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IG DIRIGIBLE ROMA EXPLODES: 35 REPORTED DEA

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

Norristown Court Gun Must Have Been Discharged Accidentally

EXPERT SHOWS HOW PISTOL MIGHT HAVE BEEN FIRED

"I did not mean to shoot my brother:

I did not know he was shot until he the old globe-trotters. And incidentally we are learning that this city of ours most certainly has all of four corners, oh yes, at least that.

And Miss Lenore Vansant, of 028 Hellsman street. "I did not mean to shoot my brother: in his own defense today at Norristown, there he is being tried for manual. And allss Lenore vansagit, of the tilling of Raiph Penrose, Aug-

The shooting occurred in the house where the two youths, wealthy and sembers of a prominent Montgomery River County family, boarded with Miss Eliz-of definite direction, we knew no more than we had before, except that some-where was a trolley we should take, which would in turn take us many,

Norman Penrose is on trial before ludge Miller for the second time. At his first trial the jury, on which there

was the same as that given at his first trial. The present jury, which includes two women, listened sympathetically but instead, in a nice, respectful voice, me's session of court. His testimony to the narrative of what he said was a violent and unprovoked attack upon him by his larger and stronger brother.

Knocked Down Twice The defendant testified the fight bewhen he had proved to his brother he was right in the argument over the bene bill by getting a calendar and rifying certain dates. His brother lacked him and knocked him down, said, then knocked him down a sec-

old time when he arose.

"I have no memory of having gone upstairs for the pistol," he said. "I member having it in my hand, howthe garden. I was upset because of the fight, but not enraged. I know I was

We went into the house and

Didn't Pull Trigger

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FROZEN HORSE IS SAVED

Forgetful Owner is Fined

at Gladwyne. During the storm Thurs-day night he drove to Manayunk in a proached.

About two miles from West Conshowould be a holiday. adelphia and Reading station and took hocken the patrolman saw the boys at train for Philadelphia. That was at ternately bending and rising at the levsclock. Five hours later Patrolman ers as the handcar sped along the tracks the Manayunk police station. The ani- boys did not heed him. Then Di Bona mal was numb with cold. After massaging the horse and doing other things to warm it without success, some one remembered that there was confiscated whisky at the station. A nip was offered Dobbin. He drank and was himself again.

that he expected another man to take them.

The horse back to the farm as he did Di Bona, puffing, about a city block the horse back to the farm, as he did not return to Manayunk from Philadel-phia until 2:30 o'clock Friday morning.

U. S. TO PAY PHILA. CLAIM

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

and lights.
Philadelphia has billed the corporation for taxes for 1019, \$12,335.95; 1920, \$65,412.36; 1921, \$68,658.30; a

FERHAPS THE VERY ARTICLE YOU ARE looking for la in the For Sale column to-tay. See pages 25 and 20.—Adv.

ENROSE, ON STAND, Quite a Job to Locate

No ue ninn't toy

Ninth Lim'rick Winner

Miss Vansant Lives Away Up in Lawndale, but We Finally Found Her

It Took a Street Directory and a Patient House Sergeant to Steer Us on Way

street guides, we discovered that Heller-man street was "6500 N. E.-S. E. from Hasbrook avenue to Delaware

many squares away from where our feet were planted when the illuminating street guide was consulted. rst trial the jury, on which there four women, disagreed, eight to

four women, disagreed, eight to four. Two of the women were for actualital and two for conviction.

Norman Penrose's own story of the shooting was the feature of the morning was the feature of the morning was the feature of the morning that the studying street guides never found us the lucky limericker, and so we just up and phoned the Tacony police district, and some nice perliceman set us right with directions.



MISS LENORE VANSANT 928 Hellermann street, Lawndale

we requested to be "put off," and out-side of the fact that we rode two stops by the right one, it was all right. The line which was the missing link

There was an old man in Mount Airy Who had a young daughter named Mary, He said, "She might be A great comfort to me— But the bills for her clothes make me sweary."

LIMERICK NO. 9

Miss Vansant has faithfully answered the limericks, both this time and last, and we were glad that she won. Each night she carefully considers her an-Continued on Page Twenty-six, Column Four

Dash Over Reading Tracks on Attorney Demands More Time Handcar After Looting Candy Slot Machines

NABBED IN WEST MANAYUNK SCHEDULED FOR MONDAS

nght, but not enraged. I know I was come to the right and once to the left of my brother, and then over his head. I thought I would frighten him out of his rage.

