TAKE-OFF BY SURPRISE

CHAPTER VIII CAPT. JAMES CARR, U. S.
Army Glider Corps, and his
young lady passenger were to be
towed in the latest Victory model
two-scatter sailplane.

"We'll be approximately a half mile behind the motor ship," he reiterated to news men in a last interview this morning. "First stop will be at Cleveland." "How do you land there, Cap-tain?"

"I will simply cut loose from the tow line and come down at will. Probably soar over the city for about an hour first, for the public to see." "Then down to the airport, hook onto the tow line again, and head

"That's it. Chicago next."

"Whew!" the reporter breathed "How's for thumbing a lift?" Jimmy grinned. "Wish I could take you, old man. But listenin a short time, maybe just a year or two, transcontinental sailplane flights will be common. I mean, with passengers, express, freight, everything. Military use at first, naturally. But after the war, www!"

naturally. But after the war, wow!"
"Okay to quote you on that?"
"Sure! It's not theory, it's tested fact. I'm heading out right now to prove it again. Prove how passengers can be towed. We might as well have six saliplanes on that tow line. Or even 10. It's been done!"

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done!"
Some of that, too, went into the microphones when Jimmy made his little farewell speech there on the rostrum. Publicly he accepted Colonel Furedy's good wishes, then saluted and shook hands with everyone. Some 15,000 people began cheering.

PAT FRIDAY was holding Jimmy's log book when he stepped down from the platform.

"And, Jimmy," she murmured excitedly, "here's a telegram from your mother, sending her love. And—and this is a little basket of fruits, from me. You might get hungry.

get hungry."

"Gee, Pat!" He inspected the fruits, packed in cellophane and tied ever-so-daintily. "Thanks a billion. And hold down everything for me. I hate to-gee, Pat!" He seemed to discover her violet eyes, then.

Several Army officers were approaching, and one of them

proaching, and one of them boomed out.

boomed out.

"Three minutes of 11, Captain Carr," he said, ominously.

"Yes, Colonel Furedy."

"What about it? Are you ready?"

"Yes, sir. Of course, sir!"

He strode off with the other uniformed men. The crowd of spectators watched them move toward the sailplane, a few vards

spectators watched them move toward the sailplane, a few yards from the official platform there. Newsreel men were maneuvering. Photographers squatted and squinted and climbed around. The nervous tension incident to the takeoff seemed to be gripping everybody. Up yonder half a mile was the tow plane, its propeller already turning. Engineers and mechanics moved here and there like so many busy ants, re-checking every point of ship, towline and sailplane for last-second perfection. Everybody knew that this flight would make aviation history.

tory.

There was a formal little discussion there beside the plane, with austere old Colonel Furedy being a trifle pompous. After all, this was his big day, too.

"Carr, you young devil," he addressed Jimmy rather genially, for him, "I want you to do this job up right! You understand?"

"Do my best, sir."

"I'm sure of that. I didn't pick you carelessly."

"Thank you, Colonel."

"Ah, another thing, Carr."

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"Ah, another thing, Carr."

"Yes, sir?"
"If you do make it," the colonel's tone left it open to doubt, "I might, ah, say in advance that I intend to recommend you."

"Yes, sir? But I don't quite follow you."

"No promises, mind you. Not yet, I said 'if.' If you make it safely, and turn in a thoroughly military—that is—a proper piece of work all around. This assignment is not quite military, hmmm. It is a civil job, in a way. Public morale. Education. Good will. But we've been over all that."

"Right, sir."

"Then, confound it, if you want to be a major before you're 30 years old—hah! You follow me now, young spriggins?"

IMMY saluted, grinning his

TIMMY saluted, grinning his thanks.

Then all at once the colonel frowned. "Where is your passenger, Carr?" Several men looked at watches. "It's 10:58 o'clock!" "I-I-I don't know, sir. She ought to be here!"

"Hmmm!" Colonel Furedy's tone spoke volumes,

tone spoke volumes.

Jimmy's eyes were searching the crowd. Honestly, he hadn't had time to talk with Loraine. Not since a minute yesterday morning when they went over the essential details. But Loraine was capable, responsible. She knew what was going on. Jimmy sent an orderly rushing through the crowd to look for her. He himself began to look frantically around. He glanced at his watch; 40 seconds more had raced by. This

Leadership is not a thing to be assumed lightly, and it is precisely because it requires capacity to carry responsibilities that the demand for capable leaders—in government, in business, and in the professions—seems invariably to exceed the supply.—President Everett Case of Colgate U.

flight was scheduled for 11 a. m. and in the Army, 11 means 11.

A band had been playing, and it stopped. Musicians walked up to send the ship off with proper fanfare.

"Lordy!" Jimmy breathed.
"Where in the devil is she?"

That silent question was echoed by Colonel Furedy, aloud. In fact he almost roared it.

"I say, Carr, is your passenger here yet? Where is she?"

"I—you see, Colonel—"

"This trip has been advertised with a lady passenger! The public expects it. It has to go through! And it has to start in just 50 seconds!"

"It will, sir. Thanks, and goodby!"

Jimmy saluted, then turned to run. He raced to a point by the public graphed a girli's slender. Out of the bomber of the last war came the long-distance commercial plane; out of this war's bomber the giant plane of the future is emerging.

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us cheer rose over

Jimmy saluted, then turned to run. He raced to a point by the platform, grabbed a girl's slender hand and—without giving her one chance to speak—Jerked her forward, running. The band began to play. People crowded closer. "Jimmy! What in the—?"
"Get in! Shut up and get in!" He stage-whispered it desperately. He pushed her toward the door of the sailplane. Nervously, and entirely automatically, she lifted

entirely automatically, she lifted one foot to step in. "HEY, LADY!"

"HEY, LADY!"

A photographer called that. She turned, beaming with excitement, poised gracefully on the sailplane step.

Click! . . . Click-click! . . . Cameras snapped all around.

"Oh!" she gasped.

Next, thing she knew, Jimmy was sitting at the controls and the wings were dipping. Precisely at 11 a. m. the plane started rolling.

A thunderous cheer rose over

A thunderous the soaring field.

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Member of a religious sect deriving its name from Nestorius, patriarch of Constantinople.

NEXT: What is the most popular nature hobby?

SCREEN ACTRESS

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Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

Our Boarding House



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CAN GET HIM! FIRST GRIZZLY THAT'S BEEN IN THESE PARTS FOR TWENTY CAN KILL THEM! and J.R.WILLIAMS THE PRELIMINARIES

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Red Ryder

By Fred Harmon

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By Blosser

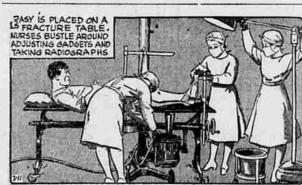








Wash Tubbs







By V. T. Hamlin



Boots and Her Buddies





By Martin

Allep Oop

"WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I RARE BACK ON THIS VINE, YOU'LL SEE ... I SAY, OOP, WHAT ARE YOU DOING! THAT'S NO WAY TO MAKE A TEST FOR RUBBER! YOU THINK NOT, EHT OKAY, YOU WATCH ...



Little Orphan Annie

By Harold Gray

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