected to recover.

Thirty convicts believed to be chief participants in the flaming disorder at Stateville, which caused $200,000 fire loss, were put in solitary confinement. Even their number Deputy Warden Ernest Kunz singled out William Wheeler and named him the ringleader.

A former prison guard, but now a life term inmate, Wheeler had been convicted of getting guns to inmates at the Pontiac reformatory when they rioted in 1921, bringing death to two convicts and a guard.

CHICAGO LABOR LEADER KILLED

Wild Bill Rooney Shot From Passing Car as He Walks Street Near Home

CHICAGO, March 19.—(AP)—Three shotgun shells removed another labor union leader today.—William J. "Wild Bill" Rooney, head of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union for 16 years.

"Hi, Billy," someone called from an automobile parked in front of Rooney's home.

Rooney, pacing the sidewalk, turned and advanced. The muzzle of a gun was poked from a rear window. Rooney stopped, started to turn, and three barrels of fire came from the weapon; he fell dead, his chest torn by slugs.

The assailants drove away.

Bitter strife for the domination of local unions, engendered by rivalry for the profits of alleged racketeering, has been punctuated by a number of assassinations for several years. The killing a month ago of Albert Courchene, agent for the Plumbers' Union, was the latest.

The police offered no theories to explain the attack on Rooney. He was one of Chicago's most powerful union managers, and with his brother-in-law, Jerry Horan, who heads the Flat Janitors' Union, had founded the Cook County Wage Earners' League, a politico-labor association. Two years ago he represented the American Federation of Labor at the British Trades Union congress.

Rooney was accused of murder 12 years ago after Joseph Cooney was killed in an election row during a Sheet Metal Union meeting. He was acquitted.

Rooney and Horan split over the mayoral contest this year, Horan supporting Mayor Thompson, while Rooney backed Anton J. Cermack, Democrat.

His widow and three children are at Antioch, Ill.

GENERAL MOTORS MAN RELEASED ON BOND

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 19.—(AP)—Larry K. Dillman, American manager of the General Motors Acceptance corporation in Chile, was released on bond today. He had been held incommunicado since Tuesday night in connection with a $2,000,000 civil suit involving his firm.

Hope for Brophy Wanes As Plane's Identity Is Learned

MANILA, March 20 (Friday).—(AP)—Now hope that Glenn W. Brophy, Los Angeles aviator, unreported since he took off from Mocan, China, early yesterday on a trail-blazing flight to Manila, might be saved was quickly blasted today when it developed that a report of a trail-blazing flight to Manila, might be saved was quickly blasted today when it developed that a report of a two-motored plane at Lingayen, central Luzon island, was not definitely identified as that of the missing pilot.

Brophy was scheduled to have arrived here from Macao yesterday, but failed to appear. His wife waited for him at a local air field throughout the day.

The Lingayen postmasters' message did not state where Brophy had been, but it was assumed here that he had been forced to land on some isolated point of northern Luzon.

Commanders of the army and navy in the Philippines had ordered a search started for Brophy by planes and warships today.

Brophy left Shanghai for Manila January 17 with the announced intention of laying out a course for mail and passenger planes by way of several China coast cities. He was forced down twice en route from Shanghai to Macao, where the 600-mile flight across the China sea to Manila was begun.

Meanwhile authorities had virtually abandoned hope for F. A. Diskoff of San Francisco, and William Dentz of Manila, believed to have fallen into the Pacific ocean off the wild eastern coast of Mindanao island, southernmost of the Philippines, 10 days ago.

ITALIAN HEROES DROP TO DEATHS

Plane, at Altitude of Several Thousand Feet, Sideslips Into Ocean

PISA, Italy, March 19.—(AP)—Three heroes of Italian aviation, who would have taken part this summer in a projected group flight from Orbetello, Italy, to New York, plunged to their death today in the sea near here.

The dead are:

Col. Umberto Maddalena, who in 1928 first sighted General Nobile and the stranded crew of the dirigible Italia.

Capt. Fausto Cecconi, former executive officer of the Italian squadron which set records for non-refueling endurance and distance flights.

Second Lieut. Giuseppe Damonte, comrade with Maddalena and Cecconi on the recent Italian air and polar flight across the south Atlantic to Brazil.

