

WATTS BELIEVES BALLOONISTS LOST

Veteran Aeronaut Is Worried Less - Experienced Donaldson Tricked by Sun.

FATAL 'EXPANSION' FEARED

Sand Ballast Probably Gone When Most Needed and Men Now Are Dead in Eastern Oregon, Is His Expert Theory.

REWARD IS OFFERED.

The Rose Festival Association announced yesterday that a reward of \$250 will be paid by them to any person finding Donaldson and Henderson. The reward dates from 12:01 A. M. today.

An entirely new angle, from the expert balloonist's viewpoint, was given to the possible whereabouts of Donaldson and Henderson, in the missing balloon "Springfield," yesterday by Captain John Watts, who, with Alde Roscoe Fawcett, reached the city about 4 o'clock by train from Salem.

In spite of being naturally optimistic, Captain Watts has grave fears for the safety of the men and, from his knowledge of the air currents and the condition of the atmosphere, has figured out that they will be found, if found at all, possibly 150 to 200 miles beyond the mountains, in Eastern Oregon.

First Question for Donaldson.

His first question on arriving was for news of Donaldson.

When informed by a representative of The Oregonian of the reports that a balloon had been reported at Liberal, at 2:30 A. M. Friday morning; at Sandy about 4 A. M. and then, for the last time, at Bull Run, about 5:30 A. M., he nodded his head as though the direction bore out his ideas.

"They were with us until midnight, Thursday," he said, "they had been following us practically all the time, and I felt no fears for them so long as they were within sight."

"About midnight, however, a heavy blanket of fog began to rise from the ground. As it rose, we rose, too, keeping above it. Then it was that they were lost to us, which leads me to feel certain that they must have kept lower down in the fog."

"Some ground currents were going due north, others in a northeasterly direction, which would take them over Liberal and the Bull Run country."

Captain Watts stopped for a moment and then asked:

"Was there a haze over the lake?"

When told that there was he said at once:

"That was what I was afraid of."

Captain Watts Explains Theory.

With that, he began to explain what he was almost sure must have happened.

"Just as soon as the sun began to get warm, about 7 o'clock, he continued, "the heat undoubtedly expanded the gas and caused the balloon to ascend rapidly. With the continued expansion, the balloon would continue to rise quite rapidly."

"At about 15,000 feet it would strike a strong easterly current, which, in three hours, might, and probably would, carry it 150 to 200 miles over the mountains into Eastern Oregon."

"In all probability, the balloon would continue to rise until the balloon had reached the limit of its expansion capacity, say to a height of 25,000 feet."

"How great a pressure would the expansion man stand before the pressure became too great?" Captain Watts was asked.

"20,000 Feet Near Maximum."

"I have been up to 16,000 feet, and I figure that I might stand 20,000."

"Then you must mean they are lost?"

"Yes, or, at least, that is a serious possibility."

"What happens after a balloon reaches its maximum height?"

"When it begins to contract it comes down rapidly, but rapidly, in fact, unless there is ample ballast to throw out to counteract the fall."

"Then the point is this, 'Had they enough ballast, in fact?'"

"Certainly, and that is what I am afraid of. When it was raining the top of my balloon was very wet and heavy. I could feel that the rain was heavy on Donaldson's balloon. To counteract this he must have used a lot of sand then."

Captain Watts was then told that Donaldson had been seen to throw out sand the morning he was seen by Rutherford at Sandy.

Sand Supply Would Be Small.

"That, therefore, lessens his amount available. I used seven bags of sand to counteract the rain for my bag of 40,000 cubic feet, so he must have used about 15 bags. He had 23 bags with him, tied outside, and possibly about four more on the inside, making 33 in all. He had used probably more than 19 by the time he was seen at Sandy, which left him with little when the balloon must have started to contract."

Captain Watts never went above 3500 feet in his recent flight, and in the early morning he was "valving" hard to keep from "going up with the sun."

"Such a situation has never happened before to Donaldson, so far as I know," he said, "and I am concerned as to whether he would know how to act in such an emergency, as his experience as a certified pilot dates for only about a year."

"I hope very much that I may be proved in the wrong regarding the distance he has gone and the altitude he reached, but every hour that passes, in which there is no word, makes the recovery of the men alive all the more difficult. Had they landed in the woods someone would probably have heard of them by now. Had they landed safely in Eastern Oregon, even though I am told that this is a very large and sparsely populated district, I am sure some word would have filtered through."

