# AMERICA SPEEDS THROUGH NIGHT IN TRIAL TESTS

## Nasty South Wind Almost Wrecks Big Flyer Due to Attempt Flight Across Ocean —Flies Against the Winds.

HAMMONDSPORT, N. Y., June 25. —Wednesday night in a blackness that hid everything except the murky and the shimmering waters of lake Keuka, the flying boat America, which is destined to make aerial history next month by attempting to fly across the Atlantic sea, made two mysterious flights into the darkness.

A nasty south wind, which during a furious storm Wednesday afternoon almost wrecked the big flyer as she lay in the aviation field, buffeted the America with tremendous force as she flew like a swallow through the night and circled Bluff point with all the ease of a huge bird.

She experienced just a taste of what she must encounter when she begins her flight against the winds, the waves and the cross currents of the ocean, but she weathered her trials like a gull and traveled at the tremendous rate of 60 miles an hour as she did it.

An enthusiastic little crowd gathered in the hangar yards, saw the America put out into the night. She set forth under the full power of her two great engines. Two canoes lost in the darkness crossed her path and the searchlights from a half dozen motor boats began flashing here and there to warn the occupants of the frail boats to flee.

**Porte at Helm.**

John Cyril Porte, the English naval officer selected to pilot America on her hazardous voyage, was at the helm. Glenn Curtiss, builder of the great flying boat, and George Hallet, the lanky mechanician who is to do the hard work when the America is speeding toward England, were in the cabin with the Briton.

The motor boat lights found the canoes toiling mightily, but blindly to flee from the path of the onrushing monster and the little crowd on the shore set up a cry of alarm.

Curtiss, the man of the moment, saved the situation. With the greatest ease he lifted the America from the water. He shot her up 20 feet at a jump and cleared the terror-stricken canoeists by 30 feet.

Around Paradise hill and over Bluff point the great whale, again under the control of Porte, circled until she dropped to the waters surface and began scooting back home like a water spider. She was dimly visible in the deepening shadows of twilight.

**Flies in Darkness.**

The second flight was made in utter darkness. Water, sky and hillside alike were hidden. Sumner N. Hollander and William D. Gash, Rodman Wanamaker's personal representatives; Porte, Hallet, George Robinson and James Lamont, mechanicians, six men, were in the boat this time.

The Curtiss speed boat was sent out over the lake to warn dawdling canoeists and one-cylinder motor boats to seek shore. Heavily loaded and guided by nothing except her compass and the tiny beacon light on Bluff point, the America shot out into the night like an arrow. She rose to a height of 50 feet and circled the lake. Then she mounted to 100 feet and flew in great circles while the tiny fingers of the motor boat searchlights tried to find her.

For ten minutes at an average rate of 55 miles an hour, the America demonstrated that she knew the night as well as she knew the day. She flew as if it was her nature. Hollander and Gash immediately cabled Rodman Wanamaker in Europe that America was sure to be the first flying boat to cross the ocean.

**Storm Hits Boat.**

A tremendous storm Wednesday afternoon, sweeping south Pleasant valley like a hurricane, almost drove the America into the lake and to destruction. The gale tore her from her moorings and bent her huge planes like paper. Twelve men caught the prow ropes and tugged the America back to her moorings. But again she tore loose. The ropes were caught around the station posts and the 12 men struggled in the storm and furious rain to hold America to the ground. They fought for an hour almost exhausted and waited until the storm abated before abandoning their position at the sides of the great flyer.

Lloyd's, with whom Porte has been insured, have dropped their odds to five to one, and in the shops of the Curtiss factory there is much rejoicing. When the construction of the America was begun and Lloyd's figured the risk as a 47 to 1 chance, the mechanicians in the Curtiss shops pooled their individual fortunes to take the Lloyd's wager. They scraped together $2,000 and staked it all on the success of America.

# Theaters

**AT THE ORPHEUM.**

Probably the "big" scene, or at least the one that fairly takes hold and grips the auditor long after he has left the theater is the terrific fight put up by William Farnum as Roy Glenister and Thomas Santachi, the villianous schemer of the picture story, "The Spoilers," now being shown at the Orpheum.

It is doubly significant that both the national board of censors, and the Chicago local board, which is very exacting, saw the reflex of nature so admirably pictured and passed this big event as worthy of saving for it shows the very atmosphere of the rugged life in the conquest of a new country where conditions were primitive, and the situations altogether unusual.

It is said that the correct staging of this one scene has been the great draw back to the production of "The Spoilers" as a thrilling drama. The present producers have overcome all objections and a more realistic hand-to-hand struggle was never staged. Glenister's triumph and his savage exclamation at the finish: "I broke him with my bare hands" brings rounds of applause from the breathless spectators.

Kathlyn Williams is seen in one of the most dramatic roles. Thomas Santachi, who played Bruce in the "Kathlyn" pictures has a splendid part as has Bessie Eyton, who learns to love the man she has helped to wrong. In many respects this nine reel feature is one of the best productions ever turned out of the famous Selig studio and reflects great credit on players and producer.

