

MICHAEL CURRY FORCED DOWN 100 MILES FROM HAVANA

Sensational Air Journey Begins at Key West and Ends in the Ocean

Pontoons Float Machine; Torpedo Boats Rescue Aviator Unhurt and Undaunted

HAVANA, Jan. 30.—J. A. D. McCurdy, a Canadian by birth but now affiliated with American aviators, set a new record today in over the water flights, covering nearly 100 miles from Key West to within 10 miles of Havana, where he was compelled to drop into the sea.

There he remained, his biplane floated by pontoons, until the lifeboat of the torpedo boat destroyer Terry picked him up.

With victory within his grasp, his goal in plain view, an accident, trivial in itself, robbed McCurdy of his almost won title of conqueror of the Florida straits. A break in a small part of the engine, a ruptured crank case, permitting the escape of the lubricating oil, necessitated McCurdy's descent.

DESCENDS RAPIDLY The descent was made between the Paulling and Terry, the leading ships, which were about 10 miles apart. The aviator, when the sound of the engine told him something was wrong, instantly shut off the power, and descended rapidly, swinging steadily to the water. The pontoons proved buoyant, McCurdy not even wetting his feet.

The fall was seen by the vessels of the squadron as they headed in its direction at top speed, the Paulling and the Terry arriving almost at the same time. Some difficulty was experienced in maneuvering the destroyers alongside the aircraft, but the aviator assured the officers that he was safe and there was no necessity for haste.

The Terry's lifeboat took him off and finally he was taken aboard the Paulling. Efforts to hoist the machine on the launching platform failed. Grappling irons finally were used and the aeroplane was badly damaged.

While this work was going on the Cuban flagship Hatuey arrived from Havana, carrying President Gomez and friends. It ran alongside the Paulling and the President shouted his congratulations on the flight, and the aviator in return for his ill fortune. After an hour's delay the squadron started for Havana, entering the harbor a few minutes after 1 o'clock.

McCurdy, adding from the Paulling, proceeded to the drill grounds at Camp Columbia, where he gave a magnificent exhibition of his skill, rising 1,200 feet and performing a variety of maneuvers. He used a machine of the same type as the other aviators at the meet in progress here.

The start from Key West was made at 7:32 o'clock, central time, which was 10:55 Havana time. After making two circles, the aviator squared away on his course. Conditions were ideal, a faint wind, a cloudless sky, an unrippled sea. Of the beauty of the scene, McCurdy said in a letter to his mother:

"Never have I experienced so wonderful a sensation as when I rose a thousand feet and took the course. Ahead of me was a wondrous mirage; the sea, instead of a horizontal plane below, having the appearance of a huge vertical picture, on which the funnel tops of the destroyers appeared like black spots on a white field."

"Soon I became accustomed to this, and the sensation was glorious as I rushed forward at 50 miles an hour toward this wonderful panorama which appeared to recede from me."

"It seemed no time when Morro and Havana were in plain view and I could almost see the waiting crowds. Then something went wrong with the engine. I saw all my oil running out, and there was nothing to do but descend. This I accomplished easily."

"The accident only increases my desire to effect the conquest of the Florida straits, and I am confident of my confidence that I can do it. I do not know when I shall be able to make another attempt, but under such conditions as prevailed today I am sure of success."

McCurdy was exactly two hours in the air, covering an estimated distance of 95 miles. Besides breaking the overwater record, this is the first instance of any aeroplane flight entirely out of sight of land.

Disappointment was keen in Havana over the aviator's mishap. On the firing of three guns at 10:55, signaling the start, all business was suspended.

All the high roofs and the heights of Morro and Cabanas were crowded. At 1 o'clock the aviator was known to McCurdy was drawing near, but still he could not be seen. Then came a long delay. The rumor started that McCurdy had become known to the Associated Press dispatches giving an account of the accident.

AEROPLANE FALLS INTO SEA AFTER HUNDRED MILE FLIGHT

J. A. D. McCurdy in his biplane ready for flight.



COAST LINE IS OPEN TO SOUTH

S. P. Is Running All Trains Through to Los Angeles on Schedule Time

Traffic on the coast line of the Southern Pacific was resumed at an early hour yesterday morning and all trains between this city and Los Angeles are running on regular schedule.

