Father, Mother Greet Smith at San Diego Field

Globe Circling Flight Had Few More Dramatic Moments Than Meeting of Parents and Son.

By LOWELL THOMAS.

"We were on the homestretch when we left Tuscon for San Diego," said Flight Commander Smith, "or we would have flown off our course and passed over Phenix in order to pay tribute to the memory of one of the gamest men that ever piloted an airplane. His name was Lieut. Frank Luke. And if there lives an American who has never heard the story of the adventures of daredevil Luke, and of how he used to shoot down German sausage balloons, then he has missed one of the most dramatic tales in American history.

"With some 25,000 miles of air behind us, and with only a few hundred more to go, our motors seemed to be singing a song of triumph as we sped across the Arizona desert toward the familiar jagged peaks of the Creater and Growler mountains. Far below I spotted the tiny desert cluster of adobe huts called Kim. It brought back memories of India and of the days we had spent flying up the famous Grand Trunk road of Hindustan in the footsteps of Kim, the hero of Kipling's immortal story. The country below us looked like some parts of India, too. But neither that nor the name of Kim could fool us now. We were flying with our throttles nearly wide open, at 100 miles an hour, and we knew that the passing of every minute was bringing us a mile and a half nearer my home, just over the desert's rim.

Running Ahead of Schedule.

"Erik and 'Les' also had relatives and some of their most intimate friends waiting for them at Rockwell field. All this added to the fact that the moment our wheels touched the soil of Coronado island they would have been around the world, meant that this was to be the greatest day of all our lives. Nor, if we live to be as old as Methuselah, could there ever be another like it. So, for any of the four of us to attempt to describe it would be useless. Ten years from now, perhaps, we may be able to look back upon it and draw a fairly accurate word picture of it. But now it's impossible. It still seems like a dream."

The people of San Diego were not expecting the world flyers until 1 o'clock. But they were two hours and a half ahead of schedule. For weeks the officials of San Diego had been preparing for the greatest celebration in the history of that city since their world fair of 1915. Special trains, ferries, busses, and strings of street cars were in readiness to take fully 60,000 people out to Rockwell field. Hundreds of soldiers and sailors were still in their barracks awaiting the command to "fall in." Thirty army and navy airplanes had just been trundled out of their hangers and their pilots were not expecting to take off for another hour or more.

Hurried Reception Plans.

But at 9:20 a message flashed across the mountains from El Centro that the world flyers were at that moment passing over the Imperial valley and would reach San Diego within an hour. Without stopping to wad their ears with cotton, the pilots at Rockwell field hurriedly pulled on their helmets and goggles, yelled to their mechanics, jumped into their cockpits, and shouted "Contact!" Propellers were swung, and a moment later 30 escort planes were soaring eastward, toward the mountains. The office staff at Rockwell and Mr. Howard Worth, chairman of the local world flight committee, telephoned everywhere they could think of in San Diego in a desperate attempt to reach Mr. and Mrs. Jaspar Smith and Mrs. Roberta Harding, who were known to have come down from their homes in Los Angeles the night before.

By 10 o'clock a few hundred spectators had drifted out to North island. But a few minutes later cars rolled up with the parents of the fliers and the city officials.

"Here they come!" shouted Lieut. Corliss Moseley, commander of Los Angeles airport.

Vivid Picture of Reception.

Otis M. Wiles of Los Angeles vividly describes the historic scene:

"Three planes, flying abreast, and trailed by 25 others, loomed through the morning mists to the eastward over the city.

"'O, my dear—here he comes,' and Mrs. Jasper Smith, tears of joy in her eyes and standing on her tiptoes, while she waved her handkerchief toward the middle plane—she knew her boy was piloting that plane—began to dance up and down as the naval band struck up a lively tune.

"She continued to dance, but she danced not alone. Rev. Jasper Smith was shaking his feet in a vigorous jig, one arm embraced his wife. The other was waving an American flag. 'I am proud—and I don't give a dern who knows it.' His boy was the leader of that courageous sextet, and this was the greatest day of his life.

