

OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO C-2 WRECK

Officers Imply That Fabric Used Was Not Up to Standard

NO SALVAGE POSSIBLE

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 15.—A board of inquiry today began an inquiry to determine the cause of the explosion which destroyed the army dirigible C-2 yesterday just as it was starting with eleven passengers on an exhibition flight over the city.

The 122-foot dirigible, which had completed a cross-country flight from Langley Field, Va., to San Francisco, and was on its homeward voyage, is a complete wreck, with no salvage possible.

Eight of the passengers were injured when they jumped from fifteen to twenty feet just before the C-2's hydrogen ignited.

Major H. A. Strauss, commander of the C-2, was expected to testify he believed that the accident was caused by fabric pulling out of the envelope as the big dirigible started from the Brooks Field hangars.

Major Strauss' estimate of the value of the C-2 was \$70,000. It originally cost the Government \$270,000.

AGED PASTOR RETIRES

Lansdale, Oct. 15.—The Rev. J. J. Rothrock, Lansdale's oldest clergyman in point of service, who has been pastor of the St. John's Reformed Church for thirty-eight years, has resigned because of failing health. His resignation will be effective as soon as his successor is named.

THE TRENCH OF POLETS

Only a few more days and election day will be upon us. Just what is happening in the various camps, what the candidates are doing, is generally told in the news columns of the Public Ledger. Make it a habit.—J.D.

Oratory, Not Facts, McSparran's Weapon

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democracy might as well kiss the Good-byes of Success as fond farewell in 1932. Somebody, I fancy, "tipped off" Mr. McSparran to this sentiment.

Only in a minor key does he sing a socialistic song now.

But the note is there, I discovered. It is a direct appeal to his listeners to recognize class distinction.

An inflammatory idea that is undemocratic; sentences that are intended to arouse class prejudice.

Never before have I heard anything exactly like it on the Democratic or Republican hustings of Pennsylvania. It would be more in place at a socialistic rally.

It answers a criticism I heard years ago of another political outburst, "It's rotten politics and worse judgment."

Discussing the personality of his rival which is always in bad taste, Mr. McSparran delivers himself of such sentences as these:

"Gifford Pinchot is not even a Pennsylvania. He was born up in Connecticut. When he got into politics he bought an old homestead farm in Pike County as a voting machine."

"Pinchot is a millionaire. He never knew what it was to want for anything. He has always enjoyed the luxuries of life."

"He tells you that he is going to Harrisburg to look after your interests to take care of you."

"What does this miscreant know about your wants; your struggle to make ends meet; to pay off the mortgage on the farm?"

"He's never had to work as you have, for years, to raise money to wipe out a mortgage."

Harps upon Pennsylvania
"He has never put his last dollar into a corner grocery, or a business enterprise, and then work night and day to make it a success."

"What sympathy has a man like that with you?"

"He doesn't understand you, and yet he wants to take charge of you."

There is a lot more in similar vein. I heard Mr. McSparran make these same statements at four different meet-

ings. There was no answering applause or murmur of approval.

This portion of his speeches sounded like the echo of a communist's speech I heard in Hyde Park, London, a few Sundays ago.

On the latter occasion, the speaker carried a red flag and told his audience they were fools because they let rich people have all the good things of life.

It was the McSparran idea clad in different costume.

McSparran essayed to break the force of this attack by saying that he had nothing against rich men.

Riches were a mighty nice thing and were all right if used right.

"Gifford Pinchot hasn't used his wealth right. He spent a quarter of a million dollars in the primary fight, a thing unheard of before," said McSparran.

Drumbeats Aside Easy
Gifford Pinchot did not spend a quarter of a million dollars of his money in the primary campaign, as most people know.

He did spend, however, something over \$100,000 out of his private pocket. Anyhow, it was his own money.

When, however, he assailed all the bureaus and departments of the government at Harrisburg as a whole, he was thrumming on the string of gross mismanagement at Harrisburg in the affairs of the State.

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head of this government knew what they were doing when they conceived this condition from the people," he went on.

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overstepped the limits of fact and indulged in a flight of rhetorical ignorance.

McSparran, who aims to manage "the business of this great corporation known as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," should familiarize himself with matters that are common knowledge in every governmental department at Harrisburg, viz:

Departmental reports are not published every year.

Until 1910 this was the case. The reports were first submitted to the Governor and then printed according to law.

The Legislature of 1910 completely revolutionized this procedure.

If Mr. McSparran will obtain a copy

of the Pamphlet Laws of the Legislative Session of 1910, he will find on page 39 an act approved April 5 of that year.

It provides that reports of departments, bureaus, and officials shall hereafter be prepared biennially, prior to the first of June of odd numbered years.

These reports must be submitted to the Governor and shall then be published only if he so directs.

Their publication is not compulsory as formerly.

Reports Are Being Made
Every department at Harrisburg has been making these reports.

The Departments of Education, Highways, Internal Affairs, Agricul-

ture, and all the rest of the multitudinous bureaus, commissions, departments and officials who have any right to make a report have been turning them in.

There is enough material in Harrisburg on Capital Hill to hold Mr. McSparran's attention and excite his indignation without going so far afield.

