

### America's Fliers Alone Permitted to Cross Turkey

#### Other Globe Circlers Forced to Travel by Way of Greece; Tricks Feared.

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Of all the expeditions that started out to circumnavigate the globe by air the only one allowed to use the historic bridge from Asia to Europe via Constantinople and the Golden Horn was the American world flight. The others were obliged to take the much longer route by way of Greece, the island of Crete, across the Mediterranean to northern Africa, and finally from Egypt to Baghdad by way of the Suez canal, the Sinai desert, the Holy Land, Damascus, and Northern Arabia. The Turkish government had not welcomed the idea of foreign airplanes flying over their country. Like the Japanese, they at first thought it might merely be a clever way of getting pictures of their country from the air. They had not yet forgotten that they had been tangled up in a great world war years before. So it required a great deal of maneuvering for the Americans to convince the Turks that they should change their minds.

Although Nelson and Wade thought that Lowell Smith would have better luck than Moses as a navigator, they preferred to avoid the Sinai desert if possible. By flying to Europe via Constantinople and whizzing across the Hellespont at the rate of a 100 miles an hour they could save themselves the long and unnecessary water hop across the Mediterranean.

So the Turks at last agreed, and thus it was that the American world fliers were the first to look down from the sky on the Black sea, the Bosphorus, and the Sea of Marmora while flying over the Golden Horn from Asia to Europe by the route made famous during the many thousand year old struggle between orient and occident, between Persian and Greek, Roman and Pontian, Byzantine and Moslem, Crusader and Saracen, and made still more famous during the late Balkan wars and the bitter fighting between the allies and Turkey at Gallipoli and the Dardanelles.

Best View of Trip. Nor would they trade their experience for a good deal. The American world fliers agree that the view they had of Constantinople from the air was one of the high spots of their journey round the globe. Of all the cities over which they flew, as a wonderful picture, as a spectacle that would inspire a poet or an artist, Constantinople far surpassed Shanghai, Hongkong, Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, the seven cities of Delhi, the coral city of Buzhira on the Persian gulf, or ever romantic Bagdad.

"Our first glimpse of this city which has stood here on the Golden Horn for nearly 3,000 years, and which the French rightly call la Sublime Porte, was of Skutari on the Asiatic shore," says Commander Lowell Smith. "But almost at the same moment the minarets and domes of the mosques of Stamboul appeared just beyond.

"It was one of the best flying days we had. The visibility was so perfect that we could see for 100 miles or more in every direction—far out over the plains of Turkey to the south, out over the Black sea whence Jason and the Argonauts sailed in search of the Golden Fleece, to the east of Gallipoli, and to the south toward Bulgaria.

Telegraph Haphazard. "Admiral Bristol, the American ambassador to Turkey; Lieutenant Halverson, who had made all our advance arrangements in the countries over which we had just flown; Major Walsh, who had preceded us across Europe, and a number of our other countrymen, were at San Stefano waiting for us. But it was only by chance that they happened to be there. Due to the inefficiency of the telegraph in that part of the world the wires we had sent from Bagdad and Aleppo had never reached them. They had merely gone out to the aerodrome on a hunch that we might arrive. Even as far as Paris, telegraphic communications in Europe, Casco Hapazard. In an airplane you can nearly always make a quicker time than a telegram, and frequently the letter never arrives at all.

"After working from 2 o'clock until 4:30 we drove in to the city, but there wasn't any official entertainment that night owing to the fact that no one knew we were coming. So we enjoyed ourselves wondering about the streets seeing all that we could of this city where the races of earth meet, each without abandoning his own national costume, and without adopting any of the customs of the Turks.

"Although the greatest of all the cities of Islam, the first thing we missed was the yashmak, the Mohammedan veil. The women of Turkey have at last taken this first step toward freeing themselves from the bondage of the harem. But the absence of the veil made it difficult for us to tell the difference between Turkish, Georgian, Armenian, Grecian, Bulgarian, Italian and Russian women.

American Girls Prettiest. "We are often asked in what country we found the most beautiful women. Just why this question should be asked of us we do not quite understand. The only members of our party who might lay any claim at all to being authorities on this delicate and alluring subject are the three who occupied the rear cockpits. For example 'Les' and 'Smiling Jack' insist that by far the most beautiful women we saw from the time we left Puget sound until we landed in New England, were the American girls we met in Shanghai. To this the rest of us all say, 'Here! Here!' Then, next in order 'Les' puts the Russian beauties whom we saw from a distance in Constantinople. Third in classification he puts the Roumanians.

"According to the original sched-

ule we were supposed to spend four days and the shores of the Bosphorus. But we were anxious to reach Paris by Bastille day, which was only four days away, and then proceed on our long flight across the North Atlantic with the least possible delay. We would have taken off for Bucharest next morning if it hadn't been that the Turkish officials were extremely anxious to inspect our cruisers. With customary eastern hospitality they implored us to stay with them for a week or so, but when we explained that we had been flying from eight to 10 hours a day, working until after dark getting our planes in shape, and then getting up before dawn nearly every morning in order to get around the world as fast as possible, they agreed to look over the planes the following afternoon. We found the Turks exceedingly courteous people, and their officers were as snappy looking a crowd of men as we had met.

Leave East Behind. "Next morning we were up at dawn again and took off from the San Stephano field at 7:30. As we turned and took our last look back at the receding shores of the vast continent of Asia, across which we had flown for so many days, it seemed to us that Constantinople was indeed 'the mysterious and picturesque of all the cities we had seen from the day we first arrived in Japan. But the moment we were out of sight of the minarets of Sultan Ahmed mosque and the rugged old castles that face each other on opposite sides of the Bosphorus, we somehow could feel that we had left the east behind. Perhaps it was merely our imaginations, but all of us had the same experience. As we looked down out of our cockpits at the fields of Thrace, the wind blew up our 'shorts' and flew over many of the battlefields where the Turks and Greeks had waged war quite recently. There were rows and rows of trenches, demolished bridges, ruined villages and towns, and fields pockmarked with shell holes.

"We took a course slightly northwest from Constantinople, and crossed the Balkan mountains into Roumania. At noon we landed on the aerodrome of the French-Roumanian Aero company, but there wasn't a soul to meet us. Even the American consul thought we were 2,000 miles away. The people of Bucharest, although they live next door to Turkey hadn't even heard that we had reached Constantinople."

Wheat Held on Farms. Beatrice, Jan. 14—J. R. Wilson, manager of the farmers' elevator at Hickrell, says little grain has been marketed there during the last few weeks. He believes considerable wheat is being held by the farmers, but in his opinion there is little corn left in the country.

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### "Extra Specials" on Sale Thursday

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| 100 Fur Scarfs \$25 | \$5.00 and \$7.50 Bath Robes \$3.95 | \$15.00 Women's Silk Kimonos \$5.95 | \$39.00 Women's & Misses' Suits \$10 | \$4.00 & \$5.00 Girls' Bath Robes \$2.95 |
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- Made up in Foxes, fine quality wools and stone martens that usually sell at \$39.00, \$49.00. Women's blanket bath robes that usually sell \$5.00 to \$7.50. Group of women's silk kimonos and breakfast robes, also negligees in light shades. Sold up to \$15.00. 75 women and misses' suits in tweeds and winter weights that usually sell up to \$39. Blanket bath robes, sizes 8 to 14.

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- \$1.49 Sheets, \$1.25
- Seamless, 81x90 size.
- 45c Cases, 38c Each
- 45-inch size, made from Mohawk sheeting.
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- Union linen, heavy 18x36 size.

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