News from the searching parties came in yesterday at various times. Much of it was hearsay, gathered from parties in different neighborhoods. Some of it was of a rather sensational nature, in which much reliance could not be placed.

Strange Object in Snow Seen.

The most plausible report was one received from R. G. Palmateer, a farmer living near George, in the Upper Clackamas River section. His home is on southeast section 24, township 3, range 4 east. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning, after reading that one balloon was missing, Palmateer searched the neighborhood with a pair of not very strong glasses. In the middle of the south field of snow southeast of Crater Rock he saw distinctly a dark object, which, to his knowledge, had not been there long.

He was accustomed to searching the mountain with glasses, as most people of that section are, and, while unable

FIRST SNAPSHOTS OF KANSAS CITY III'S PILOT AND AIDE ON RETURN TO CIVILIZATION.



1. CAPTAIN WATTS, MR. AND MRS. ROSCOE FAWCETT. 2. THE PILOT, JUST OFF THE TRAIN. 3. A NEAR VIEW OF CAPTAIN WATTS.

OUTING PLANS UP

Fresh-Air Campaign Already Appears Successful.

The search parties organized by W. M. Davis continued all day yesterday without any tangible clew.

\$250 Reward Offered.

The Rose Festival Association yesterday announced that a reward of \$250 will be given by the association to the person finding Donaldson or Henderson. The reward becomes effective today at 12:01 midnight, but its terms were telegraphed state-wide yesterday.

Messages Come From Towns That Gave Aid Last Year and Many Ask That Children With Them Last Summer Come Back.

Indications of success of the fresh air campaign which the Associated Charities of Portland will conduct in July and August are already evidenced by the messages that are coming from towns that participated in the movement last summer, and Secretary V. E. Manning looks forward to a more comprehensive campaign this year than last, when the movement was launched.

Mr. George Hubbs and Mrs. Benson, of Silverton, who were active in the work last year, have informed him that the civic organizations of that city will prepare systematically for the work and that they expect to be able to take care of between 150 and 200 children in fresh-air outings. Mr. Manning will go to Silverton June 23 and go over plans with them for handling the campaign in that city.

The Women's Club of Dallas has also announced its intention of continuing to assist in the fresh-air movement and will receive delegations of from 25 to 30 children.

Mr. Manning contemplates arranging for sending some of the women and children to Ilwaco, Wash., to the seashore and arrangements will be made to pay for the care of these parties at \$2.50 a week for each person.

McMinnville, Newberg, Forest Grove and other towns which assisted in the work last year are considering it again and will probably join in the movement once more. Many persons who entertained fresh-air children last summer are asking that the same children be sent back to them to be cared for again this summer.

It is planned this year to open the campaign on July 6 and to continue it until at least 500 women and children have been sent on fresh-air outings. As last year, the Associated Charities intends to provide for clothing and transportation for the fresh-air people and also for other necessities that must be attended to in the work.

Deputy Game Wardens Named.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 16.—(Special.)—John M. Ponder, of Chehalis, head of the Lewis County Game Commission, has announced the appointment of the following Deputy Game Wardens for the county: Milton Rhodes, Napavine; S. E. Keables, Onalaska; Lawrence Kelley, R. F. D. 2, Chehalis; Ned Whitman, Bolsfort; John Mattson, Lincoln Creek; Charles J. Kish, Bolsfort. Mr. Ponder has announced that after the close of the 1914 hunting season, about December 1, 100 pairs of China pheasants will be released in the county. The Hungarian partridges released some time ago are doing nicely, apparently having taken a great liking to the country.

DUNKARDS SEE PORTLAND

75 Members of "Church of the Brethren" on Way to Seattle, Here.

A delegation of 75 members of the "Church of the Brethren," or Dunkards, were in Portland yesterday en route for Seattle, where the National convention of the church is to be held. They were guests of the Portland Commercial Club in the afternoon on a trolley sightseeing ride about the city. The majority of the party are from Johnston, Pa., smaller delegations having been picked up in the Middle West states as the main body came through.

There will be about 20,000 delegates at the convention in Seattle. Many of the parties will route their return journey by way of Portland and will stop over here to look over the country.

