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WEATHER TO-DAY. Washington, D. C., August 5.—North Carolina, partly cloudy Thursday; showers and warmer in central and west portions; Friday generally fair; light winds.

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WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum temperature, 90; minimum temperature, 70 total precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m., 0 inches.

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LET THEM CRY 'DISCRIMINATION'

Bryan Appeals for Campaign Contributions

ONLY TO CERTAIN CLASSES

But Not One Left Out Will Say "Discrimination"—The Commoner Will Speak at Minnesota State Fair Aug. 31—Significant Visit of Frank B. Lynch, of St. Paul—"No Animosity in Minnesota Toward Bryan."

(By the Associated Press.)

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 5.—Of more than usual significance was the visit to Fairview today of Frank B. Lynch, of St. Paul, Democratic National Committeeman from Minnesota and manager of Governor Johnson's campaign for the Presidential nomination at the Denver convention. Mr. Lynch arrived about noon in company with B. F. Nelson, of Minneapolis, president of the State Fair Association.

Mr. Lynch's presence at Fairview was at the special request of Mr. Bryan. He lost no time in conveying to the Democratic nominee Governor Johnson's assurance of loyal support of the Democratic ticket and his intention to take the stump in Mr. Bryan's behalf.

"There is no animosity toward Bryan in Minnesota," said Mr. Lynch, "while I do not promise that the Democrats will carry Minnesota this year, I think they have a good chance."

Mr. Lynch declared that nothing rankled in Governor Johnson's heart because he was defeated for the nomination. "He feels all right about it," said he, "and all Minnesota Democrats are for Bryan."

The business which brought Mr. Nelson to Fairview was to invite Mr. Bryan to attend the State Fair in St. Paul and deliver an address. The invitation was accepted, the date being fixed at August 31, but with the understanding that there should be no charge for admission to the grounds on that day.

Mr. Bryan tonight caused to be given out for publication the following appeal for campaign contributions:

"WANTED — Campaign contributions.

"From citizens of the Republic who favor these Democratic propositions:

"Tariff revision by representatives of the consumers of the products and not by the agents of those who make exorbitant profits by manufacture and sale of highly protected products.

"Election of United States Senators by popular vote, thus breaking up the Senatorial oligarchy headed by Standard Oil, which is strong enough successfully to resist all measures offered in behalf of the public welfare.

"Guarantee of all national bank deposits, thereby preventing all money panics by giving all people absolute confidence in all banks.

"Destruction of private monopoly and the enforcement of law against trusts by the people who are oppressed by the trusts and not by the agents of the trusts.

"Publicity of campaign contributions before election day so that the people may know who is paying the expenses of candidates and why paying.

"Adoption of an income tax, because it is just and under it wealth may bear its proportionate share of the burdens of the Federal government.

"The punishment of men who manipulate railroad stocks an downership; the encouragement of railroad construction upon business like basis; and railroad operation with fair returns in wages and profits to workers and owners on honest valuation and honest labor, but not on watered stock and false bond issues created purely by exploitation."

The appeal closes with a copy of the resolution adopted by the Democratic National Committee upon the occasion of their visit to Fairview, July 14, declaring for publicity of contributions before the election; limiting individual contributions to $10,000, and providing for the publication of all contributions of above $100.

Mr. Bryan today outlined the subjects which he will discuss in his forthcoming speech of acceptance. The speech will be confined practically to the questions, "Shall the people rule?" and "The measure of rewards."

The other issues of the campaign, such as guarantee of bank deposits; the tariff; the trusts, etc., will be treated in the several speeches he will make in the next thirty days and his letter of acceptance.

