

# 34 KILLED WHEN GIANT DIRIGIBLE ROMA CRASHES

Norfolk, Va.—Flung earthward, prematurely by a broken rudder, the giant army airship Roma plunged 1,000 feet or more to the ground at the Hampton Roads army base, capsized across a high tension electric line and burst into a roaring furnace of blazing bydrogen gas in which thirty-four members of its army crew and passengers perished.

Eight persons were injured seriously and three were uninjured or only slightly bruised, making a total of 45, in all, aboard.

Many hours after the fall, the ship still was a mass of flames from end to end of its 410-foot mass. The fire was feeding on the million cubic feet of gas in the great bag.

Barely a dozen of more than two score men aboard had been picked up alive. One died en route to a hospital. All who survived the fire escaped by jumping as the ship struck. The others, penned in the hull beneath the fallen bag, were burned to death. Heat of the fire fought back the rescuers for hours.

Every man who escaped was burned or bruised. Witnesses and survivors of the smash agreed that the huge kite-like structure of the stern rudder itself as large as a bombing plane, had slipped down and to one side as the Roma drove along 1,000 feet above the army base.

The airship, which is estimated to have cost about \$1,250,000, was making a trial flight with a new battery of Liberty motors. They were installed to replace Italian engines bought with her in Italy, which proved unsatisfactory.

**Motors' Thunder Draws Attention.** It was just before 2 p. m., when those below at the army base at Hampton Roads, their attention caught by the approaching thunder of the six motors, looked up to see the Roma dip down from its straight flight. All agreed that the rudder seemed to slip.

The ship nosed down sharply and as it fell nearer it was seen that the crew was hurrying out sand ballast from the ports in the fragile fabric that formed the covering of the space between the keel and back, flying and operating quarters. The slipping blunt nose of the bag did not respond. On came the ship, unchecked in its glide earthward head-first. The commander could not force it forward the few hundred feet that would have dropped it into the bay and comparative safety for those aboard.

Below ran the double wires of the high tension electric line. It carried a 2,300 volt current. The Roma's nose, covered with aluminum, thrust into the wires and broke them as the ship flattened to earth and rolled over, and the next moment an explosion occurred and flames burst out along the hull space.

**Men Rush to Rescue.** 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 to leap from high up in the slanting

hull. As the stricken, flaming monster writhed in its death agony, ten men dropped from doors or ports, or through holes they tore in the fabric sides that enclosed them. Some leaped from the platform where the engines stood, far out from the hull. So swift was the flare of the gas flame that rescuers were driven back before its terrific heat. They watched helplessly as the great eighty foot bag shivered in the fierce 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 fire it was impossible to reach the comrades mangled and dead in that fiery furnace. The ship left no passenger list behind when it set out for a brief trial run from Langley field.

## USE HERALD WANT ADS

### UPSALA

Upsala News-Tribune, Feb. 17: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Bergman, Saturday, Feb. 11, a son.

The Elm Dale Telephone company held their annual meeting at the Yoman hall Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1922. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted.

An assessment was placed on each shareholder of \$7, this figure being lower than in the past few years. The Misses Selma and Ellen Peterson were retained as operators at the central office and Oscar Rundquist as line-man.

All the old officers were re-elected, being as follows: O. P. Johnson, president, F. A. Anderson, secretary, J. S. Borgstrom, treasurer, and Martin Olafson, J. J. Jacobson, directors.

Following is the report of the business for the year:

**Receipts**  
Assessments for 1921.....\$2,888.00  
Assessments for 1920.....56.00  
Tolls for 1921.....249.25  
Tolls for 1920.....65.75  
On shares for 1920, and 1921.....292.25  
Transfers for 1921.....\$25.00, and extra on private lines.....36.00  
Rent for phones.....59.00  
Tolls and miscellaneous.....206.14  
Total receipts.....\$3,942.35

**Expenditures**  
Due treasury from 1921.....\$ 150.32  
Orders paid out.....\$3,399.46, and cash on hand, \$392.57.....3,692.03  
Total.....\$3,942.35

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson were guests at a farewell party at their home Saturday evening, Feb. 4. A very large crowd was in attendance and were royally entertained. Refreshments were served at a late hour and Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were presented with an electric reading lamp.

