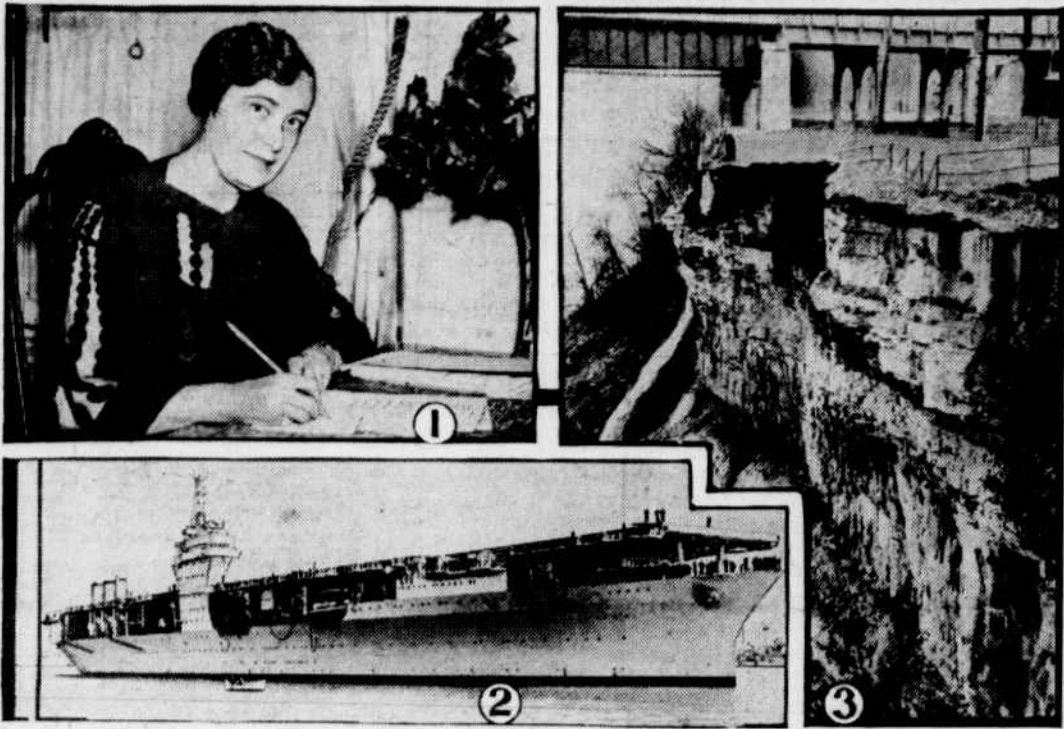


New Aircraft Carrier Joins Pacific Fleet



1—Mrs. William A. Becker of Summit, N. J., who was elected president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution. 2—The navy's newest aircraft carrier, Ranger, steaming into San Diego harbor to join the fleet. 3—View of honeymooners' Nest at Niagara falls after the recent fall of many tons of rock, the sixth such slide in the last three years.

WILL FIGHT BAER



James J. Braddock, New Jersey, designated by the New York state athletic commission as the leading challenger for the heavyweight title, has been signed by Madison Square garden to meet Max Baer, the champion, in a 15-round battle for the title.

"Ranger" Is Mystery Craft

The aircraft carrier "Ranger," newest pride of the United States navy, shown above as it steamed into San Diego harbor to join the fleet. Because of her special design, the "Ranger" will carry as many planes as either the Saratoga or Lexington, though she is only half their size. The "Ranger" is listed at only 14,500 tons. Details of the craft are carefully guarded.

The navy now has four aircraft carriers with the "Langley" completing the quartet. Plans announced last year, however, call for the construction of two more. The "Yorktown" is to be completed late in 1936, and the "Enterprise" will take to the water early in 1937.

Modern fighting tactics are making these vessels increasingly important to the "first line of defense."

ENVOY TO COLOMBIA



William Dawson, who has been serving as American minister to Ecuador since 1930, has been appointed minister to Colombia. He is a native of Minnesota and has been in the diplomatic service about sixteen years.

TREMENDOUS TRIFLES

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

A SHOT SPOILS A PLOT

IT WAS only a little "four-pounder" and the small cannon balls which it fired at the British sloop, "Vulture," as she lay at anchor below West Point couldn't possibly have injured her even if they had hit her. But those same cannon balls were destined to expose the treason plot of Benedict Arnold, to send Maj. John Andre to his death and to save the United States the three years' work and the three million dollars it had spent on the fortress at West Point, not to mention their saving the Patriots' cause from coming to a sudden and untimely end.

The "Vulture" had come up the Hudson, bringing Major Andre, adjutant-general of the British army, to establish contact with Arnold, and to perfect the plans for his handing over West Point to the enemy. Andre was put ashore to meet Arnold at the home "dropped anchor to await his return.

A certain Colonel Livingston regarded the presence of the enemy ship as something of an insult. He asked Col. John Lamb to lend him a gun, and some powder. Lamb wrote to him "Firing at a ship with a four pounder is in my opinion, a waste of powder; as the damage she will sustain, is not equal to the expense."

