# HIP EXPLODES

# Riot Guns Former N. Y. Broker Who Wed Stage Star Strike Mob Strike Mob New York, Feb. 21.—Convicted as a drug addict, Frederick Gresham, a prosperous broker a decade ago and a conspicuous figure them in the night life of Broadway, was sentenced to the penitentiary yesterday in the court of special sessions.

Strikebreakers Attacked, Police Fire on Crowd of 1,000 Before Spinning Plant at Pawtucket, R. I.

### Mayor Addresses Crowd

Pawtucket, R. I., Feb. 21.-One in was killed, two were seriously ounded and six persons were hurt hen police used riot guns today on crowd of 1,000 persons at the plant of the Jenekes Spinning company where a strike is in progress. The guns were brought into play when several patrolmen had been knockell down after the arrest of three strike sympathizers.

The dead man is Juan D'Assumpe-cua of Valley Falls, Joseph Diaz and Tony Regoss of this city were taken to a hospital in a critical condition.

### Witnesses Shooting.

morning to observe the crowd that has customarily gathered to watch working operatives enter the mill. The mayor, believing that there was danger in the crowd, read the riot He then told the patrolmen be careful and calm, but to "shoot

necessary." Meanwhile women were pulling and mauling at the girls who were attempting to enter the mill and charges of malfeasance, misfeasance several were knocked down. Police and nonfeasance in office. put their shoulders to the crowd and were countered with fist and club brought by State Attorney General blows. Three patrolmen were Allen that Pelletier had been a party

After Griffith, president of the brought by State Attorney General Valera, raised no new points; he knocked down and the arrests fol. to conspiracy to extort money under

pany, which was mobilized in the state armory last night, left the armory at 6 a. m. today. Its destination was not made public,

### State Cavalry Patrolling Streets in Strike Village

king cotton operatives yesterday the mill and office of the B. & R. Knight company.

ment with machine guns and possibly by a four coast artillery com-

Pontiae, cut off from telephone the district attorney, however, in communication, was quiet all night, only 21 of the charges. In 10 of Pontiac, cut off from telephone ecording to reports from the neighboring town of Arctic.

### Sleuths Facing Stone

Wall in Taylor Murder gators working on the case said to- from the mayorality campaign be-

With the elimination of Daniel Me-Shea, a taxicab driver, who had been reported as missing since the night ylor was murdered, from any posinvestigators said they again were ed by witnesses, proved that the ac-

to solve the crime. McShea yesterday surrendered sible manner." None of the charges bimself to the authorities, who re- as originally filed specified that Pel- both sides, questioned later, exion in the office of District Attorney

Thomas Lee Woolwine.

### Billy Sunday Sees Jealousy. Washington, Feb. 21.-Jealousy over a woman was the motive be-hind the recent murder of William ticipated in the profits of a partner-

Hollywood, Cal. This was the opinion of "Billy" Prominent Will Expert Sunday, famous evangelist, as ex-

pressed at the White House yesterday, where he went to lunch with

in the background of such tragedies.' evangelist warmly when he came to the executive offices yestreday and later invited him to lunch. "Billy" said he was on his way to Charlestown, W. Va., for a moral cleanup.

### Three Brothers Drowned

as Ice Caves in With Them Eric, Pa., Feb. 21.—Three brothers father was Henry Field, grandson were drowned yesterday when the of the merchant prince, ice caved in, pitching them into the

The boys, Charles, 17; William, 12, and Joseph Momas, 9, were fishing for minnows.

### Chihuahua Rebel Slain

Mexico City, Feb. 21.—Gen. Pablo to 104 yesterday.

Marrero, who last week started an Being an athlete, it is thought the uprising in the state of Chihuahua, comedian will make a recovery with-

In 1913 Greshare married Lillian Lorraine, the actress. In 1915 he was convicted in San Francisco of obtaining money under false pre-

At that time he was in the grip of the drugs it was testified. Miss Lorraine divorced him in 1919. He was arrested two years ago while trying to force his way into the residence of Charles M.

