

Air Transport Grows Rapidly

Washington.—The development of the aeronautics and air transport industry during the three years' life of the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce has been "among this country's outstanding achievements," Secretary of Commerce Lamont declared recently in surveying the present state of development of the industry.

"With the increasing interest being shown in this subject by the general public, there is every reason to believe that the immediate future will bring forth even greater accomplishments," he added.

Secretary Lamont predicted "the foundations have been laid for a great transportation system over which swift aerial carriers will bear their cargoes of mail, express and passengers to every corner of the globe."

Outlook for Big 1929 Record.
A statistical estimate of the condition of the industry appended to Secretary Lamont's statement indicated

that if the present rapid growth in air transport operations continues during the remainder of 1929 will exceed the total for the last three years.

The report estimated that the mileage flown by air transport operators for the first half of 1929 would total 8,000,000 miles as against 10,500,000 for all of 1928, 5,870,480 for 1927 and 4,318,087 for 1926.

The average of miles flown daily by air transport operators for the first half of the year, estimated to be 70,000 miles, is almost three times as great as the average for all of 1928, which was 23,000, more than four times the average of 10,883 miles for 1927 and almost seven times the average of 10,830 miles for 1926.

Thirty Thousand Miles of Airways.
The total length of the airways network, estimated now to be 30,000 miles, has jumped from a total of 16,637 miles at the close of 1928; 8,121 miles at the close of 1927, and 8,404

miles at the close of 1926. Ten thousand miles of airways, or one-third of the total, are lighted, as compared with 6,988 at the close of 1928; 4,468 at the close of 1927, and 2,041 at the end of 1926.

The greatest increases were shown for the income-producing activities of air transport companies. It was estimated that 40,000 passengers were carried during the first six months of 1929, as against 35,000 in all of 1928, 8,679 in 1927, and 5,872 in 1926. Total mail carried was computed at 3,400,000 pounds, as against 4,061,210 pounds in 1928, 1,654,165 in 1927, and 810,853 in 1926. Express volume was fixed at 1,200,000, as against 2,000,000 for 1928.

There are now 45 companies operating air transport lines, compared to 37 at the close of 1928, 19 at the close of 1927, and 14 at the close of 1926. They have 400 airplanes in service, an increase from 300 at the close of 1928, 128 at the close of 1927, and 69 at the close of 1926.

Colorful Suit



Here is a colorful suit of gray and rose. The jumper is sleeveless and fashioned in a circular style in the gray silk. The short jacket shows a printed scarf, while a rose hosiery and rose-colored socks further carry out the color of the suit.

Thought for Today

What is done at home will always have its influence—and its revelations—in the life outside.

Uniform Marriage Laws Needed?

New York.—Eleven states of the Union still permit girls of twelve to marry. In several states marriage licenses are issued by mail, without the appearance of either prospective bride or groom before the license clerk.

In many places the license clerk is dependent upon the fees he receives for his entire pay, and consequently he issues licenses promiscuously and without questions.

There are at least 57 "marriage market" towns in the United States where law is so lax that justices of the peace and "marrying parsons" advertise that ceremonies will be performed at any time of day or night, and no questions asked.

These conditions, brought to light in the recent survey conducted by the Russell Sage Foundation, explain a big percentage of the constantly increasing number of American divorcees, according to F. Emerson Andrews, who analyzes the foundation's report in the current issue of the North American Review.

Approximately 700,000 persons in the United States, it was found, have participated in marriages involving girls under sixteen. Hundreds of thousands of others have taken advantage of these lax conditions to marry bigamously, or while intoxicated, or while mentally or physically incompetent.

Practically 100 per cent of such marriages, Mr. Andrews points out, are doomed to end in the divorce courts.

The states where marriages of girls of twelve are permitted are Maine, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia, Colorado and Idaho. Twenty-four states, including such highly developed commonwealths as

New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania, still recognize the common law marriage, in which a man and woman may live together under a mere secret agreement between themselves.