The washouts near Santa Barbara have been repaired and no further trouble is expected from this source. The Southern Pacific is not free from storm trouble, as several washouts are reported from branch lines.

None of the washouts reported yesterday is of a serious nature, but several trains have been taken off and some trains have been canceled indefinitely. About 1,000 feet of track on the Oakdale branch is washed out and considerable difficulty is being experienced by the Stockton division.

On the Amador branch for a distance of two miles there is washout making the track, but this has not interfered with the running of trains.

YOSEMITE ROUTE CLOSED Near Merced, near the Santa Fe crossing, for a distance of about 1,000 feet the water is at the top of the ties. The washout is of a serious nature, and the entire system and are kept ready for emergency. The Sierra railway is not hauling any passengers and the Yosemite valley road has notified the local railroad offices to sell no tickets into the valley until further notice.

The Western Pacific received another heavy slide yesterday near Kettle and away this afternoon it is hoped to get through out this evening.

RAIN MELTING SNOW Rain is falling in the Feather river canyon and melting the snow. No washouts are reported, but officials are preparing for an emergency.

All Santa Fe trains arrived yesterday on time with one or two exceptions, but these exceptions were not due to any washouts.

The Southern Pacific is keeping its schedule except on the branches, portions of which have been inundated. The Western Pacific canceled No. 4 of the last three days, with small indication of cessation. The Sierra railroad is blocked by washouts and landslides, and 1,000 feet of the Oakdale branch of the Southern Pacific is under water.

Modesto Feels Storm MODESTO, Jan. 30.—A flood of water 18 feet deep is pouring over the top of the Lagrange dam across the Tuolumne river here. The water is at the highest mark known in five years and is rising at the rate of six inches an hour.

The Horrs ranch bridge carried away this afternoon. Water laps the flooring of the new county bridge over the Stanislaus river, momentarily threatening its destruction. Knights Ferry is reported flooded. It is reported that a large section of the main Turlock canal has gone out.

Still Raining at Merced MERCED, Jan. 30.—With 48 hours of continuous rain and no signs of abatement, combined with vast areas of snow melting under the warmth of the weather, this entire section is experiencing floods which threaten wide damage. This place is protected from inundation by Deer creek because of a levee. The town of Snelling, 18 miles from here, is under water.

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CHECK USED TO DEFEAT RENNER

Sausalito Recorder Circulated Evidence of Bribery Among Members of Smart Set

Grand Jury Testimony in Graff Case Unveils Plot to Overthrow Justice of Peace

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 30.—Following the arraignment of Town Recorder P. A. Vincillone before Superior Judge Zook this morning on an indictment charging bribery, the grand jury testimony revealed a new element in the case. It showed that the exclusive bill section of Sausalito was asked to enter a political plot to defeat former Justice J. F. Renner for re-election, and that the \$25 check given him by Vincillone was used to keep him out of the contest.

Vincillone openly gave the check to a representative of the hill section, explaining that Renner had received it as a bribe and asking that it be exhibited to voters in the upper circle so that they would vote against the justice. E. Wray, an insurance man prominent in the club and social life on the hill, was selected by Vincillone to take care of the check. The recorder also gave him other documents, which were considered damaging evidence against Renner. Wray appeared before the grand jury and told how he secured the check.

CASE WAS "SQUARED" Vincillone told me that this check was cashed by Renner to square some account. "He spoke about it a number of times that had been squared by check. He also gave me other papers which he regarded as evidence against Renner. He asked me to show them to two or three people to prove that Renner was unfit for office and had been carrying on his office in a fraudulent manner."

Wray was positive that Vincillone told him the check was given to Renner to square a case, but he was not certain that it was the Biggeo affair. It was understood that the candidate selected by Renner's opponents to replace him was P. B. Nagle, the attorney. The plan was only half successful, for while Renner was defeated, Nagle also failed to secure the position. T. R. Maguire of Mill Valley entered as the dark horse and won.

It was not until Vincillone was confronted with much of this evidence that he admitted giving Renner the bribe. "Suppose," he said, "that attorney was forced to pay a judge to save an innocent client from jail. Would he be guilty of a crime?"

