

AMERICAN ESSAYS DANGEROUS TRIP

Captain Cody Starts on Flight From Liverpool to Manchester, Distance of 136 Miles.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Captain Cody, an American aviator, today essayed one of the most daring flights yet attempted by an air traveler.

In an aeroplane constructed by himself along lines of his own invention, Captain Cody ascended at noon at Liverpool in an attempt to fly to Manchester, 136 miles away.

The tall spires of village churches and the intervening forests made the flight dangerous, and automobiles followed the aviator carrying physicians to give first aid in case of an accident.

Captain Cody established a world's record for a cross-country flight last September, when he flew 47 miles near Aldershot. His flight today was the first of a number of experiments for the British war office.

SAYS WIFE HAS NEGRO BLOOD; ASKS DIVORCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—New York attorneys are watching with interest the suit for annulment of marriage brought by William Horton of Yonkers against his 19-year-old bride, whom he alleges has negro blood.

The Hortons were married last March. In his spuit Horton declared that he did not know his wife was a mulatto until after the ceremony was performed.

CARNEGIE WITHDRAWS AID FROM BURBANK

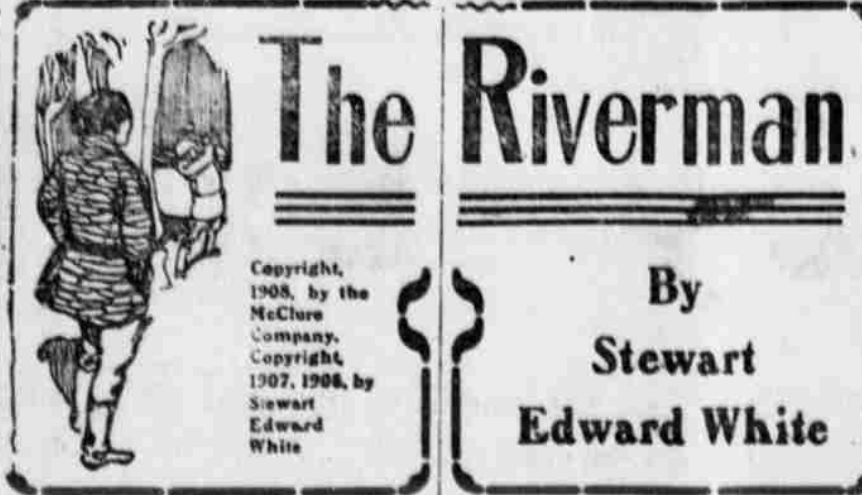
Commercialism Said to Be Troubled—Burbank Says He Knows Nothing of Business.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Commercialism, alleged to have been displayed by Burbank in his experiment was given today as the reason for the reported withdrawal of the Carnegie institute's financial support of the plant wizard. Word was received here yesterday that the trustees who recently met in New York had decided to cut Burbank off from its benefactions, charging that his creations were being exploited for commercial purposes.

It was announced recently that Herbert Law and his brother, Hartland Law, had formed a corporation to handle Burbank's products, and it was reported that this was the argument used against the continuance of the \$10,000 annuity which the institute has awarded Burbank. At his Santa Rosa home Burbank declared he had heard nothing whatever of the matter.

BUSINESS MEN ARE ASKED TO VISIT HONORABLE JAP

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—Invitations to 300 American business men to visit Japan to familiarize themselves with business and social conditions in the Mikado's empire will be issued shortly by the Tokio chamber of commerce. A general meeting is planned at which the entertainment of the visitors will be discussed.



The Riverman
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"Where was she exposed?" "Down at Heinsman's. You know—or perhaps you don't—that old Heinsman is the worst sort of anti-vaccination crank. Well, he's rapped the reward."

"Has he smallpox?" asked Orde. "No; his daughter Mina. Lord knows where she got it. Mrs. Orde happened to be with her when she was taken with the symptoms that begin the disease. As a neighboring deed she remained with the girl. Of course no one could tell it was smallpox at that time. Next day, however, the characteristic rash appeared on the thighs and armpits. I telegraphed to Redding for a nurse. Until she came Mrs. Orde stayed by like a brick. Don't know what I should have done without her."

"When was this?" asked Orde. "Seven days ago."

