

The Year's World Events

Scheduled air transportation, which means the carrying of mail, passengers, and express over stated routes at regular intervals, enjoyed the greatest volume of traffic carried in any year since this service became a part of aeronautics. The total number of passengers carried on American-operated air lines during the first ten months of 1931 was more than the number for the two years previous.

Glory Without Stint Given Women

Glory without stint was heaped upon women during the year just passed. Especially in the United States did feminine achievements during 1931 receive recognition.

Heading the list is Miss Jane Adams of Chicago, who, at 71 is still working for the welfare of the less fortunate. Four rewards, three of them accompanied by money amounting to \$30,000, were bestowed upon her. Her crowning triumph was the announcement that she would share with Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler the \$40,000 Nobel peace prize.

Miss Mary Emma Woolley, president of Mount Holyoke College, came into international prominence through her appointment by President Hoover as a representative on the American delegation to the Geneva disarmament conference next February.

Doris Stevens became the first woman member of the American Institute of National Law.

Ruth Nichols set a new women's long distance flying record.

Amelia Earhardt made the first round trip transcontinental autogyro flight.

Helen Hicks, new women's golf champion, made her year a triumph by winning every tournament she entered except one.

Mrs. Anne Morrow Lindbergh received a private pilot's license and flew with Colonel Lindbergh to the Orient.

Margaret Ayers Barnes was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Years of Grace"; Susan Glassell with her "Alison's House" won the Pulitzer prize for the best original American play.

In foreign lands, Amy Johnson, English aviatrix, flew from London to Tokio in 10 1-2 days, setting a new record. Mme. Sorajini Naida, suffragist, sat at the London round-table conference with the potentates of the East discussing the Indian problem. In Spain Victoria Kent became one of the first two women to

sit in Parliament, and the first woman to receive a high governmental appointment.

Premier MacDonald Slights Women

For the first time in seven years there is not a woman holding a post in the government of England and, since women largely gave the British national government its big majorities in the recent election, there is trouble brewing. Lady Astor first started things by Prime Minister MacDonald announced his cabinet. He told her nothing but the next day he informed the public that his 20 advisors were all men. Whereupon some of the women's publications began making angry comments about the matter, and not a few of the women's political organizations have discussed it. This matter is rather serious because in England and Wales alone the women voters exceeded the men by over 1,360,000. About five years ago Stanley Baldwin, then Tory premier, put through a bill which gave all women over 21 the right to vote. The "Tory-Die-Hards" were furious and said he would live to rue the day when he gave the vote to the flappers. It looks as though that day has come.

Year Brings No Increase in Sickness

In a letter made public at the White House January 3, Surgeon General Dr. Hugh S. Cumming informs President Hoover that, despite unfortunate economic conditions, the year of depression has failed to increase sickness. This gratifying state of affairs is due not only to the absence of unpreventable epidemic diseases, but in large part to the aroused interest of the people to the importance of looking out for health and to the increased efficiency of state and local health authorities, together with the devoted self-sacrifices of the medical profession.

English Boys Living Slower

English youths are living slower lives, drinking and swearing less, and marrying younger, says Mrs. Mary Agnes Hamilton, former member of the British Parliament, upon her arrival home.

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