

SKA TO HAVE AIR MAIL SERVICE

Hour Air Flight Will Replace
in Day Trip by Dog Sledges
Between Fairbanks and
Interior Mines.

CHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 23.—First air mail contract to be arranged in Alaska has been completed by the Fairbanks Mining Company, operating in interior Alaska, and the Fairbanks aviation field, which will deliver mail and possibly supplies in two hours over a route that now requires ten days to make it. It is also planned to cover several mail contracts from Fairbanks.

Initial work will be performed by B. E. Eklund, who will operate the Fairbanks plane. He expects to make many trips of exploration and is pioneering in aviation in the territory.

The examined the principal routes in the territory and traveled the main used routes. Mr. Eklund says there are ample natural landing fields for winter and summer. An aviator will not be compelled to travel over 100 miles to place to descend for fuel. A representative of the United States army is making a survey of the route with a view to the possible establishment of an air squadron in connection with the regular army post established. Delegate Dan A. Eklund is working on a plan to have the government extend the air mail activities to the territory in view to developing the shorter and quicker method of transporting goods such as into the Iditarod and the Yukon, that now require five to ten days, may be made by

plane within a day and bridge the big gaps between the outlying placer regions and the railroad, it is said.

The Anchorage aviation field is now ready to receive planes and, it is expected, regular service between the railroad city and Fairbanks will be established next summer.

Airplane service in connection with the railroad and interior river transportation will bring the most remote portions of Alaska within touch at short notice, local railroad officials state. Trips that could be covered in a short time by plane are now attainable only after a season's travel. Practically two years are required to make some of the trips that a plane will cover in a few days.

SLIME USED TO STOP OLD FIRE
HELENA, Mont., August 24.—Reports to the state industrial accident commission indicate, Chairman Jerome Locke says, that the fire which has been burning in one of the mines at Butte for thirty-three years has been brought under control and will, it is believed, be extinguished before the end of the year. Victory over this fire, one of the most stubborn known to the mining industry, was made possible through the use of mine tailings which were pumped into the fire area principally through the Leonard mine of the Anaconda company.

The slime was pumped through small drill holes from adjacent underground workings. Use of water which was employed for years was found to be ineffective and bulking, which served to restrict the fire, also failed to choke out the blaze, which started with an accident costing the lives of two men. The accident happened so long ago, however, that only a few of the residents of the mining camp remember anything about it.

Within a few months it will be possible to resume mining in the area which for a generation fire has controlled, Chairman Locke states. The fire has cost more than \$1,000,000 in material, loss of revenue, labor, etc., it is stated.

SNOW USED FOR FIRE FIGHTING
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 23.—Snow from the huge drifts left in mountain passes since last winter was pressed into unique service recently by fire fighters in the Uintah range, when a forest blaze was extinguished by means of throwing the snow onto the fire. Report of this method of quenching fire was brought here by W. G. Mann, assistant supervisor of the Wasatch national forest, who supervised volunteers who overcame the fire which had spread over a two-acre area at the Black fork of the Green river.

Water in good quantities was not available and the men shoveled great piles of snow around the blaze with the result that it was cut off and left only smoldering timbers. Although Mr. Mann has had considerable experience in fighting forest fires, he has never before had recourse to the use of snow, he asserted.

U. S. O. K.'s NEW RAILROAD WORK
WELLS, Nevada, Aug. 24.—Permission for the building of the Idaho Central Railroad between Wells, Nev., and Rogerson, Idaho, has been granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, and construction work will be started in the near future, according to word received here recently.

In the permit granted, it was stipulated that the work on the new railroad must begin before January 1, 1924, and be completed before June 30, 1925.

The new line will tap the copper camp at Contant, where, it is said, a large body of ore has been uncovered. Heretofore, however, the ore could not be shipped to the smelters because there were no railroad facilities available.

RADIO COMPASS STATION STARTED
MARSHFIELD, Aug. 22.—The U. S. naval radio compass station located at the entrance of Coos Bay will be placed in commission to give service reports to ships Wednesday, August 22. Positions will be furnished to all ships requesting same. The station is to assume a continuous watch.

The personnel of the station is especially trained to handle the radio compass instruments. Men graduating in this special service arrived recently from the Naval Radio college, Chicago, to assist Mr. J. G. Glatzmaier who is in command of the station.

This station was built in 1919, but owing to the lack of men it could not be placed in operation until now. Placing the station in commission will be of great aid to ships coming into Coos Bay in foggy weather.

ASTRONOMERS WILL VIEW SUN ECLIPSE
By GUS ORTM.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 23.—(United Press.)—The success or failure of the little expedition of German astronomers, who are in Mexico to prove or disprove the Einstein theory, depends on the work of three specific minutes on the afternoon of September 10.

If the sky is cloudy during those three specific minutes on that day, the entire trip will be futile. The little group of four German observers is headed by Professor Ludendorff of Potsdam observatory, brother of the German general, and its purpose is to observe and photograph the eclipse of the sun which will be observed only in the southern part of the North American continent on that mid-September day.

The Mexican government has agreed to pay all the expenses of the astronomers and their 40 boxes of instruments. Including transportation to and from Hamburg, Professor Einstein was invited to make the trip but declined, saying he is worn out from his recent visits to Spain and Japan.

Professor Ludendorff will attempt to determine the temperature of the sun's corona by means of dividing its rays into various colors, using a spectrum and studying the intensity of light in each individual colored ray. Dr. Kohrausch, another member of the party, will attempt to prove the Einstein theory by means of photography, using the same method that was to have been used on the Christmas islands last winter, but which failed because a cloud covered the sun about four minutes before the eclipse occurred.

It is not definitely known yet just when the unusual experiment of the scientists will take place in Mexico.

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IMITATE TRADE MARKS
There Are Several Factories Operating at Big Profit; Federal Probe Is Forecast
By JACK CARBERRY
(International News Service Staff Correspondent.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The "rum runner" and the distiller of "bottled in the barn" is a piker compared to New York's latest dealer in contraband—the "radio bootlegger."

This new species, dealing in vacuum tubes, used in receiving sets, is now operating seven factories in New Jersey, five in Manhattan and four in Brooklyn.

The business is said to be netting a clear profit of well over \$1,500,000 a month.

The manufacture of "standard tubes" is in the hands of a closed group—the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company. Between them these concerns, controlling patent rights, turn out the tubes known to every radio fan in the country.

The Westinghouse product is: E. V. 200, U. V. 201, U. V. 201-A, U. V. 199, W. D. 11 and the W. D. 12.

The General Electric produces the C-309, C. 301, C-201-A, C-209, C-11 and C-12, all bearing the name E. T. Cunningham, etched in the glass.

In addition to this group, the Western Electric company controls patents on tubes known as: V. T. 1 and V. T. 2 used as an amplifier, and the N. or "peanut" tube not sold for amateur use.

The great factories of the General Electric, situated at Harrison, N. Y., across the river from Newark, employ thousands of girls in the manufacture of these tubes, while the Westinghouse plant is at Bloomfield, a suburb of Newark.

The workers are skilled in their trades, and it is from their ranks that the "bootlegger" gathers his labor.

The "bootlegger" gets the acquaintance of these girls and, by promises of either higher wages or by the employment of a bonus system, lures them into his factory, operating under the guise of a maker of some other article, and there turns out a man "who loves me for myself alone."

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