

# Virginia of the Air Lanes

A ROMANCE OF FLYING  
By Herbert Quick

CHAPTER I—Theodore Carson, inventor of an airship, rescues from a fugitive flying machine called a helicopter, a beautiful young girl.  
II and III—Carson is infatuated by her and takes her where she can communicate with her friends.

### CHAPTER IV. A LEAP INTO SPACE.

MR. SHAYNE met Carson with something less than the steely coldness with which he was wont to freeze the vitals of the man representing an undeveloped business opportunity.  
"I am under great obligations to you, Mr. Theodore," said he, "for your service to my niece. To be entirely frank, I should not have appropriated the time to call on any business account."  
Mr. Carson felt repelled. He traced the "Mr. Theodore" to Captain Harrod's mode of referring to him.

"I am sorry," said he, "that you have gone even an inch out of your way on account of any fancied obligations. I prefer the basis of business."  
"By Jove," said a voice at his elbow, "you ought to be able to meet him on that basis, Shayne."  
Carson's ear was affronted, his nerves tautened by the voice. Shayne waved the man away.

"But," went on Silberberg, "it seems to me, old chap, we'd vastly better put the whole thing on a basis of breakfast first. Send this good man art and let's fall to."  
Carson wheeled round and stared Silberberg in the face curiously, with the impersonal disfavor of one studying the picture of some noxious thing, like a Gila monster or a feast of vultures.

"Thank you," said Theodore. "I have breakfasted, and in good company."  
"By glory, my man," shouted Silberberg, "if you say another word—"

Carson turned upon him, and Silberberg sank into a seat. Carson walked back to the engine room, saying that he would look the craft over and see Mr. Shayne after breakfast.  
Silberberg conceived himself vastly insulted by this fellow he had picked up and gave his host rather a bad half hour.

"We owe it to him to allow him to be a little nasty," said Shayne. "Think what he did for Virginia, you know, Silberberg."  
"By Jove," cried Silberberg, "I would rather she had—er—that is, I would not allow any service even to her to stonify for such an insult. I don't allow any one to— He must leave the Roc, Shayne, or I will."

"But his machine may be worth while," urged Shayne, using what he judged would be a valid argument with his guest. "An idea is an idea, Max, and this art of flying needs improvement."  
"No idea," insisted Max, "is worth that much. Suit yourself, Mr. Shayne, but as for me—"

Silberberg waved his hand, closing the debate. As they rose they detected a winner standing behind them, hat in hand, as if awaiting a word with them, or eavesdropping, as the case might have been.

"Well," said Shayne rather angrily, "I just wanted to say," replied Wheeler, "that I know what this young fellow's proposition is. And if you don't find him reasonable to deal with come to me. I've seen his model. It ain't protected, of course, and I can build one like it in a few weeks—with money enough. I'll learn him to butt in and take a customer from me!"  
"When inventors fall out," began Shayne.

"Monopolists get their hooks in," supplied Silberberg. "Let's take the fool north and see what he's got."  
"Most sensible thing you've said," replied Shayne.  
Carson waited in grim silence until the second descent of the lift, refusing to occupy it along with Silberberg. Shayne urged him to stay aboard for the night trip to Chicago.

"The weather north," said Shayne, "is the mildest known for March. We can discuss your project, Mr. Theodore, over our highballs going up. Come with us."  
Very well, said Mr. Theodore, he would go, with many thanks.  
He wondered about the niece and Silberberg, but he asked no questions. He strode directly to the lift and went aboard the Roc. It was late in the afternoon when they took on two ladies—Psyche and Mrs. Shayne. The ladies vanished into the cabin with Silberberg.

"What do you think of the weather?" asked Shayne of Carson.  
"The low has reached Omaha," replied Carson, "and has deepened rapidly. We ought to get into stiff south winds soon, increasing all the way."  
"Let 'em increase," rejoined Shayne. "We'll make port quicker. If it should be southerly weather, now—"  
"We'd have to moor?" queried Carson.  
"Naturally."  
"What I'm going to talk to you

about," said Carson, "is a machine that could make Chicago against the fiercest gale quicker than this flying palace can do it tonight."  
"Oh, yes," lightly replied Shayne. "I've had 'em offered me that would do it in an hour—in the inventor's mind."  
The earth was a concave cup with the setting sun a flaming wick on its rim. To the north was a huge black accumulation of clouds which seemed swelling with startling rapidity, but the weatherwise aviators knew it to be their own headlong flight which brought the clouds nearer with such speed, giving them the swift upheaval which mimicked the approach of a storm. The silence was absolute save for the muffled exhaust of the engines and the purr of the driving screw astern, for the Roc kept pace with the blast, and the light breeze that swept her decks was from prow eastwardly to stern as she edged up into the great cyclonic whirl and outfooted the wind.

Carson walked aft. Looking rather concerned, the engineer was turning his ear downward, listening to the sullen roar that now droned up from the ground.  
"A deuce of a wind," said he to Carson. "Hear it howl, and not a leaf stirring up here."  
"Yes," assented Carson, listening. "It is blowing. But what of it?"  
"Oh, nothing," replied the engineer, looking at the manometer, "only—did you ever try to bring one of these gas bags to in a gale, not to mention nursing her into the boss' Chicago garage? He?"  
"No," answered Carson. "It must be difficult."

The young man wanted his serious talk with Shayne. So far they had spoken nothing but generalities, and he felt frustrated, held off, played with as a skillful fencer plays with a novice. And he had had no talk with Psyche. This made him irritable.  
Miss Suarez stood by the rail looking off into the blackness, her hair heavy with a mist now just becoming perceptible. Mrs. Shayne from the cabin door looked forth at the young woman with distinct displeasure, for Virginia had just said a very naughty thing to Mr. Silberberg in a golf discussion which had unaccountably aroused her temper. And up walked young Carson to make things worse.

Virginia, taking him for Silberberg, turned on him a face hot with anger, stood looking at him a moment. Then all the displeasure faded away, and something quite irreconcilable with it took its place. Because she held out both hands and looked so divine Carson took them and held them close.  
"My robber!" she whispered. "Are you a stowaway? Are you escaping?"  
(To Be Continued.)

### Hotel Arrivals.

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### BURTON DISPARAGES CANDIDACY OF GARFIELD

CLEVELAND, O., July 22.—United States Senator Theodore E. Burton, who returned from Beverly, Mass., today, disparaged the candidacy of James R. Garfield for governor of Idaho. He intimated the national administration might regard his nomination as a slap.  
Judge Kincaide, who has just returned from New York, where it is believed he endeavored to secure the endorsement of his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination by Theodore Roosevelt, will probably not be a candidate. He will keep out of the race, his friends say today, unless there is a deadlock. If there is no nomination by the time the third ballot is reached in the convention, he may enter the race.  
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The case of the state against Timothy Kouts, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was set for next Monday. The case is one where Kouts, while drunk, attempted to shoot the driver and a passenger on the Merrill stage.

The case of the State vs. Bobbie Burns was set for July 24. Burns nearly killed his partner, Otto Geisel, at Sand Hollow, where they were chopping wood.

Thaddeus York will be tried on the 28th., of July for forgery, he having secured the sum of \$6,000 from Fred Melhase by means of forged cashiers certificate of deposit.

Frank Bloomingcamp's case in which the charge of violating the local option law, was set for the same day.

The charge against Joseph Hettlinger for violating the local option law, has been dismissed for is has been impossible for the state to get the witnesses.

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