Germany Plans Inter-Continental Airship

Through a nation-wide appeal to the German people, issued on the 25th anniversary of the first Zeppelin flight, August 20, Dr. Hugo Eckener, head of the Zeppelin Company, expects to obtain funds sufficient for the construction of an airship not only capable of flying to the North Pole, but which would be the forerunner of a regular air line between Europe and America via the Arctic and Siberia.

The dirigible it is proposed to build with money obtained by voluntary popular subscription would be the biggest in the world, and more than twice the size of the Los Angeles. It would cost 7,000,000 marks, of which 3,000,000 is already guaranteed by the German state and interested industries, the balance to come from the German public.

This plan is reminiscent of financial aid extended to Count Zeppelin a score of years ago by the school children of Germany, whose pfennig contributions, totalling millions of marks, enabled him to continue developing his airships after the Kaiser had refused imperial backing. Dr. Eckener is confident his compatriots once more will produce the millions needed to prevent Count Zeppelin's invention from disappearing from the skies of the Fatherland.

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Coincident with the issuance of his public appeal, Dr. Eckener will cause a diplomatic appeal to be laid before the Allies Council of Ambassadors for permission to build the proposed craft. An Allied decree, based on the Versailles treaty, prohibits the manufacture in Germany of dirigibles containing more than 30,000 cubic feet of gas. The Zeppelin chief long has been hopeful, however, that the support of his project by Dr. Nansen, Roald Amundsen, and other eminent scientists, will serve to persuade the Ambassadors' Council to grant him the desired authorization. The approval of Great Britain and Italy is deemed certain, but France and Belgium hitherto have declined to commit themselves.

The diplomatic campaign will be accompanied by world wide propaganda, carried on mainly through the movies, the object of which will be to stimulate interest in the polar flight abroad and to demonstrate its great scientific value.

Dr. Eckener wants to construct an airship whose balloons will hold 150,000 cubic metres of gas, which will be 245 metres long, and will have a lifting power of at least fifty-five tons. Only with a Zeppelin of this size, he contends, will it be possible to carry out exploration work in the Arctic region specified by Nansen and the Norwegian Society for Polar research.

The explorers also must map out, according to Eckener's latest statement, a route for aerial travel getween Europe, Japan and the United States. This scheme, which is brand new, calls for regular service to three continents over Murmansk, Francis Joseph's Land, the North Pole and Alaska, or over Nicholas Land and Siberia. Captain Bruns, a German air authority, who first proposed a Polar flight to the Norwegian Government, went to Moscow recently and obtained the Soviet's approval of a flight over Russian territory.

Failing Allied permission to manufacture the big Zeppelin, Dr. Eckener means to build a smaller one of 30,000 cubic metres content for experimental purposes.

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War Graves Removals

As a result of the indignation which has been aroused at the announcement that the war graves in six British cemeteries at Laventie must be moved, the Imperial War Graves' Commission issued the following statement recently:—

There are about 2,000 cemeteries in France containing British war graves. Of these, less than fifty have not yet been acquired by the French Government as the perpetual resting-place of the British dead.

The difficulties in acquiring these cemeteries have been foreseen for some time.

They have been the especial concern of the Anglo-French Mixed Committee of the Commission in Paris, who have obtained from the French Government the intervention of the Minister of the Interior, wherever the local authorities have felt unable—usually on sanitary grounds—to consent to the permanent retention in its site of any cemetery.

The Minister's intervention has been successful in some cases, and the local authorities have been induced to reverse their former attitude and to allow the cemeteries to remain.

But where the Minister, who has no power to coerce, has not succeded by persuasion, the Commission have reluctantly acquiesced. The relatives need have no anxiety lest the graves in cemeteries already acquired should be in any peril of disturbance.

By the generous provisions of the French law passed in 1915 immunity from disturbance is assured for all time.

The number of graves in the six cemeteries in Laventie which are now to be concentrated into neighbouring cemeteries is not 5,000, but is slightly less than 1,000.

No headstones have been erected in any of these cemeteries.

Lord Ypres' Will

WHOLE ESTATE LEFT TO SOLICITOR—£50,000 WAR GRANT NOT AFFECTED.

The will of Field-Marshal the Earl of Ypres, formerly Lord French, who died at Deal Castle on May 22, aged 72, is a document in only eight lines, which runs:

I give all my property to Edward Geoffrey Hippisley Cox, of 3a, Dean's-yard, Westminister, and appoint him the sole executor of this, my will.

The will was made on February 5, 1920. The estate has been proved of the gross value of £25,161, with net personalty £8,450. Probate has been granted to Mr. Cox. No mention is made in the will of the Countess of Ypres or of the two sons, all of whom are living, and it is understood that the legacy is absolute, no provision either legal or understood having been made for them out of it. The Countess of Ypres last June inherited £10,000 under the will of her aunt, Anna Lucy Countess of Charlemont, which also made her the residuary legatee of a large estate.

In August 1919 a State grant of £50,000 was made to Lord Ypres in recognition of his services during the war. This sum is held in trust by the Public Trustee for the beneficiary and his descendants, and is not, therefore, included in the estate disposed of by the will.

