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DANGERS AND DIFFICULTIES LT. PORTE WILL HAVE TO FACE DURING HIS LONG FLIGHT

Sydney Post Writer Discusses the Venturesome Task the Aviator Has Set Himself to do next month

SLEEPINESS WILL BE INSISTENT MENACE

Calm Sea Will Also Present Unusual Dangers—Troublesome Task of Navigating the Air by Night

AS the time arrived when the dream of those interested in the science of aeronautics is about to be realized?

Will the stupendous feat of a flight across the Atlantic ocean in a heavier-than-air machine have been accomplished before the close of a few short months?

Such queries as the above are heard on all sides to-day, and the eyes of an expectant world are focused on Glenn Curtiss, the genius builder and master mind, who has about completed in his shops at Hammondsport, N.Y., the ship "America" in which the trial will be made, if all goes well, next month.

Lieut. Porte, a young Irishman in the English army service, has been selected to pilot the air craft in this daring venture and he will have as assistant Arthur C. Hallett, an American engineer who has a profound knowledge of mechanics.

It is 1800 miles from the most eastern point in Newfoundland to the west coast of Ireland, and this trackless distance of sea and air the daring aviator must attempt to navigate in an effort to win fame, fortune and renown.

Site For the Start
Last week a Post writer was in St. John's, Nfld., where a representative of Mr. Curtiss has been the past several weeks engaged in selecting site from which the airship will start. So far a suitable spot has not been chosen, but there are several places along the south-east coast from any of which the airship could get a good send off.

Sections of the "America" have already been shipped to St. John's by the steamer Florizel, and on the conclusion of further experiments at Hammondsport the remaining pieces will be sent to St. John's, reshipped to the starting point and assembled.

Warships Patrol Route
Mr. Curtiss has been assured of the aid of English and American naval authorities for the experiment. Three American ships will patrol the western and three English the eastern oceans along the path taken by the air craft so that should the latter come to grief assistance may be at hand.

Peculiar Difficulties
Flying boats of the American type, though of much smaller build, have been operated by Mr. Curtiss more than 100,000 miles in the aggregate without a single accident, as so far as the motor is concerned, the inventor has little misgiving. There are, however, certain unique and peculiar difficulties in store for Lieut. Porte during the progress of his flight though the problem of stability is an easy one to handle.

Depends on Lieut. Porte
Mr. Hallett, while an expert mechanic, has had little experience as an aviator, and, therefore, will not be of much assistance in piloting the ship. The full responsibility for the success or failure of the daring venture will rest on the shoulders of Lieut. Porte and time alone will tell how far he went toward accomplishing his purpose.

A Hazardous Trip
He will have to be prepared to meet all sorts of conditions and emergencies. He may be obliged to alight on the water during a frightful storm when the waves are running high. He may be obliged to abandon his aerial progress at any time and permanently, and to continue his voyage over the surface of the ocean—at least until assistance can be reached. He may encounter widespread fogs or calm, mirrorlike seas—one almost as annoying as the other—and in any case he will have to sail

through one long, dreary night. He may be obliged to drop on the ocean alongside a steamer to obtain provisions and fuel supplies, and possibly to perform repairs on his engine.

The Danger of Sleep
He will undoubtedly experience great difficulties in retaining his normal physical and mental equilibrium throughout many hours of relentless, nerve-racking and continuous vigilance—without for an instant escaping the deafening roar of a mighty engine. And for at least twenty-five hours he must sit in one position listening to the roar of that powerful engine, straining his eyes through daylight and darkness to keep in touch with all indications of trouble, enduring prolonged exposure to the elements and fighting off an ever-increasing drowsiness.

The length of the vigilance, together with the incessant and hypnotic roar of the engine, must sooner or later produce a physical and mental fatigue that will be well-nigh overpowering unless he has some means of fortifying himself against it.

Each and every aspirant to be undertaking of flying across the ocean, I presume, feels that he is peculiarly and individually qualified to go through the ordeal, so far as his own mental stamina is concerned. It is to be doubted, however, whether any of them fully appreciates the constant and grinding strain, the mentality of which Lieut. Porte must endure—unless he has means to fight it off—throughout the long hours of the journey. Little by little the terrible drowsiness will become irresistible—and all of a sudden he may peacefully fall asleep and the trip will be at an end.

Operating At Night
Another problem of considerable importance, but one which involves a mental rather than a mechanical solution, is that of operating the machine through the night. Assisted by the moonlight, or, in any event, by the rays of a powerful gas searchlight, the operator can observe the water beneath him from a distance of many feet in the air. The searchlight will not aid him in his flight through the air, but it will safeguard his course in case it is necessary to make a landing on the surface of the water while darkness prevails.