After looting a railroad station of candy, chewing gum and pennies, two standing beside me and asking me not to shoot again because I would waken handcar from Woodland Station to be sisten. We want into the house and a handcar from Woodland Station to the formula was made to the formula which the house and the respective way to shoot again because I would waken a handcar from Woodland Station to the formula was made to the formula which the house and the respective way to shoot again because I would waken and handcar from Woodland Station to the formula was simple to the formu

they went to the West Conshohocken station of the Reading Railway at 11 o'clock last night. The boys forced a window and then rifled several chew-

BY CONFISCATED HOOCH

"Nip" in Time Saves Dobbin and Forcetful Owner is Fined

slot machines. From West Conshohocken Kaminiski

found the horse and took it to The amazed bluecoat shouted, but

yle was fined \$13.50. He explained the track when the train shot past

behind, saw the fugitives, unalermed, set the little machine on the rails again and resumed their quixotic trip. But and resumed their quixotic trip. But the delay gave the putrolmen an advantage.
As the handcar was stopped at West Housing Corporation Authorized to Conshohocken Di Bona made a flying Settle Contested Charges leap and collared both boys. He brought them to the Lower Merion police sta-tion at Ardmore, where they seemed jubilant over their unusual ride.

YOUTH, 24, TRIES SUICIDE

Shot Causes Patrolman to Find Him Lying on Floor

shot fired in the house at 1139 A shot fired in the house at 1130 total of \$146,466.61, in addition to \$5000 special assessments for paving on which suit is now pending in the Federal Court.

The housing corporation has a counter-claim against the city covering utilities installed, amounting to \$113.

TREMAPS THE VERY ARTICLE YOU ART

Smoke IN-B-TWEEN - Finest little cign in the world, be each 5 in foll, 25c, -4d:

to Prepare Defense to Double Murder Charge

a handcar from Woodland Station to rapher, Miss Mildred Reckitt, if Judge West Manayunk, thrice narrowly es. Rogers sees fit to grant a petition filed

For the last two miles of the unusual Mr. Scott demanded a month's postride as the boys worked madly at the ponement, on the ground that he had cially in the West. levers of the light vehicle, a Lower Mer-lion patrolman ran down the track after that the time fixed for the trial did not Didn't Pun Trugger

IT remember hearing the report of ion patrolman ran down the track after that the time fixed for the trial did not pull the trigger. them. He caught them at West Mangive him sufficient opportunity to prepare the case and subpoens necessary pare the case and subpoens necessary

the must be badly hurt. I asked Miss Connard to get help, and I telephoned

The boys are Connor Kaminiski. fourtien years old, Ruffner street, and Martin Groatk, fourteen years old, Yellen street, was breathing heavily, and I knew he must be badly hurt. I asked Miss Connard to get help, and I telephoned

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They later admitted to the police that they went to the West Conshohocken to file an answer to Mr. Scott's rejection of this offer, held the matter in abeyance. The District Attorney's office was instructed to file an answer to Mr. Scott's petitien years old, Yellen street, and Martin Groatk, fourteen years old, Yellen street, west Manayunk.

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In discussing the petition, Judge Rogers said there was a public demand for a speedy trial, which only lack of witnesses could contravene.

The Court does not intend to let dilatory tactics be employed by any one," he said.

Mr. Scott hinted that Maurice for clemency made today by John Berg-

Judge Rogers was reminded tomorrow would be a holiday.
"That's all right," he said, "I'll be

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, presi-dent of the Chamber of Deputies, to co-operate with former Premier Gioported the possibility that either former Premier Orlando or Signor de Nicola might head the new Cabinet, but the proposal that they might collaborate was generally scouted.

As You Know-

Old Philadelphia is a treasure city in memories and mementoes 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.
And they, with Washington memorials and Washington pictures. will be reproduced tomorrow, the birth anniversary of the great patriot, in a pictorial supplement of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

BLOC FORMATIONS

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 Copurisht, 1932, by Public Ledger Company Washington, Feb. 21 .- The confernce of progressives at Chicago is a sign of the times and an indication of the way things are going politically. These labor leaders, intellectual radicals and radical farmers are meeting together, not to organize a third party, but to form a bloc which will operate within either or both of the two old parties.

Two years ago much the same group of men sought to start a third party. The Farmer Labor Party was the result, according to the jury, received five The Farmer Labor Party was the result, votes and the completed limerick runs and it failed significantly in the election of 1920. This time they expressly disavowed in advance any intention to go it alone. Like the farmers, they are going to operate within the existing parties.

