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FUTURE FOR PLANES

Von Tirpitz Considers Airplane Superior to Zeppelin.

Admiral Doubts, However, That They Will Become Serious Menace to War Vessels.

St. Blaisen, Baden.—Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz, German naval authority, in an interview, gave his views on the influence of aircraft upon future wars. He discounted the Zeppelin airship as too much subject to wind and too vulnerable for ordinary reconnaissance.

The airplane, in his opinion, has a much greater future, as it has an economic importance for traffic which will tend to perfect it for war purposes.

While the airplane has taken a high place in land fighting as a substitute for cavalry, Admiral von Tirpitz said it had not developed its usefulness to the same degree in sea reconnaissance, but that was probably due to the newness of the airplane, which waterplanes of the future might conceivably overcome.

The admiral reserved his opinion on the possibility of effective attacks by airplanes upon battleships, but clearly showed that he doubts that airplanes will become a great menace to the warships, as, he pointed out, the latter will develop devices for defense, while heavily loaded airplanes will always be in danger of counter attacks from lighter machines.

"In comparison with ships," he said, "airplanes will always have a fundamental disadvantage in their small loading capacity, especially when they are to be used on a wide expanse of ocean. From a study of the history of naval warfare, the greatest exponent of which was an American, I am persuaded that the nature of naval forces will not change with a jerk, but will develop organically, for development takes some time which only in imagination and fancy will be skipped. In this respect, the late war has not effected any fundamental alteration, although, of course, the rate of technical development is much faster than formerly."

ENGLISH BIRTH RATE HIGH

Vital Statistics for 1920 Show Mortality the Lowest Ever Recorded.

London.—Vital statistics just issued by the Ministry of Health show that the birth rate for 1920 in England is the highest for the decade and the death rate the lowest ever recorded. The infant mortality rate also is the lowest on record. The number of births is the highest ever recorded, while the number of deaths is the lowest since 1862, when the population was only 29,000,000. The figures are: For England and Wales—Birth rate per 1,000 of the total population, 25.44; deaths, crude rate, 12.4; deaths under one year per 1,000 births, 80.

For London—Birth rate per 1,000, 26.3; deaths, crude rate, 12.4; deaths under one year per 1,000 births, 75.

The increase in the birth rate is attributed to the number of delayed marriages prevented by the war and to the remarriage of war widows. It is suggested that the low death rate may be due to the rapid strides taken in surgery, medicine and sanitation during the war.

AMATEUR "FIXES" GAS TANK

Hot Iron—Then Neighbors Called the Police Reserves and the Fire Department.

New York.—"Now then, doggie, we'll have this thing fixed in a jiffy," said William S. Grey to his dog, as he placed a hot soldering iron on a partly filled gasoline tank in the kitchen of his home.

The tank on his auto had been leaking and he decided to fix it. He had scarcely finished the sentence when the top of the tank went up to the ceiling.

Tenants on the three upper floors rushed to the street, police reserves, firemen and detectives were called and Inspector Callahan of the bureau of combustibles, who was in the neighborhood, ran to the house.

The police entered the apartment to take charge of a corpse, but found only a broken window, a dismembered tank and a perfectly healthy man.

"Blue" Laws in Jail

Chicago, Ill.—Prisoners in the Bartholomew county jail have laid down a set of rules for their own government which very much resemble "blue laws" now being enforced in some parts of Indiana. One rule requires each prisoner to walk three miles daily in the corridors to keep himself in good physical condition. Another forbids card playing on Sunday. The use of profanity is strictly forbidden. J. Weber Smith, awaiting trial on a charge of first degree murder, is president of the club.

NOW HAS "FLYING WARSHIPS"

Great Britain Builds New Powerful Plane That Is at Home on Sea or in the Air.

London.—Details of an entirely new type of seaplane, two of which are under construction, and which can either fly or cruise as a warship, have been made public here.

They are larger and stronger than any seagoing aircraft yet constructed, and each will carry a crew of seven, with implacements for five machine guns.