The operator, however, will experience a horribly giddy and possibly sickening sensation, produced by the unaccustomed of the situation; but if he overcomes this mental effect he will have absolutely no trouble in overcoming the mechanism problem. There is, however, a very curious

SERIOUS RIOTS AT ST. JOHN, N.B.

Street Railway Strikers Go On the Rampage and the Troops Have to be Called Out—Heads Are Broken, Windows Smashed and Cars Burned

St. John, N.B., July 23.—Serious riots in connection with the street railway strike occurred here tonight.

Mayor Frank read the riot act, and ninety-seven cavalry men charged through the mob of a thousand persons, riding down the rioters and striking them with the flats of their sabres, while stones and bottles flew.

Lieut. Stellin, who had a dangerous cut about the head was removed to the hospital seriously hurt, and several others were also badly hurt.

FUNNY WASH ON THE LINE

Drying Out a Huge Whale To Be Mounted As An Exhibit

Ottawa, July 23.—People passing down O'Connor Street in Ottawa, heading for the Parliament Buildings, these days observe a most remarkable wash on a clothes line. It is in the yard of the Dominion Fisheries Exhibit and consists of the elongated bones of a whale, which not long ago despoiled itself on the Atlantic.

The bones and fins are being dried out, after which the skeleton will be "erected" for the museum. It is 45 feet long and the work will take a month or so.

COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF SONS

Dublin, July 23.—At the Drogheda quarter sessions, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitehead was awarded £154 for the loss of her husband and three sons.

Captain Thomas Whitehead was master of the schooner Glad Tidings, which foundered off Skerries in February last, and his three sons were the crew.

Rev. W. J. Lockyer has been appointed to the duties of the Parish of Hantsport, Nova Scotia, and begins duties next month.

and serious problem connected with the flight across the ocean which undoubtedly has not occurred to the mind of the average layman—or probably to any aviator unless he has previously engaged in ocean flying—that is, the condition of a glassy and dead-calm.

While flying above a region of inactive water it is absolutely impossible to gauge or even to approximate one's altitude above it unless there are objects floating on the surface. It is even impossible to estimate whether one is flying one foot or one thousand feet above the water. The sky and the water in such a case seem to combine and blend, completely obliterating horizon and zenith. In other words the operator of an air machine suddenly finds himself precipitated into illimitable space—so far as his powers of observation are concerned—the moment he enters a zone of calm air and water combined.

Cape Breton Interested
Mr. Curtiss is confident the America can make the trip with Lieut. Porte as pilot, and residents of Sydney and Cape Breton in general will eagerly scan the Press despatches for news of the venture, as it was at Baddeck that Mr. Curtiss served his apprenticeship in aviation under the tutelage of the world-known savant, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell.

WEALTHY WIDOW REFUSED ENTRY

Mrs. Barbara Rattner Held Up By Immigration Authorities Because She Was Accompanied by a Sick Son, Who Was Seeking Treatment

New York, July 23.—Mrs. Barbara Rattner, a wealthy widow, of St. John's arrived here today as a first cabin passenger on board the Florizel with her son, Joseph, only to be held up by the immigration inspectors who ordered mother and son to Ellis Island, where, it is stated, young Pattner is held for further examination of an insanity he received to his head three years ago.

The mother who came to St. John's after her husband died in Baranora, Russia, three years ago, showed a letter to the authorities from a physician at St. John's introducing her to a prominent physician in Chicago. She is plentifully supplied with money.

Mrs. Pattner said she could produce any amount wanted and wished to be allowed to go to Chicago where her son could be treated. It is probable that mother and son will have to return on the Florizel.

The Fisheries Department had a message from Oporto to-day that the price of fish was 38 to 40 shillings for large, 35 to 36 for small. There are very small stocks.

NEW WIRELESS STATION WILL BE ERECTED AT C. RACE.

Ottawa, July 24.—The Government is erecting a new wireless station at Cape Race which will double the present radius of the station and make Cape Race the first point of land communication for ships sailing from or to North Atlantic ports.

The new equipment will have a radius of at least five hundred miles instead of as at present, a distance of three hundred miles.

MISTAKE COST CANADA THE CUP

Toronto Marksman Shot at the Wrong Target and His Team Lost Two Points Which Gave Australia's Representatives the Much Coveted Trophy

Bisley Camp, July 23.—Australia won the Kolarup cup, one of the most coveted team-shooting trophies, with an aggregate score of 776. Canada was second with 774; England third, with 770, and India fourth, with 747.

Canada lost the cup by the mistake of Sergeant Bullock, of Toronto, who at 500 yards mistook his target, and placed the bullet in the wrong canvas, which did not count, Canada losing two points.