"How is Mina getting on?" "She'll get well. I suppose I'll have old Heinsman on my hands, though. Emotional old fool. Rushed right in when he heard his daughter was sick. Couldn't keep him out. And he's been with her or near her ever since."

"I'm going to step up to your house and see Mrs. Orde."

"You can telephone her," said the doctor.

He called up Dr. McMullen's house on the telephone.

"You're a dear, brave girl, and I'm proud of you," said Orde.

"Nonsense! There was no danger at all. I'd been vaccinated recently. And somebody had to take care of poor Mina until we could get help. How's Bobby?"

After lunch Orde went downtown to his office. Newmark came in. "Hello, Joe," said Orde, with a slight constraint. "Too bad you got sick just at that time. We needed you."

"You know I'd have been there if possible."

"Well, we had a lively time, you bet, all right, and got through about by the skin of our teeth." He arose and walked over to Newmark's desk, on the edge of which he perched. "It's cost us considerable. I'll have to get an extension on those notes."

"What's that?" asked Newmark quickly.

"I don't believe I'll be able to meet those notes. So many things have happened."

"But," broke in Newmark, "the firm certainly cannot do so. I've been relying on your assurance that you would take them up personally. Our resources are all tied up."

"Can't we raise anything more on the northern peninsula timber?" asked Orde.

"You ought to know we can't," cried Newmark, with an appearance of growing excitement. "The last seventy-five thousand we borrowed for me fishes that."

"Can't you take up part of your note?"

"My note comes due in 1885," rejoined Newmark, with cold disgust. "I

expect to take it up then. But I can't until then. I hadn't expected anything like this."

"Well, don't get hot," said Orde vaguely. "I only thought that northern peninsula stuff might be worth saving any way we could figure it."

"Worth saving!" shouted Newmark. "Well, keep your hair on," said Orde, on whom Newmark's manner was beginning to have its effect, as Newmark intended it should. "You have my Boom company stock as security."

"Pretty security for the loss of a tract like the upper peninsula timber? I thought you'd surely be able to pay it," retorted Newmark, now secure in the position of putting Orde entirely in the wrong.

"Well, I expected to pay it, and I'll pay it yet," rejoined Orde. "I think Heinsman will renew the notes."

He seized his hat and departed. Once in the street, however, his irritation passed. As was the habit of the man, he began more clearly to see Newmark's side and so more emphatically to blame himself. After all, when he got right down to the essentials he could not but acknowledge that Newmark's anger was justified.

"Mr. Heinsman?" he asked briefly of the first clerk.

"He is at home ill."

"Already?" said Orde. He drummed on the rail thoughtfully. The notes came due in ten days.

"Well, who's in charge?"

"Mr. Lambert."

Orde passed through the grill into the inner room.

"Hello, Lambert," he addressed the individual seated at Heinsman's desk. "So you're the boss, eh?"

"Yes, I'm the boss," said he non-committally.

"Heinsman holds some notes due against our people in ten days," said Orde. "I came in to see about their renewal."

Lambert struck a bell, and to the bookkeeper who answered he said, "John, bring me those Newmark & Orde papers."

The clerk returned and handed to Lambert a long manila envelope. Lambert spread its contents on his knee.

"Note for \$75,000 with interest at 10 per cent. Interest paid to Jan. 10. Mortgage deed on certain lands described herein."

"I want to renew the note for another year," Orde explained.

"Can't do it," replied Lambert. "Mr. Heinsman gave me special instructions in regard to this matter just before his daughter was taken sick."

"But I'll give him 12 per cent for another year."

"He said not to renew even if you offered higher interest."

"What does he intend about this mortgage?"

"To foreclose."

"Where's your telephone?" Orde asked.

He tried in vain to get Heinsman at his house. The bell had been removed. Orde left the office at a loss how to proceed next.

"There's the year of redemption on that mortgage," he reminded himself. "We may be able to do something in that time. I don't know just what," he added whimsically, with a laugh at himself. He became grave. "Poor Joe," he said. "This is pretty tough on him. I'll have to make it up to him somehow. I can let him in on that California deal when the titles are straightened out."

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"IN WYOMING" SAME SUCCESS AS OF OLD

Audience Pleased With Presentation of Western Drama, With a Rather Sombre Coloring.

