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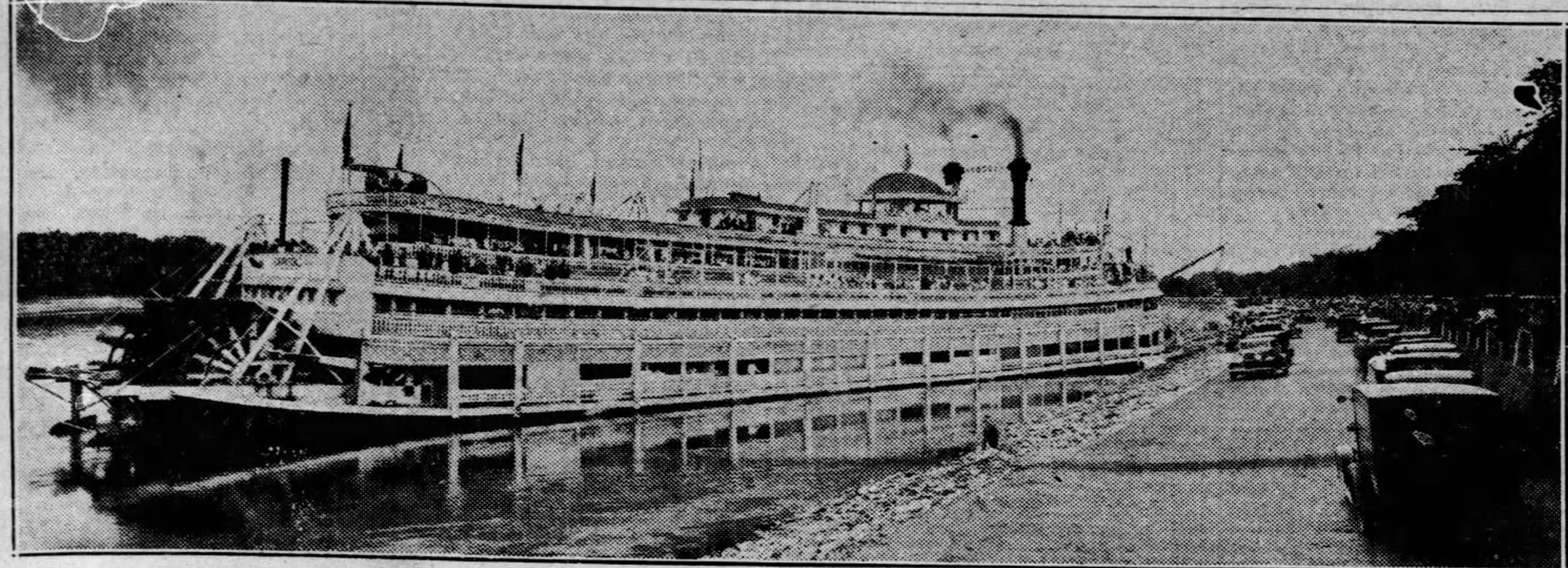
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## Steamboat Days Are Here Again!



## The WEEK

BY FORREST ALLEN

LaFollette, Chains—Sol's Truism—Relief—Blue Vote—U. S. Bonds—Liberalized Court—The Rollo Boys Abroad.

GOVERNOR LA FOLLETTE'S long-awaited post-election declaration on the chain issue was delivered to the legislature last week during the course of his third message to Wisconsin's law-makers. In the eyes of stalwarts it was a weak evasion of the fundamental issues; to the progressives it is a gloriously courageous stand on a keg of dynamite. To the unimpassioned observer it appears merely to postpone the whole question via the interim committee route, with final action to be taken in the uncertain future, although the governor assured the legislators that this session would be forced to deal with the chains. And for this purpose, he said, an extra session will be called next fall.

