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RECKLESS SENATORS AND AIRCRAFT SITUATION

One of the members of the United States Senate said, a few days ago, in a speech in the upper branch of Congress, that \$640, 000,000 for aircraft "has been worse than squandered."

He might have said, as he did say by inference, that \$640,000,

That is a sample of some of the reckless speech of the members of that body, who are above the reach of libel laws.

They can say what they please, without fear of being called to account, excepting by other members of the Senate, or by that hody acting as a whole.

The editor of the Scientific American, Mr. Walker, and his associates, close students and observers of such matters, recently made a thorough investigation of the aircraft situation. What did they find?

They found that the program is three months behind. Behind what?

Behind the time promised by over enthusiastic heads of de-

Three months later in being carried through than the original time table specified.

That is a good deal.

Three months is not a long time, regarded as a section of eternity. It is a long time in war.

But it is not enough to discourage the country; not enough to warrant such reckless statements in the United States Senate. The concluding words of the article above mentioned, in the Scientific American, are as follows:

Now with regard to the Liberty motor and the oft repeated statement that the "motor is a failure," and that "quantity-production has broken down," we take this opportunity to say that both of these statements

are absolutely false. It is true that the work of bringing the motor to the stage in which it would be ready for production in quantity, and of providing the machine tools, gages, etc., for quantity production have taken longeer than was suggested. Even at that, the time consumed in proportion to the difficulty of the task that has been accomplished, has been remarkably short. The public disappointment has been due to over-sanguine prediction men who did not know, men who were not familiar with the magnitude of the task.

Speaking from first-hand knowledge after a personal investigation by members of our staff conducted at Washington and at Detroit, we are in a position to say, first, that the Liberty motor, as it stands today, is a distinct success; secondly, that its production in quantity has commenced and is proceeding at an accelerating rate; thirdly that these motors, as turned out by quantity-production methods, are standing up to the gov-ernment tests, which, by the way, are more severe than those to which the best type of foreign motors are subjected; and lastly, that, not only will our aviation service possess the lightest motor for its power, but a more powerful motor than any other in existence today. Therefore, we are glad of this opportunity, speaking with first-hand knowledge, to tell the American public that, though the delay, amounting to about three months is greatly to be deplored, the country will witness, from now on, a rate of output of motors and planes, that will go far to compensate for past disappointments.

The Statesman has reason to know that there is anaccelerating speed now in the forwarding and training of men for air fighting; and in the functioning of all the work of getting the spruce for the planes to the places where it will go into the battle

Three months behind schedule is the aircraft program; but it will catch up; and the American eagles of the air will from now on take an increasing proportion of the struggle for world democracy above the clouds, and become every day a greater factor in bringing the final victory that is sure to crown the standards of decency and order and good faith and a lasting peace on earth and good will among all men.

The bottling up of Zeebrugge and Ostend may mean more to the world than yet appears. It may mean the complete elimination of the German submarine menace. For it is officially announced that, by the 15th of this month (in four days more), there will be completed in the North Sea the greatest mine field in naval history, enclosing 121,782 square miles. This means that no German submarines will be able to get out of the river Elbe or the Kiel canal past Heligoland, without being trapped and destroyed-and if none can get out of the harbors of Ostend or Zeebrugge, the history of the frightfulness of German U-boats will be over, for this war. It will mean, also, that the war itself will be over, before very long; for the German people will have been stripped of every hope of victory, and will see certain defeat ahead. And their morale will be broken, or it will be so near the breaking point that a small wind of adversity, sure to come, will smash it completely.

FUTURE DATES May 12, Sunday-Mother's Day. May 17, Friday .- Trimary nominat-

May 29, Monday-Red Cross drive

May 16, Thursday.—Richmond P. Iobson speaks at Armory.
May 17, Friday.—Willamette Glee Club, opera house.
May 20 to 27.—Second Red Cross war

fund campaign.

May 23 and 23, Wednesday and
Thursday—War conference in Portland.

June 4, 5, 6 and 7—State Grange convention in Salem.

June 5, Saturday—Total eclipse of June 14, Friday—High School grad-

June 14, Friday—Flag day.
June 14, Friday—High School commencement exercises.
June 17, Monday—Annual school

election.

June 20, Thursday.—Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association, Portland.

August 26, 27 and 28—Western Walnut Growers' Association to tour nut groves of Williamette valley.

"If Germany does not achieve peace, there will be a revolution," says a traveler at Copenhagen who

Bottling season on the Belgian

The traditions of the British navy are being justified. Perhaps there are other chapters to follow

The Germans will have to take their submarine bases in out of the wet. Looks like rain.

No ships have been sunk off the coast of France in the last three months. All honor to the American navy, which is on the watch there.

has just returned from a tour of the central empires. He means two revoluitons, one for Austria and the other for Germany.

Over in Utah the Mormon church

advises all widows to marry again.

It used to be that the advice of that

organization was to marry oftener. But that is reformed now. French peasants are plowing and planting within two and a half miles on your toes and calluses on the botof the greatest battle in history, tom of yourfeet, but why care now!

