

Day by Day Development in Aimee Semple McPherson Case Reviewed

"Birds Can Fly So Why Can't I", Spurs Study

He Jumped From the Roof, Flapped His Wings, Fell Hard and People Laughed, but Others Took Up the Idea and Inventions Followed

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"Birds can fly! So why can't I?" So Darius Green set about to solve the problem of flying a long time ago. Darius was a real prophet and no mistake. People laughed at him and called him a simpleton. So were the Wright brothers. So were Robert Fulton and a lot of others who live a long time ahead of their age.

Now Darius was a genius even if he was a bit queer, at least so I suspect. At the risk of making up some of the story, I am going to tell it as I learned it when a boy. Darius' father was a carpenter and had a shop and all sorts of tools. Darius liked to tinker with the tools and make things. He made many queer contraptions. There was an old "loft" over the work shop where Darius used to make his things.

One day Darius was lying under the old apple tree out in the orchard dreaming day dreams, and he dreamed one that was sure to come true. He saw a robin fly from tree to tree. He watched the pretty Redbreast hop about and fly up and down and across. That made Darius think. After a bit he said out loud, "Birds can fly. Why can't I?" Well, of course birds had wings and Darius did not. He was much larger than the birds, but larger wings could be built. Birds made their wings go up and down when they were flying. He could make his arms go up and down, too.

Some how or others the dream just stuck in Darius' head and he thought it over every day. Then one day he decided he would make a pair of wings for himself and fly just like a bird. So with some boards and straps he made a very ingenious pair of wings and arranged to fasten them on his arms. It took a long time to get them made up right, and Darius worked very hard every day in the old "loft" over the carpenter shop.

When at last they were completed, Darius asked one of his neighbor boys to come over and watch him fly. So Jim Jones, let us call him that just so he will have a name, came over to see the flying machine that Darius had built. Darius got out on the shed-roof beside the shop and fastened the wings on very carefully and stood near the edge of the roof. Jim was down below, eagerly waiting for the trial flight. When all was ready, Darius said:

"Birds can fly! So why can't I?"

Jim said:

"Now you look Dri! The shed is high,
And you'll be an angel, by and by."

With a big jump Darius sprang from the roof and flapped his wings. Of course he came down with an awful thump, and he was pretty badly hurt. Something went wrong and the flying machine did not work as he had planned. People laughed at him and called him names, and his people had to say that he could never try that again. So his invention fell through. But the dream lasted. Others dreamed it after him, and he was really a true prophet.

I once knew a boy who tried to make a bicycle. He did not call it that, for he had never seen such a thing. But he had the idea. With two large wheels from an old hay rake which had broken down and was thrown aside, this boy made a most wonderful bicycle, a two-wheel machine which he could make

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Jugo-Slavia Queen, Rich, Youngest Ruling Woman

At Age of 25, Finds Herself Ruler of 16,000,000 Persons but Is Separated From Them by Ignorance of Their Language

BELGRADE.—Queen Marie of Jugo-Slavia, daughter of Queen Marie of Roumania and youngest reigning woman sovereign in the world, is a timid and melancholy young woman.

At the age of 25, she finds herself the ruler of 16,000,000 persons, but separated from them by her ignorance of the language.

From the time she was 16, her mother trained her in all modern queenly duties, but she could not teach her daughter to overcome the characteristics which now appear to make her lonely and isolated.

With her husband, King Alexander, son of old King Peter of Serbia, Marie occupies a \$3,000,000 palace in Belgrade. But she has extremely simple and democratic tastes, and her friends say she would prefer to live in a small cottage in the country, where she could devote all her time to the care and rearing of her 3 year old son, Crown Prince Peter II.

Marie finds the business of maintaining a court irksome and tedious, her friends say, and she therefore seldom entertains or gives receptions. Her one and only interest in life, they declare, is her baby, a handsome, brown-eyed, lively boy, who has an English nurse and American picture books and toys. English is the only language he knows.

The queen invited the correspondent to tea at the Palace in Belgrade and chatted with him pleasantly about her adopted country and her duties as a queen. The scene in the palace when the correspondent entered was anything but regal. A dressmaker's papier-mache form of a female figure, covered with a white bodice, appeared in a corner, several trunks remained opened, and personal clothing hung in disarray about the room. Her Majesty apologized for the appearance of the place, saying she and the king had just returned from a long trip into the interior.

A colored handkerchief was worn around her head to conceal her bobbed hair, which she feels does not quite become a queen.

The three year old Crown Prince played with a coal scuttle near the fire, and managed to make himself look like a chimney sweep.

"He won't even look at his regular toys," said the queen, "but insists on playing with coal, mud, paint, and everything else he ought not to play with. In that respect I suppose he's like any ordinary boy."

When the correspondent suggested that American readers would like to know from her how it felt to be queen, Her Majesty laughingly said:

"Well, I can tell you there isn't much fun in it. It's sometimes more difficult to be a good mother than a queen. This

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Death of Two Swimmers, by Drowning and Pneumonia, During Search for Evangelist's Body, Tragic Markers

McPherson Chronology

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 17.—(AP)—Chronology of the Aimee Semple McPherson case follows:

May 14: Kenneth G. Ormiston, former radio operator at Angelus Temple rents cottage at Carmel, Cal., 300 miles north of here.

