

U. S. Fliers Give "Lift" to British Rival for Honors

Smith Secures Destroyer to Go for New Plane When One Crashes; Plan Trip Through Japan.

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How America saved the British round-the-world flight and enabled its chief competitor to remain in the race is a human interest story that has never been told. At the time the episode occurred it would not have been good taste for Americans to refer to it.

But now that both flights are history, and now that the British government has fallen that was in power at the time, there is no reason why full credit should not be given to Lowell Smith for coming to Major McLaren's rescue. What happened is a part of the world flight story and while it does not reflect seriously against any one, because the British flight was a private enterprise, it does reflect greatly to the credit of Lowell Smith and the United States air service, which he was representing, and to the United States navy.

One morning in Tokio Colonel Broome, advance officer for the Brit-

ish world fliers, took breakfast with Smith and Arnold at the Imperial hotel. While they were swapping stories and giving each other suggestions the representative of the Associated Press received a cable from his Calcutta office announcing that the British fliers had crashed several thousand miles farther east, at Akyab, on the shores of the Bay of Bengal. He at once rushed a copy of the cable to Lowell Smith's room at the Imperial.

Englishman Good Loser.

Naturally the news was a serious blow to the colonel. But all he said was, "There goes two years' work to the bottom of the sea."

Englishmen are usually good losers, and Broome was no exception. Although this meant the end of his dream, and perhaps the greatest blow of his life, he took it like a good sport. This impressed Smith, who also hadn't forgotten those cheery little notes the colonel had left all the way along the Alaskan coast for the American fliers while laying out supply depots for McLaren. Smith also knew that the British had a spare seaplane at Hakudati, in northern Japan. But Colonel Broome had no idea what his chances might be of getting the British admiralty to send a destroyer to Hakudati and then away around to Akyab, from Hongkong back to Hongkong would mean nearly a month's cruise of over 8,000 miles.

After the colonel had left, Smith slipped around to the American embassy and persuaded the naval attaché to co-operate with him in getting one of the American destroyers sent away around to Akyab. The result was that within three hours a destroyer was offered to Colonel Broome subject to final approval by the admiral commanding the American Asiatic squadron and by the navy department.

The colonel was elated and thanked Lowell Smith and the naval attaché. But he said that he first must cable

McLaren at Akyab to find out just how badly the plane was smashed up and also send a message to the commander-in-chief of the British Asiatic fleet inquiring as whether he would like to place a British destroyer at their disposal just as the Americans had generously offered to do. At the same time he sent a similar cable to the admiralty in London.

English Government Flunks.

Major McLaren also sent messages to his government. In reply the British admiralty informed him they would be glad to charter a destroyer to him at a cost of so much per day. Now the expense of maintaining a destroyer at sea is over \$500 a day, and to get the plane and take it to Akyab would mean a trip of more than 8,000 miles and would mean that a destroyer would have to be away from its base for nearly four weeks. So it was a large order for any one to make.

Monday passed. Then Tuesday went by. Still Colonel Broome received no word from London. When the fliers of various nations are racing to see who is going to win the honor of being the first to circumnavigate the globe by air, every day counts.

Tuesday night the British advance representative accepted the offer that Lieut. Lowell Smith had gotten from the American navy, and at 7 Wednesday morning, May 28, the U. S. S. John Paul Jones, commanded by Lieut. Com. C. L. Hall, left Yokohama. The John Paul Jones steamed north for 500 miles to Hakudati, at 25 knots an hour, and on the 29th picked up the spare plane belonging to the British round the world fliers.

U. S. Destroyer to Rescue.

Vickers, Ltd., the enormous government subsidized ship, arms and airplane building concern, which had made the planes for the Alcock-Brown Atlantic flight, the England to Australia flight, and the Cairo to the Cape flight, had supplied the aerial cruisers for this British attempt to fly around the globe. They had sent one of their expert mechanics, S. S. Davis, to Hakudati, to assemble the Vickers Amphibian in case McLaren required it. The John Paul Jones took him aboard also.

To get the giant seaplane on the destroyer it was necessary for Commander Hall to dismantle the wireless apparatus carried by his ship and also to cut away pipes and various other things that are a part of a destroyer's equipment. He finally squeezed the Amphibian in between the after engine room hatch and the main mast. Again at full speed ahead, averaging 25 knots all the way, the John Paul Jones arrived at Hongkong on June 3.

Makes Run on Schedule.

At Hongkong the three huge boxes—one containing the motor, one the fuselage and wings, and the other filled with spare parts—were transferred from the John Paul Jones to the U. S. S. William B. Preston, commanded by Lieut. Com. Willis A. Lee, Jr. Lee wireless McLaren at Akyab that he would get his plane to him not later than the 13th of June. The Preston, after battling a typhoon and encountering rough seas and storms most of the way, crossed the China sea, stopped at Singapore for fuel, sailed through the Straits of Malacca and up the Bay of Bengal, arriving at Akyab on the 11th.

Akyab, far back in the mists of antiquity, was a great city and the capital of Arakan, one of the oldest kingdoms in the world. But today it is merely an out-of-the-way little seaport on the Bay of Bengal between the mouths of the Irrawaddy and Hooghly rivers. The facilities for unloading there are limited to a two-ton crane, not near large enough for handling a four-ton plane.

Hard Job Unloading.

Thousands of Burmese and Indians stood on the pier watching the excitement and 10,000 crows wheeled in circles overhead, wondering what it was all about. A venerable native patriarch called "Santa Claus," operated the antiquated crane, and Major McLaren and Commander Lee were at their wits end puzzling as to how they could make a two-ton crane handle a four-ton weight. They knew if the crane gave way when the box was in midair the plane would be wrecked and the destroyer badly damaged.

Finally they chained the crane down, hoisted the plane into the air and while everybody's heart stopped beating they started to swing around. When the box was clear of the destroyer and almost in place, the crane tipped over and the huge crate weighing four tons dropped three feet to the dock. But when Major McLaren

opened it he found that not a thing had been broken.

Situation Really Ironical.

One of the best touches in connection with this whole affair was the sending of the U. S. S. John Paul Jones for McLaren's plane. The American naval officer who conceived the subtle idea of detaching a destroyer by that name to save a Brit-

ish expedition showed that he had a sense of humor, and he no doubt had his tongue in his cheek when he gave the order. If John Paul Jones, founder of the American navy, had heard of it, he surely would have sat right up in his grave!

But to get back to the American world fliers, whom we left in Tokio. After two days crammed with recep-

tions, the six airmen returned to Kasumigaura. Although delighted with the hospitality of the Japanese and only too anxious to see all they could of life in Japan, they had gone to Tokio solely for diplomatic reasons. After all, they were out to fly around the world and bring the honor to America before the airmen of some other nation got ahead of them. With McLaren and his British crew back in the running, with Captain Dolsy breaking records for France, and with both Portugal and the Argentine after the prize, it still was anybody's race.

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4. Abraham's wife.
6. Time between periods.
8. Isaiah (abbr.).
9. To excavate.
10. Birds that build hanging nests.
13. Eagles.
14. Outside (prefix).
15. Multiplicatives (suffix).
17. To talk idly.
19. Legal proof.
21. A make of motor car.
22. Barnyard fowl.
23. Primary grade text book.
26. To inquire (Scottish).
27. Japanese statesman.

Vertical.
1. Not capable of being harmonized.
2. A grain.
3. Coal product.
4. To trap.
5. Animals' skins.
6. Equal (Greek).
7. Wrong (prefix).
11. Wrath.
12. To allow.
16. For.
18. Greek letter.
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