Airplane De Luxe Crashes to Earth On Maiden Flight

Liner Built for Transcontinental Service by Alfred Lawson Wrecked at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, May 9.—The greatest plane ever built in America, a mammoth $75,000 flying liner with berths, shower bath and luxurious accommodations for 26 passengers, crashed to the ground here Sunday on "taing oc" for its maiden flight.

Alfred W. Lawson, designer and builder, the pilot, John Wilcox, and two Milwaukee newspaper men were in the plane, but escaped unhurt.

The plane was intended for commercial purposes and transcontinental flights. It was planned to stop at LaCrosse, then at Chicago, and fly from Chicago to New York. Lawson had dreamed of putting scores of these big ships into service and of building even bigger and better sky liners. This was the first of the dream fleet. It has a capacity of three tons of freight or mail, its wings spread 124 feet, and has a body 60 feet long.

It is propelled by three Liberty motors aggregating 1,200 horsepower.

A great crowd assembled to see the big plane off this morning, and as the machine started taxying over the ground the spectators started cheering. The field is small. The plane rapidly reached the edge of it and began to ascend. There was only one space for it to ascend, between a house and a tree.

The pilot started to bank the giant car and struck the tip of the tree with a wing. The airplane swung around, struck and broke a telegraph pole, and then went smashing down.

Mr. Lawson estimated the damage at $10,000. He said the machine would be ready again in two weeks. He is still determined to carry out his ideas of the transcontinental freight and passenger service. When the service is installed, Mr. Lawson says a man will be able to make the flight from New York to Chicago while he sleeps. The plane will leave the eastern metropolis at 10 o'clock, with the passengers in their berths, and reach Chicago between 5 aand 6 o'clock the next morning.

Ultimatum of Allies Acceptable to Germans

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reparation document and the ultimatum for wisely having refrained from projecting the questions of guilt or oral responsibility for the war into the issue. He tells his countrymen they have a thorny, rocky road ahead but that acceptance now will remove "the paralyzing burden of uncertainty" and enable Germany's economic organization to settle down to producing the surplus needed to meet the terms. He concedes that the result of the efforts in this direction probably will not be visible for the first two or three years.

Smoot Tax Exemption Bill Attacked by Land Banks

Washington, May 9.—Senator Smoot's bill to repeal the tax exemption privilege of securities issued by joint stock land banks of the federal farm loan system was attacked today before the senate banking committee by representatives of the American Association of Joint Stock Land banks, W. W. Howell, secretary of the association, said the measure was "an insidious attack upon the farm loan system designed to undermine and destroy the entire system.

Efforts to Increase Army Appropriation Bill Fail

Washington, May 9.—Efforts to increase the $1,200,000 carried in the army appropriation bill for training of enlisted men failed in the house today, an amendment for an addition of from $100,000 to $500,000 in the amount of salaries of instructors being voted down.

Slow progress was made on the bill and republican leaders expressed doubt that it would be disposed of tomorrow.

Governor Seriously Hurt In Attack by Communists

Vienna, May 9.—Communists on Sunday stormed a meeting at St. Lorenz while Governor Rentelen of Styria was addressing the audience. The governor was beaten, thrown from a window of the building and then stoned. His condition is reported to be serious.

Slayer of Husband Pleads Not Guilty in Murder Case

New Orleans, May 9.—Mrs. Mathilda Levee, who Saturday shot and killed her husband, Frederick Levee, on a busy street, pleaded not guilty in city criminal court today. She was held without bail. Mr. and Mrs. Levee formerly were residents of Los Angeles.

Ship Steward Beaten and Robbed by Striker, Charge

New Orleans, La., May 9.—T. A. Coleman, chief steward of the tanker Crude Oil, of the Mexican Petroleum company, reported to the police today that late last night he was severely beaten by alleged union strikers and robbed of $270. Edward Fagan, a fireman, is being held.

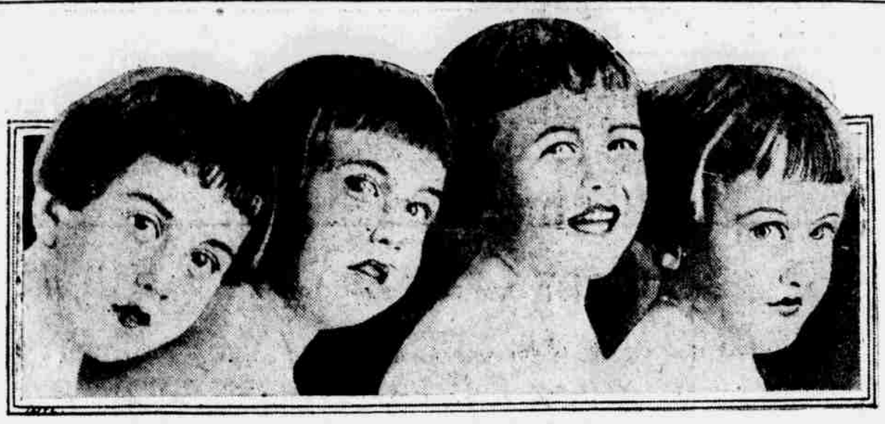
Greek Army Morale Is Said To Be Excellent in Smyrna