Adoption and enforcement of uniform marriage laws throughout the country could quickly check the rising tide of divorce at its source, it is shown. Recommendations for such laws, made by the Russell Sage Foundation investigators and published in the North American Review article are:

1. Raise the minimum age for marriage to 16 years everywhere. 2. Re-

quire a notice of intention to marry to be filed five days before the license may be issued. 3. Issue licenses at regular hours only, on the basis of proved age and in the town or county where the bride or groom resides. 4. Abolish the fee system for payment of license clerks. 5. Abolish the fee system for the civil solemnization of marriage by justices. 6. Let religious bodies establish in theological seminaries thorough instruction regarding marriage laws, and deal rightly with the commercial practices of "marrying parsons." 7. Establish a bureau of marriage law supervision in each state.

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Renege on "Kissless Marriages"

Los Angeles, Calif.—Flaming youth's latest innovation, the "kissless," platonic marriage, has been tried in Los Angeles.

And did it work? Well, perhaps the two young men selected for the experiment were not esthetic enough. They appeared in local courts and asked to be released from their college girl wives and their new style of matrimony. Both were granted annulments on the grounds that they had been defrauded.

The two girls, who had attempted to revolutionize marriage and substitute an ideal platonic relationship

sans all caresses, did not appear in court to witness the failure of their experiment.

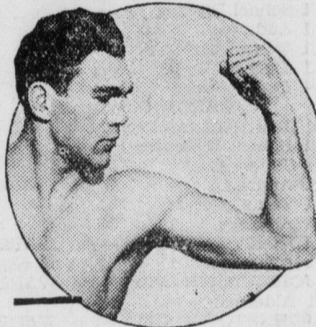
"It was a great little plan, but that was all," said A. A. Anderson, one of the young husbands.

When he appeared in Judge Leonard Wilson's court he told how he had lived with his wife for two years and had never received a kiss or a caress.

"She told me that she loved me, but she just would not kiss me," he explained. "Kisses," she said, "were repulsive to her."

Almost simultaneously Richard V.

Schmeling Defeats Uzcudun



Max Schmeling, young German fighter, who whipped Paulino Uzcudun in their 15-round bout at the Yankee stadium, New York.

Watson, a young banker, was relating a similar story in the court of Judge Elliott Craig.

"I met her at a University of Southern California sorority dance," Watson said. "She was the prettiest girl there. She seemed to care for me. We were married in two days."

"Then I discovered her strange ideas about marriage. She refused to kiss me. Kissing was degrading to women; it typifies the degradation of the female to the male, she said. I lived with her for half a year and could not change her viewpoint."

ON BEING WELL

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So many things we take for granted in life—regular food, clothing, health

—and taking them for granted, we very seldom feel any sense of thankfulness or appreciation of these things which are regularly ours. I have seldom ever been hungry excepting for an hour or two in my life. I have always had adequate clothing, though at times I have wished it were more elegant or of greater variety, and as for illness, there has never been a time in my life when I was considered seriously ill. I've had aches and pains and an occasional ache or pain for a day or two, and that is as much as I know about real illness. I come and go as most of you do, never giving much consideration as to how I feel, what I shall eat or what I shall drink or wherewithal I shall be clothed. These things have never been matters to require serious consideration.

But not all people are so lucky. Sam has been lying in a hospital at most ever since I came to know him four years ago. He is an ambitious young fellow, who had every likelihood of doing something worth while until disease got a grip on him and

sent him to bed where he has been lying all these months. He has a good prospect of some day being well but no one knows exactly when. It will take time and patience and self-sacrifice on his part. Until health comes he must lie quietly and take things as they come, and amuse himself as he may. There is little he can do.

His bed is by an open window, and the view outside is a very restricted one. A road passes near by obscured by shrubbery, but occasionally he can see a motor car scurrying by or a pedestrian moving slowly along the road as he himself longs to do. The strip of lawn in view of his window grows green in the spring; flowers are planted in the small beds scattered about and gladden his eye with their color. The grass grows brown and dead as winter comes on; snow covers the ground at intervals, and all the time Sam is lying looking out upon this circumscribed scene. He has been a very active boy, too, before his illness. He has memories of athletic games in which he excelled, of long walks along pleasant shady roads, of cantering over the prairies on horseback, and these recollections make his enforced imprisonment the more galling.

