

THIRTY-FOUR DEAD IN AIRSHIP DISASTER

Rudder Fails to Work and Giant Aircraft Plunges to Earth

DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Many Believe Contact With High Voltage Electric Wires Caused Destruction

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Of the forty-six army air service officers, enlisted men and civilians who left Langley Field air station at 1:45 this afternoon on what proved to be the last flight of the giant army dirigible Roma, thirty-four are dead, the bodies of many of them being charred beyond recognition, and eight survivors are in the army public health service hospital here suffering from shock, burns and bruises.

In less than an hour after casting off her moorings at her hangar across Hampton Roads the Roma was a tangled mass of wreckage, the huge gas bag being completely destroyed by fire after a fatal nose dive while soaring above the army supply base here.

Only the bent and twisted framework remains to mark the scene of the disaster when the search of the debris was ended tonight after the last body had been recovered.

Three Men Escape

Three of those on board of the ill-fated airship escaped with only slight injuries. They are: Lieut. Byron T. Burt, Sergt. Vernon Peck and Roy Hurley, a civilian.

Many who witnessed the disaster are inclined to the belief that the explosion which caused the destruction of the Roma was caused by contact with high voltage electric wires. This theory, however, is contradicted by others, who claim that the airship was ablaze before the disastrous plunge to earth.

The Roma was making her first flight since the installation of Liberty motors which were recently substituted for propelling machinery furnished by the Italian government which sold the huge dirigible to the United States government.

Trouble With Rudder

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Thirty-four dead, including thirteen officers of the army air service, is the result of the trial trip of the giant dirigible Roma, wrecked at the army supply base, Norfolk, at 2:10 o'clock this afternoon.

The huge aircraft was hurried to her fate by striking a net of 2,200-volt high-power wires as her pilot was apparently trying to bring her to a safe landing as possible.

Crippled by trouble with her rudder, she was being dropped to the ground from a height of 1,000 feet over a distance of scarcely more than 500 yards.

Her contact with the high voltage wires, which she tore asunder, started her gas bag afire and the explosion followed as the nose of the craft struck a pile of ear material a few feet beyond.

The explosion sent flames 800 feet in the air as eight of her survivors leaped from the "deck" of the ship. Three others were dragged from the mass of wreckage and flames.

Eleven Survivors

Eleven survivors out of a crew and passenger list of forty-five, as telephoned from headquarters at Langley Field late this afternoon to officers from the air post checking up on the results of the catastrophe.

The bodies of thirty-one had been taken out at 6 o'clock, and officers who knew personally many of the officers and enlisted men, were unable to identify a single one of the victims so badly charred was each—virtually cooked to death in the mass of wreckage when the explosion and flames encompassed them.

Only those in the forward part of the operating compartment of the ship had a chance for their lives. Several were injured severely by jumping, but three came out practically unhurt and were discharged from the hospital within a few hours after the disaster.

Lieut. Burt, who with Capt. Reed, was the principal pilot of the Roma was one of these. He jumped when the ship was only a few yards from the ground. A civilian, Roy Hurley, also escaped unhurt, as did Master Sergt. Peck.

Survivors are Major J. D. Reardon, Capt. Walter J. Reed, pilot; Lieut. Byron T. Burt, pilot; Lieut. C. H. Welch, Sergt. Harry A. Chapman, J. M. Biedenbach, engineer, and Vernon M. Peck, engineer; Corporal Albert Flores and three civilians—Walter A. McNair, Bureau of Standards, Washington; Charles Dworak, superintendent of aerial construction, and Roy Hurley.

NOTES BY THE COUNTY DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Farmers are almost daily making inquiries about the Co-operative Marketing Association for Cotton. Our business men, bankers and others have in many cases expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of this plan for selling our cotton.

Sardinia the section that led the county in signing up members for the Tobacco Association has asked for speakers to explain the co-operative marketing of cotton. Tuesday night March 7th, has been set for the meeting at Sardinia. It is hoped that the entire section will attend the meeting.

