## **ERMANY HOLDS AVIATION MARKS** as Two Records; U. S.,

## **Britain and France** Have One Each.

aris .- Despite the restrictions imied by the treaty of Versailles, ich were intended to cripple Gerny's air activities, Teuton airmen re passed the rest of the world in race for laurels. The annual ret of the International Aeronautic leration shows that Germany has en the lead in aerial progress and ds more records than any other na

'he federation's report reveals that five major records of the world, land and sea planes and dirigibles, held as follows at the end of 1929: peed-Great Britain.

ltitude-Germany.

listance (nonstop)-France. Juration without refueling - Ger-

Juration with refueling - United

tes. lermany's recovery is all the more arkable in that three years ago did not possess any of the world's ords which were at that time died between France and the United tes. Italy has completely disapred from the list after having held times the palms for speed and dis-

Coste and Bellonte Record.

merica is fortunate to possess her : record, for none of the European ions has ever disputed it. They e never attempted the spectacular and night flying for weeks necesy to better the mark of the St. is Robin

'he recent flight of Coste and Be. te from Paris across the whole of ope and Asia to Tzitsikar, in Manria, wrested from Italy her remainrecord. Previously Ferrarin and Prete were on the record book as ders of the distance mark with Ir flight from Italy to Brazil.

lying Officer R. L. R. Atcherley or at Britain has become the new ed king of the air in succession to h dashing pilots as America's Al liams, Italy's Maj. Mario de Berndi and Britain's Flying Officer ghorn.

tcherley flew as fast as a bullet win his world's record, attaining 8 kilometers, roughly 338 miles an r, in a seaplace in the Schneider ) race.

rance's Adjutant Bonnet holds the ld's speed record for land planes, te a bit under the mark set by British sea plane. The Bonnet k is 448.17 kilometers, approxiely 280 miles an hour, established

#### Information of Value in Old-Time Scrapbooks

Keeping a scrapbook is nothing like as common as it once was, but still a lot of folks cling to the old-time practice of preserving newspaper clippings, bits of poetry and other items of interest in this way. How the scrapbook hobby started no one appears to know, but for generations it has been customary to save things for ready reference.

The time was when nearly everybody kept a scrapbcok, and no doubt many filled volumes could be uncovered, hidden away among things seldom seen or used. The old-time scrapbook was called upon to settle many an argument, for often the scrapbook contained matter of a controversial nature. In the old days it was nothing uncommon for a public speaker to run afoul of a chronic scrapbook keeper.

Often the keeper of a scrapbook specialized in preserving matter of a certain kind, and the practice still is kept up. Scrapbooks of that type may be filled with a lot of valuable information pertaining to a specific subject. Often a scrapbook kept for a lifetime is an index to the character of the keeper, and in that way descendants have learned more of their orebears .- Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Old Structures High

#### as Modern Skyscraper

The skyscraper is probably our most striking achievement, says Emil Lorch, professor of architecture.

"Europeans are thrilled by its daring fusion of art and science and by the unusual street effects, and skyline created by these huge towerlike masses which rise here and there above our cities much as do the cathedrals over the lower and more even outlines of foreign towns.

"It must not be assumed, however, that high buildings are of recent or American origin.

"The Great pyramid of Egypt, built 4,500 years ago, was originally nearly 500 feet in height, with a base 760 by 760 feet, covering 13 acres, or an area equaling one-third that of the original campus of the University of Michigan. Its height equals that of a 45-story building. The interior of Beauvais cathedral is nearly 160 feet high; it 450 feet to the top of the dome of St. Peter's in Rome, a maximum masonry construction being for reached at about 500 feet in the towers of Cologne cathedral and in the Washington monument.

#### Hoards Found by Soldiers

Many hoards of ancient and medieval coins were found by soldiers during the World war while they were digging trenches. Not many years ago at Brescello there was dug up a hoard containing 80,000 pieces of gold, all dating between 46 and 38 B. C. Gold coins are the most desired by numismatists, because gold shows no effect from burial in the earth, whereas silver. especially if buried in volcanic soil, turns black or tends to mass or shows a crystalline change that makes it brittle. Bronze ten ls to oxidize or to become covered with an accretion of verdigris.

