

## Navy to Excel In Air Combat

### United States Can Launch More Planes Than Any Other World Power.

Washington.—The United States navy now is in a position to place more planes in sea combat than any other world naval power.

From the decks of three great aircraft carriers, and from the catapaults of cruisers and battleships, hundreds of fighting, scouting, bombing, and torpedo planes can take off for an aerial offensive so powerful that navy experts hesitate to prophesy the effect of a concentrated attack.

This development of navy aircraft strength comes as the result of a carefully planned and well executed five-year building program inaugurated in 1926 and reaching its climax at the end of the present fiscal year.

### Heartened Navy Officers Who Were Losing Faith in the Military Value of the Airship.

An integral part of the five-year building program is the construction of two additional dirigibles. One of these, the Akron, is rapidly nearing completion, and is expected to be ready for trial flights in July. The second, designated as the ZNS-5, will be assembled by the Goodyear-Zeppelin corporation as soon as the Akron has been formally accepted by the navy.

The Akron and its sister ship will be equipped as the most powerful fighting aircraft the world has ever seen. They will be in a position for combat as well as scouting and observation work, carrying powerful batteries of supermachine guns and five fighting aircraft.

### Honor Paid Designer of Confederate Flag

Montgomery, Ala.—Gov. E. M. Miller has accepted for the state a marble tablet, designating Nicola Marshall, Marion, Ala., as the designer of the first Confederate flag.

The tablet was presented to the state by the women of the Alabama division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Jean Hopkins, Montgomery, a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Napoleon Lockert, Marion, who suggested the design of stars and bars to Marshall, unveiled the memorial.

The flag was raised first on the capitol here March 4, 1861, following its adoption by the Confederate congress.

### Seize Four as German Spies on French Border

Strasbourg.—The French police have arrested three German spies, claiming that the culprits were caught in the act of obtaining plans of the new French fortifications along the frontier.

The arrested Germans, the French police allege, have confessed that they have in the past successfully carried to Stuttgart a number of such reports. The French police are now searching for a score of the accomplices of the men already under arrest.

### Stowaway Hides 9 Days Without Food or Drink

San Francisco.—For nine days and nights a sixteen-year-old South Sea Island native boy lay without food and water in a canvas-covered lifeboat, a stowaway aboard the liner Makura, bound from Papeete to San Francisco, the boat docked. Deckhands began

### Thirteenth Infant Born on Thirteenth

Wheeling, W. Va.—The stork brought the thirteenth child to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Peabody on the thirteenth of the month. Little No. 13 was a boy.

The stork's selection broke a tie of six boys and six girls in the Peabody family.

### Big Dry Enforcement Drive Starts Soon

Washington.—Three hundred and fifty prohibition agents have been learning here how to do bigger and better enforcement work. Training schools for the additional men were opened to prepare them for the federal dry forces' biggest campaign beginning July 15.

Prohibition Director Woodcock, who has been inspecting conditions in the South, has led heads of the training schools as well as his present agents know that he expects improving results in the forthcoming campaign. He added that he wants activities concentrated against still-shops.

### STUDIES SLEUTHING

A sleuth who is one of Chicago's socially prominent families, and to realize her ambition she has enrolled as "Isabel Hall" in the Northwestern university crime detection laboratory, where Lieut. Col. Calvin Goddard expounds the scientific way to catch a bad man.



### Third Party Movement Is Stalled in Chicago

Chicago.—The third party movement in Cook county has been stalled in Chicago.

The old Farmer-Labor party died some years ago, following the defeat of the late Senator La Follette for President.

David A. McVey was elected chairman, and Edward Hammond secretary.

### New Precious Metals Mine Believed Found

Oreman, Okla.—Gold and silver, believed to be in paying quantities, have been discovered near here. The gold-bearing quartz is deposited about 23 feet under the surface. Traces of platinum and iron also were found in the ore. Laboratory tests are to be made to determine advisability of mining the metals.

### CORN CROP HELPED BY HEAT AND RAIN

Chicago.—The record-breaking hundred-degree temperatures that have baked the entire Middle West, preceded by heavy rains, have gladdened the hearts of farmers throughout the corn belt.

Almost without exception, reports received indicated the best had been beneficial to the growing corn crop. Some damage to oats, where the grain was in the milk or dough stage, had been caused by the extreme heat, farmers reported.

### Weather Aids the Farmers of Middle West States.

The official government report on the size of the 1931 corn crop is not issued until July 9. However, private crop reporters have indicated that the corn acreage this year is the largest in 15 years, with prospects for a bumper yield.

