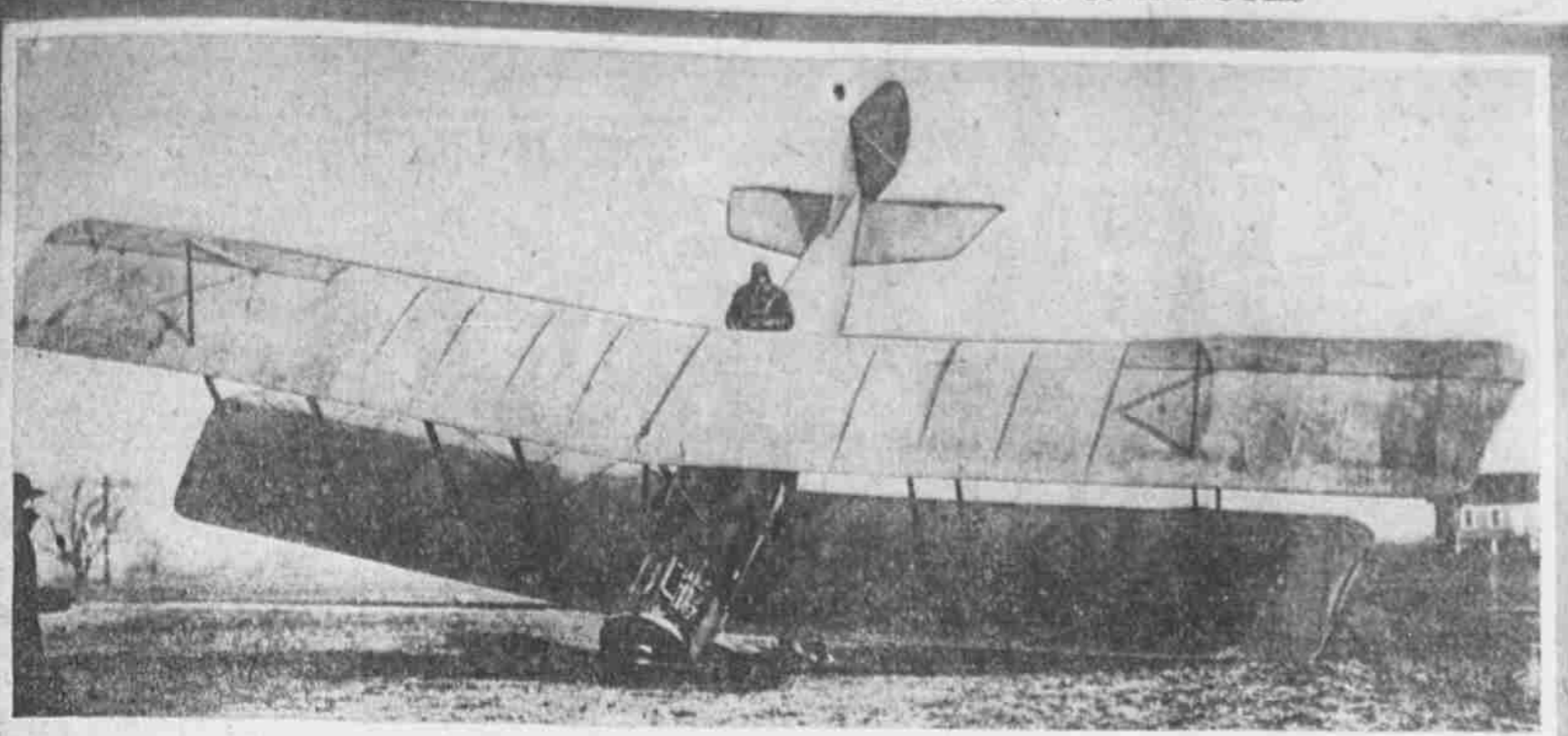


FLY HERE FROM LONG ISLAND IN 1 HOUR 37 MINUTES



Below are the first Government airmen to arrive at the Navy Yard of the dozen who started from Long Island today.

QUICK NEWS

\$600 WORTH OF LUMBER DESTROYED BY FIRE
Five boards for box making, valued at \$600, were destroyed this afternoon in a fire in the storeroom on the third floor of the building of T. B. Rice & Co., box manufacturers, Commercial avenue and Mit-film streets.

\$50,000 FIRE SWEEPS FRANKLIN, PA.
FRANKLIN, Pa., Dec. 30.—Fire starting in the Hygienic Bakery today spread to a dozen other business houses in the heart of the city causing \$50,000 damage.

HOPE TO FREE AMERICANS DETAINED IN SYRIA
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Hope of the early release of 200 Americans detained in Syria was revived today when Ambassador Elkus, at Constantinople, informed the State Department that he could arrange their transportation from Jaffa to Beirut by land.