A WAR FRIEND.

The Earl of Ypres first met Mr. Cox during the war, and in later years Mr. Cox has been not only his solicitor, but probably also his closest friend.

Mr. Cox, who is 40, is the Lieut.-Colonel commanding the Queen's Westminsters and Civil Service Rifles. He served in the war from the beginning, became a staff captain in 1915, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General in, 1916, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General in 1917, and Assistant Adjutant-General of the London District Command in 1918. He was admitted a solicitor in 1907.

British Optical Triumph

4,800 PICTURES A SECOND.

A kinematograph machine which will take 4,800 pictures a second is one of the latest triumphs of British makers of optical instruments. It can be used to show, for example, the effect of the impact of projectiles on armoured plate.

This is only one of the many remarkable results achieved since the war which have placed the British optical industry far ahead of foreign rivals. Before the war, lenses ground in Germany were believed to be the best; now, British lenses are being bought by the German Government for German State institutions.

A British firm is completing the largest telescope in the world, to the order of the Russian Government. It will have an aperature of 41 in.—1 in. larger than the largest previously in use, that at the Yerkes Observatory, Wisconsin, United States.

Measuring Imperfections.

The British optical instrument maker is more and more coming to the assistance of the manufacturer, by enabling him to measure imperfections in his products.

Instruments have been made recently for examining the shape of the teeth of engineers' tools and for projecting an enlarged image of the orfices of the nozzles used in the manufacture of artificial silk. With pattern projecting instruments for the textile and printing trades, the colours for any proposed design can be tried, selected and recorded.

An apparatus has been made in this country for the Japanese Government whereby the metre will be established by the measurement of wave-lengths of light.

Again, it is due to British research that a revolution has been made in grinding glass. The new abrasive, of a better quality than emery or any hitherto known, is a British product, and costs only one-sixteenth of the price of the old ones.

The necessity of getting more traffic on the railways has entailed the introduction of another signal colour—orange. The National Physical Laboratory is now investigating with a view to standardising the colours of signal glasses.

Fish With Three Hearts

One of the strangest fish known to science is the hagfish, found in Monterey Bay, California.

This fish is blind and yet is so voracious that other fish are not found in the same waters. How does it manage to find its food? To make up for the loss of sight, the hagfish possesses a keen sense of touch and an unknown chemical sense—or what seems to be an exaggerated sense of smell.

It has been notices that when food is dropped into an aquarium where there is a hagfish, the fish instantly swims towards it. This fish, although blind, has rudimentary eye spots; they are not, however, in the least sensitive to light.

According to Dr. David Starr Jordan, the hagfish, which is purplish-blue in color, varies in size from about eighteen inches to two feet, and in general appearance rather resembles an eel.

Another peculiarity of this fish is that it has three hearts. Besides the main heart, it has, like the eel, one in the tail, and in addition to this, another special heart for the portal system of veins.

Worth Thinking About

Many people spend a large part of their existence "killing time" and never completing the job. In the end time kills them.

The clock-watcher always has the longest day—and the dullest. He is striving to do the least amount of work in the longest stretch of time. For the man who is interested in his job, time flies; the day is too short. He is making every moment live. Time pays him back by making every moment happy.

Often those who are loudest in their demand for "more leisure" do not understand what leisure is.

Mere cessation from work is not leisure. Time-killing is not leisure. Nothing which merely passes time, without producing mental, bodily or spiritual satisfaction is worthy to be called leisure.

Wisps of Wisdom

Fame is the echo of actions, resounding them to the world, save that the echo repeats only the last part, but fame relates all, and often more than all.—Thomas Fuller.

Our human laws are but the copies, more or less imperfect, of the eternal laws, so far as we can read them.—James Anthony Froude.

A man must not go to law because the musician keeps false time with his foot.—Jeremy Taylor.

Inconsistency is the only thing in which men are consistent.—Horatio Smith.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty, be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and purpose, in good report or ill, in victory or defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as, to do your part to raise ever higher the standard of life and of living.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

And we shall be made truly wise if we be made content; content, too, not only with what we can understand, but content with what we do not understand—the habit of mind which theologians call—and rightly—faith in God.—Charles Kingsley.

Fads and Fashions

Chiffon in shades of beige, brown and rust color is used in one little afternoon frock.

A large summer hat of black straw is trimmed with both black stain and velvet.

With a gown of gold lace is worn a scarf of the same, with a double hem of gold net.

Except for sports wear, fur coats will be almost as long as the frocks worn underneath.

Even the sports frock concentrates interest in the back, with the use of box pleats.

White organdie is used in trimming a frock of black alpaca with a scalloped neck-line.

Pockets have become a note of interest, so ingeniously are they placed and fashioned.

Features of a two-piece sports frock of natural Pasha are inverted pleats and high buttoning.

A two-piece sports frock—blouse and pleated skirt—of tete de negre crepe is piped in dark brown.

With the rather high and slightly square crown goes the narrow, turned-down brim, slightly widened in front.

With the purples and bright blues so fashionable one would be wise to choose a black fur coat this fall.

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