The high temperatures were declared by Charles D. Reed, federal meteorologist at Des Moines, Iowa, as beneficial to most of the leading corn growing states, particularly in the southwestern sections, where ample spring rains had taken up the deficiency in soil moisture, caused by the winter drought. Corn is much ahead of normal, Mr. Reed indicated.

### Little Reason to Fear an Income Tax Rate Expected to Hold

Washington.—In spite of the Hoover debt holiday proposal, which promises to add to the government's financial burden, there continues to be little reason for taxpayers to fear an increase in federal taxes at next winter's session of congress.

The close of the fiscal year shows a treasury deficit of somewhere near \$900,000,000. This deficit, the first since the war, will be followed by another of sizable proportions in the fiscal year 1931. The 1931 deficit will be increased by more than \$245,000,000 by the postponement of foreign debt payments.

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At the same time the government notified its war debt creditors, Great Britain and the United States, that the sums due to them on the same date were being held "awaiting instructions."

### France Refuses to Make Further Concessions.

Paris.—The senate, by a vote of 197 to 5, voted emphatic approval of Premier Laval's stand in the war debt moratorium negotiations with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, giving Laval a free hand so long as he does not exceed the 1931 rate.

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### MacDonald Calls for World Arms Reduction

London.—Prime Minister MacDonald, in his statistics of world armaments before the house of commons asked pledges of support from all political parties to a British policy of drastic reductions in naval, military and air forces at next February's disarmament conference.

His figures showed Great Britain to be the only world power which has reduced its naval and military expenditures in recent years, while the United States, France, Italy and Japan all were increasing theirs.

But Great Britain has gone as far as it can go unless the other nations follow suit, he said, expressing confidence that next year's disarmament conference will bring just such a development.

### Dog Saves Boy's Life From Enraged Bull

Keota, Iowa.—Beaver, a ten-year-old shepherd dog, is a hero on the Dan Kleinschmidt farm. Richard Poschick, twelve, who had come to the farm to spend the summer, was attacked by a vicious bull. The bull had knocked the boy down and was trampling him when the dog rushed to the rescue. The boy, though badly hurt, will recover.

### Rancher Kills Wife and Self

Ekolaka, Mont.—Bodies of Oliver M. Reiche and his wife, Pearl, were found at a ranch house 25 miles south of Ekolaka. Officers believed Reiche shot his wife and then killed himself with a rifle. A note indicated jealousy.

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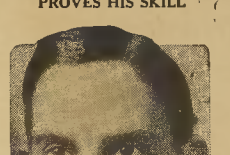
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The 22 young American school children who have been selected by the United States Flag Association as good will envoys, and who will visit various European countries as representatives of American youth, were received by Sir Ronald Lindsay, British ambassador to the United States, at the British embassy in Washington.

## MOST PROSPEROUS NATION IS FRANCE, FIGURES SHOW

Dr. Julius Klein Assembles Data Revealing Remarkable Progress in Past Few Years.

New York.—France is today the most prosperous nation in the world, according to figures assembled by Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce.

"In a world harassed by depression and economic anxiety, France's well-being is conspicuously impressive," Doctor Klein writes in *Collier's Weekly*. "Measured by almost every index, she has stood forth in the past few years as the most prosperous of nations.

"Until recently her unemployment has been practically nil, whereas the jobless armies in America, England, Germany and Italy, totaled this winter at their peak some 14,000,000 or more. Her per-capita gold holdings at this writing are about \$97, as

## against \$42 for Switzerland, \$39 for Argentina, \$34 for the United States, with England, Germany and Italy struggling far behind. In iron and steel exports, that great staple indicator of power in world trade, she has in the past five years stood at the head of the exporting nations.

In telegraph wire mileage, her people are now better equipped than any in Europe, with a per-capita average nearly three times that of Germany or Italy and 70 per cent greater than that of England. Her roads in proportion to population are likewise far and away the most adequate on the globe; her improved road mileage per 10,000 of population is 99, whereas that of the United States is 51, England 39, Germany 34 and Italy 28."

Here is the second greatest colonial empire on the globe and it is worth noting that practically all of its has been acquired since her debacle in 1871. The vital significance of that empire as an element in her present-day economic pre-eminence is all too frequently overlooked; indeed, her colonial commerce is the most important single factor in her external trade, outranking that of any other geographic entity both as a market and as a source of supply for the mother country.

There is more fiction in fact than there is fact in fiction.