The vessels are being so constructed that, while being light, the hulls are sufficiently seaworthy to ride out the roughest waves, and will join in all navy maneuvers without a parent vessel, operating from a sea base just as the submarine does.

They have a range of 1,500 miles.

FIND NEW LOCAL ANESTHETIC

Substitute for Cocaine Eliminates Necessity for Using a Habit Forming Drug.

Urbana, Ill.—The University of Illinois announced that it has developed a new local anesthetic, useful as a substitute for cocaine and in many ways superior to cocaine, which will eliminate the necessity of using a habit forming drug which causes so much trouble to physicians and to the government. The work was accomplished in chemical laboratories by Prof. Roger Adams and Dr. Oliver Kamm.

This new product has, by practical tests by Doctors Suker and Gradle, eye specialists in Chicago, and in several hospitals and clinics in the country proved useful as a substitute for cocaine in local anesthesia of a mucous membrane.

A list of the valuable properties of this new substance as compared to cocaine, announced by the university, are these:

This product may be sterilized by heating its solution to boiling point with no danger of decomposition, whereas cocaine cannot be sterilized by boiling the aqueous solution.

A 2 per cent aqueous solution may be instilled into the eye and anesthesia is produced so rapidly that the operation can be performed at once. From four to five minutes are required where cocaine is used.

The new substance produces less irritation than cocaine, it produces no dilation of the pupil and it does not dry up the secretions of the eye. It has antiseptic as well as anesthetic properties.

Procaine, formerly known as novocaine has, up to this time, been used extensively in place of cocaine where the aqueous solution is injected. Where the anesthesia must be caused by surface action on the mucous membrane in eye, nose and throat operations, however, novocaine is ineffective and cocaine is generally used. It seems now that this new product of the University of Illinois will supplant all such uses of cocaine.

CHICAGO'S STRONGEST COP



Policeman William G. Fenn, personal chauffeur for Chief of Detectives Michael Hughes of Chicago, is the strongest man in the Chicago police department. Fenn's policy is to keep fit so he can deliver the goods when called upon. He puts first one leg and then the other around his neck, as one of his exercises to keep in condition.

URGE NATION TO SAVE FORESTS

Joint Action of State and Federal Governments Necessary to Stop Destruction.

FOREST FIRES ONE PROBLEM

Largest and Most Important Field for Co-operation Is Fire Prevention—Cost of Protection Should be Shared by Private Owner.

Washington.—Need for public action to save the remaining forests of the United States from devastation, and to provide for timber production on lands already laid waste, was strongly urged by Col. W. B. Greeley, chief of the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture, at the hearings before the house agricultural committee on the Snell bill.

The bill authorizes and directs the secretary of agriculture, in co-operation with the various states or other suitable agencies, to recommend the requirements essential for protecting timbered and cut-over land from fire, refreshing denuded lands, and cutting and removing timber crops so that continuous production of timber will be promoted. To bring into effect these requirements, and with a view to furnishing a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of the public, co-operation between the federal government and the states is authorized, on such conditions as the secretary of agriculture may determine to be fair and reasonable.

Expenses Borne Jointly.

Federal expenditures under co-operative agreements with states would, under the bill, have to be at least equalled by state expenditures derived either from general taxation or from owners of forest lands under state requirements. The bill also provides for a survey of the forest resources and requirements of the country, for experiments and investigations in reforestation and methods of cutting and utilizing timber, for enlarged purchases of lands for federal administration as national forests, and for various other features of a national program of forestry.

In urging the necessity for action, Colonel Greeley pointed out that the essential problem of providing for future needs is a national one.

"New York," the colonel said, "imports nine-tenths of the lumber which she requires. Pennsylvania imports four-fifths, while a large group of middle western states import 97 per cent of their wood. The bulk of our paper comes from half a dozen states. The growing of timber on enormous areas of land adapted by nature to that purpose and scattered throughout 39 states is just as much a national necessity and just as much a matter for national action as the encouragement of agriculture or the maintenance of interstate transportation.

