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U. S. DIRIGIBLE COL LAPSES ON TEST FLIGHT

Only Five Men of the Forty-Nine on Board Known to Have Been Saved-Great Ship Descended on Fire

Hull, England, Aug. 24.-Seventeen officers and men of the United States

Every one of the Americans on streets. board the ill-fated craft perished, as far as could be ascertained at midnight tonight.

Only five of the 49 who were to the vessel being turned over to the mate was among those lost.

The British losses included the faair veteran, Brigadier General

Affoat 34 Hours.

Starting from Howden Tuesday morning on a test flight to Pulham, the big aircraft had been affoat for and was returning to the Pulham airdrome at the time of the disaster. which constitutes the most terrible of its kind in peace times.

taken across the Atlantic by an Amer-, of the river near the corporation pier, ican crew especially trained for that purpose. She was 695 feet long and was built to carry a crew of thirty. Her speed was estimated at 70 miles an hour. The American navy was to pay \$2,000,000 for the craft.

While flying about 1,000 feet over Mull, spectators saw the ZR-2 seemdomaward over the city and into Humber river. One theory of the cause of the disaster is that while the ship's rudders were being tested giant ship took a sharp turn, gasoline tank completed the tragedy of the air. The actual cause, however may never be known. A rumor had been afloat for some days that the ZR-2 was structurally weak, but this was stoutly denied by all in

Tens of thousands of spectators saw several men climb outside the balloon and drop from the falling men caught inside to escape.

Tugs immediately put out into the stream and brought ashore the five 1706, and was twenty-eight years old survivors who were taken in ambu- when this honor was bestowed on lances to hospitals. Among these was him. While the date of his becomthe American quartermaster N. O. ing a Mason is not definitely known, Walker, who died soon after reach- yet from recent discoveries it ing the hospital from burns he had stated to have been some two years received. Lieutenant Little also was before that date, after he had been rescued from the debris alive, but in Philadelphia some nine years. succumbed to his injuries on reaching the hospital.

· A rescue tug pulled another American out of the water. He was dead. Inside of his coat was the name "Commander Maxfield." Early reports were to the effect that Lieu- youth. tenant Esterly had been saved. Unhappily this report proved to be with-

One member of the rescueing party said that when they got alongside the burning airship the pilot asked for volunteers to board one part that still was almost intact. Jumping upon the wreckage, the rescuers ripped open part of the fabric, while parts or elected to Congress and served on the recently sold at a total price of about period when we left the world," he reof ropes. The task was a hazardous cause one of the balloons was still filled with gas and another explosion was feared.

What Spectators Witnessed.

Among the wreckage an American naval man was to be seen hanging by his coat to a girder in the frame of the airship. It was believed he was dead, owing to the peculiar position of his body, which was not recovered. Another rescuer said that one was hanging on the tail of the ship, ap- ple Tidings. ntly uninjured, while another is found floaing in the water. Both em were saved. While the res-

ing from a southeasterly direction over the Humber toward Hull. When sailing on an even keel above the city, huge cloud of dense smoke burst from the tail of the aircraft. It was thought the ZR-2 was sending out a smoke screen as an exhibition but. to the horror of thousands of spectaand 27 officers and men of the British tors, it was seen that she had broken navy met death today in the collapse into and was taking a tremendous of the great dirigible ZR-2 over the nose dive which apparently would sity of Hull.

Populace Horrified.

and a great crash, followed by anoth er explosion, which was accompanied making the trip in the dirigible prior by the breaking of glass in windows over an area a mile square.