## **PARLIAMENT LOSES GIANT POLICEMAN**

Favorite Retires After Twenty Years of Service.

London .--- This is a story about a big man with a big record, about weights, lengths, measures, parliamentary procedure and dignified physical scuffles in the house of commons. In brief, about George Fulcher, weight 294 pounds, twenty years a policemap in the palace of Westminster.

Fulcher has retired. Fulcher not only was the most popular member of the parliamentary police staff. but also the most impressive. When he trod down the long medieval, dimly lighted corridors the whole British empire, with the possible exception of Australia, knew about it.

He was particularly useful in the event of an occasional row within the sacred precincts of the house. All Fulcher had to do was to walk right into the dozen or so rioters and it was then only a question of the old irresistible force against whatever obiect stood in the way.

Fulcher knew hundreds, thousands, even, of M. P.s, for it must be recalled that Fulcher was a fixture in the house of commons while M. P.s are not. But Stanley Baldwin probably could tell you more about it.

House of commons police have a bigger beat to cover than many of the metropolitan police out on the streets. They have two miles of corridors to cover on each floor. In some respects the house is like the Grand Central station. There are shops where one may buy postel cards. There are innumerable restaurants for all manner of folk. There are visrestaurants, members' restau-Itors' rants and employees' restaurants.

Then there are innumerable tearooms, and, in the words of a prominent lady M. P., all bad.

All these things tend to make Fulcher yearn for his old job. So much so that according to recent reports the former big man of the house has become a mere shadow of his former self and is said to weigh but a mere 280 pounds, having lost a full stone since he left the dignified portals of Westminster palace.

## Russia Plans System

for Banking Salaries Moscow .- The wages of all workers and employees in the Soviet union may soon be automatically deposited in savings banks to their accounts, to be drawn upon as needed.

A project to that effect is now being worked out by the state planning commission with every prospect of confirmation by the council of people's commissars.

The scheme is intended to encourage thrift. Instead of urging the population, as heretofore, to deposit sur- perature must decrease rather rapidly

#### Nature Gave Great Auk No Method of Defense

## The Great Auk or gare-fowl was the only bird in the northern hemis-

phere that could not fly. In general appearance it resembled the penguin. It was about as large as a goose, was black on its head and back and white beneath. Its legs were very far back so it stood almost upright, having, on land, the appearance of sitting on its tall. It ranged from the Bay of Biscay to Greenland and was found in greatest numbers on certain rocky islands near Iceland and Newfoundland. It was quite helpless against enemies on land and was killed largely for the sake of its feathers. The last known example was killed in 1844. Its eggs are highly valued by collectors, sometimes bringing as high as \$1,500. There are only about seventy examples known. The great auk was the biggest of a large family in the species, comprising guillemots or murres and puffins. They breed in vast mixed communities on cliff ledges from Greenland, Iceland and Spitzbergen to the St. Lawrence, Maine and northwestern Europe. They lay a large blotched egg pointed at one end so it tends to roll in a circle, thus not

falling from the ledge.

#### **Bilingualism** in Africa Amusing to Americans

One of the first features to strike an American visitor to South Africa is the country's bilingualism. As he steps off the boat at Cape Town he is confronted by the double admonition, "No Smoking-Nie Rook Nie." Walking up Adderley street, principal thoroughfare of the city, he is told to "Keep to the left-Links houden." If he wants to mail a letter back home he must by a "stamp-poseel," and if he buys more than one stamp he will find that while one is inscribed "South Africa," the next is marked "Suidafrika." At the railroad station he will find that the name of the city is given as Cape Town and Kaapstad, and the dining cars are labeled "Dining car-Eetsaloon" on a railroad known both as South African railways and Suid Afrigannse Spoorweg. And so on. Every official or semiofficial notice in the union is printed in two languages -English and Afrikaans. Meanwhile the Englishman grumbles about having to pay extra taxes to meet the cost of reprinting notices in Afrikaans, and the Dutchman wonders why the ex-

