

— Aviation —
**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 C races, open to all types of engines and planes.
Hangar facilities of Roosevelt, Curtiss and Mitchell 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.

Experts 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 C. Goebel, Oliver C. Le Boultillier, 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."

Pilots in Classes A, B and C are scheduled to make the same stops for fuel and rest during the transcontinental 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, Pecos, 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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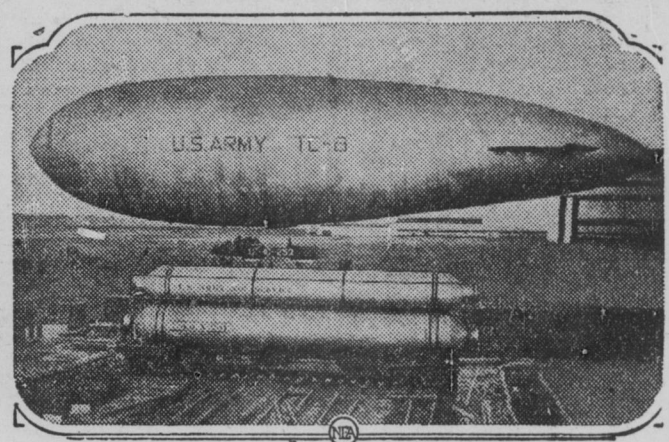
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**Move Plant to Amarillo
When Ft. Worth Supply
Gives Out.**

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 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

Jimmy Hackley, 1836 N. Delaware St., junior lightweight boxer, took his solo flight at the Capitol airport, W. Thirtieth St., west of Lafayette pike, 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 Oakland City.

Fliers Forced Down

By United Press
BERLIN, Sept. 4.—Johann Ristler and Hans Zimmermann, 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.

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 prospectively 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.—Capt. 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

made it combine with other things—such as platinum and bismuth—Government scientists will not be convinced until after further investigation.

Helium has only 92 per cent of the lifting power of hydrogen, but the Government long ago decided that this sacrifice in lifting power was more than compensated by the fact that hydrogen was dangerously inflammable.

The helium plant at Ft. Worth is being abandoned only because the old Petrolia pool a hundred miles away, which has heretofore supplied it with helium, has begun to peter out. The pool was seven years old when the Government first began to take helium from it.

Started Project in 1917

The Government helium project was begun in 1917 and two plants were opened in Ft. Worth, with a pipe-line carrying the gas all the way.

The new structures at Amarillo will be substantial and adapted for future expansion at lowest possible cost, according to the Bureau of Mines. The more important parts of the equipment will be housed in steel framed buildings.

In the Air

CONDITIONS AT 9:30 A. M.
Weather Observer J. H. Armstrong reported: "McConnell Government aerodrome, 3022 feet, temperature, 61; barometric pressure, 30.22; visibility, 6; ceiling and visibility, unlimited."

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

Mexican Flier Hops Off

By United Press
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Sept. 4.—Col. Roberto Fierro, Mexican flier, making a good-will tour of Central America, left at 7 a. m. today. His next scheduled stop is Costa Rica.

20,000 See Aerial Circus

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 4.—More than 20,000 persons witnessed Muncie's first aerial circus at the airport on S. Hackley St. Labor day. Nine planes participated.

Mrs. Sarah E. Barton, 90, of this city, was the oldest person to go for a ride.

Chinese to Hop Pacific

By United Press
LANSING, Mich., Sept. 4.—Dr. Tien Lai Huang, Chinese good 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.

FIND WATCHMAN DEAD

Negro Cemetery Guard Had Held 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, 3225 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

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

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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 400 miles from New York Monday morning, a plane was catapulted from its deck, flown to Halifax, re-fueled, 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. Haynsworth, 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.

PRIZES TO 4-H CLUBS

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.

The show attracted the work of 12,700 girls in eighty-nine counties. Putnam County, with seventeen entries winning places, took first honors in the baking show, owing its victory to the Greencastle group, with Misses Mary Louise Talbot, Vera Brown, Charlotte Elbert and Anthis Hunter entering exhibits that took the prizes.

