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PORTLAND FLIER IS ALIVE, UNHURT

Pearson Rides Into Texas Town on Horse.

AVIATOR HUNGRY 3 DAYS

Return Made on Foot, by Burros, Swimming and Floating Down Rio Grande.

PLACE OF FALL UNKNOWN

Crankshaft on Plane Failed and Pilot Landed in Desert Area, He Reports.

SANDERSON, Tex., Feb. 16.—

Lieutenant Alexander Pearson Jr., army aviator who had been missing since February 10, rode on horseback into Sanderson tonight. He had been without food for three days and had ridden burros, walked, swam and floated down the Rio Grande before reaching here, according to his story. His plane fell Thursday, he told the station agent, S. W. Caulfield, and since that time he has been struggling to reach human habitation. He says he does not know the location of his fall. His machine was damaged by the accident, he says, but he escaped unhurt.

Uniform in Tatters.

At 7 P. M. the aviator walked into the telegraph office here. His uniform was in tatters. The stubble of his beard showed many days' growth. He asked for a message blank and signed it.

The message was to Miss Margaret Shannon at Douglas, Ariz. It read: "Arrived at Sanderson O. K. See you soon."

The station agent notified El Paso and the ceaseless quest that 65 army planes had been making for six days was at an end.

Pearson said he was forced to land in a desert-like area in the Big Bend country. The new crankshaft of his machine failed to work properly, he said, and forced his descent.

Radiator Gives Water.

Not a sign of human habitation was visible. He waited until the water in his engine had cooled, drew off some for drinking purposes and set forth to find some means of communication. Darkness overtook him, he said, before he met anybody.

The next morning at dawn he continued his quest. A sandstorm almost blinded him as he trudged wearily across the desert. He had been without food for two days, he said, and lack of it weakened him.

The third day was a repetition of the second, he said. The unabated wind hurled swirls of cutting sand into his face and temporarily blinded him. Late in the afternoon he reached the Rio Grande. Too tired to swim, he lay down on the bank and went to sleep.

Floats Down Rio Grande.

On the morning of the fourth day he plunged into the river and, with the aid of a floating log, swam down stream. He had been in the water almost an hour, he said, when he saw two ranchmen. They helped him to climb from the water, gave him some food and a burro and escorted him here.

He was too tired and excited to-night to relate much of his experiences. "I have been through considerable since I left El Paso last Thursday morning," he said. "Please don't ask me about it tonight. Just send these messages and I'll tell you all about it when I get some sleep."

Lieutenant Pearson sent telegrams to his parents in Portland, Or., and one to Fort Bliss, at El Paso. The Fort Bliss message read: "Forced to land in Big Bend country. Am now at Sanderson."

Flier Sleeps; Soldiers on Guard.

Pearson's bedroom in a local hotel was guarded tonight by two soldiers from the military border patrol station at Marfa. Their instructions, they said, were to allow nobody to interrupt the lieutenant's rest. Snatches of information which Lieutenant Pearson confided to his friends as they led him to his bedroom were gleaned from Lieutenant E. D. Jones.

POLK COUNTY JUDGE SUSTAINED BY VOTERS

RECALL AGAINST ROBINSON FAILS BY 1000 VOTES.

Road Policy of Executive Assailed as Result of Controversy With State Highway Commission.

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—In the recall election held today in which the road policy of A. B. Robinson, county judge, was assailed, Judge Robinson received a majority over J. F. Ulrich, a farmer of Airle, of approximately 1000 votes. Judge Robinson carried 33 of the 37 precincts in Polk county, according to the incomplete count tonight. No returns had been received from the remaining four precincts, but it was predicted by Judge Robinson's supporters that he would carry at least three of the four precincts unreported. The count from 33 precincts stood: Robinson 2455, Ulrich 1455.

The recall fight was the outgrowth of a controversy between the county court of Polk county and the state highway commission caused by the failure of the commission to locate Dallas on the main highway. Instead Dallas was placed on a spur. It was further charged by advocates of the recall that Judge Robinson had been negligent in the care of the county's roads by not keeping them in shape for the farmers who wished to market their products.

GIRL AND DOCTOR SHOT

Pair Are Found Dead in Apartment Where They Lived.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Miss Vera Peterson, a stenographer, and a man identified by the police as Dr. Carlos Williams, address unknown, were found shot to death in an apartment here today. Miss Peterson, who was employed by a petroleum company, was said by the police to have occupied the apartment since last November.

