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TRouble AGGRAVATED—Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.—Prov. 25:19.

The Observer can't agree with at least one portion of the state budget—that providing for state college and state university appropriations. While the state has been going ahead, state aid for these schools has been kept at a ridiculously low level. We cannot long hope to progress beyond our educational facilities.

The Kellogg treaty to outlaw war will be ratified. Regardless of how disagreeable some senators would like to be, the fact that Mr. Hoover has often expressed approval of the treaty is having considerable weight. And Mr. Borah's enthusiastic effort to gather a big majority isn't without value. When Borah boosts something it usually gets by.

The flight of the Question Mark, United States army plane, is an indication of what may be expected with the future development of aviation. Over 150 hours in the air—almost a week—and an unofficial mileage record of over ten thousand miles. One can imagine the transcontinental or transoceanic air liner soon to come; taking on fuel as the 20th Century Limited takes on water, at mile-a-minute speed; crossing the oceans with the aid of floating refueling stations and service planes; up in the clouds for a week and dropping down on the other side of the world. The Question Mark answered the question of how long old endurance records could last—but its flight brings an endless chain of new questions that only the future can solve.

### ENGLAND, CRUISERS AND CANADA

Probably the sharpest legislative battle of the winter will break loose at Washington shortly when the bill providing for the construction of 15 new cruisers for our navy comes up for action. Advance indications are that each side will make a strenuous fight to carry the day, and the result at present seems to be a matter of considerable doubt.

It goes without saying that if we are to have a navy at all we must have an "adequate" one; but it is the row about what is adequate and what is not that is causing all the trouble. To some, the navy is more than adequate right now; to others, it is most woefully inadequate.

Settling the question of adequacy seems to depend largely on figuring out just whom our navy may have to be used against. And that question, in turn, can not possibly be determined without bringing up the very unpleasant one—are we, eventually, likely to be fighting Great Britain?

If England is to be our foe some day, then our navy is inadequate and needs not merely 15 new cruisers but a good many more. But if England is not to be our foe, the navy seems able, as it now exists, to take care of itself—and us—in any fight with any other nation.

And, regarding the possibility of war between England and America, why not consider our Canadian border? More than a century ago the United States and Canada agreed never to look on one another as prospective enemies. Hence they built no forts, maintained no border troops, put no fleets on the Great Lakes. They built their respective military policies on the assumption that they never would be fighting one another.

One is moved to wonder why some such agreement is not possible between the United States and England. If the two nations could make a public declaration that they did not regard each other as potential enemies, and could outspokenly shape their naval policies with such a thesis in mind, the beneficent results would be incalculable. The day of universal peace would be immeasurably advanced.

To be sure, it might be hard to do. But the Canadian border, unprotected for thousands of miles, proves that that sort of thing is possible.

### Dirt Walls Lasting

Prehistoric examples of dirt rammed walls are still existing in South America. There is such a house in Washington, D. C., that was built in 1773.

### Bad for the Cat

Whenever dear old Grandma Weller sits down on the family cat, it takes forever to get her attention to the fact.—Farm and Fireside.

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## ABE MARTIN



"I just love 'em, an' used t' buy 'em by th' peck before we moved in an apartment," said Mrs. Late Bud. 'T'day, as she bought a couple o' turnips. "A doctor tells us 'somechin' we don't want t' know. I've got t' quit drinkin' out o' a saucer as it wrinkles my forehead," complained Miss Fawn Lippincott, as she left her beauty specialist.

### Kitten Arouses Local Resident On Stilly Night

It was a case of "kitten on the keys" sure enough for P. J. Lilly, of La Grande recently, and maybe the origin of the famous piano piece had a beginning inspired by something similar to what happened in Mr. Lilly's experience recently.

Mr. Lilly and all his family were sound asleep about midnight—the kind of a night when "not a creature" was stirring, not even a mouse.

Out of the dark stillness of the night the piano suddenly began to play. Sharp slanting notes, low base tones in sort of original rhyme and closer harmony, sounded forth. Mr. Lilly was awakened. Had the player plans begun to play of its own accord? Or was it a burglar?

Mr. Lilly crept stealthily to the living room. He cautiously put his hand on the electric light switch and on came the lights.

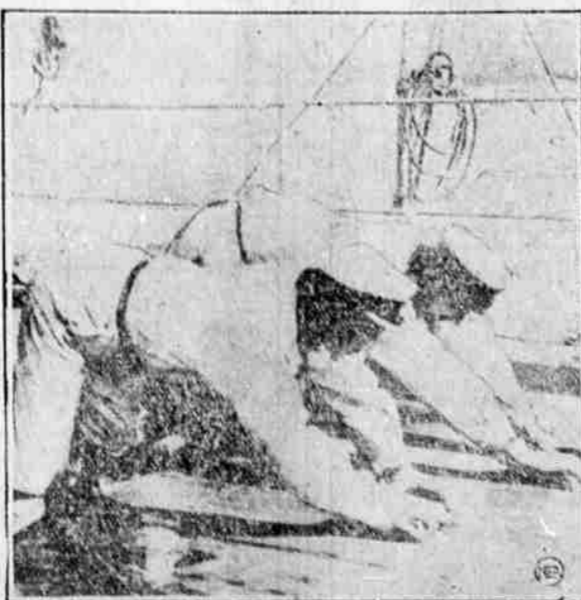
And that frightened Lilly, who in a wild midnight dash spun across the room and streaked out an open window. All that Mr. Lilly saw was a line of grayness. It was a stray cat, Mr. Lilly says, and it hasn't been back since to the house at 1704 X avenue.

