

INQUIRY IS OPENED IN AERIAL SERVICE

President Coolidge Appoints Special Board to Determine Air Power

CONTROVERSY STARTED

Debate Opened in Last Congress Is Officially Recognized by President; Committee Is Named

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—President Coolidge tonight took his first official recognition of the controversy stirred up in his last Congress over the adequacy of American air power by appointing a special board of nine men to conduct a sweeping inquiry into the subject.

Announcement of the president's action was made in a statement issued at the White House which said that members of the board had been asked to meet him next Thursday morning to organize and proceed immediately with its study with a view to submitting a report by the latter part of November.

The decision to name a special board of inquiry was reached after Mr. Coolidge had received a joint letter from acting Secretary Davis of the war department and Secretary Wilbur of the navy, who suggested that a study be made of the best means of developing and applying aircraft in national defense and to supplement the study already made by the war and navy departments on that subject.

In the exchange of correspondence between the president and the war and navy heads, no reference was made to the Shenandoah disaster or to the charges made in a series of statements made in San Antonio by Col. William Mitchell, former assistant chief of the army air service.

It was apparent, however, that both of these developments were influential factors in reaching the decision to investigate the entire aircraft problem in its present stage of development with relation to the national defense.

Replying to the joint letter, Mr. Coolidge said the suggestion for such an inquiry already had his approval. "Last spring I had conferred with parties as to the desirability of taking such action so that a report might be laid before me for my information, and also for the use of the incoming congress," the president wrote.

Letters were addressed by the president to each of the men asked to serve on the board requesting that they accept appointment, and adding that he believed their efforts would result in bringing out the good qualities of the air service and in suggesting what action can be taken for their improvement.

The president's letter to the war and navy executives, under today's date, follows:

"Your joint letter stating that

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RADIO DISRUPTS FAMILY

LAURA DOUGLASS SEEKS FREEDOM FROM SPOUSE

Declaring that her husband spends most of his time and a great amount of his money experimenting on a radio set, Laura Lawrence Douglass has filed suit in the circuit court here for a divorce from Harlow Messer Douglass. They were married in Portland in November, 1921 and have one small child.

"Instead of devoting himself to some gainful occupation in order to secure funds from which to support his family," the complaint reads, "he spent his time and such funds as he had, largely in experimenting with radio."

Other charges are also mentioned in the complaint, and a general allegation of cruel and inhuman treatment is made.

Mrs. Douglass asks the custody of the child and \$25 a month for its support.

HUMAN OSTRICH FOUND

HILLSBORO PRISONER BE COMES ILL ON WEIRD DIET

HILLSBORO, Ore., Sept. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—A table knife, the handles of four teaspoons, the bowls of two teaspoons and two pieces of wire about four inches long, were found in the stomach of L. L. Gray, a county prisoner, when he was operated on today.

Gray was sentenced on May 13 to six months in the Washington county jail for impersonating an officer. Soon after beginning his jail sentence he complained that he had swallowed "wish bones" and wanted surgical attention. Several days ago he became seriously sick and the operation today resulted.

TRADING VESSEL CAUGHT IN ICE IN ARCTIC ZONE

RADIO DISTRESS SIGNALS ARE RECEIVED FROM SHIP

Crew of Thirty-Three Men Are On Board; No Anxiety Felt For Safety

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—A radio message caught at many points on the Pacific coast early today disclosed that the steamer Baychimo, which left here July 8 to carry supplies to Herschell Island in the Arctic ocean for the Royal Canadian Mounted police and to posts of the Hudson's Bay company, along the northern shore of the continent, was frozen fast.

C. H. French of this city, fur trade commissioner of the company stated that the Baychimo which sent out a distress call, was but a short distance from the island and had a bare chance of working herself free and leaving the Arctic this month, by way of Bering strait and the Bering sea. French said that if the vessel was unable to leave the crew might come out this autumn, overlaid, but that the Baychimo had provisions for the winter and that there were plenty of additional stores on the island.

The Baychimo departed from here carrying forty one persons, including three passengers for Herschell Island and five men for posts of the company. The steamer arrived at the island August 12, proceeded to posts eastward from there along the north coast of North America and returned to the island August 31.

Figuring the three passengers as dropped at the island on the way east, and the five men as left at their posts, French listed 33 aboard when the ice caught the boat.

The master of the Baychimo is Captain Cornwall, and Captain Gus Foellmer, who was in charge of the Lady Kingderley a gasoline sailing schooner of this company when she was carried away by ice in the Arctic last year.

