

Escort Plane Pilot, Forced Down, Stays With Ship When Passenger Refuses to Use Parachute

Pins De Havilland Between Trees to Save Their Lives

First Accident of World Flight Ends Happily Because of Aviator's Daring Landing.

Told By **LOWELL THOMAS**
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Disaster overcame one of the escort planes that accompanied the world fliers on the first hop of their long trip.

"All the planes that had escorted us from Santa Monica were still with us at Portland except two," Lieutenant Smith relates. "One had dropped out. The other had been totally wrecked in the mountains of Oregon.

"The second was an army De Havilland from Clatsop field, San Francisco, piloted by Lieut. William Sweeley, and carrying a news photographer. They were flying between Medford and Eugene at an altitude of about 7,000 feet, and were directly above one of the most mountainous regions along the entire Pacific coast when the accident happened.

"The photographer noticed that his cockpit was flooded with oil. He wrote Sweeley a note. Sweeley climbed up out of his own cockpit and confirmed this. Then, looking at his oil gauge he saw that it was going down fast. He knew then that one of the worst things that can go wrong when you are in an airplane had happened.

"Sweeley at once throttled the motor down just as far as possible hoping to be able to keep it from overheating until they could descend. Then he looked all around at the terrifying peaks beneath him, and far ahead, fully 15 miles away, he saw what appeared to be a small field where he might have a chance of bringing the ship down without cracking it up.

"His Motor Freezes.
"But no sooner had he started to glide than his motor froze. A moment later a connecting rod broke. By now the whole ship was shaking violently from nose to tail, shaking as though she would fly to pieces. Then two more connecting rods let go. Sweeley well knew how desperate was their predicament. He knew that there was just one thing to do and he prepared to do it.

"Unbuckling his safety belt, he prepared to jump and descend with his parachute. He made signs to the photographer to do the same. Both of them, like all present-day army aviators, were flying in parachute harness all ready for just such an emergency. All that they had to do was fall over the side of the ship, pull the ring to release the chute, and gently drop for 7,000 feet into the trees.

"But to Sweeley's consternation his passenger refused to jump. Sweeley started to climb out over his cockpit and compel him to save himself. But the photographer leaned so far back in his seat that Sweeley could not reach him, all the time violently shaking his head, signifying that he would not jump.

"Pilot Refuses to Save Self.
"Disgusted, but refusing to save his own skin and desert his passenger, Sweeley sat down and rebuckled his safety belt. By now the plane was swiveling crazily out of control and

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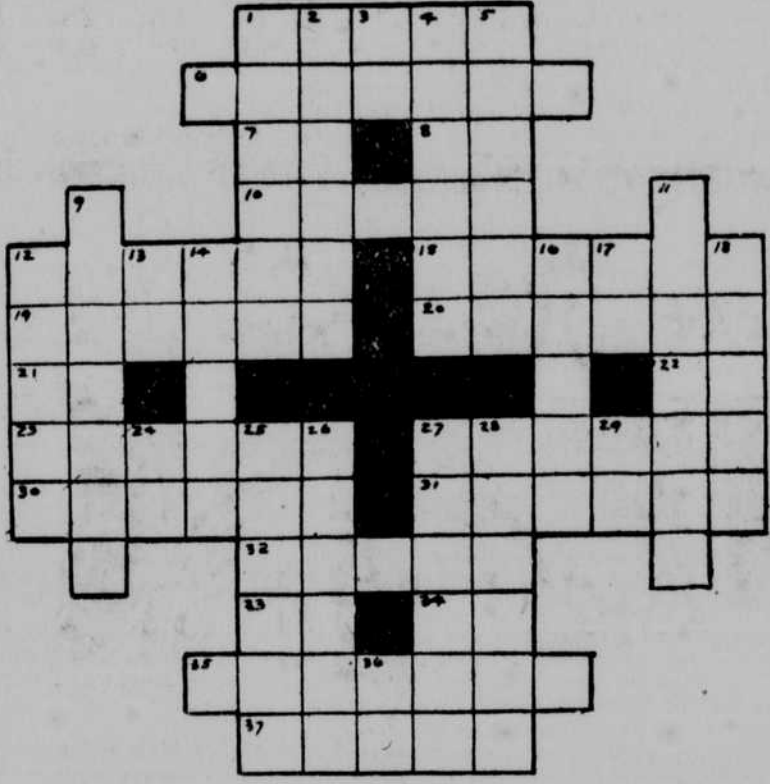
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The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By **RICHARD H. TINGLEY.**



- Horizontal.**
- To rear.
 - Recapitulation.
 - Gills (abbr.)
 - A parent.
 - Highly skilful.
 - Arched chambers.
 - Encumbered.
 - An egress.
 - Property.
 - Lower Canada (abbr.)
 - Tellurium symbol.
 - River in England.
 - Tangled thread.
 - Inclination.
 - To penetrate.
 - In printing, the equivalent of one em.
 - Postscript.
 - Walked.
 - Famous French woman writer.
- Vertical.**
- Wrinkled.
 - In the center of.
 - Into (prefix).
 - Spelman.
 - Misc. of lyric poetry (posses. sive).
 - Beneches.
 - A good-for-nothing.
 - Electric measures.
 - First note in the Guido scale.
 - South American ruminant.

