

U. S. AIR MEN ALL FUSSED UP OVER SITUATION

Suit of Henry Woodhouse to Prevent Amalgamation of Clubs Raises Duce.

AMERICAN FLYING CLUB AERO CLUB OF AMERICA

Had Merger All Arranged When Mr. Woodhouse Stepped in and Secured His Injunction.

By Raymond C. Carroll
New York, Aug. 12.—There is no calculating the amount of damage a stubborn man able to hire a lawyer can do to the best of well-laid plans. Henry Woodhouse, long an active factor in the aviation realm and publisher of "Flying Aces" and "Aerial Age" is the latest stumbling block of this sort. His recent suit against the Aero Club of America and its committee to prevent its amalgamation with the American Flying Club, has roused some of our flyers to the pitch of white anger, and stirred them up as nothing since their final encounter with the German "flying circus" before the armistice was signalled over.

A joint committee of the two aviation clubs had perfected a plan of organization which was submitted to and accepted by the board of governors of both clubs. Included in the aeronautical journals "The Power" and "Aerial Age" is the latest stumbling block of this sort. His recent suit against the Aero Club of America and its committee to prevent its amalgamation with the American Flying Club, has roused some of our flyers to the pitch of white anger, and stirred them up as nothing since their final encounter with the German "flying circus" before the armistice was signalled over.

The American Flying Club was formed in France at the close of the war by the flyers of the American Expeditionary Force. It was a club, in which flyers and not commercial interests dominated, would bring the best results to the cause of aviation. There are about 1300 members on the rolls including Major General Charles T. Mencher, chief of the Army Air Board, who commanded the Forty-second Division in France; Brigadier General William Mitchell, Captain W. C. Sherman and the following American aviators—Douglas Campbell, Charles J. Biddle, Harold E. Hartney, Lansing K. Holden, Elliot Springs, William Thew, Edward C. Clausen, Clayton Bissel and Eddie Rickenbacker.

It has an extensive clubhouse in East Twenty-eighth street off Fifth avenue and here can be found the men who as pilots know "cloudland" from experience and adventure up there. On the other hand the Aero Club of America has been preaching aeronautics for fifteen years, and has a subdued sort of headquarters at Forty-first street and Madison avenue, with about 400 members, many of great wealth like Vincent Astor. I ask Mr. Woodhouse for the reasons of his fight against the merger.

"Personally, I have spent over \$50,000 of my own money in the last nine years building up the Aero Club. For those two reasons, I would oppose the merger. But there is a still deeper reason—I may say this, there are certain documents, records and letters in the possession of the Aero Club which I rather think three manufacturers who are interested in the Flying Club would like to get possession of. That is all I care to say for the moment. I have the support of five of our governors and about a hundred members, and my friends are growing particularly since my suspension as a governor."

"BOBBY" LEACH WILL TRY AGAIN

Only Man to Successfully Shoot the Falls Anxious to Repeat the Act.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 12.—Application from nearly thirty men and women have been received by the mayors on both sides of the Niagara River asking for permits to go over the Falls. They are being told that they will not be allowed. Meantime Bobby Leach, who successfully performed the feat some years ago, advises that he will go over August 29.

If you don't get your paper on time, every day, and in good condition Kick Like a Bay Steer. If any of our subscribers are not getting their paper as they should we shall deem it a great favor if they will call Mr. Fenton at The Standard office, as we are determined that they shall have the very best service possible.

The Standard's 'Phone is Main 1910.

Get the Habit of Calling up.

CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN BODY OF AMBROSE SMALL

French Impresario Says He Saw Body in a Paris Morgue Two Weeks Ago.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—(By Canadian Press)—The representative of La Presse at New York has just received a letter from Paris from Louis P. Verande, an impresario, well known as a stage rin Montreal, which throws some light on the disappearance last December of Ambrose J. Small, the millionaire theatre magnate. Mr. Verande was introduced in Toronto to Mr. Small, and now claims to have seen his body at the Paris morgue some weeks ago. These bodies are sometimes kept for a long time before inhumation and Mr. Verande, who is fairly positive of his identification of the body as that of Mr. Small, says he will make further enquiries.