Bellevue hospital. Two weeks ago Gresham was arrested in a dive in the East side patronized by users of drugs. He will be kept in confinement until

Schwab and was committed to

## **Boston District** Attorney Ousted by Supreme Court

Mayor Robert A. Kenyon witnessed the shooting. He had arrived at the gates of the plant early in the to Extort Money and to Suppress Indict-

folk county was removed by the su-preme court today. The court found him guilty in several counts under

knocked down and the arrests followed.

Van Commandeered.

A passing furniture van was commandeered as a patrol wagon, but when the patrolmen attempted to hustle their prisoners aboard it, they were stopped by a bombardment of stones. Then rit guns swept the crowd. Eight persons fell, all but stoney general as a gradient of stones, Then rit guns swept the crowd. Eight persons fell, all but stoney general as a gradient of stones, Then rit guns swept the crowd. Eight persons fell, all but stoney general as a gradient of stones, Then rit guns swept the crowd. Eight persons fell, all but stoney general as a counsel for porters and opponents of the treaty, for a three-year postponement of the standing land, killing 42, including 16 Americans.

On August 24, 1921, the ZR-2, built by the British for purchase by the united States at a cost of suggestion of Father Gaynor, an influential member of the standing lund, killing 42, including 16 Americans.

On January 1, 1921, the R-34, which flew from England to Long elections and proved that the prevailsonal and political enemies,

### Second Hearing.

The trial of District Attorney Pelctier before the full bench of the Massachusetts supreme court, which began on December 27 last and ended January 24, was the second hear-Providence, R. L. Feb. 21.-Two ing of the kind in the state's history troops of state cavalry today patrol- and involved 32 specifications of aled the mill village of Pontiac, where leged "malfeasance, misteasance and nonfeasance in office" formulated by the grievance committee of the Boston Bar association and by Attorney The cavalry, dispatched last night | General J. Weston Allen. Less than at the order of Gov. San Souci, was a year ago Nathan A. Tufts was redlesex county in a similar proceed-

Evidence was presented against those he was accused of conspiracy to commit blackmail. Improper action in handling cases in his office was alleged in 10 others, and one specification attributed "misconduct" two campaign addresses in which Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—The mys- the state quoted Pelletier, while tery surrounding the slaying of Wil- speaking as a candidate for mayor, Fam Desmond Taylor, motion picture as having promised immunity from director, still remains as far from so- prosecution to anyone who got into lution as when the body of the di- trouble through defending him from rector was found in his apartments reports that he intended to resign as here almost three weeks ago, investi- district attorney. Pelletier withdrew

### fore the election.

In Unlawful Manner. Attorney General Allen alleged that the acts of Pelletier as district February 1, the night on which attorney since November 13, 1909, when he took office, down to the sible connection with the case, the date of filing the charges, as unfoldfacing a stone wall" in their efforts cused prosecutor had conducted his for submission to the convention tooffice in an "unlawful and reprehenletier had received money in return for his alleged misconduct, but evi- of

Dies Intestate in Chicago Chicago, Feb. 21.-John S. Miller, one of the best known will experts President Harding.

"I believe that jealousy caused the death of Taylor," said Sunday. "And failed to make his own will, it was as a rule there is always a woman always a woman as a rule there is always a woman as a rule there is always a woman always a woman always a woman as a rule there is always a woman always a w

> estate. The elder Miller devoted a large part of his practice to specialize in drawing wills. A year ago he drew a fee of more than \$100,000, for his part in helping interpret the will of the late Marshall Field, whose estate was being sued by Peggy Marsh, London show girl, in behalf

### Harold Lloyd, Film Clown,

Suffering Attack of Flu Los Angeles, Feb. 21.-Harold Lloyd is suffering from a severe attack of flu. He is confined to his home here with two nurses in atin Federal Skirmish tendance. His temperature went up

was killed vesterday near Ciudad out the dreaded pneumonia setting Lerdo, in h fight with federal forces, in, despite his high temperature

# Sinn Fein Is Trying to Avoid Split

Ard Fheis Adjourns After Instructing Leaders of Two Parties to Plan United Agreement.

