

That he has no \$3,000 house and lot in his sack. Read about that Booklovers' Contest.



THE WEATHER
YESTERDAY—Highest temperature 58, lowest Thursday night, 46.
FORECAST FOR TODAY—Increasing cloudiness; moderate southerly winds.
For Details of the Weather see page 2.

DEATH RIDES ON PLANE AS COOKE BATTLES IN AIR

Unable to Turn Back Intrepid Aviator Is Forced to Fly in Teeth of Gale

Watery Grave Looms Below as Treacherous Currents Tear at the Craft

At Altitude of 3,500 Feet Bird-man Flies From Marin County to Elmhurst

FORCED to battle for his life with the raging winds that swept about Tamalpais into the draw of Mill Valley, Weldon Cooke, the redoubtable young aviator of Alameda county, conquered the air yesterday afternoon and flew back from the Marin county town, over San Quentin, the bay, Richmond and along the Alameda county shore line, over West Berkeley, Oakland and Alameda to the motordrome at Elmhurst, from whence he started Tuesday last.

Cooke arose at 3:45 yesterday afternoon and immediately struck such desperate air currents that he almost despaired of successfully combatting them. Fearing that the wind would be too strong for his biplane, which he had constructed himself, Cooke surveyed the town he had just left for a fitting place to land. But no advantageous spot presented itself, and the daring aviator was forced in the face of his better judgment to continue his battle with the wind.

3,500 Feet in Air
With no alternative but victory, Cooke achieved that. He rose to an altitude of more than 3,500 feet, where the air was more serene, and at that level set out to return to Elmhurst. In one hour and twenty minutes, at 5:05 o'clock, Cooke alighted in the motordrome, safe and triumphant after such a battle with the air as few men have successfully fought.

Had Troubles on Earth, Too
The young aviator had his troubles before he left the ground, for a watchman he had engaged to guard the machine since it reached Mill Valley Tuesday demanded wages which Cooke declared to be exorbitant. He had to apply to Marshal Melville Staples of Mill Valley to aid him in adjusting the difficulty. A compromise finally was effected and Cooke had only the wind that howled around Moun. Tamalpais to combat.

His sister in law, Mrs. S. H. Buttner, was at the field near the Locust avenue station when Cooke started on his return trip.

It was Cooke's intention to fly from Mill Valley over Sausalito to Fort Baker, along Van Ness avenue to Market street, along that thoroughfare to the ferry building and across the bay to his home in Elmhurst. But the adverse air currents were too strong for his passage over the main body of the bay. It was not before Cooke had gained an elevation of more than 3,500 feet that he was at his ease in the air. Then when he glanced toward San Francisco to consider a flight there he saw the city under a mass of fog, and did not dare to battle with the two elements. So he started directly for Alameda county, flying over San Quentin prison, across the bay to Richmond, and along the short of Berkeley and Oakland to Alameda. He flew to the west end of the peninsula and then to the Elmhurst motordrome.

Cooke intended skirting the Alameda county shore until he came to the racetrack at Emeryville and there land if he found the condition of the atmosphere no more favorable than about the bay, but abandoned this idea, and kept steadily on, following the bay, line to West Oakland. From here he flew over the estuary to Alameda and then from the western to the eastern end of the encinal city. After reaching the east end of Alameda, he headed toward Elmhurst, and after circling about the fields at a low altitude to get his distance gauged for a good landing flew to the motordrome and alighted.

In speaking of the trip, Cooke said: "The hardest part of the flight was just after I left Mill Valley. The winds were strong here, and the currents treacherous. The wind would sweep over the top of a mountain and bear me with awful force toward earth."

High and Mighty of Many Lands Guests Of Fortune's Prince

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Vinson Walsh McLean, the \$100,000,000 baby grandson of John R. McLean and the late mining magnate, Thomas F. Walsh, and sole heir to their combined fortunes, tonight was host at his third Christmas celebration. Baby McLean's guests included the czar of all the Russias, in the person of Ambassador George Bakmetieff, granduncle by marriage to the host; Admiral George Dewey, another grand uncle; the Danish ambassador, Count Moltke; Senator Crane and some 25 juvenile millionaires elect who move in Baby McLean's set.

STEAL A MILLION AND GET A YEAR

Burr Brothers Retire to Blackwells Island; Can Devise Ways of Spending Loot

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—As punishment for carrying on a stock swindling deal, alleged to have extended over a period of two years and to have netted millions in profits, four promoters of the firm of Burr Brothers, Inc., were sentenced today to a year's imprisonment on Blackwell's island.