Another car of banked sweet potatoes has been shipped from the county. This car moving from Summertown today, being shipped to Petersburg, Va. About a dozen different farmers put potatoes in this car. This was the first car of sweets ever shipped from Summertown, and, in fact, was the first car load of them ever seen by most of the observers.

Tomorrow we begin grading and loading a car from the curing house of Mr. W. R. Davis. These will move from Silver, Thursday or Friday.

People generally are taking a great deal of interest in these shipments. They are studying the grades and getting information on how to produce the marketable potatoes.

W. R. Gray, County Agent.

MISS CLARA WILLIAMS WEDS

We clip the following from The State of last Thursday: Macon, Ga., Feb. 16.—Former Judge Joseph E. Pottle, one time candidate for governor, was quietly married here tonight to Miss Clara Williams, young club woman, of his home town, Milledgeville, Ga.

Miss Williams is well known here having visited her sister, Mrs. T. M. Mouson, each summer for the last several years.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS

The Civic League met Monday, February 20th, with a good number of the members present. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the January meeting, the reports of the committees were given. The chairman of the entertainment committee announced the progress of the teas, and the receipts therefrom, to date; in addition she announced the annual plant sale, to be held on March 3rd, in the old Cafe stand. Another appeal was made for soft clothes, suitable for bandages, also for old clothing, by the charity committee. Mrs. La Prade was unanimously elected a member of the league. As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Irma H. Weinberg, Secretary and Treasurer.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Aiken, Feb. 21.—Mrs. C. E. Monts, her two sons and a baby girl were burned to death, and Mr. Monts was probably fatally burned in a fire which destroyed their home here early this morning.

The fire, which was discovered shortly after midnight, made such rapid headway that it was impossible to rescue Mrs. Monts and the children. The fire was first discovered when flames burst from the second story window and when the fire bells failed to give the alarm neighbors fired pistols and guns to attract attention.

The first persons to arrive on the scene found Mr. Monts in an unconscious condition in the lower hall of the house, where he had apparently been overcome while trying to rescue the children, as the bodies were seen in this section of the burning building. Mrs. Monts was apparently trying to make her way downstairs with the little girl when overcome.

COURT CONVENES MONDAY, MARCH 13

Court convenes in Manning March 13th, Judge Shipp presiding. The following is the petit jury:

- R. P. Gibbons, Turbeville
- J. I. Walker, Summertown
- D. M. Evans, New Zion
- C. S. Rigby, Manning
- A. M. White, Alcolu
- J. B. Bagnal, Wilson
- C. B. Timmons, Wilson
- T. M. Kennedy, Manning
- A. J. Walters, Silver
- H. P. DuBoise, Manning
- C. H. Wheeler, New Zion
- J. M. DuBose, Turbeville
- W. J. Brunson, Summertown
- P. R. Alderman, Alcolu
- D. W. Barwick, Alcolu
- J. Q. Mathis, Summertown
- H. H. Evans, New Zion
- J. R. Hodge, Alcolu
- S. D. Coker, Turbeville
- Ragin Mathis, Summertown
- N. H. Phillips, Summertown
- S. C. Way, Silver
- J. R. Thames, Davis Station
- R. L. Kennedy, Gable
- P. W. Stukes, Manning
- F. M. Rhodus, Wilson
- J. W. McFaddin, Sardinia
- M. E. Worsham, Lake City
- O. P. Johnson, New Zion
- R. P. Barrow, New Zion
- M. W. Ardis, Wilson
- R. M. Felder, Summertown
- J. A. Corbett, Manning
- S. M. Driggers, Lake City
- D. M. Gibson, Silver
- C. D. Bell, Manning.

CLARENDON COUNTY'S BUDGET FOR 1922

Introduced by Clarendon Delegation—House.