BELIEF POLAND WILL ACCEPT THE TERMS

One Clause Demands That Workers be Armed as Guarantee to Rights of Proletariat.

Moscow, Aug. 12.—(By Wireless to London)—That the armistice terms drawn up for Poland by Soviet Russia include a clause demanding that the workers be armed as a guarantee to the rights of the Polish proletariat, was indicated in semi-official information gained here today.

It was said that, while Russia acknowledges such a demand is unprecedented in history, the Soviet considered the action necessary for the safety of Russia and at the same time to provide a militia adequate for the national defence and which it would be impossible to use for imperialistic ends.

The general impression, semi-officially expressed here, is that Poland will accept the armistice terms proffered her by the Soviet Government. Synopsis of the terms as they were received by Leo Kameneff, the Soviet emissary in London, was made public in London Tuesday. The resume then published made no reference to a clause providing for arming of the Polish workers.

BANDIT SASSOFF TO BE TRIED AT LETHBRIDGE

Identified by Conductor of Train as Man Who Handled the Gun—Said to Have Made Confession.

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 12.—The preliminary hearing of the bandit Bassoff will take place in Lethbridge either on Saturday or Monday. Witnesses will be brought here from Bellevue rather than taking the risk of sending Bassoff among his friends in the Pass for the holding of the preliminary trial.

Conductor Sam Jones, who was in charge of the train held up a week ago last Monday, today identified the man held in the cells here as the bandit who handled the guns and who shot at him when he reached for the bell cord to stop the train.

Bassoff is stated to have made a full confession to the police, stating that Arnoff, the third bandit, is now on the British Columbia mountains, near Michel or Fernie, and that he has most of the swag from the hold-up. The police will not, however, make the confession public until the preliminary hearing.

ALIED UNION MUST NOT BE DISSOLVED

French Premier Says a Union Forged Amidst Such Severe Trials Will Always Hold.

Novon, France, Aug. 12.—Premier Millerand, in the course of a reception at the city hall today on his trip through the liberated regions, after declaring that France placed no consideration above the idea of national reconstruction continued:

"The Allies are united and will remain so. There are unavoidable differences, due to the difficult character of the nations, but their bond of unity was forged amidst severe trials and a union firmly formed in such conditions must not be dissolved."

FOOD INSPECTORS BUSY IN MONTREAL

Since January They Have Seized As Unfit for Consumption, 191,923 Pounds of Food Stuffs.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—Since January 1st, the city food inspectors have seized as being unfit for human consumption a total of 191,923 pound of various kind of foodstuffs. This represents a loss of approximately six ounces of food per person per year for the 850,000 people in Greater Montreal.

CHARLES PONZI SURRENDERS TO U. S. MARSHAL

Turns a Trick on State Authorities by Giving Himself up to Federal Officers.

REACHES END OF SPECTACULAR CAREER

Ponzi's Liabilities Disclosed Are in Excess of the One and Half Millions He Admits.

Boston, Aug. 12.—Charles Ponzi, whose spectacular career as an investment banker was cut short by the authorities, today surrendered to the United States Marshal and was placed under arrest. He was charged with having used the mails in a plan to defraud. With State action against him expected, the young Italian financier turned a trick by putting himself in the custody of the Federal authorities at the moment that the State Police were petitioning a Municipal Court judge to issue a warrant for his arrest.

Ponzi was apparently alive to what was imminent and, leaving his Lexington home early this afternoon, hurried to the office of the marshal and asked to be taken into custody. A warrant charging him with misuse of the mails was immediately served. His arraignment followed. Ponzi pleaded not guilty and was held in bail for \$25,000 for a hearing August 19. He said that he would furnish surety.

