

'DALLAS SPIRIT' DOWN IN PACIFIC

U. S. Destroyers Nearest
Scene of Airplane Start
on Rescue Attempt

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20 (AP)—Ships at sea rushed under forced draught early today to a spot approximately 500 nautical miles west from San Francisco where the airplane "Dallas Spirit" last night sent out an "S. O. S." call after it had gone into two successive tail spins. Approximately 25 ships were steaming over the Great Circle route in search of the plane.

The radio of the Dallas Spirit, which left Oakland airport at 2:15 p. m. coast time yesterday to search for the missing Dale Byers, was silent after the frantic calls for aid, and it was believed that the plane had fallen into the sea.

The U. S. destroyers Hazelwood and Sumner were believed to be the vessels nearest the Dallas Spirit. The Hazelwood and Sumner were reported 100 miles east of the airplane's last known position at 9:10 o'clock last night.

The destroyers Hazelwood, Mexers and the aircraft tender Langley, were hurrying to the rescue. The tender Thetis O. Dean was reported 220 miles from the spot, proceeding at full speed.

SEES RED FLARE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20 (AP)—A message to the Federal Telegraph company from the S. S. West Sequana, 250 miles out on the Pacific from San Francisco, reported that at 6:47 a. m. Pacific coast time she had failed to find any traces of a floating airplane.

The West Sequana reported at 1:20 this morning that at midnight two members of her crew had started a flare three miles off its starboard bow which lasted half a minute.

The vessel en route from San Francisco to Shanghai, halted its course for six hours to remain in the vicinity which is approximately 70 miles north of the great circle route to Honolulu which the Dale Byers intended to pursue, until daybreak when it began to circle the position of the reported flare.

The message at 6:47 o'clock said that the West Sequana would continue its circling for another hour and then, if it found nothing would continue on its course.

At 7:05 o'clock another message to the Federal Telegraph company said that a night hawk was making visibility "very bad" in the vicinity of the West Sequana.

Iowa's Corn Crop Due to Hot Winds

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Hot winds, the greatest of crop scourges in Nebraska and Kansas, are responsible for corn being king of crops in Iowa.

Agricultural experts of Iowa state college have come to that conclusion after a survey of each county's acreage, climate and soil conditions.

It was disclosed that the greatest corn areas are along the Missouri river in western Iowa, where the average runs as high as 59 per cent. In that region, farmers have found the hot winds too great a menace to oats and other small grain crops.

A popular idea that corn acreage is uniform in the fall corn state is disputed by the survey, which disclosed that some counties have less than 20 per cent of farm land in corn.

'FATHER OF WIRELESS'

PAID \$75 A MONTH
PARIS (AP)—Edouard Branly is cited by newspapers as typifying the struggle of French scientists to work under miserable conditions. Branly is inventor of the coherer, France calls him the "father of the wireless."

Branly has as his only assistant in a ramshackle "laboratory," an aged woman who cooks out a living by doing extra hours of housework in other homes. This maid at all work is the scientist's "laboratory chief." She was intelligent and the professor trained her in his work.

For 50 years Branly has worked under these conditions, drawing a salary of about \$75 a month as professor and supporting his family by occasional practice as a physician. These facts are told by French papers as illustrating the need to pay well men who give their lives to science.

Queen Marie wants to attend an American political convention if the Republicans can't decide between Hoover and Davis and Louden, they might draft Marie as a dark horse.

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Although he fell 100 feet when he toppled off the sill of his father's hotel room window in Nashville, Tenn., 2-year-old Roland Wolfe today is recovering in a hospital, suffering only from a fractured left arm and right leg. Roland, shown here in his hospital bed, happened to land squarely on the shoulders of Raymond Garnett of New York (inset), who was walking along the sidewalk beneath the window. Garnett escaped with a few bruises and a cut forehead. The location of the Wolfe hotel room, and the line of Roland's fall, are shown at the left.

Stage Group Quits Saloon for Brewery

NEW YORK (AP)—Prohibition is a real boon to the American Laboratory theater. The four-year-old organization, dedicated to experiment in the theater, had its most successful season last year in an auditorium which was once an old beer hall. This season it is to hold forth in a remodeled brewery.