Most of the officers came out with the Baychimo from England, but the rest of the crew are from this port.

Two routes are available for an overland journey by the Baychimo men.

GIRL KILLS HER DEER

INEZ WOOD SHOTS ANIMAL IN ALSA DISTRICT

Unable to wait until she had returned to Salem, Miss Inez Wood telephoned friends Saturday that she shot and killed a deer while hunting in the Alsea district with her father. Mr. Wood is generally regarded as an excellent shot with the rifle.

Miss Wood is employed in the supply department of the secretary of state at the state house.

HORNED DOE IS KILLED

FEMALE DEER WITH HORNS SHOT IN NEVADA HILLS

RENO, Nev., Sept. 12.—A big doe with horns, was shot by W. D. Johnson of Starville, Cal., four miles east of that city yesterday, in his belief that the animal was a buck deer. Johnson today signed an affidavit at Truckee before the justice of the peace setting forth the circumstances, and sent the skin and horns to the state museum at Berkeley. The horns of the doe, slightly undeveloped, were covered with velvet. One side had six prongs and the other four.

SWINDLE IS CHARGED

MAN BEATEN BY ONE HE IS SAID TO HAVE BILKED

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—L. R. Robinson, a carpenter of Seattle, was brought here today by authorities badly bruised as the result of a beating administered in Seattle by George Alexis, former lighthouse keeper on the British Columbia coast, who charged that Robinson swindled him out of \$10,000 in a stock exchange scheme.

After appearing in police court here, Robinson's case was set for Sept. 18.

TAX CUT SEEN

SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Congressman Dindley H. Hadley of Bellingham, who is leaving tomorrow for Washington, D. C., declared here today that he believed taxes on 1925 incomes will be lowered. Hadley is a member of the house ways and means committee which is to meet October 19, six weeks before the convening of congress.

WATER TRIP ENDS

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 12.—The motorboat Transcontinental bearing John Edwin Hoag and Frank S. Wilson of Los Angeles, arrived here today after a trip entirely by water from Astoria, Ore.

FLIGHT PILOT SAYS PLANE IS PERFECT

Shortage of Gasoline Only Cause of Failure to Span Pacific Ocean

CREW PRAISE LEADER

Men Eager to Make Flight Again If Rodgers Leads Them; Courage and Pluck Said Remarkable

HONOLULU, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Lack of only a hundred gallons of gasoline robbed the United States navy of the honor of making a non-stop seaplane flight from San Francisco to Honolulu.

This fact was revealed today by Skiles N. Pope of Jackson, Tenn., aviation pilot on the PN-9 No. 1 which was picked up late Thursday near the island of Kauai, 100 miles northwest of here after drifting nine days while a substantial portion of the United States navy plowed the seas in search of it.

"A hundred more gallons of gas and we would have landed at Pearl Harbor without a question, the day we were forced down," Pope asserted. "There wasn't as much as a sputter from the engines from the time we cleared the Golden Gate until the last drop of gasoline was gone. And then she (the PN-9 No. 1) landed as pretty as you could ask."

The pilot expressed the opinion that the PN-9 type plane was the best yet developed.

HONOLULU, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Commander John Rodgers of the PN-9 No. 1 was described today by Skiles N. Pope, of Jackson, Tenn., aviation pilot on the seaplane as a "bundle of pluck and courage."

"That means everything to the crew when it suffers the hard luck we had," Pope declared. "There is a satisfaction in knowing that you have a superior officer who takes whatever the fates have in store and never flinches. Captain John is the kind of officer that men would do anything for."

"Out of the attempt to span the ocean I think it has been demonstrated that such a flight can be made. It has been demonstrated that a plane and engines have been designed which are capable of making it with sufficient gas aboard. The radio end will be improved as a result of some of the shortcomings shown in this flight, perhaps through installation of an auxiliary engine to generate power for broadcasting.

"Would I like to try it again? You bet I would! But I'd like to go along with Commander Rodgers in charge of the flight."

HEALTH DEMONSTRATION IS ASKED AT MEETING

MEETING SATURDAY ATTEND- ED BY 60 PERSONS

Preliminary Steps Taken Toward Creating a County Council to Aid in Work

About 60 persons interested in the Child Health Demonstration work now under way in Marion county, met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was in charge of Mary L. Fulkerson, county superintendent of schools, who introduced Dr. Brown, head of the work and several of his assistants, here.

