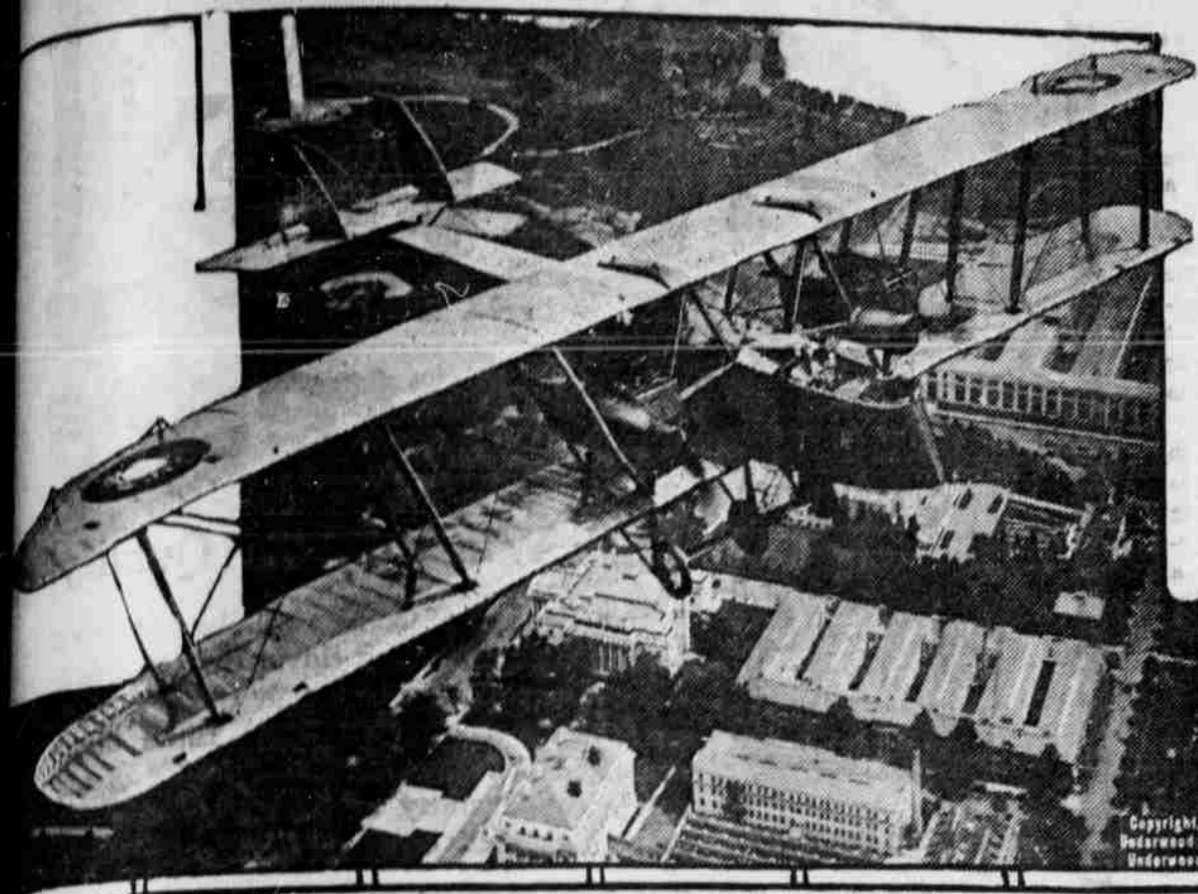


## MARTIN BOMBER FLYING OVER WASHINGTON



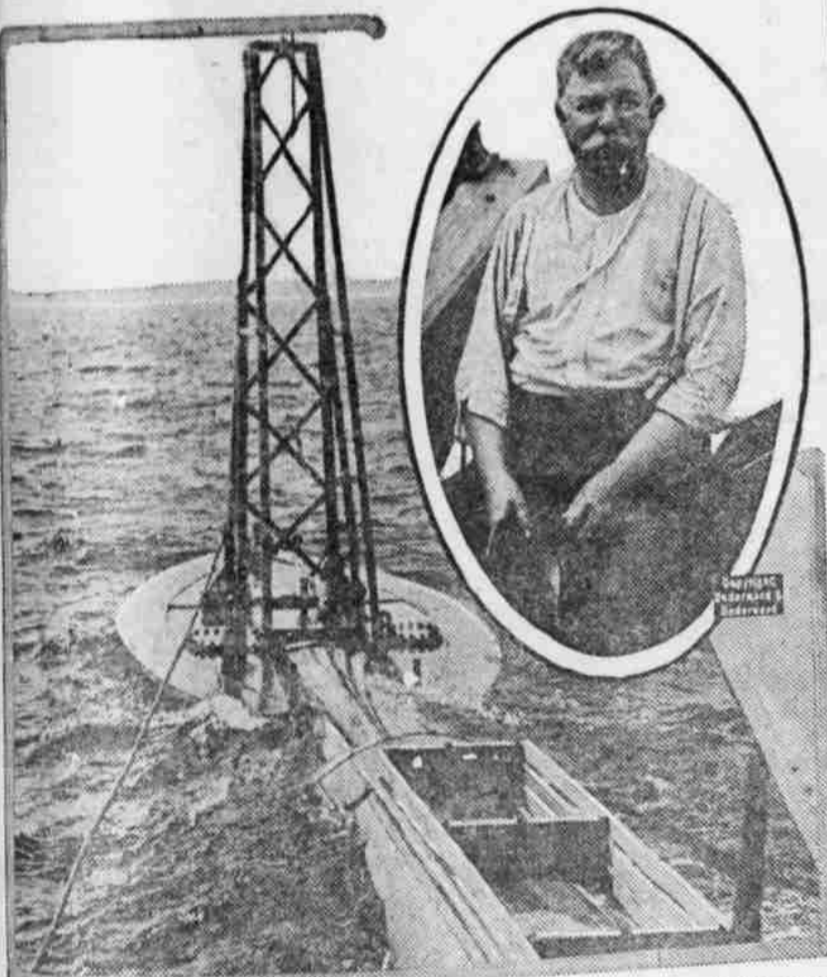
View taken from another airplane showing the Martin bomber which has started on a trip around the United States, passing the Washington monument.

## CLEARING AN AERIAL MAIL FIELD WITH DYNAMITE



At Newark, N. J., a small army of men is busily engaged in clearing Heller field which, when completed, will be the first United States aerial mail landing field in the country. Our photograph shows the moment of detonation of a charge of dynamite beneath a mighty tree stump, which is torn from the grounds, roots and all.

## SIMON LAKE'S NEW SALVAGING SUBMARINE



This new salvaging submarine, designed by Simon Lake, permitting men without divers' costumes to walk on the bottom of the ocean, was put to a severe test in New York harbor over the wreck of a government boat sunk during the war. At the right is a photograph of Mr. Lake.

