

COMMERCIAL AVIATION SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Report of Manufacturers' Aircraft Association Says Industry in Midst of Period of Unusual Prosperity.

New York, July 14.—Commercial aviation in the United States shows a healthy, steadily growing popularity, says the Manufacturers' Aircraft Association in making public here the report of representatives who have just completed a tour of the country which included inspection flights over most of the territory now served by aerial transport.

The airplane is undergoing the same development experienced by other vehicles of transportation introduced to the public, the various sections of the country according to their individual topography, customs and natural resources, the report said. The southwest and Pacific coast are leading in the adaptation of aircraft to commercial use and plans are being made for a network of aerial transportation lines. In the middle west the airplane is being adopted as the occasion demands, and it is meeting with encouraging success the severe competition of good railroads and highways, lack of landing fields and the considerable indifference of the middle Atlantic states. New England is accepting it with customary conservatism; the south is using it mainly for private purposes and Florida and the West Indies have come to recognize flying as a most important method of communication.

Many Manufacturers.

At present there are in the United States, 15 manufacturers of aircraft and aircraft motors and 85 manufacturers of accessories. During the past few months 20 new airplane distributing agencies have been established throughout the country and new aerial transport operating companies have been formed in New York, San Francisco, Long Beach, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Oakland, Stockton and Alameda, Cal.; Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Bluefield, W. Va., Bettendorf, and Shreveport, La.; Ponca City, Okla.; Seattle and Spokane, Wash.; Detroit, Mich.; Arkansas City, Ark.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Aurora, Ill.; Fargo, N. D.; Cincinnati, O.; Newell, S. D.; Birmingham, Ala.; Ashbury Park, N. J.; Livingston, Vt.; Brooklyn and Syracuse, N. Y., and Rahway, N. J.

Aviators are convinced of the practicability of establishing passenger and express lines throughout the entire Pacific coast. The plans for such lines now in preparation contemplate connecting San Francisco with Los Angeles, San Francisco with Del Monte, San Francisco with Portland, Ore., over the Cascade range, and Portland with Tacoma and Seattle, with an almost certain extension of this line eastward to Spokane. A 10-passenger airplane service already is in operation between San Francisco and Los Angeles and a seaplane mail and package express line between Seattle and British Columbia points will begin operations within a few weeks.

Many Planes in Use.

At present there are some 150 airplanes in commercial use in California and 50 more in Oregon and Washington, while a number equal to that of California are in operation in Texas. Most of the machines in Texas are privately operated by persons who make fortunes in oil, but contracts recently were let for aircraft to be used in transporting supplies between cities and the oil fields. Mining and oil companies desiring emergency supplies or the replacement of special tools have come to depend on the airplane which, with the level lands and natural landing fields of the country and the long distances over which the railroads are unable to make quick time, has provided an impetus to commercial aviation in Texas.

A score of flying boats are in operation on the Mississippi and other rivers of the middle west, and 15 on Lake Michigan, with every indication pointing to a substantial increase in the number before winter. Negotiations also are under way for 10 American-built flying boats of the recently produced 12 and 18-passenger type for use over the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river. Two companies that last winter operated a flying boat service from Florida to Bimini, Havana and Nassau, and carried more than 3,000 passengers, are now employing 10 or 15 machines in a fairly regular service between New York, Boston and Atlantic City. Both of these operating companies have been financially successful and have announced that they will double their equipment this winter.

Plenty of Farm Hands in Dodge County This Season

Fremont, Neb., July 14.—(Special)—For the first time in recent years the beginning of the harvest season in Dodge county finds an oversupply of labor. County Agent Houser, who is controlling the labor supply for the farm bureau, has been unable to place a score of hands this week.

Laborers are demanding 70 cents an hour, but fairly regular service is being offered at 60 cents. Many of them are offering 50 cents and will not go above that figure.

Rust has appeared on wheat in the county, local grain men report. Excessive rainfall within the past few weeks is given as the reason for this.

Divorce Court

Divorce Decrees. Margaret Baldwin from Rilly Baldwin, nonsupport. Josephine Mowrey from Walter Mowrey, nonsupport. Josephine Shmedda from Martin Shmedda, cruelty. Stella Perry against Nathaniel Perry, desertion. Luella Clark against Fred Clark, nonsupport. Elizabeth Taylor against Fred Taylor, cruelty. Gertrude Young against Lynn Young, cruelty. Eva M. Evans against Paul L. Evans, cruelty. Helen K. Mah against Alfred Hall, cruelty. Antwerp, July 14.—Antwerp, New York.

