

COMMERCIAL FLYING IS MAKING PROGRESS, SAYS AERIAL REPORT

NEW YORK, July 15.—Commercial aviation in the United States shows a healthy, steadily growing popularity, says the Manufacturers' Aircraft association in making public here the report of representatives who have just completed a tour of the country which included inspection flights over most of the territory now served by aerial transport.

"The airplane is undergoing the same development experienced by other vehicles of transportation introduced to the public, the various sections of the country according to its reception in conference with their individual topography, customs and natural resources," the report said.

"The southwest and Pacific coast are leading in the adaption of aircraft to commercial use and plans in preparation contemplate honeycombing that area with a network of aerial transportation lines. In the middle-west the airplane is being adopted as the occasion demands, and it is meeting with encouraging success, considering the severe competition of good railroads and highways, lack of landing fields and the considerable indifference of the Middle Atlantic states.

New England is accepting it with customary conservatism; the south is using it mainly for private purposes and Florida and the West Indies have come to recognize flying as a most important method of communication.

Establish New Agencies.

At present there are in the United States 15 manufacturers of aircraft and aircraft motors and 85 manufacturers of accessories. During the past few months 20 new airplane distributing agencies have been established throughout the country and new aerial transport operating companies have been formed in New York City, San Francisco, Long Beach, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Oakland, Stockton and Alameda, Cal., Minneapolis, Minn., Philadelphia, Bluefield, W. Va., Bettendorf, and Shreveport, La., Ponca City, Okla., Seattle and Spokane, Wash., Detroit, Mich., Arkansas City, Ark., Bridgeport, Conn., Aurora, Ill., Fargo, N. D., Cincinnati, O., Newell, S. D., Birmingham, Ala., Asbury Park, N. J., Livingston, Vt., Brooklyn and Syracuse, N. Y., and Rahway, N. J.

"Aviators are convinced of the practicability of establishing passenger and express lines throughout the entire Pacific Coast, which, roughly speaking, consists of two great mountain ranges and several valleys. The plans for such lines, now in preparation, contemplate connecting San Francisco with Los Angeles, San Francisco with Del Monte, San Francisco with Portland, Ore., over the Cascade range and Portland with Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., with an almost certain extension of this line eastward to Spokane. A 10-passenger airplane service already is in operation between San Francisco and Los Angeles and a seaplane mail and package express line between Seattle and British Columbian points will begin operations within a few weeks.

"At present there are some 150 airplanes in commercial use in California, and 50 more in Oregon and Washington, while a number equal to that of California are in operation in Texas.

Wilfred Knapp, Son Of Knapp, of Hagerstown, Acts as Page at Capital

Wilfred Knapp, of Hagerstown, son of Representative James A. Knapp, has been appointed a page in the lower house during the present special session of the Indiana general assembly at the capital. Richard Phillips, of Glenwood, and William Fisher, of Peru, are the other pages.

SOME ONE SWIPES HOSPITAL;
CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., July 15.—With an outbreak of smallpox here the authorities were called upon to face a perplexing problem. The municipal hospital, located on Mt. Pleasant road, a half mile from the city line, where the patients were to be quartered, had been stolen, and as a result the victims of the disease are being quartered in tents.

When the authorities arrived at the spot where the hospital was located, it was found that all that remained was a few boards.

"WOMAN IN WHITE" ELWELL WITNESS



Mrs. Joseph E. Wilmerding, photographed while waiting to testify in Elwell case.

Mrs. Joseph E. Wilmerding, the society "woman in white" of New York and Narragansett Pier, R. I., was a recent witness in the police investigation of the Elwell murder. After hearing her testimony District Attorney Swann stated that there was not the slightest evidence that Mrs. Wilmerding, who was a friend of Elwell, was connected with the tragedy of the latter's death.

News of the Counties

by Julius Hodson, Sadie Charles, E. H. Bachofer, Ed Chenoweth and George Hartley.

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