He would be happier sometimes, he thinks, if he were alone with a few games and a book or two and his own thoughts, but he is surrounded by peo-

Father Sage Says

Any vice must make up its mind that it is going to be attacked in all sorts of illogical ways as well as logical ones.

Her Slogan Won

Miss Marion Boyd, seventeen, of Detroit, Mich., with the certificate which President Hoover presented to her for her winning slogan, "This is your country—beautify it." The contest was conducted by the Art Center of New York sponsored by Mrs. J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the prize was a trip to Washington.

Dreams of Disaster, Killed on Same Day

Buffalo, N. Y.—Mrs. Estelle Schoover, fifty, told her husband at the breakfast table that a dream she had during the night was a premonition that disaster would overtake one of them before 24 hours had passed.

Arriving home after work, Schoover failed to find his wife. Deciding to go to a corner store he walked past a group of persons standing over a prostrate body lying on the trolley tracks. It proved to be that of his wife. She had been killed by a traction car.

YOUTHS CONFESS TO MANY MURDERS

Seek Revenge for Loss of Relatives in Russia.

Moscow.—Having murdered a few "Whites" in their village from motives of political revenge, four young Communists in the Chita district of Siberia, now under arrest, acquired a taste for the game and blossomed into ordinary bandits, according to their confession to the police.

The boys were arrested last August but the details of their strange career of crime, over a period of four years, have just been made public. The Chita region was devastated by years of civil warfare after the 1917 revolution especially through the activities of Ataman Sazonoff, and this is one of innumerable tragedies that can be traced back to that chaotic period.

The four boys—Gruzin, Filonoff, Peribonoff and Pritypoff—had been mere children when the waves of civil strife rolled over their native village of Aksha. All of them had lost relatives at the hands of the White invaders.

In 1924 they joined the Communist youth organization in a group and became among the most fervid propagandists against the rich peasants and White sympathizers. But words did not satisfy them. Finding that the Communists were opposed to acts of individual terror, they decided to take the law into their own hands.

One night a hand grenade was thrown into the house of a village who had served under General Senhoff. Several persons were injured and the perpetrator of the crime remained a mystery to Aksha inhabitants. Then a rich peasant known to be anti-Soviet was mysteriously murdered. Others followed, the victims being always Whites. The whole series of murders, it now appears, was carried out by the four friends.

Fighter Fined, Then Chooses Not to Appeal

Portland, Ore.—William McConnell and L. B. Thompson, neighbors, fought to a draw here recently.

They carried their fight into court and both lost.

"It is the judgment of the court that both of you are equally guilty of assault and battery. The fine will be \$10 in each case," said Judge Means.

Thompson agreed to pay the fine, but there was some doubt as to whether McConnell would until the Judge spoke up again.

McConnell wanted to appeal his case. He was informed that no appeal could be taken when the fine is less than \$20.

"I'll be good to you and make the fine \$50, so you can appeal," Judge Means said.

No appeal was filed.

5-Day Sentence Worries Man Serving 5 Years

San Quentin Prison, Calif.—Louis Righetti, twenty-six, serving five years to life for conviction in San Francisco on three counts of highway robbery, is one of those persons who believes in crossing bridges before he gets to them.

Louis confessed to prison officials that it wasn't the five years to life that caused him to be worried.

No, Louis is worried because when he eventually is freed from state's prison he must serve a five-day sentence in the Alameda county jail for reckless driving. He was convicted in San Francisco on the more serious charge before he could start serving the sentence for an automobile law infraction.

Ownership of Goose Decided by Barnyard

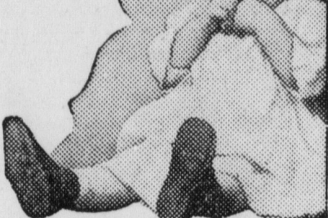
Lackawanna, N. Y.—Two women appeared in court here to claim possession of a goose, and it was only by a unique decision that the claim was properly settled.