Unwed Elks, Furtively Bearing Flowers, Stammer Greetings to \$10,000 Beauty

Bachelors and Widowers Disappointed in Hopes of Tete-a-Tete With "Most Beautiful Girl."

"Most all the Elk bachelors and widowers in town were at the Union station yesterday morning to meet the westbound Overland Limited. They peered around corners, hid in the smoking room and stood behind sidetracked mail cars. Evidently they didn't want to be seen."

Each of them carried a long package. Some of them, it is said, went home when they saw the large gathering present. "Why, hello, Dan," was the cheery greeting a friend gave one large fat Elk bachelor. "What're you doing here?"

Business of Evading. "Oh, nothing—nothing." "What's the big bunch of flowers for?"

"Eh—oh—nothing—nothing. Aunt of mine coming through. Thought I'd give her a few flowers." "Where's she going?"

"Eh—oh—nowhere. That is—to California—California. There's Harry Cackrell."

And Dan hurried away as he pointed out another Elk bachelor, also bearing flowers.

Then Ike Minor, secretary of the Elks, and Otto Nielsen were discovered, bearing flowers and all decorated with Elks' teeth and Elk emblems and American flags.

"We're just waiting to bring the greeting of the local Elks to Gertrude Olmstead of Chicago, the \$10,000 prize beauty who is on the Overland," explained Mr. Nielsen.

Out from the waiting room with its dodging Elk Romeo went the party as the old Overland glided into the station.

Off the train hopped L. C. Quinn of the Union Pacific.

Beauty Sleeps Late. "I woke her up in Council Bluffs," he exclaimed. "She was still asleep. She's on this car."

Nine large, homely men and seven women descended the steps. And then came the \$10,000 beauty, smiling like a Mary Pickford.

Her dark, wavy chestnut hair was charmingly arranged so that her curls descended in cascades beside her left ear and upon her snowy bosom. She wore a blue tailored suit and an amethyst-colored tricolored blouse, black silk hose and little black satin slippers, tied with big bows. She is petite, dark, with big blue eyes. She lives in La Salle, Ill. She smiled, displaying two rows of pearly teeth.

Ike Minor staggered up through the crowd and held out his bouquet of roses.

"With the compliments of the local Elks," he stammered. "Oh, thank you," chirped the beauty.

But where, oh where, was the



GERTRUDE OLMSTEAD

army of Elk bachelors and widowers who had been dodging around with their bouquets? They had disappeared. Their dreams of tete-a-tetes with little Gertrude were disappointed.

It had been reported that Judge Robert Patrick was on the train with the beauty. Ike and the other unfortunated Elk brethren hunted for him. It was agreed that he must have hopped off at Council Bluffs.

Mamma Was Along. Gertrude's mamma was with her, Mrs. A. T. Olmstead.

"Your daughter has a \$10,000 contract to act in the movies at Universal City, hasn't she?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, my, she has a \$100,000 contract for five years," mamma corrected. "Well, now, if she should prove to be better than Mary Pickford, you may be sorry you tied up with

such a long contract," the reporter pointed out.

"Well, she's young yet, only 17," said the proud mother.

How She Won Title. The young beauty won her place as "the most beautiful girl in America" by a process of elimination at Chicago under a contest conducted by the Universal Film company, Chicago Examiner and Elks. She ornamented the float, "The Spirit of America," in the big Elks parade there last week.

As the train pulled out toward Universal City and fame, a car filled in greasy uncleanliness, with "Shucks, my girl 'n put it all over her for looks. Shucks."

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COX TO DEDICATE HIS CAMPAIGN TO WILSON'S TREATY

Replies to Harding's Statement by Declaring G. O. P. Nominee Will Be Removed From American People.

Columbus, O., July 14.—Charging that Senator Harding, the republican nominee, had made his "front porch a listening post," Governor Cox, the democratic nominee, today issued a statement replying to Senator Harding's statement of yesterday that the Wilson administration had saddled the league of nations upon him as the chief campaign issue.

Governor Cox's statement said his campaign will be dedicated to the task of "bringing peace with honor, or readjusting the affairs of civilization—and of creating a new day out of which we will make the best of the lessons of the past."

