

Terrific Blast Marks Tragedy

Graphic Tragedy Stories Told by Spectators, Some Survivors

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flames like dogs after rabbit," was the way Gill Robb Wilson, state aviation commissioner, described it.

Passengers and crew — those who were elsewhere than in the burning stern — jumped.

"I landed on my stomach and crawled 50 or 40 yards to escape the flames," Philip Mongone of New York told his two daughters at Paul Kimball hospital, Lakeview.

Two stewards and a little cabin boy jumped from a window saved.

Murphy Becker, an Associated Press photographer, said that in the twinkling of an eye, "there was nothing left but the skeleton."

"There wasn't much smoke," he said. "I saw a man walking toward me, assisted by two men. He had no clothes on. I saw a woman lying on a stretcher, there were screams from men and women on the field."

Ship Torn Apart

Another photographer, Larry Kennedy, said the ship burst as though it "were made of paper."

"Pieces of fabric fell on us," he said. "I saw one fellow jump or fall out."

"A noise that sounded like bullets came out of the gondolas," was the way Robert Seelig, another cameraman, described it.

"One witness said the ship buckled as the flames spread."

"I saw the ship just sink down and the flames go through it," he said. "The fabric burned away in a few seconds. I turned back with others to go as close to the ship as possible to pick up the survivors."

Herbert O'Laughlin of Chicago, one of the survivors, said there was "a blinding flash, but the people on the ground would know more about it than we would on the ship."

For Dr. Carl A. Gesswein of Metawan, it was the first catastrophe he had witnessed and he said he never wanted to see another.

"I wish I hadn't been there," he said. "The motors stopped, and the cables were coming down from the nose. All was serene on the ground and the ship when suddenly flames burst from the zeppelin's tail. Her rear half puffed up and burned, then the front buckled and burst into flames. In less than a minute she was on the ground, dropping a deflated parachute. I didn't see how anyone on it could be alive. It was a terrible experience."

Dazed survivors — the few who could talk — told the same story, speaking brokenly as they were whisked away to hospitals — scared, clothes in some instances burned off.

Rebekahs Receive Trio of Members

JEFFERSON, May 6 — At the regular meeting of Mt. Jefferson Rebekah lodge Tuesday night, three new members were initiated.

Mrs. Maude Blackwell was presented as an official gold pin, being a member of the Rebekah lodge for 35 years. Mrs. L. L. Shields made the presentation.

Miss Flora Thomas and Mrs. C. J. Hartley were elected delegates to grand lodge in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hutchinson of Remerton, Wash., were called at the home of Hutchinson's sister, Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle Wednesday. They are enjoying a vacation trip to southern California, and plan to make a longer visit in Jefferson on their return home.

Mrs. Van Winkle's mother, Addie Hutchinson, accompanied them to Jefferson for a visit with her daughter and family for a few days, before

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Convicts Made to Don Dresses



Declaring "ridicule is the best punishment," Warden Fred Hunt of the Granite, Okla., reformatory forced several convicts who attempted to escape to wear women's clothes and sit in the reformatory rotunda. Three of the convicts, one dressed in pants and the other two in Mother Hubbard bonnets, are shown above. Psychiatrists criticized the warden's action.

Dead or Missing Listed, Disaster

LAKESHURST, N. J., May 7 (Friday) — (AP) — The following were reported dead or missing today in the Zeppelin Hindenburg's destruction:

Passengers:

Anders, Ernst Rudolf, of Dresden.

Anders, R. Herbert, son of Ernst.

Brinck, Berger.

Doehner, Hermann, of Mexico City.

Dolan, Burtis.

Douglas, Edward, of New York.

Erdman, Fritz.

Ernst, Otto C., of Hamburg.

Ernst, Mrs. Otto, his wife.

Fellbusch, Moritz, of Lincoln, Neb.

Pannes, John, of New York.

Pannes, Mrs. Emma, his wife.

Reichold, Otto, of Vienna.

Crew:

Bernholzer, Walter (died of injuries).

Feilbeher, Ludwig (died of injuries).

Hugo, Hans.

Jacobson, Leonard.

Stah, William.

Stett, William.

Werner, Franz.

(This list does not account for two passengers and eleven crew members included in the 100 listed as aboard the Hindenburg but whose names were not available.)

Audit Statement Isn't Criticism

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criticism of legal procedure of this office but that he is making an audit of what the assets of this office should consist.

"My position is the same as his except that in the matter of procedure of the court, as long as the law is and has been complied with and everything accounted for, as the report shows, it is purely a matter of reconciling court procedure and my policy of courtesy toward the public in administering the public's office."

"Until the entire procedure as a court and with regard to the law had been gone into, the report could not be reconciled."

The Starr letter also referred to cases in which convicted criminal defendants who had posted cash bail were allowed to go free without payment of court costs after the amount of the fine had by the record been deducted from the bail deposit.

Judge Hayden asserted he was without authority to take the cost fee from bail funds.

Gold Strike Days Restored, Alaska

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said. A U. S. marshal was called from Bethel to Goodnews to investigate a stabbing during a gambling game between miners.

C. B. Worthington of Seattle was stabbed and H. T. Miller, who formerly lived in the government's colony at Palmer, was held in jail.

