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## McDuffie, Brown And Smathers To Remain On City School Board

# BUSINESSMETHOD Wilson Writes to

School Board to Convene Today With Membership Intact

LOWEST BIDDERS TO GET CONTRACTS Men Remain on Board at Solicitation of Prom-

inent Citizens Rey H. McDuffle, William M. mathers and W. Vance Brown, the last Wednesday tendered resignations as members of city school board have been uced and have agreed to resin on the board, it was learn-dearly yesterday and confirmed

and Mayor Gallatin Roblast night. In response to interrogations om The Citizen each of the four izens stated arrangements had fected whereby Messra. Smathers and Brown could sit with the board in its

Careful deliberation and considration has been given the matter weach of the three members and he mayor, it was learned from he mayor, it was learned from uch when called individually by representative of The Citizen. Prominent business men realizboard are known to have

ged that an understanding be sched and to have insisted upon he members remaining active or he board. The same interested arties have discussed the matter an of the school board. arties expressed pleasure at the tcome last night, and asserted he administration of the affairs of he city's public school system uld be on strictly a busines

ROMOTE SCHOOL EXPANSION PROGRAM

Mayor Roberts In confirming ould continue to serve, leaving e board's original membership net, stated he was pleased at the come of the past few days de-erations and that Messrs Brown, schuste and Smathers, being falar with the school program nd general business conditions id be invaluable in assistains the economical expenditure of ver half million dollars to ote Asheville's public school expassion program. Mayor Roberts suressed confidence the program wald now be rushed to comple-

the best interest of the watrons of the schools.

While neither Mr. McDuffle, Mr. Brown or Mr. Smathers made any formal statement, it was implied troops of cavalry and a content of the board only with the explicit understanding that the principles of business and rigid economy in the expenditure of the public linds, which they had previously deceased market and previously deceased market a advocated, would be materially represented on the board. It is positions involving the expen titure of any funds have insisted that the regular ethics of business adhered to without irrevocation

w alteration. CONTRACTS TO LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER It is understood the avowed pur-

nose of the majority of the board members will be to award future Contracts for school building con-struction to the lowest responsible idder, regardless of where the sader is from, as long as he is the to give assurance of the prop-r and legal fulfilling of the con-The three members returnin to the board are known to have been pledged support in making a business administration of the affairs of the school buildbeen pledged support in he program and the promotion of he city school system, which will effective in the general school ice on the board. The members resigned last week then the board by a majority vote to be opened on Febru-

my 27. Later the date was chang-d and the bids will be received ad opened on March 2. The Galwan Building company submitted he lowest bid, Merchant next lowest bid, \$96,700, with L. L. chant next lowest, \$105,000. considerable discussion it voted to reject all bids and three members resigned as a of the refusal to accept the bld, stating that they could be a party to the handling of he awards in this manner. Considerable interest has de-cloped as to who Mayor Roberts

would appoint as successors to the esigning members of the board is madness."

At the same time the committee reported favorably a resolution calling for a congressional inquiry d the announcement that same McDuffle, Brown and nathers have reconsidered will received with wide appropais asserted by those inter-Following the announcement of the country may be assured that

spred so it will not be necessar hey be reappointed and they will their deliberations with

saume their deliberations be board at future meetings. BONUS BILL WILL

SHAFFROTH'S DEATH
LAUSE OF REGRET
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.— Refor of the senate over the death
former Senator John H. Shaff
sh of Colorado, was expressed
smally today by Senator Phipps
Colorado on behalf of the rebolican side and by Senator Untwood, of Alabama, democratic
for of the minority. Both paid
butes to Mr. Shaffroth's charler and service, the latter exming over a period of nearly a
sarter of a century in congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.— The
seven republicans of the house wayse
and means committee who are chargede with solving the problem of financing the problem of financing the problem of financing the was to make the coening hearings two weeks ago, when
he reiterated his opposition to a bonus
at this time, but declared that if
spich legislation was to be passed it
should be financed by a sales tax or
some other form of taxation.