They wear gas masks while they work in their fields and gardens. freezone recently discovered by a That is French thrift for you,

United States. These men may still all, with the fingers. enlist. In a little while it will be before applying freezone or after-

day, and made more bullish by the ed. Steel common went to 1091/2. A few years back this stock was going begging at 10 to 11 cents. The financial circles probably have some private tips. Any way, their buoyancy sounds good,

Like an echo out of the past comes word of the popularity of "Annie Laurie" with the British soldiers. "It is the queen of songs in the trenches," says Sir Alexander Mac-Menzie as quoted by the London Chronicle. The men who fought under the "Iron Duke" were bound into deeper fellowship by singing "Annie Laurie," and it is well that its vogue should abide.

Some idea of the labor situation n and around New York may be derived from the fact that a few days ago the New York World published 37 columns of "Help wanted-male" advertisements, as agginst four columns of "Situations wanted-male." and sixteen columns of "Help wanted -female" as against three-fourths of a column of "Situations wantedfemale."

Vermont's commissioner of agri culture, E. S. Brigham, of St. Albans, has been in Washington consulting with Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Food Administrator Hoover, and takes home adivce to the farm ers of his state that has application throughout the country. Commissioner Brigham urges dairymen to check the tendency to kill off cattle because present conditions are not all that could be desired. To meet the high prices of grain the farmers are advised to raise more of their own feed. It may be well to do away with unprofitable cows, but a larger number of heifer calves should be saved. The world will have increasing need of any surplus dairy products we may have in this country. It requires courage and will power to tide over present difficulties, but those who do this will profit in the end. As the St. Albans Messenger puts it: "The farmer who keeps his good stock will have no reason to regret it when the balance sheet covering a period of years is struck."

THE ALL-HIGHEST SUFFERS.

There is no other tragedy of the war that quite equals the heart lacerations of that good and benevolent man the German em peror. We are informed by the Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger, a newspaper qualified to speak officially about the All-Highest, that on his recent visit to the battlefield near Queant, His Majesty's silence was broken only once when he remarked to an officer, "What have I not done to preserve the world from these horrors!"

To be sure. The world might have escaped all of it had it quietly submitted to German domination. All this has come about through an unholy resistance to kultur. The heathen in their blindness would not accept the salvation that was preached to them from the altar of Potsdam, and now civilization is drenched in blood and the missionary wrings his pious hands in an-

It is a deplorable spectacle thus to witness the suffering of a generous and noble nature, especially when we know that the whole tragedy could be ended at once by the unconditional surrender of the United States, France, Great Britain and Italy to Germany.—New York World.

MATCHES: AN OBJECT LESSON.

(American Economist.) Editor Aemrican Economist:

My wife spilled two boxes of matches-1000 matches of American make—on the floor. Would I pick them up and put them back in the boxes? I did. They had to be laid in all one way. It took me about forty minutes. While thus engaged I recalled a cartoon of some weeks ago in the American Economist which showed a room full of Japanese girls, ranging from 6 to 10 years, engaged in packing matches in small boxes. The legend said that these children

SAVES WOMEN FROM TORTURE

THE ORIGION STATESMAN: MATURDAY, MAY IN AV

Put a few drops on a touchy corn, then lift corn out with fingers

Your high heels have put corns Fort a few cents you can get a quarter ounce of the magic drug Cincinnati genius.

Apply a few drops upon a tender, The Canadian and British recruit- aching corn and instantly, yes immediately, all soreness disappears ing officers are around again. They and shortly you will find the corn are after all the aavilable men in the so loose that you lift it out, root and

too late to enlist. They they will be wards. It doesn't even irritate the surrounding skin.

Hard corns, soft corns or corns be Bull market in Wall street yester- tween the toes, also harden calluses on bottom of the feet just seem to further bottling up of Ostend. The ing a particle. It is almost magical highest prices on record were quot- It is a compound made from ether says a well known druggist here.

> received 4 cents a day in wages, and the picture included the richly-dressed owner of the plant rubbing his hands in satisfaction and saying: "With wages at 4 cents a day it is cheaper than labor-saving machinery would be." At the Japanese rate of four-tenths of a cent per hour my pay for packing those thousand matches would have been about three-tenths of a cent. With matches on the free list of the Underwood Free-Trade Tariff, and with labor paid at the Japanest rate, it struck me that American match producers have a very unfair chance to compete with Japan, and that we ought to get back a Protective Tariff right off, without waiting for the war to end. And matches, I believe, are not the only things which Japan is selling us cheaper than we can make them for ourselves while paying ten to twenty times the wages paid in Japan. Yours very truly, -F. E. Touston.

Saginaw, Mich. April 26, 1918. In this simple and homely illustration of the unfair competition permitted and promoted by the Underwood free trade tariff there is an scope for more than the item of matches. The lesson relates to a the above letter had not thought to the imperial conservatory.

sand matches recalfed the cartoon in the American Economist. There is much to think about in this connection. Every patriotic American who wants his country to be prosperous and powerful should be thinking about the foreign competition that displaces American labor and industry by permission of our free trade administration and congress.

Smash the Underwood tariff!

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Beautiful May days.