FIVE RUSSIAN STRIKERS KILLED

In a Fight With the Police in the Streets of St. Petersburg—Three Officers Injured—Over a Hundred Thousand Men Have Quit Work

St. Petersburg, July 23.—Five striking workmen were killed and eight wounded during fighting in the streets of St. Petersburg, between the strikers on the one side and the police on the other.

The fight continued throughout the night, and only stopped at dawn this morning. Three police officers were injured.

Official returns of the number of men who quit work give the total as 120,000. These include street car employees, but do not comprise a large number of unskilled laborers in the building and other trades.

MAY'S BLOOM AND JANUARY'S FROST

Eighteen and Eighty In An Elopement and a Wedding

Clarksville, Tenn., July 23.—Miss Cora Faughn, only eighteen years old, was married here today to Martin E. Hall, aged 79, and father of nineteen children. The couple eloped from Lyon County, Ky., Miss Hall from her parents and Hall from his children, and were made man and wife in the court house here by Magistrate J. M. Garrell.

During the ceremony the bride supported the bridegroom, who walks with the aid of a heavy cane. Hall, weak from fear of pursuit by his children, frequently urged Judge Garrell to make haste with the ceremony.

After the knot had been tied he planted a kiss on the rosy lips of his child bride and the couple departed arm in arm for a suite in a local hotel.

DUKE LEAVES FOR CANADIAN WEST

Ottawa, July 24.—Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught with the Princess Patricia, left yesterday for a farewell tour of the West.

SHE POSED AS EMPRESS VICTIM

But Had Eloped With Two Toronto Men—Is Now Under Arrest.

Ontario, Calif., July 23.—Mrs. Hattie Willetts, who was believed to have been lost in the Empress of Ireland disaster in the St. Lawrence river, leaving a husband and four children at Toronto, Ont., has been arrested here in company with E. A. Hensen and H. R. Horn, also of Toronto.

The two men were held on the charge of bringing Mrs. Willetts here from Canada, and will be detained by the police until it is known whether a charge of violating the Mann White Slave Act will be placed against them by the Federal authorities.

Mrs. Willetts did not engage passage on the Empress of Ireland, but she is alleged to have told her family and friends on leaving home that she was going to board that steamer.

MAKE RAINBOW TRAINING SHIP

Canadian Government Will Kill Two Birds With One Stone on Cruiser's Trip.

Vancouver, B.C., July 23.—The proposed cruise for which H.M.C.S. Rainbow is now being made ready is planned not only as an effective patrol of northern waters, but as a training holiday for some of Vancouver and Victoria's amateur man-of-war-men.

The warship, which for many months has been tied up at Esquimault dock, is expected to be ready for sea on July 29. Commander House has been notified that two commissioned officers have reached Quebec. They will be joined by 120 officers and men from the Niobe.

In addition to the regular men, of whom little more than a score are now available at Esquimault, fifty naval volunteers of Vancouver and Victoria will be taken along for the six-weeks' cruise. F. G. T. Lucas, a Vancouver lawyer, has been named as acting lieutenant, and A. C. Pitt, of Victoria, acting sub-lieutenant. The men will serve in the capacity of their rating, besides getting a general idea of the handling of a warship.

Twenty volunteers have already been selected at Victoria, and there will be no difficulty in getting the required number in the two cities. The total number aboard will hardly make her full complement of 240, but with 225 available men the Department expects to have aboard there will be no difficulty about working the vessel.

WEST IS RID OF THE HINDUS

Sailed From Vancouver Early This Morning on the Komagata Maru — Local Hindus Go With Her to Start Revolutionary Movement in India

Vancouver, July 23.—Shortly after five o'clock this morning the Japanese steamer Komagata Maru steamed out of the harbor on her way back to the Orient.

The Hindus on board made no demonstration, and the services of the militia, who spent the night on the wharf, were not needed. The vessel was conveyed out of the harbor by the Rainbow, which will accompany her to a point off Vancouver Island.

Two months ago to-day the ship arrived in Vancouver Harbor. Seven Vancouver Hindus have taken passage aboard the Komagata Maru. They declare they are going to India for the purpose of spreading revolution, as the result of the trials which the Hindus have undergone in Vancouver.

DAMAGES NOT GREAT

The damages to Mr. G. Marshall's car are not so great as at first thought.

If the auto was sent to England for repairs it would cost about \$1200, but Mr. Dodd who went out and brought the machine to town says it can be repaired here at a much less expense.

