

EXPERTS WILL STUDY RECENT AIR TRAGEDY

By Ralph H. Turner
(United News Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—As a result of America's worst peace time tragedy, in which seven men lost their lives, congress probably will be urged to conduct a thorough investigation into all phases of American aeronautics—its organization, its adequacy for defense and the promotion of commerce and the form its future development should take.

Brigadier General William Mitchell, assistant director of the air service and the active head of that organization, already has urged that "air committees" be named in both the senate and the house, so that those bodies may learn the facts of the present situation and make recommendations for the future.

"The tragedy last Saturday," General Mitchell said Sunday, "exemplifies the necessity of a national organization of aviation. We must develop a national air policy."

"The crash of the huge Curtiss plane, when it struck a storm, demonstrates the need of establishing air ways, landing fields and air routes throughout the country. Between the air routes landmarks should be fixed to guide the fliers. Particularly do we need accurate weather reports. These should be sent out hourly, both day and night for the guidance of air men."

"The recent accident was unavoidable under the circumstances," Mitchell said.

"It was a good ship and the occupants were all aviation experts," he said. "Some get through and some don't. It's always been that way. You can't eliminate accidents in the air any more than you can avoid losses at sea, but you can minimize them."

"Efficiency cannot be attained in either military or commercial flying, according to Mitchell, until the United States is thoroughly mapped for aviation purposes. It is only 40 percent mapped at present he declared.

General Mitchell was concerned over America's air position, from the standpoint of national defense.

"Great Britain can put 400 planes in the United States within seven days," he said. "Everyone knows that except us."

Britain, he said, has 3,000 airplanes in active service and in the reserves. He estimated America did not have more than 400. Japan, he declared, was organizing an air division of 1,200 ships and was buying all the modern types being produced in Europe. However, he did not believe Japan could attain an efficient air force in less than five years.

Mitchell's solution is the establishment of a separate department of the air, which would formulate and direct the national air policy.

A board of inquiry has been named to conduct a formal investigation of the recent accident and submit a report. This is not expected to differ, however, from the preliminary report which declared the crash was unavoidable and that the pilot was free of blame.

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WAR NURSES TO FARM IN FAR NORTH COUNTRY

By United Press
EDMONTON, Alta., May 31.—For young women from Montreal, all overseas nurses during the war, have to Spirit River in the Grande Prairie region of northern Alberta to farm cooperatively. They were spurred to the adventurous enterprise by the success which thousands of former soldiers have made upon the land. Efforts were made to discourage them from pioneering into the new north country. But their answer was that after their three-years' war experience, pioneering has no terrors for them. Two Misses McLean, Miss Ellis and Miss MacNish comprise the quartette.

What they plan to do is to file a homestead of 160 acres each, making a total section, to which will be added another section of free grant land by reason of their overseas service. They will live together and farm their land cooperatively. They propose to do their farm work with their own hands and before leaving Edmonton equipped themselves with overalls, riding breeches, boots and other masculine paraphernalia.

ASKS INVESTIGATION OF NAVAL SCHOOL

By John Gleissner
(United News Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—Senator Pomerene of Ohio has announced his intention of introducing a resolution providing for an investigation of the methods of instruction in the Annapolis Naval Academy. Information would be sought as to why 110 midshipmen "flunked out" in the March examinations.

Methods of teaching at Annapolis, Pomerene charged, are inefficient and unjust to the students. Instructors, he said know little about the subjects they are expected to teach, and are unable to inform students sufficiently to enable them to pass examinations. Pomerene would have the inquiry made by three members to the senate, three members of the house and three well-known educators.

Discussion of Annapolis came up upon the floor in connection with the consideration of an addition to the naval appropriations bill offered by Senator McKellar of Tennessee, which provides for the reappointment of midshipmen dismissed for failing in their examinations. The senate adopted the amendment.

Pomerene read into the record a letter from William B. Zimmer of Rockhurst, N. Y., a naval reserve officer, citing the experience of his nephew at the academy. Zimmer said his nephew was dropped for failing by two tenths of a point to pass in an examination in French. The boy, according to Zimmer, was an honor graduate from Rochester high school, has passed all examinations at the academy for three years, and stood especially high in navigation.

