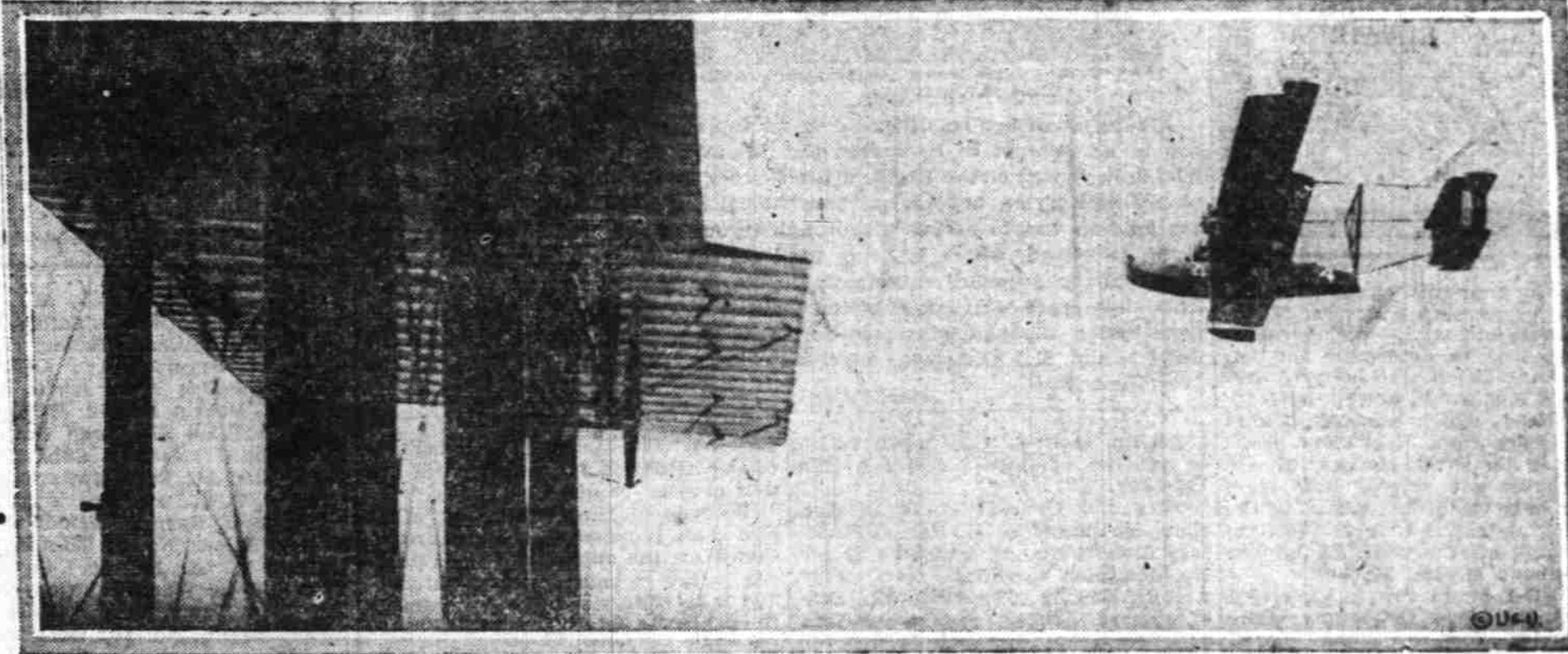


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## THREE PLANES JUMP OFF

**T**HIS picture shows the NC-4 as seen from a convoying seaplane just off the Long Island coast just after the great navy plane started with the NC-1 and the NC-3 on the first leg of their transatlantic flight. The picture was taken by a photographer on the seaplane S-5, which convoyed the NC craft as far as Fire Island. Although held up for repairs on the way, the NC-4 was the second of the air craft to depart from Trepassey bay late yesterday. A swift 25 minute cruise about Mattow Harbor preceded the final departure for the Azores.



## MID OCEAN REACHED EARLY THIS MORNING BY WHOLE AIR FLEET

**WASHINGTON, May 17.**—The half way mark on the leg of the transatlantic flight from Trepassey Bay, N. F., to the Azores was reached early today by the American seaplanes. At 3 o'clock this morning the navy department received an intercepted message from the seaplane NC-4 directed to the Cape Race station, saying the three planes had passed station ship No. 11, approximately 650 miles from the starting point.

**WASHINGTON, May 16.**—American naval seaplanes started on the long projected flight across the Atlantic ocean shortly after 6 o'clock (New York time) tonight. This official announcement was made at 8:10 o'clock tonight at the navy department. The navy announced that the NC-3 left at 6:06; the NC-4 at 6:07 and the NC-1 at 6:09 o'clock, the time being on the basis of New York computation.

The navy department earlier had received a dispatch saying the NC-4 had started on the flight. This dispatch was followed by another saying the "4" had put back to Trepassey Bay, the starting point of the flight. It was assumed by officials that the first message was garbled in transmission.

An official dispatch from Trepassey Bay, reported that the three planes had passed from sight there in their flight at 22:20 Greenwich time (6:20 New York time).

