

'FLYING SWEETHEARTS' MAY BORROW U. S. PLANE TO MAKE NONSTOP FLIGHT TO BAGDAD

James and Amy Mollison Ordered to Rest for Several Days After Arriving in New York; Met by Throng of 2,000.

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NEW YORK, July 25.—James and Amy Mollison not yet recovered from injuries received in a crash at Bridgeport, Conn., at the end of their trans-Atlantic flight, talked today of attempting to break the long distance record with a flight to Bagdad, Iraq, 6,000 miles away in a borrowed plane.

Their plan when they took off from Pendine Sands, Wales, Saturday in the Seafarer, was to fly to New York, thence to Bagdad, and then return to London. The crash seemed to have ended that plan.

"But they could not dismiss the ambitious project from their minds, and American friends urged them to borrow a plane.

Offered Winnie Mae

"Wiley Post offered us the Winnie Mae," Mollison said. "He said that we might take his ship anywhere we wanted."

His smile indicated that while he appreciated the offer he would not care to risk the famous round-the-world ship in a hazardous flight.

The flying Mollisons looked anything but fit when they arrived at Floyd Bennett airport from Bridgeport at 6:08 p. m. Monday as passengers in an amphibian.

Propped on pillows and accompanied by a nurse and two physicians, their arrival at their intended destination was not the triumphal one they planned.

Must Rest Several Days

The trip was not without ceremony. Four planes, including one flown by Frank Hawks, accompanied them, flying in formation, and a crowd of 2,000 cheered them at the airport. Two policemen made a chair with their hands to carry Amy from the plane to a waiting automobile. Mollison also was carried. He was heavily bandaged. The fliers were welcomed by Richard F. Hoyt and Mrs. Floyd Bennett.

The Mollisons were installed in a fourth-floor hotel suite. Their physicians said they must have complete rest for several days.

WAR VETERANS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ROBINSON

Senator Will Be Guest Sunday Afternoon at Homecoming Reception.

Plans for a homecoming reception for Senator Arthur R. Robinson by the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be advanced today, with the opening of headquarters at 227 North Illinois street.

All war veterans will be invited to participate in the reception and parade Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6.

Veterans in surrounding cities and towns have sent word to headquarters that they will participate. Louisville will send a large delegation, including a bugle and drum corps. Peru, Kokomo, Frankfort, Marion, Richmond and Columbus veterans have also indicated their intention of participating in the parade.

A meeting to formulate plans for the gathering will be held in the new headquarters Thursday night.

HITS POLICE RADIO CAR

Roy Moore, 29, Held as Reckless Driver After Collision.

Roy Moore, 29, of 250 North Tacoma avenue, was arrested today following collision of his automobile at "Highland and Vermont streets with a police radio car on its way to a city plant.

The police car overturned. The policemen were not injured, but stated Moore on charges of reckless driving, failure to have a driver's license, and failure to give a police car right of way.

FUND SHOWS BALANCE

\$2,691,381.02 Left in Treasury, State Auditor Announces.

The state general fund's fiscal year closed on June 30 with a balance of \$2,691,381.02, it was announced today at the state auditor's office.

The City in Brief

WEDNESDAY EVENTS

Lions Club, picnic, Forest park, Noblesville.
Purdue Alumni Association, luncheon, Severin.
League for the Hard of Hearing, Stokes building, luncheon, 7:30 p. m.
American Legion, luncheon, Board of Trade.
Cost Accountants, Washington, 8 p. m.
Kappa Club, luncheon, Columbia Club.
Home Builders, Washington, 8 p. m.
Apartment Owners, luncheon, Washington.

Entering the residence of J. S. Knight, 5432 University avenue, Monday, a burglar stole a watch and wearing apparel valued at \$90, Knight told police today.

Miss Jessie Hawk, employee of the Zimmer-Warmoth Engraving Company, 501 Printcraft building, reported to police that \$30 was stolen from her desk while she was out of the office Monday.

Assumption school will give a benefit card party at 2:30 Wednesday at the hall, 1105 Blaine avenue, with Mrs. Edward Connell and Mrs. Robert Fort in charge. The public is invited.

"Chart Chatter" will be the subject of an address by William H. Hutchison of Siderer, Van Riper & Keeling at Thursday's luncheon of the Advertising Club of Indianapolis in the Columbia Club.

Harold Morgan, 34, Negro, 2739 Columbia avenue, city fireman at engine house No. 1, on Indiana avenue, near Michigan street, was injured Monday night when he stumbled against a glass door at his home. He was cut on the left arm and side.

Former residents of Harrison county, now living in Indianapolis, will meet in reunion Sunday at Garfield park. A program has been arranged for the day.

Annual picnic of Big Four railroad veterans and their families will be held Saturday, from 1 to 6 p. m., at Riverside park, officers of the Big Four Veterans' Association announced today.

History and purposes of the Woman's Relief Corps was outlined in a golden jubilee program broadcast over WKBF at 1 this afternoon.

WEARS GLOVES IN JULY: EXPLAINING TO POLICE

Ex-Convict Is Arrested on Charge of Vagrancy as Burglar Suspect.

