

Today A French Hero. Senator Borah Worries. The Very Rich U. S. A. Radio, Records, Theaters.

The old question, "What is courage?" is answered in the death of the French scientist, Prof. J. Bergeon. He devoted his life to roentgenology, experimenting X-rays, fighting disease, cancer especially. His own body, its resisting power destroyed by constant exposure to the deadly rays, was attacked by the cancer that he fought.

First his right arm had to be cut off. He went on working. Cancer attacked his remaining hand. He had three of the fingers amputated. While he worked the cancerous growth spread. His lungs were attacked, and every day brother scientists treated him with opiates, to dull the horrible pain. And he worked on. Now he's dead.

That is courage, superior to that of the bulldog hanging on to another dog's throat, until a red hot iron is thrust into his eye, and superior to that of the hero honored with a statue on a prancing bronze horse, showing how he helped to kill some human beings.

Ninety per cent of us, however, take more interest in the bulldog than the general engaged in killing than the real hero giving his life to save the lives of others. A small crowd would gladly go to honor the memory of Bergeon, and 100,000 would gladly pay \$20 each to see one low-browed brute knock another senseless. That epitomizes our civilization.

Senator Borah, an excellent man, who lives far inland, and has evidently not given much reflection to the fact that a flier from Japan could very easily bomb his dear old home town, is worried about a possible "competitive naval race with Japan."

What of it? Who cares anything about a naval race with Japan? If that excellent little country thinks it wants a race, let it have it. It's borrowing money here now to pay for part of its latest earthquake. Does Mr. Borah fear that kind of competition?

Senator Borah should talk to a few English statesmen. They would explain to him that the first rule in dealing with Asiatics is never to show fear.

Mr. Borah ought to know that Japan's building of floating ships means nothing. President Coolidge can explain to him that what counts is the building by Japan of 500 fighting airplanes every month. Every two of those planes could sink any battleship afloat in two hours. General Mitchell will explain that and prove it, to any senator that will listen.

This is a prosperous country, worth defending, if only from the patriotic cash standpoint. New York's clearing house last Friday established a record for the whole world. Total transactions amounted to sixteen hundred and fifty-five million dollars, within two hundred millions of all the paper money in the United States. That shows you what part checks play in business life. One single American clearing house handled in one day almost as much money as there is in the country all told.

England used to be the world money power. But London's market approach to the New York record was six hundred and fifty-five million dollars below it.

Uncle Sam is rich, and with all his gold and his complete lack of preparations, is tempting to some foreign powers, as a rich, fat, unarmed jeweler to a hungry gunman.

France suggests to Britain an arrangement for paying its debt, about as follows: Ten years of moratorium, no paying during that time.

Then, some "scaling down," taking into consideration all circumstances, which of course include the fact that the French army held back the first rush of Germany and gave Britain time to prepare.

France talks to Britain first, because the latter demands that France pay Britain, before paying America.

This country will discover that money in war is quickly spent or lent, and recovered very slowly.

Let the poor geeze that buy European bonds, bearing usurious rates of interest, with a first-class shlock rakeoff on the principal, bear this in mind. This government can bring pressure to bear on Europe. The private bond holder cannot do that. A big war in Europe might, and probably would, make those bonds worthless. When you buy European bonds you are betting your principal that there won't be any more European wars. That's a dangerous bet.

And when the time comes to settle those private debts, Uncle Sam takes on responsibility whatever, and which American financiers are too wise to buy for themselves, European debtors will say: "You treated us as usurers treat borrowers. Two can play at that kind of game." European borrowers are not coming to the U. S. A. shlock, meeting his usurious demands, with any idea of paying in full.

And what's more, the victims of usury will be morally justified in their repudiation. Mark what happens.

Second Amputation Fails to Prolong N. O. Betts' Life. Franklin, Jan. 5.—N. O. Betts is dead at his home in Franklin following an operation. About a year ago it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs. He seemed recovered, but the old ailment returned and it was necessary to amputate the other leg.

World's First Airplane Stowaway Sneaks Into Tool Chest of U. S. Ship; "Hooks" Ride, Calcutta to Allahabad

Told by LOWELL THOMAS. Upon the departure from Calcutta the strangest episode of the entire flight around the globe occurred. A stowaway actually crawled on board one of the American world cruisers and flew for 2,000 miles, all the way across India from Calcutta to Karachi.



Nor was this stowaway a tiger cub, monkey or hooded cobra that could easily hide in the plane. He was a full grown man, and his presence was not discovered until the end of the first day's flight, after he had flown over 500 miles.

But so impressed were the fliers with the news of this stowaway that they put him to work refueling the planes and then carried him along until they reached the shores of the Arabian sea.

