

MANY PRECAUTIONS ADOPTED TO RENDER NIGHT FLYING SAFE

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—The meteorological conditions of the country at night and the elaborate precautions taken by the government to guard against the hazards of night airplane flying all will favor the success of night air mail service when the government inaugurates this service between Chicago and Omaha next Monday night, according to government air service officials in statements to The Associated Press. The distance is 540 miles.

Air conditions at night, it is pointed out, are more favorable to flying than during the day. The night atmosphere does away with the "bumps" result from the sun's rays coming in contact with the moistened atmosphere rising from wooded lands, lakes, rivers, and green vegetation, which forces upward a strong current. As these currents meet the airplane, the plane has a tendency to rise and when the aviator flies out of the current the machine immediately drops.

Airplane motors, as a rule, run better at night than by day because of the increase of oxygen and moisture in the air, according to aviation officials. They expressed the belief that this would add to the success and efficiency of the government's night mail service.

Furthermore, large beacon lights have been installed every 12 to 15 miles between Chicago and Omaha. These will be kept going continuously throughout the night and will throw a swirling flood of light into the air to guide the aviator over his route. In addition, lights will flood the landing fields and indicate to the aviator the direction the wind is blowing.

To care for the hazards of forced landings the airplanes in night service will be equipped with wing up lights controlled from the pilot's seat. Parachute landing flares, also controlled automatically, will be carried by the aviator. As he glides his plane in a circle in landing may happen to be, will be flooded with light. The wing tip lights will not blind the aviator's view, but clearly indicate any obstruction underneath him.

Although difficulty was anticipated in getting aviators to fly the night shift, approximately 75 percent of them have expressed a desire for this service. This is thought to be due to the government's elaborate plan of precaution in preparing the night flying program. The government investigation of night flying had extended over a year and a half, and if the present plans prove practical the route may be extended further west.

Women Shorten Dresses When Stambulski Dies

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The death of Stambulski, former premier of Bulgaria, seems to have had more than a political effect in his country. No sooner was it confirmed, says a Sofia news message, than the women in the cities began to order and make new dresses, and to buy new shoes with high heels.

This is all due to the fact Stambulski had ordered that women's dresses should be worn long, and even described the exact length. He also ordered that all shoes should have flat heels, and the police were instructed to enforce these regulations.

Now the demand for dresses and high heeled shoes in Sofia is so great that the shops cannot meet it.

Why Emigrants Leave Home
PITTSBURGH, Aug. 18.—Immigrants into the Pittsburgh district are astonished at the prosperity of the country, and express delight to know their weekly income bids fair to meet their expenditures.

One man who settled in Ambridge, the bridge manufacturing town on the Ohio river, declared recently that with his savings for a year in Europe he could purchase a hat, suit of clothes and a pair of shoes, while in Ambridge he had outfitted himself from head to foot with his savings of one week.

Correct this sentence: "I really meant to go to church with you today, said the husband, but I'm not feeling well and I need rest."

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RAT TRAFFIC IS ON WANE IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 18.—Now comes the Pied Piper of Hamelin to the city of Spokane.

In fact, they come on an average of three a week, according to Commissioner Ralph Hendricks. But H. N. Enholm of Lewiston, Idaho, has merited special attention as a pied piper. He has given his formula to the city for the common welfare, content to let his recompense await the acclaim of the rat-free people of Spokane.

"I give the rats a mixture of oatmeal, peanuts and plaster of paris," the inventor told the city commission. "It petrifies them when they eat it, and it isn't poisonous. Rats come from blocks to eat the stuff."

Commissioner Maurice Smith suggested that the rat traffic might congest the streets during the rush for the plaster of paris. Never the less, the commissioners carefully took the formula down with paper and pencil and promised to give it a fair trial, though confessing such bewilderment with the invasion of modern pied pipers that they could hardly tell when the right one came along.

With this much settled, Enholm told the commissioners how to kill bedbugs, cockroaches and other pests, and suggests the correct ways to bag potatoes and kill ferns. These suggestions were not promised the same trial as the magic peanut mixture, however.

