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GIANT ZEPPELINS RAID ON LONDON

GREAT CROWDS CHEER AS BIG
AIRSHIP FALLS A MASS OF
FLAMES.

A FEW BOMBS ARE DROPPED

German Air Raider Descends In
Flames Within London District
With Great Glare Which is Visible
For Many Miles.

London. — Another Zeppelin raid against London and the east coast of England was very spectacular. An airship was brought down in flames north of London, according to the official statement.

The statement reads: "A number of hostile airships crossed the east coast between 9 o'clock and midnight. A few bombs were dropped near the coast, but no damage is yet reported.

"An airship is reported brought down in flames north of London."

A later dispatch conveyed this information: "Great crowds cheered the spectacle of the burning Zeppelin as it fell in the London district. The great flare from the burning aircraft was visible for a long distance.

Graphic accounts of the manner in which the Zeppelin—the fourth to be brought down on the English soil—fell a victim to Great Britain's anti-aircraft defenses, have been received from London's suburbs.

Although the Zeppelin crashed to earth almost due north of London the spectacle was witnessed by thousands of Londoners.

CARRANZA'S FAILURE TO RUN DOWN VILLA IS EMBARRASSING.

In Negotiations of U. S. and Mexican
Commission Relative to Improved
Border Conditions.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Representatives of the more important American mining interests in Mexico are expected to appear before the American members of the Mexican-American Joint Commission here in support of a memorandum already submitted regarding conditions in Mexico. Before they are received, the commissioners will hold their first joint session here in continuation of the discussions begun at New London four weeks ago.

Consideration of plans for the maintenance of peace along the Mexican-American border will be resumed, but reports which continue to arrive of Villa's activity in Chihuahua may serve as a further delay to agreement. The commissioners make no secret of the fact that failure of General Carranza's forces to run down Villa has proved embarrassing to them in considering means for improving border conditions.

It was considered probable that General Carranza's latest electoral decree would be discussed. A copy of the decree has reached the American commissioners from Washington and while the details of the document have not been revealed, it is said to stipulate that none of those connected even remotely with the Huerta Administration shall have the right to vote at the coming presidential election.

SENATOR CLARKE, PRESIDENT U. S. SENATE, IS DEAD

Little Rock, Ark.—Senator James P. Clarke of Arkansas, president pro tempore of the United States senate, died at his home here. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy the day before and never regained consciousness.

Senator Clarke was born at Yazoo City, Miss., August 13, 1854. He was educated in the schools of his native state and in 1878 was graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia. He began the practice of law in Helena, Ark., in 1879 he served several terms in the Arkansas legislature and later was elected attorney general of the state and governor.

In 1903 he was elected United States senator and re-elected last year for his third term.

Death of Mrs. W. B. Ratliffe.

Friends and acquaintances will be deeply pained to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. W. B. Ratliffe, which occurred Monday at her home on Garden street. She arose Monday morning as well as usual and about 9 o'clock, while looking after her household duties, was seized with a sudden attack of angina pectoris and suddenly became very ill. The physician was called and she seemed to be recovering, but within a few hours she had a second attack of the same disease, and passed peacefully away about half past one o'clock.

The deceased leaves behind to mourn her loss her devoted husband and daughter, residents of this place, and son John, living in Seattle, Wash., and three sisters and three brothers.

Mrs. Ratliffe was the daughter of the late John C. Whorton of Greensboro, N. C. She was born in Guilford county in June, 1849, and died in her 68th year. When about twelve years of age she confessed Jesus Christ as her Savior and joined the Presbyterian church of Greensboro, the church of her fathers. She lived a faithful, devoted Christian life, and like Enoch of old walking with her Savior for over fifty years, grew more like him as the days of her earthly pilgrimage passed. Her daily life was characterized by Christian kindness, and courtesy. Her loss to her church and to the whole town is irreparable.

The funeral services were conducted from the family residence by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Story, assisted by Rev. W. H. Moore, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

State Treasurer Lacy Resents Lin- ney Charge.