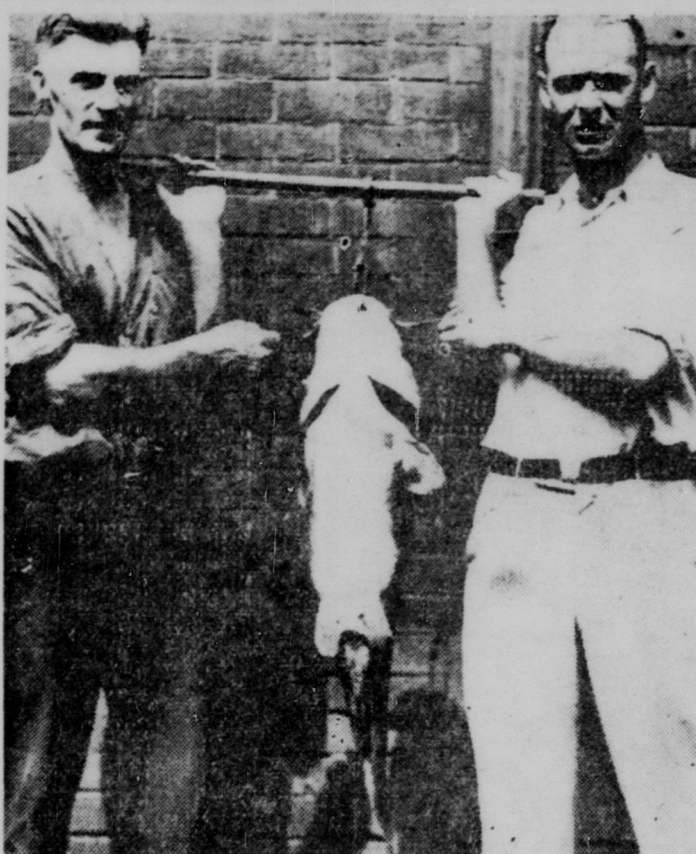
Charles La Follette, 31, of 732 South Missouri street, paroled convict, was held in city jail today on a charge of vagrancy and trespass, following his arrest early in the day as a burglar suspect.

La Follette was seized by David Glazier, 719 South Illinois street, and Charles Webster, 722 South Illinois street, who called police and charged they saw La Follette lurking beside the front porch of Glazier's home.

Wearing a pair of lightweight gloves when arrested, La Follette was charged by police with wearing them to keep from leaving fingerprints if he attempted burglary.

He was paroled from the Indiana state prison two months ago after serving nine years for robbery, police said.

SUGAR CREEK YIELDS MONSTER FISH



No, you are wrong, this monster was not caught in Michigan or Wisconsin, but in Sugar creek, just south of Franklin. The two anglers are Charles Wirick and Red Reno. Wirick hooked him, and battled thirty minutes before he maneuvered him into position for Reno to snap a pair of pliers on to its lower jaw and bring him in.

The fish weighed twenty-one pounds, and measured 35½ inches.

REFRIGERATOR COIL BLAST PERILS TWO

Injury Avoided as Fumes of Gas Fill Plant.

Bursting of a coil in the cooling chambers of the Banquet Ice Cream Company, 1214 Southeastern avenue, today released 150 pounds of ammonia, but two men installing the coil avoided serious injury.

Jess Nicholson, 50, of 3844 East Michigan street, engineer at the plant, was struck on the head by the flying coil. Nicholson was working with Robert Spear, 19, of 3560 North Capitol avenue, installing the coil.

Spear was overcome by the ammonia. Nicholson, dazed from the blow when struck by the coil, managed to stagger into the engine room and call for help. Rescuers pulled Spear from the cooling chambers.

A police radio car, on its way to the plant, overturned at Highland and Vermont streets. Neither patrolman Joseph Kominsky nor patrolman Noble Welch was injured.

CARRIERS HEAR CROSBY

Times Lyric Show Today Is Seen by Hundreds of Youngsters.

More than a thousand embryo Bing Crosby live in Indianapolis today, since all The Indianapolis Times boys and girl carriers saw "College Humor" at a special showing at the Lyric this morning.

The carriers were crooning as they left the theater after being the guests of Henry K. Burton and Ted Nichols of the Lyric.

Every seat on the lower floor of the theater was occupied by cheering youngsters, who seem to have made Bing Crosby and Jack Oakie their idols.

The carriers marched from The Times office to the Lyric under police escort.

CITY FILES PETITION

Water Rate Case Action Expected to Clear Up Procedure.

Petition by the city to intervene in the Indianapolis Water Company's federal court rate case was to be presented to Judge Robert C. Baltzell today.

This is expected to clear various legal entanglements. For two legal entanglements. For two months the city has presented evidence in the case, its attorneys serving as assistants to the attorney-general.

Water company attorneys have objected to this procedure, arguing the city should become a party to the case or get out.

ALLEGED LADDER FANCIER NABBED BY DETECTIVES

Man of Many Aliases Is Accused of Taking Even Dozen.

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Jack's father, H. B. Watson, was one of the ladder thief's victims, it seems.