"The thrumming drew near Rockwell field, increasing in volume. Smith, Nelson, Wade, Arnold, Harding and Ogden—with their planes wing to wing—skimmed majestically onward. They circled high over North island.

All Make Pretty Landing.

"Jasper Smith and his jubilant wife ran down the steps of the reviewing stand, then around in circles, then out toward the open field. Major Moseley guided them back.

"'Our happiness has just swelled up and exploded,' the father of Lieutenant Smith apologized. The fleet of planes disappeared behind the treetops and hangars.

"A brief expression of disappointment flashed across the tearstained faces of the mother and father of the bashful boy who had carried his nation's flag around the world. Again they hove in view, the mighty engines causing the earth to tremble."

10:34:48 a. m.—The wheels of Lieutenant Smith's and Lieutenant Arnold's plane touched the ground. Three seconds later Lieutenant Nelson and Lieutenant Harding skimmed down to earth, followed by Lieutenant Wade and Lieutenant Ogden nine seconds afterward.

Touching Family Reunion.

The official time was recorded by E. M. Cooper, representing the National Aeronautical association. Lieut. John Paul Richter, who had accompanied Lowell Smith on a number of record-breaking flights in previous years, sang out the number of the planes as their wheels touched the earth. Then the three world cruisers taxied up to the reviewing stand. The crowd surged toward them. The Rev. Jasper Smith, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Roberta Harding were swept along with them. As the flyers dropped out of their cockpits Smith's Rockwell field pals hoisted him into the air.

"Let me down, fellows, I want to get to my mother first," he shouted. A moment later six loving arms became entangled in one embrace. Lieutenant Smith' father and mother said nothing. They could not—they were too overjoyed. Nor did Lieutenant Smith speak. The little family of three just stood there, wedged in the throng, and looked happily at each other, while nearby "Smiling Jack" was in the arms of his mother and the other four were surrounded by a crowd of friends congratulating them on their great feat and their safe return.

A hush fell over the throng as the voice of an army chaplain rose in a prayer of thanksgiving to Almighty God:

"We thank Thee, our Father, for the safe return of these great Magellans of the air, for their bravery, fortitude and daring that caused them to be the first to carry the Stars and Stripes around the world on the wings of thew ind. And we thank Thee for hearkening to the prayers of their countrymen for the success of this great undertaking."

After lunch the flyers were taken to the great stadium out at Balboa park, where, as Leigh Wade cryptically expressed it, "the Rev. Smith made a long speech and his son made a short one."

Signal Honors for All.

"While out there at Balboa park," said Lieutenant Ogden, "six of the most beautiful girls we had ever seen came up and hung garlands of flowers around our necks. Then there were more speeches and we were presented with six marvelous sets of silver service. Each set was just enough different to add individuality, each piece had our monograms, and in the center of each tray there was engraved a small globe with the route of our flight, an arrow pointing to San Diego and appropriately inscribed.

"Erik had a special surprise awaiting him. There is an international Swedish order known as the 'Ericsson league,' and all of the local members were present to honor our flying Viking. Capt. John Anderson, honorary president of the league and a celebrated engineer, on behalf of his organization presented Erik with the most interesting old copper coin that any of us had ever seen. It weighed nearly four pounds and was three and a third inches thick, seven inches wide and nine inches long! It was struck off by King Charles XII of Sweden in the year 1714, and of course is worth many hundreds of dollars to collectors. Engraved on it was the inscription: 'To Lieut. Erik Nelson, in commemoration of the completion of his round-the-world flight at San Diego, Cal., Sept. 22, 1924. From the John Ericsson league of San Diego, Cal.'

Still Thousand Miles Away.

"That night Smith's old Rockwell field buddies, men like Richter, 'Gil' Irvin, Bill Ocker, and a lot of others, gave a big banquet for us at the famous Hotel del Coronado, where we were guests until our departure for Los Angeles and Santa Monica the following day.

