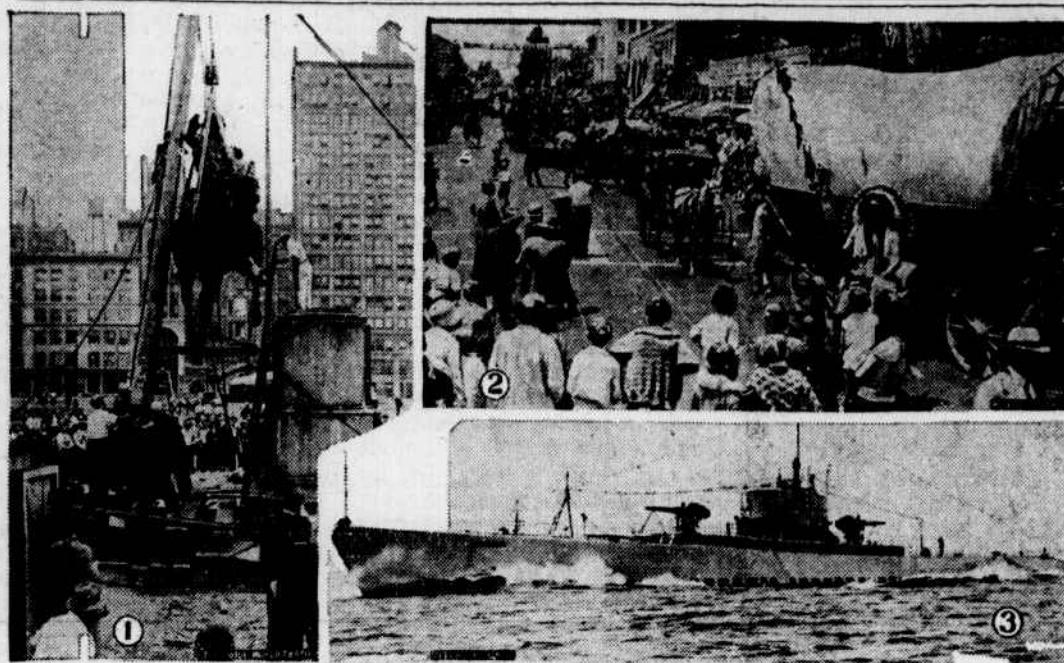


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1—Statue of George Washington being replaced in Union square, New York, after remodeling of the park. 2—Scene in Santa Monica, Calif., during the Pioneer Day parade that was part of the celebration of the Centenary of the Covered Wagon. 3—New United States submarine V-5, declared to be the safest fighting craft afloat, being given its preliminary test off Provincetown, Mass.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Dirigible R-100 Makes Safe Flight From Britain to Montreal, Canada.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

REAT BRITAIN'S big dirigible, the R-100, made a successful and uneventful crossing of the Atlantic ocean, taking off from Cardington, Wales, and reaching Montreal about 76 hours later. There, at St. Hubert airport, she was tied up to the mooring mast that had been built for the purpose, and her passengers landed, well pleased with the trip.

Until the airship reached the vicinity of Newfoundland she maintained a speed of between 50 and 70 knots, but the ever-present fogs then forced a slowing down until she got well into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, having passed over the Belle Isle straits. While passing over Quebec the airship sustained some damage to the fabric covering one of the fins, and the motors were shut off until repairs had been made. This delayed the arrival at Montreal somewhat and prevented the tying up of the ship to the mooring mast until early Friday morning. Throughout the voyage radio communication was kept up with bases in England and Canada and with ocean liners. The northerly route was taken, following the great circle by way of north Ireland to a point south of Cape Farewell, Greenland, then to Belle Isle and along the St. Lawrence river to Montreal.

Squadron Leader R. S. Booth was in command, with four officers and a civilian crew of 30 men. Among the few passengers were Lieut. Com. Charles Denniston Burney, managing director of the firm that built the R-100; Lieut. Com. R. St. John Prentice of the British aircraft carrier Courageous, and Maj. G. H. Scott, famous British airship commander.

CANADA'S parliamentary elections were watched with great interest, because the results are likely to be important to the United States as well as to the Dominion. The Liberal government, headed by Mackenzie King, was decisively defeated by the Conservatives, and Richard B. Bennett, Conservative chief, will be the new premier. Mr. King himself was re-elected to parliament, but many members of his cabinet lost out, these including Finance Minister Charles A. Dunning, who drew up the budget increasing tariffs against the United States and lowering them to Great Britain, which constituted the main issue of the campaign.

A quick call to a session of the Canadian parliament is considered one certain result of the political upset.

