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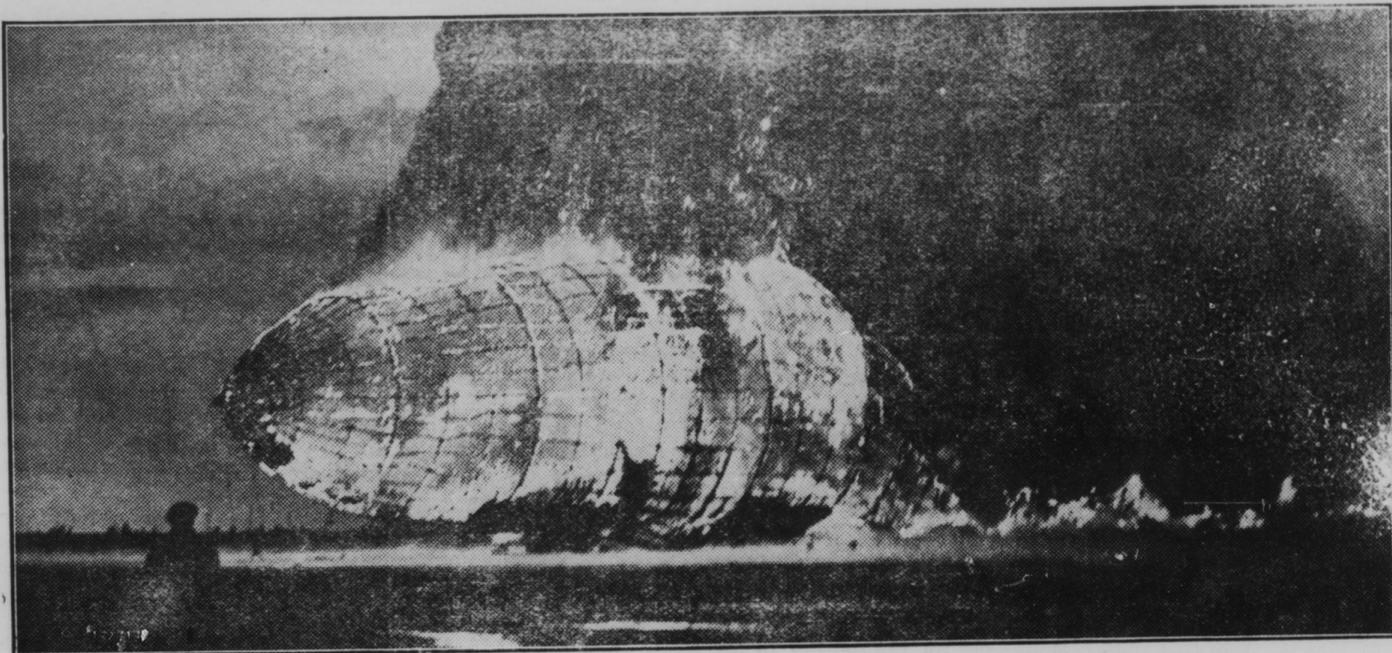
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Scene As Giant German Dirigible Hindenburg Burned



The crash of the Hindenburg is probably one of the worst disasters that ever occurred in peacetime air transportation.

The dirigible, unlike the Goodyear, and other small blimps, had a steel framework forming the structure which held the gas filled bags in their respective positions.

In non-rigid ships, commonly known as "blimps", the gas bags are all free inside a huge bag. Several of the smaller have one bag with two or more compartments. In one sense, all types have one thing in common, the dangerous gas necessary for flight.

Hydrogen was used entirely in lighter than air ships until the discovery of helium in large quantities. Helium is lighter than hydrogen and less likely to explode under the same conditions. Both the Akron and Macon used helium.

This writer predicted before the crash of the Akron that both the huge American ships would crash. Based on no specific reason other than that he was in the heavier than air division, he was more or less surprised when the Akron crashed.

In spite of doubts for the safety of men aboard the Macon, this lowly one endeavored through the medium of special request, to be transferred to the naval school for lighter than air at Lakehurst, N. J. for training so as to become eligible for duty on the Macon. My request was never approved. In less than a year the Macon had come to her end.

