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VALUE OF AERIAL POLAR TRIP
HERE are few if any undertakings that could appeal
more to imagination or arouse more public interest than the proposed flight of an airship across the Aretic region, over the North Pole, and retum the enterprise probably would not be so hazardous to the participants as many an arctic exploratio
ventured in sea-going vessels, yet it is such a wide departure from methods whose possibilitiess and probabilities have been demonstrated by experience that it objective is worth while, and, if men choose to take the risk, they will be accorded unstinted praise and will be accompanied by all the good wishes of the people of the ountry

The distance to be traversed is not as great as most people would believe without having studied the map. be completed in 48 hours or less. Nevertheless, there are so many unknown factors to be considered, so many con-
ditions unfamiliar to navigators of the air, that one need not be accused of pessimism if he regards the chances of success as exceedingly small. But the ventire cannot be a complete failure. Even though a part or all of the ad-
venturous explorers fail to return, they will at least ascertain some of the obstacles to be overcome and will thus assure the sticcess of later undertakings of the same
sort.

Men of the American Navy have played a large part in Arctic explorations in the past and it is fitting that they should take the lead in the air voyage now under
contemplation.

Fortunately for the cause of science, recent inven tions have added much to the vane of such a the probability of its success. Not the least of these is the system of aerial photography developed by an American inventor, Sherman L. Fairchild, whose cameras have been used with great sucphotographs of the arctic region will afford highly val uable material for careful study under the magnifying glass in the security and comfort of the scientist's office at home and for the entertainment and instruction of people who may view them through the aid of the sil-
or screen.
The American military forces have been pioneers
public service in time of peace throughout our history. in publie service in time of peace throughout our history. The high eredit they have won in the past will be greatly augmented if they attempt this proposed undertaking and make of it even a fair measure of success.

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If the people would take as much interest in their taxes as they do in the haseball scores; look over their
public officials as carefully as they-do the big-league pubchicesficals as carefuly as they-do the hig-league to the football games; take as much trouble to register as they do to get seats at the Follies; feel as concerned do over throwing out josses in China; fight as hard to protect their incomes against foolish public expenditures as they do against foolish private ones, there would be
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capitals, cities, fowns and farms are located.-Saturday Evening Post,

Mr. MeAdoo now finds himself uncertain as to the desirability of public ownership of railroads. He ought to know something from experience, for he had the fin-
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to make good. and didn't.-Omaha Bee.

Ought to be considerable encouragement to McAdoo in the fact that the crown prince also came back.-Portland Oregonian

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