

DIVERS EXPLORING THE WRECK OF THE GIANT DIRIGIBLE

Tugs Stand By While Eager Eyes Scan Waters for Bodies of Victims of Greatest Air Disaster.

(By The Associated Press)

Hull, England, Aug. 25.—Divers began at dawn today to explore the fire twisted wreck of the dirigible ZR2 which yesterday evening exploded above this city and fell into the Humber river, carrying with her more than forty members of her crew. Only an American, Norman O. Walker, a rigger, and four British survived the disaster that in a twinkling changed a trial cruise of the airship into a ghastly tragedy.

During the hours of darkness that followed the collapse and destruction of the ZR2 tugs stood by the wreckage and keen eyes scanned the waters for any bodies that might be disclosed by the tide that flowed over all that remained of what was yesterday Great Britain's mightiest dirigible and which was expected to be turned over to the United States navy today.

It is believed the ruins of the dirigible held the bodies of 15 Americans and 26 British officers and enlisted men who were engaged in the final test of the machine. All hope that these might be survivors in skin was given up during the night. The wreckage fell only 200 feet from shore and the side carriages in which most of the personnel of the ship were riding sank immediately to the bottom of the Humber.

Experts here are at a loss to account for this greatest of peace time air disasters. The residents of Hull who watched the ship when the cruise came to a tragical and sudden end declared that it seemed when the craft attempted to make a sharp turn during the test some girders broke, probably the strain being too heavy for the structure to bear. Some members of the crew appeared to have the same idea as to the cause of the accident.

The body of Lieutenant Chas. G. Little, one of the American officers, was today at the Hull infirmary where he died after being removed from the wreckage of the ship. The body of Lieut. Marcus H. Easterly, another victim, was at the Hull morgue.

Most of the British and American members of the crew of the inflated dirigible were killed by the explosion which followed the bucking and snapping of the girders amidships, declared Flight Lieut. A. H. Wann, in command of the craft as navigating officer at the time of the disaster, according to a statement to the Associated Press. Lieut. Wann said the ship was running beautifully at 60 knots an hour and he decided to cut the speed to 50 knots, when here came a violent crashing sound and he thought several girders broke.

"There were no signs of anything wrong when we passed over Hull but everything happened afterward and I was in full control at the time," said Lieut. Wann. Before the moment of the accident," said Lieut. Wann, whose injury is not serious, "the craft was sailing perfectly; she had been passing through various difficult tests and her speed was reduced when suddenly, while crossing the Humber, I heard the grinding and cracking of girders and the ship pitched nose down. As soon as possible I entered the water ballast to enable the craft to resume her normal position but a tremendous explosion occurred. The concussion threw me down the air and I was pinned to the wreckage. The section of the craft in which I was riding remained above the water after the explosion in the Humber and I was rescued after being imprisoned fifteen minutes. That's all I am able to say."

Americans Meet Their Death in Disaster.  
Hull, England, Aug. 25.—Only one of the Americans on board the ill-fated craft escaped, as far as could be ascertained at midnight tonight. Only six men of the 49 who were making the trip in the dirigible were taken to the vessel being turned over to the United States navy are now to have been saved. The American officers who started the trip included Commander Louis H. Maxfield, Lieutenant Commander Emory Coll, Lieutenant Henry M. Hoyt, Lieutenant Marcus Easterly, Lieutenant Commander Valentine N. Bieg and Lieutenant Charles G. Little. The American enlisted men who went up with the craft from Howden were C. L. Ailer, Robert Coons, E. Crowell, J. T. Hancock, William Julius, Maurice Lay, A. L. Pettit, A. L. Pettit, W. J. Steele, O. Walker and George Welsh. The British losses include the famous air veteran, Brig. Gen. E. Maitland, and all the other officers on board, except Lieutenant Wann, the commander of the ZR-2. Starting from Howden Tuesday morning on a test flight to Fulham the aircraft had been aloft for hours, at times in bad weather, and was returning to the Fulham airfield at the time of the disaster, which constitutes the most

TO CHECK DELAY IN IMMIGRANT LAND'G

It Is Proposed to Transfer a Part of the Machinery of the Bureau of Immigration.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 25.—The transfer to foreign ports of a part of the machinery of the Bureau of Immigration, as proposed in a resolution by Chairman Johnson of the House Immigration Committee, will obviate turning back hundreds of immigrants arriving at ports who have sold their homes to come to America, Secretary Davis said in a statement made public today.

