

PLANES READY TO GO NORTH

Amundsen Has Italian Aircraft for Polar Trip—English Motors Installed.

PISA, Italy, (AP)—Enthusiasm and confidence of his chance of reaching the North Pole by airplane, Captain Roald Amundsen has arrived here to superintend completion of the machine in which he will make his adventurous journey.

Captain Amundsen has made an extensive search for the right type of machine and more than 20 firms offered him their aerial contraptions. He has selected two hydroplanes made of hard aluminum, and built at Marina di Pisa. They are of the Wall-Dominer type and have English motors. The material of which they are made is expected to resist the atmospheric conditions in the great cold, and they are strong and light.

Captain Amundsen, in leaving the Italian port, will go directly north, touching Zurich, Bergen, Tromsø and so on to Spitzbergen. There a ship, sent by the Norwegian government, will meet them, with provisions and supplies of all sorts. From this point the explorer and his party expect to proceed directly for the Pole and to pass over the parts of Alaska never yet seen by man.

One of Captain Amundsen's cherished ideas is to establish a short air route which will unite the continents. He claims that, making this trip in the full summer, the cold will be quite supportable, and the daylight, of course, will not fail. From Spitzbergen to the Pole 360 kilometers must be covered, which it is calculated, can be done in six hours, and from the Pole to Alaska, about 1,500 kilometers, should be accomplished in fifteen hours.

Before Captain Amundsen left America there was a tremendous rivalry among skilled airmen to be chosen to accompany him, and the selection of Lieutenant Davidson, a specialist in long Arctic flights, was considered a happy one. He is only 26 years of age, but has had a varied experience.

The two airmen may be compared, in their structure, to huge brown fishes, with large horizontal fins, which spread out from their sides on the surface of the water, designed to protect the wings above them. Amundsen wants his ships able to withstand the force of storms, high waves and ice. They are supplied with skates runners so they can slide over icy surfaces.

Each ship weighs about five tons, and the interior is divided into sections, where the pilot has his place, and before him the observer or lookout. There is space for storage of benzine and food, not to mention complete equipment of instruments for observation and making records.

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CAR NOW USED IN FAR NORTH

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Motor driven vehicles have successfully invaded Alaska and in some instances are supplanting dog teams as a means of conveyance in the far north, according to information received here by the head of a local tractor manufacturing company.

The machines were sent to Alaska for use in mining operations and since have been adapted to various kinds of work. It was reported, including the inauguration of a passenger service between communities.

According to advice received here, one transportation feat accomplished by the tractor was a trip from Mayo Landing to Whitehorse, a distance of more than 200 miles. By dog team this trip occupies about nine days during the winter months. It was stated, while the tractor, hauling two sleds, required six days to negotiate the distance. Deep snow drifts were successfully negotiated by the motor propelled caravan.

India Lost 12,000,000 in Epidemic of 1918

LONDON (AP)—Between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000 people in India died during the influenza epidemic in the winter of 1918, it is revealed by the Indian census of 1921. The population in 1921 was 218,242,450, an increase of 12 per cent over the 1911 census, but it is several points under the 1918 estimated census, due to the epidemic.

There are about 2,000,000 more males than females in India, and much progress in education, especially among females, is shown by the 1921 figures. In religious beliefs the Hindus number 548 out of every thousand of the population. Mohammedan adherents number 217, a thousand Buddhists, 27, tribal religions, 21, and Christians, 15.

The density of population in the whole of India is now 127 a square mile, varying from a maximum of 578 in Bengal to a minimum of six in Baluchistan.

Death Penalty



Brownie, the justly-labeled rooster in seven states, is under death penalty as the result of keeping residents of Wakefield, Mass., awake. Harry Peck, his owner, is shown taking Brownie to court.

Lincoln Penny Found In Yolk of Hen Egg

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—The figurative expression "There is money in eggs" was literally accepted by officials of a local produce concern recently when an employee candling eggs discovered a Lincoln penny embedded in the yolk of an egg.

According to E. H. Schaefer, in charge of the egg candling department, one of the employees detected a dark spot in an egg, which, upon being broken open, proved to be a Lincoln penny.

