

OPPOSES NAVAL REHABILITATION

JAPAN TO BLOCK RUSSIA'S POLICY

PEACE MOVEMENT DELAYED

Victors Hope to Prevent Czar From Carrying Out Cherished Plan of Rearmament of His Shattered Navy

By Associated Press. PARIS, March 26.—It was stated in diplomatic quarters here today that among the conditions of peace which Japan might ask would be that Russia give a pledge to build no more warships for a term of years.

A diplomatic official said that such a condition would be the most effective means of assuring Japan against Russia's carrying out her cherished project of naval rearmament for the renewal of hostilities under better conditions than those at present existing.

It is well known that Russia contemplates a huge plan of naval rehabilitation. Admiral Doubasoff, the head of the technical board of the admiralty; Capt. Clado, formerly chief tactical officer under Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, and other naval authorities, recently have taken the position that peace was desirable until a naval reconstruction could be completed.

Japan Avoids Peace This appears to have stimulated Japan's diplomats to consider means of avoiding a peace that would be equivalent to no more than a truce during which Russia would have time to forge an effective weapon and therefore the intimation is now given that limitation of Russian naval armament may figure as a means of insuring a prolonged peace in the Orient.

Concerning the recent preliminary approaches toward peace, it is now accepted in the highest diplomatic quarters that these preliminary negotiations did not occur here, although Paris may have been the channel through which the results were transmitted to St. Petersburg and Tokio.

However, it is noticeable that there has not been the slightest reference in French newspapers to the peace movement having taken tangible form here or elsewhere, except in continued academic discussion of the peace propaganda and a few vague St. Petersburg dispatches showing that peace is in the air.

OMINOUS QUIET ON FRONT

No Collision Between Troops of the Opposing Armies

By Associated Press. GUNSHI PASS, March 26.—Everywhere along the front there is complete and ominous quiet. No collisions have been reported today.

A nurse arriving from Mukden today states that the reports by Chinese of ill-treatment of Russian sick and wounded after the evacuation of Mukden are entirely unfounded. The Japanese treated all who fell into their hands in the most kindly manner and gave the nurses permission to return to the Russian army, saying there were no women of that avocation with the advanced columns.

They provided the nurses with credentials, indicated the roads by which they might travel and warned them that they might be under fire west of the railway. Several doctors, sisters and attendants remained with the wounded at Mukden.

TROOPS MOVING NORTHWARD

Japanese Press Steadily Onward—No Active Fighting

TOKIO, March 26.—The following official dispatch has been received here: "Our Singking force reports that the enemy retreated from Singking toward Haulungchou, ninety miles northeast. Another report is that one squadron of the enemy's cavalry halted at Mien-huachieh, on the Kirin road, in the district between Piyuanpomen and Changtu and in the vicinity of Taisel-yel. At Kankorshi few of the enemy's troops are appearing.

"Natives report 200 of the enemy's infantry posted at Aishenkou, nine miles north of Wanmasai, and 600 infantry and cavalry at Taolu, fifteen miles east of Wanmasai.

"Changtu reports a few troopers in the district twenty miles northward of Chin-hiatun, twenty-three miles north-east of Fakoman.

"Reports do not trace the enemy from Kiangping, thirteen miles northeast of Fakoman, but some troops from Liao Yang and Wopeng are twenty-five miles north of Kiangping."

At their own request, 421 non-combatants captured at Mukden have been released beyond the Japanese outposts, and 344 have been sent south to Chefoo and Shanghai and released.

SEARCH FOR SQUADRON

Japanese Fleet Looking for Rojestvensky's Fleet

SANDIKAN, British North Borneo, March 23.—(Delayed in transmission).—The Japanese cruisers Kasagi and Chitose and the auxiliary cruisers America and Yamata arrived at Labuan on March 18 and left the following day. Vice Admiral Dewa was in command.

TERRORIST FATALLY WOUNDS OFFICIAL RUSSIAN BARON INJURED BY BOMB

Von Nolken, Chief of Warsaw Police Attacked. Detective Killed and Six Policemen Hurt by Explosion

By Associated Press. WARSAW, March 26.—A bomb was thrown into the carriage of Baron Von Nolken, chief of police of Warsaw, at 8 o'clock this evening. The baron was severely wounded.

