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Standard Map of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics (Russia and Siberia)

Stock#: 45646
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1931 circa
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 25.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Post and Gatty's Round The World Flight Crosses Russia!

Map of the USSR, published in 1931, which includes a portion of Post and Gatty's record breaking flight around the world, crossing Russia in June, 1931. The complete route went from New York via Harbour Grace (Newfoundland), Chester (England), Hanover and Berlin (Germany), Moscow, Nova Sibirsk, Irkutsk, Blagovestchensk and Khabarovsk (Russia), Nome (Alaska), Edmonton (Canada) and then back to New York.

The map shows Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as independent states.

Leningrad and Stalingrad both shown. A note regarding Peary reaching the North Pole on April 6, 1909 appears.

Post & Gatty

In 1931, American Aviator Wiley Post asked Australian Aviator Harold Gatty to accompany him on an effort to break the world record for circumnavigating the earth, which was previously set at 21 days by the Graf Zeppelin airship. Gatty accepted, hoping to demonstrate the effectiveness of his navigation methods. The journey began on June 23, 1931, at Roosevelt Field in New York, and followed a 15,000-mile course across Europe, Russia, and Siberia, due to the lack of suitable airfields nearer the equator.

Post and Gatty crossed the Atlantic in a record time of 16 hours and 17 minutes and continued to Berlin, Moscow, and Khabarovsk, then crossed the Bering Sea, landing on the beach near Solomon, Alaska, then to Edmonton, Alberta, arriving finally back at Roosevelt Field after 8 days, 15 hours, and 51 minutes.



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