Dr. Williams had a gun clutched in his hand and the authorities expressed the opinion that he killed the girl after a quarrel and then killed himself. At the office of the apartment it was learned by the police that Dr. Williams also lived in the apartment under the name of William Peterson.

SCHOONER SUNK BY MINE

Charles G. Endicott Strikes Floater; Crew of 10 Escapes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—News of the blowing up at sea on the night of February 9 of the four-masted schooner Charles G. Endicott by a floating mine and of the escape from death of the ten members of the crew was brought here today by the steamship Munamar, which arrived with the survivors from Havana. The explosion occurred northwest of Cape Maysi, Cuba, according to her captain, J. I. Cook. After standing by in small boats until the schooner sank out of sight, the crew hoisted a sail and set out for Cuba, arriving late the next day at Antilla.

MEXICO CLEVERLY DUPED

Army Officer Gets Pay for 1900 Non-Existent Men.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—A phantom brigade of 1900 men, whose commander for three years has pocketed all the money for its pay and upkeep, has been discovered in investigations into the military ring which is said to have cheated the government out of millions of pesos. The war office did not disclose the name of the officer. It was said, however, that he had drawn pay for 1900 soldiers and scores of officers from 1915 to 1918, inclusive.

BLOOD TEST AIDS CHILD

Court Orders Father Who Denied Parentage to Do Duty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—A blood test to determine if Paul Vittori is the father of baby Virginia Vittori was accepted by the court here today and Vittori was ordered to support the child. Vittori had disclaimed parentage. His wife, who sought the relief for the child, said through her attorney that a blood test would prove parentage.

ANCIENT GEMS REVEALED

Hungarian Finance Minister Finds Vast Wealth in Old Trunk.

BUDAPEST, Feb. 14.—Finance Minister Hegedus has discovered vast quantities of precious stones in an old iron trunk deposited unknown years ago in the treasury. He was searching the treasury yesterday, and when the trunk was broken open thousands of opals and other precious stones appeared, the value of which is estimated at 200,000,000 crowns.

MAN BURNS PAPER; BLAST Bits Thrown Into Cook Stove Proved to Be Dynamite Caps.

CHICO, Cal., Feb. 16.—The kitchen of William Risch's home was wrecked today when Risch threw a number of dynamite percussion caps into the cook stove in the belief that they were waste paper wads left by a former tenant. Risch later found four sticks of dynamite in the house and turned them over to the police.

DAUGHTER BURIES MOTHER IN YARD

Death Said to Be Due to Natural Causes.

8 MONTHS' MYSTERY SOLVED

Woman and Talented Young Girl Given to Occult.

BROODING AFFECTS MIND

Maid Goes Into Five Minutes' Trance and Describes Scene in Progress Miles Away.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Rosicrucian mysteries and a fervid belief in the revelations of the old Jewish pentateuch caused Mrs. Ruth Townsend and her daughter Marian to scoop out a shallow grave under a bed of geraniums in the yard back of their small apartment at 1546 East Forty-seventh street and lower into it the body of Mrs. Nancy Chamberlain.

According to confessions of both Mrs. Chamberlain died a natural and painless death. She was more than 81, "I think nearer 95 years," said Mrs. Townsend, her daughter. The burial took place at midnight 36 hours after the aged woman was found dead.

Years of brooding over religious mysteries, a constant struggle with poverty, never-ending loneliness and probably a lack of proper nourishment have enfeebled the mental powers of mother and daughter. The girl Marian is attractive, modest and possessed of musical talents of unusual brilliancy. It was due to her efforts as a professional pianist that the mother and grandmother subsisted in the isolation they craved. Since the death of her grandmother the girl appeared to have lost her ambition, her engagements fell off and she appeared little in public. Her conversation and manner indicated that she was entirely under the influence of her mother. She said she has clairvoyant powers and when tested today she correctly described a scene then in progress miles away at a police station where her mother was undergoing an examination.

She went into a five-minute trance. "I see my mother. She is in a room where there's a flat-topped desk. There are two straight-backed chairs there, too. She sits at the desk and two men are on either side of her. They are asking her questions."

"This was later supplemented by an unofficial bulletin by the hotel physician, who said: "Mr. Caruso is still holding his own. His heart action is fully as good as this morning."

Caruso awoke late in the afternoon after a comfortable sleep and took a little hot coffee. Father Morinelli, who administered extreme unction last night, and Father Moll of Patterson, N. J., a personal friend, were allowed to pray a short call while Caruso was in bed.