"The growing of timber cannot be left to private initiative alone. Under the bill the federal government will assume the technical leadership of the reforestation movement throughout the country. While in the prairie states co-operation would have to deal chiefly with tree planting, in other states it should cover technical methods of fire prevention, of disposal of debris left in logging, of cutting various types of timber so as to secure a new crop of the kind desired, and the like.

"The largest and most important field of co-operation, however, in all states containing extensive forest areas is in the prevention of forest fires. This is the first step to a continuous supply of timber. Once the vast area of cut-over land suitable for timber production is really protected from forest fires, three-quarters of our forest problem is solved.

"The cost of forest protection should be shared by the public and the private owner. But fire prevention is not an end in itself. The reforestation of timber-growing land and the actual production of timber is the real objective. In no instances should federal funds be expended unless the state carries out the requirements found necessary by the federal forest service to make timber grow."

East Is Not West—No Bobbed Hair in China

Shanghai.—The Chinese ministry of education, fearing the advance of modern ideas among young girls, has forbidden bobbed hair and bound feet. No girl student may be married without parental consent and no girls over 14 will be permitted co-educational schools.

General News

Five youths in an automobile held up the vice president of a real estate firm in Chicago and escaped with \$25,000 which he was taking to a bank.

William D. Haywood, a noted I. W. W. leader in this country, and under sentence to serve 20 years in Leavenworth penitentiary, has fled the country and is reported to be in Russia.

Eight men are being tried in Mitchell county, Georgia, on charges of attempting mob violence in connection with the death of Jim Roland, a prosperous negro farmer.

A dispatch states that 26,000 persons are facing starvation in the mining regions near Birmingham, Ala. They are families of miners who went out on a strike last fall and have not been taken back by the mines.

Notice to Farmers

By an act of the General Assembly, session of 1921, each farmer is required at the time of listing other property to give crop acreages to list-takers, including total number acres in farm, kind of crops grown and number of acres in each.

This is not for taxation, but is to get accurate information on crops.

T. R. Eaton,
Register of Deeds.

Notice of New Registration.

The voters of the Town of Jonesville are hereby notified that a new registration of the voters has been ordered by the Board of Town Commissioners. All persons who expect to vote in the Town Election to be held on the First Monday in May, 1921, will find the books in the hands of R. C. Minish, Registrar, This the 25th day of March, 1921
R. C. MINISH.

AID IS ASKED FOR AUSTRIANS

World-Famous Physicians Picture Stunted Growth and Diseases From Hunger.

Vienna.—Three internationally known Austrian physicians have joined in a statement to the effect that Austrian children will remain permanently stunted in growth unless adequate relief is given immediately. The physicians are Dr. Eisenberg, Vienna brain specialist and one of the leading surgeons of the city, and Drs. Lorenz and Pirquet, the latter inventor of the tuberculin test and for two years professor at Johns Hopkins university.

"At the end of juvenile growth the average boys of Vienna are about four inches below normal height and about sixteen pounds below normal weight. Girls are correspondingly stunted," they say.

"We also believe from a medical standpoint these children will never have their normal weight and height, but will go through life in this stunted condition."

Clerk Burned Photograph Enclosing Small Fortune

Stephen Nemeth, a clerk of Budapest, Hungary, wasting away on the little food his salary would buy, appealed to his almost forgotten brother, George, who went to America many years ago and is now in Chicago.

When, months later, there came from George "simply a large photograph, Stephen, disappointed and angry, threw his brother's picture in the fire. The next day there came a letter. It read:

"My dear Stephen: "If you will carefully divide in two the photograph I sent you yesterday you will find a \$5,000 bill concealed between the two sheets. Enjoy it in good health and don't forget your loving brother."
GEORGE."

STATE NEWS

Beaufort is to have free city mail after July 1st.

Catawba county last week voted \$500,000 bonds for roads. A movement is on foot to establish an Industrial school in the mountains of Burke county.

Dr. Peacock, who killed Policeman Taylor, will be tried at the May term of Davidson county court.

Rev. Tom P. Jimison, prominent Methodist minister, is a candidate for mayor of Winston-Salem.

A strike is on among the employees of the Mount Airy Table & Mantle Co. A cut in wages brought about the strike.