With the challenge that "there are those who believe they can frighten public officials... from any consideration of the banking question," the governor declared that "I am convinced that the submission of a negative program as an alternative might have a bad effect upon the stability of our financial institutions. To present legislation aimed solely at chain banking would discharge the letter of our platform commitments, but it would not fulfill an even higher obligation..." It would be, he continued, "playing politics with banking." Which, to the uninitiated, has a hollow ring, when one recalls that the governor did nothing else but play politics with banking during his tempestuous summer campaign. As for the chain system of retailing, the governor believes that its taxes should be equalized—which leaves the door open for a comfortable number of interpretations.

Without any intended insinuation that the radical governor grows conservative, it is interesting to note a remark made by that greatest of all progressives, Uncle Sol, the state's treasurer, before an audience meeting at Madison. Said Sol: "Men out of office, candidates for a job, are often radical. As soon as they are elected they become conservative." The stalwarts, then, should not be bothered about a slight attack of conservatism on the part of Governor La Follette.

Only one measure of any consequence has received final approval of the legislative mill during the week. This bill provides compulsory old age assistance by counties after July 1, 1933, the requirements being that persons more than 70 years of age may be aided without confinement to charitable or county homes. The senate voted through the Pons-Goodland unemployment relief bill which boosts the normal income tax rate by one-third and the assembly approved the Groves income tax bill. The senate measure is expected to add \$5,000,000 and the assembly bill \$3,800,000 to the tax burden of income receivers in the state. All important legislation remaining is scheduled to come before the legislature next week and an adjournment is expected by the middle of the month.

After 11 defeats in the senates of a past quarter century, and an equal number of victories in the assemblies of the same period, Wisconsin's "blue-law" repealer will be put to a vote of the electorate in the November elections of 1932, the legislature has decided. This 82-year-old statute, which makes a lawbreaker of the Sunday golfer or movie fan, has withstood many assaults, inspired and inspired the reformers who champion this reactionary law say, by a plot of the movie interests who have spent millions here to have it repealed.

Out of Washington comes comforting news for the nation's business interests with the announcement by the secretary of the treasury that the \$800,000,000 federal bond issue, announced Monday, had been oversubscribed six and one-half times in three days. The issue will be one of the interest since the war time liberty bonds, and is regarded by experts as being the forerunner of another issue of \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000 next fall. At the white house it was said that the expected deficit at the end of the present fiscal year, June 30, would be between \$500,000,000 and \$800,000,000, due to a decrease in revenues of \$890,000,000 and an increase in expenses of \$540,000,000. The funds raised by the present bond issue will be used to set (Continued on page six, Col. two)

## BORAH DEMANDS CUT IN GERMAN DEBT TO U. S.

Blames Heavy Armaments For Part of European Depression

ADMINISTRATION SILENT ON FOREIGN DEVELOPMENTS

Door is Closed to Parley Involving War Loans

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Germany's declaration of inability to meet her reparations payments Saturday drew close attention of the administration and a demand from Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee for a cut in the German war burden.

Senator Borah assailed heavy armaments of the other European nations and blamed them in part for the European depression and Germany's financial plight. He declared the armaments violated the Versailles treaty.

Administration Silent. Significance was added to Borah's pronouncement in view of his recent conference on the European situation with President Hoover and Secretary Stimson.

While the administration maintained silence on the new European developments it was recalled that President Hoover recently called upon the foreign powers to reduce their armaments in a speech before the International Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary Stimson went into consultation with economic experts but as he did so he made it plain again that the United States did not consider the reparations problem to be linked in any way with the war debts due to this country by European nations.

Consequently, the door was regarded as closed to any international parley on finances which might involve America's war loans. Nevertheless, American interest in the European situation was seen in Secretary Stimson's recent decision to visit the continent this summer.

Depression Obstacles. "Revision of the reparations settlement," Senator Borah said, "seems to me to be expedient economically and also fundamentally (Continued on page six, Col. two)

## WOMAN WITNESS IN MURDER CASE IS THREATENED

LOS ANGELES.—(P)—Mrs. Ethel Hamlin, wealthy club woman and state's witness against David H. Clark, charged with murdering Charles H. Crawford, political boss, and Herbert Spencer, former news-papepman, said Saturday her life has been threatened. She related that the death threat was whispered during the preliminary hearing of Clark last Tuesday, which she attended but was not called as a witness. Clark was held for trial.