The attack was the result of an elaborate conspiracy of the revolutionary party. Shortly before 8 o'clock tonight an elegantly dressed man went to the police station at Praga, a large suburb of Warsaw on the other side of the Vistula, and threw a bomb into a room of the station where the men assembled before going on duty. Six policemen were wounded and all the furniture, as well as one wall, was destroyed.

The bomb thrower in trying to escape met a policeman and shot twice, wounding the officer in the stomach. The prisoner himself was wounded and has been placed in the hospital.

Set Trap for Official A telephone message was immediately sent to Baron Von Nolken at the city hall informing him of the outrage. Baron Von Nolken, accompanied by a police official, took a carriage and started immediately for Praga. When passing the castle where the governor general resides a man standing on the pavement threw a bomb at the carriage. Baron Von Nolken, who was sitting on the side nearest the assailant, received the full charge of the bomb, while his companion escaped unhurt. The coachman was thrown from the box and the carriage was smashed.

Baron Von Nolken was removed to the city hall, and doctors were summoned, who found he had received injuries on the head, neck, arm and leg, which are believed to be serious. Meantime the police official accompanying Baron Von Nolken saw the bomb thrower fleeing and pursued and caught up with him, but the criminal proved the stronger and tore himself away.

Shoots Pursuing Officer Another policeman fired twice after him without result. Half an hour later the police found the body of a plain clothes officer who had been seen pursuing Baron von Nolken's assailant. The police believe that the latter turned on the policeman and shot him dead.

According to the theory of the police the revolutionists calculated upon Baron von Nolken going to Praga on learning of the explosion of the bomb at the station there and knew he must pass the castle, that being the only road by which he could reach the only bridge across the Vistula.

The affair caused great excitement. A popular rumor says the revolutionists adopted this course of informing the police that they have more bombs besides those discovered in the Powonski cemetery Saturday.

Baron von Nolken is very unpopular. He is hated by the masses of the Polish people, who held him responsible for the sanguinary suppression of the disturbances here at the end of January. He has been here only a year, having come from St. Petersburg, where he was chief of the mounted division of the police.

MIDDLE CLASSES INVOLVED

Merchants Take Up Cry for Peace and Reforms

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, March 27, 12:40 a. m.—A very significant and important feature in connection with the political situation is the fact that the disaster and ruin with which trade and industry are threatened is forcing the merchant and commercial classes of the big cities in politics. Heretofore, as a matter of business, they have carefully refrained from meddling in the liberal movement, but the situation is now so serious that they feel compelled to define their attitude and everywhere they are pronouncing in favor of the liberal demands for the cessation of the war and for a constitution. M. Morosoff, the Moscow millionaire, who is known as "The Russian Cotton King," realizing the power of united action, has called a private meeting of leading men in the industrial life of Russia to make representations to the government. Considering the important part played by the bourgeoisie in revolutions in other countries, the "intellectuals" regard the active support of the merchant class as the greatest victory they can achieve in the struggle they are waging.

The peasant movement in south and west Russia continues to spread. There has been a renewal of the burning and destruction of property in the Chernigoff government, the peasants attacking especially the property of M. Toteschenko, a rich sugar refiner, who has 400,000 acres planted in beets. Several landlords have been murdered. The peasants in other sections are taking armed possession of forest land on which they had the right of cutting wood before emancipation and are offering resistance to the police.

Reforms Demanded in Tiflis TIFLIS, March 26.—As a climax of a fortnight's peasant rioting in vil-

lages of the Schorapan district, a band of 800 armed men presented the authorities a formidable list of demands for local reforms, declared themselves in complete harmony with the revolutionist party, and fixed March 27 as the time limit for the satisfaction of their demands, after which they would accord themselves freedom of action. A battalion of troops has been sent to restore order.

CALLING FOR UPRISING

Revolutionary Literature Being Distributed in Southern Poland

By Associated Press. WARSAW, March 26.—A revolutionary movement of considerable proportions is making itself manifest in connection with the industrial disturbances in the region around Siedlce, Bielsk, Vlodslavsk, Rodin and Lukow, south and southeast of Warsaw.

