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## OREGON BIRD MAN FALLS TO DEATH

### Silas Christofferson Killed in Plunge With Military Tractor From Height of 100 Feet at Redwood City

Redwood City, Cal., Oct. 31.—Silas Christofferson, aviator and proprietor of an aviation school here, was killed at noon today by a fall from a military tractor which he was testing. He died at Redwood City hospital thirty minutes after his machine had plunged from a height of 100 feet. His chest was crushed and one rib splintered and penetrated the lung.

Christofferson's school has been established here only a few months, the aviator moving his factory equipment from Oakland after the local city council voted a \$20,000 bonus to secure the aeroplane factory.

Christofferson's death is the second fatality in the history of the aviation school, and the second within three days, as Henry Anderson, a wealthy Nevada rancher, who had just been granted a pilot's license at the aviation school, died Saturday afternoon after a fall from a plane he was using.

Portland, Oct. 31.—Silas Christofferson, the aviator who was killed today when his military tractor fell 100 feet at Redwood City, Cal., is a Portland man. He began here as an automobile mechanic, later handling the wheel of a racing automobile in several speedway contests at the old Montavilla course.

His first noteworthy aeroplane flight was made when he soared from the roof of the Multnomah hotel in a stiff gale of wind. This feat attracted nation-wide attention.

Later he perfected a flying boat on the Willamette river, a machine similar to the naval hydro-aeroplane of today.

He married Miss Emma Beeson, a Vancouver, Wash., girl, under romantic circumstances, which included an aeroplane honeymoon. Several years ago he established the American altitude record by flying from central to southern California, crossing the Tehachapi pass mountains. For days he battled with adverse air currents over the high mountains before succeeding.

Christofferson is the inventor of several gasoline engine carburetors and an improved motor. At one time he achieved fame by operating a flying ferry boat at San Francisco.

## FLEEING ARMY HALTS TO FIGHT

Berlin, Oct. 31.—General Mackensen's pursuing forces in Dobruja are engaged with the Russo-Roumanians for the first time since the enemy retreated from the Cernavoda-Constanza railway line. A dispatch received here today said that the Roumanians have re-formed their lines and are offering resistance on a line about 55 miles north of the railway. Sharp fighting began Sunday night, but has not yet assumed the proportions of a general engagement. It is believed here that the enemy is attempting a stubborn rear-guard action to effect the withdrawal of his artillery.

On the Transylvanian front the Roumanians have suffered heavily in a series of counter-attacks south of Vulkan pass. Only skirmishes are reported on the northern front.

## WILSON DENIES POSTSCRIPT TO LUSITANIA NOTE

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 31.—To drive home the final blows of his campaign for re-election, President Wilson will leave tonight for two days in New York state. From a political standpoint his address in Buffalo tomorrow night and in New York city Thursday promise to be of the highest importance.

The "home guards" of Buffalo and New York have promised unprecedented receptions at his afternoon and evening appearances in both cities.

With a personal statement from President Wilson, stating that no postscript to the Lusitania note was ever written or contemplated, and that he personally strengthened the protest, administration officials today felt the controversy growing out of the charges of Senator Lodge was definitely closed.

Beneath an exterior of optimism as to the election outcome, the president's lieutenants quietly profess some uneasiness at what they term unprecedented sums of money dispensed by the republicans "to check the tide to Wilson."

The democrats claim that the republicans have thrice as much money at their disposal as have the democratic managers. They point to national advertising as one means their opponents are using at the last minute. "To create false impressions. Lack of funds, say the democrats, makes it impossible for them to reply, and they claim to have just about enough money to settle the ordinary running expenses" of the campaign from now on.

Mrs. Will Fry and little daughter returned last night from Bray, Cal., where they visited for the past 10 days.

## BATTLE FOR SLAVS AGAIN VOTES OF 3 STATES

### New York, Indiana and Ohio Are Considered the Pivotal Ground in Next Tuesday's Presidential Election

New York, Oct. 31.—The battle for the pivotal states of New York, Indiana and Ohio is swinging into its final stages today as chairmen of both parties claim victories in each for their candidates.

Following a record reception in the Ohio capital yesterday, Charles E. Hughes started a two-day campaign in Indiana, with seven main speeches scheduled. President Wilson will leave Shadow Lawn tonight for his final drive in the empire state, with two big speeches scheduled, one in Buffalo and one in New York city. Colonel Roosevelt will leave tomorrow night for his first big drive in Ohio, with speeches in Cleveland and Toledo scheduled.

Meantime, verbal bombs exploded on both sides. The main point in this wordy battle was Senator Lodge's charge that a postscript had been proposed on the "omit-no-word-or-act" Lusitania note, but had been withdrawn because cabinet resignations had been threatened.

Senator Lodge brought up reinforcements on his claim, while George C. Warren, a republican elector of New Jersey, claimed Presidential Secretary Tumulty had prevented issuance of a postscript. This Tumulty denied.

## RUSSIANS RESUME OFFENSIVE IN VOLHYNIA, WHILE THE TEUTONIC ALLIES RENEW THEIR OPERATIONS IN GALICIA

### Russians Resume Offensive in Volhynia, While the Teutonic Allies Renew Their Operations in Galicia

London, Oct. 31.—Heavy fighting has broken out along the Russian front, while bad weather is hindering operations in the west. The Russians are attacking in strong force in Volhynia, while the Austro-Germans, reinforced by Turkish detachments, have taken the offensive in Galicia. Battles continued throughout yesterday from the region west of the fortress of Lutsk into the Carpathian forests, despite heavy snows. The Russian war office claimed the capture of Austro-German trenches west of Lutsk and the repulse of successive enemy attacks in Galicia.

