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BOOTLEGGERS IN POLITICS

CAN local politics in the United States be de-alcoholized? No more important question exists in the country today. Every serious-minded journalist who sets down to write the truth as he finds it in regions affected by a war-and-dry war is appalled at the effect that whisky money exerts in defense of the gang system.

DEMOCRATS AND COAL

IT IS the function of minority representatives in Congress to criticize the routine work of the majority. But the Democrats in the House, standing solidly in opposition to the Winslow bill, under which it is proposed to authorize the President to establish a fact-finding coal commission, are doing a rather different kind of work.

A CENTRAL AMERICAN VICTORY

EVENTFUL to a degree imperfectly indicated in the modest advance announcements was the meeting on board the United States cruiser Tonawanda held on Sunday night between representatives of Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador and the American Ministers to those nations.

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of strayed sheep to be treated with tolerance and even pity. Such a state of mind in Ireland would be extremely perilous. To the outside world looking on at this strange domestic tragedy in a country rent by a conflict of emotions it seems that there must be something terribly unsafe and unstable about a governmental administration that could treat with Tom Hales, the slayer of its ranking chief.

ROLLING DOWN TO RIO SHOULD BE REAL VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

Mr. Hughes' Trip to Brazil Contains the Possibilities of an Authentic and Inspiring Understanding in the New World. IRREPROACHABLY courteous in expression was the typewritten statement distributed by Mr. Hughes, as he stepped aboard the splendid liner Pan America, en route for the century fair in Rio de Janeiro.

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WE HAD GLIDERS HERE

People seem to think motorless airplane is new thing, but Philadelphia had it twelve years ago. RECENT news reels in the motion-picture houses have given Philadelphiaans virtually front-row seats at the contest held in France for gliders, or airplanes without motors, and still later news from Germany, including this new record of more than three hours in the air made by a student, has centered a good deal of interest on this phase of aviation.

The most astonishing thing about it to the man who has followed the development of airplanes from the beginning is the widespread impression among the public that this is something entirely new in man's efforts to conquer the air. This impression was unmistakable to any one who sat in a motion-picture house and heard the comments of the people about him as the gliders were shown in flight.

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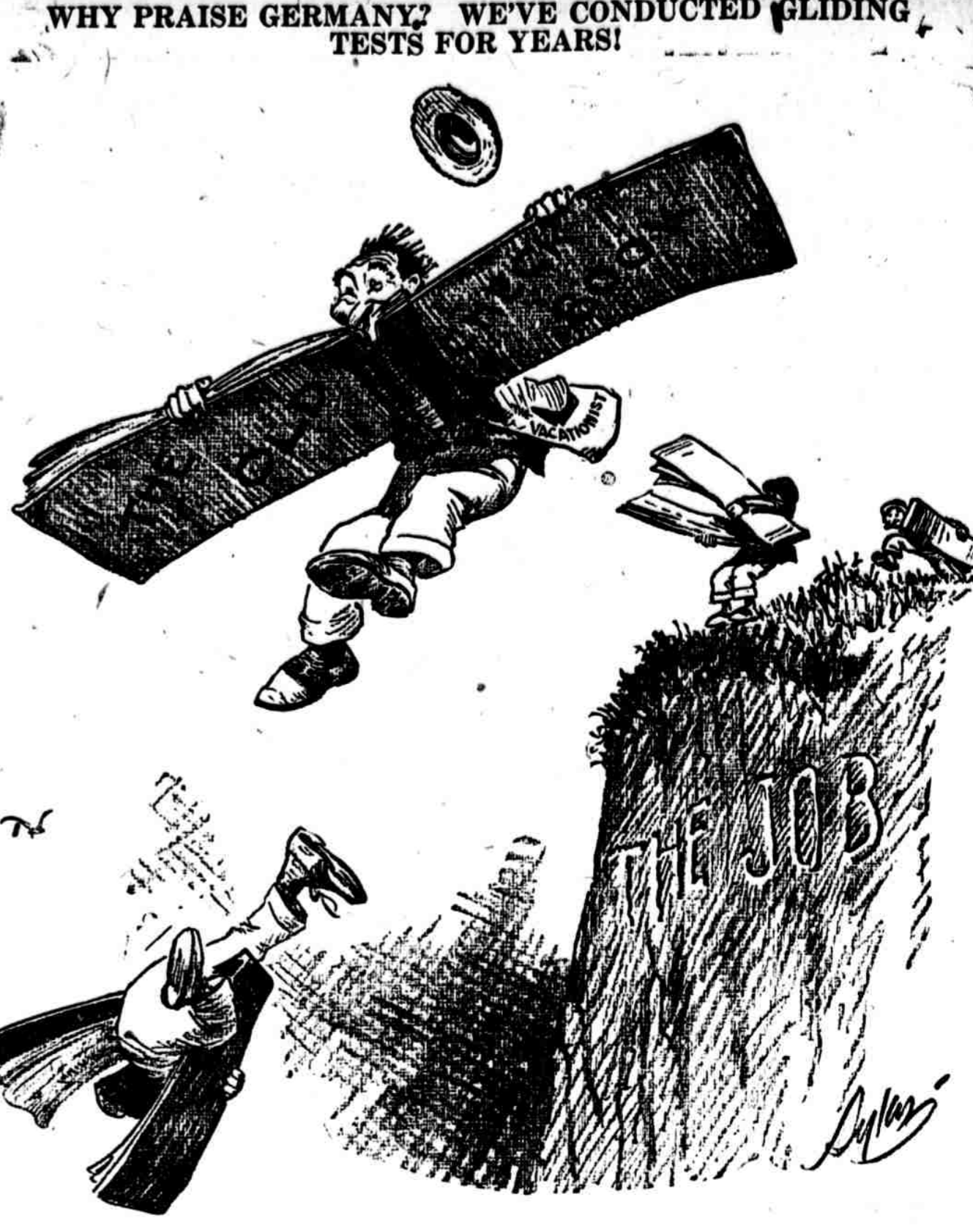
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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best. SAMUEL B. ECKERT On an Aviation Field for Philadelphia