SHAFT TO MARK GRAVE

VANCOUVER PLANS TO DO TARDY HONOR TO ESTHER SHORT.

Burial Spot Where Rests Body of Woman Who Gave Park and Leave to City Now Will Be Kept Green.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 6.—(Special.)—Esther Short's grave, so long almost forgotten, will be kept perpetually green hereafter and a suitable monument to this pioneer woman, who did so much for Vancouver, will be erected.

Esther Short was the wife of Amos Short, who, in 1846, took up as a donation claim the present site of this city. Mrs. Short later platted the land and gave to the city the public levee and a beautiful city park, comprising four square blocks, near the center of the city.

The Vancouver Commercial Club has appointed Mrs. H. L. Funk, Clement Waite and J. W. Shaw as a committee to represent it in this movement. The Vancouver Woman's Club committee is Mrs. Daniel Crowley (president), Mrs. F. W. Stone and Mrs. P. E. Vaughan. The City Council will be represented

Semi-Annual Clearance Begins Today at Portland's Emporium

Two weeks ahead of the calendar, this Great Semi-Annual Clearance event looms up as the biggest bargain event of Summer in Women's Ready-to-Wear and Millinery! Prices are cut lower in almost every instance than you have known before in July or August. Read all the specials in this big ad—hundreds more which lack of space forbids us mentioning! Be here today—early!

Every Spring Suit for Clearance 1/2 Price

Think of it—our famous values in Suits at half! Every day women who have been to the other stores in the city tell us that we now have the best selection of smartest new models in Portland. And now every Novelty Suit, every Navy Serge, every plain tailored Suit, every Silk Suit and every White Suit—your choice—for Semi-Annual Clearance—1/2 Price!

\$14.75 Suits, \$ 7.38	\$35.00 Suits, \$17.50
\$19.50 Suits, \$ 9.75	\$37.50 Suits, \$18.75
\$24.75 Suits, \$12.37	\$42.50 Suits, \$21.25
\$30.00 Suits, \$15.00	\$47.50 Suits, \$23.75

50 Novelty Coats at 1/2

The season's jauntiest effects in wool and silk—just what you need right now—with warm days at hand—a smart, lightweight novelty coat to slip on over thin dresses, or for cool mornings. New moires, poplins, bengalines, waffle cloths, worsteds, crepe poplins, basket weaves, golfines and others. Remember, just 50—for Semi-Annual Clearance at 1/2 Price!

\$19.50 Coats, \$ 9.75	\$30.00 Coats, \$15.00
\$22.50 Coats, \$11.25	\$35.00 Coats, \$17.50
\$24.75 Coats, \$12.37	\$37.50 Coats, \$18.75

75 Coats \$8.95 to \$24.75

Among the lot are 12 White Coats, novelty styles in basket weaves and chevots, Balmacaans in plain navy serges, black and white checks, plaids, mannish mixtures. Every one a jaunty coat! For Semi-Annual Clearance, Coats worth to \$24.75, only \$8.95

All Wool Dresses 1/2 Now at Exactly 1/2

Semi-tailored and dressy frocks, of splendid, serviceable wool serges, pongees and fancy weaves. Navy, Oopen, tans, gray, etc. Newest styles. Clearance, exactly half.

\$10.75 Dresses, for \$5.35	\$18.50 Dresses for \$ 9.25
\$13.95 Dresses for \$6.95	\$19.50 Dresses for \$ 9.75
\$14.75 Dresses for \$7.40	\$24.75 Dresses for \$12.40

New Silk Dresses 1/3 OFF for Clearance at 1/3

Lovely new models in taffetas, crepe de chine, crepe meteors, messalines!

\$14.75 Dresses for \$10.84	\$24.75 Dresses for \$16.50
\$17.50 Dresses for \$11.67	\$27.50 Dresses for \$18.34
\$19.50 Dresses for \$13.00	\$30.00 Dresses for \$20.00

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WICHITA OFFICIAL CHARGES SLANDER.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—John H. Gibson, a director of the Wichita school, has filed a \$10,000 damage suit in the Circuit Court against Jerome Avery. He charges Avery called him a thief and at one time tried to get certain school affairs and the alleged statements of

Wichita Official Charges Slander.

AVERY ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN discussing Gibson's actions on the School Board.

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