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Expects Support.

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An official of the United States government who has just returned from abroad said he was surprised to learn that the Whitlock presidential boom has not yet been "sprung" in the United States. It is a matter of very little interest and speculation "over there," this official stated. He also said that when the subject was broached to Whitlock before his departure for America he frowned on the suggestion but that in spite of his unwillingness to appear in the role of a candidate his friends in the overseas service are determined to see that his name goes before the national convention.

Nomination Arguments.

Arguments for the nomination of Whitlock will be as follows:

1. That he is thoroughly familiar with all of the intricate international problems which will have to be encountered and solved during the next four years, his services as minister to Belgium during and after the war having given him an insight into the international situation that no other one of the proposed candidates possesses.

2. That he is thoroughly and essentially progressive and in tune with the advancing sentiment of America on all public questions.

3. That there would really behind him a literary support of writers for magazines, newspapers, etc., that would be a most formidable influence in molding public opinion in favor of his candidacy.

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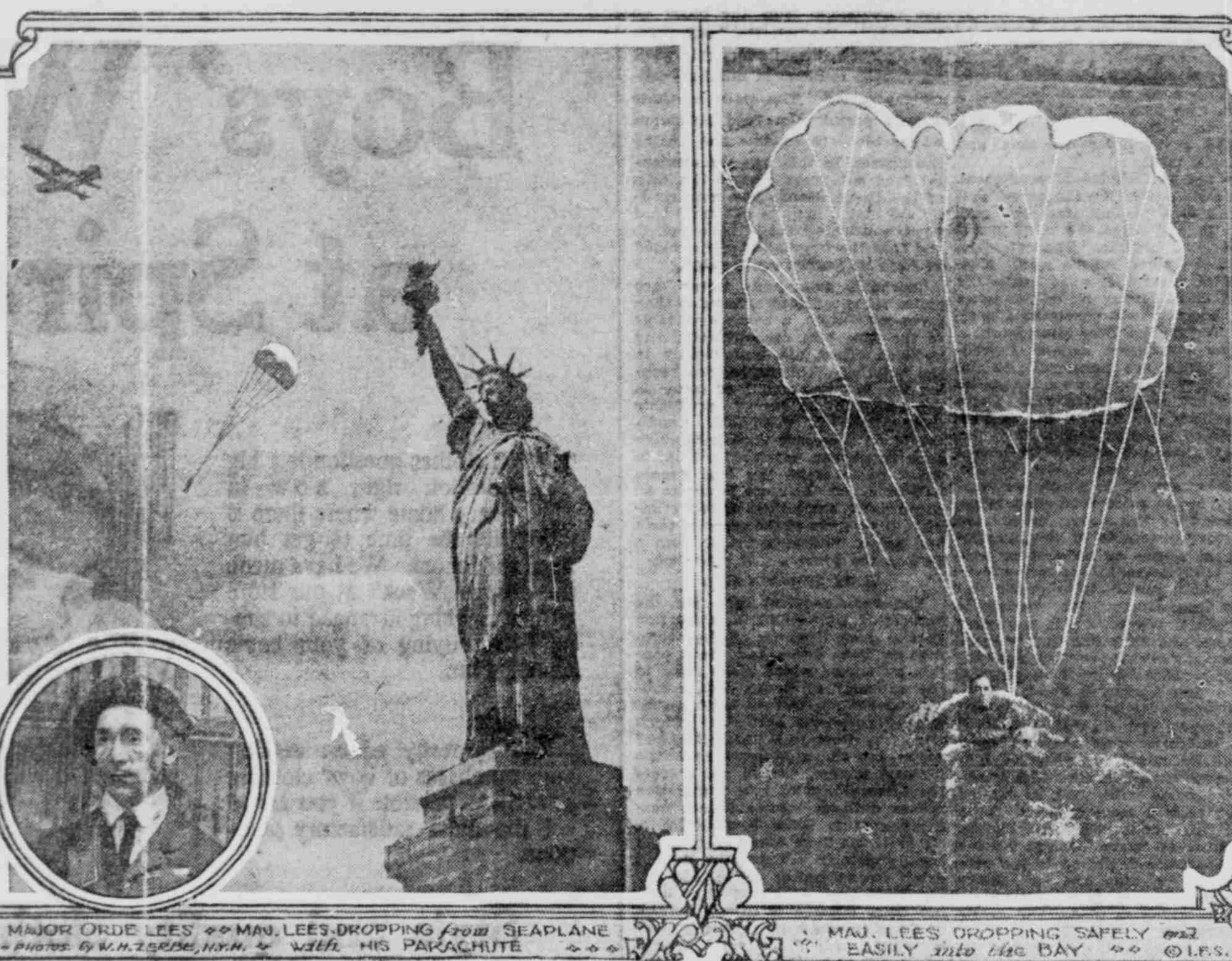
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