

75 Men Meet Death In Crash of Akron; Rescue Airship Also In Wreck

BLIMP GLIDES TOO LOW IN SEARCH OF VICTIMS; 2 DROWN

Rear Admiral Moffett Among Those Lost In Major Disaster

CAUGHT IN STORM

New York, April 4.—In a blinding electrical storm, the Akron, mightiest dirigible ever to cruise the skies, was plummeted into the turbulent Atlantic today about 20 miles off the New Jersey shore, and by dusk tonight hope had waned for 71 missing members of the crew.

Of the 76 men aboard the "mistress of the skies" as she crashed, four were rescued, but one of them died before he was brought ashore.

A day of searching by water and by air brought the discovery of only one body of the ill fated crew floating on the ocean.

Fourteen hours after this major disaster, the J-3, non-rigid navy airship, crashed into the sea 1,000 yards off the Jersey coast, with a loss of two lives, as she searched for Akron victims.

Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, was among those lost in the Akron. Aroused from sleep by the storm, he had been in the control room shortly before the accident.

The Three Survivors

The three Akron survivors are: Lieutenant Commander H. V. Wiley, of Lakewood, N. J., executive officer and second in command, who was at the controls.

Moody E. Erwin, of Memphis, Tenn., metalsmith.

Richard E. Deal, of Lakehurst, N. J., boatswain's mate.

The rescued man who later died was Robert W. Copeland, of Lakehurst, N. J., chief radio operator.

Twelve hours after the crash the body of Lieutenant Commander Harold E. MacLellan, of Westery, R. I., was picked up by a coast guard cutter near the scene of the disaster.

Lieutenant Commander David E. Cummins, of Prescott, Ark., commander of the J-3, who was taken from the water unconscious after the blimp accident, died a short time later.

The body of Pasquale Bettio, the J-3 chief machinist's mate on the J-3, was recovered several hours later.

The other five of the J-3 crew were rescued.

BEER COMING BACK IN STATE ON MAY 1

Number of Local Merchants Planning To Handle Beverage

Light wine and beers, an outlaw in North Carolina since 1908, will be legalized in the state on May 1, the General Assembly having passed the legalization bill Tuesday morning.

A check of local merchants has disclosed that a number are planning to handle the sale of beer provided taxes are not out of reason.

In passing the bill Tuesday, an amendment prohibiting the sale of beer to minors under the age of 18, was tacked on, also a promise was made by the wets to the dries that some restrictions for the sale of beer and other legalized beverages, would be made.

Methodist Church News

Regular services will be held at Shiloh Sunday at 11 a. m. and at Piney Creek in the afternoon at 2:30.

Rev. C. W. Ervin will preach at the Sparta Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30.

We appreciate the splendid audience last Sunday night at the program rendered by the Children's Home of Winston-Salem. Too, we appreciate the co-operation by those who prepared the evening meal for the children.

To Wear Cotton



Co-operating in the movement to further popularize cottons, Mrs. C. B. Ehringhaus is serving as honorary chairman of the committee in charge of the State-wide Cotton Ball to be held in Raleigh Friday evening, May 19, as a grand finale to North Carolina's first State-wide Cotton Festival.

In addition to the ball, the festival, which ties in with National Cotton Week observance, will include a gala street parade and a cotton style show. Ladies will wear all-cotton ensembles to the ball, and prizes will be awarded the ones most attractively attired.

CYCLE MAN SHOTS SELF WITH SHOTGUN

Blows Out Brains While Wife Looks On; Funeral Held Sunday

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 11 o'clock from Union church for W. D. Shore, young farmer of Cycle, who committed suicide at his home Friday afternoon. Rev. N. T. Jarvis was in charge of the service which was attended by a large concourse of people.

Mr. Shore shot himself in the head with a 12-gauge, double-barreled shotgun about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in the kitchen of his home as his wife looked on. He placed the muzzle of the gun against his left temple and using his right hand to hold the gun, pulled the trigger with his left hand.