## HAS MET 20 PRESIDENTS

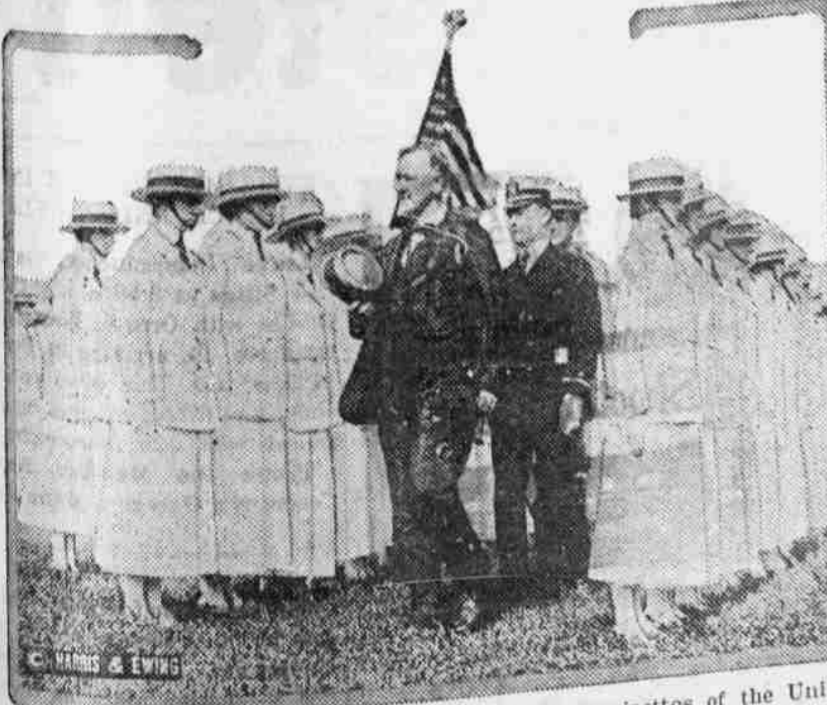


When President Wilson shook hands the other day with Mrs. H. W. Somers, wife of General Somers of Civil War fame, he was the twentieth chief executive of the United States to whom she had been introduced. Mrs. Somers made her debut at the White House on the arm of Daniel Webster when William Harrison was president. The aged lady declares that since that time she has attended many of the social functions given by presidents and that she was intimately acquainted with many of the executives. Washington has been her home for 90 years. Despite her advanced age she is very active and in the stormiest or hottest weather can be seen among her wards—the poor.

**Heard at Longwood.**  
"So Blank, our old hard hitter, doesn't play any more. Is he reconciled to married life?"  
"I guess so. The other morning I saw him sifting ashes through his old tennis racket."