The beer hall is coming down to make way for a movie house, and the theater has moved for six years to the former brewery, which is to be converted into a theater seating 250 spectators, with classrooms, workshops and executive offices. The "laboratory theater" is designed to train young amateurs for the stage in a professional way.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS

POST CAUSES DISCUSSION

LONDON (AP)—It was a surprise to many to hear that Sir Atten Chamberlain, British foreign minister, is to be acting prime minister during the absence of Stanley Baldwin in Canada. Many persons thought, and indeed it was prematurely announced, that Lord Balfour would fill the post.

There seems to have been some foundation for the Balfour theory, since he is the senior statesman in every sense of the word, apart from official position.

On the other hand, there is the assumption that the chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, is the natural deputy of the prime minister. It is an assumption fostered by the fact that as the foreign secretary is generally a peer, he is apt to be passed over whenever a question of succession to the premiership arises, making the chancellor of the exchequer next in line.

There seems to be no doubt that if Lord Balfour had departed for Mr. Baldwin, the arrangement would have been pleasing to them.

Dry Leader Faces Jail



Because he criticized the Indiana supreme court's handling of liquor law questions, Rev. E. S. Rhinaker, for 25 years superintendent of that state's Anti-Saloon League, has been found guilty of contempt of court in a decision just handed down. He is shown here in a new automobile with which his admirers presented him shortly before the decision was made public.

Some Modern Daniels



Members of the Fourth California District Lions Clubs, meeting at El Monte, near Los Angeles, decided to prove that they deserved the name of Lions. So they went out and ate breakfast in a cage with a real live lion, mane and all. They're shown here, with Dr. W. H. Wells, governor of the district, drinking a toast to the lion.

Daredevil Bulldog Plays on Girders

ATLANTA (AP)—A pet bulldog is always beside F. H. Brockman, Birmingham, Ala., foreman of a structural steel gang, while he works daily on the high skeleton of an Atlanta skyscraper.

"Babe," Brockman's dog, not only goes to work with her master and accompanies him to the heights of the structure, but also does a daredevil stunt. The crowd that watch the workmen from below may see the dog running along narrow steel paths scores of feet above ground, or scampering across the chains of the huge cranes which swing the girders into place.

"I took Babe up first when she was a pup," Brockman says, "she took to high altitudes and dangerous girders like a duck to water. She enjoys it, and I like her companionship. I wouldn't sell her for all the money in the world."

The Missouri bacteriologist who found 2000 germs in a single powder puff may have overlooked the fact that the puff is used in place of a washing today, to remove dirt, and not put it on.

When a man marries his troubles begin to multiply.

A Rat-Free Future Predicted for U. S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—"Public concern" is to be America's Pied Piper.

General interest in rate control, say federal biologists, has been stimulated by better knowledge of facts concerning the spread of communicable diseases.

The rat, who allows rats to increase on his property is directly responsible for menace in his neighborhood. Permanent exclusion of the rodent may be brought about by rat-proofing all structures commonly inhabited, by removing all possible shelter, and by cutting off food supply.

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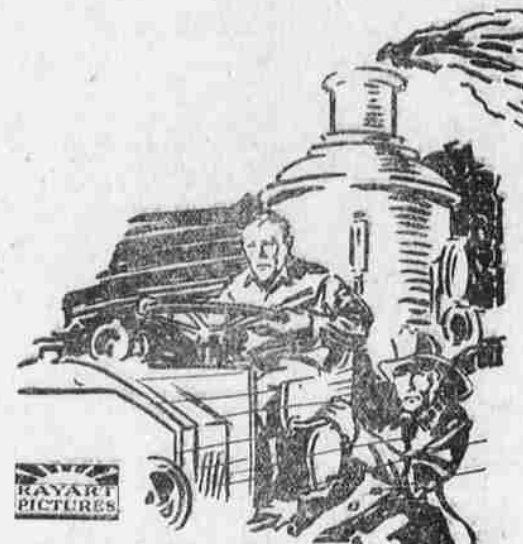
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