

## THREE GIANT SEAPLANES START FOR AZORES

### "AMERICA FIRST" SLOGAN OF COTTON GROWERS OF SOUTH

American Cotton Association  
Makes Public Table of Re-  
duction Percentages

### EFFORTS FOR DECREASE IN ACREAGE SUCCESSFUL

J. S. Wannamaker, of South  
Carolina, Elected President  
of Organization; Joseph A.  
Brown, of Chadbourne, One of  
Directors in Export Financi-  
ng Corporation

New Orleans, La., May 16.—Southern  
cotton growers in conference here late  
today went on record as being for  
"America first," against any sanctional  
claims, when they declared it would be  
better to "sacrifice every bale of cot-  
ton rather than to sell one pound to  
Germany before the peace treaty is  
signed."

The action was in opposition to a  
resolution asking export restrictions for  
cotton be removed, which was tabled  
amid cheers of the delegates.  
A sub-committee will be designated  
to perfect organization of the \$100,000-  
000 cotton export financing corporation.  
Selection of a city for the headquarters  
of the new concern also will be decided  
upon by the sub-committee.

J. S. Wannamaker, of South Carolina,  
was chosen president of the newly  
formed American Cotton Association at  
a convention of the members today.

Pointing out that the South never  
again will raise as large a cotton crop as  
in the past because of what was termed  
"successful efforts to reduce an acreage  
reduction," the report committee of the  
newly formed American Cotton Association,  
made public its findings at a  
meeting here today of members.

The following table of reduction per-  
centages by States is contained in the  
report:

State	Acreage	Pct.
Arkansas	2,587,600	20.0
Tennessee	759,230	18.0
Missouri	96,825	97.6
Oklahoma	2,370,850	25.0
California	155,200	20.0
Arizona	69,000	25.0
Alabama	2,753,100	5.0
Virginia	34,000	30.3
North Carolina	1,287,000	26.1
South Carolina	2,213,205	20.5
Georgia	4,318,440	26.1
Florida	126,000	24.5
Mississippi	2,774,400	15.0
Louisiana	1,194,257	23.1
Texas	9,528,000	20.0
Total	30,216,097	18.4
Alabama deducted—acreage 2,753,100		
Total acreage 27,462,997, per cent 20.2		

Alabama's acreage is an estimate,  
showing an increased acreage of 5 per  
cent.

Palmetto Man President.  
J. S. Wannamaker of S. Matthews,  
S. C., was elected permanent chairman  
of the American Cotton Association at  
its meeting of delegates from the cot-  
ton growing States here today.

John T. Scott of Houston was elected  
first vice-president and W. C. Barrick-  
man of Dallas secretary. Mr. Wann-  
maker's title later was changed from  
chairman to president.

Joe Brown, Director.  
Directors for the Cotton Export  
Financing Corporation so far selected  
follow:

North Carolina, J. A. Brown, Chad-  
bourne.  
South Carolina, S. D. Jennings, Sum-  
ter.

Georgia, R. T. Willingham, Macon.  
It was announced the export corpora-  
tion was a "going concern," as fifteen  
minutes after necessary preliminary  
subscriptions of \$10,000 had been called  
for more than \$11,000 was offered.

The complete board of directors of  
the export corporation when elected will  
select the principal officers.

### BARNES TAKES STEPS TO STOP SPECULATION

Open Trades in Corn Limited  
To 200,000 Bushels To Any  
One Corporation

New York, May 16.—Julius H. Barnes,  
Federal wheat director, late today  
formally notified L. F. Gates, president  
of the Chicago Board of Trade, that the  
exchange should reinstate the rule limit-  
ing the amount of open trades in  
corn for any one interest or individual  
to 200,000 bushels. His suggestion was  
designed to prevent undue speculation.  
If the Chicago board complies with  
this suggestion, Mr. Barnes will "feel  
justified" in calling Herbert Hoover,  
director general of the Food Adminis-  
tration, that further regulation "may  
not be necessary," he said.

