

Fliers Hire Natives to Paddle Crippled Flagship From Lagoon; New Engine Installed With Speed

Told by **LOWELL THOMAS.**

In order to tow the Chicago from the lagoon where Smith and Arnold had made their forced landing, to the ancient Annamite city of Hue, three native sampans were hired. They were special war sampans, built for speed. In each stood 10 paddlers who wore no clothing except loin cloths and wide cone-shaped hats made of palm leaves. Their wives followed alongside in other sampans, passing drinking water, food, and cigars to the oarsmen during the journey. For 10 hours they paddled without ever letting up except for a moment now and then when one would snatch a bit of food or a puff or two on his wife's cigar.

The chief of the tribe came along with us in his royal sampan, his wives paddling, while he reclined in luxury under a sunshade. His favorites sat beside him, rolling his cigars, lighting them, and even feeding him. The foliage on both banks was so dense that we could only see through it a few feet. At times we came to places where the river was so narrow there was barely room for the wings of the plane to scrape by. Then again it would open out and we would pass a village where men, women, and children would come running out of their thatched huts to jump into their sampans and paddle along with us. So all the way during our 25-mile trip up the river to Hue we had an escort of sampans, sometimes 15 or 20, and again as many as 100 or more.

"Yes and I took the cushions out of the cockpit and rigged up comfortable seats under the wings, where it was shady and fairly cool. Our greatest regret was that we hadn't a camera. Every bend in the river revealed a different view that would have been worth photographing. And to see the Chicago come through that jungle propelled by naked paddlers in their queer-shaped sampans was a sight in itself.

Great Reception Committee. "Our French friend had sent a courier in a dugout canoe ahead to Hue to warn the inhabitants that we were coming. So when we finally arrived the entire population was out to meet us. Erik and Chevalier had also arrived ahead of us by motor. They had rounded up a company of Annamite soldiers to guard the plane, which we beached under a bridge that looked like it would be the best place for changing engines. It seemed to us that it would be a lot simpler to use the bridge and drop the motor down from it than attempt to rig up a derrick so far away from civilization.

"The engine and our tools were so hot in the blazing sun there at Hue that we couldn't touch them until we got the plane in the shade beneath the bridge. But we were so worn out that we dropped our work for the afternoon."

The experiences of at least one of the other men in getting that motor to Hue will haunt him as long as he lives.

Lugh Wade remained in Tourane to see to it that no mishap occurred to the "Boston" and "New Orleans."

Nelson Harding and Chevalier rode in the automobile, while "Hank" Ogden got in the motor truck with the engine.

"The driver of that truck," Ogden said to me, "turned out to be a reckless fiend who cared nothing for his own life and less for mine. We left Tourane after dark, and as we sped along the road through the jungle the blackness was so nearly opaque that I couldn't tell what sort of country we were going through. But it felt as though we were making fully 50 miles an hour, and traveling at that rate in a truck is enough to shake your heart right up into your larynx even if you are engaged in the somewhat hazardous occupation of flying around the world in an airplane.

Wild Ride Through Jungle. "Up and up and up we went. It seemed as though we must be ascending Pike's peak or Mount Everest. Occasionally I saw two balls of fire gleaming through the trees and knew that it must be some wild animal. Finally we came to the top of the mountain range and started to coast down the other side. And didn't we coast? I'll save you did! If we were making a mile an hour we were doing 40 and 50. Sometimes we would buzz around a corner on two wheels. If I had a stick of dynamite I certainly would have put it under that Annamite, and then driven the rest of the way myself.

"Suddenly the bumping ceased. I felt as though I was riding in an airplane again. And sure enough, we had left the ground and taken off into the air, because a moment later we crashed into some trees. Mr. Annamite had whizzed right off the road into the jungle. It took us 30 minutes to disentangle the truck from the underbrush and get it back on the road. But even that taught him nothing. On we went as though shot from a catapult. Fifteen minutes later and we jumped off the highway and landed against a pile of rocks. Next I couldn't get right off the road. Next notice of this place and if it had not been for these rocks we would have shot right over a precipice into a canyon 1,000 feet below. Surely the good Lord was watching over me on that wild midnight ride through the jungle of Indo-China.

"When we got to the bottom of the mountain there was a place where the road went diagonally across a

railroad track. Instead of continuing on the road, the foot Annamite swerved off on to the railroad and we went bumping over the ties. The jolting threw me from one end of the truck to the other and bounced another Annamite right on to the track. It took us another half hour to drag the truck back to the road.

