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YANKEE CLIPPER

PASSENGER FLIGHT TO ENGLAND

From Our Correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON, JULY 9

The Pan-American Airways flying boat Yankee Clipper completed her first passenger transatlantic flight to Great Britain at Southampton this evening in 27½ hours. Her actual flying time was 19 hours 34 minutes. Leaving Port Washington, Long Island, yesterday morning, she made the journey by way of Shediac (New Brunswick), Botwood (Newfoundland), and Foynes (Eire).

Among the 19 passengers was a New York lawyer, Mr. Guido Coen, who was on his way to Leghorn (Italy), where his six-year-old son is lying dangerously ill with infantile paralysis. Mr. Coen received news of his son's illness last Thursday. When he applied for a passage in the Yankee Clipper he was told that all accommodation had been booked many months ago, but it proved possible to find room for Mr. Coen because of a last-minute reduction in the mail load. When Mr. Coen landed at Southampton he said he did not know whether his son was still alive. He made arrangements to complete the journey by air to Paris and Florence.

Most of the other passengers were American newspaper or magazine owners, publishers, and editors. They included Mr. Amon G. Carter, a Texas newspaper proprietor, who was an intimate friend of the late Will Rogers. Mr. Carter was a picturesque figure in his big white hat and high boots. A woman passenger who was particularly interested in the flight was Mrs. Alfred Wolf, the wife of a Philadelphia lawyer, who is herself a seaplane pilot.

The Yankee Clipper carried 550 pounds of mail. The passengers and crew numbered 30. The commander was Captain Arthur Laporte.

Wednesday, July 26, is the date for the first of the weekly air services for passengers from England to the United States over the route followed by the Yankee Clipper. The price for a single trip is \$375.

SPAIN AND THE AXIS

CELEBRATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP

COUNT CIANO'S VISIT TO-DAY

From Our Special Correspondent

HENDAYE, JULY 9

Arrangements have been completed in San Sebastian, the summer capital of Spain, for the reception of Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, who is due to arrive at Barcelona with his large suite at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The arch of triumph, which was erected in Roman fashion in San Sebastian, and then blown down by a minor hurricane which swept over the Basque coast, has been rebuilt. Householders have been embarrassed during the last few days by the requisitioning of vast quantities of food for the delectation of the august visitors and their hosts, while elaborate traffic arrangements have been devised to ensure their being able to move about unmolested. General Franco is expected to enter San Sebastian to-morrow, and the city is preparing to give him a tumultuous reception.

The opinion is gaining ground, to the undisguised relief of many Spaniards, that the impending celebration of Italian-Spanish friendship will be platonic in character and that no further agreement going beyond those already in existence will be signed. Germany and Italy may well be satisfied with the position which they have already won in Spain, and the Germans, if not the Italians, fully realize that any attempt to drive the Spaniards too far would provoke a strong reaction.

TRADE TALKS WITH REICH

The efforts to enlarge the scope of economic cooperation between the three countries will doubtless be successful, but they will take time. Herr Wohlthat, the