

WIND BUFFETS SKY TOURISTS

But Despite Penalties All Safely Reach Wichita, Head for Tulsa.

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WICHITA, Kans., July 3.—Strong head winds disrupted the schedule of the National Air Tour in its flight from St. Louis here, but all of the 24 planes were on hand early today for the flight to Tulsa, Okla., where they will participate in the dedication of a new municipal airport and remain until Thursday morning.

Two comparatively unknown pilots hold the high scores for the Edsel Ford trophy and the prize money that will be awarded them when they complete their 6,000 mile reliability contest at Detroit, July 28, while several internationally known pilots are pushing for top positions.

John P. Wood, the operator of an aerial service company in Wausau, Wis., is leading the field for all around performance with a Waco biplane, a small open cockpit type, entered by the Advance Aircraft Co., of Troy, O.; Charles W. Meyers, of Troy, O., Wood's teammate, operating the same type plane, is in second place; Randolph G. Page, veteran air mail pilot, is the next contender. He is piloting a Stinson-Detroiter, Junior, entered by the Stinson Aircraft Corporation. His plane is powered by the new Warner-Scarab engine, an engine manufactured in Detroit by the Warner Aircraft Corporation, that is making its first appearance in an event of this kind.

WIND IS COSTLY.

Only one plane completed the St. Louis-Wichita flight within all of the rigid provisions of the contest. It was a Ryan monoplane, entered by the B. F. Mahoney Aircraft Corp., of St. Louis, and piloted by Al Henley, of the Texas & Pacific Coal & Oil Co., of Houston, Tex. All the other contestants were affected adversely by opposing winds of 20 to 40 miles an hour.

Frank Hawks, who won the commendation of the entire tour personnel when he flew his Ford trimotor transport into St. Louis on schedule after his center engine had failed, fell from second to fourth place in yesterday's flight. Likewise, Eddie Stinson, the winner of the 1927 tour, dropped from fourth to sixth place, where he is leading William S. Brock, another formidable contender, by a scant margin of eight points. Brock, who is piloting a Bellanca monoplane alternately with Edward F. Schlee, lost more than 200 points in the scoring when he arrived 13 seconds late at Springfield, Mo., the intermediate stop yesterday, but continued to retain seventh place.

WOMAN TAGS ALONG.

George Haldeman, who piloted Ruth Elder on her attempt to cross the Atlantic last year and later set a new world's endurance record with Stinson, landed at Wichita in thirteenth place.

Phoebe Fairgrave Omlie, the first woman to pilot a plane in the annual reliability contest, seems bound to achieve her ambition: "Not to win, but finish." She throttled down her little flivver plane on every flight to reserve its 47-horse-power engine for the difficult mountain flying to be encountered before the tour reaches the Pacific coast and heads back toward Detroit. As a result of the pace she has set for her plane she arrives last and departs first from each control point.

POLISH HONOR GOES TO DETROIT WRITER

Charles D. Cameron Accorded High Distinction.

The Republic of Poland has conferred on Charles D. Cameron, Detroit journalist, the Order of Polonia Restituta, one of that nation's highest marks of distinction, it was announced today. He is thus honored "in recognition of the services rendered to the cause of liberty and humanity and that of Poland in particular."

Mr. Cameron for many years was church editor of The Detroit News and, formerly, was a member of the editorial staff of The Detroit Journal. He now is English associate editor of the Polish Daily Record and gives much of his time to general writing.

A Balloon Race Hero

ARMY FLIER CLIMBS UP RIGGING TO PREVENT DISASTER

SOARING away from the Ford Airport in a balloon in danger of bursting due to a closed appendix tube and being fired at by mountaineers in the hill country of West Virginia were part of the experience of the two Army balloonists in the Gordon Bennett balloon race which started Saturday as part of the Detroit Air-Olympics.

The United States Army balloon was piloted in the international race by Capt. W. E. Kepner, of Scott Field, Belleville, Ill. Lieut. W. O. Eareckson, recently transferred to Kelly Field, Texas, was his aid in the Army bag.

The story of the Army entry's fight in the balloon classic was wired The Detroit News today by Lieut. Eareckson.

ACCOUNT OF FLIGHT.

Lieut. Eareckson's account of their flight from Detroit to Kenbridge, Va., 113 miles west of Norfolk, where the huge Army balloon landed at 12:20 p. m. Monday, follows:

"Being in ninth position the same as in the national race from Pittsburgh, we took off at 4:45 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) and were almost immediately overtaken by disaster for as we left the ground I pulled the break-away cord to open the appendix so that the expanding gas might escape and the cord came free without accomplishing its purpose.

"The appendix remained tightly tied, leaving us suspended from a rapidly rising bag in which the expanding gas was forcing the pressure to dangerous proportion. Soon the bag would burst unless one thing was done, I did it. I climbed the appendix rope hand over hand and personally accomplished by hand what the break-away cord had failed to do.

"Crossing the river southeast of Detroit, we were soon over Canada, but from our altitude we could not drink Canada 'Dry.' At 8 o'clock we started across Lake Erie and at 11:15, the fair city of Cleveland stood under us. None of our Akron friends being present, we decided to keep moving and dawn Sunday found us crossing the Ohio River near Steubenville, Ohio.