## Thank Contributor To Foundation Fund

Statesville Resident is Oldest Man Yet to Join in - Movement

honored citizen of Statesville, R. that they would accept without a B. Joyner, who is now in his 96th to cover the objections of those Wilson saw the notice in the who oppose unreserved ratificapapers recently he took the time to tion. write Mr. Joyner a personal note; of appreciation and congratulation.

The letter, signed in Mr. Wilson's own hand, dated 12th of Fcoruary.

1922, follows:

Congratulation and congratulation.

Conmercial lations committee by Senator Brandegee, republican, Connecticut and virtually agreed to by those in charge of the treaty, the reserva-

pleasure of writing you this line to say how much I feel cheered and honored by it.

Sincerely yours, WOODROW WILSON. Mr. R. B. Joyner,

Two New Companies Are Brandegee. Held Under Orders to Move to Trouble Zone

the establishment of national for ratification with the reserva-guard units in three troublesome tion attached. It was evident howstrike centers and a meeting of the ever that considerable debate on state board of mediation and con- the senate floor was certain to ciliation here were the day's out-standing developments in the textile situation in Rhode Island.

The Pawtuxet riot, in which one strike sympathizer was killed, two critically wounded and five less se-riously hurt by riot gun fire, when a crowd came to grips with the police at the Jenokes Spinning company plant, led to the immediate dispatch of four coast artillery companies to the Blackstone Valley city from Providence.

The Woonsocket and Greenwich companies were under mobilization orders tonight. Their ultimate destination is believed to

be Pawtuxet. With the exception of the disturbance at Pawtuxet, quiet prevailed throughout the Blackstone and Pawtuxet valleys today. At Pontiac and Natick, where trouble was experienced yesterday two troops of cavalry and a coast ar-tillery company were in complete

## SENT TO SENATE

Abce Asks Confirmation Be Held Up Until Protest Can Be Filed.

should not have it.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

into expenditures of sums alread, appropriated for the aid of disabled veterans "to the end that

real fight.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 21.—The attention had been called to an nomination of H. H. Miller for postmaster at Hickory was sent to the senate today. It was not reached there before Horace Abee, a prominent republican of Hickory, compensation filed by Robert W. wired Senator Simmons to have it had up until protests against convenience. firmation could be filed. Mr. Abee is at the head of the Republican January 23. Senator Overman club of Catawba county, and was said to be on the eligible list unstatus of this claim and was addil Miller was squeezed in over vised by Col. Forbes, director of four different da him, in a regrading of the papers. It is understood that charges involving Miller's actions during the

World war will be submitted in an effort to defeat his confirmation.

R. L. Hefner, the candidate who made the highest grade, is also protesting against the nomination of Miller. He thinks that he is entitled to the job, and Miller thould not have it. this claim be given prompt atten-tion, and on February 20, received National Committeeman More-a letter from Col. Fores, advising that this case had been fully inveshead is backing Miller, and may that this case had been fully inves-win, but it looks tonight like a that this case had been fully inves-win, but it looks tonight like a that this claimant was at the time of Mr. Craven's article receiving \$100.00 per month from the gov-FEARFUL OF BONUS ernment and taking a course of poultry raising at the United States veterans' bureau training

militee at the regular monthly meeting tonight. The report diclared that "as party politics" the proposed bonus legislation "apel's suicide" while "as public policy, it

definite postponement of the pro-ject for establishing a nautical school on the Atlantic coast for the training of furmer service men heir reconsidering the matter, the country may be assured that the American merchant marine the word that the resignations have never been formally acpropriations made in their behalf."

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SHINGTON. Feb. 21.— The republicans of the house ways but slight possibility of their find-means committee who are charging the solving the problem of firment in sulving the problem of firment insultintions. ment institutions.