The break-up here is taking another line from the break-up in Europe. Abroad in most countries there are many parties, and a government consists of a bloc formed of a union of such parties as have enough in common to operate together temperative to the countries. operate together temporarily in the con rol of parliament.

Parties Must Organize Blocs Here at least for some years to come he two-party system promises nom-

the two-party system promises nominally to continue. But a party, to win an election, will have to organize a bloc of groups of voters.

Signs of this tendency were apparent in the last presidential election when the great combination which swept Mr. Harding into office by such a tremendous majority was made up in effect of a bloc of minorities having very little in common generally, except the desire to vote against President Wilson's policies.

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 chest. The general name of Republican was used to cover various minorities, but the

cement which held them together was E. E. Kohn & Co. weak. Authority over them was slight.
And the organization of the farm bloc and other less important blocs in Congress was the logical and natural outcome of this lack of discipline in the
mass.

Treasurer on the strength of his record
as a veteran of the World War. He
recently bought a home on Fayette Mrs. Catherine Rosier will not go on be called the Republican bloc which street. West Cher combined together to make what might with his parents.

tion. The organization of the farmers Ralph picked up my umbrella. He said, and argued today by John R. K. Scott, farm bloc in Congress consists really correct. Then he rushed me and beat me over the head and chest. I tried to fight him

West Manayunk, thrice narrowly estable properties of the grant a petition filed is a case in point. What is called the call's be and argued today by John R. K. Scott, farm bloc in Congress consists really correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the correct. It is a case in point. What is called the correct. It is a case in point. What is called the correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be correct. It is a case in point. What is called the call's be called the call's be called the call's be called the call's be called the call is a case in point. What is called the cial's books as borough treasurer were

By the time 1924 comes around, there promises to be a number of definitely organized groups of voters, with leaders and platform, who will have to be consulted by the parties if they wish to borough treasurer soon after the death form winning combinations before going of Captain W. S. Underwood, who had

VENGEFUL WIFE STOPS LENIENCY FOR HUSBAND ough Council today instructed the audi-

Has to Hire "Sub" for Erring Kirk's books and records. Spouse, She Tells Court Here

A vengeful wife defeated the appeal has been turned over to an assistant. Forgetful Owner is Fined
Confiscated hooch was used to save
a freezing horse, according to the testimony of the Manayunk police, when the case of Edward Boyle, of Gladwyne, bucking traffic as they went.

Boyle is employed at the Scapstone
Boyle is employed at the Griscom estate at Gladwyne, During the storm Thurs
slot machines.

From West Conshohocken Kaminisk speiser, Assistant District Attorney, had surgested the date for the trial.

"This young woman is in Moyamensing Prison, helpless and penniless, said that he would make restitution on the rails, tugged at the levers, and soon had it spinning toward West Manayunk, bucking traffic as they went.

Twice before Patyolman Di Bona, of Lower Merion, explicit hem the boys had to leap from the handcar and lift it from the rails as the trains ap
The offer to pay \$50,000 a year for selemency made today by John Bergman, alias Jay S. Dupont, when he pleaded guilty to passing fraudulent to passing fraudulent said that he would make restitution she has been unable to aid me in prespict the case," Mr. Scott retorted, asking a month's delay.

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that he was "a confidence man."

Bergman was sentenced to the EastThe offer was made by Edward Bok.

The offer was made by Edward Bok. Penitentiary for seven to ten years. The Mayor laid before the Executive ern Penitentiary for seven to ten years.
He was necused of posing here as Dupont and of asserting that he was one of the heirs to a large New York estate. He passed worthless checks amounting to about \$1200. Joseph Moss, of the Majestic Hotel, was one of the victims. of the victims.

Mrs. Bergman said that she had a rooming house in New York and was compelled to hire a man to do work which her husband could but would not do.

Council Meeting Put Over

The absence of five members of Council's Transportation Committee caused a some time, recently reopened on an postponement of the committee meeting open-shop basis. litti, who was invited to form a Cab-inet to succeed the Bonomi ministry. Some Rome newspapers today re-scheduled for this afternoon. Chairman Montgomery and Councilmen Horn and Cox were present. The committee has a bill providing \$50,000 for continuance of the Rapid Transit Company valua-

tion proceedings.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS FIRST RACE, four-year-olds and upward, aidens, claiming, purse \$1000, 1 mile and 76 yards:
 1. Mechanic, 116. A. Wilson, 13-5 even 1-5
 2. Black Watch II, 116. Butwell 4-1 8-5 4-5
 3. Pattero, 116. Coney.
 1.21 5-1 5-2
 Time, 1-46. Eastward Princess, Theres, Sun Myth. Blond Hundy. La Derniere. Grace King and Concentrate also ran.