The measure proposes to maintain two agents at each of the principal ports abroad, one a member of the Public Health Service and one from the Immigration Bureau. The selection of immigrants would operate through the system, which requires the immigrants to procure from his government a passport which must be vided by an American consular officer before he can embark for the United States. This visa, it is proposed, would be granted only after inspection by the immigrants and health inspectors.

At present the Secretary of Labor said, the immigrants has no assurance that he will be permitted to land in this country. Many cases of a pathetic nature are appealed to the Secretary daily.

Recently a child of two years was ordered deported in custody of his mother on account of ringworm of the scalp. The family had saved for years, looking forward to life in the United States, and had sold all they had at a sacrifice intending to become citizens.

The family thus separated," Secretary Davis said, "must cease to be a happy family, must go back to Poland, whence they came, to misery and want, for they had used their money from the sale of their possessions in coming to this country."

Other cases, the secretary would be humorous if they were not so pathetic. "A certain Hebrew merchant," he said, "sent his brother passage money offered him \$20 a week in his store, the passage money to be returned a little at a time. Upon arrival, the immigrant testified that his brother had sent him money and promised him a job. Technically this was a violation of the contract labor law, and the brother denied that had advanced the money and offered the immigrant a job. Whereupon the immigrant brother became indignant and declared in effect that he had been 'double crossed' little knowing that he was signing his warrant for deportation."

The illiteracy in many cases works a hardship, the Secretary said, but maintenance of agents abroad can prevent much suffering due to ignorance of the law. "To carry out the provisions of the proposed measure," Secretary Davis said, "it will be necessary for Congress to appropriate funds. Perhaps it will cost a little more than the present hit-or-miss method.

GOVERNOR SMALL TO SEEK OFFICE AGAIN

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 25.—Governor Small will be a candidate for re-election in 1924, Senator Richard R. Meentz, one of the governor's closest political allies and spokesman in the senate, said today.

(By The Associated Press)

"Len Small has never quit under fire in his life," Senator Meentz said. Governor Small is still under indictment on a charge of conspiracy and embezzlement while treasurer of the state.

PRINTERS STRIKE NOT RESPONSIBLE

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Aug. 25.—Commissioner of Labor and Printing Mitchell L. Shipman makes formal denial that the delay in awarding the State's biennial printing contract is occasioned by "differences between union and non-union" printing plants, following the strike of union printers May 1 last.

"The fact that there is a strike on here has nothing whatever to do with the letting of the State's contract," Commissioner Shipman declared when it was brought to his attention that a report was going the rounds. "Recommendations of this department," says Mr. Shipman, "have been made this year as heretofore, on the grounds that the work should go to the lowest bidder provided he could establish to the satisfaction of the commission that the contract could be properly filled."

Commissioner Shipman's department has already prepared its recommendation, which was laid before the State Printing Commission some time ago. "The charge, says Mr. Shipman, that the delay has been caused by my absence from the office is untrue and without justification. My recommendations have been made and every member of the commission knows what they are."

In the absence of the governor from the office who is chairman of the State Printing Commission, J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of State, is at the head of the commission which is made up of the council of State and Commissioner Shipman. Mr. Grimes will issue the call for the meeting of the commission to announce the successful bidders.

Major Baxter Durham, State auditor, and a member of the commission, declares that the contract will be let without regard to whether bidders are union or non-union plants. Treasurer Ben Lacy speaks in like manner. Other members, Manning, Brooks and Grimes, are out of the city.

LIQUOR SPIES ARE GRATING ON NERVE OF OLD TIMERS

Alien Skippers Contend They Have a Perfect Right to Dispose Booze Outside Limit.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, Aug. 25.—Staid old salts aren't taking kindly to all the prohibition inspection, official and unofficial, that's going on inside and out the three-mile limit. "Gettin' so you can't drop a mud-hook without some lubber whispering you're a rum runner," said one sun-tanned skipper who recently breezed into port with his schooner agley with fish scales.

According to this captain and others of his calling, numberless sleuths who poked the "cheese-the-guy" game during the war now are bent as zealously on tracking down liquor-laden craft in post-war days.

There were spies during the war and there probably are rum runners now operating off the coast, but skippers innocent of more than a strong tea breath are complaining that even their cod and haddock now are falling under suspicion and that a reflection is being cast on the ancient and honorable calling of fisherman.

