

Illinois Now Third in Aviation Among States of Nation

Increased activities in Illinois gave this state a national ranking of third in the number of aircraft, number of licensed pilots and licensed mechanics, according to a report made by the Aeronautics branch of the United States Department of Commerce released today.

Illinois, the report showed, has 734 licensed and unlicensed aircraft with New York ranking first with 1,227 aircraft and California second with 1,186. Of Illinois' total aircraft 511 are licensed as compared with 973 in New York and 939 in California.

Licensed pilots in the state totaled 1,128 and licensed mechanics were 549, giving Illinois third place ranking in these categories also.

With thirty-three air transportation companies, Chicago is demonstrating its claim to the title, "The

Air Transportation Center of the Universe," the report claims.

Planes Leave Daily

Airplanes from Chicago are leaving daily for the Atlantic and Pacific coast, to New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles, Dallas and intervening points including South Bend, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Springfield, St. Louis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Omaha.

Chicago also is the headquarters of a number of air lines such as the United Air Lines, Trans-American Airways, Inc., Curtiss-Wright Flying Service, and Charles Dickinson, who specializes in air mail transportation. There are twenty-eight dealers in aircraft in Chicago, four corporations that give instructions and a large number of manufacturers of aircraft and aircraft supplies.

Illinois now has fourteen municipal airports, 57 commercial airports, a dozen intermediate airports, five of auxiliary nature, two army airports and one navy airport, making a total of 81.

Hat Makers See Growth in Manufacturing; Cheap Products Aid Is Claim

Millinery manufacturers in St. Louis, center of the popular priced hat industry have, increased production by the simple expedient of making hats so cheap that women will discard their old ones, despite lean purses, says a United Press dispatch from that city.

The average popular priced feminine hat now retails for \$1.88 compared to \$4 in 1918 and \$3 in 1929, according to Howard Elliott, secretary of the Associated Millinery industries.

"Because millinery manufacturers here have been able to produce a stylish hat at rock bottom prices, the industry is rapidly on the up turn," Elliott said. He estimated that 6,500 persons are now employed in the industry in St. Louis and more will be employed within the next few months.

U. S. AIRPORT MAY BE ESTABLISHED

Government Seeking Site Near Here, and County Board Asked to Aid

Establishment of an airport, that would serve as one of the fields on the government mail and passenger route, today loomed as a strong possibility when the county board of supervisors became interested in such a project.

The proposal, made by Emery Hansen, chairman of the aviation division of the Forward division of the Waukegan-North Chicago Chamber of Commerce, would establish the Waukegan airport as the port for ships.

Details Benefits

The direct benefit, Hansen pointed out, is substantially as follows.

1. An immediate capital investment of \$10,000 in the field by the United States government.
2. The employment of three men, including radio operators and a weather expert, at not less than \$3,600 per annum by the government.
3. Air mail service that would run 1.20 minutes later per day.
4. Passenger service to points in the nation from Waukegan, which would remove the necessity of going to Chicago to take a plane.

Forward Division Aids

The Forward division has agreed to raise \$3,000 by subscription that would pay for the installation of beacons and proper lighting facilities. The hotels and some industries have underwritten most of this fund, Hansen said.

The county, as its share, would have to pay out \$1,200 annually for the leasing of the land, which includes the present airport site and 55 additional acres adjoining as the government demands runways for take-offs of not less than 2,200 feet in each direction.

Government officials assured the Forward division that if a responsible unit, such as the county, would guarantee the installation of lights and the grading of the field that the \$10,000 investment and employes necessary to operate the field would be forthcoming immediately.

Daylight saving time was defeated at an election in Woodstock April 15, reports from there stated. The final tabulation showed 1,052 against the new time and 849 in favor of it. Aldermen were elected in each of the four wards.

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