Mr. Gates has already replied that  
the wheat director's suggestion will be  
placed before the board of trade's ex-  
ecutive officers immediately, adding  
that he has "no doubt that the outcome  
will be satisfactory."

Reduction for Round Trips.  
Washington, May 16.—Special rates of  
two-thirds of the usual round trip to  
charges will be put into effect soon by  
the Railroad Administration for travel  
to religious, fraternal and educational  
meetings. This will cut the mileage  
from three to two cents for hun-  
dreds of these conventions to be held  
this summer. The exact time when  
these will become effective has not yet  
been determined, but it probably will  
be within a week or two.

### President's Message Sent By Cable Only Domestic Questions Are Discussed

Paris, May 16.—President Wilson's message to be read at the approaching session of Congress will make approximately 3,000 words. It is being sent forward to Washington tonight.  
The message deals entirely with domestic questions. Some space in it is devoted to woman suffrage.

### BAKER FOR UNIVERSAL TRAINING.

Washington, May 16.—Secretary Baker is expected to make a public announcement of a definite stand in favor of universal educational-military training, with a statement of his reasons. It is assumed here that President Wilson has approved his plan.

The plan understood to be favored by Secretary Baker contemplates the use of the military establishment as a medium for training the youth of the nation; first along academic and vocational lines and as an entirely separate and subordinated feature in rudimentary military science. The secretary's suggested program is said to be based initially on the benefits which will accrue to the country from the higher average of intelligence and the improved standard of physical well-being of the young men who would be taken annually into the training machine.

### OFF DAY IN PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE

Concentration of Allied War-  
ships Around Turkey; Huns  
Preparing New Note

(By The Associated Press)

Friday proved an off day in peace  
conference circles, as far as the council  
of four was concerned. President Wilson  
devoted the day to visits by a num-  
ber of delegations and individuals,  
ranging from diplomats to labor repre-  
sentatives, while Premier Lloyd George  
was absent from Paris, bidding fare-  
well to a Welsh regiment that left for  
home. The negotiations with the Aus-  
trian peace delegation at St. Germain  
are expected to begin the middle of  
next week. The Austrians probably  
will present their credentials at a  
meeting of the peace congress Tuesday,  
and it is reported unofficially that the  
following day may witness the handing  
of the peace terms to the delegation.

Huns Preparing Another Note.  
The council of foreign ministers is  
continuing its labors on the details of  
the Austrian peace treaty connected  
with the question of new frontiers. The  
treaty, it is understood will not deal  
with the disposition of Dalmatia, Istri-  
a or Fiume, merely calling for Austrian  
renunciation of rights to these terri-  
tories. The Italians and Jugo Slavs  
with American mediation will settle the  
question of the former Austrian do-  
main between themselves if pending  
negotiations reach a successful  
conclusion.

Still another note from the German  
peace plenipotentiaries to the allied  
and associated powers, said to deal with  
the question of Alsace-Lorraine is in  
course of preparation by the Germans.  
Getting Ready for Talks.  
That the Allies are preparing for the  
eventful day, when the Turks are to be  
reconciled with a peace treaty is in-  
dicated by the fact that British,  
French, American, Italian and Greek  
warships, with landing parties, have  
begun a great concentration at Smyrna,  
Asia-Minor. Allied troops also are  
being massed at Saloniki. The concen-  
tration at Smyrna is connected with  
the mandate given to Greece by the  
peace conference to the minister of af-  
fairs of the Turkish sultan while the  
belief is expressed in Paris that the  
massing at Saloniki is connected with  
the enforcement of the peace terms to  
be presented to the Ottomans, which it  
is thought probable will include a de-  
mand that the Turks leave Europe.

Chinese Cabinet Resigns  
The peace negotiations with Turkey,  
and also with Bulgaria, are expected to  
take place in Constantinople, Saloniki,  
or some other city in the near East.  
The Chinese cabinet is expected to have  
tendered its resignation, which Presi-  
dent Hu Shih-Chang is said to have  
declined to accept. The conference at  
Shanghai at which endeavors were being  
made to arrange a peace between  
Northern and Southern China has  
broken up.

