

GRIEF HASTENED ZEPPELIN'S DEATH

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LONDON, March 9.—Grief over the failure of his sky dreadnoughts to bring a speedy ending to the war and sorrow over the loss of noncombatant lives in air raids on England hastened the death of Count Zeppelin, Swiss dispatches asserted today. At the outbreak of the war Count Zeppelin was confident that his airships would destroy enemy fortresses, play havoc with infantry in the trenches and bring Germany's enemies to their knees. The fact that German military authorities practically discarded the Zeppelins weighed heavily upon the aged inventor.

To his friends Count Zeppelin had repeatedly expressed his sorrow that noncombatants should suffer in Zeppelin raids.

Count Zeppelin's death followed an intestinal operation, said a Berlin dispatch today. While he was convalescing his lungs were attacked and in his weakened condition he could not fight off the disease.