Off Road Frequently. "We crossed a second range of mountains, and on our way down hill this time the brake-band broke. I had climbed into the seat with this wild ride, hoping my presence at his side might tend to restrain him. This time he at least had brains enough to reach down and throw the engine in low gear. But in doing so he let go the steering wheel and we left the road again. If it had not been for some trees I am sure we would be going yet, because there was a deep valley right under us. My heart stopped beating a dozen times during that wild ride. But this was not all.

"When we had reached the next valley and I was just congratulating myself on being alive, we came to a lagoon over which the truck had to be transported on a barge. Seven natives poled the barge back and forth, and it took them more than an hour to make the trip. When we were right in the middle of the lagoon I noticed that the barge was sinking lower and lower. Examining the center of the thing, I saw it was filling with water. When I called the attention of the Annamites to this they became poneyed with fright and immediately started to pole it back to where we started from. We got there first in time. Had it been 15 minutes longer the barge, truck and the new motor for the 'Chicago' would have gone to the bottom of the lagoon.

"By this time the first streaks of dawn was showing through the coconut palms, and the crew on the barge had laid across the lagoon to their friends on the other side, who came over with another barge for us.

Record Time for Change. "When we got to Hue we easily located Smith and Arnold at the little French hotel, and in a short time all were at work changing motors. On the under side of the bridge where we had beached the plane, there was a little track and car on wheels. We got the old motor up out of the truck and dropped it along on the track and hoisted up the new 'Liberty' and dropped it into place. The whole job of changing motors took us less than four hours, and when they were found by Erik and Mr. Chevalier, towed 25 miles down the river by sampans, a new motor brought 500 miles by destroyer from Calizon in Cochinchina, transported 60 miles by night in a truck through the jungle and across mountains, and until that new engine was installed and running."

Nelson Harding and Ogden returned to Tourane by auto, and Smith and Arnold flew from Hue in about 48 minutes. In making this flight they flew along the same river down which they had been towed by native sampans. Where it had taken 16 hours, drawn by man power, it only took 15 minutes to fly.

Next morning a 3 a. m. the boys were out to the planes and shortly after five they got off for Saigon. On the way down the coast of Indo-China they passed a lighthouse on a rocky promontory. There was a French flag flying, and as they drew near the lighthouse keepers dipped the flag three times as a salute to the world fliers, and the boys returned three times in response. After flying over miles and miles of jungle, lagoons, paddy fields and native villages, at 1:30 they arrived at the mouth of the Mekong river and moored in front of the city of Saigon, "the Paris of the orient."

Read the next installment of the thrilling story of the round-the-world flight in *The Omaha Bee* tomorrow.

Large Attendance Expected at Good Roads Convention

Kearney, Dec. 29.—Between 600 and 1,000 highway boosters were expected to attend the Nebraska Good Roads association meeting, which is to be held in Kearney Monday, January 12. According to word received from President Blackman, both eastern and western parts of the state will be strongly represented. Large delegations from Omaha and Lincoln are assured.

Invitations have been extended every civic organization, interested in promoting the Nebraska six-year program, to be represented.

Wedding of York Couple

Kept Secret Three Months
York, Dec. 29.—Miss Mae Rogers of Bloomfield, for the last four years bookkeeper for the York Daily News-Times, and Edward Sarman, a York county farmer, announced on Christmas morning that they were married September 13 last at Council Bluffs. They will reside on a farm near York.

Seven Hunters Kill 96 Rabbits in Three Hours

Lodgepole, Dec. 29.—Seven hunters killed 92 jackrabbits and four cottontails in three hours in this vicinity. Rabbits are becoming a pest here and are consuming lots of corn. A big hunt will be staged here soon.

