

Weekly Aviation— AIRLINES SLASH FARES; AIM AT RAILWAY RATES

Bank Sends \$2,500,000 in
Currency by Plane
Route.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Air travel fares all over the country have taken a tumble within the last two weeks. Coast-to-coast fares on all three transcontinental lines dropped from \$200 to \$160, and on the fastest of them the trip can be made in twenty-eight hours.

United Airlines, the biggest air transport system in the United States, put its fares down to about 8 cents per mile. Immediately the other big lines followed suit. There is keen rivalry between them for the passenger business, and none of them has any too much traffic.

The independent airlines (those without mail subsidies) are continually hounding the big lines by dropping their fares. It is a healthy situation and undoubtedly will force the engineers to produce a transport plane that will go faster and cheaper, thus eventually bringing air fares down to railroad day coach level.

See Eight Cities at Once
Captain Frank Hawks passed up the big air races at Miami this year, in order to make a tour over the lines of Transcontinental & Western Air. Giuseppe Bellanca, the famous designer whose planes have flown across more oceans than any other, has not piloted a plane himself since 1919.

Postmaster-General Brown has installed a short wave radio set in his office in Washington, so that he can listen to conversations between ground stations and planes flying on his airmail lines. Visibility was so good the other night that two pilots of Eastern Air Transport, flying 8,500 feet over Wilmington, Del., could see for 120 miles in each direction. They could see New York and all its suburbs, Trenton, Philadelphia, Camden, Wilmington, Atlantic City, Baltimore and Washington.

More than \$24,000,000 in bank clearings, remittances and negotiable securities arrive at Newark airport every day by air mail and last week \$2,500,000 in green backs was flown on an eighteen-passenger plane of Eastern Air Transport from Philadelphia to Greensboro, N. C., to stop a bank run. The passengers on the ship didn't know the money was aboard, and even the dispatchers and field attendants along the line were ignorant of it.

Plan 15-Minute Service
Transcontinental & Western Air is making a bid for foreign passengers on its airlines, and now has both Japanese and Chinese passenger agents on its pay rolls in San Francisco. The crew of the dirigible Akron, Lehigh, N. J., was called out to help land an airplane the other day. Pilot John Purney was trying to land in a sixty-five-mile wind, and the plane wouldn't stay on the ground, so fourteen men of the ship's crew were called out, and the second Purney's plane touched earth they grabbed it and held it.

The Century Airlines are planning passenger service at fifteen-minute intervals between cities of the middle west within six months, using a new secretly-built Stinson monoplane, whose makers claim it will cruise at 150 miles per hour.

Northwest Airways has been in the habit of firing its pilots \$1 each time an air mail pouch was mishandled, and now fines them \$5 each time a pouch goes to the wrong destination. These fines will be put in a special fund, and the money will be given to the pilot having the best record at the end of the year.

DOUBT LIFER'S GUILT
Canadian Authorities Ask U. S. to Deport Coloradoan.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Joseph B. Jones, an obscure and friendly prisoner in the Colorado State penitentiary at Canon City, serving a life term for murder, has become the subject of international negotiations to obtain his release and deportation to Canada. The Canadian government believes there is grave doubt of his guilt.

Jones has been in prison since 1924, when he received a life sentence for the slaying of George P. Fraley, a business man of Bessemer, Colo.

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The choir will be assisted by an orchestra of thirty-two pieces under the direction of Robert Shultz of Shortridge high school.

The general public is invited and as there will be no admission charge, a silver offering will be taken to help defray the expenses.

The soloists will be Mary Traub Busch, contralto; William B. Robinson, tenor; Paul Leslie Raymond, basso, and Milton V. Dills and Robert Jordan, boy sopranos.

The program will be as follows:
Processional—"Conquering Kings," Handel
Overture
Recitation and Air—"Comfort Ye, and Every Valley."
Chorus—"And the Glory of the Lord."
Recitation and Air—"Thus Saith the Lord, But He Shall Purify."
Chorus—"And He Shall Purify."
Recitation and Air—"Behold a Virgin, O Thou That Tellest."
Chorus—"For Unto Us a Child is Born."
The Pastoral Symphony.
Recitation and Chorus—"There Were Shepherds—Glory to God."
Air—"Rejoice, Greatly, O Daughter of Zion."
Recitation and Air—"Then Shall the Eyes be Shined With His Flock."
Chorus—"His Yoke is Easy."
"Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates."
Air for Bass—"Way Do the Nations Rage."
"Hallelujah Chorus."
Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb."
"The Amen Chorus."
Recessional Hymn—"Awake My Soul!" Handel

Charges Deputy 'Stole' Liquor

By United Press

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 8.—A deputy sheriff who found a man drinking from a bottle in the courthouse here, took the container and confiscated it. The man, indignant, went to the nearest justice court and tried to file theft charges against the deputy "for stealing my liquor."



Upper, left to right, William B. Robinson, tenor; Chester L. Heath, organist and director, and Paul Leslie Raymond, basso.
Lower right, Robert Jordan, boy soprano.
Lower left, Milton V. Dills, boy soprano.

Brother Dies
FRANKLIN, Ind., Jan. 8.—Rufus H. Felton, brother of Mrs. Sidney J. French, wife of a member of the Franklin college faculty, is dead in Phoenix, Ariz.

BLAMES U. S. FOR HUGE LOSS TO INVESTORS

Glass Declares Approval of Foreign Loans Is 'Lawless Procedure.'

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—With the attitude of the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover administrations toward South American loans known today for the first time, Senator Carter Glass (Dem., Va.) declared the United States government is "morally responsible" for an estimated loss of \$2,000,000,000 to American investors in these defaulted and depreciated securities.

Previous efforts to obtain this information from Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state, brought the reply that it would be incompatible with the public interest to reveal the attitude various administrations had taken toward securities now in default or selling from \$10 to \$20.

Glass, a former secretary of the treasury, and prominent member of the senate banking and currency committee, denounced the system of government approval of foreign loans as "lawless procedure."

He made this comment in connection with a testimony before the senate finance committee that a department of commerce warning against a Bolivian loan had been suppressed by the state department, and an objection to Colombian issues ignored by American bankers.

According to Grosvenor M. Jones, financial adviser of the department of commerce when President Hoover headed that branch of the government, he thought that most of South America, and especially Bolivia and Colombia, was "overbored" in late 1927 and early 1928. He issued a public note to that effect concerning Colombia, but at

the request of the state department "reluctantly consented" to approve a Bolivian issue.

Since that period, however, it has been brought out that almost \$100,000,000 worth of securities have been floated in the United States for both those countries.

Jones admitted that American bankers engaged in keen competition for these issues. He also said that many American corporations obtained contracts for building highways and railroads with the proceeds from some of the issues on which the department of commerce frowned.

The race to secure South American bonds even in the face of official discouragement occurred during the Coolidge administration when Frank B. Kellogg was secretary of state.

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