

FLYER

Good Evening, Everybody:

Well, here's a new aviation hero for you to get thrilled about during the next few days. Jim Mollison, the Scotch ^{ish} flyer, did the trick. He achieved ^{the} ~~his~~ first solo westward flight across the Atlantic. He came down at ten minutes to one this afternoon at Pennfield Ridge, New Brunswick. He made a perfect landing at the airport there and as he squeezed out of the tiny ^{cabin of} ~~cockpit in~~ his ~~pus~~ moth plane, he explained simply that he had come down because he was tired.

When I said he was a new aviation hero, I mean of course new to the United States. In England he is as celebrated ^{as,} ^{well} as ~~is~~ Casey Jones over here. He holds the Australia-to-England record and also the London to Cape Town, South Africa record. Incidentally, his bride, who ~~is known until recently~~ was known until recently as Amy Johnson, holds the women's record from England-to-Australia.

Maybe you would like to hear what Amy Johnson Mollison said when she learned ^{of} ~~her~~ her husband's success.

Well, here it is: "Isn't that wonderful! I knew Jim would do it. But I am terribly thrilled." *And we can't blame Amy for that.*

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Jim Mollison had asked the United Press to notify his bride that he had landed safely. He asked the newspaper men also to tell her that he had a very bad crossing because of fog, but made surprisingly good time. Then he said:

"Tell her I am glad I've justified her confidence in me."

I am going to New York tomorrow and will rest a few days before flying back."

His average speed was estimated at more than 100 miles an hour. Mollison had intended to come down at *Havre Grace*, Newfoundland, but when he passed there this morning it was dark, so he continued down the ^acost of Nova Scotia. He caused considerable astonishment at Halifax. Officials of the airport at Halifax had been on the lookout for him. They were quite thrilled when Mollison's silver-gray moth plane appeared out of the clouds and circled over the port. They were all ready to help him land and refuel his plane. To their surprise, after circling around and getting his bearings, he continued ^{in the direction of} ~~his flight~~ to New York. ^{So} ~~As~~ far as his gas supply was concerned, he could

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have made the trip in one hop but, as he said, he was worn out with the long 23½ hour strain.

~~He will hop off from Pennfield Ridge tomorrow and land in New York.~~

This young Scotch^{ish} flyer is only 26 years old. Some interesting anecdotes are coming to light about his other flights. In his dash down the west coast of Africa, breaking the London to Cape Town record, he ^slept only six hours out of every twenty-four. Only once was he overcome by sleepiness -- that was when he was over the Sahara Desert. To avoid a crash, he made a landing[^] ^{just} to take an hour's nap[^] ^{on a sand dune.} He descended in the midst of hostile tribesmen, but they did not molest him. He had refused to carry arms because of the extra ~~high~~ weight.

Captain Mollison will land at Roosevelt Field on Long Island. A couple of expert mechanics have been sent there especially from Toronto to inspect and overhaul the ~~plane~~ moth plane in which he made the trip. Well, if he jumps the Atlantic both ways he'll probably be the aerial hero of the year.

The season for air races is on. You'll be hearing about them all over the country. For instance the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with a committee headed by Charles Lawrence, the man who made the famous Wright whirlwind motor, and the veteran Casey Jones, are staging a spectacular air meet at Curtiss Airport, Long Island, ^{tomorrow} ~~on Saturday~~ and Sunday, ~~August 20 and 21, to raise~~ funds for war veterans and their families.

And a week from today the National Air Races will be under way out in Cleveland.

OTTAWA

It seems there are varying opinions about that British Imperial Conference at Ottawa. There was a dispatch from London to the New York Evening Post tonight, which gave a somewhat sensational slant on the affair. England is disgruntled and disillusioned by the conference. So this Evening Post dispatch says. It goes on to state that no attempt had been made by the English correspondents at Ottawa to disguise the fact that the conference has been a defeat for the British. What is more, they declare that it has been the most ill-humored, ~~ill-mannered~~ international conference ever held. As a result, the prevailing tone in Great Britain today is to cry, "What price empire?" That's the way they put it. It seems to be the concensus of the English ~~newspaper~~ newspapermen who are reporting the conference that Premier Bennett of Canada drives a hard bargain. Of course that won't *cause* ~~make~~ Mr. Bennett ^{to lose any} ~~un~~popular ^{by} in Canada.

There is even a rumor in London that the conference may result in liberal ministers resigning from the British cabinet.

Of course that's only one slant on the Ottawa situation.

ALBANY

Mayor Jimmy Walker's lawyers ^{have been} ~~were~~ successful in one
round of the fight ~~xxxxxx~~ for his removal by the Governor.
They ^{have} ~~have~~ contrived to delay the case still further. The question
of the Governor's power to remove the Mayor was carried to the
courts today. But there was no decision because in one case
the Mayor's lawyer obtained an adjournment.

The hearing was resumed in Albany this afternoon with the
Mayor's chief lawyer continuing what the newspaper reporters
~~xx~~ call his long filibuster harangue of the Governor.