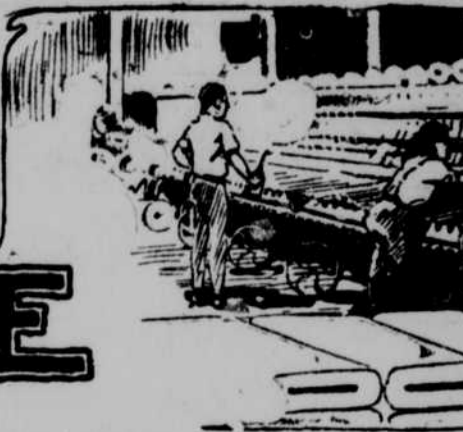
York Telephone Men Aid Stalled Motorists by Opening Highway

York, Dec. 29.—Eleven York telephone men did a public service worthy of notice in opening the S. Y. A. highway through the snow-drifts. They had been working near Hampton and after their own trucks became stuck in the drifts had abandoned them. On learning that 30 motorists had spent the night at a farm house they got shovels, cleared the roads and helped the stalled motorists out.

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THE BRANDEIS STORE

January



WHITE GOODS SALE

Truly Astounding Are the Opportunities for Saving on White Merchandise During This Sale

THAT exacting women think of the bargain opportunities in the Brandeis January Sale of White, is best told by the vast throngs of thrifty homemakers who have taken advantage of the mighty reductions prevailing in this sale.

IN your consideration of the hundreds of unmatchable values—a few of which are mentioned below—please remember that quality was given first consideration when our buyers were searching the mills and markets for the values in this sale.

MOUNTAINS of snowy white Linens, Underwear, Lingerie, Sheets, Sheeting, Towels, Laces, Domestics, etc., are here all marked at reductions that make it profitable to inspect your supplies now and lay in a supply for months to come.

50 Dozen Mohawk Sheets 1.39 Bleached Sea Island Sheets of the famous Mohawk make. Size 11x30 or 12x36. Basement—North	Pepperell Pillow Cases 32c Pepperell Pillow Cases, ticked Salt-hay; made from tubing, size 40x36. Basement—North	81-Inch Pepperell Sheeting 45c The celebrated Pepperell Bleached Sheeting, a household favorite for over a half-century. Basement—North	Androsroggin Pillow Tubing 29c Full bleached. This well known brand has been famous for years for its wearing qualities. Basement—North	81-Inch Bleached Sheeting 42½c Extra heavy quality; correct width for making full sized sheets. Basement—North	81x90-Inch Bleached Sheets 1.10 48 dozen bleached sheets, made of excellent quality muslin with center seam. Basement—North	100 Dozen Turkish Towels EACH 18c 35c quality, large size; white with assorted colored stripes. Main Floor—South	300 Mercerized Table Cloths EACH 1.00 38x58 inches; satin finish; hemstitched and scalloped borders; some colored borders. Main Floor—South	500 Yards Linen Table Damask YARD 1.19 133 quality; snowy white; all linen damask; 68 inches wide. Main Floor—South	1,200 Extra Large Huck Towels EACH 12½c 32c value; size 19x38 inches; white with red borders. Very special. Main Floor—South	Extra Special Wash Cloths 3c A most exceptional value. We reserve the right to limit purchases. Main Floor—West
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January White Sale of Durable Linens

300 Imported Linen Luncheon Sets Worth 8.50 to 12.00 6.25 A selling number which arrived too late for Christmas holiday. White linen with colored border, or solid colors in yellow, blue and rose. Luncheon cloths come in sizes to suit all tables, round, square and oblong. Set consists of 1 luncheon cloth and 6 napkins.	Samples of Fancy Bed Spreads 1/2 Price 300 fancy bed spreads, manufacturers' samples of plisses, marseilles, patchwork and novelty sets, and many others, in blue, rose, lavender and orange combined with white. Spreads you would not think of getting for such low prices. 6.75 Bed Spreads... 3.38 7.50 Bed Spreads... 3.75 7.00 Bed Spreads... 3.50 10.00 Bed Spreads... 5.00	100 72x72 Heavy Linen Cloths 4.50 An extra heavy quality of linen damask in pretty designs. One of best cloth values we have ever offered.	100 Yards Fine Linen Damask 1.98 A 70-inch heavy quality linen damask in beautiful designs. This damask comes in full bleached and silver bleached finishes. 3.00 value.	Mercerized Cloths 300—88x55-Inch Mercerized satin finish, round and square-hemstitched, scalloped, and plain; many have colored edge; worth 1.50. 1.00	Mercerized Cloths 400 Cloths. Sew-in finished mercerized damask. An unusual and excellent value. 1.98	Fancy Turkish Towels 100 a very heavy quality towel; manufacturer's close out of all towels of this grade. 59c	Fine Cotton Toweling In all white or in the natural color. Very good quality for roller, kitchen and hand towels. 8c	
All Linen Toweling 19c Full bleached all linen kitchen toweling with colored borders in assorted shades. Very absorbent.	Fiber Bed Sets 10.50 Silk fiber bed sets, beautifully colored in shades of rose, blue and yellow, combined with white of cream. Size 81x90 spread and bolster.	2,000 Turkish Towels Medium sizes of snowy white terry cloth with neatly hemmed ends. An exceptionally good value in hand towels.	All Linen Crash Steven's natural colored linen, with blue border, 15 inches wide. An extra value for roller towels, hand towels, kitchen towels, etc. 12c	42x36 Inch Pillow Cases 37½c Fine heavy quality for making full sized sheets. An unusual value for this low price.	Hemstitched Utica Sheets The celebrated Utica Bleached Hemstitched Sheets, size 81x90 inches; regular 2½ value. 1.79	Hemstitched Pillow Cases 29c Hemstitched pillow cases made of good grade muslin, size 42x36; an excellent value.	Fine Berkley Nainsook Berkley nainsook is 36 inches wide, in white, flesh, honey dew, maize, Nile, blue and orchid. 19 yard bolt 2.75.	Fine White Plisse Crepe The wanted material for underwear, pajamas, night gowns, children's bloomers, etc. 15c

