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# WESTERN AIR LINER MISSING

## Craft Hours Overdue in Arizona or N. M.

### BIG TRIMOTORED PLANE CARRYING FIVE PERSONS LOST NEAR MT. TAYLOR

Ship Last Seen Monday Forenoon; Preparations for Wide Search Being Made; Fears for Safety of Two Passengers and Crew of Three; May Only be Down in Isolated Spot

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28 (U.P.)—The eastbound plane of the Western Air Express, carrying two passengers and a crew of three, was many hours overdue at Albuquerque, New Mexico, tonight on its regular run from Los Angeles, the air line office here announced.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28 (U.P.)—The Western Air Express passenger liner bound to Kansas City is lost apparently somewhere in eastern Arizona or western New Mexico tonight.

Western Air Express officials here said the plane left Alhambra, the western terminus airport, at 5:30 a. m., refueled at Kingman, Arizona at 7:42 a. m., and was last seen over Adamana, Arizona, at 9:35 a. m.

There were only two passengers aboard. They are Dr. W. A. Ward, nationally known dental authority of San Francisco, and W. E. Merz, of Mt. Vernon, New York. Dr. Ward was enroute to Ft. Worth, Texas, to address the Bosworth Club there tonight. He had expected to leave the plane at Amarillo, Texas.

Merz was registered at a Los Angeles hotel and is believed enroute home.

The plane is many hours overdue at Albuquerque, New Mexico, the next stop after Kingman. There were two pilots and a steward on the plane.

James E. Doles of Los Angeles, pilot of the missing plane, had extensive army experience with a total of 2,720 hours in the air. He is married and has a two-year-old son.

Allan C. Barrie, co-pilot, with 1,900 flying hours to his credit, and also with extensive army experience, is from Burbank, California. He is married and has a daughter three years old.

R. L. Britton, the steward, is from Los Angeles.

Western Air officials, told of rough flying weather reported by planes on the route, expressed the hope that Doles had set the ship down in some out of the way point where immediate communication with civilization is not available.

The plane is missing in a region not far distant from Mt. Taylor, where the T. A. T. plane City of San Francisco crashed with the loss of eight lives. Tonight T. A. T. officials announced that all their planes over the western New Mexico and eastern Arizona district were ordered grounded after one plane arrived three hours overdue at Winslow from Albuquerque.

At 10:15 p. m. the plane was eleven hours over its scheduled hour of arrival at Albuquerque, 11:15 a. m.

Adhering to the air line, the plane would pass to the north of Lava Flow, the Zuni Indian reservation, and Old Crater, an extinct volcano North of its route lay Coyote and Chaco canyons, and Mt. Taylor, far off the line of flight.

It was at Mt. Taylor that a T. A. T. liner crashed recently with a loss of eight lives but the peak is north and east of Adamana.

In addition to gasoline taken on at Kingman, the plane had a reserve supply of 300 gallons of fuel, sufficient for nearly five hours' flying, according to announcements.

The region is very isolated and it might be a day or more before the pilot could reach civilization if he was forced down." Western Air Express announced.

The line stressed the point that the ship might have landed safely but that the five persons might be unable to communicate with anyone.

"Should this by any chance be an accident, it would be our first serious mishap in three million two hundred thousand miles," the air line said.

The plane was equipped with three motors, each generating 320 horsepower. It is capable of sustaining flight with one motor and has a long gliding range with all motors dead.

Plans for searching expeditions were under way here tonight with all commercial aviation lines placing planes at the disposal of the Western Air organization. Because of the rough terrain virtually all efforts to find the ship will be confined to the air.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. Oct. 28 (U.P.)—Airport officials here tonight joined in the search for the Western Air Express plane due here at

Moapa Valley Cantaloupe, Melon Growers Benefit Greatly By New Direct Selling System This Season

Benefits received by cantaloupe and watermelon growers of the Moapa valley through direct marketing methods adopted for the season just past, to take the place of the selling agency system, are shown in a report made last week to John H. Wittwer, county agent, by A. L. Kelly, who was employed by the Moapa Growers, Inc., to engineer the direct selling of their produce in Salt Lake City.

From 46 per cent to 53.28 per cent was the increase in percentage of the amount of gross sales returned to the growers after the expenses of marketing were paid. Net returns for 60 cars in 1928 were only \$518.67 more than returns from 44 cars in 1929.

That this 11.64 per cent increase is worth while it is agreed by the growers themselves and Mr. Kelly and Mr. Wittwer, who has long been working toward the adoption of this system of direct selling.

Insight Obtained The season was almost here before it was decided to sever relations with the previous selling agency and market their own produce, and consequently some of the first cantaloupes were shipped to competing agencies.

