

TODAY and TOMORROW

DIRIGIBLES Important
I hope the fate of the airship Akron will not throw Congress into such a panic that it will refuse to appropriate funds for further development of lighter-than-air craft.

I have long believed that the dirigible is a far more valuable military arm than the airplane. We don't stop building airplanes because scores of brave young officers are killed every year when military planes crash. The safety of the nation is more important than a few lives.

The time will come when the airship will be perfected to the point where it will be the principal means of passenger transportation all over the world. Of that I am firmly convinced. But no private concern can spend the money necessary to the perfection of the dirigible. It must be done by Governments, and the expenditure justified by the airship's value as a means of national defense.

ARMY too expensive
A high officer of the Army has had the courage to tell the world that the Army costs too much.

Major General Johnson Hagood, commanding the Eighth Corps Area, says: "It takes three hundred million dollars a year to run the Army under its present organization. We can get a better organization for less."

That is a slap in the face for the bureaucrats who have piled up fat office jobs in Washington for Army officers who ought to be out in the field or working at something else.

There is nothing the United States needs less than it needs an expensive Army. General Hagood admits that he has twice as many staff officers and clerks as he needs, but he can't get rid of them under the present set-up.

The danger of a large standing Army is that its officers too often are inclined to forget that they are the servants of the people and to assume that they are the masters.

GOVERNOR right man

Frank Murphy, Mayor of Detroit, who is going to the Philippines as Governor-General is one of the progressive young men who are coming to the front in America's public affairs.

He is not going to have an easy job as successor to Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., in Manila. But Frank Murphy doesn't care about easy jobs.

Congress has voted to give the Philippines independence, if they behave themselves, in the course of a dozen years or so. The Filipinos themselves are divided on the question whether or not they want independence. Some are afraid that once Uncle Sam removes his protecting arm Japan will jump in and grab off the islands. The new Governor-General will have a lot of conflicting ideas to reconcile, and it is not at all impossible that he may have to keep a pretty close eye on Japan himself.

MINISTER a woman

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen is to be United States Minister to the Court of Denmark. My first reaction to that news is that it is Denmark's gain and America's loss.

There is no particular glory attached to being the diplomatic representative of America to the minor governments of Europe. President Hoover once said to me: "Any man who is a good enough politician to be a county chairman, knows how to wear evening clothes, and has good table-manners, is qualified to be Minister to most European countries."

Mrs. Owen, however, will reflect glory upon her new job, and will carry herself in a way to reflect upon the women of America, thus honored by this first selection of one of their sex to a high diplomatic post. Nobody can know Mrs. Owen without admiring and liking her.

POLICEMAN still going up

Nearly forty years ago, Theodore Roosevelt, then Police Commissioner of New York, advertised for bright young men of good character to become policemen. Among those who responded was an upstanding young man named Edward P. Mulrooney.

Mulrooney "pounded the pavement" and learned all about the business of policing the world's greatest city. He never took a drink, never gambled, never dissipated in any way and never took a dollar or a favor for doing his duty—or for not doing it, for that matter. He rose through all the grades to Inspector, and then was appointed to the post which Theodore Roosevelt once held, Police Commissioner of New York.

Now, my friend Ed Mulrooney has been asked by the Governor of New York to be the head of the State Beer Commission. The great danger in the legalization of beer and the probable repeal of prohibition is that the liquor

SERMON TOPICS

Giving brief report of Sunday sermons at Louisburg churches past Sunday.

Methodist Church

"In His Faith" was the theme for the Sunday evening message at the Methodist Church. The pastor took his text from Hebrews 2:8, with the words "Not yet, but." He said that Jesus Christ, the our sovereign for the future. The text conveys a song of hope. One struggles amid tears and disappointments. But one fights in the hope of triumph. Not yet is God's will predominant in the lives of men. All about us are broken plans of the Divine. Broken laws of His accuse us. Broken lives of ours condemn us. But God gathers us in the broken fragments. That is the Christian faith. That is God's way. There are un-believers, atheists, cannibals, savages, and pagans in the world. The world is crowded with the bad. Yet, we see one man who believes.

Dr. Fitzgerald said we might give little concern for the lone man of God. But one Christian life is sufficient. He goes into communion with the Divine. He keeps the continuity of faith. He abides in the secret places of the Most High. He carries there a moment. He goes forth to illumine this world with the strange mystics of Jesus. All the world is not bowed down to Christ. Neither is all the earth covered with flowers. But a tiny violet pushes its solitary way thru the hard earth, and spring is here. It took the whole solar system to grow the violet. It takes all the mercy and love of God to convert a sinner. But that one conversion has made a child of God.

