

— Aviation —

MYSTERY FIRES HELD CLEW TO AMUNDSEN FATE

Blaze Seen on Island by Seamen; Others Think It Italia Pyre.

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COPENHAGEN, Sept. 3.—Mysterious fires seen on Edge Island, off Spitsbergen, a fortnight ago, were reported by meteorologists today to tell the last story of either the seaplane of Roald Amundsen or the envelope of the dirigible Italia.

A hunting vessel reported seeing the fire and officials were divided as to whether the fires were caused by the burning of the dirigible or the Latham seaplane.

Already parts of the seaplane, in which Amundsen and five companions started on a rescue mission to the Italia, have been found and taken back to Tromsøe. Two pontoons, rusted after long hours in the northern waters, were picked up.

From Amundsen Ship

They were metal blue, just as were the pontoons of the Latham plane, and comparison with pictures of that craft prove without doubt that the pontoons were from Amundsen's ship.

Then Sunday the captain of the vessel Hissoe arrived at Tromsøe and reported another hunting vessel, the Jopetter of Kings Bay, saw a fire off Stora forland, Edge Island, a fortnight ago. The crew also saw the fire.

Efforts were made to reach the island, but ice prevented. There were no other hunting vessels in the vicinity and these men believed without doubt that the fire was from the envelope of the Italia, which carried six men away after the big dirigible crashed into the sea.

Meteorologists in Tromsøe, however, believed that the fire might have been from Amundsen's plane. They pointed out that the Latham plane could have been in the vicinity of the island when it was forced down.

Plane Forced Down

Finding of the pontoons indicated the plane was forced down some place between Tromsøe—from where it left June 18—and Bear Island. There were new pieces of wood on the pontoons, as though repairs had been attempted.

The famous Norwegian explorer, Adolph Hoel, said today he believed the Latham plane had developed motor trouble near Bear Island and that Rene Guibaud, the pilot, had headed back for Norway. Near the coast, in Hoel's opinion, the motor stopped.

Hoel believed that the plane dived into the water and sank before the radio operator could give a warning or that the six men in the craft were killed.

Magazine by Plane

Daily editions of The Insurance Field, publication of the National Association of Insurance Agents, will be carried by airplane from Louisville to West Baden during the association's convention at West Baden, Sept. 19 to 21.

The convention dailies will be printed at Louisville, loaded into a plane and rushed to the delegates the same evening.

A Waco plane owned by Cardinal Flyers, Inc., Bowman field, Louisville, and piloted by Ted Kincanon, will be used. George O. Anderson, assistant secretary of the publication, will accompany the plane.

Copies of the paper will be held Sept. 18 at West Baden, in connection with the national association. Indiana speakers on the national program include Daniel J. O'Keefe, of Leedy & O'Keefe, Ft. Wayne; O. M. Spald, of D. Sherman Ellison, South Bend, and W. H. Bruner, American Trust Company, South Bend.

Plans Flying School

By Times Special
MONTPELIER, Ind., Sept. 3.—Howard Casterline, who has completed assembling an airplane at his home here and taken it up for a test flight, announces he plans to establish an aviation school.

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— Aviation —

Fliers Balked in Attempt at Atlantic Dash

Frenchmen Unable to Get Plane Off Ground for Flight.

By United Press
LE PECQ, Sept. 3.—Another attempt to start on a trans-Atlantic flight failed today, when the monoplane of Jean Assolant and Rene Lefevre failed to rise after a long run down the field.

The plane lifted only a few inches off the ground and the aviators temporarily had to abandon the flight attempt.

They had visited the meteorological office early this morning and were advised that the weather was good for the flight. They were happy and smiling and immediately went to the field, where they stored provisions in the plane.

The motors were warmed for half an hour and then the unsuccessful start was made.

The plane carried 4,300 liters of gasoline and 350 liters of oil and was considered likely the craft was overloaded for the take-off.

They had planned to fly direct to New York, going north of the Azores island and thence to Newfoundland or Nova Scotia and down to New York.

Both Assolant and Lefevre are sergeants in the French flying corps.

