Flying in France Safe as Motoring, Statistics Show

Million Miles Flown With Only Four Killed and Four Injured—Giant Strides Are Made.

Paris, Dec. 2.—After the little car, enter the airplane for all.

Models shown at the air salon at the Grand Palais indicate a tremendous effort on the part of designers in two directions:

1. To build monster machines capable of crossing oceans with as many as 100 passengers.

2. To build tiny, self-stabilized "flyplanes" as simple of operation as a jitney, capable of landing almost anywhere, and with prices designed to suit the purse of any man who can afford an automobile.

Other developments include: An air taximeter; a helicopter capable of ascending and descending vertically without wings; a muffler device, which it is claimed will allow air passengers to converse freely; a folding airplane, measuring 17 feet by 22 feet, which can be packed away in three ordinary sized trunks and reassembled in one hour.

The tremendous strides air development has made since the war are demonstrated everywhere at the salon.

"If we were at war now there would be practically no use for armies and navies," commented Alvaro Pescara, inventor of a heilcopter and one of Spain's leading aeronauts.

France Leads.

The exposition reveals that the leading country in airplane development is France—if Germany is excepted, and Germany is not represented.

Following France comes Italy and then Great Britain. Judged by the meager exhibits expected from the United States, America is far down on the list of nations who have taken the lessons of the war and applied them to commercial use.

The extraordinary development of French air work may be attributed first to the liberal subsidies granted by the government and secondly to the painstaking researches of a group of French airplane designers, who have never ceased their labors to make flying a universally safe business and pastime.

While to Italy belongs the credit of creating the first super-airplane, capable of transporting 80 to 100 persons exclusive of crew, France is the home of the most important invention touching air development since the Wright brothers first demonstrated, at Le Mans, the possibilities of controlled flight.

Stabilizer in Use.

This is the stabilizer, by which a heavily loaded passenger airplane recently flew from Paris to Rotterdam and return—a distance of 500 miles without the pilot once touching the controls except to take off and land. By means of this invention the dangers of flying in clouds and fog are largely dispelled.

It is, in fact, possible to ascend in a thick fog, reach a certain height above the fog, and by means of compass, altimeter, windometer and other directive instruments, aided by the stabilizer, guaranteeing constant height and direction, land again in a fog. The signal for landing is given by wireless, the operator on the ground, by shortening and lengthening his waves, being able to inform the pilot his exact location over the field.

The problem of fog-flying is not entirely done away with, but the wireless telephone and the stabilizer have gone a long way toward its solution.

Motorless Planes.

Apparently the Germans are ahead in motorless trials, but French experts such as Rene Fonck, the ace of aces, observe that the idea of flying without motors is as though giant oil-burning liners on the ocean were deprived of their engines and set to running with sails.

The French have been among the first to realize the practical benefits of Parker R. Bradley's invention for making airplanes non-inflammable. Fire, it is recognized, is still the greatest danger of the air. Multiple engines can reduce to zero the danger of collapse through engine failure; dual pilotage and control can abolish to a large degree the uncertainty attaching to the human element; stabilizers and other devices can render the airplane immune from storms in the air, but the danger from overheating or from electric discharge remains as great as ever.

Many Air Taxi Lines.

Bradely's invention, explained before the Areo Club of America, is therefore hailed as of tremendous importance by French experts and already test machines have been constructed along Bradley's specifications.

One of the chief reasons France is holding its lead in aviation is that Laurent-Eynac, under secretary of aeronautics, is himself a pilot and saw active service over the German lines during the war. Shy of publicity, he is working day and night to provide France with the greatest commercial air fleet of the world.

Under his direction French air lines now exploit approximately 5,000 miles of territory, covering a great part of Europe. Among these lines are:

Paris-London.
Paris-Brussels-Amsterdam.
Paris-Strasbourg-Prague--Warsaw.
Toulouse (France-Capablanco) Morocco.
Bayonne-Bilbao-Santander.
Bordeaux-Toulouse-Montpelier.
Paris-Lyons.
Paris-Marseilles.
Paris-St. Nazaire.

Large Mileage.

During the first six monthts of 1921, approximately a million miles had been covered by French commercial airplanes, transporting 5,000 passengers, 140 tons of freight, five tons of mail, with a net casualty result as follows:

Pilots killed	2
Passengers killed	2
Pilots wounded	3
Passengers injured	1

It may be noted that both the passengers were killed in the same accident.