Died Together

The three met death together today as they flew from Santa Caliope de Rosa in preparation for an effort to regain the distance and endurance records over a closed city, held by Maddalena and Cecconi from last June until less than six days ago.

Colonel Maddalena was piloting the Savoia-Marchetti seaplane at several thousand feet and less than a thousand feet off shore when suddenly it swerved and fell swiftly but shuttering into the ocean a mile distance from the hamlet of Torre di Monte Scipione.

Few persons saw it fall. They said one of the three tried desperately to free himself from the plane and open his parachute but he became entangled in the ropes as he dropped and struck the water like a plummet also at the second the machine struck the waves and carried his two comrades to death.

The bodies of the air heroes have not been recovered.

Much Honored

Maddalena, who leaped to world fame with his Arctic flight to find General Nobile and the Italia crew, was the most decorated officer in Italy. He had a gold medal for bravery, five silver medals and one of bronze. Captain Cecconi and Lieutenant Damonte also had been decorated for bravery.

The three occupied one of General Balbo's planes on the flight to Chicago in January and Colonel Maddalena had frequently planned a solo flight to the United States.

Last summer he and Cecconi carried out world records for distance and endurance over a closed circuit, staying in the air 47 hours and 13 minutes. The Franciscan Brossuttet and Rossi, encoded their record on March 1 with a 16 hour flight.

MRS. GROSSETTA TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Ella Grosetta, 46 died late Wednesday evening at a local hospital after a long residence in Tucson. She was born in Flora, Ind. Mrs. Grosetta was the wife of Tony Grosetta who has been associated with the Tucson police department for a number of years.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ariel Barry of Tucson and Mrs. Ora Bibbe of Indiana, two sons, Tony Grosetta, of Cutler, Ariz., and Frank Whiteman of Frankfort, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at the Fairview-Grimshaw chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. O. C. Hoopman in charge.

CLAIM DENIED

CHICAGO, March 19.—(AP)—The claim of George Adair Graves Longley of Janesville, Wis., and Los Angeles, for the insurance on the late Albert W. Longley, millionaire Chicago manufacturer, was denied today by Judge Michael Feinberg.

FLIER HONORED

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—A distinguished flying cross was awarded posthumously today to Lieutenant William W. Caldwell of Oakland, Calif., killed while engaged in a search for the wild eastern coast of Mindanao island, southernmost of the Philippines, 10 days ago.

SCOUTS, SALUTE ARE DENOUNCED BY LABOR

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 19.—(AP)—A resolution demanding abolition of the custom of saluting the flag in schools, indorsing establishment of a school for teaching socialism and denouncing the boy scouts as "a militarist organization," was passed today by the state labor council.

GOVERNOR SIGNS TAX BILL WHICH GRANTS SURVEY

Lethal Gas Measure Declared Unconstitutional by State Attorney

COMMISSION CREATED

One Business Man, One Farmer and One Mining Man To Be Named

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 19.—(AP)—Gov. Geo. W. P. Hunt today signed the tax survey bill enacted by the tenth legislature during the closing hours of its session last Saturday night.

The measure, unless a referendum is filed against it, will become effective 90 days after adjournment of the legislature. It does not carry the emergency clause, making it referable to the people at the next general election.

The bill, sponsored by the administration, appropriates $150,000 to be used in making a complete survey of all taxable property in the state.

Creates Board

It creates a three-man board of tax survey and a surveyor general to be appointed by the governor. The surveyor general will receive a salary of $7,500 a year, and members of the board $7,500 each.

The board's membership must consist of a representative of the agricultural interests, one representing the mining industry and one business man.

The survey must be completed by June 30, 1932, unless the measure is renewed, in which event, if it is approved by the people, the time is extended two years.

GAS BILL NOT CONSTITUTIONAL

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 19.—(AP)—Charles L. Strouss, assistant attorney general, advised Governor Hunt today that in his opinion the bill passed by the tenth legislature which would substitute a lethal gas chamber for the hangman's noose at the Arizona state prison is unconstitutional.

Governor Hunt, his secretary said, probably will veto the measure tomorrow.

Strouss said the bill is unconstitutional in that it would amend a section of the initiative measure approved by the people at the 1918 general election which provided "the punishment of death must be inflicted by hanging."

No Power to Amend

The legislature, Strouss said, does not have power to either amend or repeal initiative or referendum measures approved by the people.

