

THE WEATHER
Increasing cloudiness tonight with light rain Wednesday morning.

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BIG DIRIGIBLE ROMA FLOODES; 35 REPORTED DEAD

Crew and Passengers Burned as Giant Army Airship Plunges Down to Earth in Flames

PENROSE, ON STAND, SAYS HE DIDN'T TRY TO SHOOT BROTHER

Yells Norristown Court Gun Must Have Been Discharged Accidentally
EXPERT SHOWS HOW PISTOL MIGHT HAVE BEEN FIRED

Quite a Job to Locate Ninth Lim'rick Winner

Miss Vansant Lives Away Up in Lawn-dale, but We Finally Found Her

It Took a Street Directory and a Patient House Sergeant to Steer Us on Way
Says, fans, we sure are getting to be the old globe-trotters.



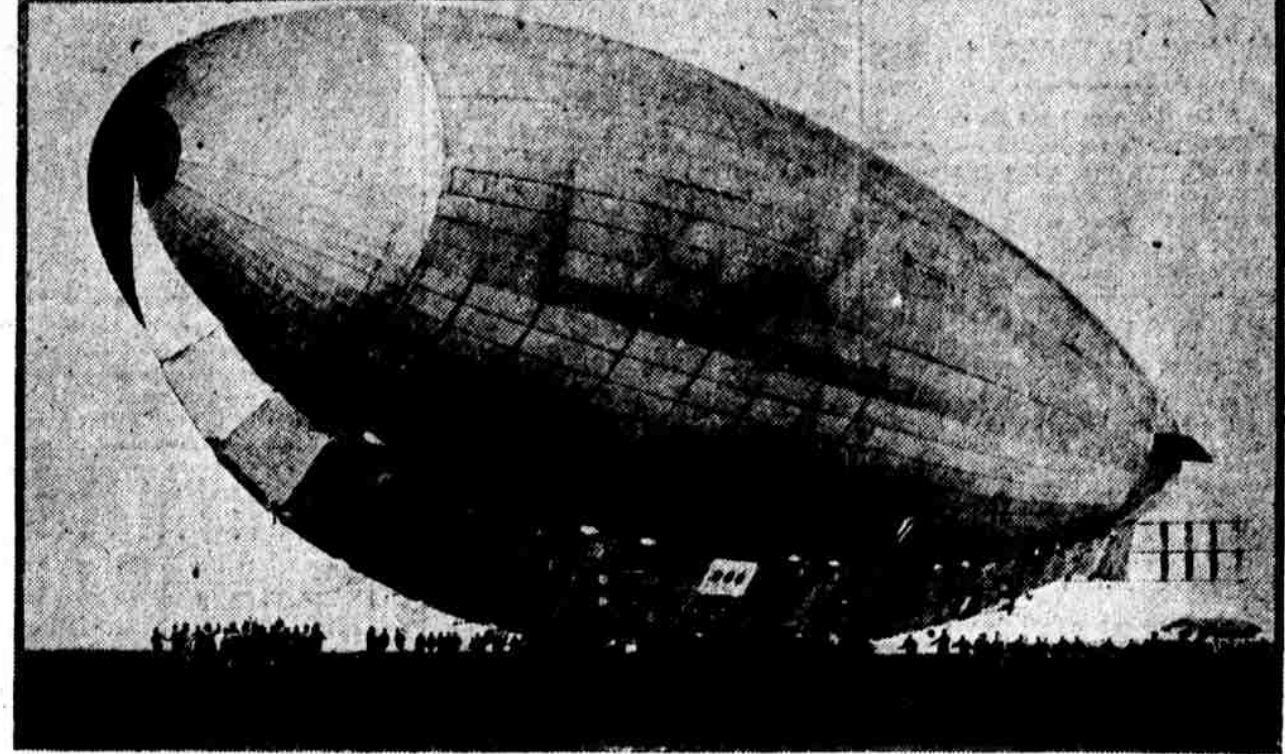
MISS LENORE VANSANT 928 Helleman street, Lawn-dale

BLOC FORMATIONS MARK TRANSITION OF U. S. POLITICS

Meeting of Progressives in Chicago Shows New Trend Throughout Nation
PARTY CHIEFS MUST NOW MAKE DEALS WITH GROUPS

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger
Washington, Feb. 21.—The conference of progressives at Chicago is a sign of the times and an indication of new things are going politically.