May 18: Aimee Semple McPherson disappears at sea-shore, Ocean Park, near here, her secretary announcing she was last seen in surf at 2 p.m.

May 19: Beggar woman enters cottage at Carmel rented by Ormiston at 3:00 a.m. Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, evangelist's mother, declares she believes daughter drowned. Has search in surf started.

May 20: Culver City police officer and wife report having seen two women in machine, one resembling Mrs. McPherson, traveling towards Los Angeles two hours after time of disappearance, May 18.

May 22: Ormiston visits Los Angeles but departs before seeing District Attorney Keyes.

May 24: First of two tragic deaths occurs in hunt for body in surf, Robert Browning, swimmer, seeking body, being drowned.

May 30: Mrs. Kennedy expressed belief that her daughter was in the "arms of Jesus."

May 31: Second death in sea search, Ed Harrison, father of two children and professional diver, dies of pneumonia contracted while swimming in a search for the body.

June 2: Police detectives begin investigation of several reports that the evangelist had been seen alive.

June 3: City and county investigators express belief evangelist is alive.

June 23: Evangelist appears at Agua Prieta, Mexico,

across the line from Douglas, Arizona, telling that she had escaped from three kidnapers, walking 20 miles across the desert.

June 24: Chief of City Detectives Herman Cline and the deputy district attorney departed for Douglas, Arizona, to question the evangelist.

June 26: The evangelist triumphantly returned to Los Angeles.

June 28: Deputy District Attorney Ryan declares kidnaping story a myth and opens investigation of report's evangelist had been seen at several coast towns with Ormiston.

July 1: The evangelist and her mother return to Douglas, Arizona, to hunt for shack in Mexican desert where she had been held prisoner. Fail to find it.

July 8: Investigation taken before county grand jury.

July 15: Three witnesses testify before grand jury they saw evangelist alive and in company with two or three persons at the time she asserted she was held prisoner in the Mexican desert.

July 20: District attorney's investigation develops tip that strange couple occupied Carmel cottage for 10 days immediately after May 18 disappearance of the evangelist.

July 25: Ryan and Cline visit Carmel cottage, find Bible and grocery order list which handwriting experts say is chirography of evangelist.

July 30: Affidavit prepared by Ormiston in Chicago states occupant of cottage was not Mrs. McPherson but a "Miss X."

August 5: Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sielaff notifies authorities it was her sister who occupied Carmel cottage with Ormiston.

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Medical Student's Love Ends in Tragic Romance

Emil Balanescu, Six Years in America, Apparently "Inspired by a High and Holy Zeal" to Administer Treatment, Death Follows

CLEVELAND, O.—The enthusiasm of a young medical student for the science of medicinal treatments is believed to have brought about the death of the girl he loved.

Miss Dorothy Kirk was a pretty young Cleveland stenographer, 21. Emil Balanescu, six years in America after his education, medical and otherwise, in Paris, is still studying medicine in a Cleveland university. His father is employed in a local drug store.

The boy's zeal as a fledgling practitioner of the medical science and his consideration for the petty physical complaints of Miss Kirk prompted him, it is believed, to prescribe cures which, taken indiscriminately and in too great quantity, brought about the death of the girl.

This is the only way that Coroner A. P. Hammond, City Chemist Harold J. Knapp and police, from information so far available, can explain the peculiar circumstances of the girl's illness and death.

City chemists questioned Balanescu and said they got admissions from him that Miss Kirk had taken a number of medicines on his advice.

Balanescu is a puzzle to all the investigators. The young medical student, according to Dr. Knapp, apparently was "inspired by a high and holy zeal" to administer medicines.

So far the investigators have no evidence that Miss Kirk was given any kind of active poison. Balanescu admitted, however, according to police, that he had given her a number of medicines that, while not poisonous in themselves, were active therapeutically and, if taken promiscuously or in too large quantities would produce illness.

The youth declares he had no intention or idea of making Miss Kirk ill, much less causing her death.

City chemists are working to analyze and isolate the various medicines, of which traces were found in the girl's stomach. It may be impossible, however, to determine just what medicine or drug was the cause of death, Dr. Knapp said, and it may be that death will be attributed to the indiscriminate conglomeration of medicines.

Some of the pills Miss Kirk had taken were to allay a fever, many were laxatives or tonics and some were for dyspepsia. All the medicines that the chemists have identified are known as proprietary medicines and can be purchased in drug stores by anyone, but generally are purchased only on a physician's advice.

Balanescu's knowledge of medicine, gained in study in Paris before coming to the United States with his family several years ago, and since then through study at a medical college and through work in several pharmacies, is believed by police to have heightened his curiosity.

Police expect to detain him until analysis of the girl's vital organs and the thirty or forty different varieties of medicines found at his home is completed.

There is a growing tendency to believe there was no criminal intent involved in the tragedy.

