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14 KILLED AS U.S. AIRSHIP FALLS

Mayor Scored For 'Slandorous Attack' On City's Railway

DIRIGIBLE BREAKS INTO THREE PARTS DURING OHIO GALE

Fourteen Killed When Giant Air Cruiser Shenandoah Is Destroyed
—Was Travelling at Altitude of 3,000 Feet When Hit by
Squall—Majority of Dead Are Found in Control
Cabin of Wrecked Craft—Was On Tour of
Western and Middle States.

HEROIC EFFORTS MADE TO SAVE SHIP

Caldwell, Ohio, Sept. 3.—The giant dirigible Shenandoah of the United States navy is no more. It went down in three pieces early today and killed its commander, Lieutenant-Commander Zachary Lansdowne, and at least thirteen of the officers and men making up her crew.

The airship struck a line squall—a variety of storm most feared by airmen—shortly after 5 o'clock this morning near this Noble county village, while travelling at an altitude of 3,000 feet, en route from Lakehurst, N. J., to the west.

There was no explosion. The big ship simply met winds of a strength which it was unable to combat. After encountering the storm at the high altitude the ship headed heavenwards to an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet, when it suddenly came down again and broke into three pieces. One piece, 450 feet or more in length, fell in a field about 1½ miles from Ava. The control compartment in which the commander and navigating crew were riding, fell 50 feet away, and the third section, 150 feet long, drifted through the air like a free balloon for 12 miles, landing near Sharon, Noble county, Ohio.

Dead in Control Cabin

Most of the dead were found in the tangled wreckage of the control cabin, where a full crew was on duty attempting to ride out the buffeting winds which resulted in the complete destruction of the giant of the air.

Ambulances and other conveyances which carried physicians and nurses to the scene, following the accident, were transporting the dead and injured to nearby towns. Those who met death in the unsuccessful flight against the elements were taken to Belle Valley, while the injured were scattered in the various hospitals of the community.

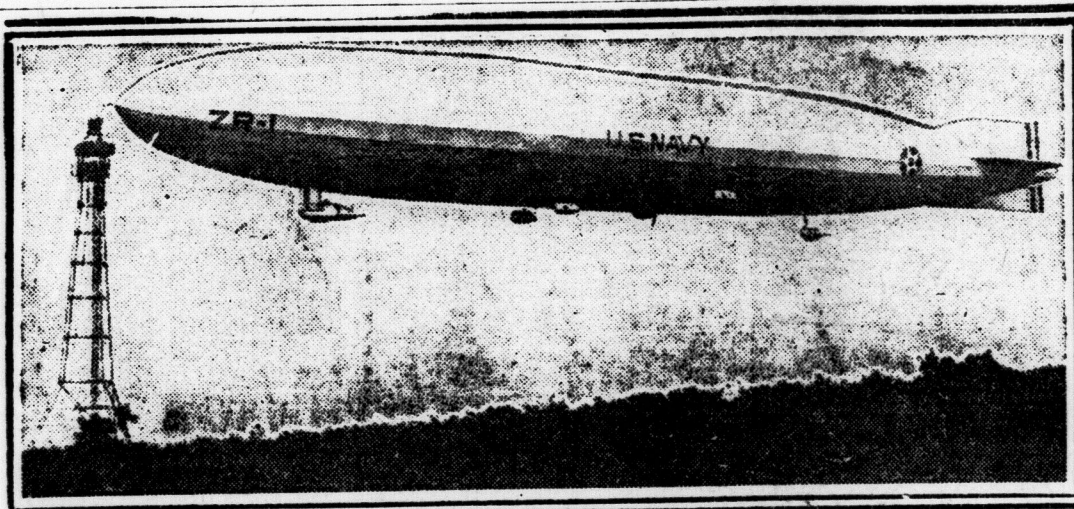
The story of the crew, pioneers in the interest of the development of lighter-than-air transportation, it is best told by Colonel J. H. Hall, United States army observer aboard the ill-fated ship.

"We were travelling west at an altitude of about 3,000 feet when we encountered a storm," Col. Hall said, describing the accident. "In changing our course a dozen or more times, we dodged it, only to encounter the line squall which sent us to an altitude of 5,500 feet before we realized what had happened."

"We opened the valves to let out gas and lowered the ship and were drawing away from the storm at a 50 miles per hour rate when the storm enveloped us and broke the ship into three pieces. Every one beat it. When the crash came I was on the ladder leading from the control cabin to the rear portion of the ship."

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U. S. Dirigible Wrecked By Ohio Storm



THE AIRSHIP SHENANDOAH, FORMERLY ZR-1.