* * * Gutzom Borglum is a sculptor. * * *

He should sculpt, and let the ai plant business alone.

At least, it looks somewhat that

The bottling up of Ostend and Zee-

In connection with the mining of the North sea.

Germany is tightening.

It has been figured out that the "The bill was introduced in the reason why the inhabitants of the senate by one of the leading memsmall town are more cordial than bers of the constitutional convention. those who live in the large cities is It is a historical fact that members that they abve fewer opportunites of the Oregon constitutional convenfor "putting on lugs" in a place tion were statesmen of great ability where everybody knows all about and lawyers of much learning, wide them. In a big town if a man can experience and pre-eminently qualiget the price he may invest in a fied to draft a constitution. Nor is cutaway coat and a silk hat and the there any question but that the men neighbors will thing he is a Vander- who prepared the bill defining the bilt out for an airing as soon as he duties of the secretary of state, knew gets a few blocks from home. In a the meaning of the provision that small town everybody belongs to the he, the secretary of state, shall by "I-Knew-Him-When" club.

A German (correspondent for a German paper has recorded for the delectation of its readers the daily routine of the all highest. It may object lesson which includes in its be learned that every afternoon he picks fresh violets to send to his frau, and that promptly at 1 o'clock he dines on soup. It is very touch- Festival, one of the oldest and most large line of competitive products ing indeed to discover that the man prominent affairs of its kind in which the Orient with its cheap labor who loosened his brutes on the womis sending to the country which pays en and children of Belgium and est is manifested in the festival this the highest wages in the world- France, picks violets wherever he is year, owing party to the exceptionally and sends them to the kaiserin- attractive program and partly to the ten to twenty times the wages paid when all she needs do to get as big appearance of a new conductor in the in Japan." Probably the writer of a bouquet as she pleases is to send much about this Oriental competition suspect that the kaiser merely

STATE AUDITOR

Authority Is Constitutional, **Attorney General Rules for** Medford Man

state constitution. An opinion writis addressed particularly to the quesarated from the office of secretary persons suffering from any blood disforth at its meeting in Salem last a trial. It is especially useful at brugge probably means a big chap- March is not to interfere with the this time of year. state constitution.

Brown's opinion cites a similar effort made by the Wisconsin legislature to create the office of comptroller which was overruled by the Probably the U-boats are playing supreme court. The opinion recalls their last engagement of frightful- that the first law passed by the first Oregon legislature, in 1859, was to or flag in the liberty loan drive and carry into effect the powers, auth- there is a strong possibility that the Pope asks for prayers for peace on ority and duties of the governor, June 29. By that time Germany may secretary of state and state treasneed the prayers. And Austria needs urer. The constitution as a living instrument is shown to date from is believed to have been about 2,566. the preceding February and the in-May be Premier Clemenceau of strument is quoted to show that it France, when he said he wanted to confers the powers of auditor upon live six months more to witness the the secretary of state. At the conending of the war, spoke more by the clusion of his opinion Mr. Brown says card than the rest of the world, or of the first bill passed by the legismost of it, knew. The net about lature, that carrying into effect the authority of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer:

virtue of his office be auditor of public accounts."

MUSIC FESTIVAL NOW ON.

CINCINNATI, O., May 7 .- Music lovers from numerous states are here to attend the biennial Cincinnati May America. More than ordinary interperson of Eugene Ysaye, the Tamous Belgian violinist.

until his task of repacking a thou- publication.—Los Angeles Times. this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of for all members—instead of a closely this evening with a performance of the closely this evening with a performance of the closely this evening with a performance of the closely this evening with a closely thin evening with a closely thin evening with a closely thin evening with a close

ing Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" will be sung. Thursday afternoon the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra will give a program. During the remained of the week there will be given performances of Still. man Kelley's "Pilgrim's Progress," Rossini's "Stabat Mater" and Wolf-Ferrari's "New Life."

Purity Gives Power, There are still many persons in the world that need to be impressed In the opinion of Attorney General with the fact that the purer the Brown some of the tentative provi- blood is the greater is the power of sions included under the heading the system to remove disease and Department of Finance" in the pro- the less the liability to contract it posed new scheme of state govern- Persons whose blood is in good conment drawn up by the cor olication dition are much less tikely to take commission are in conflic with the cold or to be long troubled with it or to catch any contagious or infecten by the attorney general yester- tious disease, than are those whose day for John H. Carkin of Medford blood is impure and therefore impoverished and lacking in vitality tion whether the duties of auditor of The best medicine for purifying the the state's accountants can be sep- blood is Hood's Sarsaparilla, and of state. One of the principles of ease or any want of tone in the systhe consolidation commission as set tem are urged to give this medicine

MAY WIN WHITE STAR.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 11.4 Every one of the forty-two precines in Klamath County has won an honcounty has won a white star for doubling its quota. The total number of subscribers in Klamath county



BRUCE DENNIS

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

believe a political committee should elect candidates, not select them." The Republican party is 100 per cent American. Its business now is to help win the war. Let us join together and make the Republican party in The festival opens in Music Hall Oregon a real, live, active institution

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