22 Years of Make Believe Awaiting New Dramas

Masks, Furniture, Costumes Stowed Away not to Be Used Again Till Some New Play Requiring Period Properties Is Found

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The relics of 22 years of make-believe lie in a large building in West Thirty-ninth street, awaiting the plays which will call them forth again as stage properties.

The building, the largest of its kind, contains the properties from Shubert shows estimated to total between 600 and 800. There are rusted ornards and masks, dusty furniture and countless odd pieces mingled in orderly confusion.

The furniture is unusually complete, comprising beds of all kinds and periods, antique and modern chairs and tables and even half a dozen bath-tubs. The last named, however, can provide only an effect and not a bath, as they are made of wood.

The recent series of costume pieces and period plays also is evidenced by an abundance of gilded Louis XV chairs and consoles. Antedating these are much carved samples of the Renaissance period.

No pretensions as to their genuineness is made, but the correctness is impeccable, most of the pieces having been made in the company's shops after originals.

The top floor contains innumerable odds and ends, from dishes to spears and swords, and from flowered watering pots to busts of famous persons. Hanging from the ceiling is a mouse's head large enough to fit a man's, which 18 years ago topped the make-up of De Wolf Hopper in "Mr. Pickwick."

Many famous shows of by-gone days, together with some stars, are recalled in this assemblage.

"La Belle Paree," which opened the Winter Garden a trifle over 15 years ago is there, as is "The Revue de Revues" which followed it. The objects of art which John Emerson, as auctioneer, sold in "The Blue Mouse," are mingled with the curios.

A portion of a locomotive and at least three yachts, more or less complete, also are there. The locomotive was used in "The Honey Moon Express," in which Gabys Delays starred, in a scene where an automobile raced a train. This setting still remains a some of the outstanding achievements of stagecraft.

The vessels date from "The Merry Whirl," in the Winter Garden in 1914, from "Billy," and the "Iron Master," in which Laurette Taylor made her New York debut.

A large collection of German guns also is kept intact, since they were used in "Taps," a play translated from the German.

"Old Heidelberg," on which "The Student Prince" musical show was based, is also recalled by the settings among which Mansfield walked when he played in the first production of the piece.

Sentiment plays a part in the preservation of mementoes also, for "The Belle of New York" scenes, long ago a popular piece, are kept especially aside.

The Winter Garden floor also contains several Roman chariots and nearby them is one of the few genuine pieces

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Monday, September 13

A blow was dealt the recent apartment house opinion handed down by Fred A. Williams, city attorney, when Mayor John B. Giesy at the meeting of the city planning and zoning commission showed that the city ordinance dealing with building permits differentiates between dwelling houses and apartment houses. Williams had held that the legal definition of dwelling also included apartment houses, and that hence the city council and zoning commission had no authority to regulate them.

Counting all equipment of colleges, academies, public schools and libraries, Salem has the best educational plant in the state. The city is not too large to have any detrimental influences on the attending school population. The question arises, is the city, with an investment of around \$3,000,000 in its educational plant, getting the best possible product from the present system and the money expended on training the younger generation?

The present question facing the national government is "shall we reduce taxes further in 1927," according to Congressman W. C. Hawley, who addressed the Salem chamber of commerce. So far all tax reductions have brought increased revenue because of increased business, and this condition will prevail with all further tax reductions down to a point where the law of diminishing returns begins to apply, he believes.

Tuesday, September 14

The flax prices to the growers will be the same for the 1927 crop as for this year's crop. The state is now ready to contract with farmers for the 1927 crop. Double the acreage grown this year will be taken on. The above facts were announced following a meeting of prominent flax growers from the Willamette valley at the state penitentiary.

The problem of how to take care of the 30 or 40 high school students who used the school car on the Oregon Electric railway that was taken off the run recently was referred to George Hug, school superintendent, at the school board meeting, and he was given authority to take the matter up with the public service commission in an effort to solve it.

Mandamus proceedings were filed in the state supreme court here by Robert N. Stanfield, independent candidate for United States senator, to compel Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, to place after his name on the ballot the words "Freedom From Dictatorship." The writ was made returnable by the court on September 20.

Wednesday, September 15

The state highway commission refused to approve the

boundaries of the proposed Falls City-Siletz-Newport road improvement district. The purpose of the district was to construct a highway from Falls City to Newport via Siletz and Valsetz. The proposed road would shorten materially the distance between Northern Willamette valley points and the coast.

I. L. Patterson has made public an open letter to Governor Walter M. Pierce, replying to a recent invitation that he enter a public discussion of election issues. The letter calls particular attention to Patterson's platform, and intimates that Governor Pierce had not read it.

Thursday, September 16

With an expected registration of between 500 and 600 in the college of liberal arts, Willamette university will open for the fall season Monday morning. Registration will last three days—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday—and classes will begin Thursday.

Court street between High and Commercial will be illuminated for annual fall window display week until it looks like Broadway in New York, it was announced following a meeting of the Salem Ad club in the Hotel Marion. The PEP company is cooperating with the club in installing 16,