Vienna advices report that many per-  
sons have been killed in clashes be-  
tween Serbs and Croats at Agram, capital  
of Croatia.

### BURLINGTON MAN IS GIVEN CROIX DE GUERRE

Washington, May 16.—Roy R. Fen-  
ville, of Burlington, N. C., a Y. M. C. A.  
secretary, was decorated with the croix  
de guerre here tonight for valorous ser-  
vice with the marine corps in France.  
Fenville during his service in France  
lost the sight of one eye.

### WARSHIPS FOR AUSTRALIA

Gift of England in Appreciation of War  
Effort.

Melbourne, April 15.—(By Mail.)—The  
dozen warships lately given to Australia  
by the British government as a mark of  
appreciation of Australia's naval efforts  
during the war will reach the common-  
wealth probably in June. The gift con-  
sists of six destroyers and six subma-  
rines. The fleet leader is named the  
Anzac. The Acting Minister for the  
Navy, Mr. Poynton, says one of the  
problems facing the government is how  
to man the Australian navy with Aus-  
tralian.

### SEA TRAVEL RULES TO BE LESS RIGID BAKER ANNOUNCES

Close Relatives of American  
Soldiers To Be Allowed Pass-  
ports After June 15

GENERAL POLICY NOT  
AFFECTED, HOWEVER

Persons Not Prepared To Stay  
Abroad at Least Six Months  
Shouldn't Go at All; Poor  
Chance To Get Back On Ac-  
count of Troop Move-  
ment

By S. R. WINTERS.  
(Special Lensed Wire.)

Washington, May 16.—Mrs. Elsie  
Dorck Faiss, of Goldboro, who re-  
cently applied for a passport to visit  
England, will be permitted to go abroad  
after June 15. She has been tendered  
a position with the British Young-Men's  
Christian Association and for this pur-  
pose she states that she primarily de-  
sires to visit England. Secretary of  
War Newton D. Baker has let down the  
bars, effective June 15, and other North  
Carolinians will be permitted to travel  
in foreign countries. Numerous re-  
quests have come to North Carolina Sen-  
ators. Here is the statement of Sec-  
retary Baker:

"I am today notifying the State De-  
partment that on and after June 15 the  
department will interpose no objections  
to the granting of passports to the wives  
or mothers of American officers and en-  
listed men who may wish to go to Eu-  
rope. It should be understood that this  
will not affect the general policy of the  
State Department with regard to grant-  
ing passports, but merely removes the  
specific objections of the War Depart-  
ment (made early in the war in response  
to the urgent requests of our allies) to  
permitting close relatives of members of  
the American Expeditionary Forces to  
go to Europe.

"The changed ruling will permit a  
number of people who have important  
interests of various kinds to look after  
in Europe, but who have recognized the  
need of uniformity in the application  
of any such policy, to make their plans  
to go abroad during the early summer.

"The rapid westward movement of our  
officers and soldiers, it is believed, will  
render it unlikely that many persons  
will desire to take advantage of the  
changed policy. The State Department  
will not grant passports to members of  
the families of officers or soldiers whose  
organizations are listed for early return  
to the United States.

Difficult Living Conditions.  
"It should be pointed out that in ad-  
dition to the very difficult conditions of  
living in Europe, the high cost of food  
and lodging, and the delays and uncer-  
tainties of obtaining transportation of  
all kinds, there is the fundamental diffi-  
culty of ocean transportation.

"The War Department is prohibited  
by law from carrying civilians upon  
its transports and in the stress of west-  
bound traffic many officers, enlisted  
men, and many more welfare workers,  
who have served with the troops abroad,  
are required to be accommodated owing  
to the commercial lines. The War De-  
partment, therefore, will be unable to  
secure any assistance in the way of  
transportation.