## pense of using English as well as his own language should be tolerated.

#### Thunderstorms

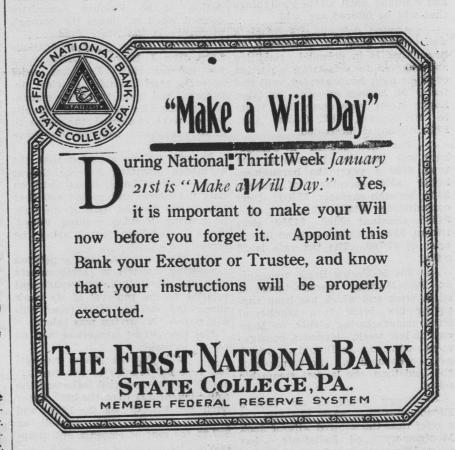
The thunderstorm is owing to the rapid vertical convection of air containing a large amount of water vapor. The lower air must, therefore, be rather warm. say 70 degrees F. or over. else it would not carry the requisite amount of water vapor, and the tem-



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#### [stres in December, 1924 Texas Mark Stands.

here is no competition for land ies such as the Schneider cup for planes, and this may account for difference in the records. merica's only record is still in the les of Reginald Robbins and James

ly, who stayed in the air over Fort rth in a monoplane for 172 hours minutes in May, 1929. The later formances which bettered that time e not been submitted to the fedtion for registering, so for the pres-

the Texas record stands. he records Germany holds are for tude, Willi Neuenhofen rising 12,meters in a monoplane at Dessau May 26, 1929. and for nonrefueling stop duration, when Ristics and merman kept a Junkers aloft for ours 25 minutes in July, 1928. ermany has captured also every ortant gliding record in existence, holds, among others. three free oon records, altitude and distance, of them of long standing. The ? Zeppelin brought her more hon-

in the world flight, but there is ecognized record for this.

### 29 a Healthful Year Despite Flu Epidemic

ew York .- In spite of the influenza lemic during the first three months he year, 1929 has been a healthy so far, statisticians of the Metrotan Life Insurance company have ounced. At that the years 1928 and made better health records from lary to September, the period ch has just been surveyed for the ent year.

eart disease is still the leading e of death. Encouraging decreases rred in the tuberculosis and maity death rates, while that for theria was the lowest recorded in history of the company. This is idered due to the intensive antitheria campaigns waged during nt years by "a"ious health depart-

incer and diabetes showed insed death rates and the mortality automobile accidents increased by tenth over that of the same period 1928.

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#### **Rent-a-Gun Agency**

**New Crime Service** New York .-- A new wrinkle crime was discovered by poice recently-the gun garage there a revolver can be rented. sed for a "job" and returned. small deposit is required. ith the understanding that art of the proceeds from the job" go to the renting agency.

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#### **Diamond Splitters**

The business of the diamond "splitter" is a dying trade. By an intimate knowledge of the same's construction this person was enabled to split a diamond as a preparation for economical cutting, and when this was done successfully a considerable saving on labor and material resulted. At one time every establishment where diamonds were cut had one of these experts, but modern methods have dispensed with the hand-splitting operations. and while there are several diamond cutting plants in New York there are but three splitters and there is not work enough for this trio.

#### Comfort in the Desert

A train ride through some of the southwestern country. often very unpleasant on account of the intense heat, is to be made more tolerable by the use of railroad coaches that have been made heatproof to a considerable degree. A special window glass is made use of which cuts off much of the heat of the sunshine. It also cuts off some of the light, but in this open country there will be sufficient for all purposes. The woodwork of the car is also treated to resist the action of heat.

#### **Radium Minerals**

The principal minerals containing the uranium and therefore radium are pitchblende. carnotite and autunite. The first of these consists of the oxide of uranium, more or less pure, and it is found principally in Czechoslovakia and in the Belgian Kongo. The second is a vanadate of uranium and potassium. It is mined in Colorado, Utah and Australia. The third is a phosphate of uranium and calcium and is mined in Portugal and the United States

#### Phone's Importance

What would this nation be without the telephone? We enjoy its maxirum development here. The time-saving resulting from its use is so great that it cannot be figured. It is one of the chief reasons why the United States, one of the largest nations in territory, but with only 110,000,000 population. can show such recordbreaking achievements and development in all sections---there is no isolation .- St. Louis County Messenger.

plus funds in the banks, the surplus will under the new arrangement re-

main in the banks automatically. Incidentally it will greatly simplify che process of paying out wages. Every trust, co-operative, etc., will deposit a lump sum in the savings banks which will at regular intervals transfer the necessary amounts to the accounts of wage earners.

