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**FLYING HAS GROWN RAPIDLY**

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Civilian flying in the United States was 29 percent greater in 1928 than in 1927, according to a review compiled for the United States Department of Commerce by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce and made public here today.

During the war 1200 airplanes were flown 6,500,000 miles and carried approximately 275,000 passengers, the report stated, having its figures on authenticated reports to the Aeronautical Chamber from all parts of the country.

The United States Air Mail Service in 1928 made such a record for efficiency on the transcontinental route that it is recognized as a model for civilian aerial transport the world over," the report set forth. "Letters have been delivered in New York two days after casual mailing on the Pacific coast. The service has an average of 88.82 percent efficiency, that is, completed trips on scheduled time since it was started in May, 1918. The Air Mail has during the last year completed its wireless communications system, the 14 stations now having radio plants, three operated by the navy department and the others by the Air Mail Service.

Governors of states and heads of federal bureaus, realizing that fast transport depends upon proper terminal facilities, have started campaigns for the acquisition of municipalities. Almost all large cities have aerial traffic regulations.

The Wadsworth-Hicks bill now before congress provides for a bureau of civil aviation in the department of commerce.

Aviation units are being organized in the national guard in many of the states of the union. Many improvements were made in airplane design and in the internal combustion engine. Motors were made reliable, more economical as far as fuel consumption is concerned, and more efficient. What promises to be one of the most powerful in the world—an internal combustion engine of 700 horsepower—is now under test at Dayton, O.

The aerial torpedo was produced and the 4200 pound aerial bomb was also made and tested successfully, the all-metal armored monoplane carrying 20 machine guns, the torpedo carrying plane and the navy triplane scout. The geared propeller and multiple drive system was tested successfully. It permits the harnessing of three motors to one propeller. Perhaps a dozen different types of small sport machines were produced in this country in 1928.

The navy launched a seaplane from its first catapult at League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, pre-

paratory to equipping surface craft with fighting and scout planes.

**Forestry Methods Have Been Greatly Changed In Decade**

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 3.—Forest investigation work conducted by federal forest experimental stations has virtually revolutionized forestry methods in the northwest during the past 10 years, according to R. H. Weidman and J. A. Larson, for several years at the Priest River experimental station.

Among the valuable things learned at the Priest River station, they said, was that the seed of western pine is stored in the ground-duff of the forest. Therefore, in order to establish a new forest after cutting, it is not necessary to leave seed trees, except as a safety measure against surface fires. When the timber is cut and the slash piled and burned, seedlings come up from the stored seed. Unrestricted burning of the slash, however, was said to destroy the seed and the hope for a new forest.

"The station," said Mr. Larson, "has also made the significant discovery

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that a good second growth of forest is usually obtained in white pine forests when the slash is burned during the first warm days of the spring. On areas where the slash is burned in the summer or fall, very little natural restocking follows. This is due to the fact that in the spring, much of the seed on the forest floor is protected from fire by the moisture in the ground."

Unrestricted burning of slashing after logging operations was said not to be as effective a measure of fire protection as the piling and burning of slash. Unrestricted burning results in the death of many small trees which later fall, becoming material for a second fire.

The low humidity of the atmosphere in this section of Montana in the summer time was said to be one cause of the numerous summer fires. It was found that fires run better at noon than either in the morning or at night. This has been explained by the fact that material on the forest floor both absorbs and loses moisture very rapidly. With the setting of the sun, dew is collected, keeping the material damp until the rising of the sun the next day, when the moisture soon vanishes.

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**MALHEUR WILL SAVE MONEY**

VALE, Jan. 3.—The repeal of the coyote bounty law by the legislature this month and its enactment into law by Governor Olcott's signature will save Malheur county a vast sum of money within the next few years. The news has been received with joy by taxpayers whose burdens have been becoming heavier and heavier.

The new law makes it optional upon the counties to pay these bounties and the county court of Malheur, in conformity with the apparent wishes of the taxpayers at the budget meeting a short time ago, will not pay any bounties from now on. The sum of \$18,000 was estimated in the budget for this expenditure during the com-

ing year and this sum will be saved the taxpayers, and in all probability a larger sum as the hunters and trappers have brought in more and more pelts for bounties as the months passed by. The county paid out over \$5,000 in the month of November alone.

The records of the county show that the sum of \$71,869 has been paid out on bounties for predatory animals since January 1, 1917. This means that the county has paid the bounty on over 20,000 coyotes and the pests do not seem to be diminishing perceptibly, as the number presented for bounty has been on the steady increase from year to year.

In the opinion of many in the county, the bounty law has been a failure in exterminating coyotes in Southeastern Oregon and some other means will have to be resorted to rid the district of the pests.

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