"The policy of both the State and  
War Department is, therefore, to dis-  
courage all applications for passports  
for persons who are not prepared to  
stay abroad at least six months, and  
our representatives abroad have been in-  
structed not to issue passports of civi-  
lians for passage to the United States  
while the transportation of troops con-  
tinues, except in cases of urgent neces-  
sity, in order that the already heavy  
demands upon westbound ocean traffic  
may not be increased any more than is  
absolutely necessary."

Representative Chas. M. Stedman of  
North Carolina has been chosen as the  
speaker for the Memorial Day observance  
at the Arlington National Cemetery, beginning  
at 3 p. m. Representative Stedman is a  
veteran of the Confederate army and  
served in the Bethel regiment.

### MR. DANIELS REACHES HOBOKEN THIS MORNING

(By Lensed Wire.)  
Washington, May 16.—Edward E.  
Britton, private secretary to the Sec-  
retary of the Navy, has gone to New  
York. Secretary of the Navy and Mrs.  
Daniels are expected to arrive at Hobo-  
ken at 7:45 Saturday morning, prob-  
ably reaching Washington late Saturday  
night or early Sunday.

W. A. Lucas, a lawyer of Wilson, was  
a visitor to the national capital.

J. R. Collier, of Raleigh, superinten-  
dent of the State Prison, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar N. Snow were in  
Washington today returning from their  
honeymoon to New York and other  
cities. They will make their home here  
in Greensboro. Mrs. Snow was Miss Over-  
man, a daughter of Senator and Mrs.  
Lee S. Overman.

Representatives Poy, Godwin, Weaver  
and Stedman are among the Tar Heel  
congressmen that have returned to the  
capital.

A. L. Diggs, clerk in the office of  
Senator Overman, has returned from his  
home in Asheville.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Pogue have re-  
turned from Raleigh and other southern  
cities where they have been enjoying  
their honeymoon. They will take  
up their residence with Miss Edith  
Goode at 1710 N. street.

### FLIGHT NOT A MERE SPORTING VENTURE

It's An Undertaking For The  
Advancement of Seaman-  
ship and Science

THAT IS WHY THE U. S. NAVY  
IS BACKING THE EFFORT

Destroyers, Reinforced By Bat-  
tleships With Powerful Wire-  
less Equipment, To Pick Up  
Messages From The Flyers in  
Case Radio Sets of Smaller  
Vessels Fail To Function

(By The Associated Press.)  
Thepassay, N. F., May 16.—When  
the giant American hydroplanes sped  
away into the east, over the Grand  
Banks and the broad Atlantic, they  
started upon a course not only care-  
fully charted, but patrolled by res-  
cue and repair ships all the way to  
the Portuguese coast.

Looking upon the cruise not as an  
sporting venture, nor as an attempt  
merely to win for the United States the  
honor of the first trans-Atlantic air  
flight, but as an undertaking for the  
advancement of science and seaman-  
ship, the American navy placed its own  
vast resources at the disposal of the  
aviators, and enlisted those of other  
government departments in an effort  
to assure the safety of the crews and  
to reduce to a minimum the element of  
chance in the project.

Destroyers and Battleships on Guard.  
A flotilla of destroyers, reinforced  
by battleships whose more powerful  
wireless equipments was intended to  
pick messages from the flyers in case  
the radio sets of the smaller vessels  
failed to function, formed a chain of  
communication across the Atlantic  
while the planes were proceeding to  
their base here. The fleet will remain  
on station until the birdmen have passed,  
the destroyers so close together that  
an hour's steaming would bring one of  
them to the alighting place of any of  
the aircraft forced to descend. Mother  
ships, tenders and other naval units  
at intervals along the course, have  
mechanics, tools, extra parts and gas-  
oline aboard, ready to give aid which  
would make possible resumption of the  
journey by a plane put out of com-  
mission by slight defects.

