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TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT APRIL 12

Agents now in St. John's N. F., making preparations for the forthcoming attempt of Harry Hawker, the British pilot, and Lt. Comdr. McKenzie Grieve, British navy navigator, to cross the Atlantic in a Sopwith airplane, said tonight that it was expected the flight would be started on the afternoon of April 12. They added that this was dependent upon weather conditions. An hour late in the day is to be selected for the start, so that the airmen, if successful, may be enabled to descend in the British Isles before sunset the next day.

The airmen will bring with them on the steamer Digby, which is due here the last of the week, two planes, one to be utilized for experimental flights.

Indications that they will have competitors in their attempt to win the London Daily Mail prize of \$50,000 are seen in preparations in progress at Harbor Grace on Conception Bay, 85 miles from St. John's. Lt. Robin Reid, representing an airplane concern, has obtained a field there and is supervising the building of a shed. He said that the unnamed aviators for whom he was acting were planning to start a trans-Atlantic flight not earlier than the middle of May.

FIRST DORM DANCE OF SECOND PERIOD A SUCCESS

With the opening week of the new period came the first dorm dance, one of the most enjoyable of these affairs yet held. The floor after its recent cleaning and polishing during the vacation played made the dancing more pleasant. Love's orchestra furnished excellent music of which one of the features was the clever drumming by Tommy Hawkins.

The patrons and patronesses of the evening were President and Mrs. Richard C. MacLaurin, Professor and Mrs. Robert P. Bigelow, Professor and Mrs. William S. Franklin.

The committee in charge of the dance were R. Tobin '20, M. Michaels '19, M. M. Whitaker '20 and S. Hill '21.

TECH SHOW

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best. Out of the 18 men who came out originally, 6 were given their conge then 6 more and out of the remaining six N. O. Robinson and O. G. Williams were picked. One of these will be chosen after this year's show as the Sophomore Assistant for next year.

The Tech Show Orchestra has started on six numbers from the Show and has made good progress finishing two and partially mastering another. Beginning next week there will be rehearsals in Walker on Tuesday and Thursday at five. It is important that everyone be present at these as cuts will soon be made. The management also wishes to make another appeal for viola and clarinet player as they need them sadly and anyone showing proficiency in this line will indubitably find a place on the Orchestra. Mr. Howard will probably lead as before.

The Show rehearsals are progressing very favorably, the chorus having gone through three numbers while the cast has finished the first act and the prologue. The chorus under the able tutelage of Mrs. Haviland is rapidly becoming proficient in the dancing steps which are to be a feature of this year's show.

The scenery which is to consist of three sets, one for the prologue, an exterior for the first act and a country club scene for the remaining two has not yet been chosen although several good sketches and two models have been turned in to W. S. Fraser, '18. The management are not prepared to announce the theatre where the play will take place or when it will be given. The only thing being definite is that there will be two performances given in Northampton, two in Boston and one in Somerville.

Five posters have been received for the program all of which are satisfactory and more are expected. As a special feature of the winning poster is to be published in full size in the TECH.

IN THE COLLEGE REALM

Dartmouth—The Dartmouth Outing club recently held its annual White Mountain trip. In spite of the unfavorable weather conditions the party was a decided success. It had been previously decided to climb Mt. Lafayette and the adjacent peaks, but a pouring rain cancelled this and several short hikes were made. The party ascended Cannon Mountain experiencing considerable difficulty in reaching the summit because of a blizzard. Forty six men made the trip which continued for three days.

Missouri—In honor of the students of University of Missouri who had a part in the war the university's graduation exercises for 1919 will take the form of a Memorial commencement. General Enoch Crowder, David R. Francis, United States minister to Russia and president of the board of curators of the University of Missouri and Champ Clark, are expected to be in Columbia on April 23 for the commencement day exercises. Various suggestions have been made relative to the kind of a permanent memorial that should be erected. Among those most freely discussed at Missouri is a student Union building to cost several hundred thousand dollars. A triumphal arch to be erected at the main entrance of the campus; an art gallery, a great auditorium appeals to other students and alumni who have been consulted on the matter.

5100 PLANES IS AIR SERVICE

Army reorganization plans upon which the war department is now working, it was learned provide for an air service with approximately 1700 airplanes in actual commission and a minimum available reserve of 3400 additional planes.

This is based on the proposed military establishment of 509,000 men, in which total the air services personnel will be 1923 officers and 21,853 men.

42 Balloon Companies

The organization tables show that the air forces on a peace basis will be comprised of 87 service squadrons, of which 42 will be assigned to coast defense work in the United States and insular possessions; 20 will be pursuit squadrons and 25 observation and bombing squadrons. The typical army airplane squadron includes 18 planes in service and their personnel.

The tables also call for the maintenance of 42 balloon companies, divided into three wings of 14 companies each.

The general plan of the army reorganization calls for 21 divisions, including one cavalry unit of nine regiments, to be formed into five army corps, each to be commanded by a lieutenant-general. To each corps will be attached five observation and bombing squadrons of airplanes and four pursuit squadrons, representing a wing formation for each type of machine.

Storing Machines

Machines in sufficient numbers to equip all of the air units planned for are now being stored at the aviation fields that are being retained by the government. Storage capacity has been provided for approximately 6000 complete planes not including those in service or in immediate reserve with the squadrons. In addition, airplane motors by the thousand have been stored, the up-keep of any unit in service requiring three or four extra motors per plane. The production of planes has exceeded however, even the storage capacity of the fields. The war department is now negotiating with airplane builders for the disposal of all training machines for which it has no present or indicated future use nor place of storage.

No General Market

The surplus machines are said to form a separate problem. There is no general market for the extra planes and the only offers received have been for relatively small numbers and at prices that mean to the government a tremendous loss. There is no reason to expect, it is said, that even a tenth of their cost can be salvaged. Probably planes that cost \$15,000 or more will not bring more than \$1000. The only offers thus far received have been from the contractors who built the machines.

Many government planes purchased by the manufacturers, it is understood, are to be converted into seaplanes. This would permit their use for pleasure with out having landing fields.

So far as the government is concerned it appears likely that the surplus will be disposed of eventually at whatever loss, since to retain the machines would mean building of new storage facilities and increased personnel to keep them in shape, all without any assurance they would ever be of any value.

CORRECTION.

THE TECH wishes to call attention to the error in a recent issue, stating that Roger W. Babson '98 is Director of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. Mr. Babson is not on this Board but is connected with the Department of Labor.

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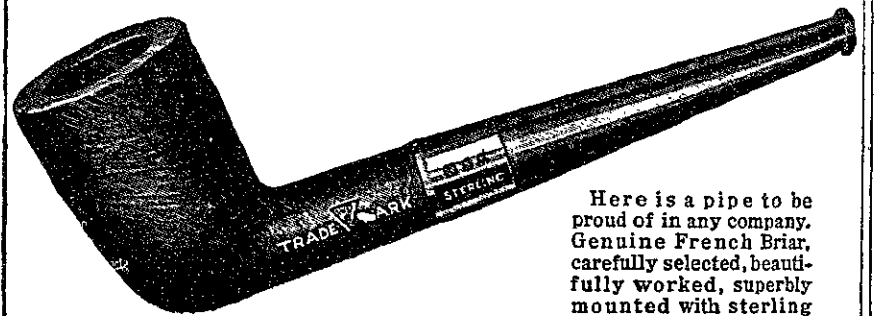
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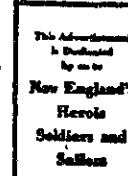
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