"Maj. Bill Ocker is one of the best known characters in the air service. In addition to being an able pilot, and a veteran, he is a humorist and philosopher famous for his epigrams. One of the latter that has gone the rounds of every aviation field in the country was his drawling remark: 'I would rather be known as the oldest pilot in the air service than as the best pilot in the air service!'

"Although at the start of the world flight we had come down here to San Diego, the aviation Mecca of the Pacific coast, to get new Rockwell field Libertys installed in our world cruisers, and to have the compasses swung, and although it can be truthfully said that the world flight had been completed when the planes arrived back here, nevertheless Los Angeles was the original home of our Douglas cruisers, and Seattle, had been selected by Washington as the official point of departure and the official point of termination. So we still had a thousand miles to go."

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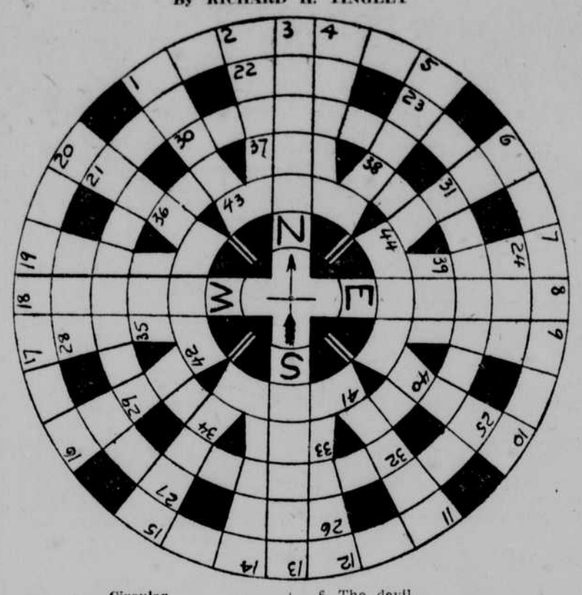
The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY



Circular.

1. Shy.
6. A large Pacific coast city.
11. Passes.
16. Walked.
21. Rio (Spanish).
22. A coal product.
23. An egg-shaped ornament.
24. Fish eggs.
25. An opening.
26. A dull color.
27. Certified public accountant (abbr.).
28. An edible seed.
29. A wonder.
30. Dried grapes.
31. More attenuated.
32. "The Land of the Free."
33. Vim.
34. Portuguese money.
35. A mountain in Crete.
36. Wrong doing.
37. Psalms (abbr.).
38. A period of time.
39. Another period of time.
40. And so forth (abbr.).
41. A golf term.
42. The first part of the name of large California city which means "the" in Spanish, plural.
43. Part of the head.
44. Autumn fruit.

Radial.

1. Carried.
2. The main stem of a tree or plant.
3. Grandson of Mohammed, son of Fatima.
4. A monk.
5. The one who fails to win.
6. The devil.
7. One of the main divisions of the human race.
8. A part of your mouth—or of your shoe.
9. An opinion.
10. A turf of ornamental feathers.
11. The excess of the solar year over the 12 lunar months.
12. Proficient.
13. Thick soups.
14. A long-bill game-bird.
15. Fright.
16. A native of a southern Indian district.
17. One of the months.
18. A grassy plane.
19. Large South American rodents.
20. Apparel.

The solution will appear tomorrow.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

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WHEAT MARKET HOLDS ITS OWN

The expected "break" in the May wheat failed to materialize Monday. Instead the market held its own, although dropping 3 1-4 points at one time during the trading. The market opened at $2.02 1-4. It closed at $1.99.

The high price of wheat was said to be the cause of another rise in the price of flour. Flour raised from $10.65 to $11 a barrel in Omaha Monday. This will raise the price of flour to the housewife about 10 cents on 48-pound sacks, according to the Omaha flour mills.