Immediately on receipt of the official dispatches announcing that the sea planes were on their way at last for Europe, the navy department broadcasted to all ships at sea and to the radio towers of Europe the fact that the aircraft had taken wing. The time of departure for the group given in this official announcement was 6:09 p. m. Atlantic time.

The broadcasting of this message served as notice to the chain of 25 destroyers posted at 50 mile intervals between Trepassey Bay and the Azores by which the planes will guide their course during the night. It also served to notify the battleships lying far off the coast to report weather conditions, that the flight was in progress and to announce to merchant shipping that the planes were coming.

For the first three hundred miles of the outward journey it is probable that the destroyers will report the passing of the planes to the Aroostok at Trepassey Bay, but beyond that point, communication as to the progress of the airships will go eastward along the destroyer chain to the Azores, to be relayed back to the United States by cable.

The navy department took pains today to test out the rapidity of communication over the cable to the Azores, but at best the report will be slow, it is said, since the destroyers must devote three-fifths of their time to sending out radio compass signals when the planes are anywhere in their vicinity. It will be necessary also for reports for the navy department to be relayed eastward to the Azores as the radio sets of the destroyers are strong enough only to cover a range of between 200 and 300 miles.

It is possible, however, that the battleships on both sides of the course will intercept messages and with their high power radio send to the United States direct reports of progress.

The effect of a flash sent over the whole Atlantic ocean by the navy department announcing that the trans-Atlantic flight had started, was expected to be that radio operators ashore and aloft would be keyed to a high pitch and make every possible effort to obtain and forward any information as to the progress of the flight. This makes it possible that reports will reach the department from wholly unexpected sources.

### LANDING PROVIDED FOR

**PONTA DELGADA, Azores, May 16.**—(By The Associated Press)—Final preparations were made tonight to receive the American naval seaplanes which are ordered to arrive tomorrow, and the section of Ponta Delgada harbor where the planes will be moored has been cleared of all craft to allow a safe landing.

If the seaplanes follow the scheduled course they will first sight land at Corvo, which is 309 miles west of Ponta Delgada. Supply boats have been stationed at Corvo and also at Ponta, on the southeast coast of the island of Fayette, in case a forced landing is necessary. Two destroyers are being held in readiness to go to the assistance of the aviators if they are unable to find the harbor. All the destroyers between the Azores and Lisbon are in position.

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## DEMOCRATIC SENATORS TO MEET TODAY

**Senator Martin Scheduled for Re-election as Leader—List of Officers to Be Framed by Committees.**

**POMERENE PRESIDENT PRO TEM CANDIDATE**

**Opposition to Choice of Clark for Speaker Chief Point of Interest**

**WASHINGTON, May 16.**—Three conferences to agree on plans for organization of the new congress will be held tomorrow. Democratic senators will meet at 11 o'clock, Democrats of the house plan to meet at noon and Republican representatives will confer tomorrow night on ratification of the committee assignments proposed by the committee on committees.

Routine affairs only are claimed for consideration at the Democratic senator's conference. Senator Martin of Virginia is scheduled for reelection as leader and the conference will frame a list of officers for formal presentation against the Republican conference slate. Senator Pomerene of Ohio is among those designated for the Democratic candidate for president pro tem. The Democratic leaders expect the Republicans to elect their officers and the conference slate to be selected tomorrow, therefore, is regarded merely formal. The conference will name a committee to fix Democratic committee places.

**Clark is Opposed**  
Opposition to the choice of former Speaker Clark as the Democratic nominee for speaker and party floor leader constitutes the chief point of interest in conference of house Democrats. The group opposing Mr. Clark held a conference tonight.

House Republicans expected their principal contest tomorrow night to center about the Democrats, forces favoring an increase from five to nine in the membership of the party's steering committee. Leaders of the majority group tonight predicted that the question would be settled without difficulty but Representative Longworth of Ohio, a leader in the fight for the change, declared he would insist on final action by the conference.

The Republican committee on committees, meeting today approved its assignment of members to the standing committees of the house as well as the selection of Representative Mendell as floor leader, and Representative Knutson of Minnesota, as whip. Despite this, some Republicans suggested that a fight be made against Mr. Knutson.

**Many Conferences Held.**  
Numerous conferences were held

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## CONGRESSIONAL RAILROAD ACT NEEDS COMPLETE REVISION IN OPINION OF LINE EXECUTIVES

**NEW YORK, May 16.**—Authorization by congress of a single issue of equipment trust obligations for the financing of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of rolling stock purchased by the government for the railroads, was advocated by the Association of Railway Executives, after a conference here today. It also was decided that a thorough revision of the act to regulate commerce was necessary.

After an exhaustive discussion of the various proposals which have been made for new railroad legislation before the government relinquishes war control of the carriers, the following statement was issued: "There is undoubtedly a general demand over the country for an early return of the roads to their owners, but, of course, as has been pointed out by the president, and the director-general of railroads and by leading members of congress, it would be a disservice to the country to return the roads to their managers without correcting the recognized evils in the system of railway regulation we had prior to the war.