He was 28 years old on March 24. Besides his wife, Mrs. Minnie Shore, he is survived by two daughters, Kathleen and Fay, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shore, three sisters, Mrs. Pauline Roberts, Misses Ruth and Evelyn Shore and two brothers, Harry and Paul Shore, all of Cycle.

Alleghany Man Has A Fine Stamp Collection

As far as can be learned Claude J. Smith, of Piney Creek, has the only stamp collection in the county.

His collection, gathered over a period of four years, consists of over 900 different stamps from 130 nations. Among his collection are stamps from every continent on the globe, as well as from several South Sea Islands.

The oldest stamp possessed by Mr. Smith is a United States three cent, brick red, of the 1851 issue. Other varieties include German pre-war values, stamps from the native states of India, Canada, Confederate issues, two values issued in 1897; 1860 N. S. stamps and envelope stamps, air mail stamps from several nations, a stamp from the smallest republic and other semi-rare issues.

Much interest and pleasure is derived from Mr. Smith's collection by himself and friends.

He will be glad to show his collection to anyone and help them start a collection.

WINBORNE NAMED HEAD
Stanley Winborne Friday was named by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus to become North Carolina's first public utilities commissioner.

FATALLY INJURED
Walter Sigman, 43, an electrician, was fatally injured at Newton Monday when struck by an automobile.

TREXLER, MAN AND OFFICIAL

By JOHNSON J. HAYES,
Judge United States District Court.

Law is order and chaos is the only alternative to order. Civilization's great struggle has been to bring order out of chaos, and today the struggle seems as titanic as ever before. The present skeleton of order has been achieved and maintained by the unflinching courage and public-spiritedness of men who put public welfare above their selfish ends. Some noble souls have fought in the parliaments of men for their rights, and gravely suffered death for their deeds. Others have poured out their blood on the battlefield in order that mankind might have that happiness and enjoy that welfare which exists only where orderliness prevails.

But laws worked out in the parliaments of men, and rights wrought through the conflict of war have never been, nor can they ever be, perpetuated except through the patriotism and unselfish loyalty of men who also will give the full measure of devotion to their country's continued orderliness, and those who in time of peace give their lives to the maintenance of order are patriots and heroes no less in rank than those who die on the field of battle.

Levi G. Trexler was both a patriot and a hero, measured by either standard. As a private citizen he was clean and upright, respected the welfare and decent opinion of mankind. He was both moral and Christian.

When he was called from civilian life to bear arms in the world war, he faced the call with courage and placed his all on his country's altar.

In 1921 he was appointed a federal prohibition agent, which position he held until death put an end to his earthly activities. No official position in state or nation has tested the mettle of man during the past 12 years more than that of prohibition agent. The shifting tides of public sentiment, the multitudinous storms of protest and criticism; the political and economic aspects and struggles over prohibition; the craftiness of the bootleggers and rum-runners have combined to make the duties of these officers difficult and hazardous without any adequate reward, either in compensation or in appreciation.

But these consequences are worthless weight in the scales of a faithful and courageous public official. Duty leads a direct course—its path makes no turn to dodge an obstruction, nor to avoid difficulty. The official who properly conceives his duty easily discerns the difficulties on the way but carries on in spite of them because he realizes these tests call for the best manhood that is in him, and he gladly follows where it beckons, leaving consequences to take care of themselves. Such an official was Trexler. He was devoted to duty. He was conscious that it led a dangerous course for him—he had barely escaped death on many occasions. But he told me repeatedly that he would continue to do his duty and if it meant death he knew no better way to depart this life. He strove to live honorably with all men and in the supreme assurance that the Christ whom he served was abundantly able to preserve him.

His sensitive soul felt keenly the unjust attacks directed at all officials by a bewildered public, but he would smile and say, "these people do not understand our problems." He was as gentle as a woman and his heart overflowed with compassion. His uniform kindness to those whom he arrested invariably won their friendship. Not once have I heard a defendant on oath deny any fact which he stated. Last week Captain Merrick ordered him to eastern Carolina. He captured a car loaded with liquor and apprehended the driver. Unexpectedly the prisoner sprang on Trexler, inflicting a serious injury on his eye, and as he realized he was being overpowered he hit the prisoner with his flashlight; the prisoner escaped. While telling me about the incident he said, "Judge, I could have shot him but I did not want to hurt the man. I was sorry I had to hit him with the flashlight." This is typical of the man. He had no superior as an enforcement officer.