SEMI-RIGID DIRIGIBLE ROMA DESTROYED



Monster airship was wrecked and burned in flight today over Hampton Roads. Reports of loss of life are conflicting, one placing the number at thirty-eight, while another says one man was killed and several were seriously injured

MANY PLUNGE FROM BURNING CRAFT IN AIR

More Than Fifty Aboard When Airship Hits Hampton Roads Barracks
SOME PINNED UNDER WRECKED MACHINE
12 Bodies Reported to Have Been Recovered—Reports Are Conflicting

BOY BANDITS RISK LIVES IN WILD RIDE

Dash Over Reading Tracks on Handcar After Looting Candy Slot Machines
NABBED IN WEST MANAYUNK
After looting a railroad station of candy, chewing gum and pens, two boys late last night had a wild ride on a handcar from Woodland Station to West Manayunk, three narrowly escaping death as trains rushed down on them.

MRS. ROSIER ASKS TRIAL BE DELAYED

Attorney Demands More Time to Prepare Defense to Double Murder Charge
SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY
Mrs. Catherine Rosier will not go on trial Monday for the murder of Oscar Rosier, her husband, and his stenographer, Miss Mildred Reckitt, if Judge Rogers sees fit to grant a petition filed and argued today by John H. K. Scott, her attorney.

Knocked Down Twice

The defendant testified the fight began when he had proved to his brother he was right in the argument over the phone bill by getting a calendar and putting it in the window.

Didn't Pull Trigger

By remembering hearing the report of the pistol, but I did not pull the trigger. It must have gone off by itself as I was trying to ward off Ralph's blows.

FROZEN HORSE IS SAVED BY CONFISCATED HOCH

"Nip" in Time Saves Dobbin and Forgetful Owner Is Fined
Confiscated hoch was used to save a freezing horse, according to the testimony of the Manayunk police, when the case of Edward Boyle, of Gladwyne, charged with cruelty to animals, came up today before Magistrate Dorn.

U. S. TO PAY PHILA. CLAIM

Housing Corporation Authorized to Settle Contested Charges
Washington, Feb. 21.—The House today passed a bill to authorize the United States Housing Corporation to settle outstanding contracts with Philadelphia and other cities for public service, such as use of streets, sewers and lights.

YOUTH, 24, TRIES SUICIDE

Shot Causes Patrolman to Find Him Lying on Floor
A shot fired in the house at 1339 Fitzgerald street, early this morning, brought Patrolman Murray to the place. He found Joseph E. Larkins, twenty-four years old, lying on the floor in a bedroom on the second floor.

ORLANDO WILL NOT SERVE

Refuses to Co-operate With Giolitti in Forming Cabinet
Rome, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—Further complications developed today in the Italian ministerial crisis on account of the refusal of former Premier Orlando and Enrico de Nicola, president of the Chamber of Deputies, to co-operate with former Premier Giolitti, who was invited to form a Cabinet to succeed the Bonomi ministry.

As You Know—

Old Philadelphia is a treasure city in memories and memories of George Washington.
Venerable Inns where he found hospitality, gracious old homes where he was a cherished guest, a fragrant garden which he loved—they all are here.

VENGEFUL WIFE STOPS LENIENCY FOR HUSBAND

Has to Hire "Sub" for Erring Spouse, She Tells Court Here
A vengeful wife defied the appeal for clemency made today by John Bergman, alias Jay S. Dupont, when he pleaded guilty to passing fraudulent checks before Judge Rogers.

DISCUSS OFFER TO HOOVER

Fair Committee Meets in Office of Mayor
The offer to pay \$50,000 a year for five years to Herbert Hoover as director general of the National Continental was discussed today at a meeting of the Fair Executive Committee in Mayor Moore's office.

4 WOUNDED IN MINE FIGHT

Guard and Strikers' Pickets Clash in West Virginia Field
Wellburg, W. Va., Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—Four men were wounded in a gun battle between a mine guard and a member of strikers' pickets near the Labelle mine of the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Coal Company south of here today.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS
FIRST RACE, four-year-olds and upward, moving clockwise, \$100, 3/4 mile and 7/8 mile. 116 A. Wilson, 117-5 even 1-6 2. Black Watch 111, Butwell 4-1 8-5 4-5 3. Butwell 115, Pickett 116, 2-1 4-3 4-2 Time 1:46. Eastward Princess, Theresa, Sun Myth, Blood Hound, La Berniere, Grace King and Concentrate also ran.

