

AIR MAILS RUIN DELIBERATE AIM SAYS TWA CHIEF

Lines Victims Of Well Conceived Plan of Few Men, Belief—Roosevelt Misinformed on Contract Acts.

NEW YORK, March 9.—(AP)—Commenting upon President Roosevelt's declaration for an early return to private air mail transportation, Richard W. Robbins, president of transcontinental and Western air today said: "This does not settle the question of good faith between the government and its air mail contractors."

"The air lines have been the victims of a well conceived plan of a few men with purely selfish interests to ruin the present air transportation of this country," he continued.

Roosevelt Misinformed

"President Roosevelt has been cruelly misinformed as to the facts of the air mail situation."

"In the course of time all the facts will come out and the American people will understand the real situation."

"In the meantime the air transportation system of this country, which prior to the cancellation of the air mail contracts was admittedly the finest in the world, has been done irreparable damage."

Robbins said his air mail carriers have ten year contracts, "let by public bidding" in the Coolidge administration for the most part and extending to April 5, 1936. On the basis of this, he said, heavy investments in development and equipment have been made.

Calls Plan Unfair

"Obviously," he declared, "it would be unfair to force T. & W. A. to give up its contract and require us to rebuild to carry the mail over our own route and, if awarded a contract, have it for a maximum of three years."

"It is a fair statement that never again will the post office department get as good a bargain and give the same country-wide service for \$7,000,000 a year as it had when it annulled these air mail contracts," he asserted.

PRESBYTERIANS PULL TOGETHER

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9.—(AP)—The Rev. Dr. McDowell, moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, believes the fundamentalist-modernist controversy waged in the church for years has died down.

"Never in my 36 years in the church," he said at the close of an executive council of the general church last night, "have I found it more wholeheartedly united in its essential beliefs, or more generally cooperative in its support of the authorized agencies of the general assembly."

"Except in one or two sections of the country the controversy between the fundamentalists and modernists is not playing a large part in the life of the church today, and that for the reason that men and women are recognizing now that there is no substitute for the spirit of Christ in the Christianity of the New Testament."



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Veteran Can Prove Death
MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va.—(UP)—William T. Carson, commander of the American Legion post here, has letters and pictures to prove he was killed in France when his army airplane crashed in action. His family

was advised of his death thru a clerical error.
Woman Revenue Collector
CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—(UP)—Miss Ray F. Connell of Clarksburg, recently appointed by Walter R. Thurmond,

internal revenue collector for the state, as his deputy, is believed the only woman in the nation holding a similar post.
Osprey Was Born Angler
WACO, Texas.—(UP)—B. T. Bean is

exhibiting an osprey with a five-foot wingspread which he shot out of a tree near Lake Waco. Clutched in the fish hawk's talons when it fell was a live 13-inch bass. Bean intends to mount the osprey holding the fish for display.

Harvesting Machine Ready
SHELLEY, Ida.—(UP)—Designed to reduce cost of harvesting sugar beet crops 50 per cent, H. S. Marker, Shelley, has invented a digging and topping machine. The model does the work of several men, digging, topping

and piling the beets all in one action. Drawn by either horses or tractor, it also sorts and leads the product.
Prison Population Down
AUBURN, N. Y.—(UP)—The number of convicts in Auburn prison is

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