The country has been flooded with proclamations of foreign and local origin, calling for a rising in Poland, and revolutionary songs and addresses, the latter demanding the use of the Polish language in all Polish schools and courts. The population is said to be saturated with these tendencies, especially those of the Uniat sect. Children are being kept out of school. Troops have been dispatched to the vicinity of Kotzk, southeast of Warsaw.

Kishineff Jews Alarmed

KISHINEFF, March 26.—Jews here are greatly alarmed over a renewal of anti-Semitic agitation. The governor is taking energetic measures to prevent racial collisions.

Outbreak in the Crimea

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, March 26.—Disorders have broken out at Yalta, in the Crimea, where shops along the quay and in the bazar have been pillaged.

Policeman Killed at Riga

RIGA, March 26.—In a riot here Saturday night one policeman was shot dead and two others were wounded.

Conspiracy to Distribute Arms

MOSCOW, March 26.—An organized depot of arms and bombs was discovered recently on the premises of a rich merchant named Barassoff. Investigation disclosed a conspiracy to distribute arms. There have been over 800 arrests in connection with the affair.

POLICE ABANDON STANFORD CASE

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—It was announced at police headquarters today that every known clue in the Stanford case had been run to earth, and that the complexion of the matter had not changed in the least. Barring a confession or something "turning up," the police admit that they will never solve the mystery of how on January 14 in this city strychnine poison was placed in the Poland water used by the late Mrs. Stanford. That portion of the mystery connected with her tragic death in Honolulu, the police say, has been solved on the theory that Mrs. Stanford died by natural causes, and that the powdered strychnine found in the bicarbonate of soda at Honolulu was placed there in India by some druggist and intended as a tonic.

The police detectives working on the case have all turned their attention to other matters, and while nominally men are detailed on the case, in reality the department has entirely dropped it.

MEXICO REFORMS MONETARY SYSTEM

President Diaz Issues Decree Establishing Value of Pesos and Closing Mints

By Associated Press. MEXICO CITY, March 26.—President Diaz has issued a decree for the reform of the monetary system authorized by congress in December last. The decree establishes the "peso" or silver dollar at a value of 50 cents gold and the theoretical unit of the Mexican currency is defined to be the dollar or peso of 75 centigrams of gold.

An important feature of the decree is a provision for a reserve exchange fund which, at first, will consist of \$15,000,000 and may be increased.

The original plan did not provide for the immediate establishment of this fund but it is now deemed wise to start with one simultaneously with the beginning of the new monetary system.

The mint will be closed April 16 to the free coinage of silver and the new monetary system will go into effect May 1.

Work Valuable Diamonds She was reputed to be wealthy and to keep large sums of money secreted

MYSTERY CLOUDS WOMEN'S DEATHS

FRIEND OF MRS. MILBURN MEETS SIMILAR FATE

KILLED BY STRANGULATION

Associate of Ocean Park Victim in St. Louis Found Lifeless in Her Room, After Being Bound and Gagged

Is there an organized gang of robbers at work in this country who choose lone women reputed to be wealthy as their victims?

Was Mrs. M. B. Page of St. Louis, who was murdered in her home March 20, another victim of the murderers who killed Mrs. N. J. Milburn at Ocean Park six weeks ago?

According to all indications, both women were murdered in the same manner, that is by strangulation.

The police and detectives in neither case believe that murder was intended, but owing to the terribly rough handling by the murderers the victims died.

Mrs. Page was known to have been a friend of Mrs. Milburn and was connected with her in some business dealings while the latter was in St. Louis, and her death, following as it did the death of Mrs. Milburn and the fact that both were murdered in the same manner, deepens the mystery which shrouds the last hours of the two friends, and the facts of which the police believe may never be unveiled.

Police Have No Clues

The murderers of the two women, whether they were the same or not, so completely covered their tracks that the detectives of neither Los Angeles nor of St. Louis have been able to secure a single clue to their identity.

The local case is still being investigated, and at the present time it is believed that Mrs. Milburn was assaulted at some point near Ocean Park or Santa Monica, the intent of the assailants being to rob her of the money which it was thought she had.

