

SPORTS --- Here, There and Everywhere

MANY FLYERS NEVER FOUND

Probable Death of Lost Aviators Recalls Memories of Others Not Located

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The probable death of the lost aviators, Col. F. C. Marshall and Lieutenant C. L. Weber, who disappeared on December 7 while on a cross-country flight from San Diego to Tucson, Ariz., recalls similar plights that have befallen other army and navy fliers and the searches that were made for them.

While army officials have long given up hope that the fliers would be found alive, the belief is still faintly adhered to that their bodies and the wreck of their plane may be eventually recovered. However, declare army officers who have flown over that wild part of the country, the chances are slim. Either of the two regions in which the officers may have been forced to land is a desert waste. That section to the east of Tucson, where a plane believed to have been theirs was last seen, is extremely rocky and mountainous. Searchers could look for months without coming upon the ravine in which the wreckage could lie hidden for a long time, they say. The sands of the desert to the west and south of the city are so fine that a slight breeze would be sufficient to cover the wreckage under a dune in a short time.

Rescue Hope Abandoned

The hope that the officers could have been rescued by Indians has also been abandoned because the region is sparsely inhabited and any Indians who might have located them would certainly have made their presence known long since. For many days a fleet of planes scoured the region, flying as low and as far as was compatible with safety, but no trace of the lost officers was discovered. The report that their charred bodies were seen lying in a gorge near the Papago Indian reservation, near the border line, was found incorrect by troops of cavalry that aided in the search. The single hope now held by the officers' comrades is that some day they may find the remains to afford them proper burial.

The loss of the two officers and the long search for them resulted in March, 1921, of five men from the Pensacola air station who set out in a training flight in a free balloon. Quartermaster G. K. Wilkinson was pilot and had with him four enlisted flying students. While there was no storm in the vicinity at the time, and weather conditions were comparatively good, neither the balloon nor its passengers were ever seen again. It was first feared they had been blown out to sea and a squadron of seaplanes and several dirigibles aided by a fleet of vessels scoured the nearby waters for miles without discovering a trace.

Voices Heard

Then trappers in the everglades reported hearing voices in the swamps at night and the searching airships made flights for days over them but if that region held the secret of the tragedy it refused to deliver it, despite a second report of voices heard there. For weeks the search was continued, but no trace ever was found. Months afterward, what was believed to be the remains of a wicker balloon basket was sighted far at sea, and it was finally believed that the fate of the fliers had been met there.

Investigators are even yet trying to clear the identity of the man whose bones were found in the everglades recently, with evidences indicating he may have been an army flier. No clue has been found, however, and army records show no flier lost there who was not recovered.

Experiences Thrilling

Raymond White, who as a student flier, spent almost a week of perils and starvation in the everglades, will never forget his adventure. Flying from Carlstrom field, Florida, on a test flight, he landed at Okeechobee, but on the return was forced down by exhaustion of his gasoline and crashed into the almost impenetrable cypress swamps. Seeing no possible landing place, he aimed for a tree, and tumbled to the ground practically unhurt. But that was only the start of his experience. Mosquitoes were so thick and voracious he had to cover face and arms with grease from his ship; he had no matches to build a signal fire, and was forced to take to trees at night to avoid animals he heard prowling about. He finally made his way, subsisting on herbs and grasshoppers, to a Seminole Indian camp and was sent by them to a distant farm house where, after a week, his comrades found him in an exceedingly weakened condition.

Capt. C. W. Danman and Lt. E. J. Verhuyden were two other fliers who lost their lives in a free balloon. They started in the national balloon race from St. Louis in 1919, and were never heard from until their bodies were washed up by the waters of Lake Huron.

While many other fliers, of both the army and navy, have been "lost" in various sections of the country for two or three-day stretches, all were found, and aviators declare the number of men actually lost is very small compared with the increasing amount of flying. Records of the army air service show more such accidents than do those of the navy, but this, it is pointed out, is the result of the fact that army fliers have to cover incredibly bad flying country, mountains and desert, while navy flying, for the most part, is confined to the coasts where success generally is near. Most of the army's losses of that sort have occurred in the desert sections of the southwest, where the officers are employed in the border patrol.

