

TRAIN RELIEVES AIR MAIL PLANE ON TRIP WEST

Chicago Pilot to Try Flight Today if the Weather Permits.

Attempted initiation of the Chicago-New York "air line" mail service yesterday came to grief, but today postoffice officials plan to attempt it again.

With no airplanes taking the skies from the Chicago end of the aerial mail route, two which tried it from the other terminal failed, an old fashioned train relieving them of their burdens of letters.

The day's record of happenings was as follows:

7:20 a. m.—Aviator Leon D. Smith took to the air at Belmont Park, Long Island, N. Y., with 400 pounds of mail, to make the first lap.

Gets New Plane.

7:37 a. m.—Smith returned for a new machine, having developed motor trouble.

8 a. m.—On his way again.

10 a. m.—Landed at State college, twelve miles from Bellefonte, Pa., lost and with engine trouble. Gave up trip and transferred mail to a train. He reached Cleveland late in the afternoon.

10:45 a. m.—Aviator E. A. Johnson, who was to take the second lap, left Bellefonte.

4 p. m.—Johnson landed ten miles east of Woodlawn Hills park, Cleveland, O., and quit. He carried no mail and left his machine lying along the road three miles from the city for the night.

Leave Chicago Today.

At the office of Oliver J. Sproul, Chicago divisional superintendent of the aerial mail service, last night it was said that an attempt probably would be made today to send an airplane on the trip eastward today. Pilot Ebersole, who will carry the Chicago mail, made a start from Grant park yesterday, but owing to the murky skies tied up at Ashburn field for the night. Postmaster William B. Carlisle and Col. James E. Stuart were at Grant park to wish him a successful journey.