Mrs. John Carson told briefly of difficulties experienced by the county health association and urged cooperation with those putting on the demonstration.

Dr. Brown outlined the work for the future and made it clear that the demonstration unit will not displace any other organizations but hopes to work with and through them for the betterment of health in this county.

The plan of the organization includes a school nurse working through the county and city school superintendents' offices and visiting nurses, with Dr. Brown in charge of the unit. And while it is the purpose and desire of the members of the demonstration unit to examine children and advise with parents the work will be done only with the consent of those interested.

Preliminary steps were taken, upon motion, by those present for the organization of a county council to aid in this important work. One representative on this council will be selected by each of the various community organizations throughout Marion county.

The demonstration unit has recently moved into new quarters at 434 High street. Arrangements will be made later for regular meetings of the county council.

SCHOOL MONEY IS FOUND

NUMBER OF CHECKS STOLEN FROM OAC RECOVERED

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Part of the \$850 in cash and checks stolen last March from the office of the graduate manager of athletics here was recovered today through the discovery by R. W. Scott, former county commissioner of Benton county, of a bag containing about \$350 in checks in a ditch beside the Pacific highway near Monroe.

Part of the amount in checks had been recovered previously through duplicates, but it is believed that several hundred dollars can be salvaged from those found. No trace of contracts taken at the same time was found.

The theft was accomplished by a man who reported himself to be an engineering student inspecting the light wiring.

STATE BOARDS FOUND PROLIFIC IN GROWTH

INCREASE DURING LAST 25 YEARS IS CONSTANT

64 Departments Listed at Present; Only Dozen Prior to First of 1900

Showing the growth of state boards and commissions in the last quarter century, Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, has prepared the following statement:

"Twenty-five years ago there existed, under constitutional and statutory authority, but 13 elective and appointive state officers and a total of 22 state boards and commissions. In 1925 there are 28 elective and appointive state officers and 64 boards and commissions functioning under either constitutional or statutory authority. Some of the heretofore boards and commissions are still functioning under their original jurisdiction and authority while a few of them have been abolished and absorbed in some other co-relative activity.

"Of the 64 boards and commissions now existing, comprising a membership in personnel of 319 individuals, 52 have been created since the year 1900, and with the duties and powers of some of these have been merged those vested in previously existing state functions. Of the personnel of these 64 boards and commissions 81 are state officers serving in an active or ex-officio capacity and 229 are citizens appointed by the governor or some agency other than the governor.

"The total number appointed by the governor is 206 and the number appointed by some other agency than the governor is 15. The membership of boards and commissions named or designated by the constitution or by statute is 89. The membership of 16 of the total number of boards and commissions is composed entirely of state officers; of ten the membership is composed of both state officers and citizens, and of 39 the membership is composed entirely of citizens. Two of these boards and commissions exist under constitutional authority and 62 are the creatures of statute.

"The governor, by authority of either the constitution or statute, is a member of 18 boards or commissions; the secretary of state of 14, the state treasurer of nine, the superintendent of public instruction of six, the attorney general of four, the superintendent of banks of two, the state engineer of two, the adjutant general of one, and other state officers hold membership on ten boards of which the total officer membership is 25."

CRANBERRIES PLENTIFUL

ILWACO, Wash., Sept. 12.—

Harvesting of the largest crop of cranberries ever grown on the north beach peninsula began today and from all indications 50,000 boxes will be produced.

LABOR CONFERENCE AVOIDS BIG ISSUES

British Trades Union Con- gress Fails to Discuss Future Relations

POLITICS ARE NOT AIRED

Labor Leaders Given Cause to Worry. Dispatches State; Party Drift Now To- wards the Left

SCARBOROUGH, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The British trades union congress which completed its sessions here today has played for time and not grappled closely with the big issues of the future relations between the political and industrial sides of the labor union.

Both the proceedings of the congress have not been wanting in plain signs that must give labor political leaders like Ramsay MacDonald, J. H. Thomas and J. R. Clynes a deal to ponder upon. The drift of the party is clearly toward the left, and the only question is how far the drift will carry it. It was the MacDonald government that fostered and fathered the Dawes plan, but quite ignoring this fact, the congress voted on a resolution condemning this plan as a capitalist scheme for exploiting German workers.

Again in direct antagonism with the views of the MacDonald wing of the labor party, the congress adopted a resolution accepting its council to go behind the Amsterdam international to do everything in its power to "secure world-wide unity of trade unions through an all inclusive federation."