#### SENATE PASSES EXPENSE MEASURE

Clear Away Many Obstacles to Ratification

RESERVATIONS ARE AGREED CASE MAY BELIEVED NEEDLESS

Validate Any Adjustments Arrived At

(Special Correspondence, The Asherille Cuium)
STATESVILLE, Feb. 21.— The oldest contributor reported so far to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation in the Dathway of the four power time in the Legisland States. tion in the United States is an Pacific treaty today by indicating

I have learned of your interest in the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and am giving myself the interests of any other power and interests. that none of the adjustments as reached under the treaty provisions with most cordial good wishes, are to be binding upon this gov-

The administration senators on the committee, including Senator of Massachusetts, republican leader and a member of the American delegation to the arms conference, are said to have shown general approval of the proposal during the two-hour committee debate, although they held that all reservations were wholly unnecesary. It was also the understanding of some committee members that President Harding while holding that reservations were superfluous, had indicated he would not oppose a qualification presented by Senator

Senators Idaho and Johnson, republican, California were said to have been onsulted in the preparation of the the senate floor was certain to precede a ratification vote, regardess of what action might be taken

in the committee. At a session tomorrow the committee leaders hope to complete consideration of the Brandegee proposal and perhaps formally adopt a recommendation that the treaty be ratified. It was uncertain whether other reservations would be offered in committee, several democratic and republican mem-bers being undecided whether to prolong further the committee

for presentation to the senate it-Meantime debate on the treaty with Japan regarding the Island of Yap, reported out of the commit-tee on Monday, will begin tenurratification within a few days.

#### OVERMAN THINKS

ADJUSTMENT RAPID

WASHINGTON BUREAU
THE ABBETILLE CITIZEN
(By H. E. C. BRYLANT)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Overman stated today that his attention had been called to an

vised by Col. Forbes, director of the U. S. Veterans' bureau that this case had been referred to the manager of the fifth district at Atlanta, and the same would receive imme-

When Mr. Craven's article ap-peared, February 12 however, Sen-ator Overman again requested that

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Opposition by the National Republican Senator Overman stated that it still benus to "any soldier who cannot show a wound or who was not disabled in the service" was recommended in a resolution submitted for action by the club's companies at the regular monthly milites at the regular monthly less than the 30 days thereafter.

## PLAN POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-In-Investigation has disclosed, offi-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. — The legislative bill carrying \$12,490.— Sociated Press.)—The French government today informed Germany that it had requested Italy to post-pen the Genoa economic conference that it had requested Italy to post-pen the Genoa economic conference that it had requested italy to post-pen the Genoa economic conference to the reason stated to Premier Poincare's recent memorandum.

Says Only Two Readings Passed Effective

GO BEFORE COURT

Congress Must Accept to Manning Not Inclined to Take Judgment of Attorney Seriously

CITIZEN'S NEWS SCHEAT

RALEIGH, Feb. 21—An opinion by Charles F. Massitch, New York nd attorney, that the legislature made another error in putting through the municipal finance acti-during the special session, again

tained in an Associated Press dis-patch received here and Governor Morrison and Attorney-General the opinion.

It stated that "it appears the bill passed only two readings when three are required by the constitution of North Carolina to make it legal.

Judge Manning was not inclined to take scriously the opinion of the bond attorney. He said he had read the act thoroughly, had investigated its course through the general assembly and had studied the situation carefully and he felt convinced that it had been passed in accordance with constitutional requirements and a valid. SUPREME COURT TOLD HOW TO VALIDATE IT.

Governor Morrison, while join ing with Judge Manning in avoid ing definiteness as to the validity of the act, reminded that it was passed after a majority of the members of the supreme court had concurred in an opinion as to what was necessary to insure its legality. If it becomes necessary to go through the courts to test its validity, all that can be done is to ar-range an agreed case for the supreme court would not be expect ed to go back on its previous opin ion, he said.

