

# AVIATOR RELATES THRILLING STORY

FORCED TO LAND IN MIDST OF HERD OF CARIBOU IN YUKON TERRITORY.

FOUND BY SEARCHING PARTY

Clarence O. Prest, Taking "Movies" of Herd When Engine Stopped; Forced to Hit Trail Afoot.

Dawson, Y. T.—Like a chapter from dramatic fiction reads the story of the experiences of Clarence O. Prest, the aviator, while attempting a flight across Yukon territory and Alaska. He flew with his moving picture camera above a great herd of caribou and was forced to land in their midst. He slaughtered one to keep from starving. The herd is part of the great body of caribou which annually trek across the region near Dawson and Eagle. Prest had flown by a roundabout way from San Bernardino, Cal., to the far north.

Prest's own story of his experience is told in the following dispatch from Eagle to the Dawson Daily News:

"Thirty minutes out of Eagle my engine bucked. I looked for a landing place and picked what looked like a level spot. It was Niggerhead Flat at the head of Deer creek, eight miles south of Seventy-Mile river. I fixed the engine and noticed a couple of caribou. I set up my movie camera so as to get them. More of them were coming, so I began to see about taking off. Turning, I noticed five or six hundred caribou all around the airship and camera, and rushed back expecting to find the camera ruined, but no damage was done. I got ready to take off, but the ship went upon her nose in the soft going and broke the propeller.

"I had been debating about killing a caribou, but the debate ended when the propeller broke, so I killed one with my 32 pistol and butchered him with a pocket knife.

"I was overhauling the motor when a puff of wind finished the job by turning the ship over on her back and breaking the radiator. So I deserted the ship, stripped off the instruments and magneto and started to pack down to the river. I got down with one load and saw I was not going to make it with the grub I had, so I cached everything and went back to the ship and slept in its tail Sunday night. I had left my compass in the cache at the mouth of Barney creek, so I started without it. I was further out than I thought. I did not pick up the trail and made a lot of unnecessary circles, climbing mountains for observation. It was raining steadily but I had equipped myself with a small can of gasoline to make fires.

"My shoes and feet were giving out and I was afraid to lie down to sleep. Finally on Wednesday I struck the trail at Nimrod Bar and shortly after a searching party have in sight."

## Eskimo Tribesman Kills Seven Men.

Edmonton, Alberta.—Out of the frozen north a number of the Royal Canadian mounted police has just arrived with news of the murder of seven men by an Eskimo, who ran amuck on Herschel Island, Hudson Bay, four months ago. His victims were Constable Roak of the mounted forces, G. Binder, Hudson Bay factor and five of his tribesmen.

The Eskimo, a young seal hunter employed by Binder, killed his five comrades as they lay sleeping one night last March. The mounted police trailed him, captured him and brought him back to Herschel Island, where he was jailed to await trial for the murders.

Constable Roak was detailed to guard the Eskimo. One night as the officer slept his prisoner seized his rifle and killed him. When Binder threatened to cut off the escape the Eskimo killed him also.

Making his way back to the tribe, the murderer told his fellows he had killed seven men and declared he intended to "wipe out the rest of the island." Twenty-four hours later the mounted police recaptured him.

The prisoner may be brought to Edmonton for trial because of the high feeling running among his tribesmen at the Hudson Bay post.

## Files Suit Against Mob Members.

Macon, Ga.—John Stanley, deputy sheriff of Wilkinson county, who was shot while defending Jim Denson, negro, when a mob took the negro from a jail at Irwinton several weeks ago, filed suit for \$20,000 damages in the federal court here. The deputy sheriff names fourteen Williamson county men as defendants.

## Child Falls From Train.

Richmond, Va.—While a Sunday school excursion train going at the rate of 50 miles an hour, was coming from Buckroe Beach, Va., to Richmond, Woodson W. Woodard, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Woodard, of this city, fell out of a coach window as he reached for a toy balloon. The train was stopped and the excursionists became almost panic-stricken. A few minutes later a farmer found the little Woodard child wandering along the railroad tracks, toy balloon in his hand.

## NORTH CAROLINA WANTS OLD ACCOUNTS EXAMINED

Washington.—A resolution by Senator Overman (Democrat) of North Carolina, requiring the treasury department to reaudit and restate the accounts of the government with the state of North Carolina for the latter's expenses and advances for military purposes during the war of 1812, was adopted by the senate.

The resolution provides that the same principles made in a federal settlement with the state of Maryland and in claims of other states be applied in case of North Carolina. Chairman Wadsworth of the military committee interjected during the brief debate that he hoped North Carolina would "have better luck" than the state of New York, which, he said, had its claim readjusted but had never been able to collect.

## DENBY FALLS WITH PLANE

HIS AIRPLANE FALLS TO EARTH FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 4,000 FEET.