The minister said that we must have faith in Christ's triumph. Faith gives patience. Patience enables us to wait on God. God always takes his time. We want everything done in our generation. But God does not work that way. He moves thru history by the slow processes of faith in human hearts. He can go no faster than that. Stubborn hearts, and rebellious wills get in the way for a season. But God never loses faith, grows impatient, or gets in too much hurry but what he will bear with man.

Faith in Christ's triumph leads us into Christian service. To realize our hopes we must labor with Jesus in the harvest. We are now enjoying the fruits of his sacrificial offering on Calvary. We must serve and suffer with him to rejoice and reign with him. Our immortal rights are purchased here. We must live with him here before we can reign with him in that upper world. Not yet have we grown into his perfect likeness, but we strive to be. This is the spirit of a true disciple. We must labor in his faith. We must own a share in his immortal kingdom before he can lead us into that kingdom. In daily life we are earning more and more. We are living in his faith. This is the hope of man. This is the hope God has for us in the world of come.

business may again become the tool of crooked politicians and the handmaiden of crime. With Ed Mulrooney in charge, the crooks and grafters won't have a Chinaman's chance to get in their dirty work.

Thirty-seven crop rotation plans have been adopted as demonstrations by Alamance County farmers this season.

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Answered at State College

Ques.—How much grain should be fed to laying hens and what part should be fed in the morning?
Ans.—Under ordinary conditions a flock of 100 hens will consume from ten to twelve pounds of grain a day. Smaller or larger flocks should be fed in proportion. In poultry feeding, the main object is to insure the hen a full crop before she goes to roost and for that reason one pound of grain is sufficient for morning feeding with the remainder of the grain fed late in the afternoon.

Ques.—Does common dogwood timber have any commercial value?
Ans.—Wherever cotton, silk, or wool is manufactured, timber from dogwood trees is used for shuttles. This timber has the combined properties of toughness, hardness, fineness of texture, and smoothness, so necessary in the production of shuttles, to a higher degree than any other wood. Dogwood is also being largely used in the manufacture of bobbins, spool heads, small handles, brush backs, turnpins, mallets, and wood pulleys.

Ques.—What kind of fertilizer should be used under cantaloupes?
Ans.—The 3-4-6 mixture as recommended for tobacco is an excellent fertilizer for cantaloupes. Best results, however, are obtained from a combination of well-rotted manure and fertilizer. About four tons of manure and 800 to 1,000 pounds of fertilizer should be applied to the acre. All fertilizer elements should come from high grade sources as cantaloupes are easily injured by low grade materials. On poor or sandy soils a side dressing of 100 to 150 pounds of nitrate of soda or its equivalent should be applied when the vines begin to run.

Ques.—Is it too late to plant onions in the mountains? What varieties are best suited for local markets?
Ans.—It is not too late but, for best yields, the onions should be planted at once. Later plantings will retard the growth as well as the yield. The two best varieties to grow for market are the Yellow Bermuda (sometimes called the White Bermuda) and the Yellow Globe Danvers. With the Bermuda variety plants should be used while the Yellow Globe Danvers can be grown from sets.

Ques.—What control is recommended for "blossom and twig blight" on apples?
Answer: Spraying with Bordeaux mixture immediately after the blossom buds open will give excellent control. This is not a 100 percent control, but it will reduce the blight sufficiently to assure a good crop of apples. Apply the spray when from one-fourth to three-fourths of the blossoms are open. Second applications will be necessary on the Golden Delicious, Stayman, and Red Winesap for effective control.

Ques.—Many of my chickens are sick and dying from what is locally called limberneck. What causes this disease and how may it be cured?
Answer: Limberneck is caused by a germ in spoiled meat, such as a dead rat or chicken, or by mouldy mash. The disease,

however, is not contagious. When the disease first appears, all birds should be confined until the source of infection is found and destroyed. Before returning to range the birds should be given Epsom Salts at the rate of 1 pound to each 400 pounds of live weight. The salts may be given either in the wet mash or in the drinking water.

Dog fleas can not be trained to perform as well as human parasites.

Where the tobacco plant beds are affected with blue mold, water them carefully about twice a week with a solution made up from three pounds of nitrate of soda to each 100 square yards of bed. Keep the canvas off during the day and replace it at night, says E. Y. Floyd.

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