

SUCH IS LIFE — That's Different



By Charles Sughroe

FUEL COST PROBLEM IS NEAR SOLUTION

Passenger Carrying May Be Made Profitable.

Chicago.—Air transportation, following the tremendous expansion program of the year just closing, is casting about for some means of cutting down the heavy fuel bill, and is looking to the development of the Diesel engine to reduce operating costs to the point where increased passenger traffic does not present the problem of an increasing deficit, says David Rottorf in the Chicago News.

Survey Planes Find Big Lake in Alaska

Washington.—With the aid of airplanes, a lake as been discovered in Alaska which it is estimated will develop 45,000 horsepower without even building a dam, it was reported to the Navy department by Lieut. Com. Arthur W. Rudford, who was in command of an aerial survey in Alaska last summer.

As seen from the air the lake is on the eastern shore of Taku inlet between Greeley point and Jaw point, about twelve and a half miles from the beach. It has an area of 900 acres and the water leaves the basin with a fall so abrupt that a dam would not be needed, his report states.

Results of the aerial survey are expected to be of prime importance to departments of the government interested in mineral resources of Alaska, water and power supply and trail building activities.

PAY FOR MARINES DROPPED BY PLANES

How the Leathernecks in Nicaragua Get Money.

Washington.—There would be no pay days in Nicaragua for many of the United States Marines but for the airplane.

At isolated outposts, out in the bush, looking for bandits' nests and in danger of being "stuck-up" at any time by outlaws, there is one bright spot every four weeks in the lives of the leathernecks. This is when the paymaster's plane hovers overhead and drops the month's pay roll. With their money, all in small change, the marines at the first opportunity go out foraging in the native settlements for chickens and eggs.

The Marine corps paymasters have been confronted with an old problem ever since they have been in Nicaragua; how to deliver money promptly to scattered detachments in isolated localities, where the ordinary means of communication are difficult and dangerous, and sometimes next to impossible. The men must be paid promptly, or their morals and military efficiency might suffer.

Information gained from the company discloses that the new Diesel had been given exhaustive tests during the summer and fall and that more than 600 hours have been consumed in tests from which data of inestimable value to the air industry has been gained.

The Diesel type showed a weight reduction of over 20 per cent over the gasoline driven motor, and 33 per cent less in fuel volume is required while there is a 75 per cent saving in fuel cost.

MAY FLY PACIFIC

Uniform Regulations by States Needed

Adoption by the various states and territories of the United States of the air regulations prescribed by the Department of Commerce is today one of the crying needs of aviation.

A survey recently made by the Department of Commerce shows an already bewildering variety of regulations by the different states. Only 21 of the 52 states, territories, districts and insular possessions of the United States required federal licenses for all aircraft and airmen, according to Clarence M. Young, assistant secretary of commerce for aviation.

Of the remaining 31, ten require federal licenses only for aircraft and airmen engaged in commercial flying, six require either state or federal licenses for all aircraft and airmen, six more require state licenses exclusively for all aircraft and airmen, while nine states require no license of any kind.

130 Coast Guards Check on Airplanes

Washington.—One hundred and thirty coast guard stations along the Atlantic coast now are furnishing checking service to private airplanes. The service, established in May, consists of taking a record of the airplane's number, speed and time sighted as it passes the station and forwarding the information to the next station. To date no planes which availed themselves of the service have been lost. It is planned to establish additional stations along the New England coast and Pacific and Gulf coasts if future demands prove heavy enough.

Colors Flyers See

The colors seen when flying form one of its strong fascinations, in addition to the sense of power that aviation gives. Much has been said recently of distance, speed, cleanliness and safety in aeronautics. Little about the joys of color and of beauty. Pale green and gold, for example, are the prevailing notes when flying high on an early morning over salt marshes in New Jersey. Canals and narrow waterways are a shining silver. Cobalt blues, warm purples, emerald greens and jade appear amazingly from above, on a sea that at beach level looks a neutral pastel. But, as in automobilizing, the passengers—not the pilots—benefit chiefly.

