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Weather on air routes! In the early days of establishing air routes, pilots required knowledge of the weather at stations along the route before attempting the flight. While this is still required it is secondary. The forecast is the thing, because the pilot is interested also in knowing what weather is expected at the route stations and at the terminal station when he arrives. Therefore when a pilot starts out he is armed with all present weather information available and with forecasts prepared by trained forecasters. Often the pilot may arrange his flight so as to circumnavigate bad weather conditions such as squalls, icing and adverse winds.

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