Some time ago a man walked up to the Watson house and explained that he was working on a house a few doors down and had been instructed to ask if he could borrow the Watsons' extension ladders. The Watsons complied. Nevermore, as the raven cried, did the Watsons see that ladder.

And in rapid order, from north side homes, came reports of stolen ladders, all taken on similar pretenses. One woman reported that the ladder taken from her house had been one she had borrowed from a neighbor.

Then came the last straw. Two men were picking cherries in a tree on Boulevard place. Their ladder was perched along the trunk when a man walked up and asked if he could use it for a few minutes.

Alight Much Later

The men nodded assent and off went man and ladder, never to return.

The tired pair alighted—much later—and made a vociferous complaint to police. Two detectives alight were trying to find the ladder thief. Two more were seeking a gasoline siphoning thief and they were beginning to believe they were after the same man.

One of the detectives, going back over his ground, told little Jack Watson to look for a small automobile bearing a known license number and give the word when he sighted it.

Monday afternoon, Jack spotted the car in the 4500 block on Carrollton. He dashed up to John A. Deery, 48, of 4552 Carrollton, who called police immediately.

A police radio car made a hurry-up dash, but the car was gone. Jack, however, had watched the car move.

Clothing in Car

"He headed straight south," he told the police. Off went the police car. In the 3300 block of College avenue they met Sweeney. Off to jail he went. In his car were several pieces of clothing, none of which, police say, belongs to him. In the car, they said, was a tell-tale gasoline can.

Sweeney, they say, already has given approximately thirty addresses. He lives at none of them, police say.

But they have hopes of getting him to break down—especially when they bring in the two fellows who sat up in that tree.

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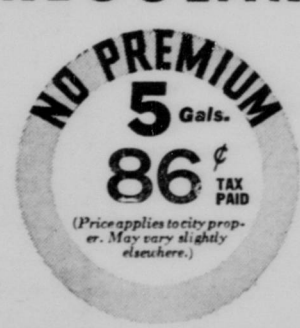
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Doug and Mary—No. 2

Doug and Mary Realize Their Great Ambition, Before Romance Crashes

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HOLLYWOOD, July 25.—Pickfair, the \$400,000 mansion where Screenland first went high hat, is for sale.

It was built a dozen years ago for the perpetual honeymoon of Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford. Mary lives there alone now, waiting for some one to come along and buy it.

With Fairbanks in Europe and their divorce in the offing, "America's Sweetheart" smiles through the tears in realization that even the best of things must end—just as did her "perfect romance" with the agile movie hero.

Pickfair was built soon after Mary and Doug, an idyllic pair of newlyweds, returned from their famous honeymoon to the Painted Desert in 1920. It was not a pretentious home at the start, but as their social responsibilities grew the house grew apace.

The name Pickfair was given it by a Hollywood wag. It stuck, although Doug didn't like it and threatened to horsewhip the author—if he could find him.

Marriage did not alter the almost childlike devotion of Fairbanks and his film queen bride.

For six years they dined together every night. For ten years they hardly were separated.

DOUG joined the Masons in the sixth year of the great romance. The initiation required him to be at the lodge rooms for dinner. Mary moped all day and couldn't touch her food.

While Pickfair was building, the master and the mistress were busy with their professional fortunes. Both long had cherished

a desire to form their own producing companies. The widely publicized marriage offered an opportunity to leap into the fickle whirlpool of motion picture financing.

Charlie Chaplin and Gloria Swanson came in with them and United Artists Corporation was organized. Of all the great stars, who have left lucrative contracts to make their own pictures, the United Artists four were among the very, very few who succeeded.

Possibly this very love of their work, and the heady incense of success, made them succeed all the more. Both made the kind of pictures they always had wanted to make. Mary produced "Annie Rooney," "Daddy Long Legs" and others of the sweet girl type that made her the most famous actress in Hollywood's history.

Doug concentrated on "gigantic" tales that never have been equalled in scope and imagination. "Robin Hood," "The Thief of Bagdad," "The Black Pirate" and "The Gaucho" were a few.

But making movies is only the start, as the lovers soon learned. Once a picture is finished, it must be exhibited if it is to return a profit. To do this, the big companies had world sales organizations. Mary and Doug had to build their own, and they had many heartaches.

IN their happiness they laughed at cares. Every free moment Doug spent on Mary's set. He couldn't take his eyes from her. Like a boy, he would stand on one foot and grin at the winsome girl in curls, who bestowed on him her most dazzling smiles. He would back off the set, still grin-

ing. Usually, he stumbled over something. Love scenes mean no more to actors than fist fight scenes—both are harmless. But Mary and Doug didn't feel that way. Their love was different, and a lot stronger.

In Mary's pictures there was little kissing. They were not that type. Doug, though, was called upon for many a passionate embrace with his various leading women, such as Billy Dove and Marguerite de la Motte.

These clinging embraces, the "hot ones," always were made on Sundays. That was Mary's free day. The pictures always showed Doug doing his stuff while the leading lady turned her back to the camera.

Because the leading lady, in those scenes, was Mary Pickford.

Next: The great romance begins crumbling.

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