Parisian Art Dealers "Stung"

Paris.—This is a new version of the story about what happens when Greek meets Greek.

There came a few days ago into the bewildering whirl of Paris a simple Greek peasant from the misty, myth enshrouded isle of Delphos, where all that is known of art is centered in the surviving work of Greeks of many centuries ago.

When the Greek youth descended from the train he was met by a fellow countryman, an ex-officer in the Greek army, a man of wide knowledge and great warm heartedness. He hurried his young compatriot to the hotel, where they had arranged to stay and there the innocent youth from Delphos revealed the treasure, the only one which he had brought from Greece with him. It was a Greek statue in gold.

As the ex-officer explained when he went about the experts next day trying to sell the statue—for the peasant was anxious to realize its worth—the thing was a glittering piece of Grecian beauty. And when interested would-be purchasers asked to see it, the officer replied:

"But you must come to my hotel. My young countryman is suspicious of the worldly wise people of Paris. He will not allow the statue to leave his possession."

So two of the would-be buyers went along to the hotel and gazed with

dazzled eyes upon the work of art. Never had they seen such a gem. "May we take the statue away with us to examine the gold?" they asked. The Greek peasant frankly shook his head. Never that. The statue was all he had in the world. He could not afford to risk letting it out of his sight. But, if the experts wished, they could take samples of the gold from a part of the statue which was not visible—say under the arms. This

But he never did. He sailed with his countryman for the homeland. The buyers of the statue know why. The pair were a couple of smart crooks—Greeks right enough—who thought out the simple scheme of putting some gold under the arms of a statue of a woman, a statue which was worth perhaps two dollars as an ordinary study. Apart from the tiny pieces under the arms the metal was worthless throughout.

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Father Sage Says

No man is so absent-minded that he ever pays his gas and electric bill the day before it is due.

Bear Robs United States Mail

Yellowstone Park, Wyo.—Yellowstone park's "holdup bears" have developed a new branch of the desperado business.

One of them recently robbed the United States mails. Park Naturalist Dorr Yeager tells of the occurrence, which befell one of his colleagues, Dick White.

"It seems that some days ago Dick stopped at the West Thumb road camp for lunch. The season being closed and the regular mail delivery having ceased, Dick was obligingly carrying a bundle of mail with him for the members of the different road crews around the loop. He left the mail in the car and, after enjoying a good meal, returned to continue his journey to Lake.

"Imagine his surprise, however, to find the package of mail not in the car, but between the paws of a black bear in a near-by tree. Brula was examining the packet intently, sniffing and turning it over in an inquisitive manner.

"Suddenly he began to tear at it and, disregarding the shouts and threats of the man below, continued until he had extracted a box from its contents. The tree was shaken, clubs and threats were hurled, but the utterly unmindful of the commotion he was causing, tore open the box and

SMART FOOTBALL WORK

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ed the remainder of the mail for further delicacies, he reluctantly dropped it into the arms of the waiting man below and with a contented grunt settled himself down on the limb until such time as his tormentor should retire."

Miners to Wear Goggles for Accident Prevention

Shamokin, Pa.—Mine workers of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation company may soon be wearing goggles at their work. The accident report of the company for 1928 shows that 366 men suffered injuries to their eyes as the result of being struck by flying particles of coal and rock.

Lessons of the Spuds Spalding, England.—The craze for a slim figure has caused a notable decrease in the consumption of potatoes, an official of the board of agriculture stated at a potato show luncheon here.

QUITTING WORK

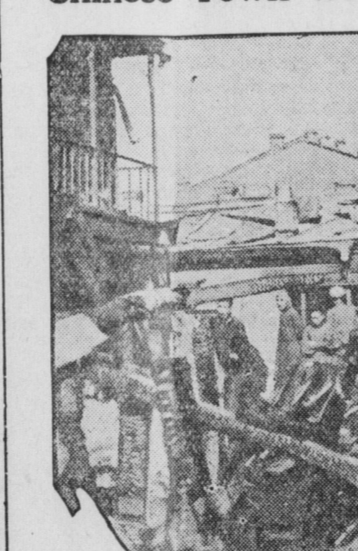
By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

My father went to work very young. There were no laws limiting child labor in England when he was young, and before he was ten he was doing something to add to the all too meager family income.

