

Survivor Tells Tale of Aerial Tragedy.

Lieut. Mann Rescued From Humber River -- Girders Broke Cutting Ship in Halves -- New Dirigible Will Be Constructed.

STATEMENT OF SURVIVING OFFICER.

HULL, Aug. 25. Most of the members of the crew of the ill-fated dirigible ZR-2 were killed by the explosion, which followed the bucking and snapping of the great amidships, declared Lieut. Mann in command of the airship, and the officer at the time of the disaster, in a statement to the Associated Press to-day. Lieut. Mann said the ship had run beautifully at sixty knots an hour, and that he had reduced speed to fifty knots, when there came a violent cracking sound. He thought several of the girders broke. The whole thing happened in five seconds. "There was no sign of anything wrong when we passed over Hull," he added, "but everything happened afterwards. I was in sole control at the time. Before the moment of the accident the craft had been sailing perfectly. She had been passing through various difficult tests and speed had been reduced, when suddenly while crossing the broad estuary of the Humber I heard the grinding and cracking of girders, and the airship pitched forward from an even keel. As soon as humanly possible I emptied the water ballast to enable the craft to resume its normal position, but at this instant a tremendous explosion occurred. The great ship seemed to halt for a moment and then it dropped like a rock. The explosion threw me down

in the navigator's car, where I was pinned by the wreckage. The section of craft in which I was riding remained above water, after the ship plunged into the Humber, and I was rescued after being imprisoned for fifteen minutes, that is all I am able to say." Lieut. Mann denied local reports that he had heroically plunged the ship into the water, rather than on shore, which was crowded by thousands of spectators. The disaster occurred so quickly, he said, that any action was impossible.

GIRDERS BROKE.

HOWDEN, Aug. 25. The cause of the disaster to ZR-2, according to best information obtaining here in Howden, the base of the destroyed dirigible, was the breaking of the longitudinal girders amidships, made of aluminum alloy, cutting the airship in halves. Explosion of either hydrogen or petrol occurred immediately after the girders gave way and the flames burst through the structure, but the explosion, it is declared, was not the cause of the breaking of the airship.

BUCKLING SEEN FROM BELOW.

LONDON, Aug. 25. Britain was profoundly stirred by the greatest disaster that has ever befallen human efforts to conquer the air. The impression made upon the public was reflected in the newspapers this morning, all of them expressing

profound sympathy for the relatives of the men who met death, regret over the loss of the majestic vessel, and thankfulness over the narrow escape of the town of Hull from a terrific calamity. Pending the inquiry, which, it is assumed, will be of a searching character, attempts to account for the tragedy are merely speculation, but it is recalled that during the nine hour trial trip on July 17 some of the girders in the middle of the ZR-2 showed weakness, which necessitated reinforcements. This work was done immediately at Howden, and experts believed that the weakness in structure of the airship had been remedied. It is now regarded as significant, however, that observers below have declared that there was a buckling amidships, which seemed to precede the explosion which sent the ZR-2 flaming to earth.

ZR-2 INVESTIGATION.

LONDON, Aug. 25. The Air Ministry to-day summoned a court to investigate the wreck of ZR-2. It will sit at Howden at ten o'clock on Saturday morning. Air Vice-Marshal, Sir John Salmon, will preside. The United States Naval attache has been invited to attend and has consented to send a representative to sit on the Court.

ONE U.S. SURVIVOR.

HULL, Aug. 25. Norman C. Walker, rigger, was the only United States member of the crew to escape when ZR-2 was destroyed here last evening. It was reported early in the night that he had died, but inquiries have established the fact that he is still alive. His home is in Commerce, Texas.

DISMAYED BUT NOT DAUNTED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. Expressions of deep sympathy were voiced by Government officials yesterday over the disaster of the great airship ZR-2 with its heavy loss of United States and British lives. Pride in the acquisition of the new queen of the air, and hopes of tremendous development in military and commercial

aeronautics, had lent interest to the planned for trans-Atlantic flight of the British built airship, even beyond that which it normally would have. Secretary Denby immediately forwarded to the British Air Ministry a message expressing the sympathy of the Navy Department. Far from being discouraged by the disaster, naval aviation officials immediately prepared to seek authority for constructing a new airship of the ZR-2 type.

DAIL EIREANN'S REPLY.

LONDON, Aug. 25. The reply of the Irish Republican Cabinet to Premier Lloyd George's letter of August 13th, in which Mr. Lloyd George denied Ireland's right to secession and declined to offer the question of relations between Southern and Northern Ireland to foreign arbitration, was received at No. 10 Downing Street, the Premier's official residence, at one o'clock this afternoon.

VICEROY IN LONDON.

DUBLIN, Aug. 25. Viscount Fitzalan, Lord Lieutenant and Governor-General of Ireland, was summoned to London to-night to confer with the Cabinet.

U.S. AND GERMANY AT PEACE.

BERLIN, Aug. 25. The Treaty of Peace between Germany and the United States was signed here at five o'clock this evening.

