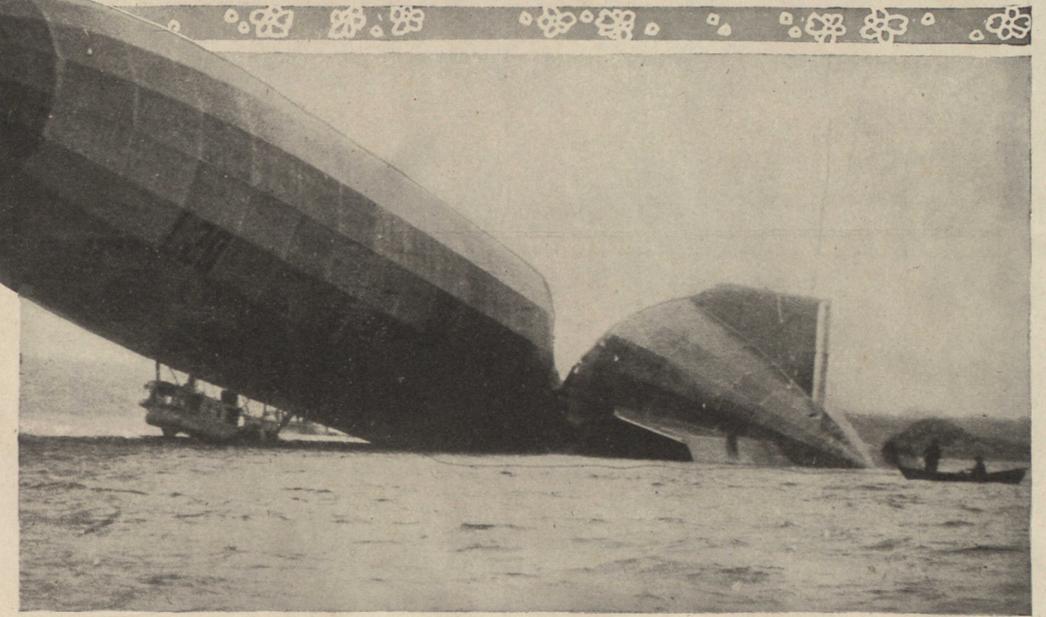




On May 19 last 6,200 telephone men—3,000 in New York City, 1,000 in Philadelphia, 1,200 in Baltimore and 1,000 in San Francisco—dined and listened to each other's speeches by telephone simultaneously. The photograph shows the 3,000 New Yorkers, forming the Telephone Society of New York and composed of male employees of the New York Telephone Company, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Electric Company, dining in the militia armory at Fourth Avenue and 34th Street and at the same time listening to the dinners in the other cities. Employees of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania were the Philadelphia diners. In Baltimore they were employees of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and in San Francisco of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Each of the 6,200 was provided with a hand telephone receiver connected with the transcontinental telephone line, permitting him to hear the programmes in the four cities. 6,450 receivers were used; 3,250 were provided for the New York dinner, 250 for persons having special duties to perform. The programme in each city was prepared entirely by committees composed of men from the ranks of the organization. The verses for the songs sung to popular airs were prepared by employees and the music was furnished principally by telephone men. The programme was conducted entirely by telephone. A map suspended near the head table, 54 feet long and 14 1/2 feet wide, was wired in such a way that when the roll of wire chiefs in the various cities reached by telephone during the evening was called a light flashed on the map at the city in which the particular wire chief who responded was located. By this means the course of the voice from one end of the country to another was geographically shown. The mileage of the circuits used in the demonstrations totalled 21,745. The distances were as follows: New York to Seattle, 3,773 miles; New York to San Diego, 3,757 miles; New York to San Francisco, 3,352 miles; New York to Jacksonville, 1,064 miles; New York to Portland, Me., 315 miles. It takes one-fiftieth of a second to send the voice from New York to San Francisco, sound travelling over the transcontinental wires at the rate of 56,000 miles a second. The grand rollcall of the principal cities in the United States reached by wire telephone includes the use of five circuits, as follows: New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City, Focastello, Boise, Walla Walla, Portland, Ore., San Diego, New York, Boston, Portland, Me., New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore simultaneously, while the roar of the waves pictured was heard by the diners connected with the transcontinental line. Photo by Drucker & Co.



Ex-President Roosevelt leaving the Detroit Athletic Club. The Colonel invaded the home of Peace-at-any-Price and Henry Ford and converted Detroiters to Preparedness.

The wreck of the Zeppelin L-20, which was forced to descend on the Norwegian coast after bombarding English towns on May 2. Photo from Brown Bros.



The Third Harvard Surgical Unit starts for a base hospital in France. In addition to these young men, who will act as orderlies and ambulance drivers, thirty-three women nurses were included in the unit, which sailed from New York on May 21. Press Illustration Service

Former Baltimore belles who are posing in tableaux at the Million Dollar Allied Bazaar in New York; left to right, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs. James Brown Potter, Mrs. Percy Tenure, Mrs. Emily Price Post and Mrs. Lee Tailer. International Film Service