Millions of new savings accounts thus opened will also give the Soviet government additional capital for its enormous industrial program.

### Perhaps Here's Where **Modernist Art Started**

Carlsbad, N. M .- A painted grotto, colorful as an Indian blanket has just been found in the Guadalupe mountains, New Mexico. A race, extinct 40 centuries ago, used this huge niche in the canyon wall for a living room. In the half-light were discerned a strange medley of paintings-red, yellow, white, black-along the wall for 80 feet. Both the side and a portion of the ceiling are covered.

A 40-foot serpent was outlined in a series of small white triangles stretched horizontally, other large snakes, in solid yellow, run from floor to ceiling. Paintings of other similar reptiles appear to have been started, but left unfinished.

Flat blocks of rocks, the size of a billiard table, lie along the floor; corn was ground on these.

#### **Paris to Name Street**

### for Ambassador Herrick

Paris .- "To recall to future generations the gratitude they owe Amerlca's great ambassador," a new street in Paris is soon to be named Herrick. It is the extension of Avenue Victor Emmanuel III, through to Rue de Courcelles, and promises to be a smart shopping and residence thoroughfare. A project to raise a monument of Ambassador Myron T. Herrick somewhere in the middle of the street is before the council.

## Largest English Lifeboat

to Aid Channel Planes Hampton-on-Thames, England. -England's new lifeboat, considered the largest in the world, which was recently launched here is now stationed at Dover to assist Channel planes. The lifeboat is the first specificaly adapted to help airplanes coming down at sea. The craft has a speed of about 18 knots.

#### Anything to Oblige!

Enfield, England.-Charles Collings, sixty-three, struck by a skidding automobile, was knocked into the fromt yard of a doctor, who treated him for a fractured leg.

with increase of height, eise would be but little or no convection. Now, in the summer time the humidity in Oregon and Washington is rather low. Hence thunderstorms generally are improbable. In the winter time, when most of the rains come, the surface commonly is too cool to set up vigorous vertical convection. Hence thunderstorms are not likely. Thunderstorms are not frequent in Oregon and Washington any time of the yesr. Thunderstorms occur very infrequently in California.

#### Scientific Fishing The fisherman of today writes

"Looker-on" in the London Daily Chronicle, is something of a scientist when compared with his prototype of a few decades ago, for he now carries a thermometer when going to fish. It has been proved that certain fish frequent waters of a particular temperature, hence if the nature of the water is known preparations can be made most suited to the kind of catch that is expected. Cod, for example, have a preference for water of 62 degrees, and from near the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, where the water is of this temperature, enormous quantitles of these fish have been caught.

#### **Telephone Courtesy**

A western hospital has made itselt known as a "friendly place." largely through its attention to telephone Superintendents know how calls. many calls come in each day and how anxious most of the people are who make inquiry concerning some relative or friend. This hospital has realized that this is the time to treat people the most carefully in order to make a good impression .- The Modern Hospital, Chicago. Ill.

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#### Imposing Title

Titles of early American text books were not composed with the though: of brevity uppermost in the mind of the composer, it would appear from the title given an English reader of 1841, which was: "Elegant Selections in Prose and Poetry Designed to Improve the Highest Class of Learners in Reading to Establish a Taste for Just and Accurate Composition, and to Promote the Interests of Piety and Virtue."-Detroit News.

## Farm Life of Other Days

A pleasant picture of American rural life as reported in the Farm Journal of November, 1879: "The tobacco has all been gathered

in and the farmers are busy cutting corn and seeding. Their wives are making pumpkin pies. The big boys are after the girls. The little boys are after the muskrats."



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