State Will Act.
The surrender of Ponzi did not deter the State authorities from their purpose to obtain his arrest. It was said that their charge would be larceny, and the hearing continued while Ponzi waited for bail at the Federal building. Commissioner Jos. C. Allen, who yesterday closed the Hanover Trust Company, alleging illegal operations in connection with Ponzi's affairs, this afternoon issued a statement declaring that the capital of the trust company was not only impured, but in his opinion probably wiped out. Ponzi was a large shareholder in the Hanover Trust Company and resigned from the board of directors yesterday.

Liabilities.
The anxiously awaited statement on Ponzi's liabilities, as determined by reports to Attorney General J. Weston Allen by note holders, was forecast today. The Astor Trust-General said: "Ponzi's liabilities already disclosed are in excess of the \$1,500,000 which he admits. We have 800 letters which have not been opened, and it is my opinion that practically all of these letters contain Ponzi notes. More than 200 note holders have been here this morning, and the rush is going on steadily."

MACKENZIE KING AGAIN WIELDS THE GUGGEL

Strikes Out at Premier Meighen But His Blows Like Effervescence.

Pasley Ont. Aug. 12.—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, chief speaker at a mass meeting of Bruce County Liberals in Pasley's beautiful Riverside Park this afternoon devoted considerable time to replying to Premier Meighen's address at Stirling yesterday. He scolded the Premier's attitude toward the country, large as automatic and lofty picturing him as walking down the middle of a highway, ignoring those on either side.

"I am reminded," he said "of the Pharaoh who led to the middle of the road without allowing his garments to be touched by suffering humanity. There was another figure in that parable, and if Mr. Meighen wishes to play the role of the Pharaoh, I am content that the party I lead shall take the part of the Good Samaritan and do what it can to bind the wounds and better the conditions of humanity."

Besides the Liberal leader in the Federal house, the list of speakers included Hartley Dewar, K. C., M. P.; F. F. Pardoe, M. P.; West Lambton and T. H. Marshall, M. P. for Toronto. The chair was occupied by A. P. Mewhinney, M. P. for South Bruce. It was a hot day, but the 1,500 people who attended heard the speeches from very comfortable seats arranged under the shade of huge spreading elms. The town gave a warm welcome to the visitors.

The rally was arranged by the North and South Bruce Reform Associations and was more or less in the interests of R. E. Truax, M. P. for South Bruce, victor for his party in eleven previous contests, but now about to be matched for the first time against a U. P. O. candidate.

POLISH PEACE COM. RETURN TO WARSAW

Warsaw, Aug. 12.—The Polish peace mission is said to be on its way back to Warsaw. Reports received here indicate that the delegation is passing through towns and villages occupied by Bolshevik forces. The local Jewish parish populations are said to be already setting up Soviet and Communist governments.

ARREST LORD MAYOR OF CORK

Cork, Aug. 12.—The Lord Mayor of Cork and ten of his associates were arrested by soldiers today while attending a session of the Sinn Fein court in the city hall. They were taken to the military barracks.

JARVIS THROWS COLD WATER ON CUP CHALLENGE

The Commodore Thinks Ross Very Foolish to Go Ahead With Plans He Has Mapped Out.

N. Y. Y. C. WOULD NOT ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Must be Assured of Guarantee to Carry Out Plans and Would Not Depend on Popular Subscription.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—A special despatch to the Montreal Star from Toronto says in an interview with Aeneas Jarvis today in reference to him going in with Mr. Ross if the Canadian claim challenge for the America Cup is accepted by the New York Yacht Club. Mr. Jarvis would not give a direct answer to the question, but evaded it in such a way that gave the impression he was not very much in favor of the challenge and would not be far from his mind but that they came as a surprise, that before making his first announcement of a proposal for a challenge, Mr. Ross had a talk with Mr. Jarvis on the matter. At that time Mr. Jarvis told Mr. Ross he thought he was foolish to go ahead with such plans. That pretty well shows what Mr. Jarvis' stand is on the matter.

"What do you think of the plan to raise the money by popular subscription?" Mr. Jarvis was asked.