Slams Senator Harding. The governor declared the things Senator Harding believes vital and pertinent "from his isolated perspective will not, in all probability, be so regarded by me."

The governor's statement, given to the newspaper correspondents at the morning conference, follows: "I recognize the eagerness of the gentlemen of the press who are assigned here to develop news copy daily. I have no disposition to discourage that enterprise, but at the very outset it is well that we have the understanding of a very fundamental phase of the present situation."

Makes Short Statement. "Senator Harding has made two definite announcements; that he purposes to hark back to the days of 30 years ago, and that he will make of his front porch a listening post. This means that he will be as far removed from the running current of progressive thought as the senatorial oligarchy of Lodge and Penrose and Smoot has been removed from the heart beats of the American people for a year or more."

"My campaign will be dedicated to the task of bringing peace with honor, or readjusting the affairs of civilization and of creating a new day out of which we will make the best of the lessons of the past. Therefore, things that the senator believes vital and pertinent from his isolated perspective will not, in all probability, be so regarded by me."

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First Enemy Soldier Applies for Citizen Papers at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., July 13.—(Special)—The first soldier of an enemy army to apply for American citizenship in the local district court is Wacław Mikán, 45 years old, who has just declared his intention of becoming an American citizen.

Mikán, a native of the now republic of Czechoslovakia, was in Austria when the war broke out in 1914, and was promptly drafted. He was sent to the Russian front where he fought for several months until captured by the czar's army. The rest of the war he passed as a prisoner in Russia.

The former soldier landed in the United States May 30. With him now in Fremont is his wife, who also will become a citizen if papers are granted Mikán.

Ure Pays 1920 City Taxes For Omaha Gas Company

A check for \$79,563 in payment of 1920 city taxes of the Omaha Gas company, was turned over to County and City Treasurer Endre yesterday by City Commissioner of Finance Ure.

Platform Adopted by Third Party Convention

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cept in cases of actual military invasion." The second plank read, "Abolish militarism at home and abroad," demands "withdrawal of the United States from further participation under the treaty of Versailles," and offers recognition to "elected governments in Russia and Ireland," with "refusal to go to war with Mexico at the behest of Wall Street."

It asks also for "withdrawal from the dictatorship over the Philippines, Hawaii, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Porto Rico, Cuba, Samoa and Guam."

When the demonstration subsided Chairman Walker scathingly denounced Barlow for stampeding the convention by a subterfuge, denied the charges of secret proceedings and refused to permit the reading of the La Follette platform.

Reads Platform Report. R. M. Buck read the majority report on platform after the La Follette demonstration subsided, and was applauded all through it. George L. Record of the committee of 48 read the minority report, and moved its substitution for the majority platform.

"This is the platform that Senator La Follette considers goes as far as it is expedient to go in this campaign," Record said, "and I am authorized to say he will accept a nomination from this party if it is adopted, and will not accept it if it is not."

The statement threw the convention into disorder. Delegate Abraham Lefkowitz, New York, member of the platform committee, answered Record:

"We are now come to the point where you can take your stand on political expediency or right principles," he asserted.

"Of La Follette, Lefkowitz said: "It makes no difference who is our standard bearer so long as he is heading for the right things. Decide first on our platform; the candidates are second."

Record came back to the platform to correct his statement that Senator La Follette would take the presidential nomination if the convention adopted the minority report.

"I did not know of Senator La Follette's message here," he explained.

C. J. France of Seattle, who participated in the platform conference of the committee of 48, took this stand:

"Senator La Follette's platform had no effective plank on democracy in industry," he said, "and we stood with the labor boys to say that if he could not stand for that we would have to nominate someone else. Then his friends agreed to put some of it in."

"Up to last night there was nothing in the La Follette platform about Russia or Ireland. We put at the top, recognition of Russia and removal of the blockade, and so far as I am concerned no political party is respectable until it does that."

"Then the question of recognizing equal civil and political rights for the colored race came up, and Senator La Follette's representatives raised the question of expediency."

"They (La Follette representatives) could put in things this morning, they could not put in last night. When you begin to compromise on basic principles you are led into an impasse. The moment you adopt that minority platform without the colored race plank in it, I for one, walk out."

Gilson Gardner of the committee of 48, asserted some of France's statements were "contrary to fact."