### Fail to Agree on Treaty

By the Associated Press. Dublin, Feb. 21.—There is a possibility that a split in the Sinn Fein over the anglo-Irish treaty will be avoided. The Ard Fheis, the national Sinn Fein convention which met at the Mansion house today for the purpose of defining the at-titude of the Sinn Fein clubs on the treaty, whether for a free state or a republic, adjourned until to-morrow with instructions to the leaders of the two parties to come together and devise a plan to keep the Sein Feinn organization united.

The unexpected outcome was due to the direct initiative of the meeting in general and was not prompted by the leaders of either side. After De Valera had presented a resolu-tion pledging abherence to the constitution adopted by the Ard Fheis in 1917, looking to "international recognition of Ireland, an independent republic" and stated his objec-Boston, Mass., Feb. 21.—District tions to the treaty on republican principles, the debate, unlike the discussion in the Dail Eirrean did discussion in the Dail Eirrean did

### Raise No New Points.

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The Eighth coast artillery community which was mobilized in the sonal and political enemies.

The many swept the relative presented no testimony in determine the festions and proved that the evidence clections and proved that the evidence of the summer of the convention was and that charges were merely the for unity in the organization in view of possible eventualities and that it while tethered outside its airdrome forces, remaining in France until January 16, 1922, actording to Lieut. Lundberg, now in should not be difficult for Mr. De in Howden, England.

Valera and Mr. Griffith to reach an arrangement avoiding disruption of the organization on which Ireland. in the case of a breach between the British ministers and Ireland, might be compelled to reply.

Mr. De Valera argued that elections at the present time would be uniair because the Irish people would deuts in which heavy losses of life have only the vaguest idea of what occurred follow: they were offered in exchange for the republic, Michael Collins did best to meet this objection and indicated that he did not desire that the elections be rushed, but was un-able to give a guarantee against elec-lantic City when balloon Akron, in tions. He pointed out that so long which Melvin Vaniman hoped to as the elections were delayed it was cross the Atlantic, exploded shortly open to the supporters of De Valera to defeat the provisional government after leaving the ground.

September 9, 1913—Fifteenth lost in the Dail Aircan and that defeat by even one vote on a minor point would

compel the government to resign. Mr. Griffith emphasized the same point and charged that De Valera wa strying to avoid a decision by the Mr. de Valera resented this and meeting the objection of Collins and Griffith that they could not guarantee Lloyd George would not enna.

### Opposed to Split.

Subsequent speakers reinforced and 11.
the plea that the leaders should endeavor to avoid a split. The matter finally was settled by the interven-tion of Richard Mulcahy, minister of defense and head of the army.

Mr. Mulcahy framed a resolution declaring that the leaders meet to- Striking Textile Workers night and seek a basis of agreement

pressed doubt as to the possibility dence to this effect was presented in however, was strongly of the opintered this evidence in connection meeting, that the situation would to keep moving. hind the recent murder of William ticipated in the profits of a partnerD. Taylor, motion picture director at ship of crime," ship of crime," so improve that three months hence united decisions, impossible now, so improve that three months hence

Despite the long drawn out and arduous session the general tone of the convention was unexpectedly harmonious. It is unquestioned that Knight company mills, rank and file, both republicans and free staters, are earnestly der the background of such tragedies." S. Miller, jr., also an attorney, applied for papers to administer the Valera and Mr. Collins admutted that they had entered the meeting

### Gypsy's First Bath in 40 Days Pleases Camp

the delegates surprised them,

Newark, N. J., Feb. 21.—Four-teen gypsy families who make their homes near here are making holiday today for their chief, Ben Moyt, has tackn a bath and changed his linen.