The guests wished Mr. and Mrs. Peterson much success and prosperity before departing for their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have resided here for a number of years. Mr. Peterson was active in public affairs while here and having entered the road contracting business moved to Orange Falls last week where he has a contract for considerable work on one of the streets in that city.

Mrs. John Holmen passed away at her home west of the village Monday, Feb. 13, after an illness of several months, at the age of 51 years and 5 months.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, two sons, Arthur age 17 years, and Clarence age 9 years, and one sister, Mrs. M. Anderson.

The funeral will be held today, Friday, Feb. 17, at 1 o'clock p. m. at the home of the bereaved at the Mission church. Interment will be made in the Mission cemetery and Rev. H. Hultman will officiate.

### FAWNBURG

Feb. 21: John Stillier spent Sunday with relatives at Opole.

Holgar and Harold Peterson delivered two loads of hay to Flensburg Thursday.

Simon Sobiech, Sr., was a Holdingford business caller Friday.

Peter Macle and Frank Rossa transacted business in the southern part of the county Saturday.

Geo. Yager and Simon Schwientek were Swanville callers Saturday.

Sobiech Bros. delivered rye at Flensburg Friday.

Services will be held at St. Edward's church in Elm Dale Feb. 26.

Miss Anna Casey left Thursday for

San Francisco, Calif.

Miss Martha Sobiech has returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Fay.

Joseph Cichon was a Swan River visitor Friday.

Thomas Schneider and John Sobiech sold two loads of rye at Little Falls Tuesday.

Anton and Frank Rossa, Stephen Cichon and Zacheus Warzecha delivered wood at Little Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lehrke entertained a number of relatives and friends at their home Sunday, the occasion being the christening of their little son.

### VAWTER

Feb. 21: There is no question as to whether we will have enough snow for sleighing or not this winter. A little different than last winter, we will have.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Keehr are the parents of a baby boy, born to them last week.

Wilson Dickson was absent from high school at Little Falls for two days last week.

Wm. Zimmerman was a Royaltown business visitor Saturday.

Stanley Stenell was a Little Falls visitor Saturday.

Walter Sporlein was a Royaltown caller Saturday.

Peter Kasella, Jr. resumed his high school at St. Cloud Tuesday after over two weeks vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kasella.

Miss Carrie Bargabos was a Royaltown week-end visitor, but owing to the illness of her mother, she couldn't return to her school until Monday.

Anton Albright was a Royaltown visitor Monday.

Jack Duerr was a Royaltown business visitor Monday.

The Bergstrom family are having a siege of sickness of different ailments.

### DARLING TOWN

Feb. 20: Snow, snow, lots of it. While Charlie J. Nelson was driving to Randall Friday one of his best horses broke down.

August Blomquist received a letter from Congressman Knutsen in which he says that they are doing all they can for loans for farmers so that they can hold their cattle for higher prices. The trouble is that many have already given their cattle away.

Isidore Oleck of Pike Creek followed a wolf track six miles but was unable to get him.

Mail carrier on route 6 has a hard time getting mail out.

Gust Swanson, who has been employed for about three months by Emil Anderson, has returned to Laverne, N. D.

Miss Hulda Nelson is again working for the Northern Pacific at Minneapolis.

Edley Nelson is flag man for the Northern Pacific at Elk River.

John B. Eystad has been hauling the hay he purchased from Will Regnell.

There were about 40 present at the meeting of the Ladies' Aid at Mrs. Eddy's home.

Albert Zimmerman is busy cutting wood and clearing land where there is not too much snow.