Engine of Machine Goes Dead While Flying Over Great Wall of China; Nobody is Hurt.

Peking.—Secretary Edwin Denby, of the American navy, narrowly escaped death here in an airplane accident. He was flying at a height of 4,000 feet over the Great Wall when the engine of the plane stalled. The machine was demolished in landing, but Mr. Denby was uninjured.

The plane belonged to the Chinese government and had been service in the recent fighting between Generals Wu Pei-Fu and Chang Tso-Lin.

Secretary Denby, emphasized that he had made the flight of his own suggestion and that he did not go as the guest of the Peking administration.

The forced landing made in the heart of the hills traversed by the Great Wall, was a thrilling one, after a spectacular flight in which a high altitude was reached to avoid the mountain tops.

The party took off from the capital at noon. In the plane, besides the head of the American navy were Captain Robert Bruce and Commander George Simpson, of the American navy, and Charles Dolan, of Boston, who piloted the machine.

After circling over Peking, Mr. Denby suggested that they proceed to the Great Wall of China. After half an hour's flying over the wall at an altitude of 4,000 feet, the secretary expressed a desire to follow the course of the ancient barrier to observe its serpentine path over the hillsides.

Realizing his danger, Pilot Bolan started to volplane downward, seeking a landing place. Finally he located what appeared to be comparative clear space in the midst of the hills. Here the plane was brought to earth only to be wrecked against the rocks that strewed the ground.

Secretary Denby was the first man clear of the machine as it struck and he and his companions all escaped uninjured. The party walked to Nankow station, where they telephoned their plight to Peking and a special train was sent to bring them back to the capital.

## Price Level Shows Increase.

Washington.—Further increase in the general level of wholesale prices for June, as compared with May, is shown by information gathered by the department of labor through the bureau of labor statistics in representative markets of the country. This increase, it was said, measures 1.13 per cent which compares with an increase of 3.12 from April to May.

The largest price gains were reported for fuel and building materials, in each of which groups the June level was over 4 per cent higher than that of May. Food articles averaged nearly 1 1/2 per cent higher and cloths and clothing over 2.14 per cent higher.

Of 404 commodities, for which comparable data for May and June were obtained, increases were said to have been found to have occurred for 182 commodities and decreases for 106 commodities. In the case of 166 commodities no change in average prices was reported.

## Two Killed in Head-on Smash.

Muskogee, Okla.—Two men were killed and more than half a dozen persons were injured in a head-on collision between a passenger train and an extra freight train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway four miles east of Tulsa.

## Six Sentenced to be Electrocuted.

Amite, La.—Six men were sentenced, in district court to pay the death penalty for the murder of Dallas Calmes at Independence, La., last summer.

This is the second time the sextette has heard the death sentence passed. A new trial recently was granted the men, but the verdict was "guilty."

The men to be hanged are Joseph Giglio, Roy Leons, Joseph Blacchio, Hatale Seamore, Joseph Bini and Andrea Lamenti.

# WOOL RATE CAUSES DEBATE IN SENATE

DEMOCRATS ALSO CHALLENGE PROPOSED DUTY ON WHITE ARSENIC.

PROGRESS ON FLAX SCHEDULE

Senator Smith Claims Schedule Written Into Bill for Sole Benefit of Guggenheim Interests.

Washington.—Developments in the senate consideration of the administration tariff bill included: Material reduction in most of the duties originally proposed in products of flax, hemp and jute.

A charge from Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, that the rate of two cents a pound on white arsenic was written into the bill for the sole benefit of "the great Guggenheim smelting interests."

The introduction of a resolution by Senator Gooding, republican, Idaho, promising a public investigation of the claim of clothing producers that the proposed rate of 33 cents a pound on second wool would result in an increase of about \$4 in the price of a suit of clothes and \$7.00 in the price of an overcoat.

Senator Smith brought up the arsenic rate in the midst of consideration of the linen schedule, and promised that when the senate came to final action on the arsenic paragraph he would go into detail as to whom the tariff would benefit and upon whom it would rest. He characterized the proposed duty as the "most shameful favoritism for one combination and one set of men," and estimated that it would cost the cotton producers alone \$18,000,000 a year.

Calling attention that arsenic was a by-product which the smelters were required by law to contain because the damage it had done to vegetation near the smelters, Senator Smith said the smelting interests were not even willing to contribute a by-product to the general welfare of the country, "but hasten to congress to get a duty on it."

Senator Smoot, republican, of Utah, denied that arsenic duty would cost the cotton farmers \$18,000,000 a year. On the basis of the total of domestic production and importation he said the total increased cost could not exceed \$400,000 a year.

Despite some extraneous discussion, the senate made unusually rapid progress on the flax schedule, disposing of all of it except four items, including the rate on cotton bagging.

