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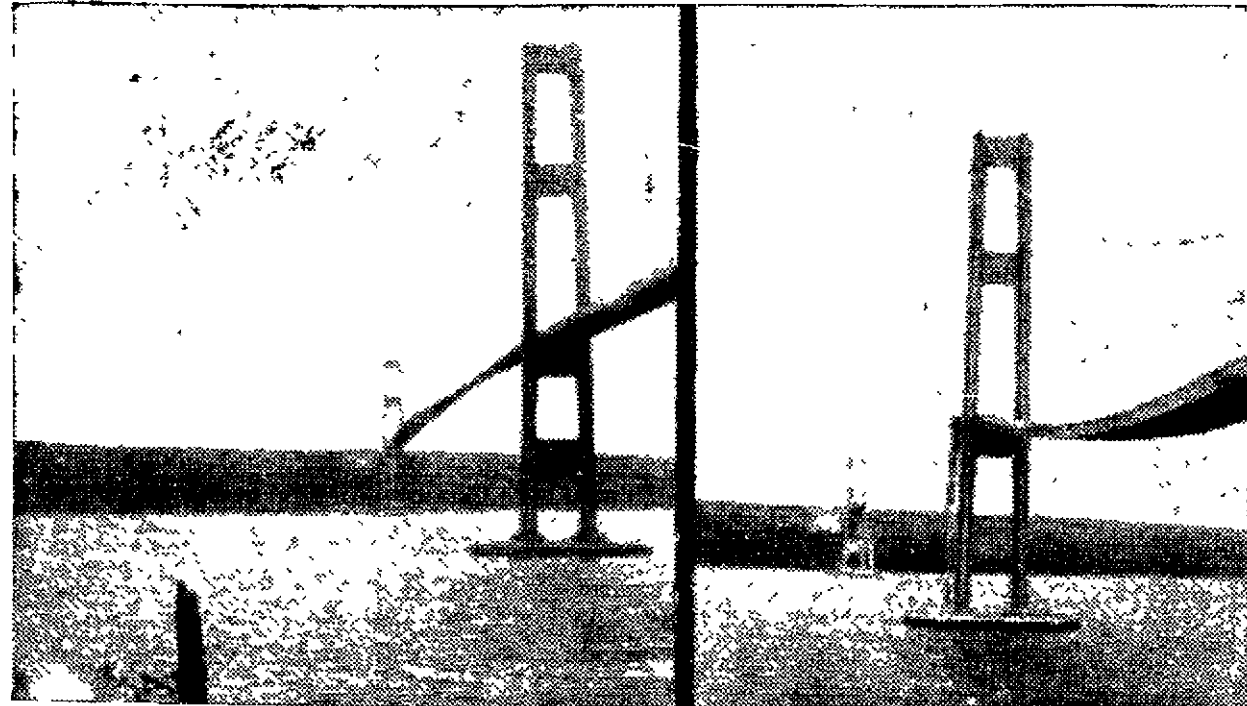
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Local Men on Tacoma Bridge 15 Minutes Before It Falls



These pictures taken just before and just after the Washington toll bridge near Tacoma, Wash., toppled into Puget Sound with a resultant loss of \$6,400,000, two Brainerd men—Emil V. Nelson and Henry Rifenrath, Jr.—were driving on its shaky surface.

Sound came from the camera of a Brainerd man, Emil V. Nelson, former president of the Eagles lodge here. At the left

the bent concrete and steel is shown as it swayed "like rubber." The picture at the right was taken just after the bridge fell into the Sound.

Rifenrath left Brainerd Nov. 3 for Port Orchard, Wash., where the Nelson family plans to live. They arrived there Nov. 6 and the following day the two men made a trip to Tacoma during which they witnessed one of the most unusual sights anyone has ever seen.

The Washington toll bridge was one and one-eighth mile long, arched 195 feet above the water and had piers 247 feet beneath the surface. The center span was 2,300 feet long.

Mr. Nelson was president of the Brainerd Eagles lodge and Mr. Rifenrath was vice president before they resigned to leave for the coast. Nelson had been employed in the Brainerd Foundry.