Athens, May 9.—Military conditions in the Smyrna district of Asia Minor are highly satisfactory, and the morale of the Greek army there is good, Premier Gounaris told King Constantine and the cabinet yesterday. The premier returned last week from Smyrna.

B'nai B'rith Opens Annual Convention at St. Louis

St. Louis, May 9.—Plans for promoting the various benevolences embraced in the scope of the organization, were under consideration here today at the sixty-ninth annual convention, district grand lodge 2, Independent Order B'nai B'rith.

Quadruplets Celebrate Sixth Birthday



The Keys quadruplets of Hollis, Okl., the only quadruplets in that state, will celebrate their sixth birthday on June 4 next. The children, of average size and lively dispositions, are declared to be the healthiest and happiest youngsters in Oklahoma. The four girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Keys, play together, eat together and do almost everything else together in perfect harmony. They have not been ill a day since their birth. The four, from left to right, Roberta, Mona, Mary and Leota, are shown in the photograph in the order of their birth. The first three are brunettes and the fourth is a blonde.

Get Bergdoll at Any Cost, March's Aim

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"No sir, his action was entirely correct from the standpoint of international law," answered the general. "But if those men had brought Bergdoll back it would have been entirely satisfactory to me."

General March said he knew little of the circumstances which led to Bergdoll's escape. He said that General Harris had brought to his attention the letter written by General Ansell, attorney for Bergdoll, asking for the release of Bergdoll long enough to permit him to locate the mysterious pot of gold buried in the mountains of western Pennsylvania. He said he told General Harris to do nothing in the matter that was not entirely right. Later on, he said, he approved the order for the court martialing of Colonel Hunt, commander of Fort Hunt, where Bergdoll was imprisoned.

Exposes Gold Plot.

W. L. Alexander, redemption change teller of the treasury department, gave interesting testimony bearing on the pot of gold. On October 27, as he recalled it, James E. Romig, the Bergdoll family adviser, stepped into his office with an enormous bundle of bills, some of them gold certificates and others federal reserve notes payable in gold on demand at the bank of issue or at the Treasury department. Romig wanted $50,000 in gold immediately. Alexander refused to give it to him without a written order from his superiors. Romig took the matter up with Assistant Secretary of Treasury Leffingwell and obtained an order for the gold. Alexander then paid it over to him in ten bags containing $5,000 each. The total weight of the gold was more than one strong man could carry. Romig finally carried it out of the treasury into an automobile.

On November 17, according to Alexander, Romig and a woman appeared at the treasury with another big roll of bills and demanded $60,000 gold. Again after much parleying and red tape their demands were heeded and $60,000 in 12 sacks, weighing in all 240 pounds, was turned over to them. Alexander thinks now that the woman was Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the escaped prisoner.

U. S. Keeps Pledge.

Alexander testified that the treasury officials were very reluctant to pay out the gold, but found that they were without authority to refuse because of the character of the notes and the certificates presented. They called for payment in gold on demand and the treasury decided that the government must keep its pledge, Alexander said. The bills and notes were "done up," Alexander testified, in bundles of $500. They were wrapped with straps bearing the stamp of several banks. Alexander's memory on this was vague, but he thought that the straps bore the stamp of the First National bank of Camden, and "the First, Second or Third National bank of Philadelphia."

Alexander described Romig and Mrs. Bergdoll as "foreigners." The quantity of gold they took away from the treasury was the largest ever taken at any one time in his 20 years' experience, he said.

"We thought they were some foreigners who believed that the government was going to be overthrown and wanted to get all they could," said Alexander. "Mr. Pierce, the cashier, talked to them and told them plainly that if he had his way he'd put them in the penitentiary."

Col. Julius A. Penn, assistant to General Harris, adjutant general of the army, told how his chief had called him on the telephone and consulted him regarding the letter General Ansell wrote requesting the temporary release of Bergdoll.

"General Harris said he thought it was a reasonable request of a responsible attorney and I thought so, too," said Colonel Penn.

Mails Out Papers.