"Not very much," was the answer. "Do you think the challenge will be accepted by the New York Yacht Club?"

"I do not."

"For what reasons?"

"I will explain. As you know well the challenge for the cup means the expenditure of much money. To defend it costs just as much, if not more. I feel that the New York Yacht Club is not likely to accept a challenge from a club unless that club will guarantee that they will carry out the terms of the guarantee. By taking a popular subscription there is no certainty that enough money will be raised and the thing may fall flat. If it does and the New York Club has gone ahead with their plans and spent much money it would not be fair to them. I think the New York Club of high standing would care to accept such a responsibility. The challenge is a very formal thing. It would have to be considered carefully by the New York Club, and there is no doubt in my mind but that they would, knowing the conditions under which the money was being raised, ask for a guarantee from the challenging club and there would be no failure in meeting the terms of the challenge."

"I notice that a suggestion has been made that the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto should challenge?"

was the question then asked.

"That would not be the terms of the America Cup call for challenges only from salt water clubs. As the R. C. Y. C. is a fresh water club, their challenge—if one was made, and I am sure none will—would not be accepted."

Judging from the tone of Mr. Jarvis' conversation he was not at all pleased with the suggested challenge.

SARNIA ENTERTAINED PRESS DELEGATES

Lord Burnham Tells People They Were All Proud of Great Britain.

Sarnia, Ont., Aug. 12.—Delegates to the Imperial Press Conference and members of the Empire Press Union left Sarnia tonight by the steamer Hamonic, after what they termed one of the best days since they arrived in Canada. Sarnia was the first city in Canada to provide decorations in honor of the visitors. Viscount Burnham, speaking at a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce in his honor said: "We are proud of Great Britain and not ashamed of the British Empire. It stands for peace, justice and liberty and has nothing in common with the ramshackle Empires of the past."

Viscount Burnham referred to the spirit of co-operation and the following which had the interests of the commonwealth at heart as the only means by which a British citizen could become of the highest type. The tour from coast to coast is still maintaining its schedule and despite the fact that the Hamonic left Detroit twelve hours late, it was able to leave this port tonight on time.

PONZI'S BAIT CAUGHT FORTY THOUSAND FISH

Nearly \$20,000,000 Entrusted to Him in His Wild Money Making Scheme.

HIS SCHEME MOST PLAUSIBLE

Most of the Millions Gathered In After U. S. Authorities Began Investigations Last February.

Boston, Aug. 12.—Some forty thousand investors entrusted a total estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to Ponzi in his money-making scheme which United States postal officials tonight declared to be absolutely impossible of fulfillment. Ponzi's field appears to have included New England and New Jersey. The line that formed daily in Pl Alley, at the rear of Ponzi's school street office, appears to have been far from representative of his clients. This was made up largely of foreigners who were more interested in getting their money than in protecting their reputations as wise speculators.

Many Caught.
Anxious inquiries at the newspaper offices and feverish conversations in downtown restaurants indicated that the proprietors of small businesses, professional men and women, clerks and stenographers by thousands, accepted the bait of '50 per cent. profit in 45 days.' Agents working on offices and factories interested large numbers, particularly among the Italians. The mystery of Ponzi's methods added to the attractiveness of his promises. It is said that in many cases the possibilities of profitably exchanging United States dollars for French francs and for Italian lire, and the variety that money could be made, seemed plausible enough without a clear comprehension of just how the thing worked out. Among the amazing disclosures was that the bulk of Ponzi's millions were gathered in after the Post Office Department had begun its investigation last February. In discussing the Ponzi case, tonight, Chief Post Office Inspector Mooney said that, so far as their investigation had gone, Ponzi had never done any business in international reply coupons. He said that he had warned individuals of people against Ponzi when inquiries began to come in last February that money could be made to manipulate or speculate in international reply coupons in any such manner as they alleged Ponzi had explained to them.