Nelson, his wife and child and

the bridge as it fell.

"As we reached the bridge, a man who was working on it asked me if we were going to drive over it," Nelson wrote. "We were the first ones to approach from this side and we could see no reason not to. But as we got out a ways it started to sway worse than ever.

"We hurried back to safety and 15 minutes later the bridge was swaying like a jumping rope. It was all concrete and steel but it looked like it was made of rubber. The light posts fell off like match sticks.

"I got my kodak out and snapped 15 shots of it. It was quite a sight to see."

9 POISONED BY FOOD

PITTSBURGH (UP)—Nine men died today and the death toll may mount even higher as the result of food poisoning believed to have been caused by tainted pancakes served at the Salvation Army's men's social service center here.

The men were stricken in a few hours after they had eaten a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and coffee at the center. It was feared roach powder may have been introduced into the pancake batter accidentally. Remnants of the breakfast were confiscated for analysis.

Two of the victims died at the center before they could be removed to hospitals. Seven additional victims succumbed at St. Francis hospital, where most of the stricken were taken.

In addition to those who died, approximately 35 others were reported suffering symptoms of food poisoning. Several of these were described as in serious condition.

Those affected were stricken almost simultaneously a few hours after they arose from the breakfast table. When police arrived, men were found writhing in pain throughout the two-story brick structure, situated in the Lawrenceville section of the city.

Among the first to arrive were several Catholic priests, who hurried from one victim to the other administering the last rites of the church.

Adjutant Roy Barber, in charge of the center, said that Arthur Wilson, 39, the cook, told him the batter for pancakes had been mixed yesterday, and that the barrel of flour was emptied yesterday and refilled today.

Barber said the refilling of the barrel today was the first since the dismissal of a former chef for "unsatisfactory service," three weeks ago. The former cook, Barber said had used roach powder to spread around the rooms. He was believed to have gone to Philadelphia.

Police sought the former cook for questioning.

The casualty list might have been greater, only for the fact that the dining room seats only about 40 persons. There were about 70 men at the center today, but the "second table" never was served.

Deputy Coroner Bernard Grattan found the building in confusion when he arrived.

"There were about 30 men lying in the dormitory on their beds. They seemed to be in great pain some walked around grasping their throats; others, their stomachs some of the men who were in bed fell out of bed vomiting."

Legislator Dies



SENATOR KEY PITTMAN

Senator Key Pittman, 68 year old chairman of the U. S. Senate committee on foreign relations and president pro tempore of the Senate, died yesterday in a Washington hospital. The veteran Nevada legislator will be buried Thursday after impressive funeral services.

A heart attack caused Pittman's death after a brief illness. Only Tuesday he had been re-elected to his sixth term in the U. S. Senate. He was first named in 1912.

CALICO TO THE REDSKIN
WASHINGTON (UP)—Each member of the six nations of Iroquois Indians in western New York's state today will receive his annual several yards of calico in return for his promise of "peace and friendship" under a treaty negotiated 149 years ago.

Two Narrowly Miss Plunge Into River Here

A Brainerd couple narrowly escaped an icy plunge — and probable death — in the Mississippi river Sunday afternoon when the car in which they were riding tore off four posts of the bridge on the Merrifield road just north of the city limits and stopped with one wheel off the side of the structure. A matter of inches saved their lives.

In the vehicle were James Quinlan and Miss Marjorie Halsted, the latter a daughter of Rep. and Mrs. Charles Halsted of Brainerd and an

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MIDDLE EAST STRUGGLE IS NEW FORECAST

LONDON (UP)—A "fierce and protracted" struggle for supremacy in the middle east was foreseen by authoritative sources today upon conclusion of a four-weeks, 30,000-mile tour of the Mediterranean basin by war secretary Anthony Eden.

Great Britain, it was emphasized must reinforce and equip middle eastern outposts with the utmost vigor before the British can "strike for victory" in the eastern Mediterranean area.

