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AVIATORS CROSS CONTINENT WITHOUT STOP

Today it is but a single span across the continent. From New York to San Diego is only a hop. The Atlantic and Pacific are terminals in America's air lanes and—if one wishes there are no stops between.

With the arrival at Rockwell field, near here, of the army monoplane T-2, piloted by Lieutenants Oakley G. Kelly and John A. MacReady, the first non-stop flight across the United States was completed. The time from Hempstead, N. Y., to San Diego was 26 hours, 50 minutes and 48 2-5 seconds.

The grind began Wednesday at 12:30:53 p. m., eastern standard time. The distance is estimated at between 2,700 and 2,800 miles. The airmen received a warm greeting when they were sighted over the city a few minutes before they landed at Rockwell field. Airplanes from the field and naval planes from North Island escorted the two lieutenants to the landing field. Whistles of factories and from warships in the harbor also joined in the greeting.

Both aviators were in good physical condition when they landed and after being greeted by army officials were taken to the officers' quarters. The historic flight began at Hempstead, with Kelly in the pit. The T-2 cleared the hangars at the end of the flying field by inches, nosed up for elevation and turned its blunt nose toward Rockwell field. It did not stop an inch short of its goal.

Spectators at the take-off were held in suspense for a moment, when it appeared that the huge plane would not rise in time to start. Lieutenant Kelly having turned back after the first attempt, when it was known the T-2 would be unable to clear the buildings.

Roaring westward hour after hour in the supreme attempt of its historic career, the T-2 was awaited in every city, town and village throughout the long line of flight and telegraph instruments during the afternoon and night told of the passing of point after point hours ahead of the tentative schedule announced.

An average of more than 100 miles an hour was maintained for the trip.

The aviators were the recipients tonight of many congratulations, including one from President Harding.

All distance records for a non-stop airplane flight were smashed today by the transcontinental jump.

It was the second attempt of Kelly and MacReady at a transcontinental flight without a stop, having been forced down at Indianapolis on their way east from San Diego last year. The flight was made in the same plane used today though a different engine had been installed.

"You have written a new chapter in the triumph of American aviation," said a telegram from President Harding and scores of other congratulatory messages expressed a similar enthusiasm over the accomplishment.

The T-2 landed at Rockwell field, according to the official timers, at 26 minutes 56 1-1 seconds past 12 o'clock noon Pacific coast time.

There was wild enthusiasm at Rockwell field when Lieutenant MacReady nosed the T-2 down and landed the huge ship with consummate ease on almost the exact spot where he and Kelly took off in their attempt to fly to New York November 4 last.

The crowd, thrilled by the sight of the beautiful ship and sensing what its feat meant for America's prestige in the air, pushed the guards aside like so much chaff and bore down on Kelly and MacReady, madly cheering the record makers.

The two navigators, their faces splashed with oil and grease, but wreathed in wide grins, were fairly forced up against the fuselage. Here they were lifted on the shoulders of admirers, presented with huge bouquets and not let down until the throng had yelled itself hoarse.

Major Henry Arnold, commandant of Rockwell field, and the official of the national aeronautical association were caught in the mad rush for the spectators. Major Arnold finally fought his way to MacReady and Kelly.

"Congratulations," said the Major to both men. "It was a marvelous flight and we are proud of you."

The following table marks the progress of the historic flight; the time being approximately, and shod in all cases in Eastern Standard time.

12:37 p. m. (Wednesday) left Hempstead.

6:55 p. m. over Dayton, Ohio.

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UNITED STATES' NEW LAW AS SET OUT BY COURT EFFECTIVE JUNE 10

The American government, taking a positive position with regard to the transportation of liquor into territorial waters of the United States, decreed today that the rigorous interpretation of the law given by the Supreme court shall become effective June 10.

Secretary Hughes was requested by the treasury to communicate notice of the decision to all foreign governments. The treasury which has jurisdiction over all prohibition enforcement suggested that the stated department advise foreign governments' ships entering the three-mile limit will be subject to the new application of the law without exemption and that no further pronouncement may be expected from this government regarding the effective date.

While the position adopted by the administration appeared to leave no room for a backward step, it seemed certain that representations will come from some foreign governments to may regard the court's interpretation of the law as an infringement of their rights. Secretary Hughes was said to regard the position of the American government as sound and with plenty of precedents establishing the rights which it has assumed. There were, on the other hand, some government officials who believe the United States could not fail in the interest of international commerce to take notice of protests by foreign governments if any are made.

Washington embassies and legations of practically all of the maritime powers of the world already have advised their home governments of the court's decision. It was indicated today that the attitude taken by the United States government as to enforcement would be made known to all foreign nations probably before the state departments communications are received abroad.

The state department officials are of the opinion that the decision has in no way infringed upon treaties with foreign governments, it is not certain that foreign governments will accept the interpretation of the law.

Some diplomatic quarters already have let it be known that limitation disposed by decision are in direct conflict with treaty provisions particularly in trade agreements guaranteeing equal of treatment to shipping.