The goose was taken first to one home and allowed to walk in the yard. Here the goose seemed at a loss. Shortly after it was carried to the second home and left alone. It strayed in a coop in the yard and honked away merrily. The court decided to award the fowl to the second woman.

Fined Them Both

Taunton, Mass.—Can two men drive the same automobile at the same time? An affirmative answer to this question cost Edward Collins and William Goran \$100 each in court here. Unable to determine which was operating the automobile, the judge fined both on charges of drunken driving.

What Will you do



When your Children Cry for It

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Faith of Small Girl

Upset by Daisy Test

Rev. Earl Anderson, of Dallas, who was recently jailed for contempt of court—he kept on building a Fundamentalist temple in violation of a court injunction—has a happy knack of sharpening his points by means of anecdote. Mr. Anderson said in a recent Y. M. C. A. address:

"The men who try to define and explain God are as foolish as little Ethel. 'Little Ethel, the foolish child, hurried from the garden crying. 'Why, Ethel, what's the matter?' said her mother. 'Did a wasp sting you or something?' 'No, muvver,' little Ethel sobbed, 'but I've just found out God doesn't love me.' 'Foolish, foolish child!' said the mother. 'How could you find out such a thing as that? God does love you, of course.' 'No, He doesn't,' little Ethel sobbed. 'I tried Him with a daisy.'"

Danger of Smartness

"You have said a great many smart things. So clever a girl should easily find a husband."

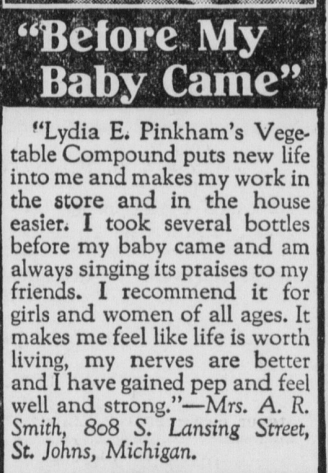
"On the contrary," said Miss Cayenne, "no girl is likely to be in request for marriage who displays her sarcasm in advance."

Nothing that the ancients ever had catered to human nature as a 10-cent store does.

Nature has no promise for society, least of all, any remedy for sin.—Horace Bushnell.

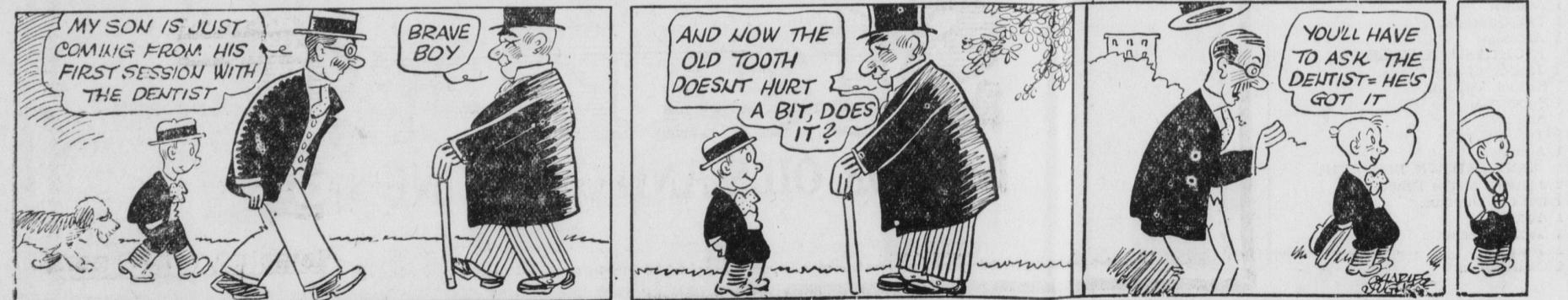
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SUCH IS LIFE — Ask and Ye Shall Find Out



By Charles Sughroe