The initiative measure cited was that which placed back on the Arizona statute books capital punishment after a three year experiment during which life imprisonment was the severest penalty exacted.

The governor had asked an opinion of the attorney general's office relative to effect of the bill, if signed, on prisoners sentenced to death who now are awaiting execution. The bill, as it would be approved, the opinion being merely that the bill is unconstitutional.

Governor Hunt in his message to the legislature advocated a more humane method than hanging of executing criminals, and he probably expected he would sign the measure, which passed both houses of the legislature by large majorities.

FARMER KILLS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, SELF

BUCHANAN, Ga., March 19.—(AP)—Tyson Latham, 45-year-old farmer, killed his wife, a 3-year-old daughter, and injured three of his other children at their home near here today, and then killed himself.

Two of the three injured children are not expected to live.

BEHYMER AFFILIATES

NEW YORK, March 19.—(AP)—Affiliation of the Columbia Concerts Corporation with Selby C. Oppenheimer of San Francisco and L. E. Behymer of Los Angeles was announced today by Arthur Judson, president of the Columbia Officiate. Judson said that Oppenheimer and Behymer will be exclusive representatives for Columbia in northern Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado west of Denver and New Mexico.

BODIES RECOVERED

QUINCY, Calif., March 19.—(AP)—Dug from the muck and slush which crushed them to death in a railroad tunnel cave-in near here yesterday, the broken bodies of five workmen were brought to Quincy today for an inquest. The cave-in today not only dungered the lives of eight rescue workers and delayed recovery of the last of the bodies. Both ether were attributed to heavy rains which loosened slush and turned earth into mud.

PLANS CHANGED

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—President's succession camp high in the Virginia mountains after changing her plans for visiting her son-in-law, Herbert Jr., at Asheville, N. C.

NEW APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—James H. Thompson, who owns a 300-acre farm in Illinois, was appointed a member of the farm board today to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alexander Legge.

New Gold Rush Starts as Rich Lode Is Uncovered in Sinaloan Hills; Miners Hurry to Stake Claims Along Streams

SAN IGNACIO, Sinaloa, Mexico, March 19.—(AP)—Guillermo Lavanga, graduate of Santa Clara university in California and once a Mexican senator, came out of the Sierra today with a story of a gold rush which has sent 600 prospectors into the mountains after a veritable treasure of natural wealth.

A hundred miles northeast of Masatlan this province, he said, 1,200 pounds of gold worth nearly $350,000 has been taken out of the rich mountain rivers. Some times the prospectors get as much as five pounds a day and in some places they are taking gold out of the rocks with their hunting knives.

Lavanga is an engineer who spent six weeks in the goldfields. The River El Fuerte, 50 to 100 feet wide with alluvial deposits six feet deep, is rich in gold, he said, and the modern 'forty-niners are searching for the mother lode which they believe is farther up-stream than any stream now staked.

The district is not unknown to miners, for a Spanish mine three centuries old and several others more modern are within 150 miles. The deposits now being panned out of the stream probably were brought down by floods and exposed by erosion comparatively recently.

Lavanga said 1,600 claims already have been filed. He filed his own last October.

His story of the discovery of the is that Heraclio Bernal, a notorious bandit in the days of Diaz, used to bring raw gold into the towns he visited, but his source of supply never was found.

One day last fall the old robber's nephew came to a woman in San Ignacio desperately ill, and offered to show her where his uncle got his gold if she would care for him.

Not long after that Lavanga went into the mountains.

Sabotage Threat Brings Quiz, Arrest to Hungarian Officer

Criminal Syndicalism Charge Filed as Investigators Find Alleged Plan to Damage Giant Navy Dirigible 'Akron,' Now Under Construction in Ohio

AKRON, Ohio, March 19.—(AP)—Paul F. Kassay, 37, reputed to be a former Hungarian army officer, was held here tonight for federal authorities on a charge of criminal syndicalism in connection with alleged threats of sabotage against the United States navy's giant zeppelin "Akron" which is under construction here. Kassay worked as a mechanic on the dirigible construction.

Kassay was arrested late today by local detectives at the request of department of justice agents who have been investigating the case for several months. Assistant County Prosecutor George Hargreaves, who swore to the affidavit upon which he was arrested, said federal investigators had worked beside Kassay at the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corporation plant to gain information.