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Later in the afternoon, ^{Mr.} ~~Governor~~ Roosevelt, after hearing
two days of this oratory, denied the motion to dismiss the ac-
cusations against Mayor Walker.

FARM STRIKE

Here's a new angle on the farm strike. It comes from Henry Wallace, editor of ^{an Iowa} ~~a~~ newspaper called "Wallace's Farmer" -- an authority on farm conditions in the middle west. The gist of an article written by Mr. Wallace for the Scripps-Howard newspapers is that the farmer's strike is a mere gesture. It has ~~no~~ economic significance except in the Sioux City territory, so says Mr. Wallace. But he adds that gestures of that sort sometimes have far reaching significance, as for instance the Boston Tea Party.

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When the farmers's holiday started on October 7th, most farm experts thought it would flatten out so quietly that no notice of it would be taken by the newspapers. What brought it into the limelight was that the Sioux City dairy farmers, squirming under the injustice of getting only 2¢ a quart for their milk, started a milk strike of their own. ~~Mr. Wallace~~
~~He adds that possibly this, rather, ^{what he calls} simple minded gesture will~~
~~have a greater significance than it is possible for economists or business men to understand.~~

COAL STRIKE

Operations in the coal mines of Christian County, Illinois, are all at a standstill today. There is a human blockade of some 15,000 union miners surrounding the four principal mines in the county. They are determined to make their strike against a \$5 wage scale 100% effective.

This is probably the largest army of pickets ever seen in the history of labor unionism. The national guard of Illinois is standing by, ready to march to the scene at an hour's notice.

There were disorders in the minefield of Ohio as well. There the national guard is already out and patrolling the district.

Reports of strike disorders also come from ^a ~~the~~ coal mining district ~~near Bokoshe,~~ ⁱⁿ Oklahoma.

ICE-MAN

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Out west they've decided that the ice-man needs reforming. A dispatch from Denver to the Buffalo Evening News says that the leading ice dealers from seven Rocky Mountain states have been holding a conference in the Colorado capital. Out there no longer will ~~Guisseppe~~^A or Mike rush into his customers' apartments in an old blue shirt and overalls. The ice-man will be called the ice attendant. He will ~~be~~ be all dolled up in a white uniform with shiny brass buttons. His ice won't be carried in a pair of tongs and dripping all over the floor. Nor ~~will~~ yet in the old wooden bucket.

The western ice attendant will carry his ice in a black satchel so that it cannot drip. He will lay a mat in front of the refrigerator so he can chip the ice cake in front of the box without getting the ice drips on the floor.

The dispatch doesn't say whether or not the ice will be made from perfumed water.

This may be nice, but I think I ~~should~~^{all} miss ~~Guisseppe~~ⁱ,

Dominick or ~~Max~~ Mike, as the case may be, even if their
^{sometimes}
ice may be suspected of being a trifle short weight.

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TELEPHONE

And there's another new wrinkle from the west. Hutchinson, Kansas, to be precise. A dispatch to the Hartford Times says that out in Hutchinson they are ~~trying~~ trying to organize a strike of telephone subscribers.

They have a strike committee and everything.

The chairman of the committee announces that he has received letters from other parts of the middle west, asking information about the strike. These come from Fort Smith, Arkansas, from St. Paul, from Eldorado, Kansas, and other points.

PINCHOT

The Unemployment Relief program of the State of Pennsylvania was finally authorized today. Governor Pinchot signed the bill appropriating twelve million dollars for this program. Also the General Sales Tax of 1% to finance the plan.

BOURBON

It seems there is a United States angle to the recent ^{sensational} death of Prince Edgar de Bourbon ~~in~~ in Paris, ~~yesterday~~. The Prince de Bourbon said he was a member of the Austrian branch of the late French royal family. The full name he gave himself was Prince Charles, Alfred, Edgar, Caesar de Bourbon. As such he was known for a while in New York, where he was popular ~~in~~ at fashionable functions. He married a Miss Conger, the daughter of the late ^{Mr.} Conger, who was Uncle Sam's Minister to China at the time of the Boxer rebellion.

A dispatch to the Brooklyn Daily Times relates that this Prince de Bourbon, who used to hint that he was a son of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, had a colorful, adventurous past. He at one time had a commission in the United States Navy, so the story goes. ^{Word has come thru} ~~The news came out today~~ that a son of this Prince de Bourbon is now living in Cleveland, ~~He was~~ an automobile salesman, ~~but at present is~~ unemployed.

Mr. ~~Ru~~ Rudolph de Bourbon of Cleveland is ~~is~~ 35 years old. ^{He} Said his mother and father had separated soon after he was born. He is evidently a gentleman of robust and democratic mind.

When he learned that he possibly is a member of a once royal family, the news meant ~~very~~ little to him. His comment was, "What of it?" He added, "I had heard that my father was a nobleman. But I never was certain of it and I hadn't seen him in years.