WAR PICTURES AT CHEMIST MEET

The February meeting of the Omaha section of the American Chemical society, in Creighton Dental college, Tuesday night at 8, will be of interest to the public as well as chemists, according to Secretary S. A. Rice.

Maj. Charles W. Mason of the chemical warfare service, United States army, will present an illustrated talk on the part chemistry plays in warfare.

Today

Nitrogen or Power?
Ford Puts It Plainly.
Looks Like Monopoly Now.
Up to the President.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

At the request of the War department, Henry Ford offered to develop the power plant, built by the people at Muscle Shoals, to provide nitrogen from the atmosphere for use in war time.

Nitrogen can be made into explosives, for war, and fertilizer for peace.

Politicians in Washington rejected Ford's offer, although the entire south and all the farmers demanded that the government accept it. Ford, wearied of Washington's grafting vacillation, withdrew his offer.

And the Muscle Shoals plant, as things now stand, is scheduled to be put under the control of a great power monopoly.

Every voter in this country should read and remember, until next election, Henry Ford's statement concerning Muscle Shoals. It was made yesterday, in response to a message from W. R. Hearst urging Ford to re-enter the Muscle Shoals contest, and again to rescue the people's property from selfish exploiters.

The situation is clear. The president must see it plainly. And fortunately, private monopolists cannot seize this public property, without the president's consent.

Should Muscle Shoals go to the power monopoly, that concern will be directly indebted to President Coolidge.

These are points in Henry Ford's statement that interest every American:

"I am willing to co-operate with government in developing Muscle Shoals into a great nitrate plant, making cheap fertilizer for the American farmers.

"In my opinion, the Shoals should be used for the production of nitrates and fertilizer.

"I believe that the government could itself keep Muscle Shoals and run it, not as a power plant, but as a nitrate plant, to help the farmers in peace and safeguard the country in war. The people of the United States spent $140,000,000 to create a government nitrate plant, not a power house. We should not lose sight of the original and biggest reason for Muscle Shoals being built.

"If the government keeps Muscle Shoals and operates the nitrate plant by the army and navy, I shall be glad to put at their service all that the Ford company has of knowledge and experience. Our engineers have beeen working for three years on the problem of making cheap nitrogen from the air for farmers. We believe we have discovered improvements on the present processes. We believe air nitrate can be made at a price that will materially reduce the cost of fertilizer on the farm.

"The Ford company will turn over to the government, without cost, the results of its research.

"We will lend the men to help build up an efficient organization to run the Shoals. As a citizen's duty, we worked with the army and navy during the war. We are ready to give the same co-operation to the government in aid of the farmers now, cost free to the government.

"Our open offer, made at government request, was based on public service principles with a view to developing, maintaining and turning back to the government a great public utility and defensive asset. This cannot be done under the system of 'private profit only' that now rules business.

"It is a mistake to say that the government cannot run the nitrate plant as well as any private party. This is the very kind of business the government ought to engage in. Electro-chemical methods of air nitrogen fixation do not require great forces of employes. It is a straight job of letting the forces of nature work for you. The government has as good men as there are in this field. We talked with some of them when we were figuring on the Shoals.

"If the government keeps Muscle Shoals and runs it for the farmers, I will help, so far as technical help goes, just as much as I could have helped it if I had taken the property over.

(Signed.) "HENRY FORD."

In his appeal sent to Henry Ford by wire, Mr. Hearst said:

"I know how public-spirited you are, and how much you have at heart the welfare of our country and our people.

"I know that in your former attitude toward the Muscle Shoals enterprise you were animated mainly by a desire further to benefit the people of this country, and particularly the farmers, whom you hold so closely in your consideration.

"I know that you have lost none of this desire to serve, and I think that the situation in Washington that has developed in regard to the Muscle Shoals enterprise would again warrant your attention, in the public interest."

Every farmer and every other good citizen in the country should write to President Coolidge, urging him to keep Muscle Shoals out of the hands of monopolistic exploiters.