This is the first time the ceremony has occurred in at least 40 days, for the chief was forbidden by the traditional tribal laws to touch his body with water, shave or even change his clothing until that time had elapsed after the death of his wife. This is the day, and the chief's followers are giv-ing every evidence of happiness.



### Roma Third Big Spectacular Air Wreck in Year

Hampton Roads Accident Recalls Fate of Other Aircraft-ZR-2 and R-34 Destroyed Recently.

New York, Feb. 21.—The dirig-ible Roma, which blew up today over Hampton Roads, was the third Valera, raised no new points; he big airship to be destroyed in spec-merely reasserted that the treaty tacular mishap in the last 13 months.

### Previous Death Toll 28. Before the ZR-2 disaster, the

greatest number killed in an airship accident in peace times was 28, the airdrome on October 17, 1913. Some of the other airship acci-

July 21, 1919-Ten lost when dirigible exploded at Chicago and fell in flames into the Illinois Trust and

Savings bank.

### n destruction of Zeppelin L-1 off Helgoland,

Struck by Lightning. July 15, 1919-Twelve when Brit-ish airship NS-11 fell into North Sea after being struck by lightning. June 20, 1914-Nine lost in collion of airship and airplane at Vi-

Six of the great peace-time dirigforce elections contended that no Six of the great peace-time dirig-elections could be held without the ibles built by Count Zeppelin, the sanction of the dail eirrean and the German aviator, were wrecked in accidents. They were Zeppelins I. II, III and VI and Deuschlands I

> The Germans lost 66 of the 83 dirigibles, sent out during the war, 34 of them being accounted for by amounts due from the foreign nathe allies and the remaining 32 tions may not be funded for longer

Parade Streets of Town Natick, R. I., Feb. 21.-Striking textile workers and sympathizers jammed the streets of this village today, waving small American flags, accommodation. Mr. Collins, but preserving silence. Meanwhile five cases. The attorney general of ion, which he voiced forcible to the kept strict patrol, forcing the throngs

In the village of Pontiac, eight; miles away, people remained in their houses with the blinds drawn. Orders to remain indoors were issued last night by the military authorities | the loss of more than 40 lives, inafter disturbances at the B. B. & R. cluding nearly a score of Americans.

In Natick hundreds of children. each bearing a tiny American flag. swelled the ranks of the strike sym-

Belfast, Feb. 21.-(By A. P.)believing that a compromise was While most of the unionists capimpossible and that the attitude of tured in recent raids in northern Ireland have been released, the UIster home office announced today that 26 of the kidnaped men had not yet been returned.

Oi these men, apparently still held custody, 14 are class "A" special onstables and 11 class "B" specials. The other missing man is Ivan Carson, former high sheriff of Fermangh, who was kidnaped at Clady February 8. His wife received a letter from him the next day stating he was well, but not revealing the place of his detention.

# Barbara Weed Proposed

### **Cholmley-Jones** Former War Risk Head, Succumbs

### Service, Finally Went Overseas With War Risk Section as Captain.

New York, Feb. 21.-Col. R. G. died at the Presbyterian hospital early today. He had been ill at the

hospital since October 30 last. Col. Cholmley-Jones, who was 38

Upon his return to America he Zeppelin L-2 over the Johannisthal become vice president of the finance He went directly and trading corporation of this city. Heart disease caused his death.

# Allied Debt Fund

Washington, Feb. 21.-Nomination Hughs, Secretary Hoover, Senator Smoot and Representative Burton to be members of the allied debt funding commission will be sent to the senate today, it was announced at

the White House. Upon confirmation of the nominations, it is expected that foreign 000,000 allied debt.

with Great Britain, looking to the other foreign governments in the

order of the size of their debts. Under the congressional authority amounts due from the foreign na- lective bargaining with the miners. than 4 1-4 per cent.