The above picture shows the Shenandoah, the giant U. S. navy air cruiser, which was destroyed this morning in a windstorm while travelling over the state of Ohio. In the breaking up of the craft, which came to earth in three pieces, fourteen men

Shenandoah Last Word In Airship Construction

Was the Only Strictly Military
Dirigible in the United
States.

681 FEET IN LENGTH

Broke From Her Mooring Mast
in January, But Rode
Out Storm.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The Shenandoah was the only strictly military dirigible in the United States. The property of the navy, it was equipped with machine guns and to be used for purposes of war, whereas its sister ship, the Los Angeles, was constructed in Germany and flown to the United States under an arrangement of the Versailles treaty, providing that it should be used only for non-military purposes.

The Shenandoah was designed on the basis of the German Zeppelin Z-49, which fell in the Vosges during the war, but all available aircraft information was utilized by a special committee of engineers and experts appointed by the national advisory committee for aeronautics in drawing the plans that it represented a modification of the Zeppelin design with many American ideas utilized.

Built at Lakehurst, N. J., from parts made at the naval aircraft factory in Philadelphia, the huge craft was placed in service in September, 1923, as the ZR-1. Its construction having required two years. Subsequently, on Navy day, Oct. 27, 1923, it was christened the Shenandoah, an Indian name meaning "Daughter of the Stars." The following were its dimensions:

Length, 681 feet.
Diameter, 78 feet.
Height, 16 feet.
Gas capacity, 2,115,000 cubic feet.
Total lift, about 130,000 pounds.
Dead weight, about 75,000 pounds.
Speed, full, 60 miles an hour.
Power plant, five 8-cylinder 500-h.p. engines.
Cruising radius, without stopping, 4,000 miles.
The frame was constructed of duralumin, an alloy of aluminum, copper and manganese, which combined the strength of light steel with one-third the weight. Within the frame were cells containing the gas, and over all was a cover of cloth fabric. Eight thousand gallons of gasoline could be carried on the ship. It was Continued on Page 11, Column 1.

French Fortress Taken by Rebels

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Sept. 3.—The Evening News correspondent at Jerusalem says it is unofficially reported that the French fortress at Saida has been captured by the rebel tribesmen and the garrison massacred.

French aeroplanes afterward demolished the town with bombs, according to the report.

MUST USE UNION LABOR FOR HOTEL

Promoters Will Make Stipulation
in Sub-Contracts—
Mass Meeting Tonight.

"I am confident that this hotel vote is going to be favorable," declared J. J. McHale, president of the hotel campaign committee, at a well-attended luncheon at Smallman & Ingram's today, "but nevertheless, I would leave no stone unturned to carry the bylaws, because it means too much to the community to allow failure to be written after this vote."

James G. Trainer, vice-president of the Lynch Construction Company, New York, promoters of the new hotel, and W. A. Lyschlag, Inc., Chicago, architects for the building, were present and addressed the meeting, answering in question and answer to the queries of the speakers.

A. E. Silverwood was chosen to act as chairman of the mass meeting to be held on federal square tonight, the site of the new hotel, when the speakers will be J. J. McHale, Mayor G. A. Wenig, John S. Moore, Dr. Alfred J. Grant, J. G. Trainer, W. A. Lyschlag and others.

All questions asked by ratepayers interested will be fully and satisfactorily answered. The purpose of the gathering, which is under the auspices of the campaign committee, is to inform the voters on all points of the proposition, and to remove any doubts which have been aroused by those opposed to the new hotel.

Opposition Letter.
An unsigned letter has been circulated by those opposed to the hotel, the chief points of which are the claim that the exchange of sites is not in the interests of the city and that the stores in the hotel will get the benefit of the fixed assessment being granted to the hotel. Both of these points are not substantiated by the facts, according to D. E. Glass, publicity chairman of the campaign committee.

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MAY ADD BOAT TO LAKE RUN

Western Reserve Navigation Co.
May Start Two-Steamer
Service.

So profitable has been Western Ontario's response to the daily boat service inaugurated this year between Port Stanley and Cleveland that a two-steamer fleet is a strong possibility for next year. This was made this morning by E. B. Clarke, local broker, and Western Reserve representative of the Western Reserve Navigation Company of Cleveland, operators of the City of St. Ignace, which now plies between Port and the Ohio capital.

Line officials had under serious consideration the switching of the Colonial to the Port Stanley service next year. Mr. Clarke said, but the sinking of that boat on Tuesday last, permitting the company to have little thought of going ahead with similar work in the next boat west.

Widening Opposed.
At the same time opposition is shown by residents in the districts to widening of the street, as suggested by the mayor to the board of works this week. This attitude may hold up paying of the street. While South London residents are naturally joyful over the improvement made to the car tracks on York street, this section has been on a small part of their worries. Ridout street traction bridge remains closed, Astin street is unimproved, and hundreds of citizens in the far south find the journey to and from the downtown districts long and tedious.

