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Mr. Gannett To Be Guest On Air Tour

Publisher a Passenger on
Giant Plane's Maiden Voyage to South America—
Elmiran Member of Crew

When the huge Sikorsky amphibian plane, S-42, leaves Miami Thursday on its maiden trip to Buenos Aires, Frank E. Gannett, head of The Gannett Newspapers, will be one of the guest passengers.

Further Elmira interest will be given by the presence in the crew of Chauncey Wright, son of George B. Wright, 123 East Hudson Street, as senior flight mechanic.

First of Three

The 19 ton plane, which has attained a speed of 190 miles an hour and holds ten world's records, will be the first of three Sikorsky boats bearing the model number S-42. At Rio de Janeiro, however, she will receive the name of Brazilian Clipper at the hands of Senhora Getulia Vargas, wife of the President of Brazil. Then the craft will head the Pan American Airways fleet of clipper ships.

The round trip will take 15 days and the passengers will spend two days in Rio and two in Buenos Aires. Flying will be done by daylight, with overnight stops at convenient ports of call, the trip being in the nature of a goodwill tour. It is scheduled to end at Miami on Aug. 30.

The 32 passengers will have an opportunity to see the long coast with its busy cities to speed the mails for whose trade the French have developed an all-air service by way of Africa and the South Atlantic and the Germans have established flying boat service from the African coast, using a floating airport in midocean, as well as bi-monthly sailings of the veteran Graf Zeppelin between Friedrichshafen and Rio de Janeiro.

Distinguished Passengers

In addition to Mr. Gannett, the passenger list for the special flight includes: Eugene Vidal, director of Air Commerce; William F. Brooks, assistant general manager of The Associated Press; James H. Furey, vicepresident of the United Press; Edgar M. Swasey, vicepresident of the American Weekly; M. C. Meigs, manager of the Chicago American; Paul Patterson, publisher of the Baltimore Sun; Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Fort Worth Star Telegram; H. V. Jenkins, publisher of the Savannah Press; John Cowles, publisher of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, John N. Wheeler, general manager of the North American Newspaper Alliance; Juan T. Trippe, president and other officers of the Pan American Airways.