It is understood that the president does not believe in public ownerships—perhaps because his knowledge of politicians convinces him that they can't be trusted with a dollar.

But the president surely does not believe in turning over a $140,000,000 public investment to be exploited by private monopolists, whose record for private exploitation is notorious.

President Coolidge will decide the matter. Congress will not send him a bill if it is known that he will veto it.

Write the president and tell him what you think. Farmers, especially should write. The president is always glad to hear from any citizen.

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BROTHERS TO TAKE ROW FROM COURT

Two brothers, C. W. and H. F. Swenson of the Swenson Brothers Dry Goods company, met in district court Monday morning without speaking.

C. W. Swenson is suing H. F. Swenson, charging that he had a niece, Mrs. Esther Skonberg Black, appointed director and secretary of the company to work for his interests alone. It also is alleged that funds were wrongfully appropriated and the brothers are unable to agree on the ownership of $7,500.

The hearing was to have started Monday morning, but was adjourned and a settlement will be urged.

CARLSON STARTS AK-SAR-BEN WORK

Fritz Al Carlson, the newly-elected secretary of Ak-Sar-Ben, took over his official duities Monday.

He will work under Charles L. Saunders, member of the board of governors, who was elected secretary to succeed Charles Gardner. Gardner will remain with Ak-Sar-Ben until February 15.

Several bouquets and baskets of flowers were received by Carlson from Omaha friends.

"I am going to do my best to make this year Samson's greatest," Carlson said.

MISSING SON IS WILLED $100

The will of the late Mathew F. Martin, real estate man who died January 29, leaves only $100 to one son, Don M. Mathew, and the remainder of the estate to another son, Frank C. Martin, 2016 Webster street.

The will states that the address of Don is unknown. The estate is estimated at $20,500.

RADIO

Program for February 3.
(Courtesy of Radio Digest)
By Associated Press.

WSB, Atlanta Journal, (429), 8, program; 10:45, orchestra.

KPDM, Beaumont, (315.6), 8, concert.

WEEI, Boston, (303) 6, Sinfonians; 7, WEAF program; 8, Eveready hour; 9, orchestra.

WGR, Buffalo, (319), 6, music; 8-10, concerts.

WGN, Chicago Tribune, (370), 6 organ; 6:30, ensemble, string quintet; 8, DeWolf Hopper.

WEBH, Chicago, (370), 7, orchestra, tenor, reader Riviera theater; 9, songs, pianist; 11, dance.

WLS, Chicago, (345), 6:30, organ; 7, lullaby; 7:45, Saddler feature; 8, farm program; 9-12, soloists, orchestra, vaudeville revue.

WMAQ, Chicago News, (447.5), 6, organ; 6:30, orchestra; 8, book review, travel talk; 8:50, lecture; 9:15, musical.

KYW, Chicago, (536), 7, concert; 8, musical; 8:20, speeches; 8:45, musical; 10 at home, Nighthawks, Applesauce club.

WLW, Cincinnati, (423), 6, concert instrumental quintet; 10, concert.

WEAR, Cleveland, (264.3), 6:30, bedtime; 7, entertainment.

WFAA, Dallas News, (472.9) 6:30, musical; 8:30, mandolin and guitar club; 11, organ.

WWJ, Detroit News, (352.7) 6, News orchestra, tenor, contralto.

KOA, Denver (silent).

WOC, Davenport (silent).

KNX, Hollywood (336.9), 8, talk; 8:30, music; 10, varied; 1, orchestra.

WBAP, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, (472.9), 7:30, program; 9:30, Hawaiian guitarists.

WDAF, Kansas City Star, (414.1), 6, school of the air; 11:45 frolic.

KHJ, Los Angeles Times, (395), 8, orchestra; 8:30, children; 10, features; 12, orchestra.

WHAS, Louisville Times, (400), 7:30, concert, reading.

