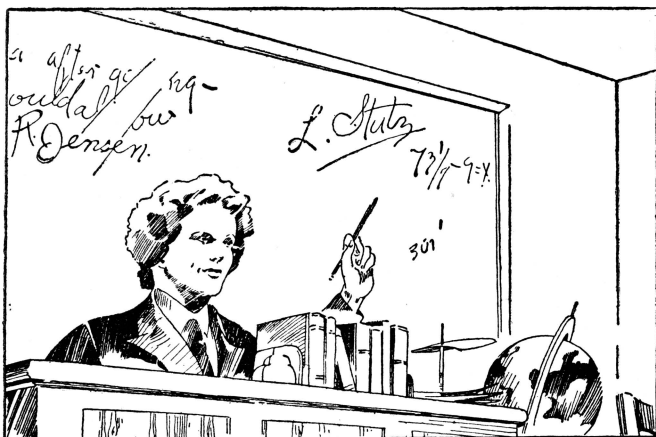


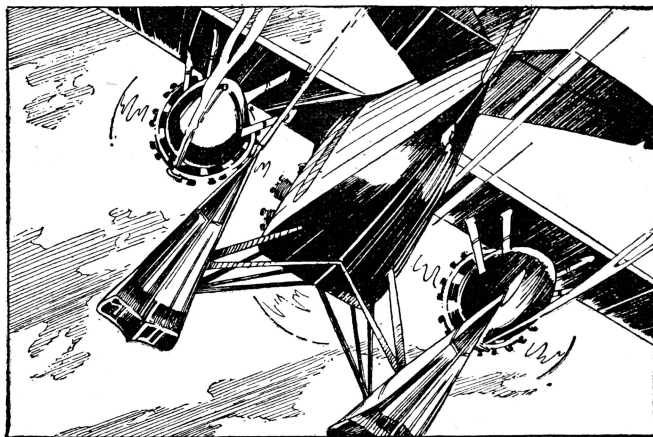
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VII—AMELIA EARHART—FIRST LADY OF THE AIR

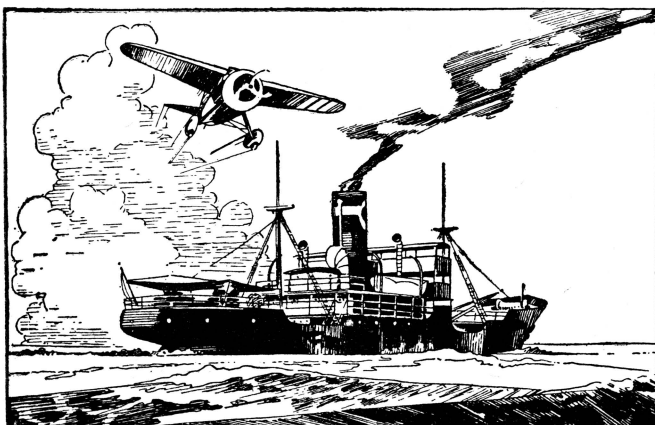
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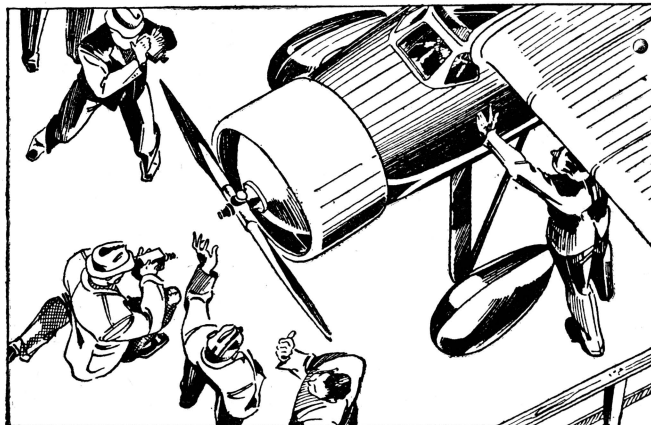
1—Amelia Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas, on July 24, 1898. Following her graduation from high school, Amelia attended the Ogontz School for Girls. Later, her education was continued at Columbia University in New York City, where she studied medicine. Then in 1926 she became associated with Denison House in Boston as teacher in charge of girls' work.