In order to prevent an outcry or the noise of a scuffle from attracting attention and possibly leading to discovery, the woman was choked, and possibly bound and gagged. A new theory which has been advanced is that it was the intention of the robbers to leave the helpless woman, after she had been bound and gagged, where she would probably be discovered the next day, giving the robbers plenty of time to escape in the meantime.

Peculiar Nature of Crime

So rough had they handled her that she strangled, or her neck might have been broken outright, but when the robbers found they had murdered the woman they cast about for a means to effectually cover their tracks, and naturally adopted the method of taking the body out to sea for some distance in a dory, removing all the bindings and all marks of identification, and dropping the body into the water.

It is a fact well known to fishermen and sailors on this coast that at this time of the year there is a well defined current setting down the coast between Santa Monica and San Pedro. It is believed that this fact was known to whoever carried the body out to sea, and they evidently thought that the current would carry it much farther south than it did, possibly depositing it in the shore as far south as Redondo.

From the fact that the body came ashore close to the place where it is believed to have been thrown into the ocean it is thought that the murderers were in too great a hurry and did not take it far enough from shore to catch the full effect of the current.

Murder of Mrs. Page

Mrs. Page was murdered in a singularly similar manner. She was a fortune teller, 70 years old, and lived in a house of her own at 2211 Market street, St. Louis.

In the house were six lodgers. She was known to be alive at 9:30 o'clock the night of March 21. At 8:05 o'clock the next morning she was found dead on the floor of her room, bound and gagged.

Physicians say she died from strangulation, caused by rough handling and the terrible way in which the gag had been fastened in her mouth. The body was still warm when found. The doctors who examined the corpse said that a body might remain warm five hours, so she might have died at 3 o'clock in the morning, or but a short time before she was discovered.

The detectives do not believe that the murderer intended to kill his victim, but bound and gagged her to prevent her attracting the attention of the other lodgers. Under the sweating of the detectives these lodgers maintain that they neither saw nor heard anything of the crime or the criminal.

Mrs. Page's hands were tied behind her and her ankles tied together, new cotton rope being used. A piece of cloth torn from a sheet or pillow case was wrapped around her head, forcing her mouth open and holding it so and covering her nose. It was tied so tightly that the woman slowly strangled.

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ONE KILLED, ANOTHER FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Mrs. Sherman Pease Meets Death in Collision at Hollywood

OTHERS NARROWLY ESCAPE WITH LIVES

Woman's Body Caught Under Heavy Wheels and Terribly Mangled

THE DEAD Mrs. Sherman Pease, 31 years of age; resided at 1409 Hope street, Los Angeles.

THE INJURED Sherman Pease of 1409 South Hope street, Los Angeles; scalp lacerations, slight concussion, bruises and shock. Will recover. Mrs. D. E. Welcome, 1921 Bush street; several ribs broken, bruises, abrasions and shock. Will recover.

With the reverse brake failing to work in the mass of sand and dust, and with a slight decline in the road as an added momentum, a large touring car owned and driven by Sherman Pease, manager of the Niles Pease furniture interests in Los Angeles, swept down the road from the Miller canyon, east of Hollywood, yesterday afternoon, directly in the path of a car of the Laurel Canyon division of the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad company, and was crushed into hundreds of pieces, its occupants thrown beneath the grinding wheels, and Mrs. Sherman Pease, a member of the party, instantly killed.

According to the statements of witnesses, the accident was unavoidable. Mr. Pease and his wife and D. E. Welcome and wife composed the party. They were returning to Los Angeles from a trip in the country when the accident occurred. The machine was a new model of the "Tourist," a machine manufactured by a Los Angeles firm. The party turned just south of the Miller house, late yesterday afternoon, after a trip to the canyon. Into a private road and started toward Prospect boulevard. The road lay straight for nearly a mile, and the great machine responded with a burst of speed on the level stretch. To the left a clear view for some distance could be obtained, but a grove of lemon trees on the right obstructed a view of the track from Hollywood to the canyon.

Collision Unavoidable

Failing to appreciate the nearness of the tracks, which lay directly in front of him, and unable to hear the sound of the approaching car, Mr. Pease did not slacken speed until the auto was almost on the tracks.

As the machine leaped clear of the lemon trees the suburban car was almost upon it, going at a fast rate of speed on the right-of-way. The motor man threw on the brakes and made every effort to stop his car, but the machine leaped the ranch road and rolled onto the track just in time to be caught squarely by the car and crushed.