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CARUSO IS REPORTED TO BE IMPROVING

PULSE IS BETTER AND TEMPERATURE 2 DEGREES LOWER.

Opera Stars, Prominent New Yorkers and Italian Laborers Linger About Hotel Awaiting Word.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Noticeable improvement in the condition of Enrico Caruso, tenor, critically ill in his hotel here, was announced tonight in a bulletin issued by Dr. Antonio Arca.

"Caruso's condition is very much more favorable tonight than this morning," the bulletin said. "His pulse is better. His temperature is two degrees lower this morning." Last night already had been administered.

A statement from Caruso's secretary at 11:30 P. M. said the patient's condition was unchanged. "He is fighting bravely and is holding his own," it said. "Thank you, and pray hard for him."

All day the atmosphere of the hotel lobby was tense with anxiety. Attendees bearing floral tributes and telegrams from friends slipped through the crowd. Even the orchestra, downstairs, which gave operatic selections made famous by Caruso, played softly, although the sick man was far beyond the sound—on the 18th floor.

Several of his closest friends, with keen solicitude written on their faces, vainly sought admission to Caruso's chambers. Although Antonio Scotti and Enrico Scognamiglio were allowed to visit his bedside when it was thought he might not rally, his physicians turned back all callers after their patient appeared to have passed that crisis.

The only exception was made for Park Benjamin Jr., a brother of Mrs. Caruso.

Mrs. Caruso has not left her husband's side since the first severe collapse last night. It was said she was beginning to show the terrible strain, but she managed to conceal it from her husband.

The anxiety over Caruso's condition was obvious not only from newspaper readers in the hotel lobby, but also from deferential questions from Italian laborers, who shyly requested of the door attendant if he had heard from the singer's apartment. In and out of the Metropolitan opera house passed a stream of persons asking: "Is Caruso still alive?"

The tenseness was somewhat relieved late today when Bruno Zirato, Caruso's private secretary, came down for the first time since his chief's illness and announced that he now had "great hopes."

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3 STATES ASK RAIL RATE CUT TO EAST

DROP WILL GIVE WEST'S PRODUCTS NEW MARKETS.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho Public Service Bodies Appeal to Roads, Interstate Board.

Substantial reductions in transcontinental rail rates to enable western products to move to the eastern markets were recommended last night to the railroads and to the interstate commerce commission by the public service commissions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, meeting in joint session in the Portland office of the Oregon public service commission.

The recommendations of the three commissions were embodied in telegraphic night letters addressed to the headquarters of all the transcontinental railroads and to the interstate commerce commission. All three members of the Oregon public service commission—Fred A. Williams, Fred Buchtel and H. H. Corey—were present, with H. F. Wiggins, traffic expert. The Idaho delegation consisted of George E. Erb, commissioner, and Leonard Way, traffic expert. Representing the Washington commission were E. V. Kurkendall and Frank R. Spinner, commissioners, and O. O. Calderhead, traffic expert.

The move for a reduction of rail rates has grown out of a loosening of the movement of lumber, apples and other products of the northwest states to the east since railroad rates were increased last summer. The commissioners held that a lowering of the transcontinental rates would benefit both the western producers and eastern consumers, as well as helping the railroads by increasing the volume of their traffic.

The joint session of the public service representatives concluded at 6 P. M. yesterday, and, except for one or two who remained for personal visits, the visiting members departed for their homes last night.

SMELT 5 CENTS, RETAIL

Price Drops to 2.5 Cents if Taken in 100-Pound Lots.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The price of smelt has dropped to 2½ cents a pound here, if bought in 100-pound quantities. Smaller lots were sold for 5 cents a pound. Smelt are better this time of the year than later, when they become softer. The water is cold now and the flesh is firm and solid. The smelt were shipped here from Kelso this year.

IRISH FRONT EXTENDED

Hundreds of Miles of Roads Torn Up; Trenches Dot Countryside.

DUBLIN, Feb. 16.—For hundreds of miles throughout south and southwest County Cork all the principal roads have been rendered unfit for use. Trenches have been dug, barricades erected and bridges destroyed, according to a report issued at Dublin castle this evening.

No other amendments were made to the new bill, although Representative Lynn and Richards attempted not only to amend the bill, but made a strenuous effort to defeat its passage.

The bill provides that the school board in counties containing 20,000 or more school children shall be composed of seven members.