The affidavit charged that Kassay "did speak in the city of the said Akron, Ohio, in the county and state aforesaid, certain words and language which are false, scandalous, malicious, defamatory and opprobrious, and which words and language are of and concerning the United States of America, its army and navy, and the said Akron, Ohio, and the said Goodyear-Zeppelin Corporation, and which said words and language are as follows, to wit: 'Akron' which is under construction here. Kassay worked as a mechanic on the dirigible construction.

Kassay was being questioned in the county jail tonight, but officials said no reveal whether he had made any admissions, neither did they disclose whether others might be involved.

MALONY RITES TO BE SATURDAY

Burial of Aged Legislator Will Be in Phoenix; Body Lies in State

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 19.—(AP)—Funeral services for Representative Maloney, oldest member of the Arizona legislature, will be held here at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Maloney, who was 80 years old, was found fatally ill early Saturday near Florence when his automobile overturned. He was taken here to his Tucson home following adjournment of the tenth legislature early Sunday morning.

The aged legislator's body will lie in state in the rotunda of the state capitol from 12:30 to 2 o'clock Saturday. From the capitol the body will be taken to the First Methodist church where last rites will be conducted by the Reverend C. M. Burkhart, pastor of the house of representatives, and the Reverend Edwin W. Stricker, pastor of the church.

Many out of town members of the legislature have remained in Phoenix to attend the services.

Honorary pall bearers are to be named from the membership of the ninth and tenth legislatures, in which Representative Maloney served.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. C. W. Black, Phoenix; Mrs. Beatrice Glass, Kimberly, B. C., Canada; and Mrs. Florence Bonelli, Columbia, Idaho, and a son, W. L. Maloney, Glen Ellen, Ill., all of whom will be here for the funeral.

Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery here.

Oklahoma and Texas Towns Hit by Tornado; Two Dead

CLINTON, Okla., March 19.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and nearly a score injured, five severely, by a tornado here late today.

Striking the west edge of Clinton late today the twister carved out a path three blocks wide and ten blocks long, demolishing a grocery and a school annex and uprooting at least a dozen homes.

The dead:

Mrs. Louise Anderson, 51.

Charles Collins, 12, electrician, electrocuted while repairing power line.

A heavy deluge of rain preceded the tornado, which settled into town from the southeast. School children had vacated a frame annex to the brick high and school building an hour before the annex was demolished.

Heavy rains were general over western and central portions of the state.

PROPERTY WRECKED IN DESDEMONA

DESDEMONA, Texas, March 19.—(AP)—A tornado struck here late today, uprooting several houses and wrecking a gasoline plant. So far as could be learned immediately no one was injured. Telegraph and telephone lines were put out of commission. A heavy rain accompanied the storm.

SPINAL DISEASE NO LOCAL WORRY

Stroud Tells About Meningitis And Says Conditions Here Are Under Control

There is no need of fear locally for an epidemic of spinal meningitis, according to Dr. R. J. Stroud, state superintendent of health, Here Thursday to confer with local officials on the question of merging the city and county health units, Dr. Stroud took time to investigate the few isolated cases of meningitis. "This does not constitute an epidemic," Dr. Stroud said. "Two cases have cropped up here, both successfully caused by a chronic carrier of the disease, who happened to be in contact. Though cases are difficult because the carrier is hard to find and isolate.

"These cases come as sporadic cases. They are apt to come in every community each year. For the past two years this has been more or less of a curse to the whole country. Frequently one or two such cases leads the public to think that an epidemic is present, whereas the contrary is true.

"There is no need of fear. The situation is well under control and no contacts have been completely

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HOOVER BECOMES SEA-GOING CHIEF

U. S. S. ARIZONA, March 19.—(AP)—President Hoover became a seagoing president today, with rest uppermost in his mind until port is reached Monday.

Informality prevailed aboard the warship as soon as the captain had given the president the gun salute had been fired, the flag hoisted and the national anthem sung. As the ship headed oceanward the President and Secretary of War Hurley strolled along the rear deck for a while Secretary Wilbur Johnson and others lined.

The three watched with interest as the ship abandonment drill was begun, with Stenarapers and seamen scurrying, and reporters smilling more slowly to the positive command them in case of emergency.

