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## SPEEDY PLANES LINING UP FOR CONTINENT HOP

Four Classes in National Air Races; First Ones Off Wednesday.

*By Times Special*  
NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—One of the greatest concentrations of commercial airplanes ever assembled on the East coast was gathering at Roosevelt Field today to participate in the four classes of the national air races that will leave for Los Angeles Wednesday, Thursday and Sept. 12, in division, two of which are classified solely by cubic inch displacement of the motors used on the flights.

The exceptions are the non-stop and Class G races, open to all types of engines and planes.

Hanger facilities of Roosevelt, Curtiss and Mitchel Fields are taxed to capacity to provide protection and service for the huge array of planes being prepared for the 3,000-mile flights across the continent.

Large quantities of oil and fuel have been provided at the field to assure all pilots that there will be no unnecessary delay in getting away.

Expert Service Motors

The Pioneer Instrument Company is keeping a corps of experts at the field to calibrate and orient navigational equipment for the entrants and engine manufacturers are providing mechanics for servicing the motors before the takeoffs.

More than 75 planes will leave in three days to compete for the prizes totaling nearly \$60,000, according to Stephen D. Day, chairman of the starting committee. Eight of the planes, guided by nationally known pilots, including Col. Arthur Goebel, Olivier C. Le Bouillier, and William Thaw II, are entered in the non-stop race starting Sept. 12, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., at the option of the entrants.

The remainder will leave the same airport in three divisions, the first taking off at 5 a. m. Wednesday, for a flight punctuated by sixteen thirty-minute stops, including five overnight relays. Nearly half the planes entered qualify for this class.

The Class B division will take off at 5 a. m. Thursday to compete for \$16,000 in prizes. Every plane, except two, is powered by Wright "Whirlwind" motors, which qualify for admission by merit of this low cubic-inch displacement in proportion to the horsepower developed.

Three Classes of Planes

Single, bi- and tri-motored planes are eligible for competition in Class C, a division designed to provide prizes for aircraft developing the highest speed and efficiency over a 3,000-mile flight.

Planes of the same type are admitted to the non-stop class, although this division is said to be more of a test for speed and pilots' skill. Consequently, the seven entrants are using single-motored craft, five powered by Wright engines, one by a "Hornet," and one by a "Wasp."

Plots in Classes A, B and C are scheduled to make the same stops for fuel and rest during the trans-continental flight, according to Day. Following is a list of cities where stops will be made after leaving Roosevelt Field.

Harrisburg, Pa., McKeesport, Pa., Columbus, Ohio (overnight), Terre Haute, St. Louis, Kansas City (overnight), Wichita, Oklahoma City, Ft. Worth (overnight), Abilene, Texas; Pecos, Texas; Paco, Texas; El Paso, Texas (overnight); Lordsburg, N. M.; Tucson, Yuma (overnight); San Diego and Los Angeles.

Flies From Detroit

Merlin Boyd of the John A. Boyd Motor Company, flew from Hoosier airport to Detroit and return Monday in his Travelair biplane.

Lady Lindy Goes West

*By United Press*  
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 4.—Miss Amelia Earhart, first woman to span the Atlantic by airplane, will continue her solo flight to Los Angeles today, after a round of golf with Miss Anabel Hoppe, an old friend. Miss Earhart landed unannounced at Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., yesterday.

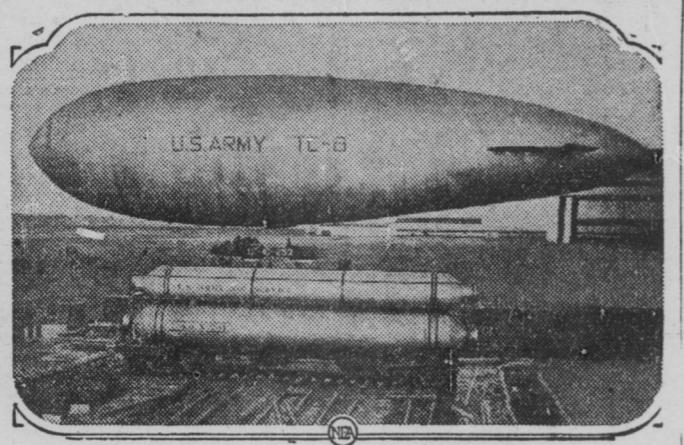
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Move Plant to Amarillo When Ft. Worth Supply Gives Out.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER  
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The American helium center remains in Texas, but it has been removed from Ft. Worth to Amarillo.

The Government's new helium production plant is now being constructed just outside Amarillo and will soon be completed. The plant side covers more than eighteen acres.

Here the helium will be separated from the natural helium-bearing gas piped down from the Amarillo company to be used in the lighter than air ships of the Army and Navy, all of which are now lifted by helium.

Exhausted One Supply  
Helium, it may be well to recall, is one of those rare inert gases which do not burn. It has no affinity with anything else and though some chemists believe they have

day afternoon. She is flying in an Avro two-seater plane, manufactured in England.

On Way to Coast

H. P. DuPont of E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del., landed at Capitol airport Saturday evening in a Whirlwind Buhl biplane on his way to Los Angeles to attend the air races. He stayed overnight at the airport and left Sunday morning, planning to stop at St. Louis.