Not a word about this well-kept unbelievable episode of the first flight around the world has ever been told. A solemn agreement was made between the fliers and their stowaway that none of them should breathe a word about it until the end of the flight. Furthermore, it was agreed that if none of the planes succeeded in circling the globe the story was to be kept a secret forever. It was a thoroughly irregular occurrence, and it is known that an extra passenger, a civilian stowaway, had been carried, no one could tell what complication might arise.

Correspondents Always on Job. Both the fliers and the stowaway have told me what happened, and their story is as follows: Nearly everywhere the fliers landed, both at important points and at some of the out of the way spots like Iceland, the Kurile Islands and Labrador, they were met by newspaper men detailed to cover the flight.

Among these was Linton Wells, of all the American and foreign correspondents Wells took by far the keenest interest in the flight and kept pace with the globe girdlers for the longest time. When he reached Calcutta he was supposed to relinquish his assignment to another man. But, rather than return to Tokio, Wells decided to follow the fliers all the way back to America, even if it cost him his job—which it did.

But how to keep up with them was the problem. They were now cutting across countries and continents far faster than any one could travel by train and steamer. So he begged the airman to allow him to ride along in the cockpit of one of the planes. Commander Lowell Smith approved of the idea and he flew along with them, at least part way across Asia, but he pointed out that it would be necessary to cable General Patrick for consent. The cable was sent from Calcutta and was duly received in Washington, where it is not improbable that sympathetic heads of the air service were being sent back the negative reply just long enough to allow the fliers to get away from Calcutta on their flight across India. Nor is it improbable that they secretly hoped that as a result of not receiving a response Commander Smith might allow Wells to proceed.

Steps in Tool Compartment. Meanwhile Wells, in the course of casual conversation with the airman, made the important discovery that after the substitution of wheels for pontoons an additional weight of 140 pounds or so would make very little difference to a world cruiser. Moreover, the trip across India was to be made in three stages, on none of which was it to be necessary for the planes to carry their maximum load of gas and oil.

So on the morning of July 1, when the boys were warming up their motors, and while thousands of people were crowding around looking over the planes before their departure from Calcutta, Wells, with no impediments other than the clothes he wore, slipped into the baggage and tool compartment behind the rear cockpit in the fuselage of the Boston and a few minutes later the three giant planes went roaring across the Maldan, circled over the Victoria memorial, the Bengal club, and the Ochterlony monument, took a final look at the city of Palaces, and headed toward central India.

The stowaway had plenty of room to stretch out inside the fuselage, but in order not to miss the sights he opened the trap door on the port side, stuck his head out a few inches, and watched the jute mills of Calcutta and the villages of Bengal slip by.

Fly Over Historic Ground. For an hour they flew north along the Hooghly, and then turned west. From then on Commander Smith kept about the East Indian railway, and led the way across the plains of the British Indian states of Bengal, Bihar, and Orissa, and the united provinces to the city of Allahabad, near the junction of the sacred Ganges and Jumna rivers.

Shortly after leaving the Hooghly they flew over the village of Shantidahan, where India's most illustrious son, Rabindranath Tagore, the poet and philosopher of Bengal, conducts his celebrated school and sits under the banyan trees telling the youth of Hindustan about the literature and civilization of the west.

saw the spires of fantastic Hindu temples where 8,000 Brahmin priests initiate throngs of gullible pilgrims into the mysteries of the complex Hindu religion. Although now past noon, and though the sun was blazing down with all its tropical intensity, they could see thousands of Hindus bathing in the river. On the steps of the ghats were hundreds of round, toast-stool-like affairs, the huge palm leaf umbrellas which the Brahmins rent to the pilgrims.

At several points they saw smoke curling up from the funeral pyres where the bodies of tens of thousands of Hindus are burned each year, in order that their ashes may be thrown into the sacred river.

Miss Firth in Airplanes. To see this city which is older than history from an airplane has its distinctive advantages. You miss the indescribable filth and revolting sights of the narrow streets where sacred cows and ash-smearing holy men jostle the crowds of perspiring pilgrims. You miss the horrid view of the funeral pyres, and you hurry by just fast enough to miss seeing a husband smashing his dead wife's skull with a club, in accordance with the Hindu ritual—a solemn rite to prevent the locking flames from causing the skull to explode. You also miss the nauseating sight of the half-burned bodies floating beside your sightseeing boat, with vultures plucking at them and crocodiles snapping off legs and arms.

After circling over the city of ceaseless prayer, the American world fliers sped on west with the Ganges to the right and the Jumna to the left, until straight ahead they saw another metropolis, the city of Allahabad.