As I write this a freighter is crossing the Pacific from San Francisco to Japan. An old man of nearly seventy-five is in command of the boat. He quit work a few years ago after more than fifty years on the sea. He meant to enjoy himself. But leisure brought him no happiness. He has gone back to work. He can die happily only when he is still in command.

penance and he is able to give up the hard work to which he had been accustomed since boyhood. Leisure, he thought, would be very sweet. He had picked out a little house in the village near which we lived which he said would suit him perfectly when he could quit work. There was a pleasant front yard with trees and flowers and vines, and at the back ample space for a vegetable garden. The house itself had four rooms with

Chinese Town Wrecked by Russians



View in the city of Lokhasusa, on the River Sungari near the Siberian-Manchurian border after its destruction by the invading Soviet Russian troops.

WINS BEAUTY HONORS



This is Dolly Jarvis, who was picked as the most beautiful mannequin in Hollywood, Calif. This was not considered a hollow honor, for many of the world's best designers are busy there making the movie colony one of the fashion centers, and they know beautiful models when they see them.

Costs Money to Keep Clean

New York.—Ten cents of every dollar spent by the average American family is for the purpose of keeping clean, a survey of this little-discussed phase of daily life by Ronald Millar, New York statistician, shows.

ness the statistician includes soap, polishes, shaving equipment and materials, hot water for washing or bathing, haircuts for husband only, toothbrushes and dentifrices, handkerchiefs, towels, linen and paper or upkeep for whatever cleaning devices that may be used. The housewife is granted, under the second group, 35 cents an hour at the rate of two hours a day for 300 days in the year. Whether or not she receives any actual pay, the work is still chargeable since it is time which any woman might employ for cash profit. Likewise, says Millar, the cleaning of railway cars, automobiles and even the grooming of 19,000,000

horses that still exist in the country ultimately becomes a charge upon the individual.

"Food and shelter lead in the cost of living," says Millar, "but the cost of cleanliness is higher than that of clothes, education, amusements, owning an automobile and many other things that figure more prominently in the household budget."

Wooden Shoemaker Busy in Iowa Town

Orange City, Iowa.—The sturdy sons of the Netherlands in this little Finnish community chatter about in their farms and truck gardens. J. Van Hoff has built up quite a wooden shoe business. He turns out a pair in 45 minutes. And he sells 'em for \$1.

Doubt Book's Title

London.—A Birmingham antiquarian going through some old papers has discovered a publisher's advertisement of "Nickelous Nickelbery," by "Bos." Now the question has been raised whether that or "Nicholas Nickleby" was the title Dickens intended for his novel.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Fur Seals

The male, or bull, fur seal often weighs as much as 400 pounds but the female is scarce by a fourth as big. Baby seals weigh about 10 pounds at birth. As the old bulls will not allow the young males to acquire families until about seven years of age, the males live in large colonies together and are the first ones killed for fur.

The Children's Hour



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HELEN GAISFORD

For it was... And it cost two words: Jim Holl...

He decided to go w... something had happ...

He turned to look... in the other direction...

He ducked inside his... He mentally kicked... must think I'm a sap...



He Had a Feeling Sh...

door and the neat br... wonder what's her na... and went down to the...

"Of course, I had... the way, what's the n... lady in 520?"

"Murcheson, sir," t... and Jim Hollett turn...

She was in the d... evening. She sat alo...

His almost-too-stea... to attract her attent...

Then he sat dow... somewhere—presumab...

"This is a Mr. Mu... and his wife are in a...

"Thank you," So... Well, no use letting... spool. At least he...

"Thank Heaven!" h... wader appeared amaz...

"Yes, sir." The w... respectfully.

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