TELEPHONE SERVICE ENLARGED

Southern Bell and Lower Stone Consolidated and System Enlarged.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Salisbury, N. C., August 5—Manager S. H. Wiley, of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, closed a deal today with the Lower Stone Telephone Company whereby the latter consolidates with the Bell and will be connected with the Salisbury exchange, of which Mr. Wiley has charge. The system taken over has 85 phones in use and 29 more will be added at Faith, where an exchange has been operated. Arrangements were also made today to place 75 new phones in Morgan, a prosperous section of Rowan county, thus bringing more than 200 new connections into Salisbury. The enlargement of the service is of great benefit to about 1,000 subscribers here and will be equally beneficial to the new territory covered. Under the management of Mr. Wiley, who has had charge of the system here and at Spencer for more than a year, the Bell Company has made rapid and lasting progress.

"THE MAN; THE CORPORATION"

Ex-Senator Lindsay to Virginia Bar Association

PRESENT DAY TENDENCY

The Ex-Senator From Kentucky Declares in Taft's Town That it is Decidedly Detrimental to the Welfare of the Nation to Continue the Tendency to Supplant the Individual by the Corporation.

By the As(sociated Press.)

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 5.—An increased attendance was present at the second day's session of the twentieth annual meeting of the Virginia State Bar Association here today. William Lindsay, former United States Senator from Kentucky, made the principal address, his subject being "The Man and the Corporation."

That it is decidedly detrimental to the welfare of the nation to continue the present day tendency to supplant the individual by the corporation, was the assertion of the speaker. The evil, he held, was one within the power of the States to remedy. The States create the corporations and should discharge their further duty of regulating them. Their failure in this respect, he gave, as the reason for the present national political issue of Federal control.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mica-Jah Woods, Charlottesville; Vice-Presidents, Theodore S. Garnett, Tidewater; John C. Parker, South Side; Joseph C. Wisor, South West; Alexander F. Robertson, Valley, and Gardner L. Booth, Piedmont.

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WHO IS THIS YOUNG WOMAN?

After Riding Horseback All Night She Alights in Spencer

Says She Traversed Three Counties and Rode Fifty Miles Alone After Midnight—Creates Excitement in Town and Much Speculation as to Who She Is.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Spencer, N. C., Aug. 5.—After riding all night horseback and alone a young lady giving her name as Miss M. L. Woodruff alighted at Spencer early this morning and created some excitement on the streets by a brief outline of her experience during the night. She had rode fifty miles since midnight, unaccompanied, traversing Forsyth, Davidson and a part of Rowan counties, making her first stop at Spencer. To interested parties who questioned her she stated that she was a lover of horse-back riding and was not afraid to travel alone even at night and that the only occurrence during her trip was that her horse, which is one of the finest specimens seen in Spencer for sometime, had killed a dog near Midway, Davidson county, shortly after midnight. As a matter of protection, it is said she always travels with two large revolvers buckled to her saddle. She was cultured and refined, being very entertaining. There is great speculation here as to who the young lady is, it being claimed by some that she is a United States revenue officer while others contend that she is merely a young woman fond of riding and that she is just traveling over the country as she has a perfect right to do. After a brief stop in Spencer she mounted her fine steed with great agility and galloped off, leaving the populace here very much mystified as to her identity or the objects of her visit to this section of North Carolina.

SPEAKING AT ELM CITY

Hon. W. W. Kitchin, North Carolina's Next Governor, to Address Matt. Ransom Camp, Confederate Veterans.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, N. C., August 5.—Next Saturday will be a red-letter day for Elm City. It is then that Hon. W. W. Kitchin, Democratic Governor for North Carolina, will address the Matt. Ransom Camp, Confederate Veterans.

In the shady grove that surrounds the home of Mr. W. H. Langley, a big barbecue dinner will be served. Great preparations are being made for the occasion, and great crowds are expected from the surrounding country.

BRYAN'S NAME WILDLY CHEERED.

Ninth Virginia District Democrats Nominate R. C. Byars to Oppose Slemp for Congress.

(By the Associated Press.)

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 5.—The Ninth District Democratic Convention at Pulaski today unanimously nominated R. C. Byars, of Bristol, for Congress to oppose Bascomb Slemp, Republican. The mention of Bryan's name was wildly cheered.

HER CONDITION HOPELESS.