KAISER CONGRATULATES VON BISSING, DANGEROUSLY ILL
LONDON, Dec. 30.—An Amsterdam dispatch today said Kaiser Wilhelm has sent a complimentary message to General von Bissing, the German Governor of Belgium, who is dangerously ill of pneumonia. The Kaiser expressed his appreciation of von Bissing's "strong hand, far-sighted leadership and success in keeping order and quiet" in Belgium, according to the dispatch.

U. S. SUES TO BREAK ALLEGED AUTO HORN TRUST
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Government has brought suit to break up the alleged monopolistic methods of the Lovell-McConnell Manufacturing Company, of Newark, N. J., makers of the Klaxon automobile horn.

EDUARD STRAUSS, COMPOSER, DIES IN VIENNA
BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Eduard Strauss, well-known Viennese composer, died yesterday at his home in Vienna, according to a dispatch from that city today. He was eighty-one years of age.

THOMPSON AND BREWERY CASES PUT OFF UNTIL MAY
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—Judge W. H. S. Thomson and C. P. Orr in the United States District Court today granted continuances, putting off until the May term of court the trials of J. V. Thompson, the Uniontown banker, and the brewery cases.

SECOND N. Y. ARTILLERY LEAVES BORDER FOR HOME
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.—The Second New York Field Artillery entrained at McAllen today for its home station, where it will be mustered out.

RIGID PROSECUTION ORDERED IN FOOD CASES
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—United States Attorney George W. Anderson today adjourned the convention of Federal prosecutors, summoned to receive instructions as to their procedure in food prosecutions. They returned to their districts this afternoon under orders to prosecute all offenders.

U. OF P. GRADUATE SAVED FROM DRIFTING SEAPLANE
After drifting at sea for several hours in a disabled hydroaeroplane, T. K. Okuri, a Japanese graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, was picked up by the captain of a tugboat and taken to Staten Island.

LLOYD GEORGE FORMS BRITISH AIR MINISTRY
LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Lloyd George Government has decided to create an air ministry to take the place of the air board. The object is to carry on a more vigorous air offensive against the Germans on all fronts.

MAY STRIP JOFFRE OF ALL AUTHORITY
PARIS, Dec. 30.—Heavily censored articles appearing in the Parisian press indicate that Marshal Joffre, former commander-in-chief of the French army, may not have any active part in the future in directing the activities of the French army.

U. S. TRADE FOR YEAR, EIGHT BILLION, SETS RECORD
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Exports and imports of the United States for 1916 will be nearly \$8,000,000,000. Never before has any nation rolled up such a staggering total.

OLD LIPPINCOTT PROPERTY DEAL COMPLETED
Negotiations have been closed in the sale of the Lippincott property at north-east corner of Broad and Walnut street to the Fidelity Trust Company, which will erect a twenty-story office building on the site.

ONLY ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY
Postmaster Thornton announced today that there would be only one mail delivery on New Year's Day. Substations will be kept open until 11 o'clock for the sale of stamps, obtaining money orders and other postal business.

GOOD SKATING ON LAKES IN THE PARKS
There is skating today on Gustine, Concourse and Chamounix Lakes in Fairmount Park, Hunting Park, the lake near the Merion Cricket Club and Woodside Park Lake.

U.S. AIR FLEET REACHES CITY IN 'WAR' TEST

Hour and 37 Minutes Best Time Made From Mineola, L. I.

ONE MACHINE DAMAGED
Officers, in Making Flight, Seek to Qualify for Defense Service

Seven of a fleet of twelve Government aeroplanes, which started from Mineola, L. I., at 9:58 this morning for Philadelphia in the greatest flight from a military standpoint ever attempted in this country, landed before noon today in the aviation field at the Philadelphia navy yard.

SEVERELY COLD TRIP
The fourth plane, driven by Captain J. E. Carberry, alighted at 11:50. Carberry made the trip alone. He made a graceful landing, and when he alighted he complained of having suffered from the cold during the trip.

THE FIFTH TO ARRIVE WAS LIEUTENANT J. E. MILLER, who also was alone. Miller, by some clever driving, saved himself from a bad spill. He was flying low, about 200 feet from the ground, when he made his appearance.

THE SIXTH BIRDMAN, Lieutenant D. E. MILLER, made a good landing. A. L. Allen was the seventh to arrive, and motor trouble almost made a catastrophe of his landing.

SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS, including officers of the army and navy, were on hand at the aviation field to greet the birdmen. The field was outlined with strips of white cloth so that the birdmen could locate the landing place at a great altitude.