A new form of impudence by Bergdoll made its appearance at today's hearing. He is making a practice of sending copies of German newspapers to Representative Kahn of California, chairman of the house military affairs committee, and Secretary of War Weeks. He always picks out issues containing bitter anti-American articles. Representative Kahn laid before the committee today a copy of the Ebenburger Zeitung containing a report of the release of the two American detectives who tried to kidnap Bergdoll. The Zeitung denounced the release of the American detectives and gave a lurid account of how Germans were fleeing from the United States to escape persecution.

Mr. Kahn informed the committee that the newspaper was addressed to him in Bergdoll's handwriting. He had sent the wrapper to Philadelphia and had the writing identified as Bergdoll's, he said.

Patrolman Slain by Bandits He Surprises in Burglary

Ogden, Utah, May 9.—Charles Manzell, Ogden patrolman, on his first shift after a leave of absence for war work, was shot to death by bandits early this morning when he came upon them robbing a clothing store here.

The burglars escaped.

No Protest Is Made To Free Canal Tolls

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form declaration in favor of toll exemption for all American ships, but he believes it should be done by means of an understanding with Great Britain, the other party to the treaty. Whether he will halt the proposed legislation pending negotiations with Great Britain or leave that matter for discussion with England after passage of the legislation remains to be seen.

Favored in West.

At the meeting today Senators Jones and Poindexter of Washington presented arguments in favor of their bills exempting all American ships from payment of tolls. Senator Borah has introduced a bill exempting coastwise ships only.

Senator Jones asserted that "an American ship of 6,000 tons has to pay $7,200 canal tolls, a burden which American ships should not be required to bear in using a waterway constructed and protected by the United States."

"Tolls imposed on American ships constitute 3 per cent of the investment, clearly a large proportion of their margin of profit," said Senator Walsh of Montana, democrat.

Knox Explains Situation.

"There can be no misunderstanding of Great Britain's position," said Senator Knox, who was secretary of state when the British protest against toll exemption was received in 1912. "Great Britain knows the rule of the maritime world respecting coastwise vessels and it would be the last to seek to prevent our coastwise vessels from being given free use of the canal. I am not prepared to say by whom, but it has always been clear to me that the levying of tolls on American vessels was inspired and hatched in this country."

"Presumably by the railroad interests?" inquired Senator Walsh.

"It is to be presumed that it was," replied Senator Knox.

Senator Poindexter said that the "most asinine" aspect of American policy is the requirement that American battleships and other naval vessels pay tolls. This statement occasioned much surprise, inasmuch as the committee ruled in 1915 that American naval vessels were exempted from tolls because they were employed to protect and maintain the canal.

Third Person Dies of Hurts Received in Plane Wreck

Abilene, Tex., May 9.—With the death late last night of E. A. Locking, a civilian aviator, the third fatality from yesterday's airplane accident near Abilene was registered. Miss Margaret Pearson and a mechanic of the name of Carson, who was piloting the machine, were the other victims.

Pickpockets Claim Victims Dishonest in Reporting Their Loss

Genoa, May 9.—The chief of police in this city has received a letter signed "The Tramways pickpockets association" complaining that the persons from whom they abstract pocketbooks have "the dishonest habit" of invariably declaring to the police a much larger financial loss than they have really suffered.

They cite specific cases where one man claiming to have been robbed of 2,500 lire only lost 50, and another one, reporting a loss of 1,800 lire when his pocketbook contained less than 200.

The letter argues that such exaggerations are likely to cause strained relations among the pickpocket fraternity when a member of the association turns in a few hundred lire when the loser claims to have lost thousands.

Stereotyper, Holds Up Five Men; Ice Pick Is Weapon

Sioux City, Ia., May 9.—Working alone and armed with an ice pick, George A. Erickson, 31 years old, a stereotyper, held up five men according to a confession made to the police.

Erickson was caught by a motorcycle policeman while holding up his fifth victim.

More Charges Filed Against Police Heads

Des Moines Chief of Detectives Accused at Hearing Of Taking $200 for Return of Stolen Car.

Des Moines, May 9.—(Special Telegram.)—One new accusation was made against Jack Brophy, and two additional charges against Frank Harty when the civil service commission resumed its investigation of charges of collusion against the deposed police heads. One witness testified that Brophy took $200 for the return of a stolen car and another said Harty took $50 to protect an alleged gambling joint proprietor whose place had been raided by police. Harty was also accused of seizing a quantity of liquor which police records do not account for.

Unique Court Order.

A unique court order was issued here today to permit Mike Vehar to leave the county jail twice a day to go home and milk his cows. The order was made after members of the Vehar family came into court and asserted that the cows would let down their milk only to Vehar himself and that efforts of others of the family to milk them were in vain.