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Here is a news item straight from ~~the~~ Alaska, from the foot of the highest mountain in North America, Mount McKinley. Merl La Voy, explorer and world traveler, who intermittently makes his home in Alaska, sends me word that he is now on his way up Mount McKinley, ^{He is} leading an expedition to find the body of Theodore Koven, the American who vanished on the great snow mountain last May. Allen Carpe was killed on Mount McKinley at the same time as Koven. They are both thought to have fallen in a crevasse. The parents of Allen Carpe have asked that ~~his~~ their boy remain in the ice, because he was ^{an ardent} a mountain climber, and they know that ~~him~~ would be his wish.

Accompanying Merl La Voy in his search for Theodore Koven ~~are~~ ^{is} Andrew Taylor, who took part in the first conquests of those other giant mountains of the north, Mount Logan, Mount Bona, and Mount Fairweather; Grant Pierson, another Alaskan mountaineer, and George Pitiff, an Alaskan miner, *complete the party.*

From Merl La Voy's message I assume that the members of the expedition are now on the icy slope of Mount McKinley. They expect to spend the rest of ^{the} month of August making their way by

slow stages over some twelve miles of treacherous glacier bringing
Koven off the ~~mountain~~ ^{roof of America}.

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Those of you who are interested in mountain climbing may recall that Merl La Voy, along with Belmore Brown^w and Professor Herchel^s Parker of Columbia were the first to approach the summit of the highest mountain in North America exactly twenty years ago. They came back with the word that Dr. Cook was ~~not~~ putting one over on the public and hadn't climbed McKinley at all. They brought back photographs which they superimposed over Cook's pictures to bear out their contention. Since then La Voy has accompanied expeditions to many parts of the earth.

HOME RUN

It is an enviable thing to hit a home run.

But a young man hit one yesterday that had such consequences as neither Babe Ruth nor Jimmy Fox nor Hack Wilson ever brought about. And the young man who hit it is only eight years old. The result of his home run was to bring out the ~~police~~ Police Emergency Squad, a company of the New York Fire Department and a crowd of volunteers.

(3) This eight year old lad was playing ball on the playground of a public school in New York. The ball he hit went over the fence. The other boys sent him to fetch it and, in trying to get it back, ~~ix~~ he became wedged between two brick walls. It took all the efforts of the police, the Fire Company and amateur helpers to get him out.

~~All the same, I'll bet he's not regretting the satisfaction of having hit that home run.~~

At any rate he's lucky he's not as big as Babe Ruth.

COWS

And now for
~~Here's the story of~~ five cows who went on a bat.

A dispatch to the Syracuse Herald says that a farmer at Greenville, Michigan, noticed that his ~~five~~ cows were behaving strangely. A couple of them were in one corner of the pasture, trying to gore each other. Neither ~~of them~~ succeeded because each time one ~~of them~~ made a run for the other, she would ~~xxx~~ stumble and fall on her knees. In another part of the pasture three of the cows were indulging in antics which, if they'd been human beings, you might have thought were dance steps.

The farmer wondered whether his cows had been poisoned or had just gone loco. Then he observed the remains of some whiskey mash at one side of the pasture. The cows had eaten this whiskey mash and ^{then went in for some ^{cow} whoopee.} ~~what a Branigan they did have!~~

The effects of the spree lasted an entire day, but today four of the cows sobered up and are conducting themselves

(2) as usual. Unfortunately, their companion, the fifth, ^{cow,} died from the effects ^{of this curious rural treat.} One thing the farmer noticed ^{was} that while they were under the influence of the ~~whiskey~~ mash, they gave unusually large quantities of milk. *Now, I wonder if there is a moral in that?*

RACE

Well, again I've got an item that will be of special interest to trotting race fans. In Kutztown, Pa., they are holding their annual county fair. Of course this is the beginning of the county fair season and a typically American big time all over the United States.

The feature of today at Kutztown was a trotting event, in which they ran off the three fastest heats ever trotted on a half-mile track. The time of the first heat was two minutes, five and three-quarters seconds; of the second, two minutes, six seconds. It may interest some of you to know that the name of the horse which won the first two heats was HOME BREW. Maybe he was trained on some of that mash the cows ate.

LADIES

And the two Long Island ladies who were after the women's endurance record achieved their object at six o'clock this evening. At that time they had been in the air over Curtis Airport 124 hours. That's one hour better than the record set in Los Angeles last year by Edna May Cooper and Bobby Trout.

Frances Marsalis and Louise Thaden, the two new record holders, have a large blackboard in their flying kitchenette, and this morning they wrote on it: "Last night was a terrible night." This they held up for friends to see. It was a night of heavy rain and fog, but today a bright sun shone and the record was in sight.

Early this afternoon an excited crowd began to gather on the field to cheer the victorious ladies.

At latest reports they were still up in the air, determined to see how difficult they could make it for the next women to break their record.

MOTORS

Railroads in the United States are making more and more use of motor trucks and buses. A dispatch from Washington to the Automotive Daily News says this information comes from the Interstate Commerce Commission. The motor trucks and buses are being used as tributaries to the railroads in place of the short rail lines which used to serve as feeders.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has permitted the railroads of the country to abandon 709 miles of such short lines during the first seven months of this year. And it has 81 applications pending for permission to abandon still more.