

### World Flight Cost Halts Other Army Air Schemes

Six or Seven Months Will Pass Before "Hope Chest" of Army Air Service Can Be Opened for New Ideas of Conquest.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "hope chest" of the army air service, containing suggestions for new conquests of the air in many parts of the world, has been smashed. Its contents are such that at least six or seven months will pass before its top can be lifted and a scheme of any sort extracted for serious consideration.

Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service and promoter of the successful world flight, reminds the existing situation and is willing to wait awhile before he approves a new expedition by army aviators into still unexplored air routes. This decision in part, at least, was compelled by results of the world flight.

While the books have not been completely balanced, officers familiar with the financial phases of the flight, including flight estimates, that the cost of that record-breaking achievement, expressed in dollars, will total \$100,000, indirect costs, including expenses of naval patrols and cooperation, fuel, transportation of supplies and material used by the fliers themselves, will amount at least to another \$100,000 and probably more.

Damaged "Chest" — The money outfit caused much of the damage to the "hope chest." Congress must provide again before any extended plans for new conquests can be approved. Then, too, there is a general feeling throughout the army air service that it has demonstrated its fitness and given a practical exhibition of its willingness to try hitherto impossible things such as crossing the world, negotiating non-stop flights across the continent, piercing the "ceiling" of the sky in altitude tests and setting up its full share of speed records.

Nevertheless there is a continuous movement on the part of the air service personnel to have such experiments carried forward regularly. From these sources, suggestions for all sorts of flights are reaching those in charge of the air service headquarters here. Usually the plans are accompanied by volunteer offers in writing, transmitted by the originators and requesting permission to attempt whatever project has been suggested.

One of the suggested projects which will be found close to the top of the "chest" when it is reopened, as it probably will be some day, is that of a proposed flight from the West Coast to Hawaii by a single bomber. This proposal will be given serious study next spring or summer. Army fliers realize, however, that the Pacific, because of the order of things existing between the land and naval forces, is essentially a navy prob-

lem. Therefore, they may leave the Hawaii flight to the navy aviators, if the latter wish to undertake it.

Pilots Interested — Army pilots interested in the project believe it would be both a practical and a valuable undertaking. Greater distances than that from the California coast to Hawaii already have been successfully negotiated by air, but never over a water expanse of that size, without a stop. It has been claimed that the distance, great as it is, would be discounted to the flier's advantage by favorable trade winds and that this condition, together with the assistance of a surface patrol along the line of flight, would go far toward removing much of the danger from a project that otherwise would be more or less hazardous.

Another flight regarded as a possibility, but admittedly a more remote venture involves a trip from some point on the East or West coasts of the United States to Cape Horn and return. So far as is known Cape Horn has never been circumnavigated by air, nor has any aviator yet taken a machine down either coast of South America and returned by the way of the opposite shore line.

Such a venture would be more than a novel affair. The success of the flight made last year from the Canal Zone to the five capitals of Central America, aroused widespread interest throughout the Pan-American republics and officials of the Washington government have said it demonstrated in a practical and striking way the close relations and means of communication between the countries of North and Central America.

In the event it is ever decided to attempt the Pan-American air expedition, it is felt the results would be even more widespread and the application more general, looking as it would the Central, South and North American republics into one project. All of the Pan-American countries it is certain, would be included in the itinerary and it is believed all would readily pledge their cooperation whenever approached on this subject by the state department.

BOY IS KICKED TO DEATH — ROSEBURG, Ore. — Noel Eby, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Eby, who reside in West Suburban, was kicked to death by a horse. The boy had gone to the barn and was placing feed in the animal's stall when it became fractious, knocking him down and then hitting him about the head and body.

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Professor Kroeber said the Maya civilization dated back at least 2,000 years before the time mathematical calculation as used now was first established in India in the 6th century. Some scientists estimate, he added, that the Mayan flourished as far back as 5,000 years before the 19th century.

"As the Greeks preceded the Romans with a high standard of civilization, so the Mayas preceded the Aztecs in Mexico," he continued. "Turbed patterns and reliefs of cities recently discovered show a high state of civilization, between 200

and 600 A. D., by a race known as the Mayas, which was copied later by the Aztecs.

"The Mayas in Yucatan achieved higher things in art and literature as well as in science. They were the inventors. The Aztecs immediately preceded the Aztecs and doubtless gave them the benefits of Maya civilization. About the year 600 A. D., when the decline of the Mayas began, started a period about which little is known, but it may be assumed that the culture of the Mayas was carried to the north

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