Miss Mary Ball, Shot Sunday by Freeland Tharpe, Suffers Relapse.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 5.—Miss Mary Ball, who was shot in Wilkes county Sunday by Freeland Tharpe, suffered a relapse today and her condition is now regarded practically hopeless.

JUDGE SPEER'S ORDER DISSOLVED

Judge Pardee Grants Appeal and Supersedeas

GEORGIA FREIGHT RATES

Result of an Important Hearing Before Circuit Judge Pardee, of Florida, Sojourning at Asheville—Application Made by Southern Railway and Louisville and Nashville and Other Roads.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., August 5.—An important hearing was held here before Circuit Judge Pardee, of Florida, who is here spending the summer when counsel representing the Southern Railway, the Louisville & Nashville and other railroads interested appeared before the court and made application for appeal and supersedeas in the Georgia rate case decided by United States District Judge Emory Speer last week. Judge Pardee granted the appeal and supersedeas, which allows the railroads to put their new rates in effect in Georgia as in other States.

It will be remembered that recently certain railroads gave notice that, effective August 1, they would put into effect under authority of the Inter-State Commerce Commission an increased freight rate, known as the Ohio River rates. In the meantime and before the rates became effective certain shippers in Georgia appeared before Judge Speer, seeking to restrain the roads from putting the rates into effect. Judge Speer granted the restraining order. An unusual situation was created, with a certain rate in effect in Georgia and another rate in other States. The order today made by Judge Pardee in effect dissolves the restraining order of Judge Speer, and permits the railroads interested to put into effect in Georgia the rates which went into effect in other States August 1, pending the final determination of the matter.

Judge Pardee required of the railroads appearing through counsel today sufficient bonds to protect the shippers who secured from Judge Speer the restraining order from any loss that they may sustain in the event that the suit is decided adversely to the railroads.

Among counsel appearing before Judge Pardee were Saunders McDaniel, Judge Stone, of the Louisville & Nashville; C. D. Northup, of the Southern; R. C. Austin and J. S. B. Thompson, assistant to President Finley, of the Southern Railway.

Michigan Merchants and Manufacturers Protest.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 5.—The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association today filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission a protest against putting into force an increase in rates for the Southern classification territory proposed by the railroads to go into effect this month. The increase, Vice-President Shepardson, of this city, who announced the filing of the protest, says ranges from 10 to 25 per cent. The protest declares shippers in a thousand towns are affected and says: "We trust your investigation on this subject will enable you to annul the rates in Southern classification territory the day they are to take effect."

SHIPPERS MAKE COMPLAINT.

Interstate Commerce Commission Hears From Matter of Increased Freight Rates in Georgia.

By the As(sociated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today received a complaint by shippers of the State of Georgia against various railroad companies operating in

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TO REFUTE THE CHARGES

Chairman Turner of Georgia Prison Commission on the Stand Before the Committee

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 5.—Georgia's prison commission was under examination before the special legislative investigating committee, which is going over the entire penitentiary system of the State today. Chairman Joseph S. Turner, of the commission, was the principal witness, and he took the stand to refute the sensational charges which have been made by convicts and others in connection with the convict lease system of the State. He declared that most of the witnesses who had made these charges against the prison commission and other State officials, either had been convicted of murder, burglary or other felonies. He called in question the evidence of former employes of the commission, declaring that they were disgruntled because of having discharged F. C. Lewis, a former guard at the Durham Coal and Coke Company, said that a fifteen-year-old white boy had been given sixty lashes with a sanded leather strap and was terribly mutilated. He declared that the boy died two months later.

Chairman Turner denied that the commission knew Warden Moore was receiving pay from lessees. In regard to the cases of alleged cruelty and inhuman treatment, he said the commission had made an investigation in every case which came to his attention. In several cases the warden had been indicted, tried and acquitted.

