

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.

IX—Carson goes to Florida to complete a sample airship to exhibit to Mr. Waddy, and he finds Virginia there.

CHAPTER X.

THE RETREAT OF THEODORE.

THE first day Theodore sent orders for the shipment of the engines and began to provide better equipment for the house. He brought as a companion for Miss Suarez an elderly widow, Mrs. Stott, who was addicted to the writing of poems of a loveless nature. Virginia's opinion of her new uncle's worldly wisdom rose at this provision for chaperonage. But she gave him too much credit. He merely thought of Virginia's becoming lonely.

He could not depart until sure that "Miss Virginia" would not feel slighted should he push on.

Craighead's telegrams came in from the east, still Delphic in significance. One reported that New York was practically "surrounded," another that the country would soon be "gridironed." Theodore was deaf to voices from the outer world. A letter from Harrod, proving that the news of his return had reached the cabin in the dunes, lay on the old escrutoire one morning. Theodore inserted a paper knife in the envelope, half cut it open—and saw Virginia's dress glimmering outside. The half opened letter fell to the desk, and Uncle Theodore leaped out on the veranda.

"Morning, uncle!" said she. "Have you slept well?"

"Fine."

"You don't look it," said she. "Your eyes look dull. You devote too much time to business while your family is asleep, don't you?"

"Uncle" thought of the unopened letter, the unanswered telegrams, the neglected business, Mr. Waddy's money, the uncompleted aeroplane, the sleepless nights, tormented by—not business at all, not business! Decidedly not!

"I slept too soundly," said he.

They spent most of their time out of doors. Theodore ate wolfishly each day and drank great quantities of coffee to show that he was in fine fettle—quite unable to pick up his end of the conversation. It was youth and spring and sweet fellowship, though the items made him sick of Mrs. Stott's table talk. He wanted the river and Psyche, knowing that he ought to go and leave her. Every night he vowed to go next morning—and laid plans for another day with her.

Early one morning they started out on a berry picking expedition. The girl trod in a hollow and fell in a heap on the Bermuda grass. Theodore found her with her ankle gripped in her hands and her lips tight to hold back a cry. A hurried question, a cheery reply cut in two with a twinge of pain, and he picked her up. She threw her arms about his neck to ease the burden. Alas, it made it heavier! The fervor of his embrace did the ankle no good and nearly crushed poor Virginia. The color rose slowly to her brow as he set her down on the veranda and stood over her, breathing hard. She rose on the sound foot and tried the other carefully.

"It isn't bad at all," said she.

Taking off the shoe, she held the little foot in her hand, examining the ankle critically.

"Do you think it's swelling?" she asked.

Theodore tenderly squeezed the shapely ankle and rose to his feet.

"I don't know," said he. "I—Virginia!"

He had seized her hand and was looking at her with none of the impersonality of the surgeon or physician. She did not take her hand away. He dropped it and ran—ran—toward the river.

Theodore was absent at dinner without apology, and the women were in bed before he stole to his room and lay tossing again. Desperate, he rose and went to the library, lighted a

lamp, saw the still sealed letter from Captain Harrod and slashed it open as if it had been the breast of his mortal foe. It ran:

I hear that you are back south. I hope you can come right soon. The engine is here for ten days. The man that lost the flying thing the young lady came in is back. He is right crazy. Mr. Theodore, from losing his machine. He keeps trying to get into the shed and yells he is rooned. They is a lot of letters and telegrams at Palmetto Beach.

Theodore struck himself on the breast and started to his feet determined to see to his work and from



SHE THREW HER ARMS ABOUT HIS NECK TO EASE THE BURDEN.

the romantic dangers of his unclehood. Trembling with excitement, he attempted a note to Virginia. Wisner at the cabin, messages at the beach, meant danger and disgrace if he neglected his task longer, inasmuch as he toyed on with temptation. He told Chloe through her door that he had been called away and that she must explain to the ladies. He hastily packed a bag, ran down and unmoored the launch and fled down the river.

Attest: Captain Harrod, dignified, barefooted, soft voiced, unkempt, kept his lonely vigil on the white straight edge of beach that lay from Fort Morgan to Perdido bay. Captain Harrod, ignoring landscape and seascape, devoted himself to the study of sand tracks of all sorts—tracks of foxes examining the beach for turtles' eggs, months ahead of time; talon marks of opossums and raccoons prowling about for crabs, mice and birds' eggs; hoof marks of wild hogs, etc. Trails of men there were along the sparsely traveled highway of the strand and the footprints of one in particular attracted him. Tracks in the sand were to Harrod book, newspaper, telegraph and circulating library. He knew several things that this man might be—a deserter from the fort, perhaps, or it might be some one connected with the revenue service. His cabin was "Harrod's fishing camp"—nothing more. What had revenue officers to do with such humble piscatorial headquarters as these? They should not care about Theodore's hidden invention.

(To Be Continued.)