### BELLE PRAIRIE

Feb. 20: Joe Forcier's geese got kind of wild the other day and started to fly. They flew half a mile before they landed. Joe succeeded in penning them up again except one, which was a high flier and he was forced to shoot it. The result was he had a real roast goose supper out of a real goose.

Dave Morin of Ripley was a visitor at the Hector Bellefeulle home Sunday.

Hector Schilling is visiting his parental home in Little Falls.

Miss Isabelle Dufort is a guest of her cousin, Miss Angelina Schilling, of this place.

Days Morin and wife and Hector Bellefeulle and family spent Saturday evening at the Antoine Bellefeulle home.

Quite a few cases of mumps are reported in the community and everybody that has them has a good-sized jaw.

Fred May delivered wood for Hector

Schilling from Antoine Bellefeulle's Monday and Tuesday.

### CUSHING

Feb. 22: Miss Adeline Olsen is employed at H. A. Selby's place up to \$30.

Mrs. I. J. Rainio was taken to the hospital at Little Falls Tuesday for the medical last week.

Mrs. A. Bodin of Little Falls spent the last of the week visiting friends and relatives at this place.

L. Sundell was a county seat visitor Friday.

Services will be held in the Lutheran church Sunday, March 5, at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

The pupils of district No. 111 enjoyed a Valentine box Tuesday afternoon.

There was no school in the local schools Wednesday, it being a legal holiday.

F. G. Carlson was a business caller in Handall the first of the week.

There was no Sunday school Sunday on account of bad weather.

Ole A. Johnson assisted clerking at the Cushing Mercantile store the first of the week as the manager, Mr. Carlson, was called to Randall on business.

Everything sold very cheap at the sale of Oliner Bennett's place Saturday here.

The Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. John Larson Friday, March 3, at 2 o'clock.

Don't forget Sunday school next Sunday at the usual hour.

### BUCKMAN

February 20.—John and Bill Postel sawed wood for James Denget Tuesday.

A dance was held at Mueller's hall last Monday. A small crowd was reported on account of the drifted snow.

Frank Hortsch hauled grain to Vawter Tuesday.

The creamery meeting was held in Buckman creamery Tuesday to select someone to haul the butter and other travayze to and from Genola. Peter Braun was the lowest bidder, then Joseph Brausen and P. J. Mueher.

John Hesch is on the sick list. Max Klein is also on the sick list with colic.

Peter Breuning is employed at the home of William Sitzman for a few weeks while Sitzman is hauling grain to Genola.

Frank Sitzman, who was laid up with colic, is now able to be around again.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Shirmer, February 17, a daughter.

Mrs. John Schmitt of Avon is here visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Martin Gohr, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gohr, in Brand's garage, after being employed in St. Cloud for the last two months in a garage.

Miss Matilda Herwas is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shirmer for a short time.

Nick H. Mueller, William Sitzman and Math Mueller hauled grain to Genola last week.

Orn Yatchoska sawed wood for Peter Sitzman Saturday. Those who helped him were John Sitzman, Nick Grundhofer and Nick Mueller.

Joseph Brausen hauled hay Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Terhaar were laid up for a short time. Miss Azznes Hesch is employed there now.

Miss Mary Hesch is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brausen for a short time.

Rev. H. Leuther was a caller at the St. John's university.

Miss Margaret Knop is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brausen for a short time.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sitzman Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Sitzman's birthday anniversary.

The party was spent in playing cards and social talk. After a delicious lunch was served, they departed for their homes, wishing Mrs. Sitzman many happy returns of the day. All reported a pleasant evening.

### GENOLA

Feb. 21.—Peter Kelzenberg, who has been down to the cities on business a few days, returned Monday.

Miss Julia Stumpf had a business trip to Little Falls and Brainerd last Monday.

Math Luberts was a caller at Ed. Voelken residence on Wednesday.

Mike Lesse went to Little Falls Monday to serve as juror in district court.