RENNER WAS MORE EXPLICIT. He said: "Vincillone stated that he was going to make a motion to dismiss the case, and that if it was dismissed and he received the bail money and fee he would split with me. I dismissed the case. Four days later I met him at his office in the town hall. 'I hear you got money from the Biggeo case,' I said. 'Yes, by the way,' answered Vincillone, 'I owe you some money. I will draw you a check for it.' He gave me the check."

RENNER TESTIFIED THAT THE Biggeo case was a one-sided affair, there being no one to represent the prosecution or defense in court when he dismissed it. From his testimony it appears that he was the only person in court when the case was dismissed. Mrs. Biggeo was charged with cruelty to animals.

According to Town Attorney O. H. Meldron, who is attorney for Vincillone, the recorder's defense will not be technical. He will enter a demurrer to the indictment Friday, the day set for him to enter his plea. The defense will be on questions of law, and that the verdict was contrary to the evidence and the law.

The court, with the consent of District Attorney Clarence F. Lea, granted this permission. Monday, February 6, at 10 o'clock a. m., was fixed as the time for the court to render judgment in the case. The court may bring some motion to the fact that the attorney's attention to the fact that there was another indictment pending on the calendar to be set for trial at this time.

Doctor Burke returned to the county jail, where he has a pleasant room facing the south, with a view of Third street. He is allowed to visit at some member of his family is with him most of the day.

OPIUM SEIZURES BOOST DREAM COST

New Captures Are Advancing Price of the Drug in Chinatown

The arrest of an aged man with 10 tins of smoking opium in his handbag, coupled with the seizure of 85 tins on the steamer Pleiades and of 75 tins on the Nippon Maru, knocked the price of "hop" up several points in the Chinatown market yesterday.

Two material results of this bull movement forced by Colonel Blinn's men were a claw to the identity of the smugglers and the disclosure of a novel source of entry. W. J. Fitzgerald, on being captured, named the restaurant near the Pacific Mall wharf where he intended to leave the drug, and offered to identify the Chinese on the Maru from whom he received his 10 tins.

WILL WATCH VESSELS The Pleiades belongs to the Hawaiian-American line and had taken its supply from Salina Cruz, Mex. So far from engaging in oriental trade, the Pleiades runs only between Mexican, Hawaiian and coast ports. Hereafter, vessels in the Latin trade will be under suspicion.

Fitzgerald is 63 years old and has two daughters. For many years he worked as a car conductor on the Brannan street line, running to the old Mall dock. He was trailed from the ship by Inspector Benninger. He submitted to the search of his clothing, but objected to opening his handbag. When arraigned before Commissioner Wright, Fitzgerald again admitted his guilt, pleading this as his first offense. "I am old and forlorn," he told the judge, "and wanted to get enough money for a suit of clothes."

Bail was fixed at \$500. After the repentant Fitzgerald was taken away from the United States' marshal's office by Deputy Americh for the Alameda jail, a prosperous looking man with a German accent, who declined to leave his name, appeared there ready to act as bondsman. Release may be obtained today.

The Pleiades arrived from Mexico last Saturday. The first haul of opium was made Saturday night by inspectors Huffer and Benninger in the engine room bilges. Forty tins more were taken beneath the flooring of the coal bunkers by Huffer yesterday.

On the Nippon, which arrived Friday night, the drug was concealed in the panels of the saloon. It was found yesterday afternoon by inspectors Head and Toland, the find yielding 78 tins.

CHAUFFEUR OUTWITS KIDNAPERS OF GIRL Attracts Attention of Policemen; Four Men Arrested

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Just as 16 year old Antoinette Sanfrottillo started for work today from her home in Monroe street, Manhattan, she was seized by two men, bundled into an automobile with two other men and whisked away. Soon after the chauffeur attracted the attention of a Brooklyn policeman to his passengers. The car was stopped and the policeman's order the chauffeur drove the party to the nearest police station. In police court the four passengers were held in \$5,000 bail each on a charge of kidnaping. One of them told the police he was desperately in love with Antoinette and decided to carry her off by force.

