

Mail Aviators Discover Plot After Accident

Germans Blamed for Cork Found in Motor of Wrecked Ship—Came From Army Storage.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 29.—(Special Telegram)—Officials of the air mail service here assert they have uncovered a plot, hatched during the war, to disable Liberty motors destined for the war zone. The discovery was made yesterday when Pilot H. A. Chandler of the mail service was obliged to make a forced landing.

Smelled Paint Burning.

The pilot left for Salt Lake with a load of mail. After being in the air 15 minutes he smelled paint burning and realized that his engine was overheating. All his instruments indicated that everything was all in order so he stood up and examined the motor.

The fourth and fifth cylinders were smoking and he started searching for a place to land. As he was landing at Federal, 22 miles from here, a connecting rod broke and smashed through the crank case. Chandler says he narrowly escaped cracking his ship in the forced landing.

Mechanics from here were sent to repair the plane and bring the wrecked motor back. When the motor was taken apart for repairs a piece of cork was found in the water system. It was tapered and fitted between the water jackets between the fourth and fifth cylinders, causing them to heat. The cork was so placed that it is certain, the mechanics say, that it was inserted at the factory.

From the position of the cork it was possible for the engine to become overheated without registering on the plane's instruments. The cork shut off circulation from the fourth and fifth cylinders while the forward cylinders, where the thermometer is attached, would not be affected by the extreme heat, and all instruments would register perfectly.

The pilots and mechanics stationed at the local field say that the evidence they have discovered is sufficient to vindicate the De Havilland type plane. This type gained the name "flaming coffins" overseas. The airmen here say that if corks were inserted in the motors of planes used on the war front it is probable that it caused the ships to come down in flames.

Orders have been issued here for the examination of all other motors in the shipment to learn if corks were hidden in the water systems. It is necessary to take the motors completely down for this examination.

Break Speed Record.

Traveling at an average speed of 150 miles an hour, Chandler broke the speed record between Rock Springs and Cheyenne after his accident. The total distance is 253 miles and he made the distance in one hour and 40 minutes with 400 pounds of mail.

H. Colson, air mail pilot, narrowly escaped death at Rawlins shortly before noon, when his motor stalled while taking off. He had reached the edge of the field, outbound, and when his motor stalled the ship nosed to the ground and was completely wrecked.

Pastor Uses Phone to Answer 66th Roll Call

Sioux City, Sept. 29.—Dr. Bennett Mitchell, 83, answered roll call at the Northwest Iowa Methodist Episcopal conference, which opened at Storm Lake, Ia., yesterday over the long distance telephone from a chair in the Methodist Episcopal hospital where he has been ill for a week.

It was the 66th time that Dr. Mitchell has answered to his name at the annual meeting of the conference. Bishop Hughes, the presiding officer of the meeting, who had a telephone at his side, called Dr. Mitchell's name and the latter answered "here."

Charter Issued for New National Bank at Winner

Washington, Sept. 29.—(Special Telegram)—The comptroller of the currency has issued a charter to the Winner National bank at Winner, S. D., with a capital of \$50,000.

Application to organize the First National bank of Riverton, Ia., with a capital of \$25,000 has been made.

Fire Causes \$25,000 Loss.

Yankton, S. D., Sept. 29.—Fire which last night destroyed the building of the Nuway Grocery store and damaged the Romey & Miller undertaking parlors was estimated to have caused a \$25,000 loss, about half of which is covered by insurance.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.)
Lincoln Highway, East—Roads good, seven mile detour west of Marshalltown to one mile east.
Lincoln Highway, West—Detour Waterloo to Valley roads good to Kearney road.
O. L. D. Highway—Detour west of road good to Lincoln; road west toward Hastings, good to Denver.
Highland Cutoff—Roads fair.
W. Y. A. Road—Roads fine.
Canton Highway—Roads in excellent condition; slight road work at Seward.
Center Battlefield Highway—Tourists report this road in good condition with construction of Montana, where snow is reported.
George Washington Highway—Under construction to Blair; detour over High road; Highway good to Sioux City.
King of Trails—Roads good to Sioux City; road work at Omaha completed.
King of Trails, South—Follow Third Street to Harrison, west on Harrison to Twenty-fourth street on account of construction work in progress; high fine to Leavenworth; Leavenworth to Kansas City under construction.
Black Hills Trail—Road work to Fremont; Fremont to North roads are good.
River to River Road—Good to Des Moines.
White Pole Road—Excellent to Des Moines.
Blue Grass Road—Good.
O. A. Short Line—Roads in excellent condition.
Weather reported much cooler at all points.

