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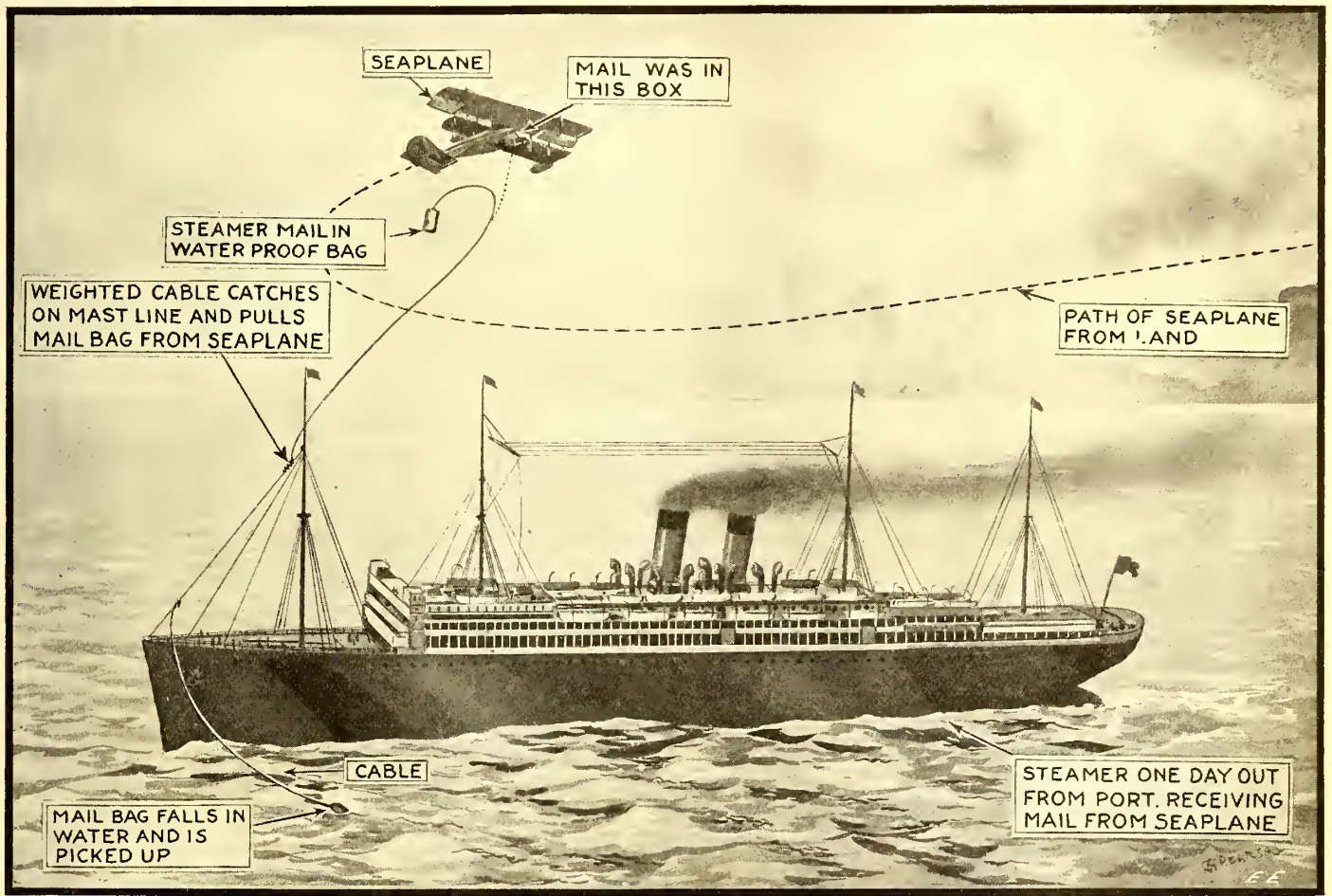
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Seaplane Delivers Ship Mail at Sea

OCEAN travelers on the S.S. *Adriatic*, the sailing of which on August 15th marked the reopening of the White Star Line's service to Cherbourg and Southampton, witness the successful attempt of the Post Office Department to use aircraft

P. M., an hour and a half after the *Adriatic* had sailed. Before the mail pouch was placed on board the plane Zimmerman, the pilot, was sworn in by Daniel E. Jordan, Assistant Superintendent of Mail, as an employee of the Post Office Department.

companioning illustration. The mail pouch, which was contained in a pocket constructed of laminated wood on the forward right fuselage, was pulled out when the cable contracted, dropping into the water. The pouch, also specially constructed to insure



The Latest Mail Carrier—the "Seaplane." A Seaplane Successfully Delivered Mail to the S.S. *Adriatic* When She was a Considerable Distance at Sea, thus Demonstrating How the "Mail Time" Between America and Europe can Be Greatly Shortened.

for the first time in delivering European mail to a steamer. Congratulatory messages were sent by passengers to Postmaster Thomas G. Patten and officials of the Aeromarine Plane and Motor Corporation, who were responsible for the demonstration. The hydroaeroplane, piloted by C. J. Zimmerman with Richard Geisinger as mechanic, left the surface of the Hudson River off Eighty-sixth Street, New York, at 1:30

Overtaking the *Adriatic* at Ambrose Channel the plane flew for a distance ahead of the steamer and then, turning around, flew directly toward her. As the plane past over the *Adriatic* at a height of about 50 feet above masthead, a specially devised weighted cable with shock absorbers was released, catching and wrapping itself around a cable which ran from the masthead to the deck, as shown in the ac-

its being waterproof, was then hauled on board. The achievement was witness by Postmaster Patten, Inglis M. Upperco, President of the Aeromarine Plane and Motor Corporation, and a party of guests who went down the bay on the yacht *Lounger*. The passengers on the steamer cheered as the seaplane glided away.