State officials will look theroughly into the matter so as to clear up all doubt as to its validity. An opinion holding it invalid. coming from a bond attorney of the standing and reputation of Masslich, naturally has its effect, it was declared, although legal minds here are unable to under-stand how the attorney arrived at

A careful investigation is under-stood to have been made by repre-sentatives of the legal firm and it was said in official circles that rumors had been current for som days that the act was invalid. A clerical error resulted in the invalidation of the act as passed by the regular session of the general assembly early in 1921 and Governor Morrison called the special session in December expressly for the purpose of correcting th

To incure the passage of an act that would be valid and meet the requirements of the cities, the special session passed a new act and the senate, in which body the clerical error was made, adopted a resolution correcting the senate journal and thereby, according to legal opinion, making valid the original act which went through Attention Called to Article Written

the regular session.

The significance of the situation is seen by the fact that should the act really be held invalid North Carolina cities will again be tied up financially and further legisla-tion will be necessary before they can arrange for the regular opera-MAINTAINS BILL HAD BUT TWO READING
Mr. Masslich's letter to the Wilson authorities giving his opinion

"The bill had four readings on four different days and passed each different reading, recording the votes by which it passed the various readings. On December 12 and 13 the measure was reconsidered and set at naught. It then appears the bill passed only two readings when three are required by the constitution of North Carolina to make it legal." "The bill had four readings on lina to make it legal."

The extent of the investigation

representatives of this firm are supposed to have been made re-garding the passage of the act is At the time it was set at naught

At the time it was set at naught the supreme court had given an opinion that an amendment increasing the life of certain bonds from 15 to 20 years would invalidate it. — Fellowing out the opinion the senate made new start on the bill, it being pure on the on the bill, it being put on its first reading on the night of December 15, passing its other two readings on the 17th and 18th. Reports indicate that it went to the house on December 18th on first reading, getting the second and third reading on the following two legislative days.

#### RECEIVERSHIP FOR FIRM IS DENIED

WILMINGTON, Del. Feb. 21,-Judge Morris in the United States district court today granted a dismissal of the complaint, with costs to the petitioners for a receiver for the Columbia Graphophone Manufacturing company. At the same time the court denied the application for receivership on the posits of statements flesh to the court denied the application for receivership on the basis of statements filed by the de-fendants reciting the consent of creditor interests representing an important portion of the liabilities to plans proposed for extendns

#### FRENCH REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT FOR GENOA CONFERENCE

# RESERVATIONS ON ATTORNEY CLAIMS 34 Killed When Dirigible Roma Falls; Broken Rudder Is Blamed For Tragedy; Bodies Charred Beyond Recognition

## OFFICIAL LIST OF SURVIVORS, Falling Ship Strikes High DEAD AND MISSING IN THE BIG Topsion Floatric Wires AIRPLANE DISASTER, IS GIVEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. - An official list of the survivors, dead and missing in the Roma disaster was received from Langley Field by the army air service tonight. The address, however, in fellows:

I-tentified dead: First Lieutenant William E. Riley, of 526 East 86 St., New

I'me opinion was contained in a letter to city officials of Wilson who had sent \$125,000 of street bonds to the attorney for approval. Advices of the letter were constant Lientens. Clarence H Lieutenant B. G. Burt, pilot slightly injured.

Sergeant Harry A. Chapman. Sergeant Virden T. Peek, Terre Haute, Ind. Sergeant Joseph M. Biedenback Akron, Ohio

Corporal Flores. Charles Dworack, McCook Field. Dayton, Ohio. Ray Hurley, of the national adsory committee on aeronautics (uninjured) Walter A. McNair, of the bureau of standards, Washington, D. C.

Missing: ) Major John G. Thornell.

Cantain - Burschmidt. First Lieutenant J. R. Hall. First Lieutenant C. Burns Lieutenant Clifford

Lieutenant Wallace First Lieutenant Ambrose First Lieutenant Harold Hine Master Sergeant McNally Master Sergeant Mucray

Master Sergeant Cordbs Sergeant Harris. Sorgeant Hillyard Sergeant Beal. Sergeant Yarbrough Sergeant Ryan. Sergeant Huffn Huffman Sergeant Schumacker Sergeant Holmes

Sergeant Heveron Private Kingston. rivate Blakley Frivate Thompson rivate Hill. Civiliana (all said to be of Mc look Field, Dayton, Ohlo);

