

# 2,000-Volt Shock From His Fuelless Motor Paralyzes Hendershot During Experiment

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WASHINGTON, March 9.—Lester J. Hendershot of West Elizabeth, Pa., who became famous overnight as inventor of the so-called "fuelless" motor after Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh inspected the machine, is a patient at the Emergency Hospital recovering from temporary paralysis. It was caused by a severe electrical shock sustained while experimenting with the motor here in the Washington Loan and Trust Building, Ninth and F Streets.

The accident occurred about noon Tuesday, March 6, when, according to statements at the hospital tonight, its ambulance was summoned to the Loan and Trust Company's building, where Mr. Hendershot, it was declared, was found in a temporarily paralyzed condition. A physician at the hospital stated that Mr. Hendershot had been rendered unconscious by the shock and that he did not recover until about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The electric shock, it was stated at the hospital, had temporarily paralyzed Mr. Hendershot's legs, arms and palate for several hours, and while his condition was today still described as serious at the hospital, it was added that he had greatly improved, although he could not be discharged for several weeks. Only two of his close friends have been allowed to visit him at the hospital.

At the hospital, where he is a private patient, it was stated by one of the staff physicians that no information could be given beyond the understanding of that physician that Mr. Hendershot was injured while working around his motor, the shock being caused by 2,000 volts passing through his body.

First information that Mr. Hendershot had been injured in Washington came in inquiries from friends in Pittsburgh and came as a distinct surprise.

Mr. Hendershot and J. Barr Peat, his associate, have been in Washington for nearly a week, conferring with a patent attorney and, it is understood, also with Major Thomas G. Lanphier, commander of the First Pursuit Group at Selfridge Field, Michigan, and with Colonel Henry Breckinridge, legal adviser to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 9.—If Lester J. Hendershot has been seriously injured by an electric shock in Washington, as reported from that city today, neither his mother nor Mrs. Hendershot had received word of it, his mother said this afternoon when inquiry was made at the Hendershot home in West Elizabeth as to the extent of the inventor's injuries.

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