Thousands of Men With Same Names in Army

WASHINGTON (INS)—Some idea of the complications which could arise out of duplication of names in the veterans' department, the War Department must handle in settling the adjusted compensation act in motion may be obtained from the following figures:

There were 40,328 men named "Smith" in the army during the war. Of these 47,952 were enlisted men and 2,374 were officers. There were 46,181 named "Johnson," of which 38,961 were enlisted men and 1,146 were officers.

There were 28,902 named "Brown," of which 27,723 were enlisted men and 1,179 officers. And 27,922 named "Williams," of which 26,974 were enlisted men and 948 officers.

WILL BRIDGE GOLDEN GATE

California Plans to Construct a Single Span Over San Francisco Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Bridges and tunnels across San Francisco Bay, under construction or contemplated, call for estimated expenditures of approximately \$1,500,000. Engineers say that before the completion of the various programs for connecting San Francisco peninsula with the mainland opposite, the investment may reach \$200,000,000.

The largest project planned are the proposed tunnel and bridge between San Francisco and Oakland and a bridge across the Golden Gate, where the bay, between high steep bluffs, merges with the Pacific Ocean.

The Oakland subway and bridge still are in a nebulous stage, though engineers declare them feasible and a matter of necessity sooner or later. Plans for the Golden Gate span have been drawn, however, and submitted to the War Department for approval.

According to the plans the Golden Gate bridge, connecting San Francisco with a tier of northern California coast counties which are now accessible only by ferry or by a roundabout overland journey, will be the longest single-span suspension bridge in the world. Engineers say it will be longer by 1,040 feet than any other suspension bridge. For 4,010 feet of the total distance of 6,793 feet the water is 300 feet deep, on an average, with a swift current and a scouring action that is held to preclude the building of piers.

It is planned to make the floor of the bridge 200 feet above high tide, thus giving shipping ample space to pass underneath. The cost of the structure is estimated at \$20,000,000.

San Francisco county and other counties in the bridge district have voted approval of the project and the state legislature, at its last session, passed a bill authorizing such a bridge. Eastern financial interests are reported to have promised capital for the undertaking, with the scheme of a toll system whereby the bridge would be paid for in a short term of years and then turned back to the state.

Three smaller bridges over narrow portions of San Francisco Bay, all at points some distance from the city, are under construction. They are the Coyote Point, Dumbarton and Carquinez Straits bridges. They are designed to help relieve the congestion to trans-bay traffic.

You'll See This on Stamps



The lighthouse at Mayport, Fla., reproducing the original picture set by explorers in 1562 is being used by the government as a subject for a special five-cent stamp.

Thousands of persons commute daily from their homes in Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley to their work in San Francisco. These cities, clustered directly across the bay, two and a half miles in width along this shore line, represent a population approaching the half million mark.

Thus the commuters tax the capacity of the numerous ferries and the plan for bridge and subway has been general. The Golden Gate bridge would not be of benefit to these people; the site is several miles distant and not easily accessible.

Turks Spurn Cupid
CONSTANTINOPLE (INS)—Official figures show that Dan Cupid had a bad season last year in Turkey. There were more divorces than marriages. The latter numbered only 7,574, while the former totaled 9,259.

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Women Smugglers of Arms Caught by Tsingtau Police

TSINGTAO, China (AP)—Five Japanese women of the underworld have been arrested here as a result of discovery of a plot to import contraband arms and ammunition. Chinese and Japanese consular police are searching for male members of the gang of smugglers to which the women are supposed to belong.

It is said to have been the practice of these women, for some time past, to use the women as go-betweens, rewarding them well for carrying the guns ashore after

confederates among the crews of incoming vessels had brought them ashore. The arms were being sold to bandits at much more than their ordinary value.

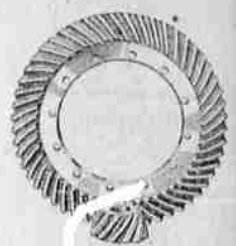
When the women were arrested a quantity of cartridges was found in their hand luggage. A further investigation brought to light 25

pistols secreted in their clothing.

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