

Flying Baroness Who Visited White House Held as Enemy

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NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The flying baroness of Roosevelt Field has had her wings clipped.

Only two years ago she was received by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House before making an 11,000-mile plane tour of this country and Mexico. Today she was one of about 400 aliens at the Immigration Station on Ellis Island.

The latest chapter in the somewhat mysterious and international career of Baroness Lisette von Kapri began with her arrest yesterday by Federal agents as they continued their roundup of foreigners under the Enemy Alien Act.

Immigration officials did not say what would be done with the Rumanian-born aviatrix.

A favorite with pilots at the field, the attractive baroness had been living at the Airport Inn for some time, always seemed plentifully sup-

plied with money and showed great interest in aviation.

She learned to fly there, and during the past three years piled up 1,200 flying hours.

Holder of a private pilot's license, she has a ground instructor's rating for radio, navigation and meteorology and also a flying instructor's certificate. As a foreigner—her citizenship is Swiss—she has been barred from teaching for pay, but has been an adviser to one of the field's flying instructors.

Friends said her visitor's visa had expired six months ago—she came to the United States from Cuba, where she had been a secretary in the Italian consulate—and that she had been attempting to get it extended under non-quota status.

Mines in the British West Indies are being operated at capacity.