It provides before any teacher can be dismissed from service or transferred to a lower grade of the service, or to a position carrying a lower salary, written notice must be served upon the teacher by the school board. A teacher who is not willing to abide by such order, may demand a trial before the board. In the event that five members of the board concur in a decision, such decision is final, but a vote of less than five of the members permits the teacher to appeal to the teachers' trial commission. The hearing before the trial commission can be public or private, with or without counsel as the teacher may elect.

Accused Teacher Suspended. In case of dismissal of teacher on charges of gross delinquency of duty or misconduct, the same procedure is provided in the bill, except that the teacher under the cloud of charges of such nature will not be permitted to continue teaching in the school until her case has been settled.

Representative Davey offered the amendment which eliminated the naming of particular persons to the two positions on the school board provided in the bill. He held that this provision was manifestly unfair, holding that the women named in the bill had been actively engaged in fighting the teachers in the controversy. Although Representative Kuhl stated that he did not object to the amendment offered by Mr. Davey, he denied that the women named in the bill were affiliated with either the teachers or the school board members, asserting that they both represented the school children of Portland and the parents.

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TENURE MEASURE PASSED IN HOUSE

Amendments Eliminate Names of Directors.

MATTER IS LEFT TO VOTERS

Lively Fight Is Waged Over Bill by Few.

ACT MAY BE RECALLED

Because Amendments Are Not Printed as Rule Requires.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Word of election by the dilatory tactics employed by the senate of teachers' tenure, the house today shed its coat, considered and passed the substitute tenure bill offered by a number of representatives of Multnomah county after making amendments purporting to remove all objections which had been raised against the Staples senate bill.

The bill which the house passed today, however, may be recalled tomorrow, Representative Hopkins having served notice late today that because of a house rule, which required the printing of any amendments made to a bill by the committee of the whole before it may be passed, he questioned the validity of the passage of the tenure bill.

Names Are Eliminated. At the outset, Representative Kuhl succeeded in having the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the consideration of the bill—house bill No. 249—and Representative Gordon of Multnomah was selected as chairman of the committee.

Among the eliminations made in the bill to meet objections which have been raised by opponents was the removal of the names of Mrs. A. M. Webster and Mrs. Forest Fisher, as additional directors and providing for the election of two additional directors at the next regular school election in Multnomah county.

Another amendment was the elimination of section 3, which provided for an indefinite contract for teachers in property and was removed upon contract to run from year to year and not to terminate except by resignation or dismissal. This section, opponents of change in tenure held, would place the positions of all teachers now employed in the Portland schools in jeopardy and was removed upon the suggestion of Representatives Kuhl and Hindman who led the fight for the adoption of the substitute bill.

Two Seek Bill's Defeat. No other amendments were made to the new bill, although Representative Lynn and Richards attempted not only to amend the bill, but made a strenuous effort to defeat its passage.

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REPEAL OR ENFORCE LAW, SAYS MR. EVANS

ACTION ON GASOLINE TEST ACT IS EXPECTED.

Measure Long in Abeyance, If Not Wiped Out, Will Be Put Into Force, Says Governor.

If the legislature does not repeal the law requiring gasoline sold in Oregon to be of at least 58 degrees specific gravity District Attorney Evans will begin immediate operations against the Standard Oil company, the Associated Oil company, the Union Oil company and the Shell Oil company to enforce the law, he announced yesterday.

"Because these companies represent vast financial interests is no excuse for law violation, and if the gravity test law is left on the statute books of the state I intend to see it enforced," said the district attorney. Since shortly before the Shriners' imperial council session in Portland last June, the oil companies have been selling gasoline ranging around a specific gravity of 51 degrees. Governor Olcott at that time suspended the operation of the law to relieve a serious gasoline shortage that endangered the success of the Shriners' convention and the Rose Festival.

Governor Olcott has announced that he will withdraw his immunity order if the law is not repealed. The gravity test requirement is a standard not set by any other western state and would tend to increase the cost of gasoline to the consumer if put into effect again, according to oil company officials and automobile men.

ENDURANCE FLIGHT FAILS

Cracked Generator Forces Landing After Eleven Hours.

MINEOLA, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Lieutenant Ross C. Kirkpatrick, who hopped off from M'chel field in an airplane to attempt to break the world's endurance record for continuous flight, was forced to land at 6:55 P. M. on account of a cracked generator. He had been up slightly more than 11 hours.

The world's endurance record was made June 4, 1920, by Lieutenants Bossoutrol and Barnard, at Etampes, France, with a continuous flight of 24 hours, 19 minutes and seven seconds in a biplane. The American record is held by the navy flying boat, the F-5-L, which remained in the air 20 hours and 19 minutes. The flight began on April 26, 1919, at Newport News.