Stryker D'Laughlin Merriman. Schulenberger

#### Asheville Will Have New Impetus as Center of Musical Culture

In the announcement yesterday of the perfection of an organiza-tion here of the de Sayn Conservacountry, another chapter has been written in the musical history of Asheville and officials of the in-stiffution state from now on local talent can obtain a complete musical and artistic education in their home city and subjected, neglected by other institutions of the

country, will be taught. Special summer and winter ourses will be announced in the

has been carefully selected and those goods in American markets, the and speaks for itself. The head of the institution, whose reputation as a successful teacher has been established confirmed in musical circles, asserts she especially enjoys teaching young children, since they must be counted on to make Asheville a leading musical since they must be counted on to make Asheville a leading musical center in the future. She is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Leipsig and an exponent of Leopold Auer and Otaker Sevcik's to accept the principle of foreign violin methods. ABLE MUSICIANS

ON THE FACULTY

and a concert singer throughout have been assessed on the basis of American values. He emphamade her first debut. Her masters were Vincenzio Sabatini (teacher of John McCormack) and George Ferguson, who with other research Ferguson, who with other great artists, contributed to her artistic education as a singer and a teacher second to none in this part of the country. She is noted for her absolutely perfect and correct placement of voices and their restora-tion, artistic interpretation of have reached the committee pro-songs of all lands, operatic coach testing against this plan and urg-

ment of voices and their restoration, artistic interpretation of songs of all lands, operatic coach and teacher of acting.

Mrs. Potter Carrol, planist, formerly of Chloago, has been identified for many years with the Bush Temple Conservatory of Music and Mrs. Fanny Bloomfield-Zeisier, whose pupil and assistant she was prior to her studies with the famous Leszetiski of Vienna. Mrs. Carroll enjoyed a long period of study under the great master and others such as Ferrucio Busoni and Maurice Mossowski, Her playing at the Asheville music fealival last summer configurable to the opinion she is a sterling artist, it is stated. Her pupil, Mr. Rusika, now on the faculty of the Bush Temple Conservatory, won the first prize at the Lockport competition of American trained musicians immediately upon completing his course of study with Mrs. Carroll Miss MERRIMON TO CONDUCT CLASSES

Miss Evelyn Mertimon, planist, daughter of late Judge Merrimon, although a native of Asheville, has been active in New York city as an artist and a teacher since 1908. She will direct a course in musical education under the great Joseffy, pupil of Livzt, and Sigismund Stojowsky, favorite pupil of Padegewski, She will direct a course in musical history and appreciation and logether with other members of the faculty classes for the study of the festival program. She is known to many here as an artist of the first rank. She has been engaged to teach the plano and theory of music.

Palmer Christian, a virtuoso on the organ, studied under Clasence Dickinson, America's foremost organist and composer; Karl Straube, of Liepzig, cranist of the Tomas Kirche, where Bach played, and Alexander Gulimant, of Paris, the 'king' of organists of his time. His playing is familiar to many and is characterized by a virtuoso technio, keen understanding and excellent interpretation of classlo and modern music. He is a notable addition to the faculty as a teacher of the organic counterpoin and of the art of accompanying for those planists who wish to take up accompanying

## American Valuation Must and Will Win" Is

Position of Fordney WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-After a two days' row over American est ship of her type in the world. tory of Music to be directed by Miss Elena de Sayn, who ranks ers of the house and senate got with the foremost violinists of the down today to the bases of a possible compromise. Two plans with the understanding that when the senators had decided the house members would be called in again. Under one of the plans as ex-

plained by Chairman Fordney, of the house ways and means committee, ad valorem dutles on im-ported merchandus comparable courses will be announced in the ported merchandse comparable near future for teachers who seek further development in their chosen inc. The conservatory has seen line. The ship left no passenger below that a new battery of Liberty motors. They were installed to replace litalian engines bought with her in Italy, but which have not say her in Italy, but which have not say her in Italy, but which have carried many proved satisfactory. Installation was completed at Langley field two lever, in addition to her operations. has been carefully selected and those goods in American markets.