### His Bullet Kills Father's Rival



This is Martin Ray Kilgore, 22, who assertedly murdered Frank A. Bartley, 42, wealthy dairyman near El Centro, Calif., after trying, he claims, for a year to break up a romance between his mother and Bartley that had estranged his father and mother. Young Kilgore was a Stanford University student.

### A REALLY ROYAL SCRUBBING



The deck of this Danish warship got a royal scrubbing recently when Crown Prince Frederick (right) and his brother, Prince Knud (center), went to work on it in earnest. They were acting as cadets during a southern cruise and, as this picture shows, weren't accorded any favoritism.

## IRON MEN TELL OF WEEK IN AIR

### Crew of "Question Mark" Believe Engine Is Only Limiting Power

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 8 (AP)—Motor trouble so trivial that army officers prepared today to fly the Question Mark, famous endurance flight plane, to Rockwell field, San Diego, this afternoon, was revealed following an official inspection of the engines.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8 (AP)—The triumph of man over his motors was history today. Five iron men of the air, who yesterday landed skillfully and physically fit, after 150 hours and 40 minutes of continued vigil in the air had been labelled by a medical inspection board as "physically qualified" to hop off immediately on another endurance flight. On the other hand, the motors of the army's Question Mark, which had buckled under the strain when their masters were keen to drive on and on, were waiting an official diagnosis of their ailments that forced the ending of the record-smashing endurance flight.

"Hard work in the air seems to agree with Major Carl Spatz," reported the examining army surgeon of the condition of the commanding officer of the nearly week-long aerial grind. The conditions of Captain Ira Eaker, chief pilot, Lieutenant Harry Halverson and Lieutenant Elwood Quesada, relief pilots and Sergeant Roy Hoge, mechanic of the Question Mark were described as "excellent" with the exception of slight aches which would be expected.

Just what happened aboard the Question Mark, forcing it to descend was described in casual language by the aviators after they reached the ground. "As I left the controls at 1 o'clock in the afternoon," said Quesada, "Captain Eaker took the wheel and the left motor went dead. We sent Sergeant Hoge out on the catwalk, but his weight was too heavy in the unstable condition of the Question Mark. We knew then that the flight was over. We dropped the gas within two or three minutes after we had taken it."

"That was not the first flight trouble, Saturday night we thought it was all over. All three engines lost their power. That was fouled sparkplugs. We were all ready to end the flight but finally we cleaned that up. But it was worse than spark plug trouble this time. It looked like valves. Shortly after 1 o'clock the right motor began to weaken. Then we knew the flight was about to end."

When the plane landed, the left motor was silent. The right motor was functioning, but a stream of oil spouted from it, and the center engine was able to make but 1200 revolutions per minute. Just exactly what mechanical trouble finally overtook the plane's motors was not to be known until the official examination by Lieut. Ray Harris, engineering officer, and his assistants. No one was permitted to examine the plane after it landed. The moment the men stepped out the Question Mark was taken to a hangar and locked up and an armed guard stationed about it.

Major Spatz said: "We have found that mechanical conditions rather than the condition of man is the only limiting factor in sustained flight. The whole personnel was in better condition this morning a few hours before the landing than at any time during the flight. In fact, we have had seven days of rest."

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—The National Broadcasting company announced today that the crew of the army endurance plane Question Mark would go on the air over a national hookup tonight.

They will speak from station KFI, Los Angeles, from 7:30 to 8: eastern time.

### Among Life's Best

Good manners, good breeding and refinement are seen by a social authority as among the most beautiful and useful and worthwhile things in the world.—Woman's Home Companion.

## Ford Likes This One Best



A lot of pictures of Henry Ford have been taken, but Ford is said to prefer this one. It is a recent camera study of the motor king who rose from a mechanic to one of the world's wealthiest men.

### 60,000 Greet Tech Team In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 8 (AP)—The most enthusiastic welcome ever witnessed in Atlanta was accorded the conquering heroes of Georgia Tech on their arrival here from Pasadena, Cal., and their Rose Bowl football victory over California New Year's day.

Some 60,000 persons jammed the terminal station to cheer the warriors. Police on motorcycles found it difficult to make a path through the downtown crowds.

ANTIBES, France, Jan. 8 (AP)—Grand Duke Nicholas, who commanded the Russian armies in the World war and was acclaimed to the Russian throne, is dead at the age of 72. His last words were in

a speech to his servants, exhorting them to remain faithful to their true Russia.

The grand duke came here from Paris last November to seek a more temperate climate. Pneumonia developed from what was apparently a trivial cold.

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### PLANE SEARCHES FOR BOY

AKRON, Ohio, Jan. 8 (AP)—An airship will be used today in a search for Melvin Horst, 4-year-old Orville boy, who disappeared from his home there Dec. 27. The

baby lillip Puritan was ordered to fly over country surrounding Orville in the hope that some trace of the boy might be found. Five persons are under arrest but no clue to his fate has been uncovered.

## who can judge this woman?

—married to a brute, in love with a man

SOMETIMES, Laura thought herself gripped by some terrible nightmare. But the steaming, fever-laden jungle with its brooding loneliness and that tattered, whiskey-soaked beast, who was her husband, were only too real. How could she have ever dreamed that she loved him?—the scientist she had thought a man. True, she had been very young when she had married him, and had come to Brazil. But fever, that white man's curse, had got into his blood—and she had seen him slowly degenerate into a boozed-bitten beast.

like eyes—eyes clouded with silent misery. Amazement, anger, pity were but the prelude to love. And when one day an answering light illumined her soft, dark eyes flashing him a wonderful message—

Thus it began—this strange drama of the jungle—a drama of maddening love on Townley's part—a tragedy of renunciation, of desperate battling with conscience on the part of Laura. Don't miss this startling true-life story; "Flower of the Jungle," in February True Story Magazine.

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