WMC, Memphis Commercial Appeal, (502.9), 8, story; 8:30, musical; 11, frolic.

WCCO, Minneapolis-St. Paul, (417), 6:30, trio; 7:30, lecture.

CKAC, Montreal (425), 6:30 concert; 7:30, program; 9:30, dance; 11, frolics.

WOR, Newark, (405), 6, orchestra.

WJZ, New York, (455) 6, dogs; 6:15, orchestra; 7, Wall Street Journal review; 7:10, talk; 7:25, pianist.

WHN, New York, (360), 9, vaudeville; 9:30, dance; 10, music; 10:30, orchestra; 11 Ted Lewis.

WEAF, New York, (492), 6:30, talk; 7:20, Gold Dust twins; 8, Eveready hour; 9, orchestra.

WJY, New York, (405), 7:15, comedy; 9:15, trio.

KGO, Oakland, (390), 6, orchestra; 10, minstrels; 12, dance, soloists.

WOAW, Omaha, (522.3), 6, advice to lovelorn; 6:25, program; 9:20, program, address.

WDAR, Philadelphia, (395), 7:50, talk.

WFI, Philadelphia, (395), 6, talk; 8, concert; 9, orchestra.

KDKA, Pittsburgh, (309.1), 7:10, concert; 10, recital.

WCAE, Pittsburgh, (462), 6:30, Uncle Kaybee; 6:45, address; 7:30, pianist; 8, Eveready hour; 9, concert.

KGW, Portland Oregonian, (485.1), 10, lecture; 10:30, concert; 12, orchestra.

WOAI, San Aantonio, (394.5), 8:30, instrumental, trio; 9:30, orchestra.

KPO, San Francisco, (423), orchestra, address; 10:30, glee club; 12 band.

WKAQ, San Juan, (372.8), 7, jazz band, comic monologue, poem.

WGY, Schenectady, (380), 6:45, income tax, instrumental; 7:15, comedy; 9, Brunswick hour; 10:30, organ.

KFQX, Seattle, (238), 9:15, Aunt Vivien; 10, orchestra; 11, concert; 12, dance.

WBZ, Springfield, (337), 6:15, poultry talk; 6:30, educational; 9:05, orchestra.

KSD, St. Louis Post Dispatch (549.1), 6, concert; 9, pianist, vocal, violinist, address; 10, recital.

WRC, Washington, (469), 6, music; 7, show shopping; 7:10, announced; 7:30, poilties; 8, Brunswick hour; 9:15, orchestra.

WOAW Program

Tuesday, February 3.

12:30 P. M.—Horticultural program, transmitted from WOAW's remote control studio in the May Seed and Nursery company building, Shenandoah, Ia.

6:00 P. M.—"Advice to Lovelorn" period.

6:25 P. M.—Dinner program, transmitted from WOAW's remote control studio in the May Seed and Nursery company building, Shenandoah, Ia.

9:00 P. M.—Carl Sibbert, tenor; J. V. Barborka, harp; Grace Denison Shafer, piano. Transmitted from Sun theater.

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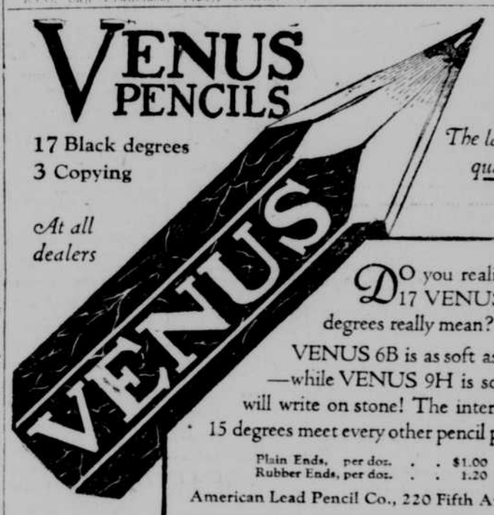

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