

Aviation

CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT BEAUTY IS WORTH COST

Times Writer Makes
T. A. T. Round Trip in
Five Days.

BY ERNIE PYLE
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WASHINGTON, July 1.—There
is any argument that the
records of today in airplane
are the common-places of
now.

few years ago 150 miles an hour
was believed to be as much as a
man could stand.

Yet I have just complete a round
trip coast-to-coast flight on which
our average speed was far above
60, and on one leg of which we
flew more than 160 miles an hour.

It was over the New York-Los
Angeles air-line of Transcontinental
Air Transport that my jour-
ney was made.

If you travel as swiftly as the
schedule allows, you can go from
New York to Los Angeles and back
in five days over the T. A. T. lines.

have completed the trip in
with a one-day layover

ks Points to Future

I was making this trip,
in Frank M. Hawks made the
journey in around forty-three

ough his flight was more or
of a stunt, it was made in a
stock commercial plane.

In a few years Hawks' speed
will be the accepted thing, probably over
the same regularly operating line on
which my trip was made.

My journey was completed Sun-
day when I arrived in Washington,
just forty-six hours after leaving
Los Angeles. The final leg of my
trip was from Waynoka, Okla., to
Columbus, by airplane, and from
Columbus to Washington by train.

San Francisco, carrying us
way, N. M., was an hour late
in Waynoka, Saturday

seen there and St. Louis,
stored Ford, flying at 156
journey, made up all the time
had lost and reached St.
minutes early. This is
st traveling done so far
T. A. T. lines.

Light Is Indescribable

St. Louis we took it easy
to Columbus, arriving there
and catching an east-bound
train.

round-trip fare for this air-
is around \$700.

are thousands of people in
those time is sufficiently
to permit them to pay \$350
to Los Angeles, or back, in
the millions of others whose
isn't worth that much, I can
say that I believe there isn't
thing else in this country for
that gives the simple beauty
and breath-taking magnificence of
is indescribable flight across
america.

Discuss Tour Plans

The Indiana Aircraft Trade As-
sociation will discuss plans for an
Indiana air tour in the interest of
aviation at 8 p. m. Tuesday at offices
of Curtiss Flying Service of
Indiana, 957 North Meridian street,
it was announced today by H. W. Weir,
Curtiss manager.

Win Model Plane Honors

Enrollment in the Curtiss Flying
Service of Indiana junior ground
course will be awarded three
Indiana boys for winning the
commercial airplane contest
afternoon at the Mars Hill

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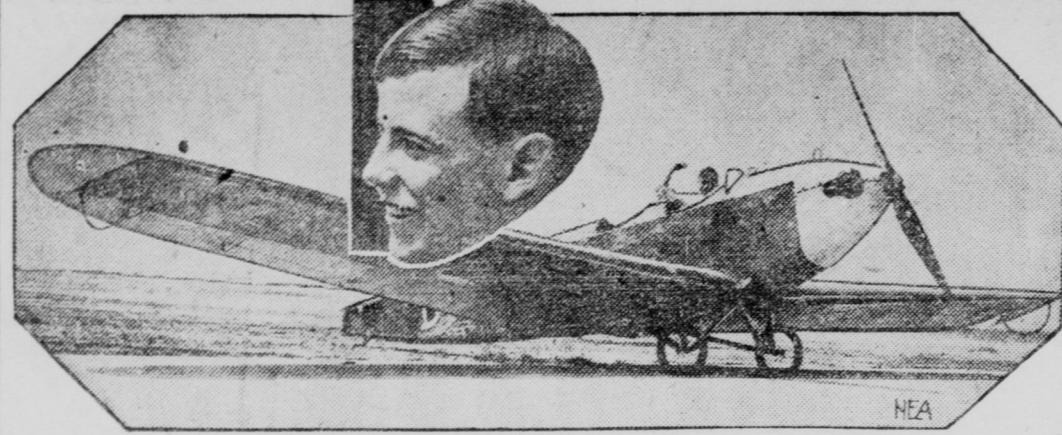
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Circling Globe in Tiny Plane



Here's Baron Frederick von Loenig Walhausen, just arrived in the United States, and the tiny air-plane in which he is flying around the world. The baron's plane measures 24 feet long, over all, and is 6 feet high, with a wing span of 36 feet. It has a twin-cylindered 20-horse powered motor capable of getting 50 miles on a gallon of gasoline. The young German flyer is now on his way across the continent to New York, having arrived in San Francisco by steamer from Japan.

Flier Delays Own Funeral

Missing Man, Given Up for Dead, Returns Home.