Mrs. Pease was in the tonneau and had no chance to escape. She was seated on the side toward the car, and was hurled directly beneath the front trucks. Her body was carried down the tracks for nearly fifty feet. Her left limb was severed from the body, and every bone in the body was crushed and mutilated.

Mrs. Welcome was in the seat with Mrs. Pease, and narrowly escaped the same fate. She was partly protected by the side of the automobile, and was caught in the fender of the car. She was rendered unconscious, but her life was saved by the prompt action of the motor man in stopping the car.

Mr. Pease, as driver, stuck to his post until the steering wheel was torn from his hands by the collision, and his unconscious body was thrown partly beneath the wreckage of the machine.

Jumped for His Life

D. E. Welcome of the Welcome Real Estate company, with offices in the Bradbury building, was in the front seat with Mr. Pease, and escaped injury in an almost miraculous manner. He is a good athlete, and probably owes his life and that of his wife to his physical training. As the car leaped on the track and he saw the accident was inevitable, Mr. Welcome leaped from the tearing machine into the sand of the road, alighting on his feet and escaping without a scratch.

He turned as he landed and dashed toward his wife. She was lying beneath the front end of the car, and he quickly carried her to a place of safety.

Following the accident the car, which was running east bound on the 5 o'clock schedule, was switched around and the body of Mrs. Pease and the injured taken to Hollywood. Mr. Pease and Mrs. Welcome were taken to the Hotel Hollywood, where they were received by Manager Hoag and attended by Drs. J. Addison Jackson, J. W. Coyne, A. N. Davidson and W. E. Deering.

Mrs. Welcome was found to be suffering from several broken ribs and severe bruises and contusions, while Mr. Pease had sustained a deep scalp

VICTIMS OF AUTO ACCIDENT



MR. AND MRS. SHERMAN PEASE

wound in the back of his head and a slight concussion of the brain, rendering him unconscious for several hours.

Neither Mr. Pease nor Mrs. Welcome knew of the fate of Mrs. Pease, and the news was kept from them last night, owing to their feeble condition.

Describes Accident

Mr. Welcome, the only uninjured member of the party, gave the following description of the accident:

"I decided to take a little drive with my wife yesterday afternoon, and we were just leaving our residence, at 1921 Bush street, when Mr. Pease, accompanied by his wife, rode up in a fine blue and gold automobile and invited us to take a spin out in the country. We left our trap and entered the car, Mr. Pease explaining that he had had the machine about ten days and wanted to give it a good trial.

"We had passed Hollywood and were on the Miller road, when we noticed that the intersection with the other road in front of us was slightly lower than the road we were on and Mr. Pease started to stop the machine. As he did so we drove clear of the trees and our awful danger flashed upon us.

"I leaped from the machine, and as I did so the machine received the full force of the collision. I regained my balance as I landed and turned toward the wreckage. For a distance of fifty feet down the track tiny bits of twisted metal and crushed timber marked the remains of the touring car.

Mrs. Welcome's Narrow Escape

"I dashed forward to find out where my wife was and found her beneath the fender of the car. So nearly did she come to sharing the fate of Mrs. Pease that her clothing was underneath the front wheels of the car, while her limbs were directly in front of the wheels and within a few inches of them. I dragged her out and placed her on the car, and then assisted in getting Mr. Pease out of the wreckage and putting him on the car. The body of Mrs. Pease was beneath the front truck and it had been dragged and mangled. It was sent to Los Angeles to the Breese Brothers' undertaking rooms.

"The two injured were taken to the Hollywood hotel, and I think that they will both get along nicely as soon as the shock of the accident passes."

Mrs. Pease was about 31 years of age and was formerly Miss Smith of Los Angeles. A daughter and a son survive her. An inquest will be held today, pending funeral arrangements at the Pease home, 1409 South Hope street.

HIGHWAYMEN HOLD UP SALOON IN SACRAMENTO

Force Occupants to Face the Wall and Escape With the Cash

By Associated Press. SACRAMENTO, March 26.—Shortly before 10 o'clock tonight two masked men entered a saloon in the residence section of the city, forced the proprietor and two patrons to stand with their faces to the wall, and robbed the cash register of \$55. The highwaymen threatened the three victims with revolvers, warned them to make no outcry and made their escape. The entire police force is engaged in the search for the robbers.