Flyer Dies From Injuries.

Harold E. DuJardine, 22, of Chicago, engaged in commercial flying, died at Marshalltown, Ia., late yesterday of injuries sustained when his plane fell 300 feet. A gust of wind is believed to have caused him to lose control. His skull was fractured.

Guy Wood of Des Moines, his passenger, was slightly bruised.

DuJardine was a lieutenant in the world war. The fall took place at the flying field in the northeastern part of town at the old Country club grounds. DuJardine had just taken the air with Woods, giving the latter experience in flying in the wind. The plane had not cleared the flying field before the wind tore it from the control of the aviator. In the fall DuJardine was injured in the head by a portion of the plane landing on him. His skull was fractured, one eye being crushed out. He also sustained a broken leg and other serious injuries.

Commencement May 20.

Sholes, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—The Sholes consolidated school will hold commencement exercises on May 20. Prof. S. X. Cross of the Wayne State Teachers' college will deliver the commencement address.

Plane, 4-Mule Team, Man Carrying Milk and He-Goat Make Awful Mess

Shenandoah, Ia., May 9.—The combination of a low flying airplane, a four-mule team attached to a farm roller, a man carrying two buckets of milk and lastly a he-goat, brought about a chapter of rapid-fire, exciting events on the Henry Read farm, near here, which did not result in any casualties or any greater loss than the dignity of Mr. Read and George Jones.

Henry was driving a four-mule power roller on one of his fields which had just been plowed and was sitting with his chin resting on his knees thinking about everything in particular and nothing in general and singing his favorite, and justly famous song about one of his friends wearing a "yaller ribbon," when he was startled by hearing a sound like a stuttering Ford just over his head. He looked up and saw something that looked like a cross between a razor-bacck mosquito and the avenging angel headed right for him.

It seems that at just this time the four mules, which Henry was driving so nicely with two lines, saw the flying demon. Henry says the mules ran off, but whenever he tells it the mules look at him with an expression in their eyes, as much as to say, "We didn't feel anyone pulling very hard on the lines."

While Henry was vainly trying to get the mules safely out of the way of the flying dragon and at the same time protect himself, things of equal and more painful magnitude were happening on Mr. Read's farm. The janitor of the First National bank, familiarly known as George, who does the milking for Mr. Read, was having troubles which made Mr. Read's difficulties look like a ladies' aid tea, in comparison. George had just finished his milking and was going to the house carrying a full bucket of milk in either hand, when an old ram became frightened at the low flying devil, and, taking deadly aim and a running start, hit poor old George between the buckets with disastrous results. George went one way; it is said he went fast; the ram right after him and the milk nearly drowned them both.

Jonnart Named by France As Ambassador to Vatican

Paris, May 9.—Charles Jonnart, former allied high commissioner in Athens and former extraordinary ambassador to the Vatican, has been definitely selected by the French government, according to L'Eclaire today, as France's ambassador to the Vatican. The mission, says the newspaper, will be a temporary one, for a period of six months, but subject to renewal.

Pope Benedict, L'Eclaire states, has chosen Monsignor Cerretti, papal undersecretary of state, as nuncio at Paris under the same conditions.

Seaplanes at Hampton Roads To Bomb German Vessels

New York, May 9.—Two seaplanes, which for eight weeks have been proficiently dropping bombs in dummy battleships near the Rockaway naval station, arrived yesterday at Hampton Roads, where this week two German battleships are to be made targets in an aerial bombing test.

Bulgaria Forces People to Labor

All Classes of Society Busy Under Compulsory Work Law.

London, May 9.—All classes of society in Bulgaria have been called upon to fulfill their civic duties under the provisions of the compulsory labor law, which was adopted a year ago. The law provides that men who had attained the age of 20 and girls who were 16 years old, were to be called upon for a certain amount of compulsory labor for the state. Men were to work 12 months, and women six months, and none was allowed to emigrate until duties imposed had been performed.

The number of persons coming within the scope of the law was 700,000, of whom 600,000 have been at work, the labor done comprising road making, sanitary service, digging of canals, street paving and the buildings of schools and reading rooms.

Convict in California Pen Is Slain by Prisoner

San Quentin, Cal., May 9.—Rufus Acosta, serving a 10-year sentence in the penitentiary here for murder, was stabbed last night by a fellow prisoner, Manuel Lopez, and died within a short time, prison officials announced today. Lopez, they said, had smuggled a knife from the shoe shop. Lopez is serving a five-year sentence for burglary. Acosta was 20 years old and had served half of his sentence.