**SHADOWED LIVES.**

The pictures at the Surprise theater today will include a Rex drama called "Shadowed Lives," telling of how a wife's drug habit sends a cashier to jail, featuring Robert Leonard and Edna Maison. "When the Wheels of Justice Clogged" is an unusually good Thanhouser with Boyd Marshall in the lead. The Mutual Weekly will also be shown. Some of the best subjects will be as follows: A feminine flight, Miss Ruth Law makes a perilous trip on Staten Island in a new biplane; railroads cars without wheels; a peculiar fire, an entire town destroyed by fire; Red Men visit New York; troops pouring into Texas; sea disaster costs 1,024 lives, Empress of Ireland sinks in Canadian waters with greatest loss since Titanic calamity, and other interesting events.

Tomorrow will bring "Our Mutual Girl" in reel No. 16. The current reel of this great series is full of interesting things and people too. For instance, Briggs of the Tribune, one of America's greatest cartoonists, meets "Our Mutual Girl" and draws her picture and you see him actually at work.

**"THE ELDER BROTHER."**

Today's offering at the Auditorium includes a two-reel Essanay drama entitled "The Elder Brother", featuring the popular actor, Francis K. Bushman. The story is an interesting one and semi-sensational. The Pathe Weekly of Current Events has a number of interesting scenes such as the earthquake in Italy in which eight towns were wiped out and 500 persons killed, 20,000 of Omaha's school children make merry with drills and games at Fort Omaha, the submarine tender Fulton is launched at Quincy, Mass., at Gosport, England; Shamrock IV., Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the America's cup, takes to the water while thousands applaud; the latest Paris styles in gowns and evening wraps are shown. "The Pie Eaters" and "He Wore A Wig" are two clever Lubin comedies, and "The Idiot" is a Biograph drama. Friday will be Vitagraph day when three two-reel subjects will be shown, "The Call", featuring Edith Story; "Too Many Husbands", with Sidney Drew in the cast and "The Prince of Evil", with Roger Lytton, Edith Story and Anita Stewart featured.

# BANKER HELD FOR MISUSE OF MAILS

**C. Hunter Raine Accused of Sending Fraudulent Statement in Mails.**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 25. — C. Hunter Raine, defaulting president of the Mercantile bank, whose trial is now pending for the alleged theft of nearly a million dollars, was arrested Wednesday afternoon by federal authorities on a warrant charging fraudulent use of the mails.

Raine gave himself up to the federal authorities, made bond and was released. He left for New York Wednesday night.

Raine is charged in the federal warrant with sending a fraudulent bank statement through the mails to the superintendent of banks of the state on Jan. 6, 1914.

# PROSECUTIONS OF N. H. MEN SURE TO RESULT

**Various State Officials Are Eager to Secure Transcripts of Evidence.**

WASHINGTON, June 25. — That there will be criminal prosecutions in the New Haven railroad case, whether the department of justice wants them or not, is indicated by the activities of prosecuting officials in some of the states through which the New Haven passes.

The district attorneys of several counties in Massachusetts and Rhode Island have written to the official stenographers who took down the New Haven hearings for a complete transcript of the testimony. District attorneys of some of the New York counties have also obtained transcripts. In response to a general demand the senate Wednesday passed a resolution providing for the printing of the Mellen and other New Haven testimony as a public road. Hundreds of letters have been received by senators and the interstate commerce commission asking for copies of the testimony, particularly that of Mellen.

The department of justice has never denied the reports that immunity had been promised the New Haven directors for their aid in dissolution proceedings and this is believed to be back of the attorney general's inactivity and his objection to Mellen taking the stand.


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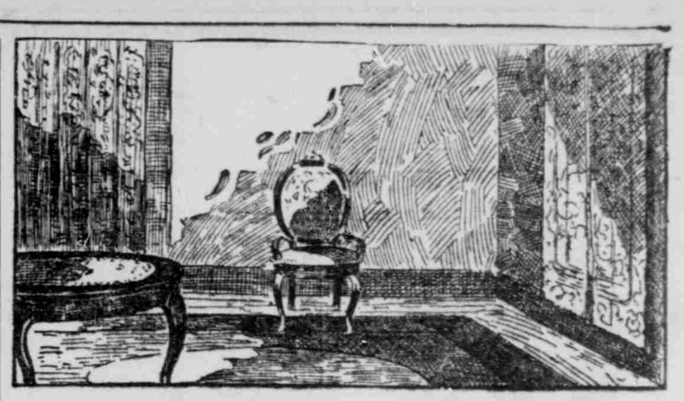

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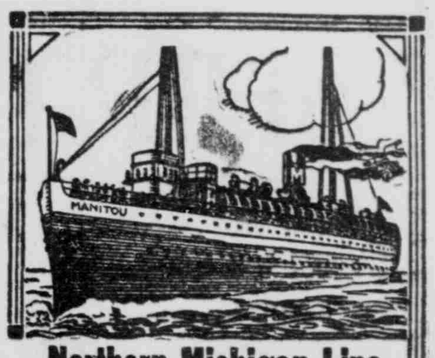


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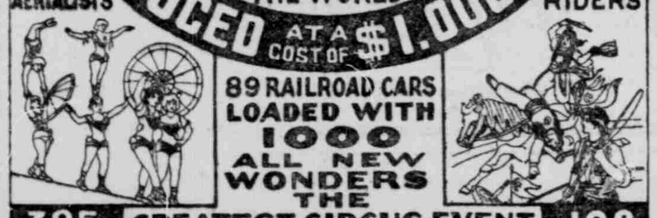

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