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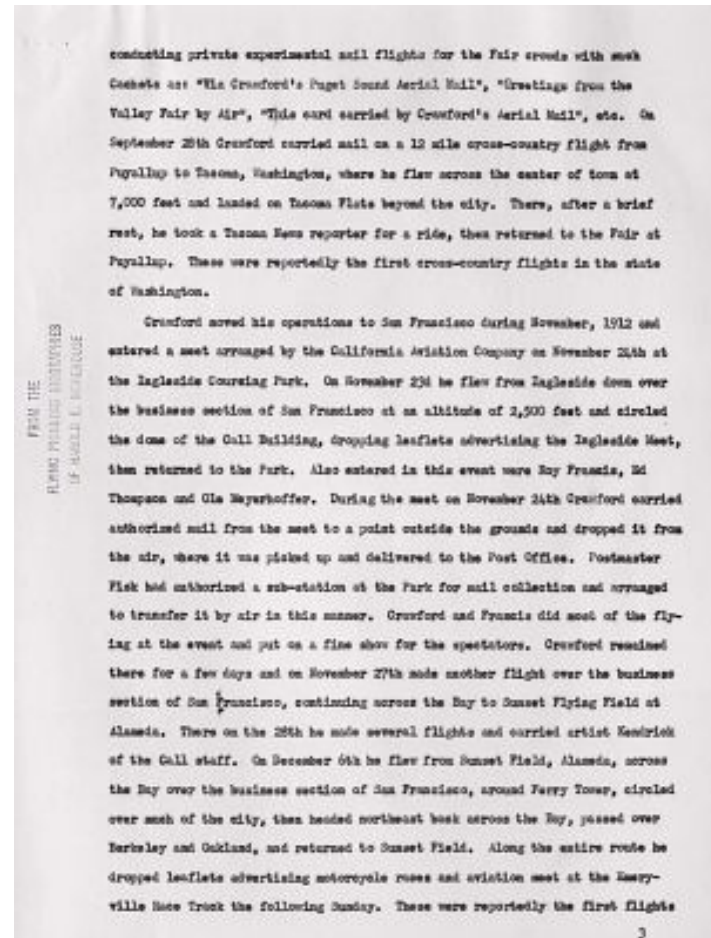
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conducting private experimental mail flights for the Fair crowds with such Cachets as: "Via Crawford's Puget Sound Aerial Mail", "Greetings from the Valley Fair by Air", "This card carried by Crawford's Aerial Mail", etc. On September 28th Crawford carried mail on a 12 mile cross-country flight from Puyallup to Tacoma, Washington, where he flew across the center of town at 7,000 feet and landed on Tacoma Flats beyond the city. There, after a brief rest, he took a Tacoma News reporter for a ride, then returned to the Fair at Puyallup. These were reportedly the first cross-country flights in the state of Washington.

Crawford moved his operations to San Francisco during November, 1912 and entered a meet arranged by the California Aviation Company on November 24th at the Ingleside Coursing Park. On November 23d he flew from Ingleside down over the business section of San Francisco at an altitude of 2,500 feet and circled the dome of the Call Building, dropping leaflets advertising the Ingleside Meet, then returned to the Park. Also entered in this event were Roy Francis, Ed Thompson and Ole Meyerhoffer. During the meet on November 24th Crawford carried authorized mail from the meet to a point outside the grounds and dropped it from the air, where it was picked up and delivered to the Post Office. Postmaster Fisk had authorized a sub-station at the Park for mail collection and arranged to transfer it by air in this manner. Crawford and Francis did most of the flying at the event and put on a fine show for the spectators. Crawford remained there for a few days and on November 27th made another flight over the business section of San Francisco, continuing across the Bay to Sunset Flying Field at Alameda. There on the 28th he made several flights and carried artist Kendrick of the Call staff. On December 6th he flew from Sunset Field, Alameda, across the Bay over the business section of San Francisco, around Ferry Tower, circled over much of the city, then headed northeast back across the Bay, passed over Berkeley and Oakland, and returned to Sunset Field. Along the entire route he dropped leaflets advertising motorcycle races and aviation meet at the Emeryville Race Track the following Sunday. These were reportedly the first flights

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