

Air Magellans Off for China; Awed by Beauty of Sacred Jap Mountain as Seen From Cockpits

Told By **LOWELL THOMAS**,
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When the fliers left Tokio for Kasumagaura to put their planes in final shape for the hop to China, Commander Lowell Smith told "Les" Arnold to stay for an extra day and do the banking for the crowd. Major Martin was carrying the expedition's exchequer with him when he crashed in Alaska, so it was necessary for some new arrangements to be made. And that was how Arnold was appointed treasurer of the world flight.

"Late Monday night a special escort of Japanese officers not only put me on board my train, but they gave every member of the crew from the engineer and fireman down to the brakeman explicit orders as to where I was to be put off. And every time the train stopped," adds Arnold, "the entire crew would come running up to make sure I didn't get off at the wrong place. When we finally pulled into the station near Kasumagaura naval air base I could not have stayed on if I had wanted to."
"Although I arrived in the middle of the night, a reception committee of prominent Japanese army and naval officers met me with a fleet of automobiles. They informed me that during the one day I had remained behind in Tokio that Lowell had installed a new motor in the Chicago. But there was still several days' work to be done.

"But we could not work at night, and one evening before we had finished we were again honored in a way that seldom falls to the lot of a casual visitor to Japan. Commander Yaguchi, the naval officer in charge of the base at Kasumagaura, invited us to an intimate and informal dinner at his home. The only persons present were the commander and his cousin, and the six of us. We sat in groups of four at two small tables with a three-legged bronze charcoal stove between. Our two hosts prepared our food over the glowing coals. The meals consisted of thin tender slices of beef and a delicious but somewhat mysterious gravy with bamboo shoots and young rice stalks, all mixed and cooked together. This was our fourth real Japanese meal, and by now we were getting so that we could wield a wicked chopstick.

"The earthquake had destroyed all of the water mains in this part of the island, as well as most of the sources of supply. The only water available was said to be full of diphtheria germs. So practically all the beverages one could obtain were tea, light wines and beer. Coming from a water-drinking country like America, this was quite a hardship for us!

"On our way back to the club one night, while walking along a dark road we suddenly came to a sharp turn. On either side were rice paddy fields flooded with water and without any fences around them. There was no moon shining, nor any stars visible. Erik happened to be striding ahead, and not being able to see the road distinctly, when he came to the turn he went straight on and suddenly found himself floundering up to his waist in a paddy field.

"Saturday night, May 31, we finished overhauling the planes, and at 3 a. m. the next morning we were out on the lake getting ready to take off for China. The chief of the Japanese air service and a special trainload of high officials arrived from Tokio just at dawn to see us start. We much appreciated this because it meant that they had been up all night. But they assured us they regarded the circumnavigation of the globe by air as an event forecasting a new age, an age in which they wanted their country to play a leading part. It was for this reason, they said, that they wanted to see as much of the flight as possible.

"The weather was ideal for flying, and the sun was just coming up when we left the Japanese naval air base and set our course south toward the southern end of the main island of Honshu. Just ahead of us on the left was the island volcano of Oshima, belching forth great clouds of smoke and steam. We knew that Fuji was somewhere off to our right, but a cloud bank obscured the view. Suddenly as we flew across the entrance to Yokohama harbor the clouds to the west rolled apart, and there, with his snowy summit standing out against the cobalt sky, was one of the loveliest sights I have ever beheld.

"No wonder this is a sacred mountain. No wonder that from the earliest times Japanese poets have sung of Fujiyama's beauty and charms. No wonder the people of these islands are nature worshippers with this dazzling, snow-capped volcano ever before them.
"But no more words of mine can describe the thrill I got that morning as the clouds rolled back and Fujiyama said to us, 'Ah, here I am.' No sight, excepting Mount Ranier, the vast ice fields around Mount St. Elias on the Alaskan coast and the fjord leading up to Seward called Resurrection bay, had so impressed and inspired us.
"A few minutes after we had paid our respects to Fuji we plunged into a combination of rain and fog, so from then on for two hours we saw no land and flew a compass course. The last hour of the storm we got our first taste of a typhoon, and by the time we arrived over Koshimoto, where we were to refuel, a real typhoon was raging in great style. The sea was so rough that we flew around a half a dozen times before landing, and when we came down on the waves we spent three-quarters of an hour vainly attempting to moor the planes. Smith ran the motor while I got fast down on the pontoons. First we would be away off from it, and Smith would have to switch on the motor. Then, when we got up to the buoy again, first it would be way down, underneath me, and then as the waves changed it would be way up the trough of the sea. Time and again the waves broke right over the pontoons, nearly washing me off."

The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By **RICHARD H. TINGLEY**.

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| Horizontal. | Vertical. |
| 1. An outdoor sport. | 2. Bone. |
| 8. A Gaelic people. | 3. Having little weight. |
| 9. Title of distinction. | 4. To release from bondage. |
| 10. To afflict with vexation. | 5. Sediment. |
| 12. A preposition. | 6. The top of a thing. |
| 14. Mild. | 7. Correct (slang). |
| 17. A continent (abbr.). | 8. Part of hogs. |
| 78. More. | 11. A vehicle. |
| 19. Game of cards. | 13. Summit. |
| 20. Either. | 15. A girl's nickname. |
| 21. Definite locality. | 16. To attempt. |
| 22. Empire state (abbr.). | 17. Male child. |
| 24. Canvas shelter. | 22. In a higher position than. |
| 28. Part of the head. | 25. Every. |
| 30. Tree sap used for varnish. | 26. Railroad (abbr.). |
| 32. A small bird. | 27. The (Spanish). |
| 34. A force assumed to account for mesmeric phenomena. | 29. Occurring every year. |
| 36. Bullet. | 31. Dormant. |
| 39. Arizona. | 32. Money drawer. |
| 40. Pertaining to the nostrils. | 33. Foreign (abbr.). |
| 42. A river in Italy. | 34. Sober. |
| 44. Place of the seal in legal documents. | 35. Thoroughly (prefix). |
| 45. Pollite. | 37. Open (poetic). |
| 46. Into (prefix). | 38. Chinese secret society. |
| 47. Japanese fish. | 41. Dry. |
| 48. X. | 42. Before (prefix) (or, poker term). |
| 50. Disposed of. | 47. Toward. |
| 51. Unwritten narrative poetry. | 49. Negation. |
- The solution will appear tomorrow.

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