The committee on ways and means to whom was referred a Bill (H. 1191) to provide for the levy of taxes for ordinary county and road purposes for the year 1922, and to provide for the expenditure thereof for Clarendon county respectfully.

Report:—That they have carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass.

H. B. Hendricks, for Committee.

A BILL

To provide for the Levy of Taxes for ordinary county and road purposes for the year 1922, and to provide for the expenditure thereof for Clarendon county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: Section 1. That a tax of _____ mills be hereby levied upon all taxable property of Clarendon County for county purposes for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1922, for the amounts and for the purposes hereinafter stated as follows, to wit:

(a) Roads and Bridges:	
Cross County Roads	\$12,500.00
Convicts and Maintenance of Road Working organization	12,500.00
Total	\$25,000.00
(B) Salaries:	
Clerk of Court	150.00
Sheriff	1,200.00
Treasurer	600.00
Clerk to Treasurer	500.00
Auditor	600.00
Clerk to Auditor	400.00
Superintendent of Education	1,500.00
Attorney	150.00
Physician	200.00
Coroner	350.00
Janitor of Courthouse (\$500.00 of which is deficit 1921)	980.00
Supervisor	1,800.00
Clerk to Supervisor	600.00
Two County Commissioners at \$200.00 each	400.00
Contingent Budget Fund, Superintendent of Education	150.00
Magistrates: Manning	500.00
Summertown	300.00
Alcolu	200.00
Turbeville	100.00
Foreston	100.00
Paxville	100.00
New Zion	100.00
Gable	100.00
Total	\$11,180.00
(C) County Boards:	
Board of Equalization	1,020.00
Total	\$1,020.00
(D) Jail expenses, including dieting of prisoners	2,000.00
Deficit from year 1921	1,308.92
Total	\$3,308.92
(E) Jurors and Witnesses \$2,000.00	
Deficit \$1,164.75 year 1921 and special term January 1922, \$500.00	1,164.75
Total	\$3,664.75
(F) County home poorhouse and poor	800.00
Total	\$800.00
(G) Post mortems, inquests and lunacy	550.00
Total	\$550.00
(H) Public building, including water, fuel, light and insurance	2,000.00
Repairs to County jail	2,000.00
Total	\$4,000.00
(J) Printing, postage and stationery	1,000.00
Deficit \$711.34 for year 1921 and indebtedness to R. L. Bryan Company, Walker, Evans, Cogswell Company, Bernard Company	2,282.77
Total	\$3,282.77
(K) Miscellaneous contingent	1,000.00
Deficit year 1921	682.21
Vital statistics	454.50
Contingent Constables fund	100.00
Deficit in contingent constables fund (1921)	167.26
Clarendon-Sumter annexation survey	250.00
Total	\$2,653.97
(L) Rural Police:	
Three rural policemen at \$1,800.00 each	5,400.00
Total	\$5,400.00
(M) Tomato Club:	
Farm Demonstration Agent	1,500.00
Home Demonstration Agent	1,000.00
County Nurse	1,600.00
Total	\$4,100.00
(O) Past Indebtedness:	
Less estimated revenue from fines and licenses and other taxes	15,333.59
Grand Total	\$48,021.82

The Supervisor and Treasurer are hereby authorized to borrow money in anticipation of collection of taxes for the year 1922 not to exceed Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars. Any remainder of the 1921 appropriation shall be diverted to appropriation for 1922. The Supervisor shall not spend in excess of any amount appropriated for any item.

Sec. 2. Any note or obligation given for an amount exceeding the total authorization shall be null and void unless authorized in writing by a majority of the Clarendon Delegation in the General Assembly. No County officer charged with disbursing the funds herein provided shall expend or contract to spend under any general item any sum greater than the amount for such general item

being appropriated without the consent of a majority of the members of the Clarendon Representatives in the General Assembly. Any violation of this provision is hereby declared to be a malfeasance in office and such officer shall be subject to removal by the Governor upon recommendation of a majority of the Delegation. He shall be liable in his official bond for all sums expended or contracted to be spent in excess of the appropriation without first getting the consent of a majority of the Delegation as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 3. The Supervisor and the County Commissioners of Clarendon County are hereby authorized and directed to advertise in the county paper for bids for repairs to be done on County jail in pursuance of the appropriation therefor.

