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Triumph at Pasadena

WEST OF THE Rio Grande, Cal soared by the rugged and bluish Franklin Range at close to a mile-a-minute rate, a slight breeze favoring his course. Ninety miles and 100 minutes from east El Paso, he worked into the Mimbres Valley, circled gracefully around the city of Deming, New Mexico Territory, and lit on the SP right-of-way southeast of the Harvey House. Bulletins of the aviator's progress had been posted in the window of the *Deming Headlight*, and about 1,000 persons hailed the birdman upon his arrival.

The special train followed the *Vin Fiz* closely into Deming (where thirty years earlier the SP and the Santa Fe were joined to form the second transcontinental railroad). Charlie Wiggin and Leo McNally refueled the engine, administered a quick inspection, and replaced a broken magneto spring. Mabel sold a few postcards (no stamps) and, with a wary eye, scouted Lucy Belvedere as the young woman sashayed out to join the admiring circle around the airman. Mrs. Sweitzer engaged in conversation with the Reverend H. M. Bruce. "I breathe a prayer for Calbraith's safety every minute he is in the air," she told him. Responded the Reverend