



Lt. LESLIE P. ARNOLD

Secretary W. O. LOCHNER

Lt. LEIGH WADE

FROM KANSAS CITY TO THE COAST BY AIRPLANE

Secretary Lochner Takes Trip to California by Air with Lt. Arnold

When the Chamber of Commerce secured Lieutenants Leslie P. Arnold and Leigh Wade as speakers at the March dinner, we can imagine that the Secretary felt very proud. All who attended that dinner and lecture by the world fliers remember the day as one to chart down on the mental calendar—one worthy of mentioning to the children or the grandchildren, for there will only be one set of "World Fliers."

Secretary Walter O. Lochner is an "aviation fan" so he doubtless felt doubly proud when only last month he was informed by the War Department that a request he had made would be granted and that he would be allowed to fly from Kansas City to San Diego with Lieutenant Arnold after the session of the National Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries was ended. Major Martin who began as leader of the world flight but met with an accident in Alaska, and Lieutenant Arnold had been speakers at the Convention.

Here was a chance to see the country as few have seen it. Here was a trip that might come but once in a lifetime although the Secretary believes with the writer that such a trip, will be an everyday occurrence within a few years. However, there is no time like the present and one may never have such a distinguished and able pilot on a future journey.

The flight began on October 29. The aerial travelers flew south with the beautiful Ozark Mountains stretching below them to the east and the plains of Kansas losing themselves in the horizon to the west. The first stop was made at Muskogee, Oklahoma. This city has

a landing field which is used by the Air Service and civilian fliers. Planes land here every day.

Shortly after "taking off" from the Muskogee Aerodrome, the motor became disabled. Lieutenant Arnold managed to make a safe landing. Thus the Secretary had an even greater thrill than he imagined was due—a forced landing is always exciting. After the motor was replaced by another, the plane departed for Dallas, Texas. Mr. Lochner did not miss a chance to boost Trenton at the various stops. At Fort Worth they enjoyed the hospitality of Amon G. Carter, Publisher, and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. They spent a longer time in Fort Worth than they had intended because a fog prevented their taking off. However when the mist, the densest in two years, was sufficiently lifted to enable them to break through, they departed for Tucson, Arizona.

Here again the Chamber of Commerce extended a welcome. The Tucson Chamber was entertaining guests from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce at this time so an interchange of greeting from all three organizations took place.

The part of the flight which Mr. Lochner remembers as the most glorious was in gliding down over the mountains toward the white city of San Diego, where the land and water meet and beyond it the Pacific losing itself in the horizon, a sight which only the aerial traveler will ever see.

The plane landed at Rockwell Field, where Lieutenant Arnold's squadron, which is commanded by Captain Lowell H. Smith, leader of the World Flight

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most of friends are wishing daily
continued good luck!

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after Major Martin's machine was wrecked. Lieutenant Arnold is assistant chief engineer at this station.

Mr. Lochner then flew to Los Angeles, where he visited his brother, Gerhard Lochner.

The Secretary did not spend all his time in the United States but visited both Tia Juana and Juarez, Mexico, on the return journey. He was agreeably surprised to find "Trenton" was displayed on the table at the Juarez Consulate.

At Amarillo, Texas, an aeroplane was again placed at his disposal. This time the pilot was Lieutenant A. C. Strickland. The flight was from Amarillo to St. Louis. The Lieutenant, allowed Mr. Lochner to handle the "stick" for a part of the journey.

From St. Louis, Mr. Lochner, came by train. The total distance covered by air was 2800 miles, traversed in only 28 hours flying time.