Some spectators assert that the air- bodily. E. M. Maitland, and all the other of- ship began to buckle before any flame ficers on board, except Licutenant or explosion was seen or heard. The dealing with the League of Nations, eral opinion of the public of Hull is Reparations Commission, in regard to that the commander of the airship ac- which it is specified that the United left of 38 billion dollars, more than complished a remarkable feat of bray-34 hours, at times in bad weather, ery in diverting the descent of the cannot be made to do so; certain spe- than 10,000 corporations and more instead of in the crowded streets.

populace when the disaster occurred, ing the international organization of The ZR-2 which was a sister ship People in the streets rushed madly to Labor under the League of Nations. of the famous R-34, the first dirigi- cover, fearing that the massive wreck ble to cross the Atlantic, was on her would fall upon and crush them. The final test trip prior to being accept- terror gave way, however, to horror ed by the United States navy and as the wreck plunged into the middle

No Chance of Escape.

making a thrilling parachute descent, instrument embody the principal of their country." they were rescued by small boats, ernment at Versailles. All who jumped from the falling ingly buckle amidship and plunge craft lost their lives. They had no message to Congress that the Adminchance for escape, for the water was istration would endeavor to carry out covered with burning gasoline and such portions of the Versailles Treaty the heat from the burning wreckage as are not inconsistent with the policy ties, to join in with the Republicans was so intense that even the rescuers of holding aloof from political engage experienced the greatest difficulty in ments in Europe with which this counwhich caused her frame work to approaching for some time. Barges, try has no concern. This effort is dollars yearly, and putting those milaround the debris willing to render Berlin. any possible assitance.

telephone messages came from dis- adopted by Congress on July 2 is in- cent flat rate will do, especially in ances up to fifty miles reporting significant in comparison with the face of the further fact that the Re-

Ben Franklin as a Mason.

Few people realize how much of mass, which was enveloped in smoke, Franklin's success abroad was due to and others jump into the Humber, as the fact that he was a Mason. It was enjoy under this treaty. the crippled craft came over the water. back in 1734, two years after George As the dirigible struck, the wreckage Washington was born, that Franklin above the water was burning and was appointed as Deputy Grand Masthere was slight chance for any of the ter of Pennsylvania by Henry Price of Massachusetts.

Franklin was born in Boston in

It is probable that he was given this honor on account of his being known to Henry Price, as he could have joined the Boston Lodge, which by Joseph W. Byrns, Representative in the ice and proceeded to Nome, lais known to have met in King's Chapel as early as 1720, on account of his

He was the founder of modern clee tricity by proving the identity of appropriating \$48,500,000 as emerg- install one when the craft is brought lightning and electricity by drawing ency needs for the Shipping Board. here some time this summer to be rethe lightning from the clouds when he was forty-three. He was over Civil bill gave the Shipping Board the sen explained that his party had been fifty when he set sail for Europe in right to use not exceeding \$55,000,000 cut off from communication with other he was over there.

committee which drew up the Declaration of Independence. At that 000,000 or more. time he was Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and on July 4, 1776, when over seventy years old.

He was a member of the convention that adopted the constitution of the at Norfolk. United States when he was eighty one years old, over which his broth Mason, George Washington, presided and who I am sure is thoroughly reand most of the members of that convention were likewise Masons.-Tem-

The right mummy hand of Pharoah to turn over and the rescue party had to return to the first seen from Hull the ZR-2 was approaching the city, com-

TREATY OF PEACE WITH GERMANY SIGNED

Document Gives All Important

Then there came a loud explosion who had received full powers for the come. to the vessel being turned over to the on land, the whole being reminiscent in effect the Versailles Treaty. All every individual Democrat voting for staff, and General Julian S. Carr, combeen saved. Maurice Lay, a Greens- bombed Hull and explosions shook rights that would have accrued to the boro, N. C. man, chief boatswain's the whole town. Today's concussion United States under that treaty are States," Mr. Kitchin said, "made net was so great that it wrecked windows stipulated in this treaty. Nine parts profits from January 1, 1916, to Jan-until the business districts was

The eliminations are chiefly those dollars, broken halves of the ZR-2 reached the with which it is assured the United water nearly a mile apart. The gen- States need have nothing to do; the come, excess profits tax, and other Prisoners at Newland vessel so that it fell into the water cial provisions with respect to China, It was a moment of terror for the territories, and reservations regard- which includes the steel trust, the

Allies Not Deserted.