valuation with bolstering provisions for proclaimed American val-ON THE FACULTY
Other members of the faculty include Miss Alice Eversman, Mrs.
Potter Carroll, Miss Evelyn Merri-mon, Palmer Christian, and Emil

Miss Alice Eversman, leading soprano, formerly with the Metropolitan and Chicago Grand Opera companies, is famous as an opera and a concert singer throughout America.

will win." It was learned today that since the publication Sunday of the tentative decision of the finance com-mittee to adopt foreign valuation, hundreds of telegrams and letters ing adoption of some form American valuation. The co munications were from manufac-turers in all parts of the country; chambers of commerce and labor organizations.

It also was said that many republican members of the house were communicating to the committee their desire that action on the tariff bill be speeded up so as to ensure its final enactment at talk were suffering from abock.
this session of congress.

Albert Sloras, who was in the

## COAL FREIGHT RATE

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PROBE IS ORDERED

"I felt the ship tilt up from the back and start to alide down. I tried to go back down inside but then I decided to come out for ward again. By that time we hit the ground and I was thrown out."

Sloras was hurned about the lowed on similar coal shipped over the same distances for local consumption in zeaboard cities was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission.

The infitial hearing was set for the ship tilt up from the back and start to alide down. I tried to go back down inside but then I decided to come out for ward again. By that time we hit the ground and I was thrown out."

Sloras was hurned about the hands and is suffering from shock. WORK OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE EXCELLENT.

Major J. D. Reardon, who was in the control cabin at the time of smoke increased and soon became a vellowish glare. A moment later the luge bilimp whitled to the officers in charge was excel-

The initial hearing was set for the officers in charge was excellent. Again that the officers in charge was excellent. Lieutenant Burt and Captain that time schedules showing rates now in effect on coal to atlantic and gulf ports, statements of the statements of t

been shut off we would have hit the ground much harder."

Several of the victims were, it the ground much harder."

When asked if he had seen any tlames he said that he had not.

Plaining the commission said in explaining the order while railroads serving Mexican gulf ports generally have not done so. Primarily the commission will seek to determine whether the discrimination between vessel use and local consumption is lawful and whether it can be maintained.

Several of the victims were, it is believed, instantly killed and their bodies charred beyond recognition by the furnace-like tornado gine expert, was about and suffered a slight sprain of one arm and burns about the hand. The trip was Hurley's first flight.

'It was the first time I had ever the consumption is lawful and whether been up and when the Roma started to swing I didn't know anything.

# Tension Electric Wires. Explosion And Fire Result

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.) Of the forty-five army service officers, enlisted men and civilians who left Langley Field air station at 1:45 this afternoon on what proved to be the last flight of the giant army dirigible Roma, thirty-four are dead, the bodies of many of them being charred beyond recognition, and eight survivors are in the army public service hospital here suffering from shock, burns and

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.-Flungfte see the Roma dip down from Hampton Roads army base, cap-size across a high tension electric line and burst into a roaring fur-nace of blazing hydrogen gas, in sand ballast from the ports in the

ble feet of gas that had distended the great bag for the flight. ward, head first. Her command the great bag for the flight. Barely a dozen of more than dred feet that would have droppe two score men aboard had been her into the waters of the bay an

picked up alive. One died en comparative safety for her people route to a hospital. All of those FLAMES BURST OUT who survived the fire escaped by ALONG HULL SPACE

rescuers for house.

Three fire departments and by the flames with chemicals, and by the flames and the flames out along the hull space.

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There was a rush of men to the flames out along the hull space. of them charred beyond direct rec-ognition. Thirty-one bodies had been taken out tonight. Three or four more were thought to be still in the charred mass that alone re-

able tonight. Every man who cacaped alive was burned or brulsed, or both. Eye witnesses who watched the smash agreed, however, that the huge, kite-like structure of the stern rudder, itself as large as a bombing plane, had slipped to one side as the Roma drove along a thousand, feet above the army base.