SEES FAME FOR ALASKAN APPLE

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. 18.—Within five years it is expected that Alaskan apples will be among the fruits on the markets of the world, gauged by experiments being conducted in various parts of the temperate zone of the territory along Turnagain Arm. Several apples have been produced and from the original stock other seedlings will be propagated. Growing apples and pears has long been an industry in Finland, growers state, and the same system used in introducing the fruit there is being employed in Alaska. It consists of digging a hole four feet in depth and six feet in circumference, into which fertilizer is packed like a hotbed. The tree is set in the spring and when cold weather approaches, the tree is covered with a frame and an old carpet.

The same system of underground forcing has been applied to strawberries with the result that the fruit has been advanced at least a month, growers state. Among the latest berry to be introduced into the far north is the thornless



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Eve Curie to Tour U. S.



Mrs. Eve Curie, daughter of Marie Curie, discoverer of radium, will tour the United States soon, having achieved great success in Europe as a concert pianist. Her noted husband probably will accompany her.

blackberry, which, the fruit growers assert, bids fair to become another desirable variety of garden fruit.

Gulls Come Back to Helgoland

HELGOLAND, Aug. 18.—Kittiwakes have appeared in flocks off the coasts of Helgoland lately, apparently looking for breeding places and the migration of these gulls from their northern haunts has aroused considerable interest.

The authorities have issued instructions that all possible encouragement and protection be given the birds for re-establishing homes in the island. It has been decades since the kittiwake, with its unusual three-toed feet, has used Helgoland as a haven for hatching.

Improvement in America reported. New Yorker whipped a man for singing "Yes, we have no bananas."

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GAME BIRDS OF U. S. FACING EXTINCTION

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Aug. 18.—The North American heathhen which, so far as is known, is today making its last fight against extinction on the protected public reservations of Martha's Vineyard, is now near the vanishing point, according to the reservation superintendent. Not more than 50 of the birds are left on the island—and in the world—and most of them are males, the report sent to the state department of conservation sets forth.

A census was taken by Commissioner William C. Adams with the assistance of Professor Albert O. Gross of Bowdoin college, who, at the close of this season, will submit a report for the use of the division of fisheries and game which is endeavoring to perpetuate the species.

The flock under the state's care fluctuates in numbers considerably from year to year. It has numbered thousands, and at other times has been almost as small as it is at present, but no earlier record has disclosed any such decrease in the female birds.

Cotton Mills Face Hard Times
OLDHAM, Lancashire, Aug. 18.—The British cotton trade is dull, and shareholders in Lancashire spinning mills are having hard days.

Time was when these fortunate holders received dividends of from 20 to 50 percent with reasonable regularity, but today a list of 74 mills shows these concerns facing losses on capital and profit and loss accounts, of \$50,000,000.



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ELECTRIC SYSTEM IS PLANNED FOR CHICAGO TERMINAL

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—A direct current twice as powerful as that of any other American electrification system is to be installed here by the Illinois Central railroad when it electrifies its terminal on the lake front, according to announcement of engineers representing the improvement organization of the system. The New York Central and the Pennsylvania at New York use a normal current of 600. It was stated, while the Chicago system will carry 1,500 volts.

Electrification will require a revolution of the terminal, the engineers say, as sub-stations, power houses, track grading and a new signal system must be introduced before the Chicago lake front becomes smokeless. The total cost is estimated at \$26,000,000.

A saving of one-third the fuel is expected to result in suburban service alone, and the efficiency of moving passengers and freight through the yards greatly improved.

Electrically operated trains are far more economical than coal burning locomotives, according to the chief engineers. The coal can be consumed in power houses with big generators in a much more efficient way than when each locomotive must create its own power. To establish

fish the system and to put it in operation, however, is infinitely more costly.

The electrically operated trains will travel at the rate of 57 miles an hour, the engineers predict, not including the time for stops.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC RESUMED ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER

MOBILE, Ill., Aug. 18.—With four new motor barges, freight traffic on the Mississippi between St. Paul and St. Louis will begin soon after a lapse of more than four years, the River Transit company of St. Paul has announced.

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