But Livingston persisted until he got the gun. Then he opened fire on the "Vulture" and his bombardment was so annoying that the "Vulture" shifted her moorings and dropped farther down the river.

When Andre was ready to return, the oarsmen hired to row him out to the British ship were too lazy to go the extra distance. So the only thing to do was to send him south by land. Smith provided plain clothes and a horse, guided him for a short distance, then sent him on his way. But Andre got lost, blundered into the hands of three American militiamen who turned him over to a Continental officer. The result is history—the betrayal of Arnold's treason plot and the saving of West Point.

FACE ON THE COIN

KING LOUIS XVI of France lost his head twice. The first time was over a very trifling annoyance but it led to the second time when he lost it over the block of the guillotine. And that was permanent!

When it became certain that nothing could stop the French Revolution the king decided to escape from the Tuilleries with his family. On the night of June 21, 1791, a big coach trundled away from the palace with the members of the royal family inside.

At the little town of Ste. Menesville, it was necessary to change the horses. Beyond Menesville was a regiment of royal troops ready to escort the king across the frontier. The journey was almost over.

But the grooms at the post-house were slow and the king, tired from the strain of the long ride, was irritable. For just one moment his majesty raised the curtain of the coach window. He wanted to see how much longer the clumsy grooms would delay his departure.

Among the bystanders idly watching the torchlit scene was Drouet, the village postmaster. He saw the face in the window. But no! It was impossible. It could not be the king of France. Drouet reached into his pocket and took out a coin that had just been minted. The face on the coin was the face he had seen in the coach.

As the equipage turned off the main road and lumbered north through the Argonne forest Drouet pursued it. Reaching Varennes, he roused the agent of the Commune. The arrest of the royal fugitives followed an hour later. Soon the king was on his way back to Paris with his queen, Marie Antoinette, for a tragic interview with Monsieur Guillotine.

A CHANCE REMARK

ISAAC MERRIT SINGER was the son of a millwright and he wanted to be a machinist. So he became one, also a successful inventor. Soon he was interested in the possibilities of the sewing machine which was then being talked about. He borrowed \$40 from a friend and worked for eleven days, eating only one meal and sleeping very little. He got a machine assembled, but it would not work.

Singer toiled late into the night, and, then, lost in discouragement, started to go home. The friend who had lent him the money was with him. The two men walked through the streets of Boston silently. The final trouble with the machine had been too much. It would not make light stitches.

Worn out with the long strain, Singer stopped to rest on a pile of boards outside a deserted building. Suddenly the friend said "It strikes me peculiar! All the loose loops of thread were on the upper side of the cloth!"

In a flash the inventor saw the way out of the trouble. They turned at once back to the shop and Singer fumbled with the tension screw. It worked! His machine sewed perfect stitches.

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Plan Pharos of Columbus

Move to Create Monument to Great Sailor in World He Discovered; Island of Havti Selected as the Most Appropriate Site.

Some brief descriptions have come down to us about one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world, the Lighthouse of Alexandria.

It was built on the island of Pharos in the harbor and was connected with the city by the Seven Furlong bridge. Accounts placing the height of its tower at 600 feet are believed to be overdrawn and 400 feet is regarded as more probable. Built by Sostratus of Cnidus, it was begun under Ptolemy I of Egypt and was finished under Ptolemy II, its cost being placed at 800 talents, which by some valuations might be the equivalent of as much as \$1,600,000.

From the Pharos of Alexandria is traced an addition to languages and an influence on lighthouse and also on other architecture. The word Pharos came to be applied to lighthouses generally and with some change in spelling is of common usage in certain modern tongues, while pharology became a technical term for lighthouse building. The first of the lighthouses in western Europe, built by the Romans, was called the Pharos of Dover, while the minarets of Mohammedan mosques symbolize lighthouses and in the earlier ones we possibly may see what their model, the original Alexandria structure, looked like. Some influence on the steeples of Christian churches is discerned by writers.

An example of special dignity and worthiness is accordingly followed in elaborate plans for creating, in the western hemisphere, a like wonder of the modern world in a monument to Christopher Columbus. Its site will not be at any modern Alexandria—at any of the great ports of the New world he discovered, but on the is-

land of Hayti, on which he landed during his very first voyage, where he established the first American colony and where his remains were buried in 1536, 30 years after his death. During the partial occupancy of that island by Americans of late the project has been advanced to a stage where success seems certain.

If the plan is carried out as contemplated, no other undertaking will be representative of the New world in as complete a sense, for it is proposed that every western national government, large or small, shall contribute to its \$2,000,000 cost. A design for a noble structure has already been made, embodying special precautions against a Caribbean peril, the original Pharos having been destroyed by an earthquake in the Thirteenth century.