The most tragic of these occurrences in army record was the loss of Lieutenants F. B. Waterhouse and C. H. Connolly, who lost their way in a rainstorm while on patrol and were forced to land far south in southern California on the shores of the gulf. For 19 days they were without food and constantly growing weaker, then, when finally aided by two Mexican fishermen, they were taken almost within sight of food and friends and brutally murdered and robbed. At one time, one of the fleet of rescue planes came as close as 60 miles to where the plane had landed.

Desert Kills Others

On another occasion, Lieutenants Davis and Peterson were lost in the desert along the Rio Grande and although they declared they had not been in Mexican territory, they were captured by Mexican bandits almost in sight of aid, and held for ransom for some days. They were forced to undergo many privations and were about to be killed when the ransom was paid.

Lieutenant Alexander Pearson, who achieved fame in trans-continental flights and racing records, was forced down in Mexican territory, and while he was making his way back to civilization on foot, the fleet of searchers had finally given him up as lost. He found a dilapidated raft on the river, however, and drifted his way home. The remarkable incident in connection with his flight was that four months later, his plane was found in the ravine where it had fallen, a new engine was installed there, and the plane successfully flown back.

One of the incidences of the successful trans-Atlantic flight of the three navy seaplanes, the famous N. C. 1, 3 and 4, was the loss for several days of the N. C. 3, flown by Lieutenant Commander John Towers. The N. C. 1 was also forced down in the fog and haze that caused the near disaster to Towers, but the crew was rescued by a passing vessel just before the plane sank. Towers and his crew worked for 53 hours to keep the plane above water, while the sea was being scoured by rescue ships. Drifting on a rafting over the surface, the crew was finally able to make the Aboras, and how they accomplished this feat in the teeth of a raging gale is one of the epics of naval aviation.

The disappearance of a navy balloon from Rockaway Station, Long Island, with a crew of three officers, Lieutenants Hinton, Kloor and Farrell, who finally landed in a blizzard far north in Canada, near Hudson Bay, in the winter of two years ago, was among the most spectacular adventures that have ever befallen American aviators in peace time. After starting from Rockaway for a short flight, they disappeared and no efforts could locate them through a search of weeks. They had little provision for a long flight and their lives were given up. Then came word that they had landed in a dense forest, had wandered four days and finally arrived at a distant trading post, far from railroads and even the telegraph. They were returned to civilization by dog sledge, but their adventure was almost their last, for the exposure to the intense cold, lack of food and heavy snow had almost exhausted them when rescue came, just as they were sinking from weakness.

Bear's Second Sacker Fractures Right Leg

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 16.—A severe blow was dealt to the University of California's 1923 baseball hopes when Charlie Erb, veteran varsity second baseman, sustained a fracture of the right leg while sliding for home plate this afternoon in a practice game between the university's first and second team. Erb's home is in Los Angeles. He was captain of last year's football team.

Another slap at prohibition. Automobiles have crossed the Sahara desert in record-breaking time, putting the camel out of business. The camel travels on water. —Exchange.

SQUIRE EDGEGATE—A Little Misunderstanding Between the Calendar, the Squire and the Wedlock Customers!

BY LOUIS RICHARD



McClelland Team Beats Waters in Point Race

The McClelland team beat the Waters aggregation in the seasonal race for points in the business men's league at the YMCA. The contest closed this week, with a close score of 53 to 50 points. Attendance, and the winning of games of billiard and volley ball. The teams started with equal membership, and one point was given to the team that had the largest number present for each class day; five points went to the winners of each contest.

Salem will be represented in the state junior YMCA basketball tournament in Portland, March 30 and 31. Three classifications of boys will be made; from 12 to 14 years, from 14 to 16, and from 16 to 18. Salem will send representatives to all these classes, according to the present plans. All the larger Y's of the state will take part, it is expected.