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—Resenting a charge made by Frank Linney, Republican candidate for Governor, in a speech this afternoon, that through bad bookkeeping he had lost track of \$71,000 of State institution funds, State Treasurer Lacy tonight branded the charge as wilfully false.

Also that Linney and other Republicans were afraid to have a straight audit of the State treasury and chose to rely on a "lying report made up by discredited check flashing crooks." Lacy insists that every cent of State funds has been strictly accounted for.

A Trip to Little Switzerland.

Woodlawn, Oct. 2.—On Saturday, Sept. 23, a party of ten spent a pleasant day at Little Switzerland. The merry party was chaperoned by Mrs. Heywood, a very popular chaperone. Our gracious hosts were Messrs. Charles McCall and Robert Brinkley, to whom we owe a vote of thanks for the affair. All were in gay spirits. Nature being robed in her bright autumnal colors seemed to reflect our joys. After a gracious lunch and climbing rocks, crags, etc., some one made the fitting remark that as the evening shadows fell it seemed "the end of a perfect day that memory painted with colors that never fade." M.

Bring in or phone your news items to The Progress office.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Hap- penings in McDowell County— Items About Home People.

DYSARTVILLE
Dysartsville, Oct. 2.—Alfred Gibson of Crooked Creek is visiting relatives here.

J. Ray Denton of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting his parents here.

Mrs. Cora Cowan of Rutherfordton returned home yesterday after visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Culley of Statesville spent the week-end with her uncle, Q. A. Stephenson.

G. E. Cowan went to Rutherford hospital yesterday for treatment.

Miss Mamie Bradshaw of near Old Fort is spending some time here with friends.

J. C. Goforth reopened school at Sandy Flat Sept. 25th.

Misses Annie Daves and Elma Christy left last week for Morganton where they have entered the State Hospital to take training.

Miss Lillie Landis of Nebo High school spent the week-end with homefolks here.

L. R. Cowan has taken up his mail route which goes out from Marion. He begins today.

Will and Key Landis attended the box supper at Nebo last Friday night.

Misses Mamie and Lona Goforth were shopping in Marion Saturday.

J. A. Cochran has moved with his family to Bridgewater.

Miss Hattie Taylor of Nebo spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Ben Landis is visiting relatives in Rutherfordton.

J. A. Laughridge of Marion spent last Sunday here.

The receipts from the box supper at Macedonia amounted to \$19.25. The proceeds go to the school.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Jule Lyda have just returned from a week's trip to relatives in Georgia.

Work on the Old Fort-Catawba Falls road is still progressing nicely and much of the new portion is already in use.

The colored folks to about 70 had a kind of an Association meeting the 24th on upper Crooked creek.

Miss Lula Hicks is teaching school at Catawba school No. 6.

Court Adjourned.

Court adjourned last Thursday afternoon. In the case of J. D. Finley vs Tenn. & N. C. Railroad, the jury failed to agree and a mistrial was ordered. The case of Sam Bailey vs James Silver et al was compromised. Other cases were disposed of as follows: W. O. Ledbetter & Bro. vs W. W. Guy, judgment for plaintiff for \$61. S. C. Jamison vs Morganton Manufacturing company, judgment for plaintiff for \$400 and cost. J. F. Conniffe vs J. M. Bobbitt, judgment for plaintiff for \$270.

Killed Girl Who Refused to Go With Him.

Because she told him that his attentions would have to cease, Florence Stutphin, 16 years old, was shot and instantly killed, a mile north of Lenoir Sunday afternoon, by Charles Walker, aged 21 years. Two other girls witnessed the tragedy. Walker was arrested Sunday night and is in Caldwell county jail, says a dispatch from Lenoir to the Hickory Record.

The beginning of the tragedy, according to relatives of the dead girl, came Saturday, when Miss Stutphin, at the request of her mother, informed Walker that he could not go with her any longer. He had come to take her to the moving picture show.

October 9 is Fire Prevention Day in North Carolina.

Birthday Celebration.

At an early hour on Monday, Sept. 25, relatives, friends and neighbors began to arrive at the home of Mr. A. B. Ledbetter in Montford Cove to celebrate his 80th anniversary.

