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## EDITORIAL COLUMN

Devoted to the Current Topics of the Day

### TWENTY YEARS OF RADIO AT SEA

Twenty years ago last week, the first radio call for help at sea was answered. "Jack" Binns, then "Sparks"—that is, wireless operator—on the liner Republic sent out the S O S. Aid came promptly, and what would otherwise have been an appalling catastrophe was whittled down to a bad accident.

Only twenty years—but think of the change. Before that historic call, a ship in distress was alone in a pitiless waste. Now, Kipling tells us that a tramp steamer cannot get a cockroach leg in one of its slide valves without having half the North Atlantic ready to come to its help. Kipling exaggerates a little; but the general idea is correct. That has been amply demonstrated during the last week, when every newspaper has featured thrilling stories of rescues at sea.

The world moves, and so fast that some of us get a little dizzy trying to keep up with it.

### HOME OWNERSHIP

That America is rapidly becoming a nation of home owners and that fully half these homes are owned by men earning less than \$2,000 a year are revealed in a recent bulletin issued by Walter M. McDowell, president of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations.

More than 90 per cent of the people who buy homes do not pay outright, but borrow the money from building and loan associations or similar institutions, he reveals.

"Any person who is willing to live within his income and who really wants a home can manage the small, regular and systematic deposit of a few dollars each week or month to build up the required savings," he states.

### EXPLAINING THE HIGH PRICE OF GAS

Robert W. Stewart, who recently secured a District of Columbia acquittal of the charge of perjury, is fighting vigorously to retain the headship of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, from which Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., seeks to oust him. In the course of his appeal for support, Mr. Stewart says:

"The present organization (including himself) took the Indiana company in 1918, at that time worth \$170,000,000, and in ten years, without asking one cent from the stockholders, has made it into a company worth about \$900,000,000, during which time it has paid out over \$200,000,000 in cash dividends."

Mr. Stewart's statement may not have much to do with the question at issue, but it certainly explains the price of gasoline. A group of allied interests, of which the Standard is chief, have a practical though not a legal monopoly of the oil business, and they charge all the traffic will bear.

No firm subject to genuine competition in an old and settled industry multiplies its assets five-fold in ten years, while paying out cash dividends greater than the original value. It just isn't done. Financial magic of that sort means monopoly and a rather ruthless monopoly at that.

Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., is fighting Stewart because the latter's connection with the Continental Trading Company fake and his contradictory statements before the Senate committee have given the oil industry a bad name. For this, Mr. Rockefeller deserves credit. But it does not appear that Mr. Rockefeller has any objection to the extortionate prosperity of which Mr. Stewart boasts; and that, after all, is the matter of greatest and most lasting interest.

### LATEST CROSS-CONTINENT FLIGHT

The cross-continent flight of Frank Hawks and Oscar Grubb is at once a magnificent personal achievement, and a proof that we are almost over the threshold of a new era in transportation.

They flew from Los Angeles to New York in 18 hours and 22 minutes, with bad weather two-thirds of the way. Hawks, the pilot, thinks they could cut the time three hours with good weather, and probably he is right.

The country was blanketed with clouds that sometimes forced him to an altitude of 14,000 feet, and made it impossible for him to see anything beneath him. There were rain and snow and variable winds, but he romped in at three miles a minute on the finish.

The mechanic, Oscar Grubb—"Phoebus, what a name to fill the speaking trump of future fame"—performed a near miracle of endurance and unflinching grit.

The plane's tank holds only 100 of the 475 gallons of gasoline needed. The rest was packed in five-gallon cans in the cabin, filling it so that Grubb had to be pushed in and the door shut behind him.

Then, for 18 hours, he pumped this gas into the tank slicing up the empty cans with tinners' shears to make room, and breathing the fumes of the high-test fuel till he was almost unconscious at the landing.

A marvelous feat—and just as marvelous a prophecy. A few years more of experiment and testing, and a man can eat lunch in Washington or New York, step into a plane, and have his breakfast in San Francisco or Los Angeles next morning; and that with no risk that would make even a life insurance company hesitate.

These young men are showing us how to make two hours grow where one grew before.

### WARS DO NOT JUST HAPPEN, NOR ARE THEY ACCIDENTS

Wars do not just happen; they are made; they are the result of the actions of nations. They are not accidents; they come as a logical result of the conduct of nations in times of peace. There would have been no World War if Germany and Great Britain and France had not been armed to the teeth. It is perfectly natural, it is perfectly human, that men or nations continue to arm themselves, to increase their armaments in a race with each other, ultimately they will come into conflict.

### WHY NOT GIVE THE FARMER REAL HELP

We have too many who wish to exploit the farmer rather than help him. Too many do not want him to get relief if it interferes in any way with the unconscionable profits that are squeezed from the farmers' products. Too many want farm relief which will furnish more jobs for those who wish to run the farmers' affairs. Too many only want to help the farmer produce more abundantly but do not want to help him sell to a better advantage. They want to keep the farmer working, not for himself but for the profiteers and speculators.

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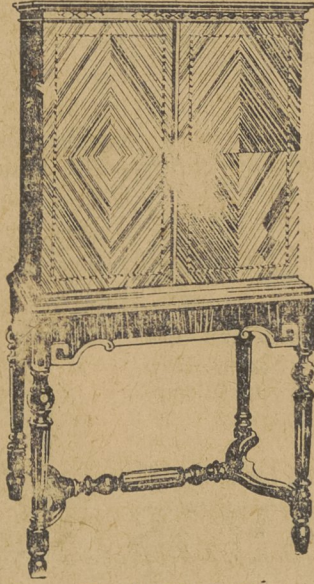
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