

PORTLAND AIRMAN KILLED IN FLIGHT

Silas Christofferson Falls When Making Test of New Military Machine.

RELATIVES SEE ACCIDENT

Wife and Two Brothers Rush Injured Man to Hospital, but He Dies Soon Afterward—Mechanical Skill Noteworthy.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Oct. 31.—Silas Christofferson, consulting engineer of an aviation company here, was killed today when his machine overturned in a fall of 100 feet on a trial flight of a new military aeroplane.

Christofferson was flying over the aviation field at a height of several hundred feet when his engine went dead. He volplaned to an approximate height of 100 feet, but seemed to lose control of his plane and plunged to earth, the machine turning over upon him.

Wife and Brothers See Fall. His wife and two brothers were watching the flight and rushed to his aid with Mrs. Eugene P. Eby, San Francisco, an aviation pilot. The injured aviator was hurried to a hospital, but died soon after reaching there.

Christofferson was 36 years old. He was born near Des Moines, coming to California at an early age. His parents, his father, Henry, is a rancher near San Diego, Cal.

Christofferson caught his first inspiration to fly in 1910 when he saw a man in a biplane, who was killed in a fall into the bay last year at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. He was only a boy then, but he built a machine and flew.

Sensational Flight Made. Christofferson's most noted flight was an aerial journey between San Francisco and Los Angeles, over the Tehachapi Mountains. He was noted for his mechanical skill in the manufacture of aeroplanes, an angle of the business to which he had devoted much of his time lately.

This machine, christened Christofferson to his death was a biplane, the same one, it was said, in which Henry Anderson, a Reno mining man, was killed last August. The biplane represented an innovation in its control system, according to officials.

CAREER BEGUN IN PORTLAND

Flight From Roof of Hotel First Sensational Feat.

Silas Christofferson began his aviation career in Portland and the peccol of this city always have evidenced a keen interest in his success. The aviator's first sensational feat was in flying off the roof of the Nuxtomah Hotel at the time of the Rose Festival in 1912. Christofferson spent the next few months touring the smaller fair circuits in a machine owned by Robert Cox and Brice Wilson. He was in Marshfield at the time of the wreck of the sea schooner, the Nuxtomah, in 1912, and, accompanied by a newspaper man, flew out over the wreck in hope of being able to find some survivor in the wreckage.

Christofferson's last visit to Portland was made two years ago, when he carried a motion picture man with him for the purpose of getting pictures of Portland from the sky. He brought two air machines with him—his powerful flying boat and a smaller biplane. Jacob Hill Cook rode over the city at the time of that visit.

After an exhibition at Seattle Christofferson returned to California with his wife, formerly Mrs. Rudy Becker, a Portland girl.

Christofferson was a careful pilot and his only narrow escape, up to the time of his death, occurred in 1914, when he flew over Mount Whitney and established a new American altitude record of close to 20,000 feet.

"I bent down to fix one of my toe straps," said Christofferson, "and one of his visit here, explaining this incident. "Just as I bent over a gust of wind swept under one of my lifting planes and it came back on me that are like the arms on a chair were pulled over to one side and I found myself unable to get back on. One of these arms caught me squarely in the middle of the back. In another moment the machine was standing on its ear and we began falling. My com-

panion, who was taking motion pictures, saw what was wrong, and with great presence of mind, reached over and pulled the controls back into position so that I fell back into the chair seat. I don't know how it happened, but after falling about 1500 feet, the machine righted itself and I got it under control and returned to the ground as quickly as possible."

Christofferson was a quiet young fellow, about 26 years old. He was born near Des Moines. His father is a rancher near San Diego, Cal. Silas worked for H. A. Keats, an automobile mechanic before entering the aerial game.

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Nothing So Stylish as a Smart, Dressy Suit

Special Sale of Clever Fall Suits Today.... \$24.50

There are pretty styles in new belted novelties, the coats fastening to the side front, the double-breasted effect offset by two neat rows of buttons. They have large, black velvet collars, made on convertible lines. The skirts are cut plain, with small belts across the sheered back. These come in navy, brown and green. Then there are Norfolk effects, the coats designed with pleats, falling from a pointed yoke and loosely belted. These suits are well worth \$32.50, and are on special sale today only at \$24.50. You will appreciate the saving and value of these suits if you have been shopping this season; the quality, cut, linings and workmanship of these garments are far above the ordinary.

Beautiful line of Umbrellas now on display. Pembroke, Pickwicks and Chin Chin Styles; new short handles with cords, English walking sticks, crooked and riding crop handles, etc.

Your Charge Account Solicited Eastern Outfitting Co. Washington Street at Tenth

New Shawl Cape FURS SPECIAL \$10

The newest fur novelties in white Iceland fox, white coney, dotted with black to greatly resemble ermine, and taupe coney. These are the latest fad in furs, and you will enjoy wearing one while they are popular. Step in today and make your selection before the assortment is picked over.

ARMY LAX, IS CHARGE

Spanish War Veteran Scores Quartermaster's Methods.

CAPTAINS HAVE TO PAY Surplus of Supplies Is Charged to Commanders, Who Are Forced to Buy Rations They Cannot Use, Says Officer.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Charges of unbusinesslike methods on the part of the War Department in handling supplies for the Third Oregon Infantry while on the Mexican border and while at Clackamas were made today by Captain H. E. Williams, Spanish-American War veteran and former captain of a Portland militia company, before the Live Wires.