The play last night at the opera house was a good one and pleased the audience. "In Wyoming" is a western comedy-drama and by far the best of its kind. There was a good house, which proves that the hero in chaps and flannel shirt is still a favorite. This class of play seems to find favor with the great mass of show-going people, and it is commendable in Mr. Mack, the author, that he has given us a play in some what more sombre coloring than the ordinary western drama.

Mr. Fanning as Steve Gordon, was really artistic, and never for a moment dropped his character throughout the entire performance. He was consistent from his first entrance to the fall of the last curtain, which is a little more than we can say for Mr. Kirke as Bob Ricketts. Ricketts was supposed to be a man of education, and while he had taken on a rough exterior from his western environment, yet his culture should have been more apparent in his love scene of the second act. George Thompson was a typical rancher, and had he used a little more care in the blending of his wig, using the same color of grease paint which he did in making up his face, his performance would have been without a flaw.

Frank Patton is funny and made a real character of Hank Jones. He is, however, a bit inclined at times to over-act. Be careful, Mr. Patton; don't let applause spur you out of a consistent stride. Dean Selah had a small part, but did it to perfection.

The ladies were all good in their respective roles, and to offer criticism would be, indeed, unjust. Willie was the typical light-comedy part with which we are so familiar. Mr. Bert C. Crowell did it very well, but the task of the light comedian in plays of this sort is more or less thankless, as it is his duty to help the lovers through to a point where they can live happy ever after. One thing sure, the people who attended last night's performance felt that they got the full worth of their money.

Atorney for Wrights. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Attorney Williamson for Wilbur and Orville Wright today declared the report that the Wright brothers were preparing to enjoin certain aeroplaneists from participating in the Los Angeles meet next month to be utterly false. He stated that so long as none of the Wright patents were infringed the Dayton aviators would take no steps to hinder the flights of other inventors.

WANT WHIPPING POST FOR WIFE BEATERS

Sheriffs of the State of Washington Will Discuss Plans Toward Rounding Up Criminals.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Plans by which they will be more successful in rounding up the criminal element, the installation of the whipping post for wife-beaters and other reforms to uphold the peace and dignity of the commonwealth will be discussed by officers and members of the Washington State Sheriffs' association at the annual meeting at North Yakima on January 8.

There will be discussions advocating making the terms of office not more than four years and providing a pension from the state to the widow of a sheriff killed in the performance of his duty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Wu Ting Fang, ex-minister from China to the United States, started for Liverpool, England, today where he will spend two months with his son before returning to his home in China.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, up to and including January 4th, 1910, for the excavating and laying of all water mains to be constructed during the year 1910, bids to be filed with the city recorder not later than 4 o'clock p. m. on January 4th, 1910, and to be accompanied by a certified check equal to ten per cent of the amount bid for.

By order of the city council December 21st, 1909.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder. Dated this 22nd day of December, 1909.

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TOTEM POLE PETE

IN "THE ALASKAN" TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE MEDFORD.



"I'll have to get an extension of time," said Orde to himself. "Of course Joe will let me have more time on my own personal note to the firm. And Heinsman surely ought to. I saved a lot of his logs in that jam. And if he doesn't want to I guess an offer of a little higher interest will fetch him."

Finally he pulled up opposite the Orde house, sprang up the walk and into the front door.

"Hello, sweetheart!" he called cheerily.

The echoes alone answered him. He cried again and yet again, with a growing feeling of disappointment that Carroll should happen to be from home. A moment later Mary, the Irish servant girl, came through the dining room, caught sight of Orde, threw her apron over her head and burst into extravagant demonstrations of grief.

"What is it, Mary?" he asked very quietly.

But the girl only wept the louder. Orde sprang forward to shower her with questions. These elicited nothing but broken and incoherent fragments concerning "the misus," "oh, the sad day." At this moment Bobby appeared from the direction of the kitchen. Orde, frantic with alarm, fell upon his son. Bobby could only mumble something about "smallpox" and "took mamma away with doctor."

"Where, where?" cried Orde.

At this moment a calm, dry voice broke through the turmoil. Orde looked up to see Dr. McMullen standing in the doorway.

"It's all right," said the doctor. "Your wife was exposed to smallpox and is at my house to avoid the danger of spreading contagion. She is not ill."

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