

# 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 Craighed, 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-Craighed project.

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

X—He is in love with Virginia. Wizzer, a rival inventor, conspires to kill Carson.

XI, XII, XIII and XIV—Wizzer with a submarine in a sensational manner almost accomplishes the death of Carson and Virginia and the destruction of the airship, a case of "devilish versus bird." Virginia flees from Carson in the Roe.

XV, XVI and XVII—Carson and Craighed pursue the Roe northward in the Carson airship, the Virginia. They land at the Shayne home, Shayne's Hold, in the Catskill mountains, at night. Carson talks with Virginia and is forced to flee. A big lawsuit is brought by Craighed to gain exclusive dimonion in the aid based on the rights to their air he has acquired from hundreds of land-owners. Craighed argues in court.

"Craighed," said Carson, "I want you to run an errand, and be serious. Run for a doctor, Craighed. I believe she loves me."

Pacing up and down the veranda, Carson was in a delicious disturbance of spirits. He forgot Shayne and his wife, but ran down to see the Virginia and found in charge the village constable.

"I know the rules of these cases," said he to Carson. "When you give this to the papers say something about the way the police end of it was handled."

"Thank you," said Carson, having made sure that the Virginia was intact. "I shan't see any reporters."

"Sure you will," said the thoughtful constable. "I've sent for them?"

The doctor, a nervous little man with no voice, whispered to Carson that his wife, meaning Virginia, was uninjured and urging him to go in and quiet her by his presence.

"Neurology my specialty," said he slyly in Carson's ear. "Left big practice in Philadelphia on account of nervous prostration. Acute neuropath-



"BUT ACCIDENT! NOTHING TO IT." is symptoms in your very beautiful young wife, sir—but accident! Nothing to it!"

Carson explained, with some neuro-pathic symptoms of his own, that the young lady was not his wife.

"Excuse me!" whispered the doctor, on tiptoe. "As to whose the mistake is, yours or mine, omission or commission, can't say, but pardon me, just the same. Must go now. Other patients, you know, Mr. card!"

And, slipping his card to Theodore with the air of a man seeking to establish a connection in the castaway trade, he whispered himself out, being replaced almost immediately by two local representatives of the metropolitan press, to whom Theodore resolutely refused to say a word beyond the statement that the Roe was wrecked and that the passengers were saved. This, however, did not prevent them from sending in highly colored accounts of the wreck and of the sensational assistance accorded her by the Virginia aeroplane—which were expanded in the city offices into the sensation of the day. Shayne of Aerostatic Power had violated the Craighed injunction in the Roe! Craighed, Carson and the Shaynes were together in a New Jersey village! Rumors and canards on 'change and the curb! Extras and red type on yellow first pages! But the real sensation was not known until afterward.

Craighed was a long time gone, returning with a perspiring man carrying a notary's seal in one hand, a huge volume under one arm and a flat book like an exaggerated check book under the other. Following them were a tall, angular, serious looking gentleman in wading boots, his eyes covered with immense blue goggles—a French chauffeur if one might judge by certain strong proofs in garments and feature; a life saving crew from up the coast who had just arrived after a long distance view of the wreck and several water side characters belonging in a New Jersey way to the Captain Harrod class. The man with the books seemed tired with his burden and was using occasional strong words.

"Set down, set down your honorable load," said Craighed, "if honor may be carried with a curse. Fellow citizens, we are delighted with what you have seen of your little city. The climate is lovely, the air fresh and the water warm. We like it. What do you call it?"

Carson drew Craighed aside and suggested dry clothes.

"Be silent, sirrah," cried Craighed, "and do as you are bid! Friends, the performance in the big tent is about to open. This, Mr. Van Brunt, is one of the principals."

"Of age, I see," said Mr. Van Brunt, looking at Carson. "I guess it's all right. An' where's the other party?"

A maid who had devoted herself to Virginia replied that Miss Suarez was quite able to see people.

"Come, Mr. Van Brunt," said Craighed, "and view the precious remains." Craighed entered at Virginia's "Come in," but Mr. Van Brunt went no farther than to insert half his body and all his head in the room and look searchingly at Miss Suarez.