CITY NOTICES.

ORDINANCE NO. 367.
An ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$3,500.00 of the improvement bonds of the city of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, and directing the advertising of the same for sale in accordance with Chapter V of Title XXVII of Bellingier & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of the State of Oregon.

The city of Medford doth ordain as follows:
Section 1. Whereas, the city of Medford has heretofore duly caused certain streets of said city to be improved, and has duly assessed the cost thereof to the property benefited thereby in accordance with the charter of said city; and,

Whereas, certain owners of sundry pieces of property each assessed for such improvements in a sum exceeding twenty-five dollars, have duly made and filed application to pay said several assessments in installments, in accordance with section 2727 of said Bellingier & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes; and, Whereas, an assessment and bond lien docket has been duly made up in accordance with the provisions of said section and of section 2728 of said codes and statutes, and the total amount of unpaid assessments for such street improvements and for which application to pay under the provisions of said sections above cited has been made and filed as aforesaid, in the sum of \$3,500.00, as shown by said bond lien docket;

Now, therefore, said city of Medford doth ordain as aforesaid, that there is hereby authorized to be issued the bonds of said city in the total amount of \$3,500.00, in denominations of two hundred and fifty and five hundred dollars each, as may be convenient.

Section 2. Said bonds shall be made in the following form:

CITY OF MEDFORD,
Jackson County,
State of Oregon.

IMPROVEMENT BOND.
Know all men by these presents, that there is hereby authorized to be issued the bonds of said city in the total amount of \$3,500.00, in denominations of two hundred and fifty and five hundred dollars each, as may be convenient, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and, without grace,

with interest thereon from the date hereof until redeemed, or until the time of the semi-annual interest payment next ensuing the publication of notice by the city of Medford that this bond will be taken up and cancelled, and the interest thereon will cease at the interest payment period next following such publication, at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, in like coin on the day of and year, on the presentation and surrender of the proper coupons thereto annexed, principal and interest payable at the office of the treasurer of the city of Medford.

This bond is one of a series authorized by an act of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, entitled "An act to provide for the issuance of bonds for the improvement of streets and the laying of sewers in incorporated cities and for the payment of the cost of such improvements and laying of sewers by installments," filed in the office of the secretary of state February 22d, 1893, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of an act entitled 'An act to provide for the issuance of bonds for the improvement of streets and the laying of sewers in incorporated cities, and for the payment of the cost of such improvements and laying of sewers by installments,' filed in the office of the secretary of state February 22d, 1893," approved February 28th, 1901, and is an obligation of the city of Medford, aforesaid, and is not to be deemed or taken to be within or any part of the limitation by law as to the indebtedness of said city; and it is further certified that all requirements of law have been fully complied with by the proper officers in the issuing of this bond, and that the total amount of this issue does not exceed the limit prescribed by said act.

This bond is redeemable at the option of said treasurer at the option of the face value thereof, with accrued interest to the date of payment at any semi-annual coupon period at or after one year from the date hereof, as provided in said act. For the fulfillment of the conditions of this obligation the faith and credit of the city of Medford are hereby pledged.

In witness whereof, this bond has been signed by the mayor, and attested by the recorder of said city of Medford and the corporate seal of the city of Medford affixed this day of A. D. 1910.

Mayor.

Attest: Recorder of the City of Medford.
Section 3. Each of said bonds shall have attached thereto twenty coupons, each of which shall be in the following form:

CITY OF MEDFORD,
State of Oregon.
Will pay to the bearer dollars in gold coin of the United States of America, at the office of the treasurer of said city, on the day of being six months' interest on improvement bond No. unless said bond is sooner redeemed as therein provided, which redemption will render this coupon void.

Mayor.

Attest: Recorder of the City of Medford.
Said coupons shall be numbered from one to twenty respectively.

Section 4. The mayor of said city is hereby authorized and directed to sign said bonds and the recorder to countersign the same by attaching thereto the seal of said city, all on behalf of said city.

Section 5. The recorder of said city is hereby directed to register said bonds and number the same on the blank provided therefor in the foregoing form in accordance with section 2733 of said codes and statutes of the state of Oregon.

Section 6. The recorder of the city of Medford is hereby directed to advertise said bonds for sale and that the same will be sold for the highest price obtainable, not less than par and accrued interest, and in said advertisement he shall announce that he will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of said bonds or any portion thereof at his office at any time before 4:30 p. m. on the 19th day of August, 1910. He shall publish said advertisement three times in a daily newspaper published and printed in said city, and shall submit the sealed proposals received in accordance with said advertisement to the council at its next meeting thereafter.

The foregoing ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, on the 2d day of August, 1910, by the following vote, to-wit:

Welch aye, Merrick aye, Emerick absent, Wortman aye, Elfert aye and Demmer aye.

Approved August 3d, 1910.

W. H. CANON, Mayor.
Attest: ROBT. W. TELFER,
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