This is interpreted to mean that the congress has empowered the council to ignore the objections of the Amsterdam international and join hands with the third internationale of Russia.

CRUISER IS CAPTURED

CANADIAN CUSTOMS AUTHO- RITIES ARREST TWO MEN

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Canadian customs authorities reported here today the capture of the Jack M-996 of Seattle, a 45-foot schooner rigged auxiliary cruiser, at Smuggler's cove, Discovery island, near here, last night.

The craft was empty. Two men arrested on board the vessel gave their names as Cherry O'Day, master, and Louis Kalobokas, engineer.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

EARLY MORNING BLAZE DE- STROYS STREET HOME

A residence owned by W. M. Street, Twenty-third and Lee streets was totally destroyed this morning by fire which broke out at about 12:30 o'clock this morning. All household goods, except one bed was lost. Damage is estimated at \$3000. The loss is said to have been about one-third covered. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

The blaze was plainly visible from all points of the city and attracted a large crowd. The fire department was unable to control the blaze, which had gained much headway before the alarm was turned in. By the time the equipment arrived the whole interior of the one story house was in flames.

Mr. Street, the only one of the family at home, was asleep when the fire broke out. He is unable to give any cause for the blaze.

AIRMAN DIES IN PLUNGE

AVIATOR FALLS FROM PLANE AT 1000 FOOT ALTITUDE

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Al Johnson, an aviator at Roosevelt field, Long Island, was instantly killed today when he fell 1000 feet from a plane flying above Mineola. Louis Meyers, the pilot, said Johnson apparently had loosened his safety strap to peer outside and that the machine had struck an air pocket, bouncing Johnson out of the cockpit.

PARIS-NEW YORK, GOAL

FRENCH PILOTS WILL AT- TEMPT TO SPAN OCEAN

PARIS, Sept. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Lieutenants Francois Coll and Paul Tarascon, French veterans of the World war, expect to attempt a Paris to New York non-stop flight early next week, probably starting Tuesday morning in an effort to win the prize of \$25,000 offered by Raymond Orteig of New York.

STATE TAX REDUCTION FIGURES ARE COMPILED

COUNTY SUPPORT FOR GOV- ERNMENT IS LOWERED

Total Drop From \$9,376,289.11 In 1922 to \$7,492,761.47 For This Year

Total taxes levied against each of the 36 counties in Oregon for support of state government have been reduced \$1,883,527.64 since Governor Walter M. Pierce has taken office, figures compiled by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, reveal.

Taxes for 1923, based upon figures for 1922, were 9,376,289.11 against \$7,492,761.47 for the present year.

Three years ago, the report shows, Marion county paid \$401,473.95 toward the support of state government while this year the amount is only \$332,154.11, a decrease of \$69,319.84. Polk county, in 1922, paid \$175,224.09 while the amount for 1925 is \$136,076.03, a decrease of \$39,148.06.

On the face of the report, friends of the governor point out that he has kept his campaign

JAPAN OFFERS PROTOCOL

AMENDMENT WOULD PROVIDE ACTION BY THE LEAGUE

GENEVA, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—A Japanese echo to the somewhat famous Japanese amendment to the Geneva peace protocol of last year was heard today from the lips of Viscount Ishii when, in addressing the league of nations assembly the Japanese delegate came out very strongly in favor of the creation of some organ of conciliation as a means for settlement of international disputes.

By the Japanese amendment of the protocol, which still is unratified, the council of the league of nations might consider any dispute even if questions involved are adjudged by the world court as a matter of lying solely within domestic jurisdiction.

The effect of this clause was that the council would be entitled to give friendly consideration to disputes arising out of such questions as immigration with a view to suggesting a coalition, in other words, in hope of conciliating the parties.

Today Viscount Ishii insisted that until the protocol with its elements dealing with arbitration, security and disarmament can be realized, the most appropriate way for the pacific settlement of conflicts is by conciliation.

FLEECERS PICK FARMER

BUNCO TRIO TAKES \$2500 FROM WASHINGTON MAN

SPOKANE, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Three "bunco" men fleeced Henry Horst, Jr., farmer of Odessa, out of \$2500 in a fake "race horse exchange" at the Interstate fair here this week, Horst told police here today.

Horst said he gave the \$2500 to a man posing as a Seattle grocer and two other men, who told him of large earnings they had made in betting on horse races. The money was a "bond" to show his faith in an alleged race-horse exchange and Horst said he was promised \$10,000 if he would go to Seattle next Tuesday. The \$10,000 was the promised winnings of a horse race to be staged.

