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Pacific Coast News

T.T. Maroney, the Puget Sound aviator, was a visitor to the Christofferson plant last week.

The Christofferson school has now been located in its new quarters near Oakland. Hangars are being built to accommodate a large number of aeroplanes, and exhibitions will be given weekly on the holidays.

Art Smith is building ten Baby Smith Racers. These little automobiles are to be used in conjunction with his aeroplane exhibitions next season.

A message from Charlie Niles from Osaka, states he is having a very successful exhibition tour of Japan.

On December 19, "Penty" Smith, from New Zealand; Roy Ternstra and Harold Smith passed the tests for air pilots, at the Christofferson school. Mr. Guy T. Slaughter conducted the examinations.

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Several weeks ago Roy Walker obtained a certificate, and is now serving in the English Flying Corps. Another Christofferson pupil, Duncan Smith, is an officer in the Royal Naval Air Service, stationed at Eastbourne, England. Jong Jay and George Gutler will soon be ready to take their tests also.

Flew with the Baby To Keep Dinner Appointment

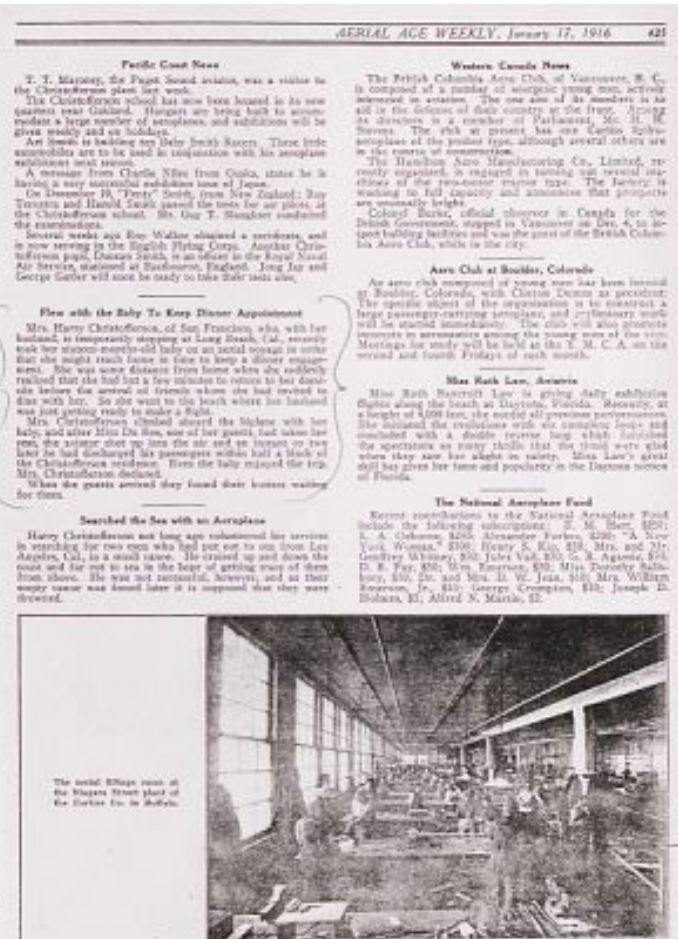
Mrs. Harry Christofferson, of San Francisco, who, with her husband, is temporarily stopping at Long Beach, Cal., recently took her sixteen-months-old baby on an aerial voyage in order that she might reach home in time to keep a dinner engagement. She was some distance from home when she suddenly realized that she had but a few minutes to return to her domicile before the arrival of friends whom she had invited to dine with her. So she went to the beach where her husband was just getting ready to make a flight.

Mrs. Christofferson climbed aboard the biplane with her baby, and after Miss Du Ree, one of her guests, had taken her seat, the aviator shot up into the air and an instant or two later he had discharged his passengers within half a block of the Christofferson residence. Even the baby enjoyed the trip, Mrs. Christofferson declared.

When the guests arrived they found their hostess waiting for them.

Searched the Sea with an Aeroplane

Harry Christofferson not long ago volunteered his services in searching for two men who had put out to sea from Los Angeles, Cal., in a small



The model village scene at the Niagara Street plant of the Curtiss Co. in Buffalo.

canoe. He cruised up and down the coast and far out to sea in the hope of getting trace of them from above. He was not successful, however, and as their empty canoe was found later it is supposed that they were drowned.

#### Western Canada News

The British Columbia Aero Club, of Vancouver, B.C., is composed of a number of energetic young men, actively interested in aviation. The one aim of its members is to aid in the defense of their country at the front. Among its directors is a member of Parliament, Mr. H. H. Stevens. The club at present has one Curtiss hydroaeroplane of the pusher type, although several others are in the course of construction.

The Hamilton Aero Manufacturing Co., Limited, recently organized, is engaged in turning out several machines of the two-motor tractor type. The factory is working to full capacity and announces that prospects are unusually bright.

Colonel Burke, official observer in Canada for the British Government, stopped in Vancouver on Dec. 4, to inspect building facilities and was the guest of the British Columbia Aero Club, while in the city.

#### Aero Club at Boulder, Colorado

An aero club composed of young men has been formed at Boulder, Colorado, with Clinton Dumm as president: The specific object of the organization is to construct a large passenger-carrying aeroplane, and preliminary work will be started immediately. The club will also promote interests in aeronautics among the young men of the city. Meeting for study will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

#### Miss Ruth Law, Aviatrix

Miss Ruth Bancroft Law is giving daily exhibition flights along the beach at Daytona, Florida. Recently, at a height of 4,000 feet, she outdid all previous performances. She initiated the evolutions with six complete loops and concluded with a double reverse loop which furnished the spectators so many thrills that the timid were glad when they saw her alight in safety. Miss Law's great skill has given her fame and popularity in the Daytona section of Florida.

#### The National Aeroplane Fund

Recent contributions to the National Aeroplane Fund include the following subscriptions: E. M. Herr, \$250; L. A. Osborne, \$250; Alexander Forbes, \$200; "A New York Woman," \$100; Henry S. Kip, \$50; Mrs. and Mr. Geoffrey Whitney, \$50; Jules Vail, \$50; G. R. Agassiz, \$50; D. B. Fay, \$50; Wm. Emerson, \$50; Miss Dorothy Salisbury, \$10; Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Jean, \$10; Mrs. William Emerson, Jr., \$10; George Crompton, \$10; Joseph D. Holmes, \$5; Alfred N. Martin, \$3.

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The metal fillings room at the Niagara Street plant of the Curtiss Co. in Buffalo.

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