Each carried a basket of well prepared food, which was later spread upon a table erected on the lawn. It was a sight long to be remembered when they were all assembled around the board with "Uncle Burtis" and his aged companion seated at the head of the table, surrounded by a number of their eldest neighbors. Friends mingled their voices in the good old hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," after which prayer was offered and thanks returned for the many delicacies which had been prepared as a token of the high esteem in which these good people are held, both of whom have been in declining health the past year. After one hundred and thirty-four men, women and children had been served to all they could partake as many more could have feasted on what yet remained. There were 28 cakes, not to mention the variety of good things to satisfy the inner man. Many flowers had been sent to "Aunt Minty" and these were used to decorate the porch and table.

Those in attendance from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ledbetter of Forest City, Rev. Huntley of Rutherford county, J. R. Ledbetter and Millard Poteat of Marion.

In the afternoon the people assembled on the spacious veranda and listened to a sermon by Bro. Huntley, a valued friend of Uncle Burtis. His text was taken from the 57 Psalm, "My heart is fix, O God."

Mr. Ledbetter is the last member of a family of 14 children. He was born Sept. 25, 1836, and has lived almost continuously in the old homestead of his father, Johnathan Ledbetter, who had it erected in the year 1826, and died at the age of 47 years. This old mansion, one of the best in its time, is remarkably well preserved and any one who ever drank from the splendid spring in the yard will long for a return visit. It was here the first campaign in Rutherford county was opened in the year '43. The election was held in August. "Uncle Burtis" was born in McDowell county before it became a county by that name. His mind is clear, his body active, and he is rich in experiences and historical facts which he delights to relate to his friends.

Four generations met to celebrate the occasion, and all were loath to depart. After wishing them many returns they bade farewell and reluctantly took their departure. The day was ideal and in perfect harmony with the crowd who voted it the best time they had ever soent together on such an occasion. "One present."

Thirteen persons were killed and more than 25 injured, several probably fatally, at Detroit, Mich., Sunday night, when a switch engine pushing two freight cars crashed into a crowded trolley car at a street crossing. There were more than 90 persons in the street car, many of them returning from theater.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of In- terest and Importance Through- out the State.

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina meets in Salisbury October 24th.

John C. Drewry, grand secretary of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, died at his home in Raleigh Monday afternoon after an illness of 18 months.

Senator Lee S. Overman is being prominently mentioned for successor to the late Senator James P. Clarke of Arkansas, as president pro-tem of the Senate.

Elections Saturday in three townships in Burke carried overwhelmingly for bond issues for good roads. The townships voting were Upper Fork, Lovelady and Silver Creek.

An effort will be made by the division of markets of the State Agricultural Department to establish the Carolina Apple exchange for western North Carolina, the headquarters of the exchange to be located at Waynesville, the heart of the apple growing sections of the west.

Berry-Avery.

Quite a surprise wedding to their many friends was that of Rom Avery of Ashford and Miss Elma Berry of Granite Falls, N. C., which was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage at Granite Falls Thursday, Sept. 28th, with the bride's pastor, Rev. W. V. Honeycutt, officiating. Only a few relatives were present to witness the ceremony. Seawell Avery, brother of the groom, was best man and Miss Eugenia Berry, sister of the bride, bridesmaid.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Avery of Avery and is well known throughout the county. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Berry of Caldwell county and is very highly esteemed by all who know her.

Shortly after the ceremony the happy young couple boarded the two o'clock train for Asheville to spend their honeymoon. They returned Saturday to the home of the groom's parents where they enjoyed a quiet reception from six to eleven o'clock Saturday evening with a few friends and relatives. Those present were Misses Beatrice Brown, Ethel Wilson, Madge Brown, Delia and Dora Gibbs and Lena Brown; Messrs. Charles McCall, Dewey G. Brown, James Avery, Harry Caldwell and Seawell Avery.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery will make their home with the groom's parents at Avery. We wish them much happiness through married life.

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whaley, Sept. 21, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Banner, Sept. 28, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Guy, Sept. 28, a son.

If you know anything let us find it out. Phone, write, telegraph or do anything, just so you let us have it. That's what we're here for. Send in news items as early in the week as possible.