Pomerene read another letter from an unnamed midshipman protesting against the dismissal of his roommate.

"I could not make this an official statement," the midshipman wrote, "because I would be dismissed from the academy. However, I cannot help but write this letter for the good of the institution. If you knew how the teaching staff was organized here you would be able to put your finger upon the real trouble. The faculty is composed of 300 instructors. Two thirds of these are detached from the fleet to teach for one or two years. These are not selected because they know anything about a subject but because they are due for shore leave and want a good billet."

O. A. C. NOTES

Prizes Offered Weeklies.
OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, May 31.—To encourage Oregon weeklies to find out and furnish the kind of rural news service wanted by their rural readers a loving cup will be awarded to the weekly carrying the best country news service, quantity and quality considered. The prize will be offered by the agricultural committee of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce, and other friends of country life, through the department of industrial journalism at O. A. C. Farmers' week, second and third prizes of \$10 and \$5 will be awarded. Any weekly may compete.

Club Members Go To College.
Sixty former Oregon boys' and girls' club members are taking degree courses at the state college, reports H. C. Seymour, state club leader. Only those who completed at least one year's work are registered in college. Twenty-nine are girls, mostly taking home economics. Of the men, 10 are in commerce, 10 in engineering, seven in agriculture and four in pharmacy.

Death For Maggots.
Maggot injury to currants and gooseberries may be materially reduced by use of a sweetened poison spray, if application is made at once. The formula used by the O. A. C. Experiment station is sodium arsenate one ounce, syrup, one quart, water, three gallons.

Control of Flea Beetles.
Flea beetles on potato and tomato vines may be controlled by spraying with Bordeaux, 3-3-50. On small gardens the O. A. C. Experiment station finds that dusting with a mixture of wood ashes or air-stacked lime or sulphur, nine parts with one part of lead arsenate powder, will keep the beetle in check. The materials are mixed very thoroughly and applied by putting the mixture into a coarse cloth, or cheese cloth bag and shaking lightly over the plants.

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WILL OPEN 3 U. S. HOSPITALS SOON

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau.)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—The hospital program of the United States public health service, is moving rapidly. Nine new hospitals, which will accommodate more than 3000 patients, are now being put into shape for early occupancy.

Three of these, in Oregon, Montana and Iowa, with a capacity for about 500 patients, should be in operation within two months. Others will not be ready for a longer time. Especially will this be the case with three army reservations, two of which had been abandoned for ten to twenty months, which were specifically transferred to the service by act of congress.

Two Ready Soon.
The army hospital at Fort William Henry Harrison, near Helena, Mont., will be opened with 100 general patients, but may later be greatly expanded. The Hahnemann hospital, at Portland, Ore., should be ready for 165 general patients by July 1, and the Speedway hospital, in Chicago, for 1000 general patients by August 1.

Of the three army posts specifically turned over by congress that at Fort Walla Walla is attractively situated near Walla Walla, Wash., on a low plateau near the junction of the fruit and wheat belts. The post has been abandoned for a year, and, except for two brick barracks, its buildings are in bad condition and must be rebuilt. It will shelter 284 tuberculosis patients.

Use Wyoming Fort.
Fort McKenzie, one mile northwest of Sheridan, Wyo., is pleasantly situated against a northern shield of mountains. Its brick buildings surround a fine parade ground, once planted with trees, which, however, have suffered severely from lack of irrigation since the post was abandoned. Most of the region is sparsely timbered.

HISTORIC UNIVERSITY HOLDS CENTENNIAL

By United Press
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 31.—Famous educators and churchmen were here today at the opening of the University of Virginia Centennial celebration. The exercises will conclude on June 3.

Dr. William Alexander Barr, D. D., dean of Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, opened the celebration this morning with an address on the influence of the University of Virginia on the religious life of the nation. Rev. Henry Van Dyke, San Diego, Calif., was to preside at the vesper services in the evening.

Following the enrollment of delegates from institutions from the United States and foreign countries Wednesday, Governor Westmoreland Davis, Virginia was to deliver the address of welcome. He will be followed by Edwin Anderson Alderman, president of the university. A pageant, "The Shadow of the Builder," will be presented in the evening in the Greek amphitheatre.