Official Statement.
Continuing, Mr. Mooney said: "The entire issue and redemption of international reply coupons throughout the postal union for the past six years would not aggregate more than \$100,000,000. The millions of them that would have been necessary to make the fortune he claimed to have amassed in the past few months without the knowledge of the officials of the government and of the Postal Union."

"Some countries, fearing speculation or manipulation of the coupons, discontinued their issuance or redemption some months ago, some of them, particularly Italy, prior to the time when Ponzi claims to have started his business."

"It would be foolish for Italy to redeem coupons at the great difference in the rate of exchange, for she would stand to lose the difference when the time came to settle accounts."

"Soon after our investigation was started, Ponzi was addressed by letter that coupons would not be redeemed in the United States except for legitimate postage holders, and postmasters throughout the country were instructed not to redeem them. The best evidence that he did not deal in coupons in foreign countries is the fact that he has never produced foreign customers or foreign coupons."

"The most amazing thing, and the thing which I am not able to understand, is why people invested their money with Ponzi. I can only attribute it to his personality. They invested in the man, not the business. Many of them heeded the warning, but, undoubtedly, there were many who gave him their money notwithstanding."

"We found it difficult to talk with some people, they were so impressed and believed so strongly that he was doing what he said he was doing."

"One of Ponzi's attractive features was the easy manner in which he talked millions instead of in hundreds of thousands."

PREMIER TO SPEAK AT TRURO, N. S.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—(By Canadian Press)—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister, and Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Militia and Defence, are bill to address a meeting at Truro, N. S. next Tuesday evening, in the interests of F. B. McCurdy recently appointed Minister of Public Works in the Meighen Cabinet.

STRUCK BY TRAIN AND LOSES FOOT

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 12.—John Olsen, a C. N. R. section foreman on the Sackville-Cape Tormentine branch lost his right foot this afternoon as the result of being struck by the Cape train.

SPLIT REPORTED IN RANKS OF CARSONITES

Large Proportion of Ulstermen Reported to Favor Dominion Home Rule.

London, Aug. 12.—A despatch to the Evening News from Dublin reports a significant split in the ranks of the followers of Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionist party. It states that a strong deputation of Ulstermen has gone to London to see Mr. Lloyd George and inform him that a large proportion of their following is prepared to sink their old prejudices and advocate an immediate offer to Ireland of Dominion Home Rule. Subject to Ireland remaining with in the Empire, the members adds, these men are willing to pledge themselves and their supporters to work for a united Ireland with one parliament.

ATTEMPT TO KILL PREMIER VENIZELOS

Attacked and Wounded Yesterday by Two Men as He Was Leaving the Lyons R. Station.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Premier Venizelos, of Greece, was attacked and wounded today as he was leaving the Lyons railway station for Nice. As the Premier stepped onto a train, two men fired revolvers at him. He was wounded slightly. His assailants were arrested. Premier Venizelos was taking leave of friends when two swarthy individuals rushed from the crowd, one firing three shots and the other five before they were overpowered. The Premier was reported wounded in the right side and the left arm.

His assailants, following their arrest, were rescued by the police from the crowds with great difficulty, the mob shouting "lynch them." Both of the men were severely man-handled.

SIGNIFICANT SPEECH FROM LLOYD GEORGE

Says Nothing But the Most Imperative Call of National Honor Can Justify War.

London, Aug. 12.—A significant reference to the present crisis was made by Premier Lloyd George in addressing a meeting of coalition Liberals today. After expressing fervent hope for cooperation between Great Britain and France, which, he said, had been sanctified by the common sacrifice of the premier continued, apparently alluding to the possibility of war with Russia:

"When the terrible question of peace or war has to be decided our first duty as a government is to the people, who trust us not to commit our treasure to any unjustifiable venture. Nothing but the most imperative call of national honor, national safety and national freedom can justify war. Before this country is committed to it, even in the most limited form, we must be satisfied these are in peril."