Some insight concerning numerous problems of production, grading and packing was gained by the season's work, says Mr. Kelly in his report, which should make for definite progress in those lines next year.

"Many minor problems have appeared, no one of which means much by itself, but collectively they do mar pleasant relationships and create dissension."

Failure to cull and grade properly is one mistake which was greatly corrected this season. Shipping of four cars of cantaloupes many of which were water-soaked brought poor prices, and the morale of the growers was at low ebb.

Faults Are Eliminated When careful culling was stressed this condition disappeared. Likewise shipping of mud-covered watermelons, not sufficiently graded, was reduced, to the benefit of the growers.

Long delays in settlement were done away with, the end of the shipping season was pushed from August 8 or 9 to August 14, much market information was tabulated and there is now information regarding sales prices, terms, condition of produce on arrival and activity of markets available during the entire season.

The average net price of cantaloupes to the grower was raised from 99¢ in 1928 to \$1.064 last season. "The outlook for the future is brighter than it has been for some time past," said Mr. Kelly.

### MICKEY GIVES HUDKINS ANOTHER CHANCE TONIGHT



ACE HUDKINS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 29 (U.P.)—The question of whether the rocky fists of Mickey Walker, middleweight champion, can again subdue Ace Hudkins, will be answered here tonight.



MICKEY WALKER

Walker admits that he is a peace-loving man and doesn't like to fight. Perhaps that accounts for the fact that since he turned back the sandy-thatched Hudkins he has appeared in the ring only twice, both ventures into the light heavyweight division.

### Car Stolen Here Found At Kingman

Chevrolet Taken Thursday From Fremont in Broad Daylight Is Located Stripped, By Arizona Officers.

The Chevrolet car belonging to Harold G. Kellogg that was stolen last Thursday from the corner of Second and Fremont, was found late Saturday abandoned and stripped on the outskirts of Kingman, Arizona.

San. Gay was notified by Ernest Graham sheriff of that county, that the car had been found. He at once got into communication with Kellogg. The owner sent telegrams to the sheriff at Kingman asking the condition of the car.

According to the reply received the car was so badly mutilated that it was not worth Mr. Kellogg's trip there. All articles that could be removed or were loose in the machine were stolen and no trace of them could be found.

The motive for the stripping of the car was believed to have been the selling of the accessories and parts taken.

### Man Pays to Get Free Passenger To Twin Falls

The kind of fellow hitch-hikers like to run across—that's M. Becker, owner of the Empire garage in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Becker came into the office of the Age last evening just before press time and asked if it was late to put an ad in the paper.

For he is going to start about 10 a. m. for Twin Falls, Idaho, driving, wanted company for the trip and was willing to pay for an ad to get such company.

Becker drove from Twin Falls here, in two days and one night, received a wire here which caused him to turn right around, with last night to catch up on sleep, and start back.

### WORDS HURLED BY HUDKINS, WALKER EVE OF TITLE BOUT

By RONALD W. WAGONER United Press Staff Correspondent LOS ANGELES, Oct. 29 (U.P.) The oral fireworks preceding the meeting of Mickey Walker and Ace Hudkins for the middleweight championship of the world was carried on in full blast here yesterday.

Tonight Hudkins and Walker will step into an outdoor arena at Wrigley Field as the Nebraska "Wildcat" makes his second effort to blast Mickey from the championship ladder.

Both fighters, according to their intimates, are in super-condition and anxious for the duel. Each, incidentally predicts a victory by the knockout route. Betting odds were about even.

Walker, bronzed by six weeks of rough work at Soper's ranch on the desert near Ojal, and the pink-skinned Hudkins will present a contrast when they step into the glaring lights tonight.

Mickey claimed that the sun at Soper's where Dempsey used to train for his heavyweight battles, gave him a chance to reach a high peak physically.

"I'm Ready." "Don't think I'm just tanned a bit," Mickey said. "I'm ready."

To which Hudkins countered: "I don't tan easily, but how I feel! Take my tip and string with Hudkins."

The Nebraska fighter said that he considered himself in the best shape of his career and that he would have no alibis if he failed to win the championship.

"Walker is my big shot," Ace said, "and I'm going to shoot the works to win. If Walker beats me I may retire. I am not foolish enough to go on fighting if I take a bad licking."

Both Confident. Walker and his manager, Jack Kearns, regard the Nebraskan as a tough fighter, but not a threat to Mickey's title. Mickey, himself confessed to such a dislike for Ace that he wants to "knock him feet first into the arms of his brothers."