Andrews Urges That Railroads Be Forced To Give Square Deal

Washington, Sept. 29.—(Special Telegram)—Representative Andrews returned to Washington after a month's visit to his home in Hastings and incidentally taking in a number of towns in the Fifth district, where he addressed Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and other organizations. Speaking of the farm situation he said:

"The farmers of Nebraska are unjustly oppressed by excessive railroad rates which should be reduced immediately. A few months ago the roads urged a reduction of the wages of their employees in order that rates might be reduced. Although wages were reduced somewhat the roads have not yet even proposed any reductions of the rates. That is not a square deal."

"Some say write a law ordering a reduction of rates. We have all the law we need on that subject. The Interstate Commerce commission has full authority to deal with that subject and it should be compelled to do so in the interest of the public."

Bill Would Prohibit Impersonating King Or Queen in Pageant

Washington, Sept. 29.—Impersonating a king or a queen in a pageant or carnival would be liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment from 10 to 20 years, under a bill introduced by Representative Herrick, republican, Oklahoma.

Similar penalties are proposed for producers who engage some one to act the part of a king or queen. Among a half dozen other unusual measures presented by Representative Herrick, was a bill designed to fix "standardized wages for labor in all vocations and industries" and standardize prices for all kinds of commodities; a bill to fix the price for wheat for the next 10 years at from \$1.50 to \$2 a bushel and a resolution urging the American government to request France to replace colored troops in the occupied area of Germany with white soldiers.

M. W. Head Urges Woman For Disarmament Parley

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 29.—Favorable consideration of Miss Bina M West of Port Huron, Mich., as a member of the advisory committee of the international disarmament conference, to represent "American fraternal and beneficial societies with 10,000,000 men and women members vitally interested in permanent world peace and limitation of armaments," was urged upon President Harding today in a telegram sent by the chief executive by A. R. Talbot of Lincoln, president of the Modern Woodmen of America. Miss West is president of the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees.

Extension of Tariff Bill Is Urged by Green

Iowa Congressman Gets Busy On Return to Capitol by Asking Continuation of Agriculture Measure.

Washington, Sept. 29.—(Special Telegram)—Congressman Green of the Council Bluffs district signaled his return to Washington from a hurried visit to the Ninth Iowa district by introducing a bill extending the time of the emergency tariff on farm products to remain in force until otherwise provided by law.

In explaining his reasons for this measure, Judge Green said: "When the farmers' emergency tariff bill was introduced I inserted a provision that it should remain in force for a period of six months after the date when it became a law. At that time I considered, and the ways and means committee agreed, that this would be ample time to allow for the passage of a complete tariff bill, which would include the same items as were covered by the emergency bill. By virtue of this provision, the emergency tariff bill expires November 27 and it is obvious that it should be extended, if there is any foundation for the report now current that the time of the senate will be occupied during the remainder of the present session by the German treaty, the revenue bill and other matters, so that final action cannot be expected on the permanent tariff bill until the winter session."

"I was at first inclined to take the position that the house should not accept the senate's action in refusing to act upon the tariff and revenue bills in the order in which they were passed by the house. I have come to the conclusion that if the districts especially interested in manufacturing are willing to accept this program, we of the middlewest can accept its results with some degree of equanimity, if the emergency tariff bill is extended, as I have little doubt it will be."