CAPTAIN MELLOR HIGH STEPPER

Records at Halifax Reveal Ocean Liner Heart Smasher in a Checkered Career.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 12.—According to a report prepared for the Nova Scotia Government by W. B. MacCoy, Secretary of Industries and Immigration, "Captain Paul Mellor," the ocean liner heart smasher who was reported arrested in Edinburgh yesterday, has had a checkered career.

It says in part that the "Captain" was removed from the British forces in 1918 where he had been a second Lieutenant.

"A short time before coming to this province he was released from one of the English prisons, by the report states and adds that his father is not a peer as Mellor stated to the authorities here."

"TYPOS" TO MEET AT QUEBEC IN 1921

Increase Per Capita for Maintenance of Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 12.—The International Typographical Union in convention here today chose Quebec for the 1921 convention.

The monthly per capita tax for the maintenance of the union printers' home in Colorado Springs, Colo., will be increased from twenty to thirty cents under an amendment to the constitution which was approved by the convention today. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, also approved today, showed the membership to be 74,719. Total earnings for the year ending May 31 last, the report showed, were \$32,130.91, an increase of forty per cent. over the previous year. The organization's total assets on July 31 last, were \$1,966,903.

PARIS CONFUSED OVER AMERICAN- RUSSIAN NOTE

Alleged Excuse for Russia Created Excitement in Official Circles.

PART OF THE PRESS WAS VERY BITTER

An Intimation That Opinion Was Not Official Resulted in a Cessation of the Criticism.

Paris, Aug. 12.—The utmost confusion reigns in official circles here, both French and American, over the supposed statement by the American State Department excusing the Russian war on Poland and declaring that the Russians were fighting the same kind of a war that the Americans fought in 1776. The whole affair, which seems to be attended by a series of extraordinary mistakes, is not yet cleared up tonight.

Late last evening, as I cabled, French officials announced that a note from Washington was being received concerning the Russian-Polish situation. This was a mistake which, early explains itself. At the time the statement was made the latter half of the despatch from the French Embassy in Washington had been received, but not the first part. It was in official code and referred to Russia. Inasmuch as Paris was expecting a note from Washington on the Polish-Russian affair, it was presumed that that was what was being received.

Some hours later the first part of the despatch was received and it was seen that it was not an official note from the American State Department, but a private message from the French Embassy. This morning's Paris newspapers carry a summary of this note from the French Embassy, which summary says:

"The American press publishes a communique concerning the policy of the United States in the Russo-Polish conflict, according to which declaration the Russian army of the present moment is Bolshevik because Lenin is the head of the Moscow Government, but that it is really and essentially a Russian army. The chief of the general staff is General Brusiloff, already well known under the regime of the Czar, and around whom are grouped other generals of the old regime such as Poyavonoff and Kuropatkin. Better than any other people, the Americans understand the sentiments which animate Russia today. The territorial integrity of Poland, American policy desires to safeguard Russian territory until such time as the Russian people shall have repudiated their internal affairs. It expects them to hasten the re-establishment of peace and order in Russia."

"This summary varies in some of the papers, due to the fact that the statement was read to newspaper men. It differs essentially what French officials gave out."

"Thus, published in the morning papers, caused a great deal of excitement in official circles and bitter editorial in some newspapers."

"The French officials at noon stood absolutely pat that what was published was what they had got from Washington. It was stated that the statement was issued in Washington Saturday night and published Sunday morning. It was at once remarked that London papers of Monday and Tuesday morning had carried nothing on it. Then at noon, a radio despatch from the State Department denied having issued any note on the Polish-Russian situation. Suddenly the French officials refused to discuss the matter any more."

CHARGED WITH 'THEFT OF AUTO

Special to The Standard Moncton, N. B., Aug. 12.—A man named Charles Ineson was taken into custody here today by the local police on the charge of stealing an Overland automobile at Windsor, Ont.

The arrest was made upon instructions from the Chief of Police of Windsor. The accused claims to have bought the car and this explanation has been wired the Windsor authorities whose further instructions are being awaited by the Moncton police.

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