TAX OFFICER SHORT IN WEST CHESTER

G. M. Kirk Admits Losing \$4359 in Kohn and Dier Failures
USED COUNTY'S FUNDS
A shortage of \$4359.50 was discovered today in the accounts of George M. Kirk, Tax Collector and Treasurer of West Chester. Kirk admitted he lost heavily in the failures here of the brokerage firms of E. D. Dier & Co. and E. E. Kohn & Co.

COAL TRUCK DRIVER KILLED BY TRAIN AT PAULSBORO

West Jersey and Seashore Engine Hits Machine on Crossing
Jacob Meyers, a coal truck driver, was killed at 8:05 A. M. today when a north-bound West Jersey and Seashore Railway train struck his motor truck at a crossing near the Paulsboro gas plant.

BRIDAL GOWNS STOLEN

Walnut Street Shop Robbed of \$8900 in Clothing
Eighty bridal gowns valued at \$8900 were among the plunder taken by thieves who last night broke into the store of Gertrude Wilkinson & Co., 1116 Walnut street.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

HAVANA—Second—Ficelle, 3-1, even, 1-2, won; 15-1, 0-1, 5-2, second; Navajo, 3-1, even, 3-2, third. Time, 1:12 4-5. Tattling, Moonwalks, Plurality and Avoza also ran.
HAVANA—Third—Ficelle, 3-1, even, 1-2, won; 2-1, 7-10, 1-3, second; Tarascon, 6-1, 5-2, 6-5, third. Time, 1:10 4-5. Forge Ahead, Millian and Blazenway also ran.

Gipsy Chief Takes Bath; Tribe Takes Holiday

Newark, N. J., Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—Fourteen gipsy families who make their homes in the Belleville district, near here, are making holiday today, for their chief, Ben Moyt, has taken a bath and changed his linen.

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BASKETBALL SCORES

Friends Central 21 — Germantown H. 13
Friends Select 20 — Camden High 13
Moorestown High 11 15-29 Collinswood H. 11 17-28

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By the Associated Press

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The Navy Department was notified of the disaster in the following telegram from the naval authorities at Norfolk: "Army dirigible Roma caught fire and fell to ground near army base Norfolk about 2:10 P. M. Thirty-five persons reported dead out of fifty aboard."
Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—According to a message received at the naval hospital at Portsmouth at 3:15 P. M., thirty-eight men on board the Roma were killed. At that hour twelve bodies had been taken from the wreckage.
Norfolk, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—Explosion after crashing downward during a trial flight, the army's Italian-built airship Roma was destroyed today near the naval base here with the loss of an undetermined number of lives.
Estimates an hour and a half after the disaster placed the dead from the loss at nearly forty out of the more than half a hundred persons on board.
The naval hospital at Portsmouth was officially informed that thirty-eight of those aboard the airship, the largest semi-rigid dirigible in the world, were killed, while underwriters in Newport News were officially notified that thirty or more persons had lost their lives.
Twelve were known to have been seriously injured.
The giant airship Roma plunged obliquely over a mile and crashed into a barracks building at the Hampton Roads army base at 2:12 o'clock this afternoon, according to information in the hands of the commandant's office at the Hampton Roads naval base.
Some of the twenty-one members of the crew and thirty or forty passengers and observers aboard the Roma escaped with minor burns, cuts and bruises, according to the information at the base.
One Thousand Feet in Air
The Roma was between 600 and 1000 feet in the air when she fell, officers at the Hampton Roads naval base stated. Some of the passengers aboard the ship were virtually unhurt, though all were shaken up. A number of the men jumped from the cars of the Roma as she fell in flames. Others were caught under her. Among the definitely known survivors were Captain Walter J. Reed and Lieutenant Vernon G. Burt, the commanding pilots of the Roma, and J. M. Biedenbach and Byron Park, engineers.
Forty men, according to other observers at Portsmouth, were seen to leap from the ship as it became apparent that she would strike one of the naval base barracks buildings. Some of it was reported, clung to parachutes while others jumped straight to the ground, choosing to take their chances in that manner rather than staying aboard the blazing ship.
Witnesses at the scene of the burning ship said at 3 o'clock, when she still was burning like a furnace, that fully half