CUSTOMERS ROW INTO THE STORE

Clerks Wade Waist Deep to Wait on Them

TWENTY ON AN ISLAND

People Surrounded by Water Suffering for Supplies—River on a Standstill at Castle Hayne Bridge, But Highest on Record—All Bridges in Pender County Gone—Danger to A. C. L. Bridge Over.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Rocky Point, N. C., Aug. 5.—Captain Johnson, roadmaster, reports Northeast river, at the Coast Line bridge, at Castle Hayne, at a standstill since twelve o'clock, but highest on record. He thinks the danger over. All bridges in Pender county are gone except Harrison creek. Rural route No. 1 gives only partial service, owing to high water.

The body of Robert Durham, of Burgaw, drowned, has not yet been recovered. The river has fallen 2 inches at Lane's Ferry, but is rising in Wilmington. The amount of damage cannot yet be estimated. There is an island in Shaken community in which there are twenty people, not easily accessible, who are suffering for supplies. Three boats were in Malpass's store at Lane's Ferry at one time today, getting supplies, and clerks wading waist deep to wait on them. Flood at Island creek is running over top of automatic gate and county fence.

THE BOYS IN ENCAMPMENT

Third Regiment, Consisting of 11 Companies, at Camp Glenn

Also the Detail of Twenty-Four Men for Target Practice From Second Regiment—Second Battalion Made Best Record on Range Yesterday.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N. C., Aug. 5.—The Third Regiment, Col. J. N. Craig commanding, consisting of eleven companies and band are camped here, also the detail of twenty-four men for target practice from the Second Regiment. The target practice is very satisfactory. Captain Dwyer, of the United States Coast Artillery, is detailed as instructor on the Rifle Range and, through his ability and interest in the National Guard, has added greatly to the effectiveness of the firing on the range. The second battalion made the best record on the range today.

Adjutant General T. R. Robertson and wife arrived tonight. Col. A. H. Arrington and wife also arrived here today. Capt. R. Glenn Brown, of South African fame, is serving his first encampment as adjutant of the Third Regiment.

KILLED BY GAS

Mrs. Joseph Thompson, Well Known in North Carolina.

A dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., tells of the death of Mrs. Joseph Thompson nee Miss Emma Mims, who was well known in this State and spent many summer seasons at Morehead City. The telegram states in part:

"The sudden death of Mrs. Joseph Thompson yesterday has cast a gloom over Atlanta's social circles. No official action was taken in the case of Mrs. Thompson's death. The physicians called when it was discovered that she was dying. Dr. R. T. Dorsey, a neighbor, reached her just about a minute before life had become extinct. While reluctant to discuss the case he said tonight the certificate would state as the cause of death 'axphyxiation by illuminating gas.'

"A rubber gas tube which had been used in connection with a small water heater was disconnected and lying on the bed and the gas was flowing from it."

IN A PISTOL FIGHT.

One Killed, One Shot, One Mortally Wounded, One Seriously Wounded on Account of a School Election in Kentucky.

(By the Associated Press.)

Hardin, Ky., Aug. 5.—In a pistol fight at the Howard store, at Layman, last night, John Blanton was killed, Sherman Blanton was shot in the arm, Stockley Osborne was mortally wounded, Lee Russell was seriously wounded and an unknown young man was also shot. The trouble grew out of a school election.

IN A ROUGH SEA.

The Fleet Reported Last Night 810 Miles Distant from Auckland.

(By the Associated Press.)

Suva, Fiji Islands, Aug. 5.—Wireless telegraph messages received here tonight from the United States Atlantic fleet reported the vessels at 8 p. m. in latitude 25.23 south, longitude 178.51 west, 810 miles distant from Auckland. The sea was rough. The usual evolutions were being maintained by the fleet.

The store ship Glacier and the Collier Ajax left here today for Auckland.