Frank Stumpf went to Little Falls Wednesday and got his sister, Miss Cecelia Stumpf, who has been working in the cities. Miss Stumpf will visit

indefinitely.

The Ladies' Mission was delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. P. Faust last Thursday. A very enjoyable time was reported by all.

William Poster from Buckman was a caller here Thursday from Thursday from the Twin cities. His reports are as follows: \$9.99 for hogs, \$7.75 for steers and \$8.00 and \$8.50 for veal calves.

Peter Meyer is employed by Mr. Mike Leaver for a few days.

Lauretta Faust from Lastrup is spending a week at Math A. Meyer's home on Friday evening.

Miss Julia Stumpf returned Friday from Little Falls.

Misson Thoresen and Charlotte Faust and Joe Faust and Math Luberts and Peter Sahr were visitors at Math Meyer's Friday evening.

Mrs. Anna Shauer and daughter Alice were visitors at Mrs. J. Stumpf's residence on Friday evening.

P. J. Winter, representing the Northern Publishing Company of St. Cloud, was a business caller in Genola a few days last week.

Mrs. Henry Miller and Mrs. Gravel from Washon visited between trains at Genola last week.

Hans Kelzenberg was visiting his home in Peter Kelzenberg Saturday and Sunday.

John Poster and son William from Buckman were business callers on Monday.

The farmers in this vicinity are busy hauling their grain to the elevator. The J. N. Bauch & Co. paid out over \$3,000.00 last Saturday alone.

Alex Johns was a business caller here Monday.

### MORRILL

Feb. 21.—The entertainment at the school house in district 18 Friday night was fine. They had a nice program and sold some parcels and sold lunch and candy and pop corn balls. Then they set back the seats and played games until about 1 o'clock. They made about \$15.

John Stotsberry sold his telephone and share to John Kinser Saturday.

H. W. Foss came home Wednesday from Little Falls, where he has been serving as jury man.

Friends of Chris Emerson will be sorry to learn he has such bad luck. His wife has been very sick and he had to go to town and was caught in a blizzard and had to stay out all night. One of the horses froze to death and he lost his feet and hands frozen badly.

Miss Alice Sjoberg attended the entertainment Friday night.

Peter McKibben bought a horse from his brother Thornton Thursday. Mr. Soits is laid up with a bad leg.

Were you among the Herald subscribers to send in remittance the past week? DO IT NOW.

### Little Falls Market Report

(Corrected over Thursday P. M.)  
Northern Spring.....1.08-1.51  
Barley......25  
Rye......42  
Oats......25-30  
Corn......45  
Hay, tame......15.00  
Hay, wild......12.15  
Ground Feed, 80 lbs......1.10  
Cracked Corn, per 80 lbs......1.60  
Flour, per 100 lbs......1.60  
Rye flour, per 100 lbs......3.20  
Low grade, per 100 lbs......1.85  
Oil Meal, 100 lbs......2.80  
Cows......02-04  
Calves, native, pop corn......03-05  
Calves, dressed......06-08  
Steers, fat......3.00-5.00  
Sheep, ewes......3.00-5.00  
Lamb's......5.00-9.00  
Hogs, alive......07-08  
Hogs, dressed......10-11  
Chickens......16-18  
Hides......04-05  
Sugar, per lb......07  
Eggs, cash, per dozen......30  
Potatoes, retail......90  
Potatoes, wholesale, per bu......60  
Creamery butter, per lb......38-40  
Dairy butter, wholesale......30  
Butter fat, per lb......30

# SOME BARGAINS

You'll say so when you see them. They are on display now in our windows. On sale Saturday only. No mail or telephone orders filled.