The last session of the legislature increased the cost of automobile license, in some instances being doubled.

J. L. Cowan, aged 61 years, a prominent business man of Statesville, died of Bright's disease at his home there Saturday night.

John Parker, a man of family, living at Spencer, slipped off from his wife a few nights ago taking with him three of their children, the eldest a daughter of 14.

L. C. Bickett, Newton merchant, and brother of ex-Governor Bickett, has mysteriously disappeared. His business affairs is found to be in bad shape.

Lexington is planning for a big Fourth of July celebration this year. The celebration will be under the auspices of the American Legion.

The new North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital for crippled and deformed children of sound mind, expects to open its doors at Gastonia about June 15.

Thieves entered the hog lot of the Piedmont Experiment Station, near Statesville, the other night and stole four fine Poland China shoats.

Fork Church Academy, Davie county, will celebrate its forty-first annual commencement next Monday and Tuesday. Zeb V. Long, of Statesville, will deliver the address Tuesday.

Up around Morganton a motion picture concern is making some pictures with attractive titles. One of them is titled: "She Is a Moonshiner's Daughter, But I Love Her STILL."

The little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rowe was struck by a trolley car while playing in the street at the home in High Point. She died a few hours later later in a hospital.

Henry Adam, colored, mail carrier between the postoffice and the depot at Statesville, was arrested last on charges of retailing and transporting whiskey. He was placed in jail and his truck seized.

The Old Hickory, 30th Division, are planning for a tour to Europe this summer. The tour will cover six countries in Europe. They are to go over all the battlefields which they fought over. The party will leave New York June 12th, and will be gone 41 days.

Albert Dameron, a young farmer, plowed up a pot of gold on his uncle's farm near Salem, Va., a few days ago. The pot contained \$14,900.

James Flanagan, aged 84, said to be last surviving white scout of General Custer's seventh cavalry, died at Maudan, N. D., last week.

Hon. David H. Blair Gets Appointment

President Harding has appointed David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, Commissioner of Internal Revenue. This is one of the nation's most important offices and only the best men of the nation are considered for this important office.

Mr. Blair is well qualified for the place. He is a man of broad business qualifications, strict integrity and executive ability.

The commissioner of internal revenue is charged with collecting all the funds that contribute to the operation of the government. There are under the commissioner sixty-four collectors, one for each district into which the nation is divided, and each collector appoints fifty deputy collectors.

Hamptonville, Route 1

Farmers are busy planting corn. The tobacco acreage will be cut considerably in this section.

The school districts of Holly Springs and Houstonville have consolidated and a new school building will be erected near the line of the two districts.

Measles which has been so prevalent in this section has about died out. But few families escaped the disease.

Edgar F. Haynes, of the U. S. army, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Haynes, last week.

Center News

Farmers are busy planting corn these days. Not so much arrangements are being made for tobacco this year.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely with a large attendance.

There is a lot of sickness here at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Blume Cook visited Mr. Frank Cook Sunday.

Dr. V. F. Couch and family visited here Sunday.

Quite a number of Winston-Salem people visited here Sunday. Among the visitors was Miss Gladys Whitaker, who found a long table loaded down with good things to eat and lots of friends to share it with her.

Our young people have been attending the Holy Roller meeting at Randolph.

Let us hear from other correspondents.

Sale of Land

The following described property seized from John Hutchens, under warrant of distraint for the nonpayment of assessed taxes due, will be sold as provided by section 3190, Revised Statutes, at public auction, on Wednesday, May 25th, 1921, at 12 o'clock, at the county court house, Yadkinville, N. C.

A tract of land willed to John Hutchens by J. L. Williams, adjoining Dayton Williams land and Doolin estate and others, containing 62 acres.

J. W. Bailey, Collector,
by Geo. D. Martin,
Deputy Collector.

A huge meteor fell from the skies in Wilcox county, Ga., the other day. Fragments of the meteor, which burst in midair, were scattered around the country for a distance of thirty miles, and people, especially the colored population, were greatly excited, fearing the world had come to an end.