Prepares for Fliers

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 3.—Dresser airport is in readiness for stops Thursday by aviators in the trans-continental flight from New York to Los Angeles. Thirty men will be on duty at the airport as timers and judges, not including refueling crews.

Persons taking rides in it Sunday afternoon were enthusiastic over comfort, feeling of safety and ease with which the big plane was handled.

Brooks reported that on the trip from Wichita he was operating the controls not more than half an hour, the ship almost flying itself on the entire trip.

Air Mail Gains

Air mail poundage was more than doubled during August under the new reduced postage rates, Robert H. Bryson, postmaster, announced to.

The total poundage of air mail despatched from the local office in the month was 828 pounds, an average of 26½ pounds daily, compared with 347 pounds, or 11 pounds daily average, for the month of July.

The new rate of 5 cents for the first ounce, 10 cents each additional ounce, became effective Aug. 1.

Since Aug. 1, more than 45,000 of the new 5-cent air mail stamps, and 4,000 of the 10-cent air mail stamps were sold at the local post office.

Flying Circus Sept. 30

By Times Special
DECATUR, Ind., Sept. 3.—The Barney Meyers field south of here will be the scene of a flying circus Sept. 30 in which twenty-five planes will take part. Lieut. Cornish, Ft. Wayne, who is contemplating establishing an aviation school here, is arranging for the circus.

Aviation Firm Formed

FRANKFURT, Ind., Sept. 3.—The Skyline Airways Corporation has been formed here to engage in commercial air transportation and instruction in flying. Incorporators are Rodney W. Leonard, J. Marvin Snyder, Charles E. Layton, Ezra T. Chaille and Clyde A. Aughe.

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BOARD WILL BUY LAND FOR AIRPORT

Armory Commission Decides on Purchase at Mars Hill.

The Indiana Armory board will purchase the 192 acres of land, now under lease, forming Indianapolis airport, Mars Hill, during the present month, under the lease-option held for the last two years.

The field is the 113th Observation Squadron, Indiana National Guard, flying field.

Contract price for the land, under the option, will increase from an average of \$600 an acre to approximately \$700 an acre after the end of September.

William H. Kershner, Indiana adjutant general and secretary of the Armory board, announced that improvements, including filling in of a ditch which reduces the usable area of the field and adding improved lighting equipment. They will be made as soon as the option is exercised.

Armory board members repeated their offer of free use of the field in case the city decides to purchase additional land adjacent to the field for a municipal airport.

Under the plan, the city would purchase or lease 232 acres now under option adjoining the Mars Hill field, and perhaps additional land for a joint municipal-Guard flying field.

All fliers would have privilege of using either or both fields in landing and taking off.

Five prospective sites for a municipal airport have been submitted to the citizens' municipal airport committee, and at least four others will be presented by the closing date, Sept. 10, it was reported.

The increased Mars Hill site has not yet been submitted formally, as real estate dealers are attempting to obtain additional acreage.

The equipment and maintenance committee will meet Tuesday at noon.

War Aviator Employed

By Times Special
LOGANSPORT, Ind., Sept. 3.—Roderrick M. Wright, Washington aviator, has been employed manager and flying instructor at a new field to be opened here this week by the Flora (Ind.) Aviation Company. Wright served as an instructor at Langley field, Virginia, during the World War.

Delivery by Plane

By United Press

ROOSEVELT FIELD, L. I., Sept. 3.—The Bellanca sesquiplane Roma, in which Cesare Sabelli, Piero Bonelli and Roger Q. Williams made a non-stop flight to Rome, took off from the ground in approximately 29 seconds with load of 9,500 pounds, in a test here Sunday. The three who will make the trip were in the plane.

80 Ride Planes

By United Press
PARIS, Sept. 3.—A new record for air travel was established here when eighty airplane passengers started for London with fifty minutes. Seven planes were required to carry them.

Finds Child Genius

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 3.—Dr. Winifred Sackville Stoner, former local woman, and genius hunter, has announced finding of 6-year-old Lorraine Jalliet, New York, who can write and direct her own plays, composes poetry, paints and operates a typewriter. Dr. Stoner is president of the League for Fostering Genius.

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