STIRRING SPEECH TO THE VETERANS

Kitchin Addresses the Old Soldiers of Edgecombe

IN ANNUAL RE-UNION

In Stirring Eloquence the Standard Bearer of North Carolina Democracy Pays a Glowing Tribute to the Record of the Veterans of the War of the '60's—Heard by a Thousand People.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Tarboro, N. C., Aug. 5.—One thousand persons heard W. W. Kitchin deliver a stirring address to the veterans of Edgecombe county today, the occasion being the annual meeting of the old soldiers, followed by a barbecue dinner. Mr. Kitchin said, in part:

"Veterans, you are beyond the tongue of malice, beyond the sting of hatred and the honor and glory of these soldiers shine so by their lessons we may become better men and women, as the monuments in our country, not only bless the dead, but also the living.

"Who would not take as his standard the courage and fidelity of the veterans? More than forty years have passed since Appomattox and why should we give any excuse for seceding from the Union? When the star of the Confederacy arose in the sky, the right of secession had been maintained in every part of the country. The sentiment of the South was based upon that of liberty, free government, but to what censor shall commonwealths bow? When you returned to your homes, you did so not as a gambler, filled with the pangs of remorse to remind you of the follies of the past, but you returned with a conscience clear, head erect and nothing to regret, except the failure of your undertaking.

"But it was not written in the book of history that you should win. So as you supported the Confederacy with determination, faith and courage, let us now support the Republic, our country.

"There are now more than 1,400,000 Federal pensioners, and every one of them swear that they were either wounded or made sick by our small army, and I desire to aid in increasing the pensions of North Carolina veterans. May the evening of your life be happy and peaceful. You will be clad in gray on yon shore as you are crowned in gray here, and may yours be a most glorious sunset."

Mr. Kitchin arrived here yesterday afternoon and was entertained at dinner by George A. Holderness. The invited guests were A. McDowell, of Scotland Neck; W. H. Powell, James Pender, George Howard, Dr. J. M. Baker, Stamps Howard, Frank Powell, Job Cobb, R. G. Allsbrook and Major C. M. Parks. Mr. Kitchin was entertained today at the hospitable home of Major Parks.

NEGRO SHOOTS SWEETHEART

Because She Chose the Escort of Another Man.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., August 5.—Frank Council, a young negro of bad reputation, last night shot his sweetheart, Hattie Newell, although not seriously, because she chose the escort of another man in preference to his own self. After a performance of the Rabbit Foot Minstrel, Council offered to take his girl home when she refused and walked off with another man. Council following until they reached the vicinity of the Confederate monument on St. James' Square, when he fired two shots at the woman, one taking effect in the right knee and one in the left thigh.

FRANKLIN NEGRO SUICIDE

George Massenburg Found With His Throat Cut

His Brother Suspected But Exonerated by Coroner's Jury Who Render a Verdict of Suicide—No Excitement at Franklinton on Account of the Tragedy.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Franklinton, N. C., Aug. 5.—George Massenburg, a negro, 22 years old, was found near his father's home at about 9 o'clock last night with his throat cut. His married brother was suspected, and the suspected cause was jealousy. Coroner's jury exonerated the brother, Rufus, rendering a verdict of suicide. There is no excitement here.

It seems that the negro boy was seen to go to his room at about 8 o'clock last night, carrying a razor. He had told some of the family that he was going to shave. A little later was heard the sound of his falling body, and when found he was lying in the door of his room with his throat cut. A physician was immediately summoned from Franklinton, one mile away, and everything possible was done to save him, but to no avail.

The dying man wanted to make a statement. He asked that every one leave the room except his friend, Lee McKnight. His brother, Rufus Massenburg, it is said, refused to leave the room, and objected to the statement being made. What the dying man would have said will probably never be known.

The brother, Rufus Massenburg, was arrested, suspected of having committed the crime.

EIGHTEEN WHITE HEADS PRESENT

Witnesses as to Dr. Puryear's Insanity

NOW ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

The Trial of Dr. J. D. Puryear, Charged With The Murder of a Negro 24 Years Ago, is Begun in Granville Superior Court—Has Been at Home in Granville Four Years—Expert Testimony Presented.