"Of course," said he, "you're over eighteen?"

"Considerably," said Virginia, "but"—Mr. Van Brunt had vanished. Craighed gazed solemnly at Virginia and spoke sepulchraly.

"These," said he, "are some of the local forms of the initiation. Be obedient and thou shalt prosper. Don't do nothing that you ain't told to—see?"

"What does this foolery mean?" asked Carson as Craighed emerged into the parlor, where Mr. Van Brunt was engaged in filling up blanks and tearing them out of the big check book.

"Foolery?" said Craighed. "Profane not the sacred mysteries of Eleusis! Don't get cynical or funny. You are not a very important person here. Friends, fellow citizens, Jerseymen, lend me your ears. We have met for certain reasons connected with the vital statistics of our common country—to originate an epithet. Two problems look the American people in the face and gnash their problematical teeth and snort. What are they? My friend the doctor, who has returned with healing in his fins, and our reverend friend in the waders can bear witness from their reduced perquisites that I speak sooth when I say that these portentous national dangers lie in celibacy. I have made a speciality of it."

"Hooray!" shouted the captain of the life saving crew.

"My honorable and gallant friend," said Craighed, indicating the captain, "bath a Smith college pin on his service shirt. It's not to thee, O potential benedict, that I speak! We are here to call not the inoculated, but the hitherto immune, to repentance. Fellow reformers, at the request of my friend Mr. Carson—General Theodo' Cahson, M. A.—I sent a motorcar for Mr. Van Brunt, and the county seat of this county, so far as the marriage records are concerned, is here. The Rev. Mr. Coryell has kindly agreed to perform the ceremony. I will assume the chair if there are no objections. I will entertain a motion ordering the nuptials to proceed. I assume a motion for the regular order. Reading of the minutes dispensed with. All in favor of the marriage of Theodore Carson and Virginia Suarez say 'Aye!'"

There was a swelling roar of "ayes" that startled Virginia into a belief that a political convention was in session in the parlor. Craighed called for the "ayes," with no response.

"It is a vote," said he—"unanimously! I congratulate you in this harmony! It augurs well for a successful campaign and a triumphant election. Will some one volunteer to play the wedding march? Thank you, sir."

This to the captain of the life savers, who seated himself on a piano stool and ran his hands over the keys.

"And now, general," said Craighed to Carson, "all is ready. The statutes in such case made and provided are all fulfilled. Bring out the bride and let the rapture culminate!"

"Craighed," said Carson, "come outside and I'll break every bone in your body!"

No one heard this but Craighed, and he received the announcement with the suave of bows and a withdrawal with Carson on his arm.

(To Be Continued.)

## FIRE VICTIMS TO RECEIVE RELIEF

Portland Chamber of Commerce inaugurates Campaign for \$5000 for Aid of Those Who Lost Their All in Forest Fires.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 1.—The Portland chamber of commerce today inaugurated an active campaign to raise \$5000 for the relief of the forest fire sufferers of the northwest, especially those who lost by fires within a hundred miles radius of Portland. This would include those who were burned out in southern Washington and in the Mount Hood district.

Coincident with the chamber of commerce's campaign, Miss Valentine Pritchard of the People's Institute is actively engaged in preparing contributions of clothing and provisions for victims of the late conflagrations. According to Miss Pritchard, 200 children in southern Washington alone are in imperative need of clothes.

President Knapp of the chamber of commerce said that he would appoint a committee today to canvass the Portland business houses for contributions to the relief fund.

According to Knapp, fully 600 families are penniless and without homes or shelter in the Yaocit district north of Vancouver, Wash., and scores in various other districts are likewise destitute on account of the fires.

### MANY LABORERS ARE COMING BACK WITH COIN

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 1.—J. A. McGill, a prominent labor agent, stated today that more than 1000 laborers have returned to the states through Seattle during the past fortnight, each one bringing from \$750 to \$3000 earned in railroad construction work in Alaska during the past year or two. These men cash their checks in Seattle for gold coin and deposit the latter in safe deposit vaults, preferring to handle the actual gold after the long days of hardship in the north.

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