TAKE MORE HOPEFUL VIEW OF HOME RULE SITUATION

Public Men Are All Working Indefatigably to Effect a Settlement — Prospects Are Now Much Brighter Than For Some Time

London, July 24.—The outstanding fact in the Irish situation is that the Home Rule conference is still in being, the predictions of the whole Liberal and Unionist press of yesterday that the conference was on the eve of a collapse having proved false. After a protracted meeting yesterday, the conference adjourned until today.

Meetings and discussions of the various party leaders proceeded in the lobbies of Parliament last night with unabated activity and moderate men like Lord Courtney are working indefatigably in the direction of compromise. Hopes and fears fluctuate from hour to hour.

Favorable Sign.
One favorable sign is found in the fact that further consideration by the House of Commons of the Amending Bill has been still further postponed. This justifies the belief that the conference will extend its sessions into next week.

Another hopeful indication was a meeting of Unionist leaders, which was attended by the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Selbourne, Marquis of Salisbury, Earl Halsbury, Earl Curzon and the Duke of Devonshire.

The Liberals from the Premier down are working tooth and nail to find a solution of the Irish problem which will meet the views of both Ulsterites and Nationalists.

Should the conference fail they hope to reach the goal by other means.

MOTHER MURDERS HER OWN CHILD?

Edmonton, July 23.—Mrs. Mary Marybott has been arrested on the charge of arresting her four-year-old daughter in the Marlborough Hotel here on 19th Street.

During the night a chambermaid heard the cries of the child and when the police arrived, the child was dead and the woman was kneeling beside it.

SENT TO JAIL

A boy of George Street was arrested last night charged with stealing 15 plugs of tobacco, 44 packages cigarettes, 1 bottle syrup, 2 packets jelly, 1 package matches and other articles valued at \$10.50 at the store of T. J. Allan.

He was sent to jail for six months.

BARTLETT GOES NORTH ON 'BEAR'

To Assist in the Rescue of His Eighteen Men Who Were Marooned on Wrangel Island After the Loss of the Karluk in the Ice Last Winter

Nome, Alaska, July 23.—The Revenue cutter Bear, with Capt. Robert Bartlett, master of the wrecked Stefansson expedition ship Karluk, aboard, sailed to-day for the Arctic, to take off the eighteen white men and four Esquimaux of Bartlett's command, who are marooned at Wrangel Island, where they sought refuge after the ship was crushed in the ice off North Herald Island last winter.

The Bear is carrying provisions enough to last nine months. Bartlett said the marooned men will run out of provisions about the middle of August. The Bear will make every effort to reach them before then.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—East Coast, showery today, followed by fresh N. W. winds. Saturday, Easterly winds, fine; West Coast, Fresh N. W. winds; fair tonight and Saturday.

COMPROMISE IS IN THE AIR

Conference at the Palace Still Discussing the Vexed Question—Big Hitch Concerns Counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh — Prospects Bit More Hopeful

London, July 23.—Having tired over today's critical session of the Conference on the Ulster situation, and no rupture having occurred, has created a decidedly more hopeful view among the general public as to the outcome of the discussions between the statesmen representing the different parties.

The Irish Nationalists, however, are still disinclined to commit themselves to any expression of optimism. Among the Liberals and Unionists there exists an impression that a settlement will be reached, if not by the conference itself, then outside of it.

Less Confident
The Nationalists show less confidence in this point, and after today's meeting William O'Brien, the Sinn Fein leader, said: "I am none too sanguine of an agreement between them being reached. Finding a solution hinges on the discovery of a compromise as to the thorny problem whether the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh shall be included in the area which the adherents of Carson and Ulster Unionists shall be allowed to vote as a whole on the subject of exclusion from control by the Dublin Parliament."

"The Nationalists are ready to allow the four Eastern Counties of Ulster to vote as a single area, but claim that Tyrone and Fermanagh must be allowed to cast separate county votes as suggested originally by Premier Asquith."

5,000 ATTEND BIG CONGRESS

Gathering of Delegates at Eucharistic Congress Has To Be Divided Up Into Sections 'Because of Lack of Accommodation and Diversity of Language

Loupedes, France, July 24.—The second day of the Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church witnessed the first effort to get the 6,000 delegates divided according to nationality, owing to the fact that there is no edifice here capable of accommodating the entire Congress and owing to the great diversity of languages spoken, simultaneous sessions will hereafter be held every day in a dozen different churches.

The session of the English-speaking division was attended by Cardinal Farley of New York, and seven other Archbishops who are representing England and the United States.

START AUGUST 11

New York, July 24.—Advices from Hammondsport report that the "America" starts from Newfoundland for the Azores on August 11. All obstacles have been overcome.

SHIPPING

Fogata left Fogata at 10.10 a.m. She has been detained by fog and will not be due before Monday.

Faguna is also detained by fog, and is not expected here before Sunday evening.