Oxford, N. C., Aug. 5.—The trial commenced today of Dr. J. D. Puryear, who shot a negro twenty-four years ago for having insulted the wife of the defendant. Dr. Puryear was pronounced insane and sent to the asylum at Raleigh, where he remained several years and escaped. Since that time he lived in different States until four years ago, when he returned to Granville.

He was arrested and sent to Raleigh, and returned by authorities to the jail in Oxford, where he has been kept two months, awaiting trial for murder.

He has employed as counsel ex-Judge A. W. Graham and W. A. Devin, and Gen. B. S. Royster. Solicitor Jones Fuller is assisted by W. B. Shaw.

The main feature of today was the testimony of Dr. S. D. Booth, who is retained as expert in the case, having appeared with Dr. P. W. Young, his partner, at the trial when Dr. Puryear was pronounced insane. Today eighteen gray-haired witnesses were present to prove that the defendant was insane at the time he committed the murder. The case will continue tomorrow when speeches will begin.

FOR A GREAT VICTORY

Chairman Eller on the Democratic Outlook in the State

"We Are Going to Have An Enthusiastic Campaign," He Says—Takes a Trip in the Mountain Counties From Which He Will Return to Raleigh.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 5.—Chairman A. H. Eller of the State Democratic Executive Committee, just before his departure this morning for a trip to several of the mountain counties in the northwestern section of the State, was asked for an expression as to the present political conditions, etc. With a smile that signified satisfaction, the State chairman promptly replied that the signs were unmistakably for a great Democratic victory this fall.

"We are going to have an enthusiastic campaign in North Carolina," continued Mr. Eller, who said that great interest was being manifested by the Democrats, and as evidence of his statements he cited the reporter to the great rally and basket picnic at Wentworth Monday last, when the next governor, Hon. W. W. Kitchin, addressed an audience of about six thousand residents of old Rockingham.

The demand being made on the State chairman from various sections of the State for campaign speakers is very gratifying to Mr. Eller, who stated that they all went to hear the Democratic candidate for governor. Upon his return from the mountains, Mr. Eller will go direct to Raleigh and take up the work of the campaign. Preparation of copy for the Democratic hand book and other office work is now progressing satisfactorily.

"DETECTIVE" COMES TO GRIEF

"Mr. Pinkerton" Sent to Jail Charged With Forcible Trespass and Making Improper Proposals to 90 Year Old Colored Woman.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Spencer, N. C., August 5.—A well dressed stranger about 35 years of age, wearing a United States detective badge and giving his name as D. J. Pinkerton, came to grief in East Spencer Monday night when he was arrested upon a warrant charging forcible trespass and improper proposals to a colored woman 90 years old. When arraigned before Justice C. E. Kesperman the stranger declined to give his name, and letters bearing many names were found in his pockets. He had spent about a week in Spencer claiming to be a special detective, though it is known that he was well supplied with whiskey and stopped at a colored boarding house. His actions have been mysterious and although a man of good appearances he is believed to be a hobo and fugitive from some unknown place. He was sent to jail to await the next term of Rowan court.

CONCERTED ACTION DENIED.

By Cotton Manufacturers of Rhode Island as to Curtailment.

(By the Associated Press.)

Providence, R. I., Aug. 5.—Leading cotton manufacturers of the State are agreed that there is no concerted action at present to curtail production or to cut down wages. They say that while they are disappointed over the present condition of business they look for stimulation of trade shortly through legitimate channels of supply and demand. The fact that the United States Cotton Company, of Central Falls, has announced a wage reduction, is not looked upon as a possible indication that other manufacturers will follow suit.

IT FLEW AND ALSO WENT TO PIECES

Zeppelin's Airship Burst Into Flames and Exploded

WRECKED BY A STORM

Four Persons Injured by Flying Debris—Count Zeppelin Escapes Uninjured—However the Airship Had Just Completed the Most Remarkable Voyage in the History of Aerial Navigation.

By the As(sociated Press.)