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PERCY WHITE IS GIVEN FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE

Toronto Youth Was Convicted
of Attempt To Rob
Bank.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Sept. 3.—Five years in penitentiary was the sentence given Percy B. White, convicted of an attempt to hold up a bank branch, by Magistrate Jones in police court today. In passing sentence, his worship said that White's offense was "one of potential murder."

White attempted to hold up a branch of the Imperial Bank three weeks ago, securing a little over \$1,000 from the teller, who gave chase when White left the bank. Others joined the pursuit and White was captured shortly after. A loaded revolver was found in his possession.

MOSLEMS WOULD STOP
ALL SALE OF LIQUOR
Associated Press Despatch.
Simla, British India, Sept. 3.—The assembly yesterday discussed a bill introduced by Moslem members for total prohibition of the sale of liquor. A non-Moslem amendment advocating prohibition as the ultimate policy of the government, but suggesting that in the meantime power of control should be given local governing bodies, was carried by a vote of 69 to 29.

S. LONDON DEMANDS BUS LINE

Municipal Service Will Be
Insisted On If Street Railway
Tie-Up Lasts.

ALD. DOIG IS MOVER

Council Committee Will Carry
Ultimatum to Railway
Company.

A municipal bus service will be demanded by South Londoners, unless the London street railway company shows early inclination to improve its Ridout service and take action for the reconstruction of the old Ridout street bridge.

A special committee of the city council will make known the threat of South London citizens and seek satisfaction from the street railway. Ald. Paul Doig, who has frequently brought the matter to the attention of the city fathers is insistent in his present demands.

"We should not have to provide a bridge for the street railway to use on Ridout street," he says. "But we want good transportation and it is time the company was taking some action to provide it."

Company Makes Plea.
A plea of financial difficulties is registered by officials of the street railway company. Several thousand dollars are being spent on bridge repairs at the present time, and the present repair work to tracks on Ridout street is proving costly.

Unlooked for difficulties have resulted from repairs started on York street. Pavement there was laid 23 years ago and the railway tracks were put down in solid concrete, without ties.

Now the company has to work night and day using city-owned pneumatic excavators to tear up the solid concrete, and then lay new ties. The work is proving so expensive in the block between Richmond and Talbot streets that the company has little thought of going ahead with similar work in the next block west.

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RESTRICTED IMMIGRATION SCORED BY LABOR OFFICIAL

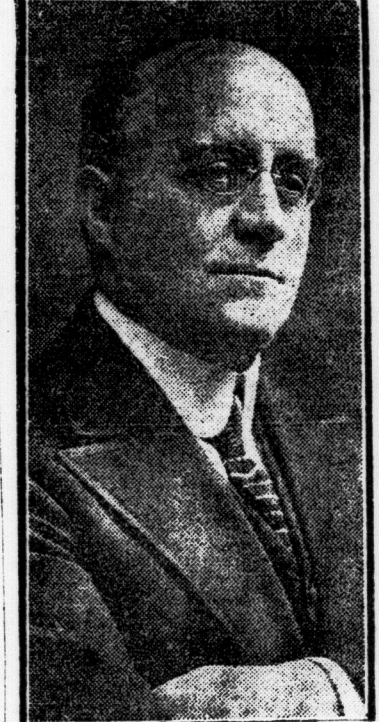
James Simpson Declares Pres-
ent Policy Not in Country's
Interests.

DEBATE QUOTA LAW

President Tom Moore Declares
A. F. of L. Unable To
Take Action.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Sept. 3.—An attack on Canada's present policy of restricting immigration to farm workers was made in the trades and labor congress convention this morning by James Simpson, Toronto, vice-president of the congress.

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GEO. PARENT, M.P.
Quebec East, who is reported to have been called to the senate.

LARGE WINERY ERECTED HERE

Building to the East of Lambeth
Highway To Be in Oper-
ation Soon.

The construction of a new winery, financed with local capital, is thought to establish a record for speedy construction here. The new building stands to the east of the Lambeth highway opposite the Beck-Foster well at the top of a two-mile hill. The plant, which is now practically complete, has been erected in less than a month. Huge casks holding hundreds of gallons each have been installed in the plant and the manufacture of native wine will commence in the immediate future.

The grapes for this year's production will come from the Niagara peninsula, as the officials of the new company have not had sufficient time to organize local grape growers. Next year it is hoped that enough local grapes can be contracted for to give the industry a purely local character. The new plant will take the place in production formerly held by a similar plant at St. Catharines.

This year's production will run 2,000 gallons or better, and an increase in production will be attained when a suitable supply of local grapes can be arranged for.