Canada's extension of tariff preferences to Great Britain, without exacting tariff preferences in return, can be expected to be withdrawn or modified as the result of the election. The electors turned it down in defeating the government candidates. Canada, in other words, will make its trade treaties with the world, irrespective of empire ties and sentiment.

The St. Lawrence seaway plan is once more thrown in the realm of political controversy and uncertainty. Higher tariffs against the United States, in the absence of a Canadian-American trade agreement, are to be expected under a Bennett premiership.

STARTLING news came from China. A large Communist army took possession of Changsha, capital of Hunan province, the government troops re-

tiring without making any defense, and the city of half a million inhabitants, a commercial, political and educational metropolis, was looted and partly destroyed by the Reds. Ten government buildings were burned, as were numerous foreign properties and the Japanese consulate, and the offices of the Standard and Texas Oil companies were robbed. Wealthy residents who were unable to escape were tortured to death. The Red invaders proclaimed a Soviet republic.

The burning and looting, says a dispatch from Shanghai, was carried on in a systematic manner. The city was divided into 50 wards, each administered by a Communist leader with a group of riflemen. All power was centered in a supreme Soviet committee. Gangs of Communists, headed by squads of Red troops, surrounded buildings marked off by the supreme command for depredation.

Orators proclaimed the Communist purpose "to distribute the surplus wealth," and selected followers entered the buildings and transported furniture and valuables to the street, where they were auctioned off.

The proceeds were pocketed, after which the coolies and town riffraff were invited to enter and complete the looting. After this the places were burned and the crowd moved on to the next building scheduled for destruction.

More than 200 foreigners, 20 of them Americans, were at the summer resort at Kuling, near Kiukiang, and were considered to be in grave danger. On Wednesday the American gunboat Palos, which was approaching Changsha, was fired upon by Communists and five of her crew wounded. The Palos returned the fire, using machine guns and three-inch rifles at close range, and finally dispersed the Reds. The Palos had previously helped evacuate foreigners from Changsha and was returning to survey the ruins of the city. Two American missionaries, Rev. William Lingle of Salisbury, N. C., and Rev. Allen Cameron of Lawrence, Kan., remained in Changsha because they had conscientious objections against accepting protection from gunboats.

There will be a run-off election in Oklahoma also. The leaders in the Democratic race for governor were "Alfalfa Bill" Murray and Frank Burnett; and for United States senator, Thomas P. Gore, the blind former senator, and Charles J. Wrightsman.

WITH virtually no opposition the London naval treaty was passed by both houses of the British parliament and then was made effective so far as Great Britain is concerned by receiving the formal approval of King George under quaint procedure instituted during the reign of Henry VIII.

IN LINE with the Hoover program helping business, representatives of the various branches of the building industry and allied agencies of finance met in Chicago and created a permanent national conference on construction. Julius H. Barnes, chairman of the national building survey conference last fall, presided and was made head of a committee to complete arrangements for the organization of the conference.

RUSSIAN goods will not be kept out of this country merely because they come from a Soviet state. This is a sentence was the stand taken by President Hoover, and consequently Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Lowman was to reconsider his decision denying the entry of two shiploads of Russian wood pulp at New York imported by the Amorgo Trading corporation. Any action barring Soviet goods the President held must be based solely on the law applicable to all nations and designed to exclude convict made goods and prevent "dumping" practices on the part of countries competing in American trade.

IF THE Wafidists or nationalists of Egypt succeed in their campaign against King Fuad, Abbas Hilmi, former khedive who was deposed by the British, may be restored to the throne. The British government is said to be disposed to accept this result, though both Italy and France have declared their opposition. The Wafidists assert that so long as Fuad is on the throne there will be no peace in Egypt and no possibility of settling disputes with Great Britain.

Supervisors of industrial alcohol permits also met in Washington and, with their chief, James M. Doran, considered how they might best combine their efforts with those of the prohibition enforcement unit.

### WAS NOT ACCUSTOMED TO PARLOR TRICKS

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**I**T WAS greatly against the wishes of the Summers family that their daughter, Janet, accepted the position as assistant director of the "Fairleigh Summer Camp for City Children" at Lake of Pines. For several weeks it had been the subject of considerable argument and Mrs. Summers had wept on several occasions at the mention of it.

"But, mother, there is nothing at the seashore for me. I spent eight weeks there last summer and was bored to death. Nothing but dancing, bridge and motoring—that crowd won't even go swimming for fear of getting tanned! Sit around in flashy bathing suits under striped umbrellas and pose! I cannot waste another summer like that, and surely it won't be wasted if I can help 56 little children—poor, hungry little waifs—to get strong and well."

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