British circles, indicating that no early aggressive action by the British could be expected in that war theater, said that it was a stroke of extreme good fortune that Egypt and other nearby strongholds were not attacked after the collapse of France.

At that time, it was said, they were strongholds "in name only" because the forces there, like those in Britain itself, lacked vital air and land equipment to meet the challenge of a numerically superior enemy.

Since the fall of France weakened Britain throughout the Mediterranean area, there has been a steady flow of weapons and men from Britain and from all parts of the empire until now the military picture has been greatly altered in favor of the British, it was stated.

Governor May Be New Nev. Senator

RENO, Nev. (UP)—It was reported today that Gov. E. P. Carville, an anti-union dealer, would succeed Key Pittman in the senate. Governor Carville could resign with the understanding that his successor, lieutenant governor Maurice McManus, would appoint him. Under Nevada law, the appointment would be good until the next general election, which is in November 1942.

Pittman's body, in a simple bronze coffin will be transferred today from an undertaker's parlor to the rotunda of the state building, where it will be in state until the funeral there on Thursday.

Burma Traffic Flows Smoothly

KUNMING, YUNNAN PROVINCE, CHINA (UP)—Traffic over the Burma road is flowing smoothly and hundreds of trucks are carrying American war materials to the armies of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Despite repeated Japanese bomb attacks, aimed principally at bridges and refueling stations, a steady stream of trucks moves along the road in both directions.

The Japanese raiders have concentrated their raids on the suspension bridges over the Salween and Mekong rivers.

Railroad Points Struck By RAF

LONDON (UP)—The air ministry said today that the royal air force delivered a smashing attack last night on the railroad junctions of Danzig—the Baltic seaport where Germany's Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop is scheduled to meet the train of Soviet Premier V. M. Molotov tomorrow.

The attack was concentrated, the air ministry said, on Danzig's railway facilities—presumably those to be used by the train bearing Molotov from Soviet Russia.

According to reports of Molotov's plans, Ribbentrop was scheduled to meet the Russian premier at Danzig and escort him by airplane to Berlin for his conferences with Adolf Hitler.

Armistice Day Observed Today

A driving snowstorm curtailed a portion of the program but Brainerd joined today in observance of the 22nd anniversary of the signing of the armistice which closed the last war in which the United States played a part.

Business houses closed their doors from 10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. and a firing squad furnished by the V. F. W. fired a salute to the war dead during the morning hours.

Weather and road conditions made the appearance of Clifford Bemis of St. Cloud Teachers' college at Franklin and Washington schools impossible, and Captain E. B. Miller of the Brainerd tank corps substituted for him. Other Legionnaires spoke on Armistice day themes in grade schools of the city.

Schools closed this afternoon as students were permitted a half holiday. Banks, postoffice, other government offices and the court house were closed during the entire day.

With much of the morning program in charge of the American Legion, the V. F. W. took charge of late afternoon and evening observances. A dinner is to be held in the Iron Exchange hall and, provided weather conditions permit, a parade will be held later. Scheduled to march in new uniforms for the first time are the Brainerd ladies' drum and bugle corps and the Oak Lawn-Nokay Lake drum and bugle corps.

British Shoot 16 Planes of Enemy

LONDON (UP)—British fighter planes marked Armistice Day by shooting down 26 enemy air raiders including 13 Italian craft which were "utterly routed"—according to the air ministry — during almost constant aerial attacks that continued tonight on a heavy scale.

Eight of the Italian planes were shot down in a battle over the Thames Estuary, where the Fascist craft attacked shipping, and at least five Italian fliers were taken prisoner.

A single squadron of British Hurricanes "utterly routed" the Italians, the air ministry said in reference to the shooting down over England on Armistice day of planes of Italy, World War ally of Britain, for the first time.

Creating Unity Called PD's Job

WASHINGTON (UP)—House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin said today the job of creating national unity rests with President Roosevelt and will depend upon what he presents to congress.

The function of the Republicans, Martin said, will be "to support the president when he is right and oppose him when we believe his proposals are detrimental to the country. We must still be a vigilant group."

"There is only one man in the country that can bring national unity and that is the president," Martin said. "We are 100 per cent behind him as far as national defense is concerned."