She was making the structure of the stern rudder, itself as large as a block long, and until the thousand the stern rudder along a thousand, feet above the army base.

earthward, presumably by a broken her straight flight. They agreed rudder, the giant army airship that the rudder seemed to have Roma plunged a thousand feet or slipped bodily down and to one

which at least 34 of her army crew and passengers perished.

Long after dark tonight, many hours after her fall, the ship was still a mass of flames from end to end of her 410 foot mass. The fire was feeding on the million cubic forms of the space of the ship. The came, unchecked in her glide earth-

who survived the fire escaped by jumping as the ship struck. The others, penned in the hull beneath the fallen bag, were burned to death. Heat of the fire fought back rescuers for hours.

Three fire departments fought the flames with chemicals, and by to earth and rolled over, and the rescuers for hours.

Roma neared the wirea, two men were seen to leap from high up in her slanting hull. As the stricken flamling monster writhed in her first death agony, ten more dropped from doors or ports or through holes they tore in the fabric sides that enclosed them. Some leaped from the platform where the engines stood, far out from the hull. So swift was the flare of the gas flame that reacuers were driven

weeks ago.

It was just before I p. m. when those below at the simy base at Hampton Roads, their attention bard. It is believed he did not caught by the approaching thunder of the six motors, looked up she actually carried 45.

#### Work Of Officers At Wheel Is Praised By One Observer

NORFOLK. Feb. 21.—Thirty bodies had been recovered from the ruins of the airship Roma, which was destroyed in an explosion at the army base here shorily after 2 o'clock this afternoon at 6 o'clock tonight. Officials in charge of the work estimated that there were three or four more bodies in the wreckage. Eleven men survived, ten of whom, some probably fatally injured, were in the United States public service hospital.

was wrong. I thought she was wrecked. She was machine hit the ground that I realized she was wrecked. She was machine hit the ground that I realized she was wrecked. She was machine hit the ground that I realized she was wrecked. She was machine hit the ground that I realized she was wrecked. She was coming straight from the Langiay field. We were up only a short time when we fell."

THIRTY-FOUR DEAD SEQUEL TO TRIAL TRIP

Thirty-four dead, including 13 officers of the army air service, is

When the Roma left Langley field at 1:45 o'clock the commanding officer held up his hand, indi-cating that there were 44 men aboard the Roma, according to observers there. It is believed, however, that there were 45 men aboard, and that he did not inlude a civilian passenger. Of the 45 men who left the Langley field air station this after-

rm of noon 11 found their way, alive, to comservice. Those men, some more dead than alive, lay on their cots with burned and broken limbs swathed in bandages. Some had their faces smeared with cream to relieve them of their intense suffering, while others lay ssleep or unconscious with only their closed eyes visible. All who were able to Albert Sloras, who was in the observer's pit on top of the bag,

that time schedules showing tates now in effect on coal to atlantic and gulf ports, statements of handling methods for both hunker coal and coal intended for local consumption and estimates of the volume of traffic concerned.

Many railroads serving Atlantic ports have established lower rates ports have established lower rates ports have established lower rates. The motors shut off and then we were immediately organized to aid those who had not porished in the fatal plunge.

Several of the victims were, it is believed, lingtartily killed and is believed, lingtartily killed and in the coal beyond recognized.

the result of the trial trip of the glant dirigible Roma, wrecked at the army supply base this after-Her contact with the high voltage wires, which she tore asunder, started her gas hag after and the explosion followed as the nose of

the craft struck a pile of car ma-terial a few feet beyond. The explosion sent flames 800 feet in the air as eight of her survivors leaped from the "deck" of the ship. Three other were dragge from the mass of wreckage and

Only those in the forward par of the operating compartment of the ship had a chance for their lives. Several were injured se-verely by jumping, but three came out practically unburt, and were discharged from the hospital within a few hours after the dis-

Lieutenant Burt, who, with Cap-

came a vellowish glare. A mornient later the huge blimp whirl-