By United Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 1.—While his parents were sadly drawing up plans for his funeral, C. C. Garrett Jr., 22, aviator, who had been missing since last Wednesday, walked into his home here, smiling and happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett had given up hopes of their son being found alive after they had heard no word of him since last Wednesday, when he left Wichita, Kan., in an airplane, with Matthew Hoff of Hollywood, Calif., for Pittsburgh.

As a search along the proposed route of the aviators failed to reveal their whereabouts, Garrett's family became resigned to his supposed death and were arranging funeral plans pending discovery of the body.

Garrett explained he had encountered numerous electrical and rainstorms after leaving Wichita and had made three forced landings in isolated places.

RADIO BRANCH IS OPENED HERE

Tracy-Wells Firm to Sell Peerless, Courier Sets.

A branch office of the Tracy-Wells Company of Cleveland and Columbus, has been opened in Indianapolis for distribution of Peerless and Courier radio sets through thirty-three counties in the central part of Indiana. R. C. Hager will be in charge of the branch office at 214 South Pennsylvania street, assisted by C. H. Fine.

The two sets to be handled are the product of the United Reproductors Corporation, recently formed by the merger of four large radio companies. This corporation is one of the few national organizations building complete sets in its own factories.

One of the prominent features of these sets is the new type speaker, the Klystron, a condenser type speaker brought before radio manufacturers at the recent show at Chicago.

Five models of the Peerless radio will be handled. Speakers will also be handled by the local branch.

FRENCH WITNESSES TO TESTIFY IN PETTIS SUIT

Mental Competency of Store Founder, Basis of Action.

Depositions of French witnesses as to the mental competency of the late Alphonse Pettis, founder of the Pettis Dry Goods Company, when he made the \$700,000 bequest to the Indianapolis foundation will be taken in August by Alan W. Boyd of Noel, Hickam, Boyd and Armstrong, who has returned from New York, where Mr. Pettis lived prior to his death in 1916.

Property valued at \$1,500,000 is in litigation in federal court here as a result of the suit filed by heirs against the bequest to the foundation.

The claim of mental incompetency is based on the fact that Mr. Pettis was 90 years old when he made the gift.

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In the Air

Weather conditions at 9:30 a. m.
at Indianapolis airport:

Southwest wind eight miles an
hour; temperature, 73; barometric
pressure, 29.84; at sea level; ceiling,
1,500 feet; visibility, two miles; field
mud.

Set for Rome Hop

By United Press

SCARBORO, Me., July 1.—Roger
O. Williams and his flying mate,
Lewis A. Yancey, today awaited
Tuesday's dawn in the hope of be-
ing able to make a new start to
their projected 4,800-mile flight to
Rome.

Tested and tuned, their recently-
acquired monoplane Pathfinder
needed only to be fueled—a process
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fore heading westward toward the
distant goal.

The fliers spent Sunday testing
their earth inductor compass, and the
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"We're all set to go just as soon
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Hassel to Try Again

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COPENHAGEN, July 1.—Bert
Hassel and Parker Cramer will begin
their flight from the United States
to Copenhagen within the next few
days. Danish government officials
understood today, Hassel sent a
cablegram to the government asking
facilities for their landing here, in-
cluding weather reports. The govern-
ment promised to co-operate.

Planes Survive Storm

Indianapolis airports were fairly
fair in surviving the wind and
rainstorm. Sunday evening, the
heaviest damage reported being a
roof blown from one of the national
guard hangars at Mars Hill airport.

No planes were reported damaged
by any of the airports, although
reports from Mars Hill field were
meager, as all four telephone lines
were reported down and direct com-
munication with the field was im-
possible.

The Transcontinental Air Trans-
port plane was reported to have
reached Columbus safely after leav-
ing here before the storm broke.

The Embry-Riddle air mail plane
was not so fortunate, being reported
forced to turn back after starting
for Chicago and making forced
landings at the speedway.

Brings New Trainer Plane

R. A. Barbin, Curtiss Flying Ser-
vice of Indiana pilot, arrived Sun-
day evening at the Mars Hill air-
port with a new Command-Air
trainer biplane to be used in student
instruction by the Curtiss company.

Cox Flies to Detroit

Charles E. Cox Jr., Curtiss Flying
Service of Indiana assistant man-
ager, has gone to Detroit to attend
the Curtiss national school for
standardization and co-ordination of
flying instruction.

Race Auto Injures Spectators

By United Press

GREENCASTLE, Ind., July 1.—
Gilbert Cox, 18, is in a hospital here
today with injuries received when
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racing car had felled it. The driver
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AUTHOR LAUDS THEATER DRIVE

Tarkington Regrets Being Unable to Aid Campaign.

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