INFORMATION FROM ABOARD.

MONTREAL, Aug. 25. Sir Richard Squires, Premier of Newfoundland, is in Montreal for a few days seeking a little relaxation after a very strenuous session of the Newfoundland Legislature. He is accompanied by his wife and a party of friends and will proceed shortly to New York for a brief visit. He will also visit Toronto. Speaking of unemployment in Newfoundland, Sir Richard remarked that while considerable unemployment did exist, reports of conditions had been grossly exaggerated. "While Newfoundland has been suffering from the wave of financial depression which has swept every part of the world," he said, "she has not suffered as greatly as the continent of Europe, the United States or even Canada."

TINO IS ILL.

PARIS, Aug. 25. King Constantine of Greece, who has been visiting the battlefield in Asia Minor, is ill from intestinal trouble at Esch Shehr. He fainted yesterday and was unconscious for twenty minutes, it is said, and he is confined to his room.

RIOTS HEAVY TOLL.

LONDON, Aug. 25. More than one thousand lives, it is feared, have been lost in rioting in the Malabar district of British India, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Bombay, received to-day. Anxiety is felt for English women and children in the outlying districts.

WELSH BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, Aug. 25. As generally expected the bye-election yesterday in the constituency of Caerphilly in the mining districts of Wales, resulted in the return of Morgan Jones, Laborite, whose vote was 18,699 as compared with 8,958 for W. R. Edmonds, Liberal, and 2,592 for Robert Stewart, Communist. The bye-election in Caerphilly was made necessary by the death of Alfred Onions, Laborite, who in the last general election was elected by vote of 11,496 against Edmonds' vote of 9,482.

CERTIFICATES SUSPENDED.

MONTREAL, Aug. 25. The Court of inquiry into the standing of the steamer Mins Brea in the St. Lawrence recently to-day announced judgment, suspending the certificate of Captain T. R. Owens for two months, and of Chief Officer Jones for six months. They were in charge when the ship grounded at Malane, below Fatherpoint Pilot Station. Coming up the river in charge of Pilot House the ship again grounded at Sorel. The Court fined the pilot one hundred dollars holding that he made an error of judgment.

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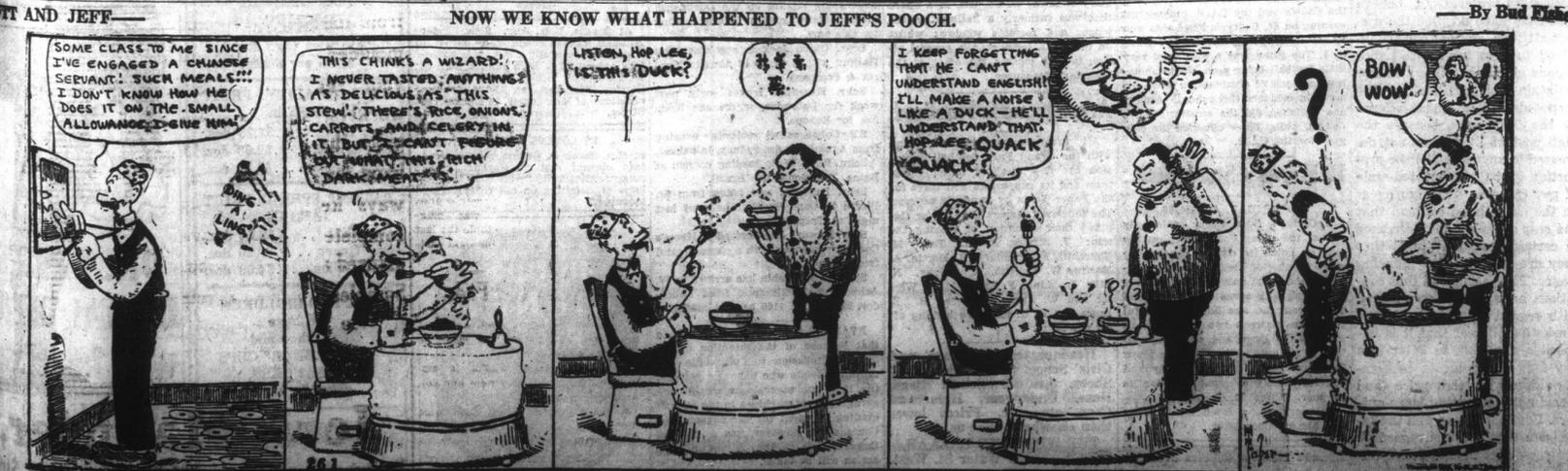
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- Paint the inside of your linen closet with blue enamel and your linens will not turn yellow.
- A glass vase is best for growing slips of vines indoors. This allows the sun to be on their roots.
- One needs to buy little lard if all trimmings, drippings and skimmings from soup are saved.
- Add a sprig of mint to string beans when you first put them on to cook. This gives a nice flavor.
- Jelly bags and strainer cloths are

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