WITHIN FIVE YEARS

PANAMA CITY, R. P., March 19.—(AP)—A motor highway from the Panama canal to the Mexican border of the United States will link Central American nations and open parts of America to United States motorists within five years, T. H. MacDonald, chief of the United States bureau of public roads, forecast today.

BERNT BALCHEN SEEKS FRISSELL LOST ON FLOES

Food Sent to Viking Survivors And Rescue of 118 Men Is Begun

AVIATOR LAST HOPE

Effect of Exposure Evident on Those Saved; Tea and Crackers Food

BULLETIN

BOSTON, March 19.—(AP)—Bernt Balchen, who was engaged to fly to Horse Island, N. F., in a search for Varick Frissell, one of the missing in the Viking disaster, announced tonight that the proposed flight had been postponed because of adverse weather conditions.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 19.—(AP)—Food came to the Viking survivors today, medical attention to the injured—but behind the hummock of ice in the bleak sea of the northland there still was sealed the fate of two Americans and 16 Newfoundland seal hunters.

The struggle of the crews of three sealers to drag food and medical supplies from their ships to Horse Island, five miles away shipmates, treacherous ice, was rewarded with success shortly before noon.

Doctors from the rescue ships dashed immediately to the injured, extending first aid. They found 118 men who had been subsisting since Monday on tea and crackers, crowding for warmth in the five little houses that form the island's only. They were being put aboard the sealer Ragona tonight.

The 118 men had dragged themselves eight miles across the ice after an explosion tore the Viking asunder Sunday night. Six more, including Harry Sargent, Boston explorer, were picked up by the Sagona from ice floes.

Frissell Still Lost

Hope of finding the remaining 18 is pinned upon Bernt Balchen, who planned to take off with a rescue plane from Boston at midnight to span the ice-jammed sea. Among the missing are Varick Frissell, New York movie producer, and his cameraman, A. G. Penrod.

En route to the Ragona, fitted as a hospital ship and prepared to proceed to St. Johns the survivors on the island were being detained above the sealer lmogene for food and rest.

The six men picked up by the Sagona were suffering the effects of exposure. Navigator W. Kennedy contracted pneumonia; Operator C. King's life is threatened by pneumonia in frozen feet and has an eye affliction. The Bonfils will be the oldest ship to reach the island today. It was standing by ready to take aboard any survivors who could not be put onto the Ragona.

BALCHEN PREPARES TO FLY ON SEARCH

HOUTTON, March 19.—(AP)—Greasesmeared mechanics labored tonight preparing a relief plane to go to the aid of the Viking disaster survivors.

Bernt Balchen, hero of the fjord Amundsen and trans-Atlantic flights, who had been chosen as its pilot, inspected the large amphibian, took it for a brief flight and announced the expedition would be prepared to hop off before 2 a. m. He had spent the day sleeping at a hotel, regaining his strength for the hazardous 1,000 mile flight.

Balchen found the big plane "o. k." to use his own expression when, after a 20 minutes test flight, he brought the craft to earth. The sea tanks, which still remained to be installed, were worrying him, he admitted, and so were adverse weather reports from the north. When asked if the weather might not make the flight tonight "doubtful," he said, "yes." No change in plans were made, however.

Is Father's Plan

Morton Cooper, who was organizing the expedition, conferred with army and navy officials and with representatives of the local chapter of the Red Cross arranging for the delivery of supplies to be brought into the frozen wa es of Newfoundland. It was hoped that the plane might thus be able to render succor of bravery among the survivors might yet be lying amid the ice floes of White bay since the sealing ship Viking was blasted from under them Sunday night.

The expedition was being organized hurriedly by Cooper at the request of Dr. Lewis Frissell of New York, father of Varick Frissell, who as a member of a motion picture group, was aboard the Viking and who has been missing since the explosion. Cooper is an explorer and moving picture photographer.

It had not been decided definitely late today who would complete the party. It was believed that, in addition to Balchen, it would include Cooper and either Roy Gates, New York, Randy Erskine of New York, regarded as one of the most experienced night pilots in the country, or both. Cooper pointed out late this afternoon that the personnel of the party would be dependent largely upon weight.

EDITOR DIES FROM INJURY TO SPINE

NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—(AP)—Martin T. Durkin, managing editor of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, died today of a spine injury suffered a week ago when he was jolted to stopping his automobile to avoid collision with another car.

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