Several months ago, strange fantastic tales began coming in from the Atlantic of vessels mysteriously missing and of other vessels as mysteriously sighted—the phantom craft that bobbed up out of fogs, circled merchant craft and scooted away as silently as they had come. Pirates was the first verdict.

Then, in July, off Hatteras, was found a stranded schooner, so battered by the waves that even her name had been ground off her stern. She never was identified, but before she was destroyed by a coast guard cutter as a menace to navigation, there was found in her hold a cargo of rum.

This set folks thinking and when there came from Montauk Point, on the tip of Long Island, reports of an English schooner that lay off the three-mile limit and dispensed forbidden drinks to all comers, there were persons great and small who gave credence to the story.

Atlantic City, too, contributed a tale of a liquor schooner that lay off shore, sold liquor and tauntingly signalled to prohibition enforcement officers to come and get it.

A CROWD OF 5,000 MEN MARCHING TO MINGO CO. W. VA.

Reach Racine and Take Up Quarters in Big Field—Citizens of Logan Take Precautions.

(By The Associated Press)

Racine, W. Va., Aug. 25.—A crowd of men estimated at 5,000 or 6,000 reached here this morning from Marmet where they had been in camp. Many of them openly said they were marching to Mingo county where martial law was declared several months ago by the governor and which is still in force. Apparently without leaders they straggled into town, although it was a compact body, it held to the main highway.

While it was declared by some of the men that a majority of them were miners and that they were determined to carry out their protest against what they termed "the mine guard system," it was admitted that others were included in their ranks. One man said a lot of "service men" were with them, miners who had been in the world war. Many of the men carried guns and it was said others were paid to be without firearms of any kind.

On reaching Racine the men spread themselves over town and in adjacent fields where they breakfasted. A number of wogans accompanied them and carried provisions.

Racine is on the state highway leading from Marmet through Boone and Logan counties into Mingo county.

Citizens Arm for Protection.  
Logan, W. Va., Aug. 25.—About 500 Logan county citizens were under arms at daybreak prepared to hurry to the Boone county border where, according to advices received at the office of Sheriff Chafin, a party of men marching from Marmet to Mingo county as a protest against martial law there are about to cross the boundary. There is no direct information as to the number of "invaders," as they are called, but the sheriff and county authorities said they would take no chances on letting the men through.

Federal Troops in Readiness.  
Washington, Aug. 25.—An urgent appeal for federal troops to restore order and prevent further lawlessness on the part of the striking miners in the Mingo coal fields of West Virginia was received at the war department today. The request for troops was made by Morgan, W. Va., citizens, who said a force of 1,000 men was needed.

Acting secretary of War Wainwright immediately ordered Brigadier General Read, commanding the 5th corps area and headquarters at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, to hold troops available for quick dispatch to the coal fields. Brigadier General H. H. Dandholtz, former provost marshal general of the American expeditionary forces and designated as the new commander of the army district of Washington, and Col. Stanley H. Ford, were ordered to proceed immediately to Charleston, W. Va., to conduct an investigation as to conditions in the troubled area.

PLOT TO MURDER PRES. OBRERSON

Mexico City, Aug. 25.—The discovery of an alleged plot to assassinate President Obregon resulted last evening in the arrest of General Jesus Calas Lopez, commander of a small body of troops in the state of Morelos, and three other Mexicans, said an announcement by the chief of police of Mexico City today.

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PLAN LAW TO GOVERN RENTALS

American Bar Association Will Take Up This Matter at Its Meeting This Month.

(By The Associated Press)

Cincinnati, Aug. 25.—It is reported that the matter of enacting laws to govern rental of residence property will receive serious consideration at the annual convention of the American Bar Association, to be held in Cincinnati from August 30 to September 2.

The Committee on Noteworthy Changes in Statute Laws, in the report which it will present to the convention at the session on Thursday evening, September, will say: "In the field of landlord and tenant law, we find recent examples of unusual legislation. Shortage of housing accommodations has given rise to an abnormal demand, with resultant high rentals. These in turn have been made the justification for legislative regulation of rentals and terms and conditions of tenancy. Rent legislation has taken the form of (1) statutes like those in New York, repealing existing statutory remedies of the landlord in such a way as to compel or induce him to accept reasonable rents, or (2) comprehensive legislation like that contained in the Act of Congress applicable to the District of Columbia, which treats rental property as affected with a public interest and subjects the relationship of landlord and tenant to commission regulation.

