

OFFICIALS FEAR FOR SAFETY OF BRITISH FLIERS

Uneasy After 21 Hours of Silence From Giant Monoplane.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Officials of the air ministry were showing signs of uneasiness today after twenty-one hours of silence of the radio on Britain's giant Fairey-Napier monoplane, en route from Cranwell to Capetown, South Africa.

The big ship, with Squadron Leader A. G. Jones-Williams and Flight Lieutenant N. H. Jenkins aboard on a 6,000-mile nonstop flight, was reported last day off Sardinia, rushing on toward Africa. It should have been in the air more than twenty-nine hours this morning and have covered about half the distance to Capetown.

If the fliers were forced down in the wilds of Africa officials said there was little cause of worry as they are equipped with heavy sport rifles, knives and food for several weeks.

The route mapped by Jones-Williams and Jenkins provided hazards almost as great as ocean flying. They struck south from England over France and the Mediterranean to the African coast, presumably at Tunis, and then headed for a vast expanse of dangerous desert and jungle land on the way to Capetown.

Making 100 miles an hour, of which the big craft was more than capable, the fliers were scheduled to pass over the Sahara desert during the night and should have been more than 3,000 miles long on their trip today, probably flying some where in Nigeria.

BANK SERVICE COSTS LOWER, SAYS SPEAKER

Banking is the only agency in America today, selling its major product to the public at a lower, instead of a higher cost than fifty years ago, Charles N. Evans, assistant cashier of the Fifth Third Union Trust Company, Cincinnati, declared in an address before the Fletcher Trust Company's Men's Club Tuesday night.

He was the principal speaker at the annual Christmas party held in clubrooms at Market and Pennsylvania streets.

"We have created systems and shortened methods through which, without any sacrifice of essentials of accuracy and safety, one intelligent clerk in an hour can dispose of matter that in the old days would have engaged the better part of a day's work," Evans declared.

Francis Ohlyer, president of the club, presided, and Santa Claus distributed presents from a tree.

Professor to Be Speaker on 'Trend of Life'



Thomas Verner Smith
Professor Thomas Verner Smith will be the next open forum speaker at Kirshbaum Community center Sunday night. His subject is "The Trend of Modern Life."

Professor Smith holds the chair of philosophy at Chicago and is one of the modern philosophers who have done much to popularize his subject. He has contributed to numerous magazines and is the author of "The Democratic Way of Life" and "The American Philosophy of Equality."

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GERMANY BACKS MONUMENT FOR FLOYD BENNETT

Token of Gratitude to Be Memorial to Flier on Berlin Air Field.

By United Press
BERLIN, Dec. 18.—A movement to erect a monument to the late Floyd Bennett as a token of Germany's gratitude for his heroism in attempting to rescue the Bremen trans-Atlantic fliers was started today.

A committee was formed to sponsor the movement, and it was understood that Chancellor Herman Mueller had supported the proposal. President Paul Loebe of the Reichstag probably will accept chairmanship.

Bennett died of pneumonia, contracted when flying to the relief of the Germans, Captain Hermann Koehl and the late Baron Gunther Von Huenefeld, and their companion, Colonel James Fitzmaurice, who were forced down by Hurricane Island.

The memorial committee has proposed to build the Bennett monument at Berlin's Tempelhof airport.

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Faces Jail



A few years ago Joshua V. Thompson, Pennsylvania coal operator, had a fortune estimated at \$70,000,000. Now, broke because of business reverses, he faces a long term in jail unless he can raise \$130,000 by Dec. 21. Thompson is accused of taking money from trust funds left in his care, and must go to jail unless he can make up the shortage.

After an alleged attempt to force his wife to take poison today, Ray Alexander, 25, of 1328 North Delaware street, swallowed a quantity of the drug himself and is in serious condition at city hospital.

The wife told police her husband is jealous of her and that he beat her Sunday night. He is a traveling salesman and has been home since last Friday, she said. She declared he threatened to kill both her and himself Tuesday night.

SALEMAN TAKES DRUG

Church Class to Give Play

Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be presented by the Married People's class of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, Friday night, in the church auditorium, Thirteenth street and Central avenue. Mrs. Joseph Kettley is director of the cast.

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EX-GOV. FULLER IN BAY STATE'S SENATOR RACE

Situation Is Complicated Further With Silence of Coolidge.

By United Press
BOSTON, Dec. 18.—A statement made by Alvan T. Fuller was interpreted in some quarters today as the virtual announcement of the former Governor's candidacy for the senatorial nomination to succeed Senator Frederick H. Gillet.

Fuller was replying to a statement made in Washington by Gillet, who charged the ex-Governor

with "personal spite and deliberate misrepresentation through ignorance or malice," in connection with Fuller's criticism of Gillet's attitude in the Vare and Bingham cases.

"I haven't the slightest personal feeling toward Gillet or any other man," Fuller said. "We, Gillet and myself, belong to two different schools of thought. I am willing that the people of the state should take their choice. I should have voted against Vare and I would not have defended Bingham."

The situation has been complicated further by a movement to have former President Coolidge become a candidate.

President Robert Washburn of the Roosevelt Club formally asked Coolidge recently whether he would accept an unopposed nomination, but Coolidge declined to reveal his attitude.

On the modern piano it is possible to strike eighty-eight different notes. Yet scientists have found 11,000 different tones which can be told apart.

Extinguish Fire on Cruiser
By United Press
LORIENT, France, Dec. 18.—Fire broke out today on the cruiser

mine-layer Jules Verne, under construction at the French naval yards here. The blaze was extinguished before it caused serious damage.

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