Asks Unity After Election



Wendell Willkie, defeated for the presidency, reads newspaper reports after congratulating winner and asking unity of our people for defense.

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Roosevelt declared today that the men who suffered and died in 1917 and 1918 were not sacrificed in vain and stated his faith that democracy, the "new order of the ages" will survive the present era of modern feudalism and dictators.

The president spoke at the Arlington national cemetery amphitheater after a solemn ceremony in which he placed a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

He called for elimination of aggressive armaments; breaking down of barriers in a more closely-knit world; restoration of the honor of the written and spoken word and improvement of the processes of democracy.

Mr. Roosevelt spoke amidst a new war raging 22 years after the first world war terminated in the 1918 armistice. But he said that a century from now historians will brand as "puny and false" efforts to convince the world that the blood sacrifices of the first world war were "wholly in vain."

"I, for one, do not believe that the era of democracy in human affairs can or will be snuffed out in our lifetime," he said.

"I, for one, do not believe that mere force will be successful in sterilizing the seeds which had taken such firm root as a harbinger of better lives for mankind.

"I, for one, do not believe that the world will revert either to a modern form of ancient slavery or to controls vested in modern feudalism or modern emperors or modern dictators or modern oligarchs in these days.

"The very people under their iron heels will, themselves, rebel," he said.

NO TIME FOR OBSERVANCE IN LONDON AND FRANCE

LONDON (UP)—While warplanes roared over the London area at the moment when all Britain usually observes a two-minute silence for her world war dead, representatives of the king and queen, of the army, the navy, the royal air force, of the prime minister and others, rich and poor, placed wreaths at the foot of the historic cenotaph in Whitehall.

VICHY, France (UP)—Premier-Marshal Henri Philippe Petain appealed in an armistice day message for charity in behalf of prisoners of war, homeless refugees and jobless persons.

RUSSIA MAKES DEMAND

LONDON (UP)—Russia has demanded that Finland transfer to Russia the valuable Petsamo Nickel-Mining concession now owned by British interests, qualified authorities confirmed today.

Little British objection is foreseen there in authoritative circles.

Some New York banks use black blotting paper in order to prevent originals from copying customers' signatures from blotted impressions.

Lots of persons are driving an old car because they don't owe for a new one.

If you're not satisfied with your job, here's a tip: it's mum planting season.

Peace Lover Dies



NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

Finding his own peace after his vain fight for such conditions in the world, Neville Chamberlain died yesterday at the age of 71 years. Weakened by months of illness, Chamberlain's death was attributed as much to his mental condition after war came to Europe as to any other factor. As prime minister of England, he had been the champion of appeasement but all his efforts toward averting bloodshed on the field of battle were without avail.

Earthquake Ruins Axis War Needs

Adolf Hitler appeared today to be preparing a sweeping new Axis campaign aimed primarily toward the southeast, where tremendous earth shocks devastated an area that had escaped the ravages of war by surrender to the Nazis.

While Germany and Britain fought on in the air and Greece claimed new successes against the Fascist armies, Soviet Russia was believed to hold the key to the Nazi Fuehrer's immediate plans for rallying new attacks against the British Empire.

The visit of Soviet Premier Viacheslav Molotov to Berlin tomorrow was believed to indicate that the immediate concern of the Axis powers was with Turkey and the Balkans—a concern that was vastly increased when earthquakes in Rumania destroyed in a moment vast war resources for which Germany had waited and labored for months and which British bombs could not have wiped out in weeks of aerial attack.

The full extent of damage done by the earthquakes may not be known for weeks in view of the censorship, but there were indications that there had been considerable destruction in the oil fields, at communication centers and in outlying towns as well as Bucharest.

In any event, the ravages of war which Rumania escaped by bowing to German pressure were inflicted overnight by the shuddering rock strata beneath the Carpathian mountain ranges and many hundreds were reported dead or wounded in the debris of homes and public buildings.

