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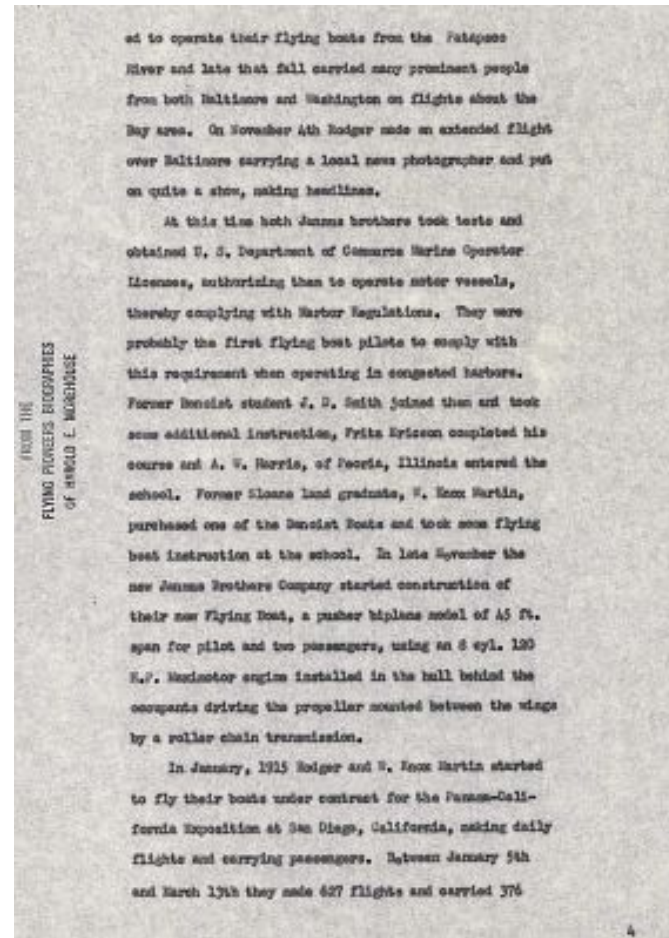
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to operate their flying boats from the Patapsco River and late that fall carried many prominent people from both Baltimore and Washington on flights about the Bay area. On November 4th Rodger made an extended flight over Baltimore carrying a local news photographer and put on quite a show, making headlines.

At this time both Jannus brothers took tests and obtained U.S. Department of Commerce Marine Operator Licenses, authorizing them to operate motor vessels, thereby complying with Harbor Regulations. They were probably the first flying boat pilots to comply with this requirement when operating in congested harbors. Former Benoist student J.D. Smith joined them and took some additional instruction, Fritz Ericson completed his course and A.W. Harris, of Peoria, Illinois entered the school. Former Sloane land graduate, W. Knox Martin, purchased one of the Benoist Boats and took some flying boat instruction at the school. In late November the new Jannus Brothers Company started construction of their new Flying Boat, a pusher biplane model of 45 ft. span for pilot and two passengers, using an 8 cyl. 120 H.P. Maximotor engine installed in the hull behind the occupants driving the propeller mounted between the wings by a roller chain transmission.

In January, 1915 Rodger and W. Knox Martin started to fly their boats under contract for the Panama-California Exposition at San Diego, California, making daily flights and carrying passengers. Between January 5th and March 13th they made 627 flights and carried 376

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