## Active Spindles Increase.

Washington.—The cotton spinning industry showed increased activity in June as compared with May, the average number of spindles operating having been 1,800,000 more and the number of active spindle hours recording an increase of 152,900,000, according to census bureau statistics announced recently. Active spindle hours in cotton growing states increased about 23,000,000, the total having been 4,275,790,701, with the largest increase shown in North Carolina, where 28,000,000 more were reported, but there were decreases in Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee. In all other states the active spindle hours numbered 3,370,514,248, an increase of 129,000,000 over May.

There were 36,900,924 cotton spinning spindles in place June 30, compared with 36,884,183 on May 31. Of these 31,877,015 were operated at some time during June compared with 31,653,061 so operated during May.

Aggregate active spindle hours were 7,648,304,949 compared with 7,493,491,601 in May. Average number of spindles operated was 38,803,293, or at 91.6 per cent capacity of single shift basis, compared with 32,502,674, or at 88.1 per cent capacity single shift basis in May.

Active spindles in June and total active spindle hours by southern states were:

Alabama, 1,212,514 and 317,202,145; Georgia, 2,504,160 and 658,338,285; North Carolina 5,174,226 and 1,493,114,921. South Carolina 4,992,386 and 1,389,450,699. Tennessee 415,496 and 105,139,888. Virginia 609,958 and 149,007,711, and 250,009,613.

## Bibles in Hotels.

Atlanta, Ga.—Gideons of America, according to reports presented at their annual meeting here, have placed a total of 483,846 Bibles in hotel rooms throughout the country. Of this number, Illinois leads with 51,202, eight thousand more than any other state. California holds second place.

## Pirates Hold Up Schooner.

Miami, Fla.—The converted auxiliary schooner William H. Albury was held up by motorboat pirates of Gun Key and her master, Captain Edgecomb, shot dead on deck, according to a wireless message from Bimini picked up by the Miami Beach radio station.

The message said the Albury was held up by men who came alongside in a motorboat bearing the name Falcon and license No. 4-7456. No details of the hold-up were given. The Falcon put off and escaped.

## TWO WOMEN AND THREE MEN KILLED IN PITTSBURGH

Pittsburg, Pa.—The killing of two women and three men in Allegheny county during the 24 hours has held the attention of the authorities.

In Versailles township, Mrs. Grace Gilbert, summoned to the door of her home, was shot down. Her husband, from whom she had been separated, was arrested. Mrs. Katherine Daley was shot to death in a rooming house. Witnesses said she had quarreled with her husband.

Thomas Jones, according to residents of West View, met death when he fought a duel with another man. Benjamin Casala, a wealthy cafe operator, was killed by unidentified assassins when he stepped from his automobile at Braddock, after answering a mysterious telephone call. Shortly after midnight the body of an unidentified man was found near Banksville. He had been stabbed and shot.

## EXPLOSIONS SHAKE THE CITY

4,000,000 GALLONS OF WATER IS THROWN THROUGH FORTY HOSE LINES.

Two Firemen Are Killed, Three Missing and Many Persons Injured in Bohemian Quarters.

New York.—Working feverishly to check the flames sweeping a warehouse in the heart of Greenwich village, firemen were unable to pierce the thick coat of mysterious black smoke which completely shrouded the building and were forced to rig powerful searchlights.

"The toughest fire I've ever encountered," was the way Acting Fire Chief "Smoky Joe" Martin, put it to Mayor Hylan when he returned to direct his men after having been blown out of a doorway by one of a series of explosions which rocked the lower West Side.

With the flames checked, but not conquered, investigation showed that two firemen had been killed, three more were missing, about 15 persons had been taken to hospitals seriously injured, and more than 175 had received first aid treatment at three emergency stations by the Red Cross.

In addition, about 500 families were driven from their homes in the Bohemian quarter and were barred by the police from returning lest the warehouse walls collapse.

The outstanding feature of the fire was the mysterious pungent black smoke that rolled out of the building soon after the first of the blasts.

Fire Commissioner Drennan, who declared that no permit had been issued to store explosives or chemicals in the warehouse, worked feverishly to ascertain what indeed was housed within the four blazing walls. Finally policemen were sent through the milling thousands who had gathered to watch the blaze, paging officials of the Manufacturers Transit company, operating the six-story warehouse.

Later District Attorney Banton, following a conference with fire department officials, said an explosion of a case of magnesium powder caused the fire. He said that 38 cases of magnesium had been taken into the building since March 5, and that some of them were being taken out, by way of the elevator, when one was dropped and exploded.

The heat, he declared, ignited the other cases, and then followed a great explosion as flames began to seep through into the powder.

Although the property damage could not be accurately estimated without a check of the contents, said to include newsprint, rubber, rice and epsom salts, it was evident that it would run into the hundreds of thousands.