The prisoners are Shelton C. Burr, president of the corporation; his brother, Eugene H. who was secretary-treasurer; Charles H. Tobey, vice president, and Edwin Wesley Preston. They all offered unexpected pleas of guilty before Federal Judge Holt today.

The indictment upon which they were called to face trial charged a swindle involving \$68,000 in connection with the sale of stock of the People's Associated Oil company, but the government alleged that this was but one of a continuing series of frauds estimated to have involved nearly \$50,000,000, with \$15,000,000 profit to the promoters.

Counsel for the defendants said that rather than involve the expense of summoning witnesses from distant points it has decided to plead guilty to the indictment. The maximum sentence possible on this charge is 18 months, and counsel for the defendants urged clemency. It was argued that the promoters had reason to believe that the stocks would prove profitable, but now realized that the representations concerning the enterprise were too strong.

United States District Attorney Wise opposed the plea for clemency.

Judge Holt pronounced sentence as a year each and the men were taken to the island tonight.

There will be no further prosecutions.

SOUTHERN INQUIRY ADVANCES SLOWLY

Dynamiting Jury Adjourns Until Wednesday After 10 Minute Session

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—After a session lasting ten minutes in which one witness was examined, the federal grand jury investigating the alleged national dynamite conspiracy adjourned today until next Wednesday morning.

Edward A. Regan, assistant United States district attorney, was in charge of today's brief grand jury proceedings, and it was with him as questioner that F. A. Stephenson, a Los Angeles attorney, gave testimony.

Then Regan told Olaf A. Tveitmo, Eric B. Morton, Anton Johansen, William A. Brown and O. E. Ellis of San Francisco, J. E. Munsey of Salt Lake City and I. W. Cowles and E. J. Hendricks of Los Angeles that they were excused until the grand jury reconvened.

Children Share Danger of Missionaries' Flight From China Disease and Death Menaced Them Every Footstep on Way



Refugee missionaries and their families who arrived here yesterday from China, where they were driven out by the revolution.

ALCATRAZ TO HOLD ARMY'S CRIMINALS

All Long Term Prisoners to Be Shipped Here From Fort Leavenworth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A sweeping change in military prison methods was instructed today by order of the war department. All of the short term prisoners of Alcatraz island, San Francisco harbor, have been ordered transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

All of the long term prisoners in the latter prison are to be transferred to Alcatraz, which thus will be made the place of confinement for the criminal element, while Leavenworth will be the place of detention of soldiers guilty of purely military offenses.

The effects of these changes is to carry out the recently developed British system of treating deserters and other soldiers guilty of breaches of discipline as subject to reformatory influences and of segregating them from the absolutely criminal and vicious class.

TARGET PRACTICE TO BE LIKE WAR

Pacific Fleet Will Be Tested in Chasing Enemy as Well as Hitting

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARE ISLAND, Dec. 22.—Advices were received today from Washington to the effect that conditions under which the next target practice is to be conducted by the Pacific fleet have been made more exacting.

The next contest will lack only actual ships to shoot at to make it real naval warfare. The rules have been modified to create as near as possible battle conditions. It will be a case of getting to an enemy as well as the number of hits that are made by warships. Nothing less than a gale is expected to interfere with the shooting and evolutions of the fleet.

The ships will be called upon to shoot in a fog, a haze and a mist. As soon as a speck of smoke appears on the horizon they will begin firing, bearing down on the enemy at the same time. A breakdown of the engines or any accident to a ship will count against it in computing battle efficiency.

The old frigate Pensacola will be placed out of commission at the yard tomorrow afternoon.

The navy collier Justin is under orders to leave the yard Saturday, January 6. The collier will go to California City coaling station, where a cargo of fuel will be taken aboard, and then await orders.

The destroyers Rowan and Hopkins will sail Wednesday for San Diego. The other boats are due to leave for the south January 10.

Practically Without Funds, Church Servants Abroad Are in Sad Financial Straits

A large number of missionaries, refugees from China, with their wives and children, especially children, arrived here yesterday on the liner Manchuria. It was the largest number of refugees brought home by any steamer since the trouble in China began. Most of them were from interior points in the Flowery kingdom and nearly all of them suffered hardships in the journey to Shanghai, where they boarded the Manchuria. There were 20 children in the party and many of the children were infants in arms. Three of them had the whooping cough.