The actual percentage of travel in France shows that the number of fatal accidents from commercial air flying is actually less than those from railway or automobile traveling, forcing the conclusion that at last flying has become safer than motoring or traveling by train.

THE GUMPS---SEE IT IN COLORS IN THE SUNDAY BEE

DRESSING UP ANDY

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Philippines Not Yet Fit for Independence

Washington, Dec. 2.—Despite extraordinary progress in the past 23 years, the Filipino people have a long road to travel before they will be ready to take over their own government according to the report made by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, governor general of the islands, and W. Cameron Forbes, former governor general.

Need of further national improvement is pointed out by the report, which declares, however, that the administrative mistakes of the Filipinos have not been sufficient to counterbalance the steadily rising progress barometer.

"Generally speaking," the report says, "administrative departments of the government are top-heavy in personnel and enmeshed in red tape. There is a vast amount of paper work. The methods of the administration are purely automatic. There is a lack of supervision and personal contact."

Officials Deny Japan Demands Bigger Navy

By GRAFTON WILCOX.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Official denials came yesterday from the highest American and Japanese sources that Japan had made a formal demand in the arms conference here for a naval ratio of 10-10-7 instead of the 5-5-3 ratio proposed in the American delegation.

Admiral Baron Kato, the Japanene delegate most vitally concerned with the limitation program, also denied published reports that he had laid the 10-10-7 demand before Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour, representing the United States and Great Britain.

Admiral Baron Kato went further and declared that he never received instructions from Tokio to demand the 10-10-7 ratio from the conference.

The Japanese delegate also volunteered the statement that he was deliberating the question of ratio in his mind and would announce his decision at the proper time and that he was thinking over the limitation of armament prosposal independently of the question of naval bases and Pacific fortifications.

Talk of a deadlock on the naval ratio is not regarded seriously by the conference leaders who were more emphatic than ever today of final agreement on the 5-5-3 basis.

Mrs. Harding Presented With Fine Saddle Horse

Washington, Dec. 2.—President Harding has been taking horseback riding as a morning exercise of late, and a Washington friend decided to arrange facilities for Mrs. Harding to accompany him. She was presented with a thoroughbred horse yesterday.

Moratorium on Debts of Germany Rumored in Berlin

Action Reported Assured as Result of Visit of Dr. Rathenau to London.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—Reports are being spread in Berlin that a moratorium on the payment of German reparations has been assured as a result of action taken in London, where Dr. Rathenau, former minister of reconstruction, has been carrying on conversations with British officials and financial leaders.

One report says that a moratorium of two years has been secured and another that it will be for three years. Also, it is stated, the moratorium is to begin immediately after the January reparations payment is made.

Panicky conditions existed on the stock exchange yesterday when marks went up to 180 for the dollar. Stocks fell until some were 600 per cent below their Monday value. As a result many fortunes were wiped out.

Conferences Continue.

London, Dec. 2.—Dr. Walther Rathenau yesterday continued his conferences with the British financiers and business men, discussing plans for rehabilitation of Germany and the eventual payment of the debt. It is stated that there is every reason to believe that the British bankers do not look with favor on the moratorium idea, but they are willing to help Germany by means of short loans in paying the January and February installments and then later to work out a comprehensive scheme for restoring German finance and trade.

All of this, however, is conditional on German home reorganization and the scrapping of the mark printing presses. It involves also the reorganization of Russia, in which it is hoped that France, Great Britain and Germany and even the United States will participate.

French Consent Necessary.

The bankers desire to have a definite plan ready which Prime Minister Lloyd George can discuss with President Harding when he goes to Washington. It will be necessary to secure French consent and for this purpose every effort will be made to induce Premier Briand to consent to a meeting with Mr. Lloyd George early next week.

There was no formal cabinet meeting yesterday, but there was a conference attended by nearly all the members, at which the German situation was exhaustively discussed.

M. Krassin, the Russian trade envoy, has not yet been summoned to Downing street, but it is expected that he will go there tomorrow, after which it is said that the prime minister will receive Dr. Rathenau prior to his departure for Berlin.

There has been a remarkable rise in the value of the mark on the London market. Yesterday the rate dropped from 1,050 to the pound to 930 and today it dropped to 710.

Lawyer Gets Fees

Auburn, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—John S. McCarty, democratic politician and attorney of Lincoln, was awarded $340 by a jury in district court here against John Lampe, jr. He sued for $1,000 attorney fees.

Jacques Reaches Brussels

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