Lighter than air ships are more or less at the mercy of the winds. They depend upon gas for their ability to float, and their motors for ascension, descension and forward motion. Everyone has taken a balloon and after inflating it, tied a string about the valve and bounced it about in the air. Little force is needed to change its course and a light breath will cause it to tear off at a tangent. A larger balloon with many compartments holding millions of cubic feet of gas is only an enlarged toy of uncertainty. Nations are fast giving up notions of using them in warfare, one small fighter could dive thru the center of a dirigible and that would be its finis.

Heavier than air ships have already proved their supremacy in speed and maneuverability.

People turn thumbs down on all traveling above the elevated trains in large cities. They say no sky lanes for them. On the other hand, we hear few shouts of "Get a horse", today. Before many years everyone will travel by plane when planning a trip of any distance. Roger Bacon predicted this hundreds of years ago, so I suppose it's safe for me to do the same.

When next you read of an aviation accident, just remind yourself of the fact that for every person losing a life in an aviation accident millions of safe miles have been travelled. The average transport pilot travels more miles in a single month than the average person covers in a lifetime.

'S something to think about,

Yours,

The Swashbucker.

This, That, and The Other

MRS. THEO. B. DAVIS

CLUB COLUMN

Special Mother's Day exercises were a feature on Sunday at the Baptist church with Mrs. J. A. Kemp occupying the seat of honor as typifying motherhood. The program was directed by Miss Helen Mullen.

In one month more revival services will begin at the Baptist church with Rev. Carl Townsend of High helping Pastor Herring.

Pastor Carl Ousley will fill his larger appointment at Wakefield Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ousley have recently begun keeping home in an apartment in the Harbome just back of the Wendell school. On last Friday a large delegation from the Wakefield congregation called on the pastor taking with them several donations of housekeeping supplies, which were received gladly and gratefully.

Mrs. C. M. Watson will be hostess at the Eastside Circle of the Baptist W. M. S. on Monday of next week.

New Theatre To Open Soon

The new theatre in Zebulon is practically complete and will open in a short while. Not only has the building been remodelled, but it has almost been rebuilt. The theatre is found to be modern in every respect and the town is to be congratulated upon having such a building.

Owned by F. D. Finch, the theatre has been leased to H. P. Powell of Smithfield, who already operates theatres in Selma, Ahoskie, Louisburg, Franklinton, and Smithfield and who will see that films shown in Zebulon are up to the standard of any town this size. The opening will be held soon.

When a man's heart really opens to a friend, he finds there room for two. And when he takes in the condition, behold the skies lift, the earth grows wider, and he finds there room for two more.—David Layson.

Mascots Of Wakelon Seniors



BOBBY GILL



MARY SUE LONG

CHURCH NEWS

DODD THROWS A SCARE

William Dodd, U. S. Ambassador to Germany, has written a private letter to Senator Glass of Virginia warning this country against an American billionaire who is prepared to "control" a "dictatorship" in this country. It has created varied feelings. Two senators say he should be recalled, declaring that he has been "imbued with facism."

NEW OFFICE SITE BOUGHT

The State Building Commission has decided to buy land adjacent to the capitol for the new \$675,000 office building authorized by the last Assembly. It is at present owned by the First Baptist church, Wake county and Mrs. Ernest Green. The price will be \$71,500. It fronts 160 ft. on Edenton Street and 210 ft. on Salisbury Street.

NOTICE: Enrollment in the local chapter of the Red Cross will continue during this week. The list is not nearly so large as is desired, nor is it yet up to previous years' numbers. Do not wait to be asked to join, but take your dollar to Mrs. R. H. Herring.

Flowers' Store Renovating

Among other improvements on Zebulon's main business street the windows in Flowers Store are worthy of note. Bright with new paint in attractive color and with displays of new and seasonable merchandise they tempt passersby to linger and inspect and admire.

Mr. Flowers is beginning this week a series of new advertisements that will prove of special interest to thrifty shoppers. Watch for one each week.

Dry Cleaning Bldg. Now Ready

Worth Hinton's new building is now complete and he has moved his equipment for dry cleaning from the location formerly occupied to the new establishment. Built especially for the purpose for which it will be used, the new plant is much more convenient than the old could be, and is one of the most attractive places of business in Zebulon.

The secret of success is consistency of purpose—Disraeli.