300 Bleached Turkish Towels, 17x45 inches, weight 9 ounces each. Compact absorbent double terry. SATURDAY, 35c EACH

250 Bleached Turkish Face Cloths—9 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches, blue borders—good weight. SATURDAY, 5c EACH

300 Spools Darning Cotton—black, white and brown. SATURDAY, 2 SPOOLS FOR 5c

200 pounds Chocolate Creams—white soft cream center, well covered with chocolate. SATURDAY, 15c POUND

150 Sisal Clothes Lines—3 thread—50 ft. length. SATURDAY 10c EACH

500 Mouse Traps, wood base, extra heavy coppered coil spring and metal trigger. SATURDAY, 3 FOR 5c

## The Golden Rule Little Falls, Minn.

# What Is Your Capital?

We are quite safe in assuming that you sincerely wish you had more money, more capital.

You may be saving a certain proportion of your income regularly. If so, you are surely achieving your wish. You may be saving nothing. If so, your wishes will never be realized.

In either case, our Insured-Savings plan will help you. By taking advantage of it you can create more capital immediately by agreeing to deposit a small sum with us monthly.

In ten years, we pay you \$1,000. Should you die within ten years, we will pay your heirs \$1,000 in addition to the amount of money that you have saved.

Come in and ask us about it.

## Merchants State Bank of Little Falls

THE BANK OF INSURED SAVINGS

# MONEY-SAVING FIRE SALE!

NO greater values were ever offered at such exceptionally low prices. This was proven hundreds of times over by the amount of furniture sold the first two days of this sale. Look your house over—note the articles you need—and come in to see them—you will buy. THE PRICES ARE KNOCKOUTS.

## Bed Room Bargains! Living Room Bargains! Dining Room

**Bed Room Suite** Figured gumwood, an exceptionally high quality suite, consists of 1 bed, 1 dressing table, French plate mirrors, 1 dresser, a beauty. Inspect this suite and see its quality, at..... **\$69.50**

**Chiffoniers** Solid oak and heavy plate mirrors **\$12.50 Up**

**Simmons Bed** Steel, while they last..... **\$4.50 Up**

**Exceptional Pillows** Live geese feathers, 6 pounds, the pair..... **\$2.50**

**SPECIALS! SPECIALS!**

A mahogany smoke stand at..... **95c**

Granite ware, useful pieces..... **5c Up**

A special foot stool at..... **\$1.50**

**Library Table** Fumed oak, a beautiful hand rubbed bed finish, **\$8.75** not injured by fire, special.

**Solid Mahogany Cabinets** French plate, mirror backs, exceptional at..... **\$7.50**

**Pictures** While they last, smoke damage only, at..... **25c and Up**

**Bed Davenport Suite** Fumed oak, a quality value, consists of davenport, chair and rocker at..... **\$59.00**

**Royal Easy Chairs** at..... **\$9.75 and Up**

**Reed Rockers** Upholstered spring seats. These will soon be sold at..... **\$8.75 Up**

**Solid Mahogany Rocker** The best built rocker in our large stock, a real bargain at..... **\$9.75**

**SPECIAL! SPECIAL!**

**A Fumed, Solid Oak Dining Set** Consists of eight pieces, buffet, table and six chairs. Chairs have genuine leather box seats. See this at..... **\$65.50**

**All Chinaware** In sets and open stock. Our best quality sets in a hundred pieces at..... **One-Fourth Off**

**Ranges---Special** A bargain in a guaranteed range..... **\$50.00**

**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

Electric portable lamps, closing them out at..... **\$1.79 and Up**

**Kitchen Cabinets** At \$15.00. See this value at this **\$15.00** fire sale price of.....

**See For Yourself** Do not compare the checked prices we quote here. Come in. Inspect the quality of our furniture and then see the price.

**Simonet Furniture & Carpet Co.** QUALITY FURNITURE at Less Than Manufacturers' Cost

**An Apology---** We wish to apologize for the poor service we have given our customers in the first two days. Deliveries are slow because of the enormous amount of goods sold. We have added an additional sale and delivery force and are prepared to give first class service from now on.