

U. S. FLYERS TO CIRCLE WORLD

Trip Will Show Ease of Communication Between the Continents.

Washington. — Secretary of War Weeks has formally approved the project for a flight of four or five army airplanes around the world next spring and summer.

This flight, the most ambitious undertaking of the army air service, is intended to demonstrate the feasibility with which aerial communication may be established between the various continents and to obtain data concerning the operation of present type airplanes under varying climatic conditions.

As now planned, the personnel for the flight will consist of four commissioned officers and four enlisted men, well qualified for a long and arduous flight. The selection of personnel is now under consideration by Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service, and his associates.

Await Foreign Approval.

Until authority has been received from all foreign governments whose territory will be visited the exact route of the flight will not be determined. The route tentatively mapped out follows:

Leave Washington about the middle of March and proceed to Seattle. Depart from Seattle about April 1, flying northward along the coast of Canada and southern Alaska.

They will fly across the Aleutian Islands, down through the possessions of Japan, along the shores of China, French Indo-China, Siam and Burma, across India, up the Persian gulf, thence north through the Faroe Islands to Iceland, thence to Greenland and southward along the eastern shore of the continent to Cape Farewell, Greenland, from which point a direct flight will be made to Hamilton Inlet on the Labrador coast, thence southward along the Canadian shore and up the St. Lawrence river to Quebec and Montreal, from which point the flight will proceed to Washington, thus completing the circumference of the globe in the air.

This itinerary has been worked out tentatively in the expectation that it will enable the flyers to dodge the rainy seasons in the United States and India and insure flight over Iceland and Greenland during August and September.

Pilots Will Study Routes.

Existing airway facilities will be studied in the United States, southern Japan and between India and London. The intervening sections of the long route will be given further study by experienced pilots, who will proceed over the route prior to the arrival of the flight.

A path-finding expedition of two officers has been in the field for some time. Lieut. Clarence B. Oxman is now in Greenland, investigating facilities for aviation there. Lieut. Clifford C. Nutt, now in the Philippines, will visit Japan to make preliminary arrangements as soon as the wishes of the Tokyo government have been made known to the State department.

Meanwhile, a detailed study of the route is being made in the office of General Patrick, the United States coast guard is obtaining data on facilities between Seattle and Attu Island in the Aleutian group, which is the point of departure of the flight from United States territory.

Special attention is being given to weather conditions along the proposed route, with a view to making available every possible facility to the flying flyers.

The planes chosen for the flight are Douglas world-cruisers, designed and built by the Douglas Airplane company, Santa Monica, Cal. They will be powered with Liberty motors. At Seattle the planes will be equipped with pontoons for water landings. Present plans contemplate removing the pontoons at Tokyo and using landing gear from that point on.

Skulls Possibly Indian Link.

Arvision, Santa Catalina Islands. — Skulls recently unearthed at Santa Barbara by the Smithsonian Institution expedition may prove to be a "connecting link" between early Asiatic tribes and the American Indian, rather than the "missing link" between the Indian and the man of the pre-Advent period, Ralph Glidden, anthropologist connected with the Peabody Foundation of the American Indian, said.

Kaiser's Picture in Concealed Room

Southampton. — Behind a panel in the main hall of the Leviathan, one of the liner's stewards discovered on a recent trip a fully equipped barber shop in which were scattered a number of picture postcards of Kaiser Wilhelm, the crown prince and the other former royal personages of Germany.

One of the Leviathan's officers expressed surprise that American naval men had never discovered the secret room when they thoroughly searched the ship before using her as a war transport.

U. S. POST OFFICE IS 284 YEARS OLD

First Station Organized in 1639 at Boston to Sell Wine and Strong Water.

Boston. — Two hundred and eighty-four years ago the first post office in the United States was established in Boston, and the celebration of the anniversary this month recalled the manner of its founding.

It had been the custom in those days for the citizens of Boston to troop on board the packets which arrived from overseas in quest of letters and other tidings from England. That was all very well for a while, but as the population grew the habit became a nuisance to the skippers, who objected to having their decks made impromptu delivery offices and the none too spacious quarters below crowded with men and women.

First Postmaster Named.

So the general court (as the Massachusetts legislature always has been called) stepped in. In 1638 it ruled that Richard Fairbanks (on the site of whose home the Boston Globe building now stands) was to take charge of and distribute letters from abroad.