Jess Willard Takes on Little Theatrical Tour

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Jess Willard, former world's heavyweight champion, today affixed his signature to a theatrical contract and will leave tomorrow for a 20-day tour through the middle west. Willard, who has been signed to meet Floyd Johnson, Iowa heavyweight, at the Yankee stadium on May 12, will open his training camp when he completes his engagement.

HUNT WINS

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 16.—Chas. Dawson, Eugene, and Jack Griffin, Portland, fought a 10-round draw here tonight. Carl Miller, Eugene, and Collie Stoops, Portland, battled six rounds to a draw in the semi-windup. Bill Hunt, Salem, won by a knockout in the third round over Ed Lafayette of Albany.

LEGION TEAM LOSES

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special to The Statesman.)—In a hair-raising game tonight the Silverton American legion basketball team lost to the Molalla legion team at Molalla, by a score of 22 to 21. The score saw-sawed along all through the game, giving a succession of thrills from the first tip-off until the last whistle.

Silverton Wins From Monmouth Aggregation

SILVERTON, Ore., Feb. 16.—(Special to The Statesman.)—In a fast, even game here tonight, the Silverton high school won from the Monmouth high school basketball team, 28 to 22. The game was hard fought, and was anybody's win until the last whistle blew.

As a preliminary, the Silverton high school girls met a team of Silverton town girls in a closely matched contest. The high school team won, by a score of 14 to 11.

BAILIN EVADES QUESTIONERS

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not worked for Ford, and also that the subject was not covered in the subpoena under which he appeared to give a deposition for use by Frank P. Walsh, in the defense of 22 alleged communists at St. Joseph, Mich., February 22.

Refuses to Answer

He also refused to answer when Mr. Smith asked if it was not a fact that after going to work for C. C. Daniels, New York detective and brother of Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, to collect Jewish material, he had sold duplicate reports to Norman Hapgood, who used them as the basis for articles on "Jew Mania" published in William Randolph Hearst's "International Magazine."

The effort of the state to connect Balanow in the Ford anti-Jewish propaganda was the sensation of the day. During Mr. Smith's examination the hearing room was in a continual uproar with Balanow excitedly demanding the right to insert a long statement in the record and finally appealing to Mr. Walsh to hold the assistant attorney general in "contempt" for pressing his questions about the reports against the Jews.

Failing in that, the witness announced that he would stand mute and answer no more questions but soon broke his resolution to interject more heated refusals.

"Were you ever in the employ of C. C. Daniels?" Mr. Smith asked.

"I refuse to answer," Balanow retorted.

Feelings Ruffled

Well, give a reason."

"Because I don't want to—that's plain enough, isn't it?"

"Is it because you are ashamed of it?"

"I refuse to answer." Will you say that you didn't furnish the Dearborn Independent matter attacking the Jews in America?"

Balanow objected the Ford matter was not included in his subpoena and attempted to read his document into the record. Failing in that he asked Mr. Walsh to tell Mr. Smith he was in contempt.

Both Mr. Walsh and Dan Uteritz, Balanow's personal attorney, attempted to soothe his ruffled feelings without success and Mr. Walsh washed his hands of the matter and said that as far as he was concerned Balanow could answer any questions Mr. Smith asked.

Confession Asked

The first Jewish name on the alleged report which Mr. Smith

held was that of Charles Reich, a New York lawyer and Mr. Smith asked the witness if in February 1921 he had not made a confession in the office of Benjamin P. Dewitt, his New York lawyer and in the presence of Mr. Reich that he had been employed by detective agencies as an agent provocateur to spy on the communists, Socialists, IWW and other radical organizations.

"Not in the presence of Mr. Reich," Balanow replied.

"Then who was present?"

"I refuse to answer."

"Do you know what connection there is between the 'communist party and the Workers' party'?" Mr. Smith asked.

Apparently misunderstanding the question, Balanow retorted: "I believe there is a department of justice agent spying on the Communists who has a daughter spying on the workers' party."

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