

Virginia of the Air Lanes

A ROMANCE OF FLYING

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SYNOPSIS.

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.

IV—Carson visits the Roe, a giant airship owned by Shayne, uncle of Virginia Suarez, the girl he rescued, and, being coldly received, leaps from the Roe, at a great height, in a parachute.

V, VI and VII—He lands in the grounds of the Slattery Institute for Inebriates, where he makes a friend of one Craighead, who plans to raise capital to manufacture the new style airship Carson has invented. Thus they hope to rival Shayne, who controls the airship industry.

VIII—Mr. Waddy decides conditionally to capitalize the Carson-Craighead project.

CHAPTER IX.

THE INCEPTION OF "UNCLE THEODORE."
THEODORE'S mind, habituated to the airy ease of an unuttered faith in his mastery of the air, felt the galling of reality as he walked westward from the station toward dilapidated Carson's Landing.

Seated on a stump, he sought mental adjustment before entering his house. He had had his chance with Shayne.

"The prince of the powers of the air," and had thrown it away in hot words to Shayne, in a blow to Silberberg and by leaping from the Roe into the unknown abyss of night. These were actualities. The broken deflector of the parachute he carried proved that, as did the memory of his foolishness over Shayne's niece, now happily forever past.

Mr. Waddy's money and Mr. Craighead's telegrams saved the day.

The first three yellow dispatches had come in one delivery at Nashville, addressed to "Theodore Carson, the illustrious inventor and Thaumaturge, Care Conductor, Train 75." Theodore, the illustrious, could not accumulate the courage to ask for them, but the wise conductor had pounced suddenly upon him and said, "I reckon you're Mr. Carson."

"Yield not to temptation, fear or cold feet," the first read. "Your Uncle Fuller is at the helm." This was signed "The Great Uncalled," with the first two words run together as "Thegreat" in a telegraph operator's effort to reduce to the semblance of a name Mr. Craighead's nom de guerre. The second ran: "Have no fear. Monopoly is as clear in the air as on the land. Apologies to Sir Humphrey Gilbert. None to any one else by a darn sight. Comspuez Shayne." This was signed "Craighead, the Legal Bloodhound."

"An old Broom," ran the more mysterious next, "albeit minus one cover and dog's eared, nevertheless sweeps clean. He yokes the whirligig to our car and sweeps the howling skies!" (Signed) "Dandy Jim of Caroline Grayhill." The fourth, delivered at Birmingham, was addressed to General Theodore Carson, M. A. ("Monopolist of the Air"), and consisted of ten repetitions of "Eureka," signed "D. J. of C."

The last came at Bay Minette and was too astonishing to be explained on any theory consistent with Craighead's sobriety and sanity. "Caroline's dad," it read, "falls dead at unveiling of Broom idea. Sees absolute clinch and rises to it as per lifelong custom. Formed today Universal Nitrates and Air Products company. Laws of West Virginia. You come in for 25 per cent. Caroline impressed. Either universal genius or rodents in campanile. Greatly encouraged, not to say titivated. Almost converted to belief in my own schemes and self, but am cautiously suspending judgment. Will have Chicago surrounded by time you return. Go east to Wheeling (or is Charleston capital?) tonight and will incidentally run up and construct first line of circumvallation (see cyclopedias) about Greater New York. Monopoly end of deal absolutely nailed down; brass nails, with Waddy dubious coming copious. Up to you to produce flier. Getting wobbly in head. Losing faith in you as concrete entity. Have you any aeronef? Answer 'Yes' or 'No' at once." This also was signed "D. J. of Caroline."

What could be mean by an "an old Broom?" The old copy of Broom's Legal Maxims in Craighead's "library" was indeed minus a cover and dog's eared, but how this "Broom" could, even in metaphor, yoke the whirligig to any car and sweep the howling skies Carson could not guess. Mr. Waddy's demand for aeronautical monopoly was being complied with, to Mr. Craighead's mind, and the last telegram seemed to imply that the bullock spencer had been convinced. His

little, but his "doubloons coming copious" was eloquent of faith. And what in the name of all the gods at once could a "Universal Nitrates and Air Products company" mean in an aerial navigation deal or those mysterious expressions about "surrounding" Chicago and Greater New York?

Well, Aunt Chloe was in there, shuffling about, wondering where he might be, and here he was, looking on spectrally and unsuspected. With the common human impulse to secret approach, Theodore walked on, concealed between the Spanish bayonets and a somber line of red cedars, climbed the end of the veranda, scuttled into the broad hall and up to his room, into which he stepped quickly, breathing a little harder. He opened the closet for a change of clothes and started back in wonderment quite as paralyzing as horror, for his clothes were gone. Instead there sat a huge trunk with its lid back, its open tray full of silken hostlers, corsets, laces, gloves, handkerchiefs and openwork things of mystery and terror. On the hooks were many, many others quite as awful, frilled and tucked and ruffled and plaited garments, silks, dimities, cashmeres, linens, cottons and soft light woolens, filling his closet and spread against the wall for occult reasons connected with keeping them in shape, and protruding from the trunk were more clothes, while in corners of the bedroom were more trunks.

