

### R-101 Crash May End Britain's Airship Plans

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LONDON, Jan. 19. (U.P.)—The appalling disaster to the British airship, R-101, in which 48 lives were lost, has ended the dream of airships as far as Britain is concerned, according to a consensus of the public.

Stunned by the catastrophe, the great airship industry, people have generally expressed the opinion that as a means of long-distance travelling large airships were not feasible.

Even on the same day as the crash, October 4, employees at the airship works, Cardington, Bedfordshire, from which the fatal flight to India was started, declared that the works would be closed down and the R-101, Britain's only other large airship, broken up.

**Government's Policy**  
Events during the last three months have not, however, fully carried out these predictions. The fate of airship development in this country depends entirely on the government's policy as the result of the report of the inquiry which is now proceeding, headed by Sir John Simon.

Whether this policy will favor future airship development is hard to say. It is pointed out that the government lost over \$5,000,000 when the R-101 crashed, that public sentiment is opposed to airships, and that the Labor government's sanction of the expenditure of more money on airships would probably be an unfavorable.

At least it is certain that there will be no building for many months, if only because, even before the R-101 disaster it was decided to devote the next year to the development of mechanical handling of airships rather than the development of the ships themselves.

**Immediate Problem**  
The most immediate problem, the solution of which is greatly intriguing to the public, is the fate of the R-100. The same size as the R-101 before the latter had an extra bay added, the R-100 has come through all her tests with flying colors.

At the present time she is being repaired and overhauled, after her flight to Canada and back, at Cardington. The gasbags have been deflated, and the outer covering, which had become rather worn, has been removed. No new cover is to be fitted, however, until the government decides what it is going to do.

In the meantime a depleted staff of 300—one-third were taken off the payroll a few weeks after the R-101 crashed—is making minor repairs and keeping the R-100 in condition.

Whether she flies again, or dies, depends on the government, and government action depends on the Simon report.

**NATIONAL GUARD BLOWS \$74,000 WORTH OF BRASS**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (U.S.)—The national guard blows something like \$74,000 worth of wind through shiny brass horns each year, members of a congressional committee hearing testimony on war department needs for 1932 found recently.

Representative Henry E. Barbour, chairman of the house sub-committee on appropriations, discovered an item of \$74,000 for musical instruments and sheet music on the department's list.

"What do you do with all those instruments?" he asked Col. William H. Waldron, executive officer of the national guard.

"Use 'em for the national guard," the colonel explained.

"Do they blow all those horns?" demanded the skeptical chairman.

"And how!" replied Waldron, equivocally.

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### PILOTS DIE WHEN EAGLE HITS PLANE

#### Great Bird Breaks Strut Causing Ship To Collapse

LAHOE, India, Jan. 19. (U.P.)—A great eagle, flying high, crashed into an airplane today near Rifaipur and caused the death of two army pilots.

The bird, a "rock eagle" with an eight-foot wing spread, flew into the airplane and broke a strut. The wing of the plane collapsed and the machine crashed to the ground.

### Local Faculty Member Winner In Story Contest

Miss Eva Adams, teacher of English in the Las Vegas high school, is one of the winners in a statewide story contest for Nevada woman writers, conducted by the Reno chapter, National League of American Pen Women. It has been announced.

Miss Adams will receive the second prize of \$15.00, although her story, "The Edge of Things," took third place in the contest. First prize was won by Mrs. LaRene King Bleeker of McGill, who is to receive the first prize of \$25.00 for her story, "Delusion."

Mrs. Zoe Evelyn Gregory of Reno won second place, but since Mrs. Gregory is a member of the organization, the \$15.00 went to Miss Adams. Mrs. Gregory's story was titled "Contact."

Fourth place was won by Mrs. Joe F. McDonald of Reno, with her story, "Mazie Buttons," while Mrs. W. J. Phillips of Hawthorne took fifth place with the story "Fatherhood."

Only two money prizes were offered.

Dr. A. E. Hill, Prof. Paul Harwood and Scott Unsworth acted as judges. There were twenty-five stories submitted.