Thursday and Friday various groups will meet in separate discus-

sions, which will be interspersed with joint sessions where speakers will discuss the many phases of collegiate endeavor. Among the other speakers on the program are Jules Jusserand, French ambassador; M. Gabriel Hanotaux, commander de la Legion d'Honneur; Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador; Rev. Henry Wilson Battle; John Bassett Moore; Thomas Watt Gregory, former U. S. attorney general, and Hamilton Fish, professor of international law and diplomacy Columbia University.

PRINCE HENRY HONORED

By United Press
LONDON, May 31.—Prince Henry, third son of King George, was today admitted the freedom of the city of London, with customary civic honors. The Prince drove to Guildhall, where a guard of honor of the Honorable artillery company, was drawn up, with the regimental band and colors, and was received by the lord mayor and other civic dignitaries. He was escorted to the library where the city chamberlain read the resolution making him a freeman of the city, the document afterward being presented to him in a golden casket.

3 INJURED, 1 SERIOUSLY, IN AVIATION CRASH

By United News
PORTLAND, May 30.—In full view of 10,000 spectators at the coast motorcycle championships on the Rose City speedway late this afternoon, an airplane carrying two motion picture photographers crashed to earth from a height of 200 feet.

Joseph Peters, pilot of the cameramen's machine, is expected to die. George (Sandy) Sanderson, photographer, and Joseph Reeves, his assistant, are in a local hospital. They will recover, surgeons said. Peters had insufficient momentum when he "banked" his plane for a sharp turn, according to other airmen who witnessed the crash. As soon as the plane tilted, it sideslipped out of control and fell in full view of the crowded grandstands.

MAY BE TWO GRAIN MARKETING SYSTEMS

By James L. Kilgallen
(United News Staff Correspondent)
CHICAGO, May 31.—James A. Patton, the former "wheat king," thinks this country stands a good chance of having two systems of grain marketing.

If that day comes to pass, "Jim" says, he will back the old system. Two schools of farmer thought have sprung up, he said, and it remains to be seen which wins. One school is satisfied with the existing marketing machinery; the other is not satisfied, and has started out to make a change.

A big step toward the change will be the incorporation this week in Delaware of the farmers' finance corporation, a \$100,000,000 organization. "I've got to be shown," said Jim, with emphasis, when asked by the United News what he thought of the prospects of the new marketing corporation.

"I may be a little old fashioned in my ideas, but I don't see any need for a change." Jim has been in the grain business for "Oh, about 40 years." He believes he knows that game. "I've made some money," he remarked modestly. At one time he had agents at all the big producing centers in the world. It will be remembered that in 1907 he cornered the wheat market, made millions in a day and became a world wide figure. Since then he has retired. But almost any day you can find his grey head bent over a ticker in some broker's office at the Board of Trade, That's Jim, his friends say.

"Did you read about those 500 farmers who went to Springfield last week to oppose those bills that would wipe out the board of trade? Well, watch next Tuesday when the bills come up again—there'll be twice that many there. They're just waking up

"Who are the leaders of this new marketing organization? You have a college professor and a railroad lawyer. They're good talkers, but they think wrong."

"In this grain business you've got to think it isn't child's play. It's business—not an experiment. If the new market organizations know the game they have a chance to win; if they don't, they will be floored."

The present methods of business in the grain and livestock exchanges "can't be improved upon," he asserted. No other article or commodity is handled as cheaply from producer to consumer, as the farmer's grain, he declared.

Asked his view of published reports that the formation of the \$100,000,000 corporation was part of a huge conspiracy by Wall street interests to gain control of the nation's grain trade, he replied inelegantly, yet expressively:

"Bunk." Wall street, he said, has troubles of its own and does not want to go into the grain business.

The reports of the "plot" were based upon the attendance of Bernard M. Barusch, former member of the New York stock exchange, at the meeting of farmers in New York that resulted in the decision to form the corporation. Barusch is to act as the farmers' financial advisor. Barusch was in the middle west last fall investigating the cooperative marketing situation.

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