MRS. LeGRAND CELEBRATES HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

The most beautiful party of the season was given by Mrs. Sarah Harvin in honor of the ninetyeth birthday of her grandmother, Mrs. H. T. LeGrand.

Just at four o'clock the guest began to arrive, and the rooms were soon filled with the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and the many friends of the much loved Mrs. LeGrand. Sitting in her rolling chair, dressed in black silk, and beautiful white lace and ribbon cap, she royally received her guest, in the north parlor. It was quite a surprise to Mrs. LeGrand to have so many call, as Mrs. Harvin had not given her a hint of the party. The guests were then invited across the hall into the south parlor, where on a stand stood the beautiful birthday cake on which burned ninety candles, near the stand stood a table heaped with many lovely and useful gifts, and when Mrs. Harvin rolled her grandmother's chair in, showing her the cake glowing with its ninety candles and the many beautiful gifts and lovely flowers brought by her friends, for a minute she was overcome, but soon regained her natural composure and dignity, entertaining her friends, relating incidents of the long ago. To attend a birthday party when the honoree is ninety years, is an honor and privilege few have enjoyed, and this occasion will ever be a delightful memory to those who were present.

Mrs. Bostic a sister of Mrs. LeGrand was present, her birthday being the same day. Mrs. LeGrand was left a widow while in her twenties and came to Manning as a teacher a number of years ago, bringing with her, her two daughters Kate and Lula, who afterwards became Mrs. Charley Harvin, and Mrs. Scott Harvin. She has been the grand-mother of twenty-one grand-children, and fifty-four great-grand-children. She has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church for eighty years, and is the only living Charter Member of the Missionary Society of the Church here.

A most delightful sweet course was served by her great-grand-daughter. Those present were: Mesdames D. Levi, Eliza Appelt, C. B. Geiger, F. O. Richardson, Sue Sprott, Furman Bradham, Harriet J. Bradham, Archie Barron, Joe Rigby, Simon Iseman, Jake Iseman, Scott Harvin, Sr., Scott Harvin, Jr., Horton Rigby, Allen Harvin, Janie Horton, John S. Wilson, W. T. Lesesne, Sr., Charlie Rigby, Frank Geiger, Brown, I. I. Appelt, English Plowden, Robert Jenkinson, Stewart Harvin, Rosa Weinberg, W. P. Legg, H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sprott, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. King, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Harvin, Mrs. S. A. Harvin and Mrs. Bostic of Sumter.

American Legion Thanks THE NATIONAL W. C. T. U. Believing that the permanently disabled veterans of the World war were most deserving of aid, the W. C. T. U., recently sent the balance of its patriotic war fund—\$4,000—to the American Legion to be used in furthering the comfort of our national heroes.

The National executive committee of the American Legion has just sent resolutions of appreciation beautifully engraved on heavy vellum and bearing the seal and colors of the organization. The resolutions are as follows: Whereas the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has generously offered the balance of its Patriotic Fund in the sum of \$4,000.00 to The American Legion for the benefit of permanently disabled comrades; and

Whereas this gift expresses, not money's worth alone, but sentiment and feeling which are beyond value, Be it further Resolved: that the gratitude of The American Legion be conveyed to them by this resolution duly inscribed and transmitted by the proper National Officers.

(Signed) Hanford MacNider, National Commander, Chairman. Lemuel Bolles, National Adjutant, Secretary.