On Sale Basement and Main Floor

January White Sale of WASH GOODS

We have assembled tremendous stocks of sheets, slips, sheeting, tubing and all domestic fabrics, and priced them at savings you are able to make only in such a big event as our January White Sales.

Laconia Sheets Sheeting—Pillow Cases Laconia Sheeting is identical in construction and weight with the best domestic fabrics made. A wonderful wearing quality and of a superior finish. The Brandeis Store is Exclusive Omaha distributor for this fine product.	Imported White Dimity In assorted checks and stripes. Very sheer and popular for dresses, blouses, etc. 39c
Laconia Sheets and Cases Torn Size 81x99-inch Sheets, each. 1.69 Torn Size 81x90-inch Sheets, each. 1.59 Torn Size 42x36-inch Slips, each. 39c	36-Inch White Underwear Cloth Also in colors. All standard qualities with neat checks. Very durable. 25c
Laconia Sheeting 9-4—81-inch Bleached Sheeting, yard. 59c 9-4—81-inch Unbleached Sheeting, yard. 53c	40-Inch Fine White Batiste An extra lustrous quality, highly and mercerized. For infants' wear, lingerie, etc. 35c
76-Inch Unbleached Sheeting Fine heavy quality for making full sized sheets. An unusual value for this low price. 37½c	35-Inch White Longcloth Snowy white, with a soft, mellow, chamois finish. Fine for children's undies. 14½c
42x36 Inch Pillow Cases Made of a good quality muslin in the most popular size, full three-inch hem and French seam. 19c	30 Inch Fine White Flaxon A sheer, crisp material for aprons, dresses, uniforms and children's wear. 19c
Fine Berkley Nainsook 2.75	Fine White Plisse Crepe 15c

Tuesday—The Second Day of Our January White Sale of Fine Undergarments

A Splendid Value Group of Underwear

200 Pretty Chemise
1.98 Value for
Made of voles, crepe, shadow batiste and striped batistes, trimmed daintily with wide and narrow laces, insertings and colored embroideries.

280 Pretty Night Gowns
1.98 Value for
Crepe, voile, shadow batiste and striped batiste and novelty materials; bands of wide lace or narrow insertion and colored embroidery. Also trimmings of hemstitched narrow ruffle.

500 Pretty Cotton Undergarments
1/2 Price
Because they are slightly counter soiled, these are reduced to one-half price. The lot includes chemise, step-ins, vests, petticoats, lingerie slips. Nicely trimmed with laces, embroidery and ribbons.

1.39

600 Princess Slips
1.79 Value
Made of plain saten or lingette; fine white muslin; fancy and plain tailored styles; all have shadow proof hip hem.

400 Philippine Gowns and Teddies
Worth 1.98
All beautiful hand made garments of fine nainsook, hand embroidered and hand sewed throughout. Gowns are full cut and long; teddies correctly sized.

200 2.98 Value Costume Slips
1.59
Lace trimmed, bodice top with wide bands of lace, scalloped bottom with narrow lace trim.

The Brandeis Store—Third Floor