

KINGSFORD-SMITH LIVES TO TELL OF HARROWING FLIGHT

SYDNEY, Australia, May 16.—(AP)—"It's all right, they can't kill me," Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith shouted joyfully to his wife as he landed the famed Southern Cross here Wednesday afternoon after an epic battle with engine trouble over the stormy Tasman sea.

Sir Charles, Captain P. C. Taylor, his navigator, and J. Stannard, wireless operator whose terse reports of their struggle to keep from plunging into the sea kept Australia on edge for hours, all showed plainly the strain of the ordeal.

"Anyone but Kingsford-Smith would have crashed," Captain Taylor said.

The most thrilling moment of the perilous flight, in which disaster appeared imminent over the last 450 miles, came when Taylor risked his life to climb out on the plane's wings to transfer oil from starboard to port tank.

While Kingsford-Smith battled to keep the faltering ship aloft, Taylor worked desperately at the sputtering engines. Strong winds, lashing the Tasman sea into foam, tore at him as he worked.

Misfortune overtook the tri-motored Southern Cross, in which Kingsford-Smith has flown both the Atlantic and Pacific, when it was 850 miles out to sea en route to Wellington, N. Z., with cargo of special jubilee mails.

The propeller and part of one motor tore loose and hurtled into the water. The remaining two motors began coughing and sputtering under their added load.

Therewas New Zealand, Australia and the world waited tensely while terse, often casual wireless messages told of the plane's desperate fight for life.

RAILS TO GUARD SUICIDE BRIDGE

PASADENA, Calif. (UP)—Pasadena's "suicide bridge," from which 65 persons have leaped to death, is to be jump-proofed.

The city board, after trying out a 24-hour a day suicide guard on the bridge and dallying with the idea of hanging circus nets beneath, hit upon the method of raising the railings so high no one can climb over. This probably will be done when the bridge is widened.

The 65th suicide jump off the high-arched Colorado Street bridge crossing a deep ravine at the edge of town, was made a few days ago by Mary Jones, 16, who failed in a high school philosophy examination.

Leaps occur every few months, five already this year. Three occurred during one week and the city board was forced to post three policemen in shifts to chase away prospective suicides.

DELAY SELECTION DOUGLAS SENATOR

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—Appointment of a successor to Senator Walter Fisher was delayed until next Tuesday by action of the Douglas county court. Fisher was ruled ineligible for his seat by the attorney-general because he had accepted other "lucrative" governmental employment.

The senator resigned his post with the War Veterans' Aid campaign however, declaring he had not realized it was a salaried position.

The county republican chairman and other republican leaders recommended that Fisher, a democrat, be named to succeed himself, but the court wanted to watch developments in Portland's similar case before taking definite action.

I. B. Riddle, Townsend-endorsed republican, and former representative is the chief applicant for Fisher's legislative post.

WOOL AND MOHAIR DEMAND GAINING

PORTLAND, May 16.—(AP)—A wool and mohair survey by the Journal indicated today, the paper said, "a very strong demand for fleece in the local trade, with both wool and mohair continuing to gain in demand and occasionally in price."

"Producers are not inclined to sell very freely but it is estimated about a quarter of the current clip has been sold," the article related.

The chief activity at the moment was said to be in the Baker region with sales of crossbreds at 18 1/2 and 17 1/2 cents a pound, and fine wool moving around 15 and 16 cents. A fair movement of wool in the Pendleton country, chiefly at 13 and 14 cents, was reported. Shearing is just starting in the Heppner and Condon sections.

FILIPINO AUTONOMY SEEN BY YEAR'S END

MANILA, P. I., May 16.—(AP)—Granted the franchise so recently they have voted only once, women here today proposed forming a political party of their own in the Philippines.

Women were the most enthusiastic voters in Tuesday's plebiscite which assured Filipino autonomy in internal affairs, probably before the end of the year.

"We believe such a party is the logical step to make woman's voice heard," said Dr. Ines Villa.

Perpetual Motion Clock. OREBO, Sweden.—(UP)—Orebo has an unique attraction for visitors, a clock that has run for 19 years without winding. It is run by variations in air pressure and is so constructed that it would work for 12 months without an atmospheric change. Only the wearing of its parts can stop it, says its inventor.

Old Cannon Under Walk. PROVIDENCE, R. I.—(UP)—Three old cannons, perhaps used in the Revolutionary war, were found by workmen repaving a 50-year-old sidewalk here. City Engineer S. Frank Nolan, who reported the discovery, believed they were historical and had a research started. If the cannons are of any value they will be properly marked and placed in Roger Williams park here.

Halt in Meak Dismisses Guests. BERGEN, Norway.—(UP)—Guests at old-fashioned Norwegian weddings, often celebrated for a week, have to receive more than a hint to send them home. When the hostess wishes them to leave, she stops preparing meals. Even this measure is not effective sometimes, for the guests will bind the cook until they are promised just one more dinner.

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