A light step sounded, and he froze to a statue of panic and trance and paralysis. Some one entered. His heart bounded and then stood still, for it was Psyche of the dunes, Shayne's niece, Virginia, entering jauntily, maddeningly, like a real woman taking possession of his bedroom as her own! She had a little subjectively derived smile on her lips, held in her hands a spray of huckleberry blooms, which she put to her nostrils and then stuck in a vase by the old mirror. "Psyche!" he stammered.

With a little scream she darted toward the door, recognized him as he emerged from the closet, noted his paleness, turned back, her hand on her breast and a quick palpitation in the "V" of her gown, like the heart of a snared robin. Yet she was the least excited of the twain. Her alarm ceased with her recognition of him. "My robber," said she in a half whisper. "Oh, I'm so glad!"

(To Be Continued.)

LIGHT VOTE FOLLED MISSOURI PRIMARIES

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 3.—Only a light vote was polled during the opening hours of the primaries today in most sections of the state. Interest in the election has been keen, particularly over the congressional nominations, and it was expected that a heavy vote would be out. In the districts where the republicans have not put any candidates in the field there is little interest in the nominations. The democratic leaders predict in spite of the poor early showing that a heavy vote will be polled in most of the congressional districts before the day is over.

The insurgents have candidates in the field in the Second, Fifth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth districts and the fights there are spirited. In most cases local issues are playing an important part in the elections.

BITTER FIGHTING AT KANSAS PRIMARIES

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 3.—A bitter fight is on in Kansas today between the insurgents and the regular republicans in the First Kansas district. The state nominating primaries are under way today and out after the nominations. The congressional fight has overshadowed the struggle between Governor Stubbs and Tom R. Wagstaff, who are after the gubernatorial nomination.

Reports today from all parts of the state indicate that a heavy vote will be polled. The contest between the regulars and the progressives has aroused much interest as a regular election and throughout the state each side is working hard to defeat the other.

HARMON DETERMINED TO END CAR STRIKE

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 3.—Governor Harmon today announced that he is determined to end the street car strike. He will be assisted by State Labor Commissioner Wirmel and Secretary Bishop of the state board of arbitration in ending the differences between the carmen and the company. In the meanwhile the militia will remain in Columbus until the trouble is settled.

The strikers demand a graduated wage scale of between 25 and 27 cents an hour, a recognition of the union and arbitration of future differences between themselves and their employers.

AMENDMENTS ALL ADOPTED

Light Vote Cast, Though Considerable Interest Shown by Opponents—Majority for Each Amendment in All Three Wards of City.

A light vote, 310, was polled on the city charter amendments at Tuesday's election. All five amendments carried in all the wards.

The first amendment, providing for a city library tax to maintain a Carnegie library, received a total of 175 votes to 135 against, the First ward voting 54 for, 40 against; the Second ward voting 60 for and 58 against; the Third, 61 for and 37 against.

The second amendment for the assessment of property abutting on trunk water and sewer mains carried as follows: First ward, 54 for, 40 against; Second ward, 62 for, 54 against; Third ward, 72 for, 29 against; total, 188 to 123.

The third amendment authorizing the re-assessment of property benefited by street improvements, had, in First ward, 54 for, 40 against; in Second ward, 60 for, 58 against; in Third ward, 61 for, 37 against; total, 175 to 135.

The fourth amendment, providing for the assessment of property benefited by opening or widening of streets, had 53 for to 41 against in First ward, 61 for to 58 against in Second and 62 for to 35 against in Third ward; total, 176 to 134.

The fifth amendment, providing for the issuance of bonds, had 51 yes, 38 no, in First ward; 65 yes, 54 no, in Second; 53 yes, 31 no, in Third; total, 179 to 123.

WENATCHEE MILL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 3.—The plant of the Wenatchee Milling company was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday, entailing a loss of \$125,000, covered by fire insurance. The fire started in the upper story of the mill and in five minutes flames appeared to burst forth from all parts of the building. The fire department was unable to check the flames and confined their attention to the protection of adjoining property. Three empty Great Northern box cars standing on a siding adjoining the mill were also burned. Several thousand barrels of flour and about 1600 bushels of wheat stored in the mill and warehouses were destroyed.

The Wenatchee flour mills was the property of the Centennial Milling company.

MEXICO SEEKS OUTLAWS WHO KILLED AMERICANS

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 3.—Mexico is being scourged by soldiers sent out by President Diaz with instructions to capture Jacinto Trevino and his band of outlaws, who killed Rangers Lawrence and Carnes and wounded three others.

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