BACHELOR TAX PROPOSED

New Mexico Would Assess Old Maids and Bachelors \$2 to \$5.

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 16.—A bill was introduced in the house of the New Mexico legislature today to tax old maids and bachelors from \$2 to \$5 for persons between the ages of 25 and 60.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 16.—A bachelor's tax was proposed in a resolution introduced in the Wisconsin legislature today. If passed it would require unmarried men between the ages of 21 and 35 years to pay an annual tax of \$10 to the school funds. Men who have divorced their wives or whose wives have died within two years would be exempt.

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MANIAC WOUNDS 3 TRYING RESCUE

Traffic Patrolman May Be Fatally Shot.

CRAZED MAN GRIES FOR AID

Trio Finds Doors Barred. Shooting Follows Entry.

MAN REPORTED INSANE

Invasers Fire No Shots in Defense. Believing Robbers Were Attacking Assailant.

His mind crazed in the belief that he was surrounded on all sides by robbers and persons seeking to injure him, Frank Dury, a barber, 25, ran amuck at 7 o'clock last night, fortified his small barber shop at 1234 Belmont street, and shot and perhaps fatally wounded Motorcycle Patrolman M. E. Nolan.

Two others, L. L. Stevens and H. G. Hansen, were also victims of the maniac. Both received slight wounds in the arm.

Patrolman Nolan went to Dury's barber shop on request of Stevens and his mother, Mrs. A. A. Ciper, who live at 1294½ Belmont, next door to Dury's place of business. Mrs. Ciper and Stevens late in the afternoon heard Dury screaming: "Help, help," and "robbers are murdering me." Dury, according to Mrs. Ciper, was evidently in the living room at the rear of the shop.

Door Found Bolted. Stevens, calling to his aid employees of nearby stores, attempted to force the doors of the shop, and failing in this, tried to reach Dury by means of a small window.

Their efforts to force an entrance proved unavailing and the men called the east-side police headquarters and Motorcycle Officer Nolan, responding to the call, also tried to reach Dury. Nolan, according to Stevens, forced the door and entered the shop. He forced another door leading to Dury, who evidently was in the farther corner of the living room.

As Nolan followed by Stevens and Hansen, a bystander, who lives at 1256 East Washington street, entered the shop with a hall of bullets, shot from a tiny .22 caliber revolver held by Dury.

Nolan drops at first shot, but his companions persevered and with the aid of police reinforcements succeeded in capturing Dury.

Neighbors of Dury said last night that the man a few weeks ago was discharged from the state insane asylum at Salem as being harmless. On many occasions he has been known to act peculiarly, say neighbors, and once only a few days ago, he complained to police that Mrs. Ciper and her son, Stevens, had made several threats against his life.

Immediately following the shooting Nolan was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where an X-ray was taken. Dr. Fred Ziegler, city physician, said last night that the bullet had entered Nolan's throat, punctured the windpipe and then probably pierced the lungs. The X-ray picture shows the course of the bullet plainly, it was said.

No Operation Performed.

Dr. Ziegler performed no operation on Nolan last night, he being of the opinion that more X-rays should be taken before placing the patrolman under the anesthetic. Indications are, said the physician, that if the bullet has lodged in the lungs, pneumonia will ensue and in that eventuality Nolan will have little chance to recover. An operation may be performed this morning.

Mrs. Nolan, who with her husband lives at 5134 Sixty-seventh street Southeast, has been ill for some time. She was taken to the bedside of her husband at a late hour last night.

Nolan has been a police officer for about two years. Dury, after being captured by Patrolmen Parker and Levinson, was brought to police headquarters and immediately placed in a cell. On the way to the station and while in the police patrol wagon Dury prayed and begged for mercy.

Dury Talks Rationally.

When interviewed, however, he talked rationally and appeared to be aware of the enormity of his crime. He said Mrs. Ciper and her son, L. L. Stevens, hated him because he had annoyed them by playing upon his violin. He also declared that he is married, that his wife resides at Troutdale with their seven-year-old daughter, that he bought his Belmont shop during October and that he did not realize, when he fired, that the men attempting to reach him were officers.

"I was frightened when I heard the men battering at the door," said Dury, his eyes dilated, "and so I shot at them. I thought they were Stevens and friends who had come to kill me. I have had trouble with the people who live next door and was afraid of them."

Asked whether he had been confined at the state hospital for the insane, Dury answered in the affirmative, declaring that he had once been confined there.