BURKE'S SENTENCE IS SET FOR FEB. 6

Motion for New Trial Filed by Defense and Delay Is Granted

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SANTA ROSA, Jan. 30.—Dr. W. P. Burke, who was convicted of exploding dynamite in the tent of Lu Etta Smith at the sanatorium grounds near this city on February 5, 1910, by a jury in Judge Seawell's department Friday night, appeared in court this afternoon for sentence. For the first time since the trial, Burke was not accompanied by his wife, who has stood faithfully by him throughout the ordeal of the trial.

Attorney William F. Cowan for the defense presented a verbal motion for a new trial and asked that the defense be allowed to file with the court during the week a written motion with specifications. He explained that practically all the statutory grounds would be alleged. The principal points, however, will be on questions of law arising during the course of the trial, including contentions that the court misdirected the jury in questions of law, and that the verdict was contrary to the evidence and the law.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS Wallace Foster President of the San Rafael Body

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN RAFAEL, Jan. 30.—The San Rafael chamber of commerce held its special annual session today, electing a new set of officers and appointing a committee to gather data for Assemblyman George Harlan to present to the state legislature in asking for an appropriation to dredge the salt water canal from the town limits to the bay. The additional office of vice president was created.

Wallace Foster was elected president. J. C. Pitcher, vice president. W. L. Courtwright secretary and Dr. S. M. Augustine treasurer. Foster is district manager of the Pacific gas and electric company and one of the most popular businessmen of the community. Pitcher is manager of the E. K. Wood lumber company. Courtwright is an active realty operator. Doctor Augustine is a capitalist and financier. The former officers were E. S. Rake, president; S. H. Olmsted, secretary; H. C. Gieskie, treasurer.

TWO DROWN IN ATTEMPT TO SAVE MAROONED MEN Canoe Upset in Salinas River Sunday Night

[Special Dispatch to The Call] PASO ROBLES, Jan. 30.—Two men were drowned in the Salinas river below this town late Sunday night. Two tramps had been marooned on an island and after repeated attempts had been made to rescue them, Joseph Robles and John Foster went out in a canoe to save them. They lost control of the boat, which upset and both men were drowned, the bodies being found today floating half a mile below the town, where they lodged in driftwood. An attempt will be made tomorrow to secure the bodies, which is impossible at present as the water is still rising.

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VAST WITHDRAWALS FROM N. Y. BANKS

\$158,000,000 Taken From the Vaults of Gotham by Individuals Recently

Treasury Officials at a Loss to Understand Where It Has Gone

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Deposits of individuals in the 7,000 national banks of the United States decreased \$191,566,488 between November 10 and January 7—a situation probably unprecedented in the reports made to the comptroller of the currency.

More than \$158,000,000 was withdrawn from the 39 national banks of New York city. No two officials of the treasury agree as to where the money went since 1910. Some are of the opinion that it might have gone to strengthen the New York state banks and trust companies in the flurry caused by the so-called Robin falling from the banks again. Others think the huge withdrawals represented interest payments piled up in anticipation of the January dividend days.

A comparison with the national banks of Chicago shows that the drop was confined almost entirely to New York. The 11 Chicago banks reported a loss of about \$9,000,000 in individual deposits. The reserve banks of the western and Pacific states and the New England states all show losses, comparatively small.

Unexpected calls on January 7 served to show the condition of the banks at a new angle. Not since 1875 have they been called upon so early in the year. There were no January calls whatever from 1880 to 1903, and there had been none since 1904. If the call had been made as usual, late in the month or early in February, the money, if it were withdrawn for dividend payments, would have found its way to the banks again.

One peculiar aspect of the drop is that the New York banks alone lost as much as the combined banks of the country had gained in November. Another feature that generally puzzles the treasury experts is that in spite of the enormous slump in deposits, the banks are holding a higher percentage of reserve than in November. The total loss in loans and discounts has been only \$48,000,000, while there has been a gain in cash of more than \$20,000,000.

The banks of the south are about the only ones showing a gain of deposits. That is said to be because they are now being paid for cotton. Reductions of loans is the rule, however, all over the country and this is said necessarily to follow such a sharp reduction of deposits.

Still, with all the reductions, the banks are now holding \$88,000,000 more in reserve than required by law. On the whole the showing is pronounced good, but the disappearance of \$158,000,000 from the banks of New York is a great puzzle to treasury officials.

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