## Moral Control of Youth Seen As Basis of Conflict Between Pope and Duce

By AUGUSTINE BEAUMONT

Rome.—Despite its bitterness, the present conflict between the papacy and the vatican is regarded only as a passing episode in the development of Italy. In its effects upon the rising generation, moral direction of youth in Italy is at the bottom of the struggle.

It seems strange that such a conflict as the present one could arise in a Catholic country, where Catholicism is recognized as the state religion and other sects are merely tolerated. Thus both the contending parties are Catholics, which seems paradoxical at first sight. One must be on the spot to understand the causes.

One cause is the absolute political intolerance of fascism. It goes the extreme limit in abolishing the individual, who is assumed to have the right to think only as fascists think.

## Ol' Man River, Ol' Man River, He just keeps rollin' along, along, along.

SHADES of the past? No, above is not an old-time picture retrieved from the archives of happy days of steamboats and steam-boating on the Mississippi. It is a right smack new camera shot, taken yesterday afternoon, of the steamer Capitol just embarking upon its maiden 1931 voyage from the Port of La Crosse.

Close inspection of the boat's position from shore will reveal that the steamer had already begun its maneuver "out to sea" when the camera clicked, for the "paddle" wheel is in motion and the gangplank, still in place, is beckoning to a lone late arrival scurrying aboard for the first excursion of the year.

Aboard are just "skads" of high school students, and the parents of some—for it was their annual excursion. "Skipper" Streckfus himself, to whose kindness in throttling the engines for tardy photographers we are indebted for this picture, is somewhere on the deck above. "Scotty," "skipper" of the flock, is there, too.

The orchestra has struck up a lively jazz tune (can't you hear it?) and there is happy merriment aboard. School days! We are sorry—the camera man informed us that the departing tools of the whistle and the anxious clang of the bells, which really should be included, you know, for "atmosphere," could not be photographed.

All of which happily reminds us again of companionable Ol' Man River, of the joys and picturesque of the Mississippi in steamboat time—traditional from the days of yore.

## Ol' Man River, Ol' Man River, He just keeps rollin' along, along, along.

## CONFERENCES OF GERMAN AND BRITISH STATESMEN DRAW EYES OF WORLD

## Postponement In Paying War Debts Sought

CHEQUERS, Eng. — (P) — Like four business men discussing the affairs of a great corporation, the heads of the British and German governments met here Saturday to talk over Germany's economic plight.

Chancellor Heinrich Brüning sought Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald's assistance in sounding out Germany's creditors, including the United States, regarding postponement of some of the heavy reparations payments. Foreign Minister Julius Curtius and Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson talked together of the matters most intimately connected with their offices.

Those who have followed the interchanges preceding the visit of the German statesmen may incline to think that Mr. MacDonald had given Herr Brüning words of encouragement coupled with a promise to see which way the wind blows among the creditor nations. There was reason to believe Mr. MacDonald might be careful in committing himself to Friday's report recommending reductions in the Dole payments has precipitated what may amount to a crisis within the ranks of the government labor party.

Before he came to Chequers the German chancellor said he intended to speak frankly of the economic difficulties which every nation faces, and particularly of the difficulties in Germany.

## French Press Much Agitated Over Meeting

BY A. G. GARDINER

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LONDON.—All eyes this week-end are focused on Chequers, the country seat of the prime minister, where Chancellor Brüning and Foreign Minister Curtius of Germany are visiting Ramsay MacDonald and Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson.

The prospect of this visit has created much agitation in the French press. In view of that agitation, emphasis is laid on the fact that the event is purely a courtesy visit, devoted to informal talks. Nevertheless, the alarming deterioration of economic conditions in Germany, coupled with the growing conviction that unless she secures relief by a revision of reparations payments the republic will be threatened with overwhelming and political disaster, must dominate the discussions.