Huge British reinforcements in men and material have gone to the middle east since the collapse of France (when an Axis attack in Egypt might have been quickly successful), and the Mediterranean outposts will be steadily strengthened in preparation for an eventual blow against the enemy, it was said in London upon the completion of an inspection tour by War Secretary Anthony Eden.

British sources, however, emphasized that it was a long and 'tough' job that they faced in the Mediterranean zone.

John Avery Hurt In Car Accident Here On Sunday

A brain concussion was suffered by John B. Avery, 713 Pine street, last night in an automobile mishap east of Brainerd on highway 210. He is in the St. Joseph's hospital here but, according to the physician, his condition is "satisfactory."

Avery stopped on the highway at 7 o'clock last night to wipe the snow from his windshield when another car came up from behind, striking Avery's car and throwing Avery to the ground. He was taken to the hospital here immediately.

Three cars were involved in the accident, though the exact details are not known, according to the police report. Kenneth Skrivseth, Minneapolis, and L. H. Mattson, Ironton, were the drivers of the other two cars.

Roads Open But Driving Hazardous

Snowstorm Goes Into Third Day Unabated; Clothing Store Owners Happy as Business Booms

Driven by a chilly northern breeze, a blizzard-like snow continued to fall in this area today as a five-inch blanket left during the week end served as notice that the winter season had arrived.

Hazardous driving conditions were left in the wake of the season's first snowfall and motorists were urged today that extreme caution and slow speeds are necessary in order to avoid accidents.

Main Roads Open
"All main roads are open and snow plows are continuing work in all directions from Brainerd," highway department officials announced, but they pointed out that icy roads are dangerous and may cause accidents if all drivers do not proceed with care.

Snow began falling late Saturday afternoon and continued through most of the night. The heaviest fall, however, came Sunday evening and Monday morning and flakes continued to come throughout this morning and early in the afternoon.

Clothing store merchants, again suffering from a mild fall, hailed the arrival of snow and cold weather as a boon to the sale of winter apparel and prepared to move galoshes, heavy coats and other cold-weather togs.

Many sidewalks in this area were blocked when wind drifted this morning's light fall into huge heaps. Temperatures remained fairly moderate, reaching a low of 22 degrees yesterday.

Driving Hazardous
The snow was general in the northern half of the state but up to this morning had missed much of Southern Minnesota. Rain fell in the Twin Cities during the week end and was turning to snow late this morning, according to reports.

Driving conditions Sunday were hazardous due to the fact that the first fall Saturday had been packed down and the snow, with the new fall late that evening and the following morning. Many minor accidents were reported and cars were reported sighted in ditches along the main highways.

The storm swept out of the Rocky Mountains today, bringing freezing weather, snow and ice to the Midwest.

The cold weather extended from the Canadian border to the Gulf Coast. The weather bureau said that tonight mercury will probably drop to 8 above in Kansas City area.

The snow fall was mostly light, but in some parts of western Kansas and Nebraska the snow measured from 2 to 10 inches.

Communication lines were down in many sections and emergency repair crews were busy near Kearney, Neb., stringing new wires to replace those which broke under a heavy coating of ice.

Denver reported a 12 inch blanket of snow over much of Colorado and Wyoming. It was the first snow of the year in Denver.

SNOW, SLEET STORM BLOCKING TRAFFIC

A snow and sleet storm of almost blizzard-like proportions struck Minnesota and the Dakotas today, disrupting highway traffic and telephone communications and grounding all airplanes.

Propelled by winds ranging up to 43 miles per hour, the storm swept across the northwest from the Rocky Mountains. Rain preceded the snow.

The Minneapolis weather bureau said the snow was heaviest in eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota. Nearly a foot of snow was reported at Sioux Falls, S. D. eight inches at Springfield, Minn., and six inches at Wadena, Minn.

Minnesota state highway department officials warned motorists to keep off the roads and said the snow probably would block traffic in some sections.

Weather

Cloudy and colder with occasional light snow tonight, possibly heavy over northeast portion this afternoon and tonight, moderate cold wave extreme east tonight; Tuesday cloudy, occasional light snow; slightly colder extreme east portion.