It is expected in diplomatic circles that there will be lengthy negotiations between the United States and Canada will no longer have any responsibility for stopping the smuggling of alcohol.

The New York action is a great victory for the wets. The parties took sides almost solidly. The Republicans against it. The effect will be to sharpen the division between west and dries in the Democratic party. The New York Democrats will go to the national convention thoroughly wet. The New Jersey Democrats will be equally so.

Other eastern and northern states will send wet delegates and they will be unmistakably against the Volstead act. The action of the New York legislature, if Governor Smith signs the repeal bill, insures that:

The wet movement will center around Smith as its candidate, but his own availability for nomination will be lessened by the repeal of the prohibition law in New York. Probably his chances to nomination to the presidency were not good any way because of religious reasons. But now the dry Democrats from the west and south will be solidly against him.

The Republican party under President Harding has committed itself unequivocally to the dry side of the fight, the Democratic party under Governor Smith having taken an equally strong wet position, a fight in the Democratic convention over the liquor question can no longer be avoided. The issue is out in the open.

Note—The Charlotte Observer commenting on the above, hands out the following:

"The bootleggers may gain temporarily by the debacle in New York enforcement laws, but they may be quite sure of a coming certainty. It is going to lead up to insertion of an out-and-out prohibition enforcement plank in the platform of whichever of the two National parties shall first hold its convention, and a following of suit by the party convention that comes after. It will force both parties to come out for prohibition, for both Republican and Democrats know that to hesitate on that question is to be lost. The New York Legislature has shaped a prohibition plank for both parties.

REPEAL OF PROHIBITION LAW IN NEW YORK IS A BLOW TO VOLSTEADISM

The Board of Commissioners at their road meeting last Thursday—it being the date advertised for the sale of an additional block of \$50,000 5 1-2 per cent 30 year bonds—sold them and receive a premium thereon of \$2,500. There were representatives of seven bonding concerns present and bidding. The Guarantee Trust Co., of Cincinnati, being the successful bidder. This block of bonds was sold for the purpose of road-building in some of the townships that absolutely failed to get anything worthwhile out of the first issue of \$200,000, which was largely used in the construction of the Boone Trail Highway. In other words the money will be expended in building short-line roads in most instances to the main thoroughfare, The Boone Trail, which when completed, will give us a system of roads the county high the proud of.

COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

(Continued from last week)

On last Friday night, April 27, the Cove Creek High School came to a very successful end. At this time, the Junior class presented the play, "An Old Fashioned Mother", which represented the styles and customs of about twenty years ago. Everyone in the play acquitted him or herself very creditably, and it was a decided success. The auditorium was packed with people, the order was excellent, and the proceeds amounted to something over \$100.00.

Just before the play, Mr. A. G. Glenn, principal of the school, made a short talk in which he spoke of the splendid cooperation of the patrons, students, teachers, committee, and county, and also thanked each and everyone for helping make the school what it is.

The school, the past year, has been a decided success. Many important things have been accomplished since moving into the new building, everything has moved along very smoothly. The problem of equipment is one that is now confronting the school. A great deal of this has already been purchased this year. About 300 volumes of books have been placed in the library since the first of the year, maps globes, teachers' desks, an office desk, curtains for the stage, and various other things have been obtained.

The prospects now look as if it will be made a standard high school this coming school year. With a few more years of hard work and the right kind of management, it should become one of the best rural high schools in North Carolina.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Regular services next day Sunday School at 10 a. m., and worship at 11 a. m. Regular collections as usual. Rev. G. W. Sebastian, of North Wilkesboro, will preach Sunday night at 8:00 p. m. Brother Sebastian is one of our best preachers, a noble consecrated man. Don't fail to hear him Sunday night.

All the B. Y. P. U.s are now meeting at 6:30 p. m.

The pastor will be away next Sunday and the 3rd Sunday. He preaches the commencement sermon at Butler, Tenn., next Sunday, and the following Sunday will be in attendance upon the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City, Mo.

Regular services will be held on the 3rd Sunday.

Rev. N. D. Yount wishes to announce Services in the Court House next Sunday Night at 8:00 o'clock.

A hearty welcome is assured all, and it is earnestly desired that all who can may avail themselves of this opportunity to worship with us.

GERMAN WAR DEAD IS TWO MILLION

Berlin lost 1,840,292 dead in the world war, according to official statistics just brought up to date. The number of dependents left by those who lost their lives is fixed at 1,945,000.

Of the dead, 56,133 were officers and officials, 212,069 non-commissioned and warrant officers, 1,572,523 enlisted men and 5,568 men whose ranks were not reported.

The dependents comprise 533,000 widows, 1,131,000 children who were left partially orphaned, 58,000 orphans, 58,000 parents' couples and 162,000 parents who were already widows or widowers. The statistics have been submitted to the Reichstag by the minister of labor.