That the United States has by no During the fall of the airship three parts of the Treaty of Versailles boys in France were spilling their tance from the prisoners. Just at scouts set out to reconnoiter for the members of the crew were observed which are reiterated in the special blood for the protection and defense They came down into the river, where terms imposed on the German Gov-

President Harding said in his first

it would have had as one of the allied market price?" and associated powers it will now

Diplomatic relations are to be resumed on the exchange of ratifications, and after that negotiations affecting commerce can be undertaken. However, the treaty provides for the the part of Germany and takes care of commerce to a large extent.

Wooden Ships Sale Attacked in House.

tack on the policy of the United States after he had spent two years in push-Shipping Board for selling \$150,000. ing around the eastward arctic pas-000 worth of wooden boats for \$450, sage from Norway. The explorer left 000 was made in the House yesterday his vessel and crew to await a break from Tennessee, ranking Democrat of ter coming to Seattle on a recent ship the Appropriations Committee. His attack was delivered in connection with the conference report on the bill us, but Captain Amundsen expects to

stood him in good stead for the years payments of ships sold last year, and one break-his trip out to Nome last upon ships sold this year, Mr. Byrns year. \$450,000, whereas the ships cost \$150,- called, "and for months we speculated

tain those wooden ships down here mined we would carry wireless."

a day for each ship.
"Now I submit that in view of the

Claude Kitchin Flays The New 10,000 SEE OLD VETS ON Tax Bill.

Scotland Neck, Aug. 18,-Urging house Democrats to line up solidly in Reunion Comes to a Close; Vet- of his home. The adult crow, it ap Rights of Versailles Treaty, caucus against the Republican tax While Eliminating Parts revision bill, Representative Claude Dealing With League of Kitchin, Democratic leader, in a telegram to Representative Garrett, of Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—The clared the proposed repeal of the ex- erate veterans, assembled here for the old ones. These nests are comtreaty between the United States and cess profits tax and the substitution of their 1921 reunion, held today proved posed of scaffolding of dry bran Germany, signed in Berlin vesterday the 15 per cent corporation tax means the most spectacular event of its and a bed of grass or leaves, bark on behalf of the President of the that the big "profiteering corpor- kind in the city's history. The paon behalf of the President of the ations" will be relieved of at least a rade featured the final day of the re-Commissioner of the United States, be paid by corporations of smaller in- with a grand ball.

purpose, and on behalf of the Presi- Support of the bill by house Demo- lege and wended its way more than a dent of Germany by Dr. Friedrich crats, Representative Kitchin added, mile down Main street. It was head-Rosen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is would "prove a fatal mistake for ed by General James I, Metts and his

"The corporations in the United Northern Virginia. of the Versailles Treaty are taken over uary 1, 1921, in round numbers, 50 reached when they alighted to march billion dollars-to be exact, 47 billion by the reviewing stand. The parade

"After deducting all the taxes, they persons, have paid since January 1, 1916, inwar taxes, they have a clear profit tates is privileged to participate but four-fifths of which was made by less than half of which was made by 1 026 Siam, Liberia, Shantung and other of the big profiteering corporations. Bethlehem company, the Du Pont company, the various Standard Oil com-

"Let our fellow Democrats bear in means deserted the Allied and the mind always that these same corpor- liquor over to the jailed for safe-keep-Germany goes without saying, as the of their stockholders, while our brave

"In the face of these ugly and staggering facts," the Democratic leader the prisoners drunk and disorderly, places. continued, "is it possible that any one They had succeeded in getting one f our fellow members can get the gallon of the whiskey. In some manright and justice, as well as good poli- broom handle and a string tied to the

relieving these big profiteering corporations of hundreds of millions of non-profiteering corporations, making The accordance of the treaty with from eight and ten per cent and less Immediately after the disaster, the provisions of the Peace Resolution upon invested capital, with a 15 per hat the people had felt an earthagreement with the Versailles Treaty, publicans passed a tariff bill which
quake shock.

which has been so abused, but whose gives these same profiteering corpowhich has been so abused, but whose gives these same profiteering corpo-terms the United States now finds rations the power to exact yearly that it can accept in its direct deal- from the people from three to five biling with Germany. The benefits that lion dollars profits above the world

Message by Wireless From the North Pole.

flashed to the civilized world, if the highest in the southern states. coverer of the south pole and famous arctic explorer, are carried out.