Boxer in Solo Flight

By United Press  
JIMMY HACKLEY, 1836 N. Delaware St., junior lightweight boxer, took his solo flight at the Capitol airport, W. Thirtieth St., west of Lafayette park, Saturday.

Hackley was the first student to take his solo flight at the Capitol Airways, Inc., new airport. He plans to purchase a plane within a short time for pleasure trips, he said.

Former Hoosier Killed

*By Times Special*  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 4.—James B. Duncan of this city, has received word that his son, Clyde Duncan, 40, formerly of this city, was killed when he fell from an airplane to Casper, Wyo. He was a balloonist and stunt flier. Burial will be made at Oklahoma City.

Fliers Forced Down

*By United Press*  
BERLIN, Sept. 4.—Johann Ristic and Hans Zimmerman, German aviators who started on a flight to China, have been forced down in Moscow, it was learned today.

The two, piloting the same Junkers plane in which they recently established a sustained flight record of 65 hours, encountered bad weather Sunday afternoon and landed.

War Planes Hop Off

*By United Press*  
AUGUSTA, Ga., Sept. 4.—The group of war planes en route from Langley field to the Pacific coast left here at 7:10 a. m. today.

Officials at the Augusta airport said the fliers hoped to stop at Maxwell field, Alabama, for lunch, but if weather conditions did not improve, they might land at Macon, Ga.

It was cloudy and drizzly here.

Levine Gives Up Hop

*By United Press*  
PARIS, Sept. 4.—Charles A. Levine has given up the idea of flying across the Atlantic just now and will return home prosaically by boat.

He flew to Cherbourg today in his Junkers plane, piloted by Bert Acosta, and planned to board the Leviathan for New York. Acosta will return to Le Bourget Field to start a trans-Atlantic flight.

Dirigible on Test Run

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The dirigible Los Angeles left Lakehurst at 8:37 a. m. today on a training flight, according to word to the Navy department. The itinerary was not received here.

Long Flight Planned

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Sept. 4.—Captain Frank Hurley will attempt a flight from Australia to England and return, it was announced today. Hurley said \$75,000 had been subscribed by citizens for his expenses. He will use a Ryan monoplane similar to

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## SHIP TO SHORE BY PLANE PUTS RUSH ON MAIL

Letters Reach Mid-West by Time Vessel Docks in New York.

*By United Press*

BOSTON, Sept. 4.—European mail which left France aboard a liner which will not dock at New York until late today already has been delivered in Boston, New York and Washington.

Some of it may reach a mid-Western destination shortly after the steamer Ile de France passes the Statue of Liberty. Such is the latest achievement of ship-to-shore mail dispatch.

When the Ile de France was 40 miles from New York Monday morning, a plane was catapulted from its deck, flown to Halifax, refueled, and taxied up Boston Harbor shortly after 3:30 p. m. the same day. In that time it has passed quarantine and customs inspection after reaching Deer Island.

Among the packages to be delivered were films of Secretary Frank B. Kellogg signing the anti-war treaty in Paris.

Officials of the company say that a regular schedule into Boston may be set up in the future, with fast mail as the first objective and passenger service as a possible later development.

Visitors Go Back

Lieut. R. E. Blick and Lieut. L. W. Haynesworth, United States Navy, returned to the naval flying station at Anacostia, D. C., Sunday evening in a naval O-22 biplane, after a short visit here with relatives of Lieutenant Blick.

Other visitors who stopped at Indianapolis airport Sunday included Pilot S. Hall, flying from St. Louis to Camp Perry, Ohio, in a Waco biplane, with A. T. Nedor as passenger; Lieut. H. E. Wright and one passenger, flying a PT-1 biplane from Dayton to Kansas City, and Russell Moore, Dayton to Terre Haute, in a Travelair biplane.

Charles A. Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis. It will be named Spirit of Australia.

Putnam County First at State Fair.

Supremacy of Indiana's 4-H clubs in canning, baking and clothing manufacturing was settled Monday afternoon, when awards were announced in the Woman's building of the Indiana State fair for work along these lines. The show is the greatest group of exhibits assembled at a State fair by 4-H clubs since their origin.

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Tiem Lai Huang, Chinese good will flier and student of international problems, announced he would take off from San Francisco, probably within two weeks, on an attempted two-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean to Shanghai.

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Find Watchman Dead

Negro Cemetery Guard Had Job Thirty-Five Years.

Oliver McCown, 68, Negro, 2414 Indianapolis Ave., night watchman at Crown Hill Cemetery, was found dead in the office at the west gate, at 6:15 a. m. today. McCown had been employed at the cemetery thirty-five years. E. W. Middleton, 3235 Boulevard Place, day watchman, found McCown.

Deputy Coroner Lawrence A. Lewis said McCown had been dead an hour before Middleton found him.

FILL TICKET VACANCY

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., Sept. 4.—Dr. J. W. Clifford of Worthington has been selected to fill the vacancy on the Green County Republican ticket for coroner. Dr. Paul P. Van Arsdol, former local physician, was selected at the May primary, but now is engaged in hospital work in New York State.

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