"WHAT CAN OUR TOWN DO FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS"

This is the subject for discussion at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce with the Parent-Teachers Association on next Saturday night. Professor L. G. Greer and D. D. Dougherty will deliver the chief speeches of the evening. There will be a number of three minute talks on various vital questions. It is important that as many as possible attend this meeting.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education was in session Monday and Tuesday, a great deal of business was transacted.

W. F. Sherwood was re-elected chairman and Smith Hargaman was re-elected County Superintendent.

Owing to the great increase in the amount of business handled by the Board it was decided that the Board meet every first Monday, as the new school law provides.

A number of new school buildings were planned and provided for.

The Board gave its endorsement to the much talked of Model School to be erected by the Appalachian Training School, and requested the school committee of Boone district to lend its cooperation to the Training School in the locating and planning of the building and the working out of a policy for the school that will take care of the public school interests of the district.

The Board gave its strong endorsement to a plan being worked out by the County Superintendent, whereby every teacher in the county will know just how much work she will be expected to cover each school term.

It was ordered that the public schools open not later than the 16th of July.

HEAVY FREEZE, FRUIT POSSIBLY ALL KILLED

The freeze, Tuesday night was, perhaps, the worst experienced here for many years, so late in the season. At sunset Tuesday there seemed to be little if any, indications of even frost. Early in the night, however, a heavy rain fell, accompanied by high wind, and an almost unprecedented drop in temperature, and the people awoke yesterday morning to find that a hard freeze was on, and as this is being written the snow still lies on the ground. To all appearance, there is nothing in the way of fruit or early vegetables that escaped, and it is reasonable to suppose that the small grain crop in the county is seriously damaged. The leaves on the trees, in the early morning, seemed to be killed. However, some of the more optimistic think we will still have fruit, but if we do, it is an evident fact that freezing will not kill it.

HAPPENINGS AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL

BOONE, May 3.—Miss Alice Hazard, of Nanking, China, lectured at the Baptist Church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, giving instructive information to her very fortunate audience.

Miss Elizabeth Bridge, for so many years teacher of Home Economics in the Appalachian Training School, now in the Home Demonstration work of the State, is visiting the School to the great pleasure of her many friends.

The closing exercises of the Training School began on Monday evening with the graduating Piano Recital of Misses Beatrice Shull and Lizzie Lee Osborne, who displayed splendid talent and training in this fine of the fine arts. Prof. A. R. Smith of the School, assisted them by a number of harpsichord selections, the whole making an enjoyable programme.

On Wednesday evening the Seniors gave their play for the benefit of the Senior Loan Fund. It was enjoyed by one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the school auditorium, and was pronounced just about the best of its kind ever given in Boone. Nearly \$200.00 was raised for the worthy Students' Loan Fund.

Commencement Day, May 3, began with rather threatening weather, but the clouds soon broke away to the great pleasure of the great crowd present. Dr. G. E. Sims, President of Carson-Newman College, Tennessee, delivered the Annual Address on the subject "Growth" in which he spoke in a most interesting and helpful manner on the three kinds of development, physical, mental, and spiritual. Dr. Sims is an attractive speaker and held his large audience at the closest attention till the close of his address. The Graduating Class this year was by far the largest the School has ever had, the regular graduates being 52, four of these also graduated in Piano and three other special graduates in Piano. The Class Exercises were of a high class and well rendered, consisting of a Piano Solo by Miss Blanche Horton, Welcome, Class President A. K. Moore, History, Miss Dorothy Hayes, Vocal Solo, Miss Linda Cannon, Prophecy, Miss Virginia Councill, Will, Baxter Linney, Poem, Silas Casey; Presentation of Diplomas by President Dougherty, and the Class Song. President Dougherty at the close spoke of the forward look of the School for greater and better things. The Summer Quarter begins June 5. One of the largest dormitories has reservations enough to fill it and the other is fast filling up.

J. M. DOWNUM.

ALL RAIL SUPERVISORS NOW IN ONE BIG UNION

All railroad supervisors are now eligible to membership in the International Association of Railroad Supervisors, and by this action it is expected that the membership of the association will be increased almost immediately from 30,000 to 170,000, according to W. V. O'Neal president of the organization.

The former name of the organization was the "International Association of Railroad Supervisors of Mechanics" and only supervisors of railroad mechanics were eligible to membership. Now, however, Mr. O'Neal pointed out, all railroad employees holding supervisory positions will be eligible as members. "The railroad executives have given enthusiastic approval to the new move," said Mr. O'Neal, as railroads will now be guaranteed constant supervision.

"In the past a substantial number of supervisors were organized and others were affiliated with organizations of employees other than our body, and under these circumstances it has been possible to have any uniformity of action. Now, however, we are in a position to see that all supervisory positions are filled with experienced men, and this will not only help the roads, but will also guarantee a certain amount of safety to the general public that heretofore has not been possible, as the supervisors are not only responsible to the railroads but are also responsible to

Mr. O'Neal announced that the executive committee of this organization had authorized the establishment here of a national bank and the purchase of an office for general headquarters of the association.