THE SPECTATORS heard the hum of the motor of the plane which carried Coyle and Salmon for several minutes before the machine appeared on the skyline.

AS THE PLANE APPROACHED the field it came lower and lower like a hawk preparing to pounce upon its prey. The symbol "21" in big black figures could be seen suspended below the machine as it drifted lower.

THE BIRDMEN were dressed in fur-lined leather jackets with fur collars, and wore leather helmets and thick underclothing. In spite of their heavy clothing they declared that the wind was cold aloft and bit through to their skins.

AT ONE TIME the plane attained a height of 5000 feet. Coyle and Salmon stated that they had much difficulty in finding their way until they sighted the Delaware winding like a silver ribbon over the landscape.

LIEUTENANT BOLLING, who made the start with the others, was obliged to abandon the flight temporarily because of engine trouble. He repaired his motor shortly after noon and rose again and started toward Philadelphia.

THE TWELVE AVIATORS appeared before dawn today at the Hempstead station at Mineola, and started "tuning up" their engines. The start was made at 9:58 in the morning.

ALLIES TO NAME TERMS IN REPLY

Answer Will State Concessions to Be Demanded From Germany

MAY BE ISSUED TODAY

LONDON, Dec. 30. Not only will the Allies' answer to Germany's peace proposal clearly set forth the principles for which the Entente nations are fighting, but it will contain a general outline of the terms on which England and her Allies are willing to negotiate.

MEANWHILE EUROPE'S interest centered in Paris, where the note is to be issued. The entire Entente press today reflected keen realization of the importance of the document.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cold tonight and Sunday. High local about 25 degrees; gentle to moderate northwest to north winds.

LOST AND FOUND NAP CLEBER—Head office of Public Gas In-charge company wants an experienced man.

TEUTONS ADVANCE IN CARPATHIANS

Capture New Ground on Transylvanian Front and 650 Prisoners

DRIVE ON 200-MILE LINE

BERLIN, Dec. 30. Further progress of German-Austro-Hungarian attacking troops on the Transylvanian front, despite tenacious resistance, was announced in today's official report. The Teutonic columns entered entrenched positions of the enemy and pushed further ahead, despite strong counter-attacks.

WHILE THE AUSTRO-GERMAN forces in the Carpathians are pushing their drive the German allies along the southern boundary of Moldavia and on the Danube began their advance.

DOG "TELS" OF DISAPPEARANCE

Barks From Deserted House Show Master Is Missing

THE BARKING of a collie dog in the home of John Allen, a paperhanger, of 515 East Harman street, Germantown, today gave the first inkling that Allen was missing.

NEW YEAR FETES PROMISE THRILLS

Despite Sunday, Celebrations This Year Will Pass All Marks

THROW\$ FOR THE HOTELS

NEW YEAR'S Eve celebrations will be none the less enthusiastic this year because of Sunday, and at all of the hotels and cafes the head waiters predict record-breaking crowds.

AT THE BELLEVUE-STRATFORD and RITZ-Carlton, as well as at the smaller places, the head waiters today exhibited long lists of patrons who had reserved tables many weeks ago and already had paid for their reservations.

THIS WILL BE the biggest New Year's Eve in the history of all of the Philadelphia hotels," said John Carl Sellmer, head waiter at the Vendig.

MRS. COREY'S FINERY IN MIX-UP

Officials Find Lingerie in Trunk of Woman Traveling Companion

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Considerable flimsy lingerie belonging to Mrs. William Ellis Corey, formerly Mabelle Gillman, musical comedy star, is worrying customs officials today.

OFFICIALS DOOMED TO AID COX BATTLE

Governor Opens Campaign to Drive Penrose Men From Hill

TWO ALREADY OUSTED

Cox Claims Victory in Speakership Fight

EDWIN R. COX, Brumbaugh-Vare candidate for Speaker of the House, today issued the following statement at Harrisburg:

SENATOR EDWIN H. VARE, before taking the train for Harrisburg today, called upon Senator Penrose and his followers to produce proof of their claims in behalf of Richard J. Baldwin, candidate for the speakership of the House.

THE DISMISSAL of Samuel T. Hambo, as Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings, and J. Louis Breittinger as chairman of the State Board of Motion Picture Censors, has thrown Capitol Hill into consternation, and additional decapitations are looked for before the Speakership fight is settled, according to dispatches from Harrisburg.

THE BEHEADING of Hambo, who has served the State for nine years, but who was politically aligned with Senator Penrose, and Breittinger, who is classed as a McNichol follower, were the first moves made by the Governor toward throwing the entire power of the State administration into the factional contest.

Don't Fail to See the Spectacular Mimmers' New Year's Parade in Pictures in the Late Editions of Monday's Evening Ledger