"The New York type of statute simply takes away the remedy of eviction where the contract which the landlord claims is breached is considered by the courts to be unreasonable, as, for example, where the rent demanded by the landlord is, in the opinion of the court, excessive. The New York Legislature has declared as 'excessive' any rent which is more than 25 per cent in excess of the rent of the previous year. The landlord cannot evict a tenant who pays the reasonable rent.

"The act of Congress authorizes the rent commission of the District of Columbia to adopt standard forms of leases to fix reasonable rentals and terms of tenancy and to determine semi-judicially controversies between landlord and tenant. The authority of the rent commission and its procedure are analogous to that of the interstate commerce commission in the field of interstate commerce. Both types of statutes have been upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States as justifiable regulation of public property in the interest of the public welfare during the abnormal housing conditions following the war."

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MILLBRIDGE WILL HOLD A COMMUNITY FAIR

Organization is Formed and Plans Being Made for a Community Fair in Western Rowan.

(By The Associated Press)

A meeting was held in the Woodman hall at Millbridge last night for the purpose of organizing a community fair. The meeting was called to order by County Agent W. G. Yeager, who explained the object and the plans of a community fair. Miss Edwards also discussed the scheme, especially from the woman's viewpoint, and after this a vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to hold a community fair. Officers were named to set up the fair and attend to all details, being as follows:

President, C. L. Becker, Secretary, Treasurer, S. J. Harrison, while the following were elected to be vice-presidents, C. L. Neel, L. M. Lippard, George Houck, J. R. Lyerly, Scott Miller and S. J. McCorkle, representing their respective communities.

The date for holding the fair was not fixed, though it will likely be held the second week in October along with other fairs of this nature in the county. Rowan Academy, Woodleaf and Morgan township communities have planned to hold community fairs and it is planned to have a conference to agree on time and other details.

RAILROADS DENIED ANOTHER HEARING IN TAX VALUATION

Twelve Roads Must Pay Taxes On Assessments—Commissioner Denying Rehearing.

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Aug. 25.—Ten of the 12 railroads operating in North Carolina must pay taxes on assessments made by Commissioner of Revenue Aus Watts on July 21, their appeal for reduction having been denied by the commissioner.

Because of errors in the tabulation of figures a reduction is made in the assessment of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio, from \$16,237,204 to \$12,993,440, plus the amount of its property assessed in the counties, and the Norfolk Southern from \$27,023,462 to \$22,849,932, minus the amount of its assessment in the counties.

Aside from these two changes there will be no change in the railroads' property valuation in North Carolina as fixed by Commissioner Watts on July 21, last. In a statement announcing his refusal to lower the assessments Commissioner Watts says:

"After fully considering the oral arguments and statements of the representatives of the companies and the documents filed and after having had the advice and counsel of my associates on the State Board of Equalization, the last conference being held today, I decided not to change the assessments as announced in letters to the companies on July 21, 1921, and will so notify the companies."

The following companies petitioned for reductions: Atlantic Coast Line, Durham and South Carolina, Piedmont and Northern, Raleigh and Charleston, Seaboard Air Line, Southern railway, Virginia and Carolina Southern, Washington and Vandemere, and Winston-Salem Southbound.

The Southern railway leads the list with a total valuation of \$102,230,453. The Atlantic Coast Line is second with approximately 51 millions and the Seaboard third with 34 millions.

Rehearing of the American Tobacco company's petition for reduction in its property assessment on leaf tobacco in Rockingham county has been postponed at the request of the chairman of the board of commissioners until September 7.

RECOVER TWO MORE BODIES FROM RUINS

Macon, Ga., Aug. 25.—Work of exploring the ruins of the Brown House, destroyed by fire early Monday morning was completed late today. Only two more bodies were found during the day, which brings the total known dead to six persons. Eight persons are still in the hospital.

FARMERS' RELIEF BILL GETS RIGHT OF WAY

Washington, Aug. 25.—The senate put aside the anti-beer bill long enough tonight to adopt the conference report on the agricultural credits bill, already agreed to by the house, and sent it to the President for his approval.

TWO BIG CROWDS SAW A SPLENDID CIRCUS

Circus day in Salisbury passed off yesterday quietly despite the fact that one of the largest crowds seen here in a long time for a circus was on the streets. The afternoon performance of the Walter L. Main shows were attended by practically a capacity audience and last night there was only one small section of seats not occupied, it being one of the biggest night crowds to turn out for a circus in a long time.

