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LABRADOR FOGS

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A future everyday flying route between America and Europe, followed by the recent expedition of the Lindberghs, leaves our continent at a point on the coast of Labrador. Hence it is timely to correct the widespread idea that this coast is continually wrapped in fog. Dr. Grenfell, the highest living authority on the country in question, has written of this notion as follows:

"This erroneous idea has arisen from the fact that at the line of junction of the Gulf and Polar currents, in the region of the Banks of Newfoundland, fog is prevalent. As a matter of fact, fog is almost left behind at the Strait of Belle Isle. Many times as we have steamed out of the strait in thick fog and passed the southeast corner of Labrador we emerged from what, on looking back, resembled a dark wall, to bask suddenly in the clearest sunshine. As master of my own vessel for fifteen years on the coast, I can say that the delays I have experienced in summer from fog between Battle Harbor and Cape Chidley have been quite immaterial. On the average, a more or less foggy day once a fortnight may be expected."

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