"While I am firmly of the opinion that the passage of the complete tariff bill would do much to restore business to its normal conditions, it is obvious that the agricultural states of the Mississippi valley do not have as large interests

involved in the tariff bill upon articles other than agricultural products, as do the manufacturing districts of the east. I shall keep a watch on the situation and, if it develops the report with reference to deferring action on the complete tariff bill is well founded, I shall press the bill for the extension of the time of the operation of the emergency tariff in the same manner that it did with the original bill when it was enacted.

"The bill has done much to stabilize the values of farm products. The reports of wool have fallen off to a minimum and little wheat now comes in except in bond for shipment through our boundaries. The flood of meats which threatened to take our market entirely away from the producer has subsided. It is absolutely necessary that the provisions of the emergency tariff be kept in force."

Convict Flees Prison to Help His Aged Mother

Des Moines Man Gives Self Up After Month's Absence When Ordered by Parent To Do So.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 29.—(Special Telegram)—Because his aged mother was penniless and needed his earnings, Frank Brown, convict, ran away from prison and got a job in order to support her. This is the reason, Brown gave James O'Brien, assistant county attorney, when he came in and gave himself up Wednesday noon after a month's liberty.

"My mother told me to come back and serve my time," he told O'Brien. "She said she would get along some how until I got out." Brown was serving a 10-year sentence at Fort Madison for breaking and entering. Being sent to the prison camp near Clive, he could not resist the temptation to come on to Des Moines to see his mother, he said, and when he found her in indigent circumstances could not bear to leave her.

Busy Marital Life.

Life changes rapidly for Benjamin O'Brien, indicted for bigamy in the Polk county district

court recently. Several weeks ago Sharp had two wives, and there were rumors of another wife in Sioux City. Wife No. 1, Mrs. Emma Gullick Sharp, obtained a divorce by default September 13, at Fort Madison. The court granted permission for either of the divorced parties to remarry at any time. Out on bond on the bigamy charge, Sharp Tuesday asked for a license to remarry wife No. 2, Mrs. Ruth Inel Sharp. Upon presentation of the divorce decree, the license was issued. So far as known, the remarriage has not taken place.

Hotel Rates to Stick.

Hotel rates are due to remain at their present level for some time, officials of the Northwestern Hotel Men's association, in the 19th annual session at Hotel Fort Des Moines, stated Wednesday. A concerted effort has been made by traveling men of the nation to obtain a reduction in hotel rates, Secretary J. A. Medlar stated.

Hotel owners feel that such a reduction would be their ruin. Business is dull. At least 20 per cent of the rooms in each hotel are vacant.

Omaha Wins Damages in Colorado Auto Crash

Fort Morgan, Col., Sept. 29.—(Special)—F. J. Grace, 1637 Binney street, Omaha, was awarded a verdict and \$1,750 damages against the Macklin Baking company in district court here yesterday for injuries received when his car collided with one of the bakery's trucks. He sued for \$6,900.

Aviator Sets New Altitude Record

Army Flyer Reaches Height Of 40,800 Feet Before Engine Quits.

Dayton, O., Sept. 29.—Lieut. John A. MacReady, test pilot at McCook field, shattered the world's altitude record, attaining a height of 40,800 feet in the same air plane used by Rudolph C. Schroeder, who set a record of 38,180 feet February 28, 1920.

Lieutenant MacReady was in the air one hour and 47 minutes, requiring all but a few minutes of the total flying time to reach his mark. At 39,000 feet he formed on his oxygen tank, but he pressed on until the altimeter registered 40,800 feet. At this point his engine died. He then glided safely down.

Wednesday's flight primarily was to test improvements made on the supercharger invented by S. A. Moss, who witnessed the flight, and also a new propeller of high pitch, perfected by engineers at the local field.

On landing, MacReady declared he suffered nothing but numbness. He climbed out of the plane unassisted.

In some parts of Ireland a belt of woman's hair is placed round the baby in the belief that it will avert harm.

Chicago Pays Last Claim Due to Debs Riots in 1894

Chicago, Sept. 29.—The riots of 1894 when Eugene V. Debs, now in Atlanta penitentiary, called his American railway union strike, were wiped off the city's books with the payment of \$180,000 damages to the Pennsylvania railroad.

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