### Sensational Disclosures

London, Feb. -21.-What are negotiations on the wage scale. characterized as "sensational disclosures" are made in the air ministry's report into the R-38 disaster mounted cavalry troops and police at Hull last summer, says the air in an article today. The R-38, renamed the ZR-2 when it was purchalled by the United States from the British government, collapsed over Hull while on a test trip with

### Meat Producers Asleep,

executives, said today in a state- \$80,000. ment issued by the association. "The indifference of meat producers," the statement said, "to the developments going on right under their noses is largely responsible for most of the depression from which their business has been and is suffering. Not until very recently has anyone in that industry sensed the truth and even then the situation was accurately analyzed by the packers and not by the live stock

### Urge Freight Rate Cut

Washington, Feb. 21 .- Sharp freight rate reductions on live stock were urged in the Interstate Comfor Bassett Postoffice hearings today by producers of cat-Washington, Feb. 21.-(Special tle and hogs and the National Live Telegram.)—Barbara B. Weed was Stock exchange. Chicago neat Lander 1. 12 Santa Fe nominated for postmaster at Bas- packers and their competitors see- North Platte 1. 24 Santa Fe onded the argument.

## Roma Commander Held Omaha Post Till January 16

### Twice Rejected for Military Was Ordered From Here to Langley Field to Take Year's Training Handling Dirigibles.

Maj. J. D. Reardon, former com-Cholmley-Jones, formerly director manding officer at Fort Omaha, was of the bureau of war risk insurance, one of the victims when the Roma fell near the naval base at Norfolk. Va., yesterday.

Associated Press dispatches listed years of age, was twice rejected for Maj. Reardon among the injured. military service during the war, but the government, recognizing his ability as an organizer, gave him a training at Langley field, embarked captain's commission in the adjutant on the ill-fated cruise as a passenger. general's department and sent him Maj. Reardon came to Fort Oma-overseas with the war risk section. ha as commanding officer in Sep-

command at the tort. Previous to his duties here the became director of the bureau of major was stationed at Ross field, war risk insurance, his task being near Pasadena, Cal. He was in the the reorganization of the work being air service office at Washington, D.

He went directly from Omaha to the airship school at Langley field for a year's training in the handling of dirigibles, officers here state.

Maj. Reardon has a wife and daughter, 3 1-2, according to Mai Ira A. Rader, air officer of Body Is Nominated Seventh corps area, stationed at Fort The wife and baby are said Crook. to have been at Washington, D. C., at the time of the disaster. Secretary Mellon, secretary Reardon is about 36, Mai. Rader stated.

### Lewis Calls Meeting to Avert Mine Strike

debtor nations will be informed that this country is prepared to begin negotiations for funding the \$11,000,
Workers of America today asked coal operators of the Central Com-According to high officials nego- petitive field, comprising the states tiations probably will be begun first of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and also of western Pennsylvania, to meet with funding of the \$5,000,000,000 debt union officials at Cleveland on March owed by that nation and with the 2 for a wage coference which he said might avert the impending strike.

Similar requests have been rejected by some operators who said creating the debt commission the that they wished to discontinue col-Mr. Lewis' messages were sent to than 25 years or at interest of less all associations in the central comin New York city two years ago. The Cleveland meeting, if approved, Made in Air Crash Report Mr. Lewis said, would fix dates for Mr. Lewis referred to a provision of the present contract providing pre-

### correspondent of the Evening Star \$24-a-Week New York Clerk Kept "Gay Life" Apartment

New York, Feb. 21.-A sumptuous apartment on upper said by the police to have been in Omaha. maintained by Ernest A. Miret, a \$24-a-week clerk for the Borden Milk Products company, was closed Prisoner to Spend Day Each today when Mirct was arrested on Charge of Rail Executive ferred by his employers.

> In addition to the establishment maintained a summer home on Long Island and drove a costly automoconstitute a "gay life."