The patrol fleet, in wireless contact  
throughout its length and in touch with  
the United States weather bureau, as  
well as ships of various nationalities  
cruising the Middle Atlantic, will keep  
the aviators posted on weather condi-  
tions in the areas they are approaching,  
also cooperating with the navigators  
aboard the planes in directing the flight.

Commander Towers Confident.  
"Give us no luck, good or bad, and  
the trans-oceanic voyage should be made  
without trouble," said Commander  
John H. Towers, chief of the expedi-  
tion, commenting before the "hop off"  
on the completeness of the navy's pre-  
parations. "We are not undertaking the  
impossible, we are banking on chance.  
We are attempting a flight wholly  
within the mechanical possibilities of  
the NC planes, hoping to demonstrate  
without reckless risk of life or valuable  
property, that an air cruise to Europe  
is a practical proposition."

One of Commander Towers' brother  
officers declared that a new branch of  
the science of navigation was growing  
up around the NC planes, thus making  
the flight an undertaking expected to  
contribute materially to the advance-  
ment of the profession of the sea.  
Giant strides have been made in de-  
velopment of the steering and weather  
charts to be used on the flight and the  
crews expected to accomplish worth  
while results in the experiments above  
blue water.

Description of the NC Aircraft.  
The naval aircraft, flying flying boats  
which ascend from a "take off" in the  
water and "land" also on the surface  
of the sea are driven by Liberty motors,  
four to a plane and aggregating 1,600  
horsepower. They are of the biplane  
type, with a wing span of 126 feet,  
length over all of 72 feet and length of  
tail, 44 feet. The craft weigh 15,100  
pounds, with navigating and wireless  
equipment aboard, but without crew

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### WISEMAN CASE GOES TO JURY SOME TIME TODAY

Lawyers Complete Arguments  
and Judge Long Will Deliver  
Charge This Morning

(Special to the News and Observer.)  
Shelby, May 16.—Case of State  
against Aaron Wiseman, being tried  
here for the killing of Dr. E. A. Hen-  
nessey, of Burke, will go to the jury  
Tuesday morning after Judge Long  
has delivered his charge, and it is ex-  
pected that a verdict will be arrived at  
some time tomorrow. The special venire  
of 75 men from which to select the jury  
reported Tuesday at noon, and two  
days were consumed in hearing the  
evidence. There were four speeches by  
attorneys for the defense and three by  
attorneys for the State, these arguments  
consumed a day and half. C. R. Hoey,  
for State, closed argument this after-  
noon and Judge Long adjourned court  
until tomorrow morning, when he will  
deliver his charge to the jury.

Meet Next in Jackson, Miss.  
Knoxville, Tenn., May 16.—Jackson,  
Miss., was selected for holding the next  
annual meeting of the Southern So-  
ciological Congress. This announce-  
ment was made tonight by Dr. J. E.  
McCullough, secretary of the congress.

### FINAL PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE NAVAL PLANES.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Ponta Del Gada, Azores, May 16.—  
Final preparations were made to-  
night to receive the American naval  
seaplanes which are expected to ar-  
rive tomorrow and the section of  
Ponta Del Gada harbor, where the  
planes will be moored, has been  
cleared of all craft to allow a safe  
landing. The weather, which was  
rainy and foggy today, is clearing  
to light. If the seaplanes follow the  
scheduled course they will first land  
at Corvo, which is 300 miles  
west of Ponta Delgada. Supply  
boats have been stationed at Corvo  
and also at Horta, on the southeast  
coast of the Island of Fayal, in case  
a forced landing is necessary. Two  
destroyers are being held in readi-  
ness to go to the assistance of the  
aviators if they are unable to find  
the harbor and are compelled to  
alight on the open sea. All the de-  
stroyers between the Azores and  
Lisbon are in position.

Intense interest in the flight is  
being manifested here, hundreds of  
persons crowding the water front  
daily, awaiting the fliers.

