

Hindenburg disaster

The ship was riding majestically toward us like some great feather. Riding as though it was mighty proud of the place it was playing in the world's aviation. The ship is no doubt bustling with activity as we can see. Orders were shouted to the crew, the passengers are probably lining the windows looking down at the field ahead of them, getting their glimpse of the mooring mast. And these giant flagships standing here, the American airline flagships waiting to rush them to all points in the United States when they get the ship moored.

There are a number of important personages on board and no doubt the new commander, captain Max Pruss is thrilled too for this, his great moment, the first time he's commanded the Hindenburg. On previous nights he acted as chief officer under Captain Lehmann.

It's practically standing still now, they've dropped ropes out of the nose of the ship and it's been taken a hold of down on the field by a number of men. It's starting to rain again, the rain had slacked up a little bit... the back motors of the ship are just holding it, just enough to keep it from... It's burst into flames!

Get out of the way, get out of the way. Get this started, get this started. This fire ... and it's crashing,.. it's crashing terrible. Oh, my, get out of the way please, it's burning, bursting into flames and it's falling on the mooring mast and all the folks agree that this is terrible, this is the worst of the worst catastrophes in the world. Oh,... the flames are twenty.. oh four or five hundred feet into the sky and it's a terrific blaze ladies and gentlemen. The smoke and the flames now and the frame is crashing to the ground. Not quite to the mooring masts. Oh the humanity, and all the passengers screaming around it... I don't... I can't even talk to people whose friends are on there... It's... Oh. I can't talk, ladies and gentlemen, honest it's just laying them, a mass of smoking wreckage. And everybody killed who ought to be breathing and talking... lady... I'm sorry. Honestly I can hardly breathe. I'm going to step inside where I cannot see it. I'm sorry, that's terrible. Listen folk, I'm going to have to stop for a minute because i'm lost for words. This is the worst thing I've ever witnessed.