### Definite Airmail Closing Times To Be Set Soon

Flexible Schedule Depending On Phone From Airport Will Be Dropped When New Field Is Used. Nov. 1.

Announcement of a new and more definite air mail schedule for Las Vegas will be made in the near future by Postmaster R. B. Griffith, it was learned yesterday.

The fact that the Western Air Express will land its planes at the new Las Vegas Nevada airport beginning November 1, or shortly before that date, is responsible for this narrowing down of airmail closing time.

Heretofore, telephone communication between the post office and the airport has enabled the postal clerks to hold the mail open until a short time before the planes were to arrive, closing the mail later when the planes were late.

There is no phone, as yet, however, to the new airport, and this will consequently be impossible for a time, until the installation of a phone line.

The tentative schedule for closing of the pouches for air mail is as follows: For the eastbound daytime plane about 9:10 a. m., every day but Monday.

For the westbound daytime plane about 1 p. m. every day but Monday. For both night planes, 8:15 p. m. every day but Sunday, and 4 p. m. on Sundays.

There are no day planes on Mondays, it was pointed out.

### Pantages Will Be Entertained in Pen By His Own Gift

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28 (U.P.) When Alexander Pantages goes to San Quentin penitentiary he probably will be entertained there by a gift he made to the penitentiary.

It was sixteen years ago that Pantages, even then a millionaire theater magnate, donated a motion picture machine so that convicts might enjoy films.

### 'PAN' WEEPS AS FAMILY VISITS CELL

Showman Is Finger-printed, "Mugged," Given No. 119251; Sentenced Friday.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28 (U.P.)—Alexander Pantages, whose face never mirrored an emotion thru four long weeks of trial, nor in the racking moments when a jury ordered him to San Quentin state penitentiary on a charge of attacking 17-year-old Eunice Pringle, wept today as his children visited him in the county jail.

The multi-millionaire had just been finger-printed and "mugged" for the roughest gallery when his daughter Carmen and his sons Rodney and Lloyd entered the conference room.

Superior Judge Fricke will pass sentence Friday. The state parole board will set the exact length of the sentence at the end of one year.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28 (U.P.)—Dressed in the blue denim of the Los Angeles county jail, Alexander Pantages was "dressed in" today and assigned No. 119251.

By GEORGE H. BEALE United Press Staff Correspondent LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28 (U.P.) Alexander Pantages, for years known as the premier showman of the west coast, played a losing role in his greatest drama, and as a result must spend from one to fifty years in San Quentin penitentiary.

A jury of seven women and five men late last night found him guilty of assaulting 17-year-old Eunice Pringle. The prison term was mandatory. The jury deliberated 53 hours.

The 54-year-old Greek multi-millionaire will be called before Superior Judge Charles Fricke on November 1 for sentence. At that time his attorneys will present a motion for a new trial and file notice of appeal.

The verdict was returned in the courtroom in which his wife, Mrs. Lois Pantages was found guilty of manslaughter a month ago.

The jury preferred the word of Miss Pringle, an amateur dancer and a former co-ed, to that of the man who ran a small Klondike stake into a \$200,000 business.

She claimed that Pantages, on the pretext of giving her to his office on August 9 and attacked her. Pantages denied her charge and accused her of plotting to "blackmail" him.

Scene Dramatic The scene which attended the jury's verdict was as dramatic as Pantages, master showman, could have devised.

The worn jury had been out 53 hours when it announced it had reached a decision.

When Judge Fricke went to the bench and the defendant was at his place, the foreman read: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged. We recommend a prison term. We further recommend the mercy of the court."

Pantages took the verdict stoically. His head bent forward and he cast his eyes down but gave no (Continued On Page Two)

### Government Pushes Work of Testing Gravels, In New Plant Here, For Use In the Construction of Boulder Dam

A staff of five men is working on the testing of materials to be used in the construction of Boulder Dam. The work, which will be carried on from now through the construction of the great dam is now reaching the research stage, the reconstruction of the old fort into a modern testing plant having been completed some time ago and the installing of compression and mixing machines and laboratory materials being virtually completed.

The first samples of gravel, brought from various gravel beds in this vicinity, are now on hand at the laboratory and a truck driver and two laborers are on the job assisting Foreman G. C. Walter in collecting further gravel samples and getting the laboratory into shape.

O. G. Patch, assisting engineer, is in general charge of the plant, with Walter aiding him. Walter is in general charge of the field work. Daily tests of the cements produced for the dam will be made during the building operations, according to Patch, in addition to tests of gravels before they are taken for use therein.

A 100-ton compression machine is being installed at the testing plant for this work. There will be tests also for permeability, which means the degree to which water is absorbed by the various gravels.