He provided for his own. He loved his fellowman. He served God as faithfully as any man I know. The earthly end of all is inevitable, the time is the only element of uncertainty. It was necessary to go now I am sure he departed as he desired, under the steering wheel, at the post of duty, without pain or suffering and without the burden on his loved ones of lingering illness. The warmth of his touch is missing; the friendly

Germany and United States Ambassadors



On the left is Dr. Hans Luther, new German Ambassador to the United States, succeeding Fredrick Elm von Prittwitz. On the right is David H. Morris of New York, new American Ambassador to Germany, nominated by President Roosevelt during March.

CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 25TH BIRTHDAY

Glade Valley Presbyterians Celebrate With Good Program

The 25th anniversary of the Glade Valley Presbyterian church was celebrated Sunday with an appropriate program and a very large crowd present. Rev. C. W. Ervin preached a very interesting sermon at eleven o'clock and at twelve a long table was covered with an unusual amount of food prepared in the best of style. Prof. Clay Thompson returned thanks and everybody enjoyed the feast.

At two o'clock E. B. Eldridge read a historical sketch of the founding of the church and made a few remarks thanking those that helped with the program and read the names of the twenty-five new members that had united with the church in the last year.

Then he introduced Rev. C. W. Russell, of Sparta, who preached a very interesting sermon.

At night Rev. J. J. Douglas preached at the auditorium.

MOTHER OF HERO RECEIVES MEDAL

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Makes Two Awards

At its annual meeting, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission awarded two bronze medals for exceptional bravery. One of these medals went to fifteen-year-old Everett Walker, of Cherryville, N. C., for saving the life of a mail carrier from drowning at Mocksville in July 1931 and the other went to Mrs. Mattie Andrews, of Sparta, honoring the memory of her son Platt D. Anderson, who lost his life on July 26, 1931 in an effort to save the life of Mrs. Annie B. Phipps in New River. Mrs. Phipps was rescued by a man in a boat later, but the efforts of Mr. Andrews saved her until she was rescued.

These medals are of beautiful material, bearing the inscription of the purpose for which they were given and the recipients are justly proud.

Mrs. Jennie Reeves Of Stratford Is Dead

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Jennie Reeves, of Stratford, widow of the late Wiley Reeves. Particulars of her illness have not been learned, but we are informed the burial services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home-place.

J. N. Gentry, of Doughton, was here Monday on business.

smile we shall not see and that mellow voice we shall not hear, but his valiant deeds, his gentle spirit, and his noble life will remain green in our memories as long as we live.

OUTSTANDING NEWS EVENTS

—of the— PAST WEEK

GERMANS END BOYCOTT
One of the quietest Sundays in years was experienced in Germany Sunday on the heels of Saturday's Nazi boycott against the Jews. The boycott appeared likely to be the last organized affair of the sort, at least for the present.

MAN IS SLAIN
Carl Carroll, 26, was shot and killed Saturday night by Jim Dockery, 18, near Ebenezer, five miles west of Murphy. Dockery is being held in the county jail at Murphy, pending an investigation of the shooting.

WALKER TO MARRY ACTRESS
As soon as they have fulfilled every requirement of French law, former Mayor James J. Walker of New York and Miss Betty Compton, New York actress, will be married, according to press dispatches from abroad.

BRING OUT GOLD
Carteret county folks are falling in line with the non-hoarders of the nation. More than \$1,000 in gold and \$2,000 in old large-sized bills have been turned in at the Morehead City postoffice within the past few weeks.

FLY OVER MOUNT EVEREST
Success Monday crowned the daring attempt of a British expedition to conquer Mount Everest from the air. For the first time in history, man looked down upon the lofty summit of the world's highest mountain. The British fliers battled strong winds as they forced their airplane into the skies and in one of the most remarkable flights on record, skimmed over the Himalayas range, the "roof of the world."