## Cottonseed Output for Eleven Months.

Washington.—Cottonseed products manufactured in the eleven-month period, August 1 to June 30, as announced by the Census Bureau included:

Crude oil, 922,790,768 pounds, compared with 1,285,626,797, and on hand June 30, 12,193,691 pounds, compared with 37,921,920.

Refined oil 831,952,028 pounds, compared with 1,129,147,699, and on hand 211,070,922 pounds, compared with 29,617,782.

Cake and meal 1,342,470 tons, compared with 1,757,543, and on hand 84,761 tons, compared with 68,203.

Linters 394,004 bales, compared with 434,239, and on hand 68,621 bales compared with 154,222.

## Polish Students Came to America.

Warsaw.—Six medical students from Polish universities have been selected to go to America to finish their studies preparatory to entering the new Institute of Hygiene recently established here by the Rockefeller foundation.

Professor Selakar Gunn, representing the Rockefeller interest, has made the final choice of the students after a competitive examination organized by the Polish Ministry of Health. An endowment of \$350,000 has been given for the establishment of the institute.

# FORD OFFER FOR SHOALS REJECTED

ITS REJECTION RECOMMENDED IN NORRIS MINORITY REPORT.

LATTER'S PLAN IS BOOSTED

Agricultural Committee Chairman's Views Set Forth in Voluminous Document.

Washington.—Rejection of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals and enactment of legislation for development of the war-built projects in Alabama by a government-owned and government-controlled corporation was recommended to the senate by Chairman Norris of the senate agricultural committee.

The agricultural committee chairman's views were set forth in a voluminous report, different portions of which were supported by various members of the committee.

Senators Page, Vermont; McNary, Oregon; Kayes, New Hampshire; Gooding, Idaho; Norbeck, North Dakota; Harrell, Oklahoma, and McKendrick, democrat, Wyoming, the report states, favored rejection of the Ford offer along with Chairman Norris. Senators McNary, Norbeck, McKinley and Gooding, it was added, concurred with the chairman in the recommendation for government development along the lines detailed in the pending Norris bill.

One of those whom the report said subscribed to the recommendation that the Ford offer be rejected, Senator Kendrick, declared in the senate after submission of the report, however, that he "would be glad to vote to approve the offer of Henry Ford provided a modification is made of the time limit of the lease." The Ford offer provides for a hundred-year lease and Senator Kendrick explained that he favored the fifty-year maximum provided for such leases in the federal water-power act.

The report criticized the Ford offer sharply, describing it as "the most wonderful real estate speculation since Adam and Eve lost the title to the Garden of Eden," and inquiring "why a warranty deed to the capitol at Washington is not included in this great transfer of government property to this wonderful corporation?"

The plan embodied in the Norris bill was as highly praised as the Ford offer was criticized. It was described as "the most wonderful plan for the development of power on the Tennessee river and its distribution over the southern states that has ever been proposed in the history of our country."

Its features were outlined in detail and the prediction made that if adopted "it means the transformation to a great extent of large portions of the United States."

The report submitted will be followed by another from the committee next week, presented by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota.

## Increase in the Cost of Food.

Washington.—The retail cost of food to the average family in the United States increased one per cent in the month from May 15 to June 15, according to a report by the bureau of labor statistics. Of 43 food articles computed in the average, increases in 21 ranged from 20 per cent for potatoes to one-half of one per cent for bananas. Decreases in 12 ranged from 18 per cent for onions to one per cent for canned peas, while prices for others remained practically stationary.

By cities, the largest increase in food prices for the month was 4 per cent for Detroit. Of the ten cities out of 51 showing a decrease in the average price, none exceeded one per cent.

Few of the living figures announced by the bureau, based on retail prices for all important commodities groups, showed but slight change in the three months from March to June. Jacksonville, Fla., showed the greatest decrease, 1.4 per cent, while the maximum increase, 1.1 per cent, was recorded for Norfolk, Va.

## Motorists Killed Near Williamsport.

Williamsport, Pa.—County authorities were investigating the mystery surrounding the death of a man and a woman believed to have been Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Shearer, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose bodies, with their throats cut, were found in Lycoming creek, 20 miles south of the city.

The bodies were discovered by passing motorists attracted by the cries of a three-year-old child standing in an automobile calling "mamma," and pointing toward the creek.

## Justice of the Peace Killed by Negro.

Warren, Va.—Thomas Meredith, justice of the peace, was fatally shot, after he had been knocked down by a negro on whom he was serving a warrant at Gainesville, 12 miles from here. The negro fired five shots into the body of the prostrate magistrate, who died almost instantly. His assailant escaped, but his capture is said to be only a matter of a few hours. Meredith was a brother of the late Representative E. E. Meredith, who represented this district in congress for a number of years.

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