Mrs. Horst told police today of the scheme, and after some time Horst admitted he had given the proceeds from the sale of wheat from his farm to the trio. He still believed in the scheme until police told him after a search that no trace of the trio could be found.

FORD AIRPLANES NEXT

AUTO MAKER TURNING EF- FORTS IN NEW DIRECTION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Results of experiments with aircraft in connection with his automobile business and in the air mail service, between Chicago and Detroit will determine how far Henry Ford is to extend himself in the development of aviation. This statement was made today by W. B. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford company, who is in Washington, in connection with Mr. Ford's shipping ventures.

At the present time Mr. Ford is operating an air line between his motor plant in Detroit and outlying agencies of the company. His entry into the mail transportation service was to extend his experiments and to add to the aviation information found by collecting and carefully studying.

Mr. Ford is determined to develop an all-metal airplane. It is possible that the future will see aircraft of his make on sale in existing Ford agencies throughout the country, Mr. Mayo said, but at present the whole question is in the experimental stage.

AVIATORS GREETED BY WILD ASSEMBLY

Four Pacific Flyers Are Pre- sented to Island Governor During Fete

LONG DELAY FORGIVEN

Promise To Be in Honolulu in One Day Not Carried Out; Crowds Cheer As Nav- igators Appear

HONOLULU, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Commander John Rodgers and his trans-Pacific flight crew today paid Governor Wallace R. Farrington a call they had promised to make exactly 11 days ago.

Their unusual delay was forgiven, however, and their social error detracted in no way from the ovation given them by the thankful populace of Honolulu, when the five aviators appeared in the capitol grounds at noon today for their official call.

Thousands had been summoned to the historic capitol grounds by whistles and sirens on all vessels in port and gathered in a teeming mass to pay homage to the daring "Captain John" and his companions, who sailed the Pacific nine days in a disabled seaplane rigged with a sail back made of its useless wings. They had started on a 26 hour flight from San Francisco to Honolulu; but they lost their course; their gasoline supply ran out. A game of hide and seek with a substantial portion of the United States navy followed, lasting until the submarine R-4 sighted them off the island of Kauai late Thursday.

On the steps of the Iolani Palace to greet the flyers was the official group, including Governor Farrington; Admiral S. S. Robinson, commander in chief of the United States battle fleet; Rear Admiral Lucius A. Bostwick, chief of staff of the battle fleet; with the staff officers, the officers of the Hawaiian department.

But the gathering crowd was not interested in the local dignitaries. The question "where are the flyers?" was heard on all sides, as the time for the official reception approached. Then some one on the edge of the crowd sighted the grey official automobile of Rear Admiral John D. McDonald, commandant of the 14th Naval District, and shouted "Here they come."

The crowd broke into a roar of welcome and a band played "Aloha Oe" as the car turned from the street into a narrow lane formed by forcing back the spectators on either side, proceeding slowly to the palace steps.

Rear Admiral McDonald dismounted first, but it took the appearance of the man wearing a spotless white naval officer's cap above his weathered and strained but broadly beaming face to make the crowd burst out into another roar of applause, ending in three cheers for "John Rodgers" which only served to broaden the embarrassed grin on the face of the flight commander.

The other four men of the PN-9 No. 1 crew followed their commander: Lieutenant Byron J. Connell, assistant pilot; William H. Bowlin, aviation chief mechanic's mate; Skiles N. Pope, aviation pilot; and Otis G. Stantz, chief radio man.

The ceremonies which followed were both in the nature of a welcome and a thanksgiving. Major John D. LaMothe of the Episcopal diocese of Honolulu offered a short prayer of thanksgiving to the Almighty for saving these men from the great deep and for

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BUYS INTO SALEM MILL

M'MINNVILLE MAN ACQUIRES INTERESTS HERE

William J. Lillequist, for nearly 15 years manager of the Spaulding Logging company plant at McMinnville, has purchased a half interest in the A. M. Hansen planing mill at Mill and Church, according to announcement yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Lillequist have moved to Salem and taken up their residence on Mill street.

There will be no immediate alterations or enlargements in the present Hansen plant, it was said. Speaking of Mr. Lillequist, the Telephone-Register of McMinnville says:

"Mr. Lillequist leaves McMinnville with the satisfaction that through his leadership the Spaulding company has grown from a plant employing four or five men to its present capacity, where it is recognized as one of the leading plants in the valley, with its products going up and down the Pacific coast."