MISS APPELT ENTERTAINS

Miss Augusta Appelt entertained the Thursday night bridge club last week at a Valentine party. After the game Miss Appelt served her guests with a salad course. Those enjoying the evening were: Messrs. Toral Bagnal, Irma Weinberg, Corinne Barfield, Carolyn Plowden; Messrs. Taylor Stokes, Jim Sprott, Charlie Thomas, Sam Barron, J. G. Dinkins and the hostess.

Miss Mellie Nelson, one of Manning's favorite young ladies left last Saturday to take charge of a hotel in Timmonsville. We sincerely regret losing this young lady from this town, and we hope that success will attend her at Timmonsville.

25c saved on every dollar spent at Till's Racket Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Richardson, Jr., of Panola passed through Manning last Thursday evening on their way home. They were married in Charleston on Wednesday. We wish them much happiness and little troubles.

RED CROSS HEALTH NOTES

Miss Susie G. Dawson, the Field Representative of the Red Cross is in Manning this week in an endeavor to stimulate Red Cross volunteer activities and Junior Red Cross.

The Red Cross women who rendered such splendid service in war days are reorganizing all over the country to conduct loan closets for their home counties, answer emergency calls for service to the disabled ex-service men in hospitals, and calls for garments for destitute children in Europe. Tuberculosis soldiers are now in need of knitted sleeping caps, and those who would like to knit for "our boys" are asked to notify the local Red Cross. There is an immediate need of children's garments for Russia at present.

Anyone who will donate material or services in sewing or children's clothes in good condition, notify the local Red Cross office. A splendid work is being done in many chapters by women who are making warm garments for children out of old woolen suits. Layettes are especially needed. In the Southern Division 303 Chapters have reorganized for service, and 50,000 children's garments turned in and 8,000 layettes. However, the quota is not yet reached.

In organizing for this service, the home need is to be met first. In the Loan Closet for the County should be sheets, pillow cases, clean rags and sleeping garments and articles to be used in cases of sickness, and also children's garments to meet the need of children of the County in need of proper clothing.

Two more schools have been inspected this week. One at Paxville, the other, the Sammy Swamp school. The nurse is especially pleased with conditions at Paxville this year. The school generally has improved—cleanliness of teeth, personal cleanliness and sanitary conditions of school and grounds. The teachers without exception have shown an interest in health conditions and trying to instill into their pupils high ideals. Although many phases, such as oiling the floors, having individual drinking cups, individual towels and soap, and sanitary toilets need attention, still progress is being made toward our goal. Health and Happiness for all in the community. It will be noticed that the skin color is better than in most schools—probably due to outdoor exercise.

The summary report of Paxville is as follows:

No. pupils inspected	107
No. pupils vaccinated	33
Defective eyes	45
Defective ears	8
Defective teeth	68
Enlarged tonsils	57
Nasal obstructions	2
Defective skins and scalps	6
Anaemic	6
Poor nutrition	45
Miscellaneous	2
Summary Report of Sammy Swamp:	
No. pupils inspected	25
No. vaccinated	6
Defective eyes	8
Defective ears	1
Defective teeth	10
Enlarged tonsils	10
Anaemic	2
Poor nutrition	12
Defective skins	6
Miscellaneous	1

The entertainment committee of the Civic League will have their annual sale of potted plants on Friday, March 3rd, from 3 till 6 p. m., at the old Cafe—next to Weinberg Co's store. Besides many pretty plants there will be home-made cakes of many varieties for sale. Whole cakes—small and large, as well as cut cakes, so that just the quantity desired may be purchased.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 10, 1901

Messrs. Frank Barron of Wysacky and Sam Barron of Greenwood came home for the Easter holiday.

County Treasurer Bowman has turned over to Sheriff Davis 530 tax delinquents executions which is about 200 less than last year.

Miss Mayne Harvin who has been on a visit to her sister in Orangeburg, has returned home accompanied by her sister, Mrs. D. D. Salley.

Call and see the hammer and bargain we will sell you for 10c on hargeth counter. Louis Levi.

