

GERMAN TRUST IN ZEPPELINS SHAKEN

**Recent Terrible Accidents Have
Caused a Considerable Re-
action in Public Feeling.**

FUNERAL OF L-2'S VICTIMS

**A Remarkable Sermon—Count Zep-
pelin, a Pathetic Figure, Hardly
Able to Control His Emotions.**

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BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Echoes of the terrible wreck of the naval Zeppelin L-2 promise to reverberate for months to come. There is no question that the Fatherland's hitherto unshattered confidence in dirigibles as weapons of war is at last much shaken.

The Kaiser's insistence that the successive destruction of twelve Zeppelins must not deter Germany from continuing to rely on them for the conquest of the air is not so generally shared as would have been the case seven weeks ago, before the navy lost both its air-cruisers, with accompanying heavy loss of life.

Many who in the past were ardent devotees of the Zeppelin system are now shaking their heads, declaring regretfully that realities must be looked in the face. They are asking whether in the light of events the German naval and military authorities can conscientiously order officers and men of the fleet and army deliberately to take their lives in their hands, at least in times of peace.

The sermon preached at the funeral of the L-2 victims this week was one of the most remarkable ever heard at a burial service. It was not simply an eloquent tribute to the men of the L-2 but a solemn reconsecration of Germany's energies and determination to the task of mastering the air.

Taking for his text a verse selected by the Kaiser from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation," the pastor declared that the Fatherland would not be cowed by the remorseless blows Count Zeppelin had suffered from the iron hand of fate. It was fatuous to think, continued the clergyman, that the constantly recurring fatalities in the air were warnings that Providence did not intend its children to fly and that they should confine themselves to crawling along on the face of the earth and of the ocean. It would be as logical to assume that God intended the seas only for the fish.

Count Zeppelin cut a pathetic figure at the funeral. He had to struggle to master his emotions as the two dozen coffins containing the L-2's dead were carried past him. His right hand quivered perceptibly as he held it to his forehead at the salute.

The Admiralty announces that the navy will soon have two new airships in commission, another Zeppelin and a vessel of the Schuttelanz wooden framework type. Both will now be rushed to completion with all possible speed.