HAVANA RESULTS FIRST RACE, for three-year-olds and upward, claiming purse \$700, 515 furiouss; 1. Pullux, 115. Kennedy, even 1.3 1-6; 2. Latholick, 115. Pickens, 4-1, 3-2, 3-5; 3. Kayman, 112, Prible, 2-1, 7-10, 13. Time, 1:12, 4-5. Hullo, Hazel R., Stepson, Thornbloom, Burley and First Treep also ran.

DO YOU WANT A USED AUTOMOBILE?

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 seri-

Gipsy Chief Takes Bath;

SEMI-RIGID DIRIGIBLE ROMA DESTROYED

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

This is the first time the ceremony has occurred in at least forty days, for the chief was forbidden by the traditional laws of his tribe to touch his body with water, shave or even change his clothing until that time had elapsed following the death of his wife. This is the day, and the chief's followers are giving every evidence of happiness.

heavily in the failures here of the brok-COAL TRUCK DRIVER KILLED erage firms of E. D. Dier & Co. and BY TRAIN AT PAULSBORO

Hits Machine on Crossing

a north-bound West Jersey and Seashore West Chester, where he lives Railway train struck his motortruck at a crossing near the Paulsboro gas plant. The overturned truck was along the rails for about 150 The shortage in the collection accounts was found by the borough audi-The shortage in the collection accounts was found by the borough auditor who reported that the young official's books as borough treasurer were correct. The shortage is said to be shortage is said to be shortage in the collection accounts was found by a bond.

Along the rails for about 150 yards. Meyers' hung head down, wedged back of the steering wheels. His head struck the ties repeatedly. He was dead when the crew extricated him.

Meyers was thirty-nine years old and

of the agents of a pretty thoroughly organized movement among the farmer voters all over the country and especially in the West.

By the time 1021 among the farmer books, the collector is said to have adverted the discrepancies in Kirk's books, the collector is said to have adverted the farmer books. The street of the control of the said to be made to be a load of coal at the Paulsboro gas books, the collector is said to have adverted the farmer books. was employed by Gill M. Hannold, a plant this morning, and was returning to the coal yard when the accident ocmitted the shortage. He explained he had been speculating with the Dier and the Kohn brokerage houses. Kirk was appointed tax collector and curred. He is survived by a widow and five children. Coroner Wood is

investigating. BRIDAL GOWNS STOLEN

At the last election with the aid of war veterans, he was elected to both Walnut Street Shop Robbed of \$8900 in Clothing Eighty bridal gowns valued at \$8000

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G. M. Kirk Admits Losing

\$4359 in Kohn and Dier

Failures

Bond Carries Shortage

tilled those offices for twenty-five years.

No Charges Made Yet

Guard and Strikers' Pickets Clash

in West Virginia Field Wellsburg, W. Va., Feb. 21.-(By A. P.) - Four men were wounded in a gun tight between a mine guard and a memfight between a mine guard and a mem-ber of strikers' pickets near the Labelle mine of the Pittsburgh-West Virginia Coal Company south of here today. The mine, which had been closed for

Today's Developments at National Capital

Adoption by Senate Foreign Re-lations Committee of Brandegee reservation to four-Power treaty was forecast after debate. The reservation requires the consent of Congress to "adjustments." to "adjustments."
Harding today will nominate the following as members of the Allied Debt-Funding Commission: Secretaries Mellon, Hughes and Hoover,

Senator . Smoot and Representative Burton. Treaty provision for mixed commission to arbitrate American claims against Germany, aggregating many millions, has lapsed, State Depart. ment announces.

THE JOB YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MAY be found in the Help Wanted columns of page 20.—Adv.

