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MAMMOTH FLYING BOAT LASTS 14 DAYS

First testing of the world's biggest flying boat, the Hawaii Mars, with jeeps running around under the wings to give a comparative study in sizes. This was the first day of the plane's tests and everything went off perfectly.....but a fortnight later Hawaii Mars crashed in Chesapeake Bay near Baltimore and sank in five minutes. Big celebrations marked her christening and, though fate had a tragic end in store for her. twenty one similar leviathans have been ordered by the U.S. Government. 120 feet long, with a wing span of 200 feet, the 8,000 horse power engines lift 72½ tons of plans into the air.

The size of a fifteen roomed house, the giant Navy Transport had 2 decks, sleeping accommodation for 36 people and was planned to fly to Europe and back on one fill-up of petrol. The first Hawaii Mars just failed to make the grade at the end of her series of tests, but work goes on on sister ships which will replace her.