Six miles from the railway station, in the midst of a sun-baked, treeless plain, they circled over the hangars of the royal air force, and descended after having flown a total of six and a half hours since leaving the city of the Black Hole.

As Wade and Ogden climbed out of the Boston, to their amazement who should they see but Linton Wells sliding out of their tool compartment. With the perspiration rolling down their cheeks all three of them did a first-class imitation of an Indian nautch dance. Nor was a word of caution uttered in the first aerial stowaway to "hook a ride" on an around the world airplane. Wells was greeted as though he were the prodigal son. But a moment later they put him to juggling cans of high test gas, and from then on Wells had to work for his passage just like stowaways have to do at sea.

Nor have many newspaper writers ever had to do as much manual labor in a whole lifetime as Linton Wells did to earn his right to accompany the American world fliers as they winged their way across far off Hindustan.

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

Holt County Receiving Many Cattle for Feeding. O'Neill, Jan. 5.—The annual influx of southern cattle and cattle from the ranges of Wyoming and Montana, to be wintered in the heavy haying region of southern Holt county, already has begun. Among the heavy shipments of the last few weeks was one of 23,000 head, shipped from the south by the Alpi Cattle company of Arizona, and which will be wintered on the old Lee & Prentiss, now the J. E. McNally ranch, southwest of O'Neill. The freight bill on these cattle was slightly over \$20,000.

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All along the waterfront the fliers

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The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. By RICHARD H. TINGLEY. Clues include: 1. A kind of precious stone, 2. To prohibit, 3. To grip, 4. Personal pronoun, 5. Of (suffix), 6. Sheep cry, 7. Coal scuttle, 8. Chemical suffix denoting alcohol, 9. Greek letter, 10. One thousand, one hundred, 11. All right (abbr.), 12. Hawaiian food, 13. Makes safe, 14. Murrumbidgee sound of birds, 15. Three (prefix), 16. Minute part of matter, 17. The (French, plural), 18. Two-fold, 19. Rumanian money unit, 20. Indian tribe, 21. Small pies, 22. Vehicle, 23. Hush (contraction), 24. Musical note, 25. To make into leather, 26. Musical note, 27. 19.3 cents in Rumanian money, 28. A measure, 29. College degree (abbr.), 30. Self, 31. Swiftly runs, 32. Personal pronoun, 33. Ended, 34. Top of the head, 35. Like, 36. Be off, 37. A spiral, 38. A stone carved in relief, 39. Pertaining to lava, 40. Term used in bridge whist, 41. Card game, 42. Part of the head, 43. Boundary lines, 44. The lowing noise of kine, 45. Asiatic bovine, 46. Helps, 47. Lindsens, 48. Amorously observed, 49. Cognizant of the fact, 50. False friend of Othello, 51. To encourage a wrongdoer, 52. In position, 53. Toward the top, 54. Exclamation.

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Solution of yesterday's puzzle. PALACE METRIC. R A S T R O L O G Y O. A R S A P I G R I N. L V D A E N O H M. E S T A R T E D S E. L A H S A O P N. M O P I S M O S E S. A E R A T R I U. T S T E N S I O N A R. J O W T P N A L A. C L U B P E S D R A B. A D I M E N S I O N L. L I E D I G E N C O R E.

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80 INITIATED IN K. OF C. AT SIDNEY. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Sidney, Jan. 5.—The Knights of Columbia initiated 80 candidates yesterday in the evening banquet was held at the academy, which was attended by more than 500 people of whom 75 were leading business men of this city not affiliated with the Catholic church. Sir Knight J. H. O'Neill officiated as toastmaster, responses were made as follows: Rev. F. Anton Link, "Fraternity"; W. P. Miles, "Heart of America"; James L. McIntosh, "Who is My Neighbor"; Frances P. Mathews of Omaha, state deputy, "Our Society"; Judge J. L. Tewell, "Misunderstood." Vocal solos were given by Mrs. Ed P. Young and Frank A. Krause. Bob Breakney's orchestra furnished music.

Pawnee County Breeders Lower Membership Fee. Pawnee City, Jan. 5.—Pawnee County Breeders' association elected the following officers for 1925: President, G. W. Miller; vice president, Mike Donahue, Burchard; secretary, J. C. Irwin; treasurer, F. A. Sloan, Burchard; directors, Fred Preston, Burchard; W. W. Smutz, C. Lionberger, A. J. Cope and John Brewer. The membership fee was lowered to \$1.50 from \$3 in an effort to recover the 50 per cent loss in membership during the past year. The object of the club is to breed better blooded farm stock.

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