Johnson County, with fifteen place winners and Delaware County 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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A root beer establishment claims to have served more than 5,000 mugs during the heaviest day last year.

A rainy or a chilly day is tough on the liquid concessions, but it's good news for the hot dog vendors, who rely on a little cold weather as the difference between average and big business.

Taffy stands enjoy enormous patronage in all kinds of weather as long as there is a crowd on the grounds.

Fifty thousand hard taffy bars indicate a good day's sale, according to one confectioner. That the taffy business yields a big profit was suggested by another refreshment proprietor who added that he figured a return of \$12 to \$15 on every thirty pounds of ingredients.

CITY FIREMEN SHINE

Fine Record Made in Year
by Department.

Indianapolis' fire department is ranked with the best in the country in ability to confine fires to the building of origin, in a survey just completed by the Continental Insurance in fifty cities.

The survey showed the Indianapolis department in 1927 confined 98 per cent of the fires it fought to the building where they started. Other cities with the same record were Los Angeles, Jacksonville, Boston and Seattle.

New York, New Haven, Baltimore, Springfield (Mass.), Grand Rapids, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Camden, Jersey City, Toledo, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., and Milwaukee had 99 per cent records.

Chicago and Louisville confined 96 per cent and San Francisco 97 per cent.

ADMITTS CAR THEFT

Youth Confesses Theft of Sedan
From Riverside Park.

Lucian Shackelford, 20, of 3732 Northwestern Ave., has confessed stealing a Ford sedan owned by R. W. Michael, Mars Hill, from Riverside Park Sunday afternoon, police say.

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**FATHER HOPES
FLIER ALIVE IN
BRAZIL JUNGLE**

Paul Redfern Missing Year,
Carried Supplies for
Forced Landing.

By United Press
ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 4.—A young American with heavy black beard and mottled hair is alive in the jungles of tropical South America, awaiting an opportunity to journey down some great river to civilization, his father believes one year after Paul Redfern left Brunswick, Ga. on a flight to Rio de Janeiro.

It was a year ago last month that Redfern left a wide stretch of beach in a gold and silver monoplane and pointed the craft southward towards the Bahamas, and the continent of South America, way beyond. But for the crew of a freighter, the Kristian Krogh, no one has reported sight of the plane since. Redfern circled the Kristian Krogh, 510 miles off the Venezuela coast, some 24 hours after he sped away from Brunswick, and then disappeared southward.

Dr. Frederick Redfern, president of a Negro Baptist College at Columbia, S. C., and his wife, now national Republican committee woman from the State, continue to hope their son is alive. They think there is ample reason to believe he lives in some fastness in the interior of Brazil or far up the reaches of the Orinoco in Venezuela or Colombia.

Redfern cautiously left with full equipment for a forced landing in the jungles. No single item that a man might need in the tropical fastnesses was forgotten.

He knew the prevalence of terrific electric storms in the region he must pass through on the way to Rio and took precautions for such a landing and for a six months' sojourn in the wilderness alone. He had a parachute, and planned to leap overboard should his plane give out of gas. The equipment he needed was packed in a dunnage bag hooked to the parachute cords.

There were such articles as tackle for catching fish in the tropical rivers, a combination shotgun and rifle

with ammunition to kill beasts ranging from rabbits to jaguars. There was a supply of chocolate, concentrated food, sufficient to last for weeks before Redfern would be forced to live off the land.

There was a first aid kit, with all modern appliances in event he was injured in a plane crash. There was an ominous little bottle of poison. Medicine for all ills was in the plane. There was even lotion against mosquito bites and yards of mosquito netting.

Heavy boots, made for hikes in the underbrush; a long scythe like knife for hacking one's way out of the "monte" that abounds in the region; long hunting knives to skin animals with—these also were in the cockpit of the plane.

The flier's father recalls that the 24-year-old flier said just before stepping into the cockpit, "Remember, don't worry and don't give up hope."

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