

PENKNIFE ONLY WEAPON OF AIRMEN IN FRIGID NORTH

Lieut. Farrell Tells of Adventures in Northern Wilderness. Might Have Landed in Wells, N. Y.

Mattice, Ont., Jan. 12.—Here is the story of the adventures of the three American airmen from the day they left Rockaway, N. Y., on December 13, until they arrived here yesterday, exactly one month later, as told last night by Lieutenant Stephen A. Farrell.

turned the terrible stillness of the woods. Friday proved the worst and luckiest day. The men had been unable to sleep during the night, their hunger had increased, they were becoming physically weak, their bodies were scratched and bruised, their feet blistered and sore, their clothing torn to tatters and shreds, Farrell was in especially bad shape, scarcely able to walk and to all appearance unable to hold out more than another day.

Ran Into Gale "The weather was fine at first but later in the evening we ran into a gale with heavy rain and were not sure where we were. About midnight we saw a city below us and decided it was Ottawa, but there was little chance to make a landing and so we decided to wait until morning.

Airmen Settle Quarrel in North Continued from Page One have looked any one of them at any time—and I can tell you now, too. One more there was an embarrassed moment of silence. The interview was being given in the shack of Red Williamson, famed for his guiding and hunting, and he sat back in his chair with an expectant look on his wrinkled face.

Altitude Was Varied "Our altitude varied from time to time, mostly we were at a height of about a thousand feet, being under the clouds, but toward noon the sun came out, heating the gas and giving the balloon more buoyancy. As a result we were soon soaring higher, at one time reaching a height of 6500 feet. Later on we ran into more clouds and began to ascend through a break in the fog.

Hinton Comes In Just as Williamson's chair rapped against the wall the door was opened and Lieutenant Hinton, who had stepped outside, strode into the room with an order for Farrell to talk no more.

Lighted Fire in Woods "Fortunately we had a box of matches, and so we lighted a fire. This we made with some pine bark and a little cotton wool which we picked from a fallen tree with a penknife. That, indeed, was the only thing in the form of a weapon that we carried. None of us had firearms and we had no food, but concluded that we would not eat any of the pigeons that night, because we were beginning to think that we might be lost for some days and that, therefore, it would be wise to conserve all the food resources we had.

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Suffering Intense Thursday proved to be one of intense suffering. Hinton and Kloor had turned away their heavy coats and, unable to play out, but Farrell, who had retained his heavy clothing, was almost completely exhausted and it was only by the sheer triumph of his spirit that he was enabled to go on. As the hours wore slowly away the progress of the men became slower and slower. Not a footprint of a living soul could be found and not even the loss of a wolf skin

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aside to hurry to the telegraph office. As they reached the door of the cabin Farrell shifted his feet and leaped at the other officer.

Toronto Aero Club Calls Off Banquet to Airmen Toronto, Ont., Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—The Aero Club of Canada here today announced it had called off the official banquet to the three American naval balloonists in view of the incident at Mattice yesterday when Lieutenant Farrell knocked Lieutenant Hinton down because of a letter Hinton had written home.

Punches Him in Jaw His great bulk hurled through the air. He landed on his toes, his fists clenched and his face red with anger. Before any one could step between them he had feinted with his left, parried and planted a crushing punch on the nose of the other officer.

their ultimate arrival in Rockaway on Friday. All these things were somewhat factitious regarding their four days' vicissitudes, after landing in the wilds and before they finally sighted Tom Marks, the Cree Indian, who led them to the little Hudson Bay Company's trading post at Moose Factory.

"We Won't Hurt You" It was then, when things seemed blackest, that rescue came. Kloor and Hinton were building a fire, when suddenly an Indian emerged from the thick woods in a few yards away.

LETTERS OF HINTON THAT CAUSED FIGHT New York, Jan. 12.—The letters of Lieutenant Hinton to Mrs. Hinton and Lieutenant Talbot threaten to develop a naval controversy as bitter as the Sampson-Schley incident. The authenticity of these letters is admitted. Lieutenant Farrell takes exception to the references to him contained in them.

"I didn't want him to get excited," was Lieutenant Hinton's answer. It was remembered by Red Williamson and others who heard Farrell describe the incident in the published letters of Lieutenant Hinton.

DEFENDS HUSBAND IN ATTACK ON HINTON New York, Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Stephen A. Farrell, wife of Lieutenant Farrell, today asserted that she believed her husband was defending his character when he struck Lieutenant Hinton at Mattice yesterday, and was right in defending it.

Will Leave Mattice Today Relaxed from their first night's real sleep after nearly a month of hard-ship, however, the fellow adventurers today apparently tried to forget their differences, and began to think of the reception planned by the Toronto Rotary Club upon their arrival there, and of

AIRMEN'S FIGHT MAY BE PROBED BY NAVY Washington, Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—Decision as to appointment of a naval court to inquire into the personal clash at Mattice yesterday between the American naval balloonists, Lieutenants Farrell and Hinton, is being withheld pending further and official reports, Secretary Daniels said today. The secretary added that it was to "be determined" that there should have been any personal conflict between the young men

who had "endured great hardships and set new standards." "It seems that the navy," continued Mr. Daniels, "after doing work that challenges the admiration of the world in a number of historic incidents, has seen the glory dimmed and marred by personal differences, jealousies and often bitter feeling. The great record of the navy in the Spanish-American war lost, in a measure, the glory of its achievements through the courts of inquiry and differences which followed it. Even after the late world war, where the American navy won world renown, there followed an unfortunate public exhibition of differences.

ADMIT BURNING MILL Allentown Men Hoped to Liquidate Debts With Insurance Money Allentown, Pa., Jan. 12.—After long questioning by the police, Roland Williams and Emil Pedrozzi, who were arrested yesterday on suspicion of having attempted to burn their firm's silk mill, broke down and made a complete confession. Williams was taken before Mayor Gross, to whom he told the story of their scheme to burn the mill and collect the insurance of \$16,000, which

JURY CAST 70 BALLOTS Then Discharged in Case of Man Arrested in Liquor Charge A jury in Federal Court debated for twenty-four hours and cast seventy ballots without being able to reach an agreement in the case of James Naden, charged with violation of the Volstead act.

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letter I would not have made it public until I was permitted to do so by my husband, and all the money in the world could not buy it. It is a question of principle and loyalty to my husband."

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