A sneak thief stole a coat from Rigby's clothing counter last Saturday night, and when Policeman Clark got after the fellow he pursued him so closely that the bundle became too heavy for the thief and he dropped it. The coat was recovered, but the coon escaped.

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PREDICTS UPWARD MOVE IN BUSINESS

Reserve Board Report—New Era of Prosperity Will Follow Revival, Says Statement.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Business throughout the country, progressing through well defined cycles, is nearing the point of the upward swing of the economic pendulum, according to the annual report of the Federal Reserve Board transmitted today to Congress.

"There are those," the report said, "who believe that the beginning of revival is not far distant. When it does definitely set in it will be followed in due course by a new era of prosperity."

Business, in one of its "long swings" from prosperity, the report said, has followed its usual rotation, which it described as, "business activity and increasing production, excessive expansion and speculation, followed hitherto by panic and forced liquidation; a long period of slow liquidation, business depression and stagnation and then revival. In the light of recent experience," the report warned, "we should remember, when we again enter into a period of full prosperity, that a reaction will follow sooner or later, and if the flow of the incoming tide can be controlled so that the crest may not be reached too rapidly nor rise too high the subsequent reaction will be less severe and the next period of industrial and commercial activity and general prosperity will be marked by saner methods, greater achievement along constructive lines and by a longer duration than any which we have had before."

The board confined its report to an account of the operation of the organization for the year 1921, without offering any suggestion for legislation affecting the board or the federal reserve system. The earning assets of all federal reserve banks, the report said, amounted on December 28, 1921, to \$1,535,851,000 compared with \$3,263,027,000 on December 30, 1920, a reduction of \$1,727,176,000, or 53 per cent and a reduction of \$1,886,125,000 or 55 per cent from the high point reached on October 15, 1920.

This reduction in loans, the report explained, was accompanied by a steady increase in gold reserves and an almost continuous reduction in federal reserve note circulation, the loan reduction continuing despite substantial decline in discount rates.

Gross earnings of the federal reserve banks for 1921 the report continued, amounted to \$122,865,000 compared with \$181,297,000 in 1920 the falling off in earnings being due to decline in the volume of rediscounts had reductions in rediscount rates. Member bank borrowings according to the report showed a continuous decline from \$2,687,000,000 at the end of 1920 to about \$1,144,000,000 at the end of 1921, due to a reduction of over \$9,000,000,000 in the volume of federal reserve notes in circulation, caused by lower price levels and by net imports of gold amounting to \$667,000,000 practically all of which found its way into federal reserve banks.

As a franchise tax the Federal Reserve Banks paid into the treasury \$59,974,000 for the year 1921.

On December 28, the report continued, the Federal Reserve Banks held a gold reserve of \$2,870,000,000 and a combined reserve against member banks' deposits and note issues of slightly more than 71 per cent if the legal minimum reserve of 35 per cent could be set up against deposits, the report added, there would remain a gold reserve of more than 97 per cent against federal reserve notes in circulation.

"For some months past," the report said, "there has been a marked easing in domestic rates of interest. Notwithstanding some unfavorable features in the revenue laws, the investment market is now absorbing securities at reasonable rates which could not have been considered a few months ago. Market quotations of Liberty bonds have steadily advanced until they are now approaching par. Good railroad and industrial bonds have also appreciated and there have been some noticeable advances in standard stocks. High commodity prices and great business activity usually mean lower prices for bonds as other securities yielding a fixed income, while reduced commodity prices and lower money rates bring higher market prices for bonds."

MAD DOG BITES TEN

Greenville, Feb. 21.—Ten persons at Brandon and Poinsett Mills, near Greenville, ranging in ages from 2 to 41 years, were bitten by a made poodle dog Sunday afternoon and Monday, according to reports received here. The dog was killed, and following a report from Columbia that the animal had been suffering with rabies, arrangements have been made to give the Pasteur treatment to those bitten.