CONSIDERS FOUR-POWER PACT
The French cabinet convened Monday to consider a revised four-power peace pact which may decide the future of Europe.

FARMER LOSES \$300
Three hundred dollars, neatly tucked away in his vest pocket, disappeared for G. W. Roberts, farmer, of Walnut Cove, Route 2, while in Winston-Salem Saturday, he reported to police headquarters. It is not known whether the money fell from his pocket or whether he was the victim of a pickpocket.

PRISONER TAKEN
Frank Williams, 65, one of the ringleaders in a wholesale break from the Gaston county jail at Gastonia last January 6, in which eight men gained their freedom and six later were recaptured, is under arrest in St. Louis, Mo., Gaston authorities were informed Monday.

CHICAGO ARGUES BEER
The city of Chicago is divided against itself in a good natured argument as to whether to celebrate return of 3.2 per cent beer. Some Chicagoans favor welcoming beer back at 12:01 a. m. April 7 with a greater celebration than that for the signing of the armistice. Others favor pretending it never was gone and to thus avoid giving dries a talking point for future arguments.

HELD IN GIRL'S DEATH
Search was renewed in Taylorsville Monday for the body of Hazel Starnes, 18, who was drowned in the Catawba river Saturday when a small boat overturned. Meanwhile authorities were holding Henry Stewart, 22, and Harry Kirkman, 26, both of Stony Point, who with Hazel's sister, Grace, 20, were the girl's companions on the boat ride.

SEEKING TARIFF AGREEMENTS
Informed senators Monday said President Roosevelt contemplates asking broad powers from Congress to permit reduction of tariff rates by executive agreements. He hopes generally to lower world trade barriers as an aid to business revival.

MICHIGAN TO VOTE MONDAY
Michigan next Monday will cast the first formal statewide vote in favor of repealing the Eighteenth Amendment to the federal constitution. Wet strength that surprised even the organizations sponsoring repeal, swept through all but a very few of the state's legislative districts Monday to elect between 80 and 90 of the 100 delegates to the convention that will act on the repeal proposal. Only 51 votes are required to control the convention.

LATE NEWS

from the State and Nation

Refuse Stamp Plan

Raleigh, April 4.—The house finance committee today frowned upon a joint subcommittee plan of passing on the general sales tax through stamps ranging downward in value to as little as one-fourth of one cent.

The committee did not finally reject the plan but refused to accept it, despite Chairman R. A. Doughton's insistence that it "hurry up and agree on something."

Still Has Hope

Washington, April 4.—A courage and faith that drew admiring comment from a President's wife today sustained Mrs. William A. Moffett, whose husband, Rear Admiral Moffett, went down on the wrecked dirigible Akron with 72 officers and enlisted men.

"She is quite wonderful," Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said of Mrs. Moffett. "She hasn't given up hope, and she says she won't give up hope."

Ship Is Destroyed

Gloucester, Mass., April 4.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Beauty St. Joseph, was destroyed by fire 20 miles off the North Carolina coast, according to advices reaching her owners, the Producers' Fish company, today. The crew of the schooner was taken aboard the New Bedford dragger Friendship.

On Bumpy Road

Washington, April 4.—President Roosevelt's emergency legislative program jolted over a rough and bumpy road in Congress today as the senate debated the Black five-day week bill and the house side-tracked the administrator's \$500,000,000 unemployment relief measure.

30 New Ships

Washington, April 4.—President Roosevelt's huge public works bill was outlined today by Chairman Vinson of the house naval committee as including provisions for the construction of 30 new warships costing \$230,000,000.

Wisconsin For Repeal

Milwaukee, Wis., April 4.—The proposal to repeal the 18th amendment was leading by a margin of more than three to one on returns from the first 104 of Wisconsin's 2,800 precincts tonight.

BIRTH RATE DOWN

Despite Premier Mussolini's "more babies" campaign, the birth rate for Italy is declining, according to Undersecretary Arpinati of the ministry of the interior.

ACTING POSTMASTER

President Roosevelt Monday nominated Carl L. Williamson to be acting postmaster at Raleigh.