

**DEVELOPMENT OF U. S. AIR FORCE IMPROVEMENT IS NOTABLE**

**Amazing Advance In Air Mail Operation Indicates Big Future For Aviation In America**

The amazing development of the air mail service is recounted in an interesting manner in the National Republic by H. O. Bishop, who writes under the caption "Achievements of Postmaster General New." After mentioning many of the constructive things the present postmaster general has done since taking over the office, Mr. Bishop says:

Perhaps no other more notable achievement of the Postmaster General can be brought to the attention of the public than his development of the air mail service and the strides made in this direction are such as to call forth general commendation from every section of the country.

**Practical Demonstration**

By the fall of 1922 investigations into the feasibility of night flying had progressed so far as to justify a practical demonstration. Postmaster General New, therefore, authorized a test, and on August 21, 22 and 23, 1923, through transcontinental flights were made from coast to coast. Following these successful tests, on July 1, 1924, the first through transcontinental air mail schedule was put into operation. On July 1, 1925, an additional schedule was placed in operation over a portion of the transcontinental route providing for overnight service five days each week between New York and Chicago, Saturdays and Sundays excepted.

The revenue derived from the excess postage charged for air mail for the fiscal year 1925 was slightly in excess of \$600,000. The excess postage on both routes is now running at the rate of approximately \$75,000 a month, or \$900,000 a year. The business is gradually increasing and with the additional revenue derived incident to the establishment of contract air mail service, it is estimated that the income for the present fiscal year will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

**To Provide Operators**

Postmaster General New has stated on more than one occasion that the government should leave to private operators the business of carrying the mails through the air and with this end in view he has asked for bids and awarded contracts to firms and individuals on a number of air mail routes, some of which are now in operation. The combined distance covered by the twelve contract routes which are already in operation or will be not later than June 1, is 4,300 miles, 2,799,574 miles of scheduled mail flights annually, in addition to the government operated service.

This service will connect a large majority of the principal commercial centers of the United States and will help establish commercial aviation in this country in a very material way.

**SOME STUDENTS LOSE MORE THAN THEY GAIN**

That some college students lose more than they gain by attending college, was the assertion of Dean Ralph E. Heilman, head of Northwestern University School of Commerce, who delivered the annual address on the occasion of Scholarship day at the University of Ohio, at Cleveland.

In addressing the newly elected members of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Beta Gamma Sigma and other honorary scholarship organizations on the subject "What a Man Loses by Going to College," Dean Heilman said in part:

"Attendance at college involves certain losses. It means losing the advantage of an early start in business, the loss of the practical experience which might be obtained through four years of employment and the postponement of matrimony. The college student runs the risk of developing the 'get-by' attitude, that is the attitude which leads a man to be satisfied with simply 'getting-by.' He runs the risk of becoming an intellectual pol-parrot.

"To offset these losses, however, there are very important gains. College opens to the student the treasures of the past. It familiarizes him with the problems of the present. It can develop him for the leadership of the future.

"However, these gains are not automatic. They do not accrue to all who attend college. They must be worked for and won. Many students fail to win these gains. They are 'exposed' to a college education, but it does not 'take.'

"But for those who resolve to secure from college life its rich benefits, the gains far more than offset the losses. For such, college is a good investment. For many others, it is a doubtful investment."

Did you ever stop to think how much better a President Abraham Lincoln would have made if he could only had read Sinclair Lewis' books when he was a boy?

Eight thousand Germans are awaiting trial at Berlin for complicity in a huge alcohol plot. It seems that the iniquities of the Volstead law are international in scope.

**MILLIONS OF FISH HATCHED IN STATE**

**In the Various Hatcheries Maintained by Illinois Supply for Streams**

More than thirty million pike, trout and other deep water fish have been hatched artificially in Illinois this year according to reports received from the Spring Grove and Lincoln Park hatcheries.

The Lincoln Park hatchery which is operated by the Lincoln Park board in Chicago received fourteen million pike eggs from the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries in Lake Erie. These fish when hatched will be used to stock rivers in the northern part of the state.

The largest hatch at the state owned Spring Grove hatchery was fifteen million lake trout. Both the Spring Grove and Lincoln Park hatcheries are also hatching several million rainbow and brook trout for the smaller spring fed streams of this state. The lake trout have been put in Lake Michigan and other deep water lakes of northern Illinois.

Bass, crappie, sunfish, bluegills and perch can not be hatched in artificial hatcheries, but must be provided with spring fed ponds for propagation under natural conditions.

Since these fish are the ones best adapted to most of the inland lakes and streams in Illinois, Mr. Stratton, director of conservation, has established five natural hatcheries in different parts of the state.

These hatcheries at Spring Grove, Yorkville, Rockford, East St. Louis and Carlyle are now in production and more will be bought and equipped this year. The outstanding feature of this great work of fish restoration is that all the expenses are paid by fishing licenses without one cent from general taxes.

Now is the time when the careers of most of the young baseball phenoms who blossomed in the spring are entering into the stage of the serene and yellow leaf.

**DISPLAY WORK OF MASTER OF ETCHING**

The work of a man who has been pronounced the master etcher of all time has just been placed on display in the Print galleries of the Art Institute. The present exhibition of etchings by Rembrandt consists of a variety of the master's work, selected for special exhibition from the Buckingham collection. Many of the most famous etchings known to the print world, such as the well-known "hundred guilder print," is among them. An extremely rare and valuable print is the portrait of Clement de Jonghe. Many portraits are here of citizens of note in Rembrandt's time, and many portraits of himself. And there are many wonderful landscapes etched with the greatest delicacy and refinement, but the prints that will interest visitors during the next week are the etchings of sacred subjects. There is Rembrandt's "Ecce Homo," the Descent from the Cross, the Nativity, Christ Healing the Sick, Christ Preaching, The Adoration of the Shepherds, Christ at Emmaus, Caesar's Pence, The Prodigal Son, Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, The Circumcision, The Flight into Egypt, The Return from Jerusalem, and The Entombment.

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