Pilot Oscar Winchell made a mercy flight to the gold camp and brought Worthington here. Hospital attaches said he was in a serious condition. Miss Alice Foregreen, Bethel's famous "lady barber," accompanied Winchell on the flight and acted as nurse.

Visitors here reported the ground around Kupukwim Bay was staked for miles around.

Berry New Senator

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 6 (AP) — Gov. Gordon Browning appointed Maj. George L. Berry, federal industrial coordinator, to the U. S. senate tonight to succeed the late Nathan L. Bachman of Chattanooga.

Green Prunes in Big Demand Here

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year's output. This will mean fewer prunes for the dried prune deal this fall.

Earlier predictions of growers and canners that the crop will be small are borne out in a tour just made by A. M. Chapman, manager for the Oregon Prune control board, who says he finds large blocks of trees did not bloom this season in many sections, including the orchards in Clarke county, Washington.

The Kaiser district north of Salem, normally a heavy producer, appears to hold a spotted crop.

Liberty and Rosedale orchards look better, in fact about the best in the valley, though one orchard that last year produced 85 tons is now estimated to have but a 10-ton prospect.

Orchards at Scotts Mills look fine from the bloom standpoint.

Dallas region prunes appear to be very spotted and not up to the short production last year.

Reports from Roseburg follow much the same line as those about this section.

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Policy for First Aid Car Approved

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Decision to follow closely the manner of operation of the Floyd B. McMillen first aid car set forth in a resolution adopted several weeks ago was made at a meeting of the civil service commission with Mayor V. E. Kuhn yesterday.

Two shifts of two men each will be assigned for the operation of the car. One of them will be a first aid officer, selected by civil service examination and drawing junior captain pay. Another will be designated as a first aid fireman and will also be selected by examination.

Authorization has been made for the fire department committee to employ an instructor who will be on duty with the first aid crew for three months and an optional three months. He will be hired on a contract basis and be paid \$150 a month.

Operating cost of the car will be provided from the regular fire tax fund until provision is made for it in the 1938 budget.

HOLLYWOOD 15c

Today and Saturday
Peter B. "Four Days' Wonder"
Kyn's "Code of the Range" with Joanne Starrett
Added — News, Popeye Cartoon and "Phantom Rider"

COMING SUNDAY
GARBO
TAYLOR
Camille

Check on Fate Difficult Task

Cause of Explosion not Determined; Hydrogen Gas Known Perilous

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air station when the landing was attempted. The ship cruised around over the field for an hour to ride out a rainstorm and nosed down while rain was still falling.

The rainy condition, Von Meister said, would make for the creating of a spark of static electricity when the landing ropes were dropped and such a spark might have touched off the highly explosive hydrogen gas which gave the long silver ship its lifting power.

The second theory Van Meister advanced was that a spark flew from one of the engines when they were throttled down for the landing. The ship had been valving hydrogen preparatory to landing, and he theorized some of the gas might have gathered in a pocket under the tail surfaces and detonated when the spark flew back.

Some authorities scouted the theory that the explosion could have been caused by the ignition of hydrogen inside the gas cells. They said a mixture of 20 per cent free air with hydrogen would be necessary to cause an explosion, indicating the first blast must have occurred outside one of the gas cells.

Aeronautical experts said the only way they could explain an explosion inside the ship would be that free hydrogen had in some way escaped and was lying in the stern of the ship where it was accidentally ignited.

The ship was 76 hours and 23 minutes out of Frankfurt-on-Main, her home port, when the disaster occurred.

Hindenburg Was Largest Airship

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The huge freight compartment would hold 24,000 pounds of baggage, and passengers were offered the service of taking along their cars or even light airplanes.

The ship was piloted from a forward gondola, separate from passenger quarters, where were the levers and switches controlling the dirigible's rudders and gas valves.

From the control gondola, a passageway led to the wireless room, which had the latest developments in all types of radio communication apparatus.

On either side of the lower passageway through the ship were the huge containers of crude oil which fed the engines.

The ship's electric generators were in a tightly-closed compartment amidships, and furnished current for lighting, radio, steering gear, magnetic compasses, giant searchlights and cooking.

The gas which held up the sky behemoth was contained in 23 balloons arranged in a continuous chain from bow to stern.

Movement around the ship was provided by two corridors, one running through the bottom of the vessel along which were located all fuel and water tanks, crew quarters, supplies, etc., and the other running through the center of the ship from tip to tip.

The ship was moved by four-bladed wooden propellers mounted on four power cars, two on either side of the ship on the outside.

Sept. 9, 1912 — Zeppelin L-1 destroyed over Heligoland, 15 killed.

Oct. 17, 1913 — Zeppelin L-2 exploded over Johannisthal air-drome, 28 killed.

July 2, 1912 — Balloon Akron exploded at Atlantic City, five killed.

Besides the Zeppelins L-1 and L-2, Count Zeppelin lost four other great peace-time dirigible accidents, the Zeppelins 3 and 6 and the Deutschlands 1 and 2.

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Floods Again Sweep Over Towns in Pennsylvania



Scenes such as this one, taken in Freeport, Pa., as rescue crews carried stranded residents to safety and distributed emergency food rations.

Candidates Tell Their Platforms

List of Nominees Swelled to 29; Election Will Be Next Week

Politically-minded students of Salem high yesterday gave