The performers were splendid and were put through with a vim and snap that kept one from tiring during the progress of the show. There were a number of new and novel acts, out of the ordinary stunts, and the customary circus acts were presented by artists in their lines. It was a good clean show, and the general consensus of opinion was that it was one of the best circuses to visit this city in a long time. The people with the show who have to deal with the public are polite and courteous, and taking it all in all it gave general satisfaction to the two large audiences attending the performances. From here the shows went to Burlington, then to Durham, Henderson and Rocky Mount.

EMIGRANTS TO U. S. FEWER.

Madrid, Aug. 25.—The flow of Spanish emigration to the United States is decreasing, according to figures published by the Emigration Council. The number of emigrants leaving for Argentina, however, is on the increase.

STRANGLED BY A PEAR

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Three-year-old Rose Bevilacqua died of strangulation in Memorial hospital early today. At 10 o'clock last night a piece of a pear she was eating became lodged in her throat. Physicians worked for hours to dislodge the obstruction, but were unsuccessful.

VILLA TO AID IN CHECKING REVOLT

(By The Associated Press)

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 25.—Francisco Villa has fled from his half million acre ranch at Camutillo, Durango, Mexico, to enlist the aid of the Mexican government in putting down a revolt among his followers, according to officers of the Mexican army who returned to Juarez today from Parrell.

BANDITS GET BIG HAUL IN TEXAS

(By The Associated Press)

Denison, Texas, Aug. 25.—Two masked bandits held up and robbed the mail coach of a Kansas-Texas Limited train as it entered Denison early today. Postal authorities intimated that the robbers loot might reach a half million dollars.

ANOTHER ARREST IN PRIEST MURDER CASE

(By The Associated Press)

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 25.—Pietro Gussman, whose marriage to Ruth Stephenson on August 11 is said to have caused the killing of Father James E. Coyle, Catholic priest, by the bride's father, Rev. Edward R. Stevenson, was arrested here today and held as a suspicious person on request of J. E. Martin, superintendent of police of Peoria, Ill.

CLARA SMITH HAMON MARRIES PICTURE MAN

Los Angeles, Aug. 24.—Clara Smith Hamon, acquitted in Ardmore, Okla., several months ago when tried for the murder of Jake L. Hamon, was married here late today to John W. Gorman, a motion picture director. After obtaining license to marry, the couple drove to the residence of Rev. M. Howard Fagan, pastor of the Wilshire Boulevard Christian Church, who performed the ceremony.

BOY ATTACKS HIS MOTHER.

(By The Associated Press)

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 25.—Mrs. J. E. Cutson took her 12 year old son, Jimmie, to the woods at her home here yesterday but he wrenched the switch from her grasp and whipped her severely, she told the juvenile court officers today when she filed a complaint that resulted in the arrest of the lad. Mrs. Cutson suffered cuts and bruises on the face.

WITHOUT MEDICAL BEER REGULATIONS

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 25.—Decision to withhold the issuance of medical regulations pending congressional legislation was reached by Secretary Mellon in a conference with Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair.

The decision as to the issuance of regulations was made necessary by action of the senate in recessing last night for a period of 30 days without finally approving the Willis-Campbell bill forbidding prescriptions for beer as a medicine. The treasury, it was explained, takes the position that since the anti-beer bill was passed both houses and the question at issue in the final adoption of the measure does not involve the use of beer medicinally there would be no advantage in promulgating rules.

COTTON MARKET

(By The Associated Press)

Continuation of Advance.  
New York, Aug. 25.—There was a continuation of the advance in the cotton market today, first prices being 14 to 22 points higher, all months making new high ground. December contracts sold up to 14.72 or 26 points net higher, while May deliveries touched 14.96.

GERMAN PEACE TREATY WAS SIGNED TODAY

Berlin, Aug. 25.—The treaty of peace between Germany and the United States was signed at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

AGRICULTURE CREDIT BILL IS AGREED ON

Washington, Aug. 25.—A complete agreement on terms of the agricultural exports credit bill which has been in controversy between the house and senate was reached today by conferees.

CONCORD COTTON MARKET.

Concord, Aug. 25.—Cotton sold for 12 1-2 cents on the local market today.

REV. J. E. ABERNETHY HAS BEEN AWAY ON A VACATION HAS RETURNED HOME AND WILL HOLD THE REGULAR SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. E. Abernethy who has been away on a vacation has returned home and will hold the regular services Sunday morning at the First Methodist church.