Captain Williams is chairman of the Company G fund committee of the Oregon City militiamen.

"In reading this report, you will notice a check for \$309.48 which was sent to the Quartermaster at Fort Rosecrans for overdraw of rations by Captain Blanchard, of Company G," said Captain Williams.

Quartermaster Disregards Request. "The company commanders were ordered to draw 15 days' rations upon leaving the border. They figured the amount of rations necessary in addition to what they had on hand, but the Quartermaster evidently thought they did not know what they wanted and shipped for them what he thought they needed.

"These rations were shipped to Clackamas and dumped in the various company streets after the troops arrived here. At the expiration of the 15 days, instead of allowing the company commanders a cash allowance which they could have gotten on the border when they did not need the provisions, the Quartermaster's department said they had to take rations or nothing.

"The result of this was that the company commanders, when the troops were mustered out, had left on their hands from \$150 to \$300 worth of Government rations which the Government refused to take back and forced the company commanders to pay for out of their own pockets.

Department Is Criticized. "This certainly is a rank injustice to these men who went to the border, and there must be something radically wrong with the administration of the War Department's affairs at Washington if such conditions are allowed to exist."

Declaring himself in sympathy with the movement to prevent further tinkering with the constitution of Oregon, C. D. Eby, local attorney, indicated that he would favor the proposal of the Constitutional Revision Association of Oregon, which is fathering a petition to the Legislature to revise the constitution of the state. The association is headed by ex-Attorney-General Crawford. Mr. Eby, H. E. Cross and Dr. Clyde Mount were named as a committee to report their investigation of the proposal to the Live Wires at a meeting to be held November 14.

Fred Lockley, formerly editor of the Pacific Monthly, talked to the Live Wires in support of the amendment for a new normal school at Pendleton.

GIRLS! WOMEN! TAKE CASCARETS IF CONSTIPATED

They Live Your Liver and Bowels and Clear Your Complexion.

Don't Stay Headachy, Bilious With Breath Bad and Stomach Sour.

Water Supply Polluted Beavers Reported Menacing Health in Grays Harbor County.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—H. S. Shorey, for years County Engineer and now chief deputy, says the water supplies of all the cities of Grays Harbor County, with the exception of Elma, are contaminated and in danger of serious pollution from mountain beaver. These little animals, he says, have increased in such numbers in the past few years as to have become a real menace to the health of the county.

Mr. Shorey urges that a small bounty be put on these animals at once in the interest of health.

Wealthy Roseburg Resident Hurt. ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—As the result of an automobile accident which occurred near the city on Sunday, C. A. Wilber, a wealthy resident of this city, is at his home here suffering from a deep cut of the face and other serious injuries. Mr. Wil-

Where Are My Children????

STOP DANDRUFF! HAIR GETS THICK, WAVY, BEAUTIFUL

Girls! Draw a Cloth Through Your Hair and Double Its Beauty

Spend 25 Cents! Dandruff Vanishes and Hairs Stops Coming Out.

To be possessed of a head of heavy, beautiful hair; soft, lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff is merely a matter of using a little Danderine. It is easy and inexpensive to have nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just get a 25-cent bottle of Knellon's Danderine now—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed and within ten minutes there will be an appearance of a shining, healthy, fluffiness and an incomparable gloss and luster, and try as you will you cannot find a trace of dandruff or falling hair; but your real surprise will be after about two weeks' use, when you will see new hair—fine and downy at first in places, but really new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp. Danderine is, we believe, the only sure hair grower, destroyer of dandruff and cure for itchy scalp and it never fails to stop falling hair at once. If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this—Adv.

QUICKLY SHIFTING SCENES AT BAKER CREATE CLEVER EFFECT

For Brief Period Theater Is Darkened When Stage Setting Is Completely Changed in Presentation of Special Scene of "On Trial" — Alcazar Players Make Hit.

A PERSON standing back of the stage at the Baker Theater during the dark changes of this week experiences a strange, spooky sensation. When the moment comes to roll one of the two revolving stages back and the other forward in order to effect the quick change, the stage becomes Egyptian darkness. Every light in the theater is extinguished and then a rumbling sound is heard.

One standing in the rear of the stage soon gets a glimpse of lights through the front doors and this enables him to note dimly the aisles and persons in seats toward the back of the theater. He then knows the scene is rolled back, and should the lights suddenly go up he would be standing in full view of a throng of excited people. But there is a sound of quick, light footfalls nearby, but not an object is seen in the inky darkness. Presently there is a straining at ropes and another low creaking, as the scene, all set and occupied with the characters of the play, is rolled back into place.

How the actors and stage hands, of which there seems to be a legion this week, move about in place and accomplish the changes in such absolute darkness without a hitch or delay is a mystery, but the stage always has been a mystery to the rank outsider for that matter.

When Walter Gilbert, stage director, gives a low signal the lights go up, voices are heard and the thread of "On Trial" is taken up again after the lapse of but a few seconds. It seems truly remarkable that all should work so smoothly.

It is uncanny, too, for within one of those changes Ruth Gates is transformed from a pale, trembling 80-year-old witness in the trial scene to a young girl of 17 at what she supposes is her first honeymoon breakfast. One rubs her eyes and can hardly believe it. The whole thing is a revelation in modern stagecraft and the Alcazar players are giving a most meritorious performance of it.

Mrs. C. A. McGee Dies at Oakland.

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