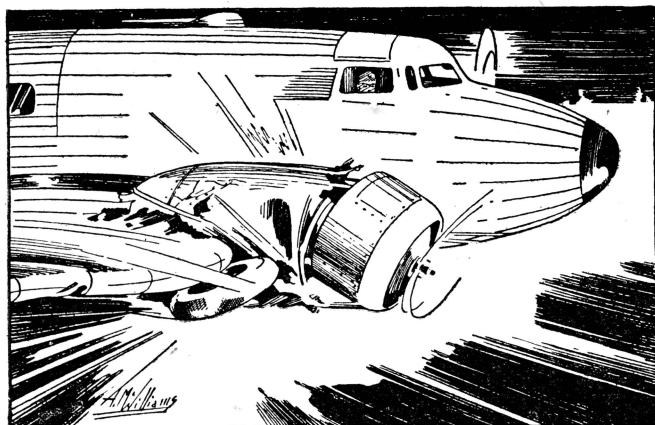
2—But aviation soon became her real interest. And it was Frank Hawks who piloted Amelia on her first flight. She topped off her subsequent intensive air training by becoming, in 1928, the first woman to fly the Atlantic, making the dramatic journey—Newfoundland to Wales—in the Fokker *Friendship* as passenger with the late renowned airman, Wilmer Stultz.



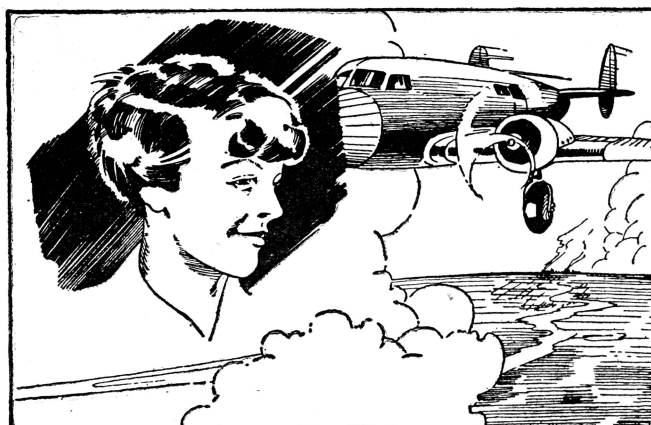
3—The early '30's found Amelia Earhart a highly-reputed flyer; and as vice president of the Ludington Airlines and National Airways, she demonstrated her administrative abilities. Then on May 20, 1932, she astounded the world by flying her Lockheed Vega solo from Newfoundland to Ireland in the striking time of 16 hours. A woman had conquered the Atlantic alone!



4—Many further sky triumphs were jotted one by one into Miss Earhart's log. Then, after an impressive 17-hour, non-stop, trans-continental flight in her trim Lockheed, the skilled aviatrix again turned to ocean flying. On January 11, 1935, she hopped off from Honolulu. Oakland, Calif., 2408 miles distant, was her goal—and she made it handily in 18 hours.



5—Finally, Miss Earhart set out this March upon a 'round-the-equator, world-girdling flight, and her safe hop to Honolulu was a promising beginning. But in attempting a take-off from Hawaii to continue this ambitious tour, her Lockheed Electra blew a tire and crashed. Only quick action by the famed flyer saved the lives of those aboard.



6—Amelia Earhart is the foremost woman pilot of our day. Our Government has awarded her the Distinguished Flying Cross, France has named her to the Legion of Honor, and the National Geographic Society has paid her tribute with a gold medal. Her rare flying talents and unquestioned courage have won her equal ranking with the world's leading airmen.