## Fifty Gallons of Wine Sealed Up in Dwelling Bemoaned by Its Owner

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.** C. Baldochi returned to his home here last night and found a government seal plastered over the keyhole of the front door. An accompanying card outlined what would happen to the person who trifled with the seal.

Baldochi said today he recently had laid in a supply of fifty gallons of wine and that he had paid the proper tax.

Government agents, however, it was said, became aware of the purchase during Baldochi's absence and sealed his premises pending further investigation.

## Maintenance of Pass in Cascades Assured

**BEND, Or., May 16.**—The final agreement between Deschutes and Lamb counties, the state highway commission and the United States forest service for the survey, construction and maintenance of the McKenzie pass highway between Central and Western Oregon, was received today by County Judge W. D. Barnes.

The contract was sent to Bend several weeks ago to be signed by the Deschutes county commissioners, and was immediately afterward forwarded to Eugene for the signatures of the members of the Laae county court. As returned to Judge Barnes, the agreement bears in addition the names of the state highway commissioners and of G. J. Christie, acting secretary of agriculture.

## FEDERAL GRAIN CORPORATION TO INCREASE STOCK

**Change in Name Also Ordered by Wilson—Hoover Sends Cable Message**

### CONFERENCE IS CALLED

**New Licenses and Contracts Will Probably Be in Use About July 1**

**NEW YORK, May 16.**—President Wilson, by executive order dated May 14, has directed the food administration grain corporation to change its name to the United States grain corporation and increase its capital stock from \$150,000,000 to \$500,000,000, according to a cable message from Herbert Hoover, received here tonight.

Early in June a general conference of delegates from interested organizations, including those of growers, will be held in New York to consider and act upon suggestions for modifications proposed in contracts now being worked out. By July 1 it is expected that the new licenses and contracts will be in general use. They are designed to provide that throughout the United States wheat in the berry shall always sell at \$2.26 or its proper relation, so that the producer everywhere will get the full government guaranteed price.

There is nothing in the situation to encourage the expectation that there will be lower prices for bread immediately, Julius H. Barnes, wheat director declared in a statement tonight. He made it clear that when the new crop begins to move in about six weeks, it is "quite to be expected that flour prices will moderately decline and it is hoped no advance in bread prices will be necessary between now and the new crop on account of higher prices ruling for the limited amount of old flour still in this country."

The president further empowered Mr. Barnes to license the wheat handling trades, making proper regulations to make effective the guaranty price.

## Booze to Gurgle Down the Gutter Fishes Joy Too Great to Utter

All the fish will hold a heyday On the seventeenth of May day. For they're busting sixty-seven quarts of booze.

As they flicker Through that flicker All the minnows will swim quicker, The trout and doughty bass will do a highland fling.

All the clubs in zig-zag circles Will imbibe the hooch that percolates, And the salmon and the grayling Will hook fins upon the railing—"How Dry I Am" 's a ballad that they will never sing.

## SWIMMING POOL PLANS DISCUSSED

**Committee to Arrange Bathing Place—Dip Not Available This Year**

To devise plans for a municipal swimming pool for Salem, it being impossible to use Riverside Dip this year, a meeting was held at the Commercial club last night which was attended by representatives from the city council, the park board, and the civic department of the club. The dip has been put to other uses this season and cannot be had by the city.

Various sites and plans for a swimming pool were discussed, it being generally held that a bathing place is an essential for the city. Joseph Austin of the parks committee of the city council, John J. Roberts of the park board and R. O. Snelling, chairman of the civic department of the Commercial club, were appointed to secure data on locations and equipment for a pool. They will meet Monday to discuss plans.

## TELEGRAPHERS AGREE TO JOIN GREAT STRIKE

**All Branches of Wire Service at Winnipeg Affected by Union Verdict**

### DEADLOCK CONTINUES

**Daily Newspapers to Suspend Publication Temporarily; Staffs on Duty**

**WINNIPEG, Man., May 16.**—Union telegraphers of Winnipeg voted this evening to join the general strike at noon tomorrow. Press, broker and commercial operators are all affected. This means that Winnipeg will be isolated from the rest of the dominion by telegraph, telephone and mail.

Bitter deadlock between union labor in Winnipeg and leading industrial employers who refused to recognize the unions continued today and although it was known that the general strike which began yesterday morning was receiving the attention of federal, provincial and local officials, there were no signs tonight of any approach toward a settlement.

The postal tie-up and the walkout of employes in several railroad departments brought the situation to the floor of the house of commons at Ottawa today. A dispatch received from Ottawa by the Canadian Press said the following statement was made in the house this afternoon by A. K. MacLean, minister without portfolio:

**Minister Well Advised**  
"The minister of labor has been closely in touch with the situation at Winnipeg during the past ten days and he is being advised from moment to moment. He is ready at all times to do anything he can in the circumstance."

This statement was construed here to mean that the government was willing to cooperate in any movement to arbitrate the differences which caused the Winnipeg building and metal trade unions to strike and which was followed by a general walkout yesterday which at present involves more than 60 unions and 30,000 members. Premier T. C.

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## How U. S. Navy Planes Are Going, "Hop" by "Hop," in Ocean Flight