According to these returning refugees the greatest hardship for the missionaries in China is the present scarcity of money. When the revolution broke ordinary facilities of business were suspended. Merchants refused to cash checks and banknotes ceased to be legal tender. As the missionaries did not have a supply of silver dollars, the only kind of money that really talks in China today, and as their funds usually were drawn from distant sources they found themselves shut out from friends and without money. From official sources most of them finally received transportation to some place of safety, but many of them, still in China, are in hard financial straits.

Children Face Dangers
Dr. F. Allan, a Canadian Methodist missionary, was among the refugees who arrived on the Manchuria. With his wife and three children he traveled from Jenschow in the Szechuan province, where the trouble began. They were ordered to leave and started September 11 for Chinkiang, the first open port on the Yangtze river. Immediately upon their arrival they were ordered to move on, but finally obtained permission to take up quarters in a bungalow in the hills near by. They remained there for six weeks. Before they left more than 100 refugees had joined them. In their bungalow three families were living. There were seven children in the combined families and the little Allans managed to pick up the whooping cough. At the end of six weeks word was received from Peking that if they didn't get away from Chinkiang the authorities would not be responsible for their safety.

The consuls of the different powers chartered 30 boats and under the escort of the British gunboat Teal they made the trip to Ichang, the head of steam navigation. The journey occupied 10 days. The Allans' boat was a small one, but there were 12 people in it and the other boats equally were crowded.

Delayed by Whooping Cough
At Ichang all the refugees except the Allans took steamer for Hankau. The Allans were refused passage on account of the children's cough. After a few days' wait they got passage on the German tanker Mary Ann. At Hankau, they boarded a British steamer which carried them to Shanghai, where they boarded the Manchuria.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Nowack and their three children were on Honan when the trouble began. They were ordered to leave by the foreign consuls. They traveled for two days by chair to the railroad. During the trip robber bands attacked their baggage bearers and robbed them, but did not molest the missionaries and did not touch their effects. Then followed a three days' journey in a boxcar, where they were jostled in with a large crowd of Chinese and household effects. The train landed them at Tientsin, where they took steamer for Kobe.

The refugees on the Manchuria included Dr. and Mrs. Allan and their three children, Rev. and Mrs. O. V. Armstrong and three children, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Clark and three children, C. W. Douglass, Mrs. H. S. Houghton and four children, Dr. and Mrs. Lovell and two children, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Nowack and three children, Mrs. M. V. Irwin and child and Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Mac Fadyen and two children.

EVERY EMPLOYE TO GET FAT TURKEY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—Fifteen men are now busily at work selecting 15 pound turkeys from the open market here and making ready for their distribution to the families of the 1,100 employees of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric corporation. Every employee, from the president to the men who dig the ditches in the streets, will receive a turkey as a Christmas present from the corporation. At the prevailing price of 25 cents per pound, it will cost the corporation \$4,125 to play Santa Claus this year to its employees.

STUDENT 18 YEARS OLD WEIGHS 298 POUNDS

Freshman Boasts of Being Biggest in Missouri
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Missouri's biggest student returned home today on his Christmas vacation. He is Arthur Metzger of Independence, who is 18 years old and weighs 298 pounds. Metzger is a freshman at the state university at Columbia.

MOTHER, DEAR, PLEASE PASS THE REINDEER

Horned Animal Will Soon Be Food, We're Told
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Reindeer meat from Alaska soon may be a food common to the American table. This opinion was expressed today by William F. Lopp, in charge of the government's reindeer service, who has just returned from a tour of inspection through Alaska on behalf of the United States bureau of education. "In taste reindeer meat is a cross between mutton and beef, but more palatable than either," Lopp said.

POSTMASTERS NAMED FOR TOWNS ON COAST

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Postmasters appointed: California—Delmar, San Diego county, H. W. Gardner, vice S. K. Weed, resigned. Arizona—Franklin, Greenlee county, J. F. McGrath, vice J. A. McGee, resigned.

SANTA TAFT'S PACK AM BUSTIN' WIDE

Hundred Turkeys Will Chant Glad Carols for White House Employees

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Taft continued his Christmas shopping tonight, visiting several downtown stores and making a few purchases. Washington was swept by a winter rain all afternoon and when the president ventured out it was in one of the White House automobiles.

A car with secret service men trailed close behind, but few people recognized the president's motor. With his purchases tonight the president practically completed his list, which includes friends all over the world.

Tomorrow the Christmas season at the White House really begins, for more than 100 fat turkeys will be distributed by the president to all married men employed around the building.