AN AVIATION field big enough and central enough to accommodate the needs of the City of Philadelphia is one of the developments which the not-too-distant future will have to bring about, according to Samuel B. Eckert, chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Time Saving the Chief Thing

Early commercial aviation development must look to time saving more than any other one element for its support. It is hopeless to look for success if two of the four hours saved between Philadelphia and New York are to be lost in coming to and going from an airfield.

No Accidents Occurred

There were no accidents of any kind in the year for which this record was made, and it comprised a total of 671 official trips. This shows the extent to which the great cities of Europe are using the airplane as a means of inter-city communication.

Effect of Sesqui-Centennial

I believe that the Sesqui-Centennial will do much to stimulate air travel in this city. In Paris at the present time the number of passengers arriving and departing runs into the thousands; it is a fact today in the French capital, what will be the number of daily arrivals in Philadelphia during the year of the exposition?

Curious Evidence of a War Loss

From the Quebec Chronicle. An insurance company, according to a nautical magazine, refused to pay a policy on a British vessel, the Hydra, which disappeared in 1917, on the ground that there was no proof forthcoming that the ship had been lost by war risks.

Port Tobacco Passes

From the Baltimore News. Gone is the ancient town of Port Tobacco—Portobacco of the eighteenth century—the "metropolis" of Charles in the days of the Revolution. Three or four decades ago the Potomac founded it on an estuary of the noble river, and its fame as a shipping point for the Colonists once extended across the Atlantic.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. Who has succeeded Michael Collins as head of the National Army of the Free State?
2. Where and what is the Alamo?
3. What is a trapezium?
4. What is meant by a Protean actor?
5. What play by Shakespeare has ancient Troy for its scene?
6. What is the origin of that personification of property, Mrs. Grundy?
7. What is meant by "Hausmannian"?
8. What is the "Midas touch"?
9. What is the occupation of a Jivey?
10. Who was the ancient goddess of chastity and vengeance?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. The best steamship time between New York and San Francisco is twelve days and a few hours, recently made by the President.
2. The French and Indian War ended with the Treaty of Paris in 1763.
3. The Boston News Letter, established in 1764, is the oldest permanent newspaper in America.
4. The presidential administration of Andrew Jackson was described by his political opponents, the Whigs, as a "swamp."
5. San Pedro is the seaport of Los Angeles.
6. Stephen Glover, an English song writer (1812-1870), wrote the old song "What Are the Wild Waves Saying?"
7. Three plays by Goethe are "Faust," "Götz von Berlichingen" and "Egmont."
8. Noah's Ark was made of so-called gopher wood. Just what this was is not known, but opinion vacillates between cedar and cypress.
9. Ancient Alexandria, because of its magnificent libraries, was known as "The Mother of Books."
10. "Let us return to our mittens" is from the French Revolution. It is a nos moulineux. The phrase, now familiar to us in the sense of "Let us change the subject," is taken from an old French play, "L'Advocat" by Petelin, in which a woolen-drafter charges a shepherd with stealing a sheep. In describing his grievance he continually derides the subject and to throw discredit on the defendant's witness, accused him of stealing a piece of cloth. The shepherd reminded him of his irrelevances, with the remark: "Let us return to our mittens." But my friend, let us return to our mittens.

Today's Anniversaries

- 1813—Beginning of the battle of Dresden between the Allies under the Prince of Schwarzenberg and the French under Napoleon.
1822—James W. King, chief engineer of the United States Atlantic blockading fleet in the Civil War, born in Baltimore. Died in Philadelphia June 9, 1905.
1852—Congress granted the State of Michigan 259,000 acres of land for the purpose of constructing a ship canal between Lakes Huron and Superior.
1862—John B. Flood, Secretary of War in the Buchanan Cabinet, died near Lexington, Va. Born at Blacksburg, Va. June 1, 1807.
1872—George Upfold, first Episcopal bishop of Indiana, died at Indianapolis, Ind. in England May 7, 1796.
1921—Assassination of Matthias Erasmberger, former German Chancellor.

Today's Birthdays

- Lee De Forest, noted pioneer in wireless telegraphy and telephony, now seeking to perfect talking motion pictures, born at Connetquot, N. Y., forty-nine years ago.
Joseph T. Robinson, United States Senator from Arkansas, born at Lonoke, Ark., fifty years ago.
Edgar R. Kieess, Representative in Congress from England, May 7, 1796.
Robert T. Moton, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, born in Virginia fifty-five years ago.

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