It leaves the unpleasant impression that he is unfamiliar with his subject; or else is using a basis of fact that exists only in his imagination.

He makes a clever appeal to Republicans to vote the Democratic ticket on the basis that he Republican Party's long continuance in power has begotten all the evils against which he preaches.

Cleverly he points out, too, that a

case analogous to that of certain European States that are non-progressive because the Democrats have been in power for generations and have clung tenaciously to anti-bellum ideas.

The most specious overture he makes to Republican hearers is that they elect him this year, and give him an opportunity to clean out the rotten baggage and political incompetents in office, and then four years from now elect a Republican State ticket.

Chastened with the rod of defeat, Mr. McSparran claims that Republican good government would thereafter be assured.

But what about the ousted Democrats?

Economy Basement Specials for Thursday

Wednesday, October 18, 1932. Store Opens 9 A. M. Closes 5:30 P. M.
SNELLENBURG'S
ENTIRE BLOCK—MARKET 11TH TO 12TH STREETS

Women's and Misses' \$15.00, \$18.00 & \$20.00 Mannish Sport Coats at \$10.00



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Several models, including those with patch pockets and side pockets. Absolutely wonder values. Sizes 16 to 44.

Women's \$15.00 Dresses \$8.75

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Best and most attractive in all wanted colors. Deep fringe and neatly edged bottoms. Truly remarkable values.

\$6.00 to \$12.00 Chenille Portieres \$3.98 to \$5.25

The ideal portiere for doors. Plain colors and color combinations. Vast assortment.

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\$5.00 All-Wool Jersey Oliver Twist \$3.95 Suits at \$4.95

Of dark mixed chevots. Full-lined knickers. Sizes 7 and 10 to 16.

\$8.50 2-Pants \$5.75 Suits at \$5.75

Fine mixed chevot and cassimere suits. Knickers full lined. Sizes 6 to 10.

Boys' Junior Overcoats at \$4.95

Handsome blue & brown chevot collars, buttoned to the neck. Belt all around. Sizes 2 1/2 to 10.

Boys' Mackinaw Coats at \$3.95 to \$7.25

Extra-good quality blanket cloth. With convertible collars. Sizes 6 to 17 years.

Boys' \$1.39 Knicker Pants at 95c

Of mixed chevots and corduroy. In sizes 8 to 16.

SNELLENBURG'S Economy Basement

Thursday Is Extra-Size Day in Women's Underwear

Extra-Size 39c Gowns
In blue and orchid. Cut generously and daintily finished.

Corset Covers and Drawers 59c
Also Envelope Chemise. Extra-size garments of lingon cloth. Prettily trimmed.

Extra-Size 89c Gowns
Lingon gowns finished with embroidery. Set-in sleeve style.

Extra-Size Gowns, Chemises and Skirts 98c
All cut generously and beautifully trimmed.

Women's Extra-Size Skirts 45c
Flannelette skirts in dark striped patterns. Cut full.

Extra-Size Aprons 89c
Checked percales trimmed with sashes, pockets and piping. Drastically reduced for Thursday.

Women's Linene Aprons 98c
Extremely pretty models with cretonne sashes and pockets.

Six 25c Specials in Candies
Old-Fashioned Peanut Brittle
Old-Fashioned Jelly Gum Drops
Assorted Chocolates
Assorted Hard and Filled Candy
Salt Water Taffy
Assorted Gum Drops, Spice Strings and Spice Drops

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1000 Pairs Women's \$1.50 Silk and Wool Stockings at 69c Pair
The run of the mill below factory cost. Light and dark heather colorings. All sizes.

Women's Pure Worsted \$3 Slip-On Sweaters, \$1.85
Youthful and jaunty with long sleeves, round neck and belts. Most suitable for school, office and all-around wear.

25c Printed Percale 16c
Light printed percale in a large variety of practical patterns and colors. Yard wide.

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Splendid assortment of attractive colors. Yarn dyed and of good wearing quality. 2 to 9 yard lengths. No mail or phone orders.

69c and 79c Extra-Heavy Unbleached Sheeting, Yard 49c
56 and 70 inches wide, long and short lengths.

\$1.25 Bleached Seamless 98c
54x90-Inch Sheets
For single beds.

18c 40-Inch Unbleached Sheeting at Yard 12 1/2c
Good weight. Long and short lengths.

59c Feather-Proof Ticking 39c
Blue and white stripes in long and short lengths.

34c and 37c Pillow Cases 25c
Sizes 42x36 or 45x36 inches.

29c Pillow Cases, Each 20c
Of a good make.

42c and 49c Unbleached Sheeting at Yard 29c
Unbleached sheeting cut from full pieces, 48 and 58 inches wide.

42 and 45 Inch 47c and 49c Bleached Pillow Tubing, Yard 39c

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Chairs—Rockers—Settees in Reed and Rustic, and Rustic Flower Stands just at half their regular price. Slightly soiled from handling, but nothing to mar service.



\$2.50 to \$27.50 Chairs \$1.25 to \$13.75
\$5.00 to \$27.50 Rockers \$2.50 to \$13.75
\$5.50 to \$36.00 Settees \$2.75 to \$18.00
\$1.50 to \$3.50 Rustic Flower Boxes 69c to \$1.75

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