The president and his family plan to observe this Christmas day just as they have the other two they have spent in the White House. Miss Helen and Charlie Taft are at home, and Robert, the oldest son, will arrive tomorrow. Charlie is too old now for a Christmas tree, and probably will not hang up his stocking this year.

The White House dinner will be served at 7:30 and there will be no guests. In the course of the day the president probably will attend church, and if it is fair he will take a long walk with friends. Several gifts already have reached the White House, but have not been opened.

ATTORNEY ENACTS SCENE OF TORTURE

[Special Dispatch to The Call] OROVILLE, Dec. 22.—With the medical testimony upon which he was chiefly relying to prove his innocence completely shattered, the defense in the case of Arthur Lewis, charged with the murder of Helen Rumball, opened in a manner not at all fortunate for him today. Questions put by the attorney for the defense were taken as an indication that the defense is willing to consent to a manslaughter verdict if a conviction for murder can be avoided.

In his opening statement, Kennedy stated that he would base his case upon contested medical evidence showing that Helen Rumball could not have met her death in the manner claimed by the state, and that after Lewis left the state where the girl was tied and where he had taunted her, Mrs. Rumball went there several times and conversed with the girl. Thus far the medical evidence that he has introduced has sustained the position of the state rather than his theory. Mrs. Rumball, by whom the alibi is to be established, is jointly charged with Lewis with the murder of the girl.

A dramatic incident in the trial took place when Attorney Benjamin was bound to the post to which Helen Rumball was tied with the same rope that had been used on her. This rope went over the right shoulder and under the right arm, with his hands tied as her hands had been.

The case went over until Tuesday.

GOVERNMENT OF PERSIA BOWS TO RUSSIA

Shah's Cabinet Takes Dictatorial Stand After Clash With Parliament Over Ultimatum

DISMISSAL OF SHUSTER CAUSES DISAGREEMENT

American Treasurer Remains at Post and Hints at Probable Trouble at the Capital

CZAR'S MINISTERS DENY PROMISE TO WITHDRAW

By W. MORGAN SHUSTER

[Special Cable to The Call] TEHERAN, Persia, Dec. 22, 11 p. m.—The mejlis (parliament) appointed a plenary commission, minus the president of the mejlis, who refused to serve. It met the regent and cabinet yesterday to discuss Persia's action.

The cabinet today made a counter proposal to Russia, involving a modification of the second demand and unequivocal assurance that Russia will withdraw troops and make no further demands. Russian official sources deny that any assurance of the withdrawal of troops has been given.

It appears possible that the cabinet, finding the commission unyielding, is assuming dictatorial powers to concede the demands.

There is great unrest in Teheran, and it is impossible to foretell the events of the morrow.

Shuster Remains at Post [Special Cable to The Call] TEHERAN, Dec. 22.—Shuster continues to perform his duties, regarding himself and his American assistants as subject to the decision of the Mejlis, whose existence is gravely threatened by the cabinet's independent proposals to Russia made under the pressure of Russian forces.

The Persian cabinet has given to the Russian minister, S. Pokolovski-Kozell, verbal assurances of its intention to comply with the demands of the Russian ultimatum.

Persia Yields to Russia
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The Persian charge d'affaires called officially at the foreign office today and announced that Persia had yielded to Russia's demand. In an audience with M. Zasenoff, the foreign secretary, he formally declared that Persia would concede all points in the Russian ultimatum.

The fighting between the Russians and the Persians, which was reported from Tabriz yesterday, lasted throughout the day.

The Russian consul general has sent to headquarters a request for reinforcements in view of the danger to Russian subjects and the Russian property in the city.

The Russian Cossacks at Reah drove the Persians out of their position after considerable fighting. It was found that the Persians were armed with Russian rifles.

According to the dispatches received here, both at Tabriz and Reah, the fighting was opened by an attack on the Russians from a Persian ambulance.

A telegram received here from Teheran says that W. Morgan Shuster, the treasurer general of Persia, has been notified of his dismissal.

The Persian government has instructed the local authorities to cease hostilities and to enter into negotiations with the Russian consuls to restore normal conditions.

Shuster Slated to Go
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Persia today

\$46,000 STORE and APARTMENTS
Prominent corner, close in. Rents \$6,720 per annum. Mortgage of \$18,000 can remain. Car line crossing.
\$40,000 Hyde Street Transfer Corner
4 stores and apartments. Lot has three frontages.
Rent \$4,850 Per Annum
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