"The gentleman is violating not the proprieties, but the decencies of committee procedure," Gardner said of France. "The things which have been said have done serious injustice to Senator La Follette."

The convention then recessed for one hour, at which time it will take up the selection of a party name and probably choose candidates.

Girl Returns Home With Honors of War



Miss A. B. WIEHNIAREK

Miss A. B. Wiehniarek of Buffalo, N. Y., who arrived in New York from the Nieuw Amsterdam after two years' work for the Polish White Cross. Among the war decorations awarded her are the French Honor medal and the Polish Medal for Faithfulness.

Masons Will Take Part in G. Andreen Funeral Today

Past masters of St. Johns lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., will serve as pallbearers at the funeral of Gustave Andreen, 70 years old, founder and proprietor of the Omaha Sate and Iron Works, who died at his home, 1701 South Sixteenth street, Tuesday morning.

The funeral services will be held today at 2 p. m. in the Masonic temple, Rev. Mr. Schreck serving as worshipful master in the ritualistic services.

Pallbearers will be M. E. Muxen, Albert P. Johnson, Tom Johnson, P. P. Brannaman, G. W. Bell and Guy C. McKenzie.

Burial will be in the Masonic plot in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Andreen, who was a resident of Omaha for 43 years, is survived by his widow and one son, Gustave Andreen of Des Moines, Ia.

Officials of Fire Insurance Firm Sue for \$25,000 Libel

Edward E. Howell, president of the National Security Fire Insurance Co., sued that company for \$30,000 and Walter A. George, vice president, sued the company for \$75,000 yesterday in district court, alleging they were libeled by an article published in the May number of "Sparks," a publication of the company.

Buy Fire Truck

Plattsmouth, Neb., July 14.—(Special)—The city council has contracted for the purchase of a one and one-half ton truck at a cost of \$2,000 and fire fighting equipment to go with it, costing \$1,800.

HARDING'S HOME TOWN READY FOR MONSTER CROWD

Churches and Lodges Will Help Feed Thousands That Will Jam Marion to Hear Speech.

Marion, O., July 14.—For the second day in succession, Senator Harding today secluded himself from visitors and continued the writing of his speech of acceptance. Satisfactory progress, it was understood, is being made in the preparation of the speech and he hopes to have it completed within a few days.

In order that he can give his complete attention to it, no engagements are being scheduled for the next few days.

Plans are actively under way for the feeding and lodging of the enormous crowds which are expected to visit Marion on notification day, July 22. D. R. Crissinger, chairman of the local committee in charge of these plans, announced today that arrangements had been made with churches and lodges to serve meals, while numerous quick lunch stands will be erected under the committee's supervision. It is estimated the restaurants can feed from 8,000 to 10,000 persons that day, while a local sausage manufacturer has agreed to turn out ten tons of wieners for the visitors' consumption, if necessary.

While housing facilities here are inadequate to care for all visitors expected, a canvass shows 1,000 rooms in private homes to be available.

Many delegations are expected to motor to Marion and arrangements have been made for closing certain streets for parking purposes.

After devoting the forenoon to his speech, Senator Harding today conferred with A. P. Moore, publisher of the Pittsburgh Leader, who said he thought the nomination of Governor Cox as the democratic presidential candidate, assured the senator's election. He said he feared no ill effects from the formation of a third party, declaring, in his opinion, its strength would be drawn principally from supporters of President Wilson.

First Wheat Threshed In Jefferson County

Fairbury, Neb., July 14.—(Special)—The first wheat threshing reported in Jefferson county was for Representative J. A. Axtell, near Fairbury. Mr. Axtell has 250 acres. The only field finished was one of 20 acres, showing a yield of 30 bushels per acre, a test of 53. The rain of Tuesday retarded threshing for the present.

THOMPSON-BELDEN & COMPANY advertisement for blouses, featuring an image of a woman in a blouse and promotional text.

It's time to Buy

that supply of SHIRTS now—we're holding the first CLEARANCE SALE we've had in ten years—the reductions are really money savers and every shirt is a regular guaranteed PRAY SHIRT. Don't try to compare this sale with anything you've ever seen before—nothing like it has ever been done in Omaha. The regular prices are still on the SHIRTS, you make the reductions at the time of purchase.

As an example—\$5.00 shirts are now \$3.95—or three for \$11.00. All other grades reduced accordingly. Come in today before the assortment is limited.



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