Japanese Dine German Minister

By Associated Press. TOKIO, March 26.—On the eve of his departure for Berlin to attend the wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the Count Arco-Valley, the German minister to Japan, was dined and given a reception tonight by Prince and Princess Arisuwaga. Most of the cabinet and diplomatic corps and other notable personages attended.

Miss Margaret Birtwistle Mortally Hurt on East Side

STRUCK BY CAR OWNED BY B. HOOK

Thomas Rife Seriously Bruised and Occupants of Machine Thrown to Ground

THE INJURED Miss Margaret Birtwistle, aged 19 years, of Avenue 20; concussion of brain, badly cut and bruised. Will probably die.

Thomas Rife of 908 West Thirtieth street; badly cut and bruised. Will recover.

In a collision with a large automobile touring car, owned and driven by Barbee S. Hook, at the corner of Downey avenue and Avenue Twenty, last evening shortly before 7 o'clock Miss Margaret Birtwistle, 19 years old, was struck and probably fatally injured by the ponderous car.

The physicians at the receiving hospital, where she was conveyed as soon after the accident as possible, contend that her death is only a question of hours.

With Hook in the machine at the time of the accident were two young women, whose names are withheld, and Thomas Rife of 908 West Thirtieth street, who was thrown out of the machine for a distance of fifteen feet and rendered unconscious. The young women were not injured. The automobile was completely wrecked, for in his efforts to avoid a collision Hook ran it into a high cement curb and a heavy telegraph pole.

Hook, who is 23 years old and a son of the late W. S. Hook, former president of the Traction Railway company, was in the driver's seat and was sending the car down the street at a fast rate of speed. Beside him on the seat was Rife, while in the tonneau were the two young women.

Girl Hurled Fifty Feet

Just before the machine reached the corner of Avenue Twenty, Hook steered the rig from the south side of the street over to the north, in front of an east-bound Downey avenue car, which had stopped at the corner to allow some of its passengers to alight.

Among the number was Miss Birtwistle, who noticed a car coming from the other direction as she descended to the ground. Failing to see the automobile she hurried around the back of the car and towards the sidewalk on the north side, directly into the path of the heavy auto.

Before the power could be applied or the reverse lever reached the heavy mud guard on the big car had struck the young woman and hurled her a distance of more than fifty feet. She sustained concussion of the brain and was otherwise badly cut and bruised.

When she saw that a collision was imminent, Hook made an effort to stop his car, even at the risk of the lives of

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THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

Southern California: Fair Monday; brisk west wind.

- 1—Fatal automobile accident. 2—Aeronaut drifts forty miles. 3—Church services. 4—Mining. 5—Southern California news. 6—Editorial. 7—Signor Campanari to play here. 8—Classified advertisements. 9—Out of town society. 10—Sports. 11—Markets. 12—Fair prisoners await their fate.

EASTERN

Capt. Woodbury Kane and Mrs. Sallie Harwood Elliott are to be married at Alton, S. C. Rogers boy, whose disappearance mystified Chicago police several years ago, returns to his home. Commission of new consul to Zanibar is withheld on complaint of wife.

FOREIGN

French officials believed to be conducting peace negotiations. Japanese fleet searching for Rojestvensky's squadron. Assassin throws bomb which fatally wounds chief of Warsaw police.

COAST

Schooner Klose abandoned, capsize and ashore on Oregon coast. Crew believed to be lost. Police have practically abandoned the Stanford case. Santa Ana physician held up and robbed by two thugs.

LOCAL

One woman killed and two other members of automobile party seriously injured in collision between Sherman Pease's touring auto and a car of the Hollywood division, near Laurel canyon yesterday afternoon. Two young women, in jail on charges of burglary, most remarkable prisoners in history of local department. Miss Margaret Birtwistle probably fatally injured by huge auto owned by Barbee Hook in Los Angeles tonight. Highwaymen assault and rob James A. Lascalle. Young minister to claim fair bride. Roy Chubbuck, the sky chaulfure, ascends 8000 feet in "Midget."