Stuttgart, Aug. 5.—Count Zeppelin's airship, which descended on a plateau near the village of Echterdingen, five miles south of this city, shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, owing to a defect in one of the motors, broke away from its moorings during a storm at 3 o'clock this afternoon, burst into flames and exploded. Four persons were injured by the flying debris. Count Zeppelin escaped uninjured. The airship was completely wrecked.

The storm blew up unexpectedly. A fierce gust of wind tore the balloon from its anchorage and drove it in a southwesterly direction for some fifty yards. Here the rear end of the great fabric dropped and smoke and flames were seen to burst out from one end to the other.

Then in a few seconds came the explosion and a great column of flame shot upward into the air. This was followed by the crashing down to the earth of the motors and flames that had been attached to the underside of the airship. Several bystanders were knocked down. It was necessary to land the airship at Echterdingen, due to the overheating of the piston box of the forward motor and the escape of considerable gas, owing to the fact that the Count took the airship to a height of about 6,000 feet.

The Zeppelin airship had just completed the most remarkable voyage in the history of aerial navigation. It left the Lake of Constance yesterday morning for a trip to Mayence and returned. The flight was successful in a great many ways. The machine responded absolutely to the control of its pilots and was navigated over the Lake of Constance, down the Valley of the Rhine, over Strassburg and several other cities, and was expected at Friedrichshafen, its starting point, today.

Count Zeppelin has devoted his life time and his personal fortune to the development of his airships. The vessel that was lost today was the fourth he has constructed. When his own money had become exhausted the German Reichstag voted him $125,000 to conduct further experiments and Number 4 was the result. The German government agreed to purchase this ship on condition that it fulfilled certain requirements, the principal one being that it remain in the air 24 hours and land on terra firma. This stipulation has not yet been fulfilled.

The airship was 443 feet long with a diameter of about 45 feet. It tapered to a blunt point at the bow, while at the stern were various rudders and frames used in steering. It was fitted underneath with two independent compartments, each carrying a motor capable of developing 110 horse-power. As many as sixteen passengers had been taken aloft at one time. Sleeping accommodations were provided for the crew and an apparatus was installed for the dispatches receipt of wireless telegraph messages. The inflating gas was distributed among sixteen separate inter-compartments which were contained within the outer rigid enveloped of aluminum.

The accident of the Zeppelin airship recalls the end of the French military airship Patrie in December, 1907, which was then considered the finest dirigible balloon in existence. The Patrie was undergoing repairs to her machinery at Ver Don. A sudden gust of wind struck the airship and the 200 men who were holding the guide ropes were dragged along for several hundred yards before they let go. The balloon then shot up to a great height and disappeared, and never was heard from.

News Came Like a Thunderbolt.

Friedrichshafen, Aug. 5.—The news that Count Zeppelin's airship exploded at Echterdingen and was a total wreck came like a thunderbolt and did the festive preparations for a reception of the famous aeronaut at Friedrichshafen. Tens of thousands of people had come from all parts of Germany to witness the return of the Count from his remarkable voyage in the air, and they were making merry in anticipation of the forthcoming jollification.

In front of the principal hotel the military band was just on the point of beginning its concert, when, at four o'clock, a man rushed excitedly from the office of a local newspaper and afterwards fixed a telegram on the blackboard at the entrance to the building. A crowd of people gathered to read the news, and the cry went up:

"The balloon has burned up: the balloon has burned up."

This startling intelligence travelled like wildfire. Some people would not believe it and declared that it was a bad joke, but the doubters were soon silenced by the pitiful expressions on the faces of the employes of Count Zeppelin, who rushed about with every evidence of consternation.

And the Crowd Cursed.

Many curses went up from the dense crowd congregated around the office of the Count and the people demanded to know if he was safe. They were told that he was, but the latest bulletin from Echterdingen said that four men had been badly burned.

Just then the Count's daughter arrived in her carriage. She still was in ignorance of the hapless end of her father's voyage and of the blasting, at least for a time, of his greatest ambition. A hush fell over the masses

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