Swift Action Necessary. It is not expected that Chancellor Brüning will present a demand for a moratorium on the Young plan or will reopen the question of reparations, but he certainly will present a case for swift, drastic action, if Germany is to be saved from an incalculable catastrophe.

The discussions will not be confined to Germany's perilous situation, for Great Britain's difficulties are only less pressing than hers, while the situation of the labor government is once more in grave peril. This latter fact is due to publication Friday of the interim report of the unemployment insurance commission containing recommendations which, though mild compared to those carried out in Germany, have aroused bitter resentment in the labor party. This writer's forecast of recommendations a fortnight ago has been fulfilled. The proposals aim to make the insurance scheme solvent and self-supporting by increasing rate contributions, reducing benefits and eliminating abuses of the dole. It is estimated that the annual saving effected would amount to more than \$125,000,000, reducing the total cost of the scheme to less than \$500,000,000.

What Will MacDonald Do? What will Premier MacDonald do in the face of this report? The commission was appointed by him, under pressure of the complete breakdown of the insurance system, to devise a scheme to restore it to an actuarial basis. But the immediate result of the issuing of the report is a raging, tearing propaganda by the independent labor party against the proposals being put into effect, and the trades unions, while agreeing to the suppression of flagrant abuses, declare their opposition to increase contributions and the diminution of benefits.

MacDonald is in a dilemma between putting into effect the proposals which he himself has asked for and facing a revolt in his own ranks. The general expectation is that he will accept the proposals for stamping out the grosser abuses. (Continued on page six, Col. one)

# PLAN COMMENCEMENTS Award Viaduct Contract

## HIGH SCHOOLS HOLD THEIR EXERCISES ON THURSDAY EVENING

Baccalaureate Exercises to Take Place This Afternoon

GRADUATES NUMBER MORE THAN 200 IN TWO SCHOOLS

Otto M. Schlachab and Rev. Joseph Stump Speakers

THURSDAY evening 154 students will be graduated from Central high school, and 56 from Logan. Baccalaureate services at the two schools are to be held this afternoon in the respective auditoriums at 3 o'clock.

Attorney Otto M. Schlachab will address the Central graduating class, while the Rev. Joseph Stump, Jr., will be the speaker at Logan. School parties, class meetings and other senior class affairs during the last two weeks of school, mark the finish of the high school education of the students.

At Central High. Graduation exercises at Central will be held outside the school, at the Cass street entrance beginning at 7:15 p. m. Speakers and other persons on the program will be seated on the steps, while bleachers and chairs will be provided for those attending.

The third June commencement for Logan will be held in the school auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock. The theme of the Central speakers is "Educational Modes" while at the north side institution "Footprints on the Sands of Time" will be the topic of the student speakers.

Names of Speakers. Ruth Radatz, salutatorian, will open the Central speaking program with her topic, "Experiments in Education." Harold Adams, valedictorian, will speak on "Experience" in the concluding talk. Other speakers are Stanley Christensen, Charlene Hickisch, Jerome Gill and France Lorenz. Musical numbers by the senior girls' chorus, the school orchestra, and solos, will also be on the program. Following the presentation of diplomas, Principal G. D. Scott will award Circle certificates. A reception will follow in the gymnasium.

Twenty Injured In Cuban Riots. SANTIAGO, Cuba. — (P) — A score of persons were slightly injured Saturday in an unemployment demonstration, after which 50 rioters sought the refuge of the American consulate here as they fled from rural guards.

Randits Surrounded. DULUTH, Minn. — (P) — Two youths who early Saturday were routed when they attempted to rob a taxicab driver, were reported surrounded Saturday night by deputy sheriffs in the dense brush around Pike Lake, a few miles from the Duluth city limits.

Attorney Heads Baptists. KANSAS CITY. — (P) — Mattison Boyd Jones, Glendale, Calif., attorney, Saturday was elected president of the Northern Baptist convention by acclamation.