Tribe Takes Holiday

Rockefeller Required Mathilde's Fiance Become American as Condition of Approval, Report

COUSINS CALLED BOGUS

Chicago, Feb. 21 .- That sixteenear-old Mathilde McCormick has obsined approval of her proposed marriage to Max Oser, riding academy head, of Zurich, Switzerland, from her grandfather, John D. Rockefeller, was stated here today by family friends. It was Hampton Roads today, struck a bar-West Jersey and Seashore Engine Oser should become an American citizen, but there was no confirmation of of the disaster in the following telegram Jacob Meyers, a coal truck driver, this from the McCormick family. Mr. Oser's age still was a subject for debate, numerous persons here and at

Milwaukee who professed to be cousins fell to ground near army base Norfolk lifty-seven years old, while Howard A. reported dead out of fifty aboard." maintained that he was only forty as against first reports of an age of forty-eight, thrice that of Miss Mathilde.

known, visited at the McCormick home Miss Mathilde were not receiving. Swiss Custom to Call

"It is the custom in the old counabout the McCormiek home, "when a couple become engaged for all her rela-tives to call upon him and all his relatives call upon her right away." Mrs. McCormick, who recently ob-

tained a divorce, maintained yesterher previous statements that she

ut street.

The articles stolen were so bulky as

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to lead to the supposition that the He has as many cousins as President Harding." He also said that "he wanted Continued on Page Twenty-three, Column Four

BASKETBALL SCORES

Germantown H. . . . 13 Friends Select 4 -Camden High 13 Mogrestown High ... 11 18-29 Collingswood H ... 11 17-28

BOS BEATS MORTON AT BILLIARDS

Ary Bos. European billiard champion, today defeated J. E. Cope Morton, of Philadelphia, 300 to 228, in the amateur championship at the Manufacturers' Club.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

HAVANA-Second-Fictile, 3-1, even, 1-2, won, Many 15-1. 6-1. 3-2, second; Navi co, 2 1, even, 2-5, third. Time. Tatting, Moonwinks. Phyrality and Acesta also ran.

HAVANA-Third-Fickle Fancy, S-1, even, 1-2, won; C rency, 2-1, 7-10, 1-3, second; Tarascon, 6-1, 5-2, 6-5, third, Time 1.19 4-5. Forge Ahead, Midian and Blazeaway also ian.

NEW ORLEANS-Second-Bright Lights, 5-2, even 1.2 Rising Rock, 2-1, 9-10, 1-2, second: Two Pair, 30 1, 12 1, third, Time, 1,124-5. Auntie May, Squire Charlie, Granny Le-Oaklawn Belle, Sandalwood and Role also ran.

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

COMES DOWN LIKE COMET

Rescued Men Suffer From Burns-Airship Still Afire

The giant army dirigible Roma fell today at Hampton Roads, struck a barracks building and dropped Reports of loss of life conflict. One

report says thirty-eight were killed and twelve bodies have been taken from the ruins. Another dispatch says one was killed, twelve seriously injured and the remainder of the twentyone members of the crew and thirty or forty passengers aboard

By the Associated Press Washington, Feb. 21.-The glast army dirigible Roma fell obliquely at

escaped with minor burns and

The Navy Department was notified "Army dirigible Roma caught fire and contended the Swiss equestrian was about 2:10 P. M. Thirty-five persons

racks building and dropped in flames.

Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 21 .- (By A. P.)-According to a message received at Emil Burgy, Chicago interior deco- the naval hospital at Portsmouth at rator, the first cousin to make himself 3:15 P. M., thirty-eight men on board yesterday, but was informed at the the Roma were killed. At that nour front door that Mr. McCormick and twelve bodies had been taken from the the Roma were killed. At that hour wreckage.

Norfolk, Feb. 21 .- (By A. P.) -- Exhe told newspapermen camped ploding after crashing downward during the McCormick home, "when a a trial flight, the army's Italian-built ploding after crashing downward during nirship 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

Eighty bridat gowns valued at colors that nothing to say regarding her daughter dozen to nearly forty out of the more were among the plunder taken by thieves that broke into the store of who last night broke into the store of the store of the more than the store of the store of the more than the store of 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 undertakers in Newport News were officially notified that thirty

or more persons had lost their lives. Twelve were known to have been serously injured. The giant airship Roma plunged obliquely over a mile and crashed into a barracks building at the Hampton Roads arms base at 2:12 o'clock this afternoon, according to information in

he hands of the commandant's office at the Hampton Roads naval base. t the Hampton Ronds naval base.

Some of the twenty-one members of the erew 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 shipwere virtually unhart, 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 Licutenant Byron G. Burt, the of-nical pilots of the Roma, and J. M. Biedenbach and Vernon Peek, engineers Fourteen 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 that she would strike one of the base barracks buildings. Some, it was reported, clung to parachutes while others jumped straight to the ground, others to take their chance 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 Continued on Page Twenty-three,Column