The German war office, on the contrary, reported the fighting on the Kutzk sector resulted favorably to the Teutons and announced the capture of Russian positions on the east bank of the Narayuvka river in Galicia by the Turks.

On the Roumanian front the Roumanians continue to press their offensive in the Jiu valley and have captured 300 prisoners. It was officially announced at Petrograd. The German war office claimed the repulse of all Roumanian attacks and announced the capture of 9,992 Roumanian soldiers and 151 officers on the Transylvanian-Roumanian front since October 10.

## HUGHES FAVORS THE MAINTENANCE OF EVERY RIGHT

Columbus, Indiana, Oct. 31.—Heckled by a spectator who said he was "a personal admirer," Governor Hughes today declared in answer to a question of whether he would favor or oppose an embargo against shipments of munitions and of the passage of the McLeMore resolution warning Americans:

"I am in favor of the maintenance of every right, including the right of travel and the right of shipments. It is a very important right that we have as a neutral nation and it is very important at this time, when the great war is raging, we should vindicate neutral rights and maintain the integrity of international law.

"To my mind, it is a very thoughtless policy that would surrender any of these important rights because of any sentimental consideration, when we have the vast necessity of neutral commerce and the rights of neutrals to consider with respect to the future of the United States."

"We must consider our place as a great nation," said Hughes, "devoted to the interests of peace. When the crisis arrives, we may ourselves—though heaven forbid—be involved in difficulties, when these rights will be of the utmost importance. We have the right to buy. We must maintain the right to buy. We have the need, in the absence of merchant marine ships, of utilizing the facilities of travel, and we must protect American citizens in every right with respect to life, property and commerce as to all nations.

"What we want is an America standing for its own rights, facing the world, with a sense of justice, asking naught but that to which she is entitled, but fearless and courageous. We need an America four-squared to the world, commending itself by the firmness and consistency of its policies, vindicating the principles of international law and showing itself to all as the champion of the rights of neutrality.

"We do not want prosperity for a few, we do not want to advance for the benefit of the industrialists here and there who are specially favored in talent and opportunity. We want the man of great talent to have his chance, but it must be regarded as a chance of service. We want the humblest man in the community to feel that he has a chance and that his chance is a chance of service."

## INTERVIEWS WITH MEXICANS DENIED

Washington, Oct. 31.—Mexican Ambassador Arredondo today formally denied to Secretary of State Lansing the authenticity of an interview attributed to Mexican Commissioner Cabrera, given out by the Mexican news bureau here last Saturday.

Lansing accepted the explanation of the incident and said he considered it closed.

Upon instructions from General Carranza, Arredondo also told Lansing that the interviews with Carranza, General Obregon and Foreign Secretary Aguilar, appearing in the Outlook this week, were not given. The only interview that the Outlook secured, Arredondo said, was one from General Gonzales. Gonzales is quoted as saying he would prefer Hughes for president over Wilson. What he did say, according to Arredondo, was that whoever was elected, the Mexican government hoped for more cordial relations with the United States.

Chicago—Mrs. Scott Durand, famous owner of Crabtree stock farm, pleaded she was in a hurry campaigning for Hughes when arraigned for speeding. The judge was a democrat and fined her.

## FOODSTUFFS COST IS EVER INCREASING

### Probe Conducted in Chicago by Authority of Federal Attorney Shows Prices to Have Followed Flour

Chicago, Oct. 31.—An investigation into the continued increase in foodstuffs, conducted here by orders of Federal District Attorney Clynne, shows the following raise in price in various articles in a year:

- Canned tomatoes, 66 1/2 c per dozen to \$1.25.
  - Canned corn, fancy, 92 1/2 c per dozen to \$1.40.
  - Canned corn, standard, 75 c per dozen to \$1.15.
  - Canned string beans, fancy, 90 c per dozen to \$1.40.
  - Canned string beans, standard, 70 c per dozen to \$1.25.
  - Hand-picked navy beans, 8 1/2 c per quart to 12c and up to 25c.
  - Canned peas, standard, 60c and 75c per dozen to 95c.
  - Canned peas, fancy, \$1.15 and \$1.25 per dozen to \$1.40 and \$1.50.
  - Brick cheese, 14 1/2 c per pound to 23c.
  - Colored twin cheese, 15 1/2 c per pound to 22c.
  - Domestic Swiss cheese, 23c and 25c to 37c.
  - Potatoes, 95c per bushel to \$1.80.
  - Flour, \$5.90 per barrel to \$10.30.
  - Butter, 28c per pound to 35c and 40c.
  - Eggs, 26c per dozen to 34c and up to 37c.
- C. W. Hakes, buying manager of the Randolph Market company, which operates several large retail stores, said:
- "Increases are coming so fast that we can not keep up with them. The wholesalers seem to advance all prices in company to extreme quotations in flour. Wholesalers are holding back goods for higher prices, and are getting them."
- Most of the Chicago wholesalers refused to be quoted while the United States inquiry is on. Officials of Steel & Swedell company, however, attributed the increase in food prices to exportations to Europe and the hot weather in July and August and the early frost, which practically killed the tomato and potato crops in several states.
- "If the real condition in this country were known, a panic would result," said one wholesaler. "At present there is no relief in sight."

## SAYS WAR MAY LAST FOR 10 YEARS MORE

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—The war may last anywhere from one to ten years more, in the opinion of John D. Barry, San Francisco newspaper man, who returned here today after a year's absence in Europe, where he went as a member of the Ford peace party.

"The duration of the war is problematical," he said. "The leagued nations may, by helping each other out, continue the war indefinitely, making it really a war of exhaustion."

Recently Barry spent a month in Berlin.

"In Germany," he said, "Maximilian Harden, the great journalist, declares they have created an imaginary monster and called it President Wilson. But they are counting on Wilson to end the war."