## GREEN ACRES OVERHEAD ONE OF NINE PROJECTS SANCTIONED BY STATE

MADISON, Wis.—(P)—Nine contracts for overhead projects in connection with the governor's railroad grade crossing elimination program were announced by the emergency unemployment commission Saturday.

Right-of-Way Difficulty. The highway commission has met with difficulty in its attempt to secure rights-of-way for 22 projects for which contracts have been awarded, John T. Donaghey, chief engineer of the unemployment commission, said.

Several of the right of way problems were solved during the past week, after property owners learned that the state had authority to condemn the property and assess damages, Mr. Donaghey said. The commission has authorized the construction of 13 subways, two of which are under construction. Plans and specifications have been prepared or are in progress for 66 projects.

Mr. Donaghey said that agreements with railroads have been completed whereby they will pay \$1,420,000 as their share of the grade crossing program.

Award Nine Contracts. The latest contracts awarded by the commission follows: Drummond overhead, Bayfield county, Bystrom Brothers, Ashland, \$11,914.75.

Evansville overhead, Rock county, H. C. Brogan, Milwaukee, \$81,564.25.

Grady overhead, Green county, Whitewater Bridge company, Whitewater, \$3,117.29.

Green Acres overhead, La Crosse county, Martin Schroeder, Cash-ton, \$24,865.75.

Powers overhead, Dodge county, Appleton Construction company, Appleton, \$22,489.29.

Walsh overhead, Walworth county, H. C. Brogan, Milwaukee, \$55,380.80.

Royalton overhead, Waupaca county, Garvey-Weyenberg Construction company, Appleton, \$16,399.50.

West Wisconsin Rapids overhead, Wood county, Garvey-Weyenberg Construction company, Appleton, \$18,336.80.

Monroe overhead, Green county, Whitewater Bridge company, Whitewater, \$15,181.36.

## Crazed Filipino Runs Wild on Oriental Ship; Kills One, Injures Three

YOKOHAMA.—(P)—The antics of Graciano Bilas, 42, a Filipino, aboard the liner Empress of Canada as it approached Yokohama Friday, left two Chinese dead and 29 persons injured, 17 critically, Saturday.

How Bilas suddenly ran wild with a knife and for an hour and a half cut and slashed his way to and fro on the lower decks of the liner and ship's officers pursued him with drawn pistols was told when the vessel docked here.

Sixty policemen met the ship, but Bilas was in irons. The police rushed the more seriously injured to hospitals.

Ship's officers said the Filipino was talking with Charles Campbell, ship's plumber, in a passageway when Bilas unexpectedly struck the plumber on the shoulder.

Then he ran wild from one end of the ship to the other, slashing everyone he met. Terror reigned among the passengers. Bilas struck several from behind as he encountered them in passageways of the steerage. The crew kept him from reaching the upper decks.

Officers armed with pistols then started after the crazed Filipino. Bilas disappeared and a systematic search of the vessel started. He was finally cornered in the ship's bow.

He screamed for officers to shoot. They turned a fire hose on him and a few minutes later he submitted without a struggle. He was put in irons in the ship's bow. He will be taken ashore at Hongkong for trial.

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## Ten Planes Await Ideal Atmosphere For World Jaunts