To some it will seem important to know whether the remains of Columbus still rest in the ancient cathedral of Santo Domingo, in the island's second republic, and some recent works of reference print as authoritative the version of the Spanish government as to their removal years ago. The bare statement that the wrong tomb was opened and the bones of one of Columbus' sons taken away, and not those of Columbus himself, does not seem very convincing, but if the data preserved by those called in as observers during an examination at the cathedral some years ago are accurate, a mistake was made by the Spanish. Insignia, lettering, other small evidences indicated that the tomb which had been opened was undoubtedly that of the son and that another tomb now holds the few fragments of Columbus' bones

and the observers were men of intelligence, including high ecclesiastics, officials and others.

But whether or not their opinion was correct, this is an appropriate site for many other reasons, and what could be a more appropriate form for a monument to the great navigator of all than a splendid pinnacle carrying a perpetual light for the guidance of his successors on the seas? This will be more than a flame seen afar for directing those who ply the ocean. It is also designed for those plying the upper air. Aviation is now farther advanced than was the lore of the sea in Columbus' time. Probably air routes along the short parallels of latitude in the inclement North will always be followed, but distance is much less important than safety to aviation, making miles by the hundreds in an hour.

May we not believe that the favorite routes of the future will be along the warmer, milder, safer parallels to our southern ports; that the skies to be "whitened" by flying craft will be skies to the south and that the Pharos of Columbus, looked for by many an eye on dark nights and stormy nights, will be a wonder and preserver vouchsafing in the Caribbean blessings to the imperiled greater even than those of its predecessor of the Mediterranean.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

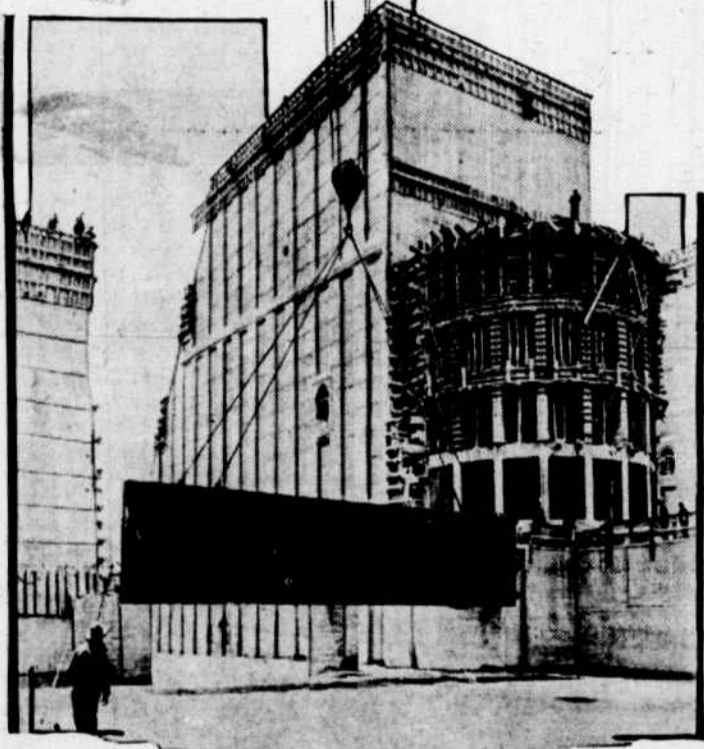
Rubber Turf for Racers

Tested at a stadium near London, rubber turf is being used to surface the track on which greyhounds race. It is claimed that the material gives better footing after a rain than grass. The rubber turf also will be tested on football fields.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Russian Auto-Sleigh

A worker in the Molotov automobile factory of Russia has invented an auto-sleigh that runs on spokes or feet instead of wheels, and instead of wheels at the back there are two pairs of skis that move along special grooves in the chassis and then press at the snow and shove the car along.

Norris Dam Gate Is Swung Into Place



Construction Is Rushed on Project

A gate weighing 15 tons is photographed as it is lowered into place between two sections of the Norris dam on the Clinch river in Tennessee. Now a year ahead of schedule, the \$34,000,000 project will be completed in 1936.

The Norris Dam is one of the administration's major construction projects. The concrete section of the structure will have a height of 253 feet from foundation to roadway, a base width of 210 feet, and an over-all crest of 1,800 feet. An earth section at the east end has an additional length of 302 feet. When the reservoir is filled an area of 35,000 to 52,000 acres will be inundated. The area thus covered is capable of forming an artificial lake covering some 80 square miles with a shore line of more than 800 miles. Two 55,000-kilowatt generating units will be installed in the Norris dam power house.

QUEEN SHENANDOAH



Miss Nella Veverka, twenty-year-old daughter of the Czechoslovakian minister to the United States, was selected to reign over the Shenandoah Apple Blossom festival as Queen Shenandoah XII. She is seen here among the magnolia trees in Potomac park, Washington.

Traffic Violators Don't Like This



In Los Angeles the police have devised a new "torture" for violators of the traffic rules. Caught jumping a signal or missing a boulevard stop, one of these "Traffic Violator" stickers is put on the windshield for a month or two, and a second offense means a sure trip to jail.

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