### The Weather

Hourly Temperatures. . 85 | 1 p. m. . 26 | 2 p. m. . 36 | 3 p. m. . 25 | 4 p. m. . 35 | 5 p. m. . 36 | 6 p. m. . 37 | 7 p. m. . 38 | 8 p. m. Highest Tuesday. North Platts

# Over 30 Die When Roma Hits High Tension Wires, LandingWithout Rudder

Forty-Five Passengers on Giant Dirigible as It Plunges to Earth in irginia-Heat Fr om Blazing Wreck Is Intense, Driving Back Rescuers of Ill-Fated Crew -Making Trial Trip When Blast Occurs.

### Bodies of Dead Burned Beyond All Recognition

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21 .- Flung earthward, presumably by a broken rudder, the giant airship Roma plunged a thousand feet or more today to strike the ground at the Hampton Roads army base, capsize across a high tension electric line and burst into a roaring furnace of blazing hydrogen gas in which at least 30 of her army crew and passengers perished.

Long after dark tonight, many hours after her fall, the ship was still a mass of flames from end to end of her 410foot mass. The fire was feeding on the million cubic feet of gas that had distended the great bag for the flight.

## Passengers of Roma

Washington, Feb. 21.-An official fire escaped by jumping as the ist of the survivors, dead and miss-ship struck. The others, penned in ing in the Roma disaster was re-the hull beneath the fall of the bag. ceived from Langley field by the were burned to death. Heat of the army air service tonight. The ad-fire fought back the rescuers for dresses, however, in most cases were hours. The list follows:

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Licut, B. G. Burt, pilot, slightly
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Thirty bodies had been taken out

Sergt. Harry A. Chapman, Sergt. Virden T. Peek, Terre Haute, Ind., uninjured. Sergt, Joseph M. Biedenbach, Ak-

Corporal Flores. Charles Dworack, McCook field.

sory committee on atenantics, unintandards. Washington, D. C. Missing: Maj. John G. Thornell.

Maj. Walter W. Vautsmeier. Capt. Dale Mab. Capt. George D. Watts. Capt. Allen P. McFarland. Capt. D. Durschmidt. First Lieut, J. R. Hall. First Lieut, J. C. Burns First Lieut. Clifford E. Smythe. First Lieut. Wallace C. Cummins. First Lieut, Ambrose V. Clinton, First Lieut, Harold Hine. Master Sergeant Morris. Master Sergeant Murrary.

Master Sergeant Gordy. Sergeant Harris. Sergeant Hillyard Sergeant Beale. Sergeant Yarborough. Sergeant Ryan. Sergeant Huffman. Sergeant Schumaker. Sergeant Homles. Sergeant Hevron.

Private Blakely.

Private Thompson, Private Hill. Civilians (all said to be from Mc-Cook field, Dayton, O.) Stryker, Hanson, O'Laughlin, Merryman,

### Schulenberger. Legal Talent Argues Over

Division of Olds Property Attorneys representing Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Olds, whose divorce hearing was completed last week, petitive field, and also to signatories argued before District Judge Sears to the present wage agreement made yesterday in an effort to find some in New York city two years ago, means of dividing the Olds property. "Olds might fall for some good looking female," observed Judge "but evidence in the Sears, showed that heretofore he has held on to his money with a tenacious

liminaries of negotiations this year, grip. H. L. Mossman, representing Mrs. Olds, offered to give or take 120 acres of the Olds farm in Wayne county, with improvements, the Olds home in Omaha, or 120 acres of the Broadway, land unimproved and the town house

### No agreement was reached. Year on Bread and Water

Lincoln, Feb. 21 .- (Special.) - One Chicago, Feb. 21.—Live stock inustry needs advertising more than dustry needs advertising more than lower frenght rates, Charles Dillon, years, according to detectives, the charges of clients according to detectives. Held in Northern Ireland assistant to the chairman of railway Miret has spent between \$70,000 and the received by Warden W. T. on a bread and water diet under ment received by Warden W. T. Fenton from Norfolk today. on Broadway, they asserted that he day is to be selected by the warden. Davis was found guilty of a statutory crime. He was at one time bile, with all the accessories which superintendent of the Good Samaritan home at Norfolk and prior to going to Norfolk was engaged in the same work at Omaha.