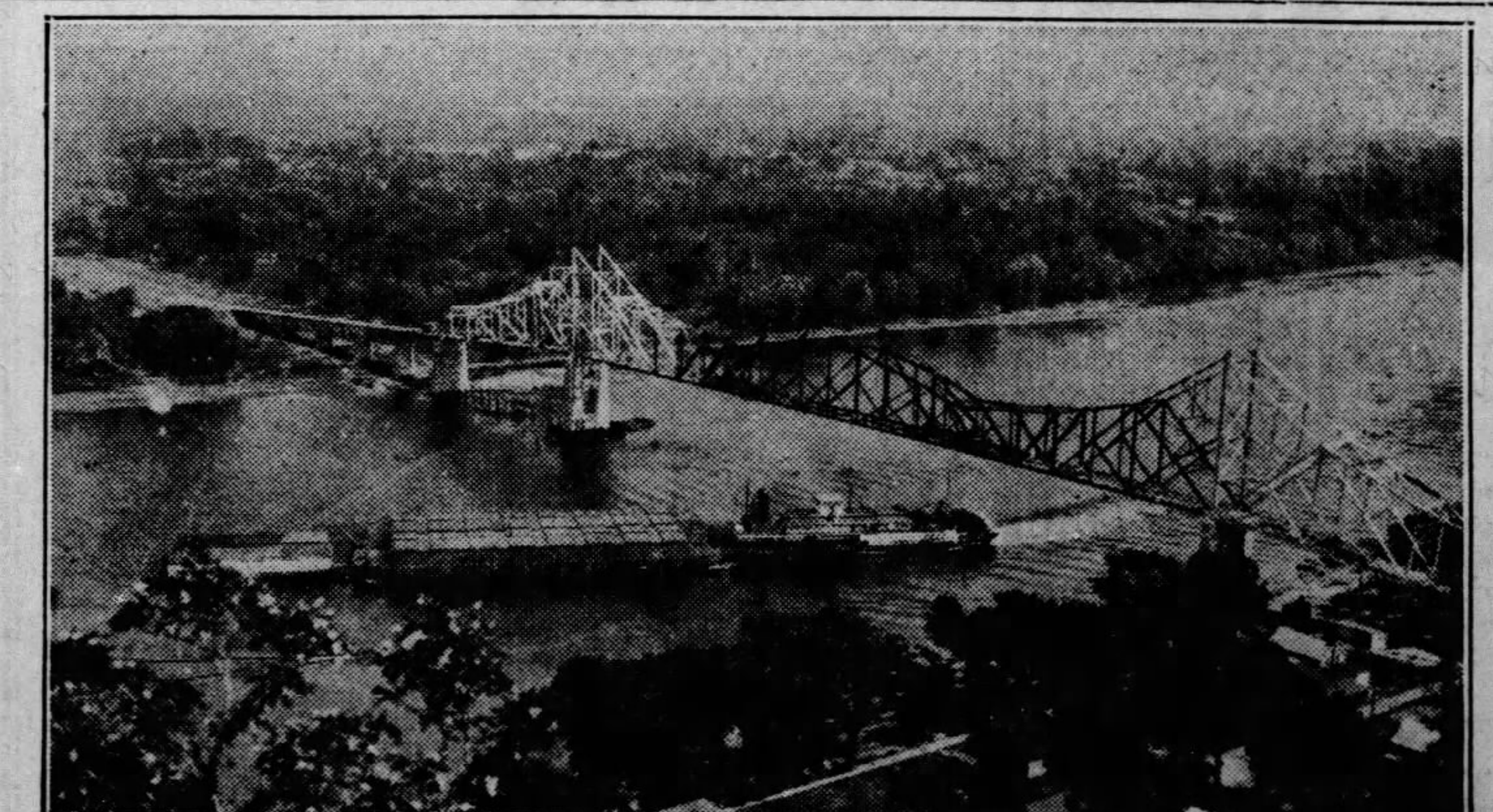
NEW YORK.—(P)—One airplane completed the last leg of its trans-Atlantic flight Friday. Three were poised Saturday for the weatherman's signal, and seven are trying their wings, preparing an answer the annual early summer challenge of distant skies.

Sixteen flyers, three of them women, will pit their skill and courage shortly against fatigue, unchanged spaces and possible storms. Three expeditions will be world flights.

The expeditions are: Do-X flying from Switzerland, arrived Friday at Natal, Brazil.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh (Continued on page six, Col. five)

## New Lansing-De Soto Bridge



The above is a splendid view of the new Black Hawk bridge, which spans the Mississippi river from Lansing, Iowa, to De Soto, Wis., which will be dedicated with elaborate ceremonies June 17 to 20. A tow boat with barges is shown passing under the bridge, giving an idea of the height of the structure. This is the first bridge to connect the states of Wisconsin and Iowa.