Captain Amundsen's schooner Maud on which he hoped to drift past the pole with the ice floes was disabled Washington, D. C., Aug. 25 .- An at- by a broken propeller off Cape Siberia

Will Install Wireless on Ship. The Maud has no wireless apparat Pointing out that the last Sundry paired and refitted. Captain Amund

"The war was in its most critical Lord." in vain on the course of events. It the joint high commission to arrange "There has been a great deal said was December, 1919, more than a year the treaty of Washington was sitting about the maintenance of these ships, after the signing of the armistice, the Declaration was adopted, he was Mr. Lasker stated in his hearing that that we met a Russian trader who told claims. it cost him \$600,000 a year to main- us what had happened. Then I deter-

netic properties of the polar basin, the explorer affirmed. He expressed faith facts if that is true it was a waste of in his belief that all ocean current the negro waiter.

erans Rode in Autos to the Reviewing Stand

Durham, Aug. 25,-The annual ssee, acting minority leader, de- parade of North Carolina Confed-

The parade started at Trinity Colmander in chief of the Army of

The veterans rode in automobiles was witnessed by more than 10,000

Get Gloriously Drunk.

oners in the county jail were all drunk. onsent of his mind, as a matter of ner they had made a lasso with a end of the handle and in that way had managed to get one gallon of the tance. If the object of his cu whiskey, which was sufficient to up-set

Farm Owners and Tenants.

Washington, D. C., Aug 26,-During the past two decades there has been a gradual decrease in the proportion of farms operated by owners Exchange. and a corresponding increase in the proportion operated by tenants, the Census Bureau announces. Of 6,448,-366 farms in the United States in 1920, 3,925,095 were operated by owners, 68,525 by hired managers, and rison today paroled Jack Reed, of 2,454,746 by tenants. States in which Buncombe county, who is serving 12 80 per cent or more of the farms were | months sentence for violation of the operated by owners include Maine, Seattle, Wash,-From the remotest, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Conmost inaccessible spot on earth-the necticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont. \$1,000 to appear each month before north pole—a wireless message will be The proportion operated by tenants is the judge of the Asheville police court

Utah Resort Closed One Year.

Salt Lake City, Utah-Tillman D. Johnson, United States District Judge, sustained an injunction recently which will close the Ryan ranch, six miles southeast of Salt Lake City, for one year, this being the first case in which section 22 of the Volstead act has been enforced in Salt Lake City in connec tion with prosecution of liquor law violations. The section provides that any place in which liquor is sold or manufactured may be closed for a period not exceeding one year through the issuance of an injunction.

Went "Lord" One Better.

George W. Christian, Jr., secretary to President Harding, is reported to 1757, where his Masonic affiliations of any moneys on account of deferred human beings for two years, with but have said to Lord Northcliffe at the is only 17 years of age and the pardon White House, when indicating the way to the President's office, "Come on in,

> This recalls a story heard in Washington in 1871-50 years ago-when for the settlement of the Alabams

the White House to the commissioners, at Norfolk.