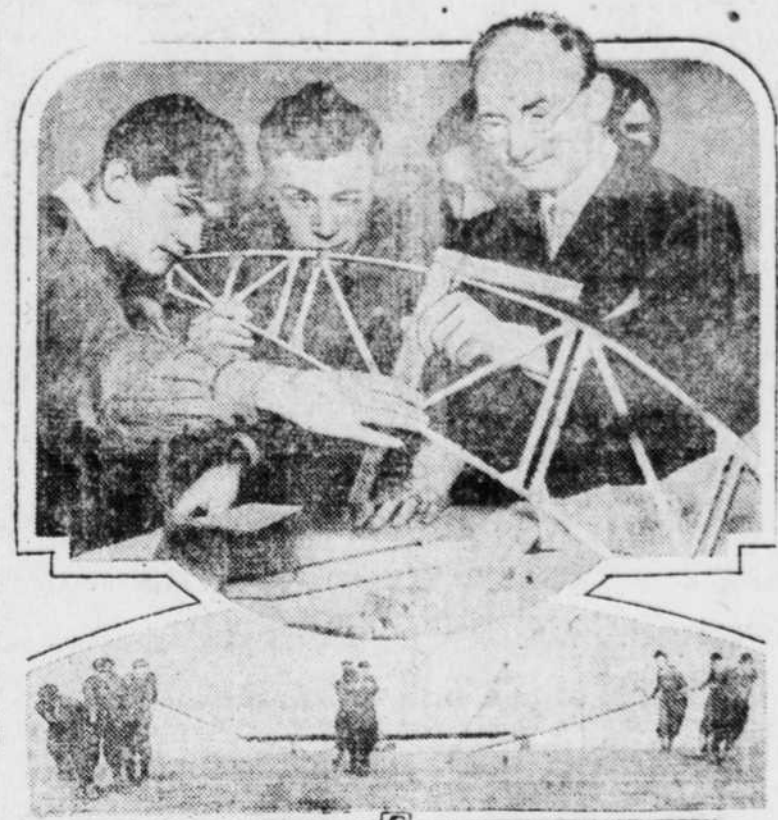
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### Youth of Germany Takes To Air For Thrill of Glider Flying



Glider flying has taken a real hold upon German school boys. Youthful enthusiasts (above) are receiving a lesson on framework construction, while below the boys are testing an experimental glider.

BERLIN, Jan. 19. (U.P.)—The thrill of glider flying has gripped the school boys of Germany.

So enthusiastic have they become that glider flying schools quadrupled in 1930. There are now 22 such institutions in all parts of Germany.

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### Nevada Paper Changes Hands

LOVELOCK, Jan. 19. (U.P.)—Transfer of the Lovelock Review-Miner by W. C. Black, who has successfully conducted this paper for a number of years, was made last week to Don Morrison of Springville, Mich., and Paul K. Gardner of Altuna, Ia. Both are experienced newspaper men, having edited several eastern papers.

Mr. Black stated that he is discharging of his paper owing to his health conditions. He will, however, remain in Lovelock for the time being.

which pupils are taught glider flying in craft which they themselves have built, are maintained and developed by funds from aviation circles, from business men and from the youthful fliers themselves.

An indication of the speed in which the movement is growing can be obtained from the fact that the number of youngsters applying for glider pilots' licenses has jumped from 4,300 to 7,000, and registered glider planes have gone up from 613 to 1,100. These figures are taken from the last report of the German Aviation society.

Before a pupil can pass his pilot's examination he must go through hard training. Technical instruction, theoretical lessons and the construction of complete glider planes alternate with examination flights.

A series of national flying competitions arranged by aviation clubs indicated with improvement had been made. In 1929 record flying times ranged between two and three minutes. In 1930, many of the flights lasted more than an hour.

During these tests not a plane was completely wrecked nor a pilot seriously injured.

### DAUGHTER FATHER'S AVENGER

#### Woman Kills Prisoner in Crowded Court Room

DEWITT, Ark., Jan. 19. (U.P.)—Mrs. Helen Spence Eaton, 17, shot and killed Jack Worls, 30, tonight in the crowded courtroom where he was on trial on the charge of murdering her father, Cleo Spence, and throwing the body into the White River.

When the jury was ready to take the case the girl leaped from her seat, drew an automatic pistol from concealment in her clothing and fired four shots. Worls fled fifteen minutes later. Sheriff's deputies nearby took Mrs. Eaton into custody. She calmly refused to discuss the shooting.

Mr. Spence, who was with her husband when he was slain, and who told the officers that Worls and two other men severely beat her, died two weeks ago.

Worls claimed self-defense. The woman said Worls threw her husband into the river while he was still alive after the shooting.

**AWARDED GUARD MEDAL**  
AUBURN, N. Y., Jan. 19. (U.P.)—J. E. Osterhout, who retired from service in a National Guard company last March, has been presented with a medal showing 35 years of service. There are only 30 such medals in New York state.

Closed cars constitute more than 80 per cent of all auto models, according to figures of the California Automobile association.

### Debate Club Holds Meeting

The Debate club of the Las Vegas high school held its regular meeting last evening, under the direction of L. R. Scott. Plans were discussed for the rehearsal and production of the play, "Bimbo, the Pirate," and members of the club tried out for the various parts. Calvin Cory, president, presided at the meeting.

Those who took part in last night's meeting were Cleve Paschal, John Kelly, Tom Sheehan, Herbert Ward, Mike McNamara, George Dillman, Calvin Cory, Bruce Beckley, Helen Mesbach, Irene Taylor, Evelyn Rhoads, Evelyn Taylor, Phyllis Laub, Betty Fulton, Laurel Ward and Florence Taylor.

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