WATCH THE CLOUDS.

"Throughout the day we rode uneventfully above the cumulus clouds which were under us, showing their white frays as they boiled with rage at their inability to reach us and drag us down.

"Toward evening, as we descended over West Virginia, some provident moonshiners, evidently mistaking us for representatives of Volstead, opened up on us with their squirrel rifles. These men are excellent marksmen. We cheerfully denoted some land in the form of granulated quartz (sand ballast) to the State of West Virginia and took ourselves to a higher altitude.

"When we finally descended to ride the ground, a full moon, filtering through a smoky haze, was bathing the blue ridge in the mystic aura of a 'Fairyland Ridge.'

"These somber sentinels stood in military formation, their heads raised haughtily to the moon. Their feet showed a fleecy mist, which shimmered in the mellow moon light, so famous for creating June brides and excursions to Reno.

"Finding the ground wind conspicuously absent and the mountains

connecting currents costly in ballast we rode throughout the night at 9,000 feet.

"Morning found us over Lynchburg, asking foolish questions of the



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LIEUT. W. O. EARECKSON.

natives and bemoaning over each loss of wind, food or ballast.

"Seeking wind we went to 20,000 feet where we rode until our ballast was exhausted. We landed with a thur 3 1/2 miles northeast of Kenbridge, Va., packed our balloon and went to seek rest and groceries."

Signed—Lieut. W. O. Eareckson, U. S. Army Balloon.

PLANES TO FLY TO MEN ON ICE

Rescue Ships Will Try To Get Rest of Italia Crew Off Island.

(By the Associated Press.)

KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, July 3.—Conditions were improving today for the rescue of five members of the Italia crew and Lieut. Einar-Paal Lundborg from the ice near Foyen Island.

The temperature was falling and chances for the landing of small planes on the ice to take them off were increased.

The Russian ice breaker Krassin found progress toward the marooned men difficult. Large masses of ice hampered the ship's advance after it entered the channel between the Seven Islands and Scoresby Island, just north of North Cape, Northeast Land.

The ice breaker Braganza which

POLICE FOLLOW JAWORSKI CLUE

Woman Seen at St. Ignace Is Connected with Missing Detroit Man.

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., July 3.—The search for Paul Jaworski at the Straits by Lieut. George Ludwig and Detective Raymond Boettcher, of the Detroit Police Department, and Detective Joseph Sheridan, of the State Police, led to St. Ignace late yesterday when Sergt. Kune of the State Police reported that a man answering Jaworski's description was seen there Friday.

A woman who registered at the Northern Hotel at St. Ignace Friday morning as Mrs. Lottie Watson, remained in her room there until late Friday night, leaving only a few minutes in the evening to meet the man answering Jaworski's descrip-

2 CANDIDATES BALK AT SMITH

Texas Democrats Tammany Hall Oppose 3d Party Move

(By the Associated Press.)

DALLAS, Tex., July 3.—Democracy today faced new split following announcement of two candidates for state whom they would not support G. E. Smith for President.

State Senator Thomas J. Dallas, former Democratic committeeman, and a candidate lieutenant-governor, said:

"My conscience would not vote to put a sachem of Hall in the White House there was no liquor involved in Smith's candidacy. I shall cast my vote for the man I decided, as I expect some moments before the time I put up my mind."

Mrs. Edith Wilmans, candidate Governor, declared to the National Convention had Democrats of Texas "a record and that she would not support Smith."

MOODY WILL NOT AT

On the heels of these came an announcement from Dan Moody that he would attend a meeting of southern Democrats at Asheville, N. C., The call for this meeting at the national party convention in Houston last week, with announced purpose of southern Democrats against candidate.

Asked at Austin if he would attend the Asheville session Moody said:

"Certainly not. I am a Democrat. The governor added that he didn't get exactly what he wanted at the convention, the declares for enforcement of prohibition, and that's the matter.

These declarations follow the feud between Texas, which raged during the session, delegates to the national convention and was climaxed by Moody, leader of the victory, refused to take the issue to the floor of the convention.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 3.—Publication here of resolution introducing a third party movement was contemplated by a group of southern Democrats here, N. C., last night in a statement from Dr. Arthur H. Hays Sulzberger, director of extension Southern Baptist Convention, nothing of the sort contemplated.

JOINED BISHOP.

Dr. Barton joined Bishop Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Virginia in issuing the call for the meeting. In his statement Bishop Barton said that when Bishop Cannon in issuing the statement from Dr. Arthur H. Hays Sulzberger, director of extension Southern Baptist Convention, nothing of the sort contemplated.

"I wish to state that the movement is contemplated," Barton said. "The matter pending the meeting will be for the Democrat to decide for himself, undoubtedly it will be a large number of Democrats are not willing that the Amendment and its support shall be menaced, not willing that the party shall be turned over to many Hall."

LINCOLN PARK TO SCHOOL BOARD

Woman Protests Appointment of Official.

A special meeting of the Park Board of Education held today to consider brought by Mrs. Lydia against Cleo C. France, week was appointed superintendent of the Lincoln Park public for a three-year term.

At a public meeting in Lafayette School last night, fifteen demanded that France be declared void grounds that he is unqualified for the position.

She stated that she has trips to Memphis, Tenn.,