The president of the new company is A. N. Knowles, and the manager is J. C. Knowles, both experienced manufacturers.

FINE 2510 SPEEDERS.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Sept. 3.—According to motorists are being frowned on by London magistrates. During the first three months of this year 2,513 were prosecuted in the Metropolitan district for speeding, of whom 2,510 were convicted.

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Confined themselves to the opinions of the trades and labor congress. A United States quota law against Canada would mean the disintegration of the international trade unions, according to statements made in the convention. J. A. P. Hayden, president of the Ottawa trades and labor congress, said the application of a quota law against the dominion would be "equivalent to an unfriendly act against a friendly nation."

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OFFICIAL HITS BACK AT MAYOR

Commissioner Philip Pocock De-
clares Attack on L. & P. S. R.
Not Made in Ignorance.

ROAD HAS SURPLUS

A "Scheme To Shatter Faith in
Public Ownership," He Calls
Wenig Tirade.

"The mayor's attack on the London and Port Stanley Railway is so slanderous that it never could have been made in ignorance."

In such words of condemnation does Philip Pocock, public utilities commissioner, sum up Mayor Wenig's renewed drive against continued municipal operation of the Port Stanley railway.

"It's a scheme to try to shatter faith in public ownership," declares Mr. Pocock. "A scheme to undermine public ownership in order that the thought of ever owning the London street railway will be driven from people's minds. The malicious attack is designed to help the London street railway company get a new 20-year franchise."

The Charges.
Before a meeting of the finance committee of the city council last night the mayor suggested that a vote be taken in December to discover the ratepayers' attitude towards a new franchise issue for the L. & P. S. R. Mr. Pocock declared that the railway was losing money hand over fist, that an overdrift of \$500,000 has already been piled up, and that the road will lose \$140,000 this year.

The mayor is inclined to boost the road but a new debenture issue has been voted on, but isn't at all sure that London will support the issuance of a new loan to cover up what he alleges is a half million dollar deficit.

Supporters of public ownership, however, assert that the railway is losing money hand over fist, that an overdrift of \$500,000 has already been piled up, and that the road will lose \$140,000 this year.

Surplus Is Claimed.
"Books show that up to the end of 1924 there was a surplus of \$55,000," Continued on Page 11, Column 2.

SANSONE FACES TROUBLE AGAIN

London's "Bad Boy" Charged
With Breaking Parole and
Concealing Saws.

Sylvadore Sansone, who earned for himself the title of the "bad boy" of London and who had a penitentiary sentence reduced to a term in the Ontario reformatory at Guelph, is now in the Guelph jail awaiting trial at the fall session on a charge of breaking parole as well as having been caught with hack saws in his possession.

Sansone was sentenced to Kingston penitentiary with lashes by Mr. Justice Riddell, but the appeal court reduced the sentence. Sansone was removed to Guelph last spring, and according to officials of the reformatory has given his jailers a "rotten time."

The London youth fought with guards and companions alike, but was smart enough to get two saws smuggled into his possession. He was caught working on his cell bars, according to a prisoner released from the institution last week and was removed to the Guelph prison.

Appearing before Magistrate Watt, Sansone was committed for trial at the next assizes.

It is not the first time that Sansone has been caught sawing cell bars. When doing time at the Middlesex jail several years ago, he was placed in the same cell as "Slim" Williams, Melbourne bank robber. Twenty men then managed to saw several iron bars before their saws were worn smooth. They waited patiently for two more saws to be smuggled into them, but their work was discovered in the meantime by Governor Carter and his turnkeys.

Thomas Fox, who was with Sansone in the wild automobile ride that resulted in prison terms, is serving his sentence, with lashes, at Kingston penitentiary.

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate winds, clouds, with local thunder showers.
Friday—West-erly winds, mostly fair and warm.
The western depression is now centered over the great lakes, while pressure is about normal over the southern portion of the United States. Showers have occurred in Ontario and the eastern districts of the maritime provinces.
In the western provinces the weather has been fine and warm.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	72	52	Fair
Calgary	78	48	Fair
Winnipeg	72	48	Fair
Park Sound	75	58	Cloudy
Toronto	76	64	Cloudy
Kingston	74	62	Cloudy
Ottawa	74	60	Cloudy
Montreal	68	52	Cloudy
Quebec	61	42	Fair
Father Point	58	46	Clear
St. John's	70	48	Clear
Halifax	74	48	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 80; lowest, 54.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 62; lowest, 43.
Sun rises at 5:43 a.m. and sets at 6:51 p.m., standard time.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.20.
Today—8 a.m., 29.58.

Attend Tonight's Public Meeting and Be Convinced on the Hotel Proposition