Lansing and De Soto from June 17 to 20. Business men and citizens of La Crosse are urged to participate in the automobile trip to the north-eastern Iowa city. It is planned to form a mammoth automobile caravan. (Continued on page six, Col. four)

## ACTIVITIES BEGIN TODAY AT COLLEGE

Rev. A. B. Martin Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon on "The Pursuit of Wisdom" This Afternoon

GRADUATES WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS NEXT THURSDAY

Junior High School Exercises Take Place on Tuesday Afternoon

THE twenty-second annual La Crosse State Teachers college commencement program will take place next Thursday morning at 9:30 when 126 candidates for graduation will receive their diplomas from President G. M. Snodgrass. The Rev. G. G. Bennett, Duluth, will deliver the principal address. Commencement activities officially started on May 8 with the production of the college musical revue, "The Melting Pot," and were continued on May 26 when the annual men's intra-mural field day was held.

Baccalaureate service for the graduating students will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the college auditorium, the Rev. A. B. Martin of the First Baptist church delivering the sermon, "The Pursuit of Wisdom." The college male quartet will sing two numbers, "The Prayer Perfect" and the choral benediction, "Grace be Unto You." Two numbers will also be rendered by the combined glee clubs of the college, "The Green Cathedral," and "The Home Road." The college orchestra will play selections from "The Home Road." The college orchestra will play selections from "The Priests of Athalia" as the professional and recreational marches.

Junior High Exercises. Commencement exercises for the junior high school of the college training school will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. President Snodgrass will deliver the graduation address. A physical education demonstration will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the physical education building, with all physical education students attending the college taking part.

Class day exercises, the last program to be staged by the graduating seniors, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the auditorium. Ray E. Volford, a graduate, is in charge of the program. On class day the seniors will present the class gift, leave their class history, and attach their colors to the school lally. The faculty will stage a burlesque, and the senior class song, written by Miss Wanda Le Tendre, will be sung.

Reception for Faculty. Following the class day program, a reception will be given by the Campus Dames for the faculty, the graduates and their parents.

Following the commencement program, the Saphonian society will give a luncheon to the alumni members of the organization.

Faculty committees appointed by President Snodgrass to care for commencement activities include: Rena Angell and Jessie Caldwell, stage decorations; W. J. Wittich, senior rebarsals; Marshall Goff, ushers; Dorothy Magnus, Emma Wilder, and Raymond Barnard, class exercises; D. O. Coate, Myrtle Trowbridge, Bessie Bell Hutchison, William Sanders and O. O. White, alumni banquet; Jean Rolfe, Dr. Samuel G. Hensberg, Bernice Wood, Hans Reuter and Martha Skarr, alumni reception.

## ARMY AVIATORS LAND HERE AFTER RECORD FLIGHT

Two army aviators flying Goeling pursuit planes landed at Salzer field at 5:15 Saturday afternoon after making a non-stop flight from Fairfield, O., in four hours and fifteen minutes.

They were Lieut. Kelsey and Lieut. Berger. After refueling, each plane taking 75 gallons of gasoline and two gallons of oil, the pilots took off at 5:45 for Minneapolis.

The pilots are believed to be from Mather Field, Mills, Cal. They addressed telegrams to that place before leaving La Crosse.

## HOLD TWO MEN IN GIRL'S DEATH

CHICAGO, Ill.—(P)—Two men were held Saturday night as suspects in the slaying of Edna Mueller, 15, who was attacked, strangled and strangled while walking from a street car to her home.

BLAST INJURES SEVEN. PHILADELPHIA.—(P)—William B. Mills, superintendent of police, and six other men were injured late Saturday by an explosion on the harbor police boat bearing his name. Mills suffered internal injuries and a broken leg.