### PLANES 500 MILES OUT, SAYS REPORT

Navy Department Receives  
Wireless Dispatch That They  
Are Near Station 9

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 17.—Cryptic radio  
grams from the seaplane division on its  
way to Europe, picked out of the air by  
the naval radio station at Bar Harbor,  
Maine, indicated that the planes were  
in the vicinity of the destroyer  
station No. 9, nearly 500 miles from  
Trepassey Bay soon after midnight.

The three machines left Trepassey a  
few minutes after six o'clock last night  
and were officially reported as passing  
station ship No. 6, 300 miles out, a little  
more than four hours later, and the  
next indication of their progress was  
the intercepted messages reported by  
Bar Harbor.

The Bar Harbor station set a new  
record in catching the signals of the  
planes at a distance of more than a  
thousand miles. The NC-1 was calling  
the Thatcher in the message the Maine  
station overheard.

Navy officials assumed the Thatcher  
was still ahead of the group of air-  
planes which had passed other de-  
stroyers in the long line closely  
bunched and all making speed in ex-  
cess of the 60 miles an hour they had  
expected to maintain. If no accident  
interfered, it was said early this morning  
there is every reason to expect the  
planes will have reached Ponta Del-  
gada, Azores, around mid-day today.  
The most difficult leg of the whole trip  
from Rockaway Beach, Long Island, to  
Plymouth, England, was more than  
one-third covered when the signals from  
the NC-1 were intercepted.

The planes were making tonight the  
only portion of the trip which will re-  
quire them to fly in darkness. Ap-  
parently they were keeping dead on  
their course down the long line of de-  
stroyers which were dropping astern of  
them swiftly as they sped eastward on  
their journey.

Messages Begin to Come  
in From Planes Early

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 16.—The American  
naval seaplanes en route on the first at-  
tempt to reach Europe from America by  
air passed station ship No. 6, the de-  
stroyer Ward, 300 miles from Trepassey  
Bay at 2:05 Greenwich time (10:05 p. m.  
Washington time), according to a mes-  
sage received late tonight by the Navy  
Department.

The dispatch to the Navy Department  
was sent by the Ward to the U. S. S.  
Prairie at Trepassey Bay, which in turn  
relayed it by radio to St. John's N. F.,  
whence it reached Washington by cable  
and telegraph. The means of sending  
the message back indicated that the  
U. S. S. Aroostook already had left Tre-  
passey and that the destroyers line be-  
hind the swiftly flying planes was rap-  
idly breaking up.

A delayed message over the same  
route said the planes had passed station  
ship No. 3 at 8:03 p. m., flying with 12  
minutes difference between the passing  
of the first and the last of the trio.  
The NC-1 was leading when station  
ship No. 3, the destroyer Buchanan, was  
passed.

Navy officials estimated the speed  
made by the seaplane division up to the  
time they passed Station Ship No. 6 at  
70 miles an hour. At this rate they  
would reach Ponta Delgada about on the  
schedule of 19 hours, or 1 o'clock tomor-  
row afternoon, Washington time.

The radio station at Bar Harbor,  
Maine, intercepted direct messages from  
two of the seaplanes shortly after mid-  
night. One message picked up at 12:27  
o'clock was from the NC-1 calling sta-  
tion ship No. 9, approximately 500 miles  
from Trepassey Bay.

The first message from the Bar Har-  
bor station to the Navy Department  
said:  
"At 12:10 a. m., heard the NC-4, send-  
ing on four 50 meter, say: 'Passed 4'.  
Signals very weak."

It was not certain at the department  
what the figures "414" meant.  
The second message read: "At 12:26  
heard the NC-4 call Cape Race (British  
radio station): 'Am receiving inter-  
ference. Go ahead again!'"  
"At 12:27 heard the NC-1 call No. 9  
and say: 'Answer.'"