### Influenza Growing in

New York, Feb. 21,-There were Wednesday rain or snow: colder. 400 new influenza cases, with 31 deaths, compared with 184 cases

deaths yesterday. have died.

Barely a dozen of more than two

score men aboard had been picked up alive. One died enroute to a hos-

pital. All of those who survived the

30 Bodies Recovered. Identified dead:
First Lieut. William E. Riley, 526
flames with chemicals and by 7 tomight it was out. Derricks began Capt. Walter J. Reed of Scarsdale, flames were driven back. There was New York, Maj. John D. Reardon, Washing- scarcely more than the aluminum framework and the six Liberty

tonight. Three or four more were thought to be still in the charred mass that alone remained of what had been the largest ship of her type

in the world. Accounts of surviving officers as to what happened were not available tonight. Every man who escaped Ray Hurley, of the national advi- alive was burned or bruised, or both, Eye witnesses who watched the smash agreed, however, that Walter McNair, of the bureau of huge, kite-like structure of the stern plane, had slipped to one side as the

### Roma drove along a thousand feet above the army base.

Making Trial Trip. She was making a trial flight with a new battery of Liberty motors. They were installed to replace Italian engines bought with her in Italy, but which have not proved satisfac-

tory. Installation was completed at Langley field two weeks ago. It was just before 2 when those below at the army base at Hampton Roads had their attention caught by the approaching thunder of six motors and looked up to see the Roma die down from her straight flight. They agreed that the rudder seemed to have slipped bodily down

and to one side. The ship nosed steeply down as she came closer and it was seen that her crew were hurling out sand batlast from the ports in the fragile tabric that formed the covering of the space between her keel and back, the living and operating quarters of the ship. The dipping blunt nose of the bag did not respond. On the ship came, unchecked in her glide earthward, head first. Her commander could not force her the few hundred feet that would have dropped her into the waters of the

people Hits Electric Wires. Below ran the high double wires of the high power electric line. It carried a 2,300 volt current. The Roma's nose, shod with its aluminum guard, sank into the wires, broke them as the ship flattened to earth and rolled over, and the next moment came the noise of an ex-

bay and comparative safety for her

plosion. Flames burst out along the hull space. There was a rush of men to the rescue from the army post and the navy base beyond. Just as the Roma neared the wires two men were seen leap from high up in her slanting hull. As the stricken, flaming monster writhed in her first death agony, 10 more dropped from doors or ports or through holes they tore in the faric sides that enclosed them. Some leaped from the platform where the

### engines stood, far out from the hull, Rescuers Driven Back.

So fierce was the flare of the gas flames that rescuers were driven back before its terrific heat. They watched helplessly as the great 80-foot bag shriveled in the blaze of the liberated gas. The Roma was a wall of flame a city block long and until the thousands of gallons of chemicals and water had checked the holocust, it was impossible to reach the men mangled and dead, in that fiery fur-

The ship left no passenger list behind her when she set out for a brief trial run from Langler. It is

### (Turn to Page Three, Column One.) Severity in New York "Wire Tappers" on Trial for "Sure Thing" Fraud

New York, Feb. 21 .- Seven "wire and 24 deaths yesterday, reported tappers' charged with having conhere today. New pneumonia cases spired to defraud Barney Knape, an totaled 269 with 104 deaths com- Ohio farmer, of \$25,000 on "sure pared with 121 cases and 128 thing" stock deals, were arrested today at Mobile, Ala., it was an-Since January 1, influenza has at- nounced here by Sherman Burns of tacked 18,249 persons and claimed the William I. Burns detective 464 victims, while 6,946 have been agency. The swindle is alleged to stricken with pneumonia and 2,646 have been promoted at an Orlando have died. (Fla.) "stock exchange," b