"For preventing the miscarriage of letters," the quality order read, "and it is ordered that notice be given that Richard Fairbanks his house in Boston is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the seas, or are to be sent thither, are to be brought unto. An bee is to take care that they be delivered or sent according to their directions, and bee is allowed for every such letter a penny."

Given Liquor Permit.

John Winthrop was governor when Fairbanks was appointed. The latter had a permit to sell "wine and strong water," and over his bar the men of Boston slipped their ale and read their mail and talked of the tidings from far away.

Fairbanks acted as postmaster until 1677. In January, 1673, the general court made provision for a domestic postal service, the carriers to be paid three pence per mile for their services. Twenty years later the American post office was established and in 1695 a coach and mail service was begun between Boston and Hartford.

Gypsies, Beggars Barred by Constantinople Police

Constantinople. — Since the municipal authorities have taken control of this city they have effected the abolition of many abuses that went unheeded during the years of the allied occupation.

Most striking is the crusade against beggars who have always infested this place. Under strict police efforts they have begun to disappear, and it is now possible to walk the streets without filthy men, women and children tugging at one's coat in importunate impudence. Now the order is out that the city is to be rid of its gypsies, who are said to constitute the majority of the beggars, sneak-thieves and pickpockets that have infested the thoroughfares.

London Police Showered With Gifts by Admirers

London. — The interest and courtesy shown by the London police in the welfare of the public constantly brings its reward. This is usually expressed in bequests to policemen's funds, hospitals and homes by persons of varying circumstances, who at one time or another have been aided by police.

Seven Sentence Sermons

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. —The Christmas Angels.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod;
This — this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silver trumpets of Christmas have pealed
That mankind are the children of God. —Phillip Brooks.

Therefore, Christmas men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.
—John Mason Neale.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.
—Tennyson.

Fear not; for behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
—Luke 2:10, 11

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth good will to men.
—Longfellow.

Let not the useless sorrow
Pursue night and morning;
If e'er you hoped, hope now.
Take heart — uncloud your face
And join in our embrace
Under the Holly Bough.
—Charles McKay

"He joined the Co-Ops" reports county agent Kope Elias in telling about one Mecklenburg county farmer who found he would get over \$400 more for his cotton by having it properly graded by his own paid grader and sold through the Association.

Thirty business men gave a verdict in favor of North Carolina kraut when they compared it to one of the leading commercial brands being sold in the state, reports county agent J. E. Steele of Watauga County.

Seventy five acres will be added to the state's pecan area when one Anson county farmer plants the 1,000 trees that he has recently ordered, reports county agent J. W. Cameron. The movement is spreading.

Growing children need whole milk for growth and development. Substitutes will not take its place, say home demonstration workers of the State College and Department of Agriculture.

When bugs and worms are most plentiful in spring, hens lay heaviest. In winter when this animal food is not available it should be supplied by using such substitutes as meat scrap, fish meal, milk or high grade tankage, recommends A. G. Oliver, poultry extension specialist.

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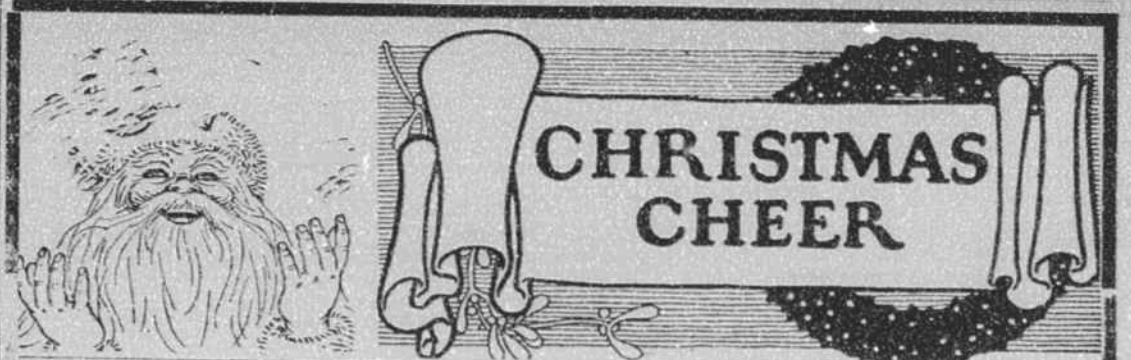
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