### TAKE AIR FOR LONG FLIGHT AT SUNSET

Commander Towers and Bold  
Aviators of American Navy  
Given Rousing Farewell

CIRCLING OVER HARBOR  
THEY SOON GOT BEARINGS

NC-4 Which Was Left Behind  
at Start Was Up Almost As  
Soon As Flagship; Took  
Their Course Towards Corvo,  
1,352 Nautical Miles From  
Port of Trepassey

Trepassey, N. F., May 16.—Three  
giant seaplanes of the American navy—the  
NC-3, NC-4, and NC-1, rose late  
today from the waters of Trepassey Bay  
and headed for the Azores to make by  
air in the twentieth century a journey  
as dangerous as that Columbus made  
by water 427 years ago.

Commanded by Commander John H.  
Towers, Lieutenant Commander A. C.  
Read, and Lieutenant Commander P. N.  
Bellinger, the planes left their moor-  
ings at the head of Trepassey harbor  
and "taxied" towards the narrow.  
Then, rushing into a westerly wind,  
they took the air. The NC-3, the "flag-  
ship," rose at 7:32, the NC-4 two mi-  
nutes later, and the NC-1 at 7:41 (New  
foundland time, which is one hour and  
30 minutes ahead of New York time.)  
Given Rousing Cheers.

As they passed from view, natives of  
Newfoundland who lined the shores of  
the landlocked bay, viewed with Yan-  
kee sailors stationed here in sailing  
away with a rousing cheer the Ameri-  
can aviators starting on their epochal  
voyage.

The seaplanes shaped their course  
towards Corvo, westernmost island of  
the Azores, from which they expected  
to fly to Horta, on the Island of Fayal,  
where they will descend if weather con-  
ditions or mechanical difficulties make  
it necessary, but they will go on if  
possible to Ponta Del Gada on San  
Miguel Island, 1,352 nautical miles  
from this port. This leg of the cruise  
from Rockaway Beach, N. Y., the planes'  
home station, to Plymouth, England, is  
the only one which will require night  
flying.

Make 60 Miles An Hour  
The planes were expected to main-  
tain an average of 60 nautical miles an  
hour, although they are capable of mak-  
ing 90 miles if circumstances demand.  
Temperature was expected to deter-  
mine the flying altitude but it was be-  
lieved five thousand would be the limit.  
The NC-4 which was left behind at  
the start by her sister craft because of  
engine trouble and arrived here from  
Halifax only yesterday was in the air  
today almost as soon as the flagship,  
rising after a swift 25-minute cruise  
about Matton Harbor.

The NC-1 made two unsuccessful at-  
tempts to leave the water, while Com-  
mander Towers' plane soared above it  
and the "Taxied" plane started nine  
minutes after the flagship and followed  
in the wake of the others which headed  
for the East as soon as it took the air.  
Crews Making Flight.

Commander John H. Towers, the  
flight commander, announced the planes  
were manned with the following  
crews:  
NC-1.—Lieut. Commander P. N. B.  
Bellinger, commander; Lieut. Com-  
mander M. A. Milsch and Lieut. L. F.  
Barin, pilots; Lieut. Harry Baden-  
water, radio operator; Chief Machinist  
J. L. Kesler and Chief Machinist  
Pasmus Christensen, engineers.

NC-3.—Commander Towers in  
charge; Lieut. Commander H. C.  
Richardson and Lieut. D. H. McCul-  
loch, pilots; Lieut. Commander E. A.  
Livesader, radio operator; Lieut. Brax-  
ton Rhodes and Boatswain L. R. Moore,  
engineers.

NC-4.—Lieut. Commander A. C. Read,  
commander; Lieut. Walter Hinton and  
Lieut. E. P. Stone, pilots; Harry Baden-  
water, radio operator; Lieut. J.  
L. Breeze, Jr., and Chief Machinist  
Mate E. S. Rhodes, engineers.

NAVY DEPARTMENT GIVES  
EARLY NOTICE OF START  
Washington, May 16.—American naval  
seaplanes started on the long projected  
flight across the Atlantic Ocean shortly  
after 6 o'clock (New York time) tonight.  
This official announcement was made at  
8:10 o'clock tonight at the Navy De-  
partment.