The solution will appear tomorrow.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

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Sweeley pluckily attempting to right the plane again, succeeded, and then started looking for a possible opening in the trees.

"As they swooped down toward the mountains Sweeley picked out two tall straight pine trees. He calculated correctly. When the plane hit the two trees the wings crumpled off way up in the topmost branches a hundred feet or so above the ground. Some of the other branches partially stopped the plunge of the rest of the ship. But the ship plunged on and hit a third tree, a burned pine, with another terrific crash. So great was the

impact it knocked the engine right out of its bed.

"Down crashed the wreckage to the earth. Sweeley remembers humorously saying to himself that the whole thing was just like a movie thriller. But in a moment he had regained his senses and glanced up and saw the tree that they had just struck swaying dizzily for a moment. Then he saw it come smashing right down on top of them.

"By some miraculous stroke of luck it hit the plane, but missed Sweeley. He was unhurt except for a deep gash over one eye. In fact, the blood was

spurting from the cut in such a stream he was convinced he had lost his eye. Crawling out of the wreckage, he kicked a hole in the side of the fuselage and hauled out his passenger, who was squealing at the tops of his lungs.

Land on Top of Mountain.

"Sweeley discovered they were upon the top of a mountain, apparently miles and miles from nowhere. He told the photographer that the thing to do was for each of them to walk for three hours in opposite directions, and then, if either or both failed to find any one, to retrace their steps back to the plane. But the photographer was hysterical and refused to move, complaining that he had injured his ankle and wanted to stay where he was. Sweeley in disgust knocked his passenger down and literally forced him to do as he was ordered.

"After walking for three hours, Sweeley, finding no one, returned to the plane to discover that the photographer had had better luck. He had encountered two men who had seen the plane fall and who had started to the rescue. They were miles from transportation and medical aid. They had to walk seven miles before they came to a place where they could obtain a horse and wagon; then they had to drive another 15 to the nearest railway. A doctor assured Sweeley he would lose his eye. But they took the next train for San Francisco, and there Sweeley discovered he would not lose his eye and there was no danger of his losing his sight. Lieutenant Sweeley was officially commended for bravery and gallant behavior by Gen. Charles Morton, commander of the Ninth army corps area.

Maclean's Fly to Seattle.
"After one night in Portland we again motored back to the flying field over on the Washington side of the Columbia, and, despite heavy fog, we again set out for Seattle. We crossed nearly the whole state of Washington without seeing a sign of the earth until we dropped down a few miles south of Seattle, and descended to a horse and wagon; then they had to drive another 15 to the nearest railway. A doctor assured Sweeley he would lose his eye. But they took the next train for San Francisco, and there Sweeley discovered he would not lose his eye and there was no danger of his losing his sight. Lieutenant Sweeley was officially commended for bravery and gallant behavior by Gen. Charles Morton, commander of the Ninth army corps area.

Fliers' Clothing.
So each man was limited to two changes of underwear, a fur lined flying suit weighing 11 pounds, four lined gloves, heavy Arctic muckluks, two flannel shirts, two pairs of golf stockings, one pair of hunting boots, a cap, handkerchiefs, two tiny waterproof match boxes, and the proverbial safety razor and tooth brush. They even had to throw overboard the parachutes and life preservers which had been included in the original list of equipment.

Arnold With Smith.
It was in Seattle that the only change in personnel of the world flight was made. Lieut. Leslie Arnold, one of the alternate pilots, was invited by Lieut. Lowell Thomas to take the place of his mechanic, Sergeant Turner, who had suddenly developed lung trouble.

The selection of "Les" Arnold turned out to be a happy one, for he excelled in just those things which are a bit out of "Silent" Smith's line. For instance, after Major Martin's crash, when the command fell to Smith, to the latter fell the job of paying the usual visits to officials in foreign countries, responding at banquets, and so on. While Smith is a man of few words "Les" Arnold can speak almost as well as he can fly. So he was able to relieve his

commander of much responsibility along this line.

Arnold Kept Diary.
Another thing Arnold did which was extremely important—far more important than any of them realized at the time—was to keep a complete diary of the entire trip. And in setting down the story of the first circumnavigation of the world by air we will depend very largely upon his diary. Much of it was jotted down while he sat in the rear cockpit, flying across open seas and remote countries, and while sitting on the lower wing or pontoon, or at night while his companion slept.

"Everybody asks us how our world cruises got their names," Lieutenant Arnold tells me. "Washington preferred the idea of naming them after four important cities that had been particularly backward in aviation in the hope that this might result in stirring up interest among the inhabitants. It could hardly fall to appeal to their pride in case their cruises happened to get all the way around."

Hop-off From Seattle.
"We were in Seattle from March 22 until April 5," Arnold continued. "Riding farewell to our relatives and friends who had assembled here at the uttermost city of the United States to see us off, we rowed out to our planes, found everything in readiness for the start for Alaska, cast off our moorings and taxied off across the lake. Major Martin took

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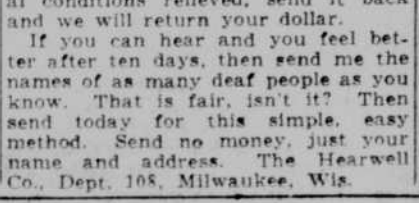
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