Captain Amundsen said he would the chairman of whom was Earl de spend the next year in the United by a man who is in position to know, ond who I am sure is thoroughly reliable, that it is only costing the government \$14,000 a month to maintain and the commissioners, the white House to the commissioners, the white House the chairman of whom was Earl de States, probably most of it around butler especially instructed the negro waiters to say, "My Lord," when spoken to by his lordship. All went are supported to the commissioners, the white House to the commissioners, the white House to the commissioners, the would tarry where are the would tarry where the would tarry where are the would tarry where the would tarry where are the would the chairman of whom was Earl de Grey and Rippon. The White House to the commissioners, and the chairman of whom was Earl de Grey and Rippon. The white House to the chairman of whom was Earl de Grey and Rippon. The waiter to say, "My Lord," when specially instructed the negro waiters to say, "My Lord," when specially instructed the chairman of whom was Earl de Grey and Rippon. The waiter to say, "My Lord," when specially instructed the chairman of whom was Earl de Grey and Rippon. The waiter to say, "My Lord," when specially instructed the chairman of whom was Earl de Grey and Rippon. The waiter to say, "My Lord," when the chairman of whom was Earl de Grey and Rippon. The waiter to say, "My Lord, all these ships, or at the rate of \$1.67 firm his previous theories about mag-

The Ways of the Crow.

Naturalists declare that the crow is a social being, and therefore, a lover pears, is seldom seen alone. the young crow mates he does change his abode. Early in April the crows begin to build the new nests of the community and to repair and roots. The various materials are cemented together with clay, and the finishied nest is lined with wool, fur, hair or moss.

Nothing, it would seem, is more re-

markable in bird nature than the

livotion of the parent crow. The community mounts guard over the nest until the young are ready for flight. After the young birds have left the nests, the different communities or tribes domiciled in the same region assemble with every evidence of systematic organization. meetings are held before the dawn, and the meeting-place is a deserted spot where perfect secrecy can be observed. During the session many distinctly different cries are heard, and in them naturalists have professed to see the rudiments of a lan-Newland, Aug. 26 .- Last Saturday guage. The parley ended, crows afternoon the citizens of Newland scout the country, presumably to were surprised to learn that the pris. make sure that the way is safe, and a little later the tribes set out to forage It developed that Mr. Hunicutt, a dep. for the first meal of the day. Toward uty sheriff, had that morning captured the afternoon the foragers collect in two men, a mule and buggy and five groups, seek shelter, and rest and panies, the coal combine, the wool gallons of whiskey and had brought sleep, hidden in the leafage of tall trust, the meat packers, etc. Their sleep over, they set out placing the men in jail delivered the again and forage and feed until Associated Powers in the specifica- ations were filling their coffers with ing. The jailer put the liquor away night parley. In the midst of their tions of the conditions imposed on these fabulous billions for the profits some several feet from the cells, and debate the chatter ceases suddenly, at what he thought was a safe disthat time he received an urgent call night. Assured of safety, the individout of town, returning in about one uals of the different tribes wing their hour, and to his surprise he found all silent flight to their nocturnal hiding-

The search for food is the crow's chief business, although his love for glittering things cause him to wander from his ordered road when attracted by the gleam of some object at a distance. If the object of his curiosity

erow is easily tamed, but the crows talk as distinctly as parrots. Pliny the elder notes a case where a crow alighted in the Forum and saluted the Emperor Tiberius and two sons, "calling them by name."-

Pardon and Paroles Granted by Morrison.

Asheville, Aug. 26.-Governor Morprohibition law. The only condition t the parole was that he give bond of and show a record of good behavior.

Berry Dockery, a negro, was paroled in order that he may care for his mother, who is 94 years of age. was sentenced in 1914 in Madison county on a charge of second degree murder and had served five years of seven year sentence.

L. A. Bartlett of Mecklenburg, was wroled after he had served six months of a 12 months sentence for violation of the prohibition law. S. M. Anderson, of Columbus cone

ty, was paroled on a promise of good behavior after he had served six onths of a 12 months sentence on charge of violation of the prohibition

James Parker, Buncombe county, was pardoned. He had served .12 months of a two years sentence on a charge of theft of an automobil. He was well recommended.

Governor Morrison announced yesday that in the future he would only hear petitions for pardons during the second week of each month.

Oregon Home for Vaterans.

Portland, Oregon.-Through the ed efforts of the American Legion, Post No. 1, the Daddies Club and the Masonic building commi a home is being provided for dis war veterans in two renoval