**On the Beach.**  
"This seashore resort reminds me of Sunday morning."  
"So quiet, eh?"  
"Not that. The belles are peeling, don't you know."—Boston Transcript.

## BIDDING THE YEOMEN (F) FAREWELL



This photograph shows the yeomen (F) and marinettes of the United States navy being mustered out on the grounds of the White House. To the strains of jazz, reviewed by Secretary Daniels and naval officers, and with moments interspersed with wit and sorrow, the farewell was picturesque in its setting. They will be retained for clerical service in the navy department, assuming civil status.

# PUREST BLOODED JEWS ARE EXILES

Highlanders of the Caucasus Who Have Kept Free From Gentile Admixture.

## SCORN THE PLAINS PEOPLE

Their Language and Many of Their Customs Are Peculiar—Date and Circumstances of Settlement in That Region Unknown.

London.—Of all the scattered tribes and remnants of the Jewish people, none is less known to the world at large, and certainly none presents a more striking contrast to the common conception of the modern children of Israel than the Jewish Highlanders of the eastern Caucasus. Yet there are probably none in all the world who have kept the Jewish blood more pure and free from gentile admixture, nor any who have more faithfully preserved the traditions, beliefs and customs of the times before the exile. Indeed, they hold themselves quite aloof from the other Jews of the Caucasus region, refusing to intermarry with them, to worship with them, or even to have social or commercial intercourse with them beyond the limits of the barest necessity. No Scottish Highlander ever scorned the Lowlander one-half so much as these Highlander Jews scorn their kinsmen of the plains and of the urban ghetto.

**Traditions Fail to Explain.**  
The date and the circumstances of their settlement in the Caucasus highlands are unknown, even in their own traditions, but it is certain that they have been there for nearly a thousand years. In that time their physical characteristics have been materially modified by their environment and mode of life. With characteristic Jewish faces and complexion, they have tall, stalwart, muscular bodies, resembling the best of the Hill men of India, or some of the giant Highlanders of Scotland. Their life is of course purely rural, since they have no considerable towns, and they devote themselves to agriculture, and the growing of grapes and tobacco. From the grapes they make both wine and brandy, and of these beverages they are heavy drinkers. Indeed they have the unenviable reputation of being the hardest drinkers in all that part of the world—which might easily be, since the Mohammedan tribes around them are almost entirely total abstainers. However, drunkenness is little known among them, if at all.

They are also great fighters. That is generally a characteristic of mountaineers, and in these highland Jews it is highly developed. They always go armed, as do the Montenegrins, and are never backward in using their weapons for defense. They do not, however, share in any of the blood feuds of the Circassian tribesmen, nor do they join in their raids and quarrels.

Their language is neither Hebrew nor that of the country in which they live, but rather what philologists term Parsi-Tartar, or a mingling of old Persian and Tartar. From this circumstance it is inferred that their ancestors went to the Caucasus from Persia in the days of Cyrus the Great, or Darius. Perhaps they were fugitives from Persian captivity; or else they preferred going to the Caucasus rather than back to Palestine. There is indeed one ancient legend which tells that they wandered northward in quest of Mount Ararat and the remains of Noah's ark.

The patriarchal mode of life prevails among them. When a son marries he does not establish a home of his own. He simply builds a wing on his father's house and lives in it. In this fashion there are often three or four generations living in a single house, which consists of a single story spread over a large area of ground. Each house has its own allotment of land, comprising grain field, tobacco field, vegetable garden and vineyard, and all are kept in a high state of cultivation, though with primitive methods. Each garden is inclosed within a wall of rubble and clay about six feet high.

These highland Jews have no rabbis and no religious head. They have no

synagogues and no liturgy. They have a scroll of the law, but it is used only for reference. They observe the Sabbath in the strictest Moslem fashion, doing no work and cooking no food, all food requiring it being cooked on the preceding day. They keep the Passover, not by eating unleavened bread, because all their bread is always unleavened, but by eating an evening meal in common in the open air. The Feast of Tabernacles is similarly observed, and they have a special ceremony of their own at each new moon. Girls must always be betrothed for six months before marriage, and the bridegroom, instead of receiving a dowry with his bride, must pay her father a price for her. This is usually paid for in sheep, cattle or horses, but always in eighteens or some multiple thereof. The price may be 18 sheep or 30 head of cattle, or if the bridegroom is rich it may be 72 horses, but for some reason, the origin of which is lost in antiquity, the number must always be eighteen or a multiple of eighteen. There is no religious marriage ceremony, but a civil contract is written and signed.

When a child is born it is laid upon a platter, sprinkled with salt and exhibited to guests. Women go unveiled and speak to men as freely as in western lands. A man is permitted to have as many as three wives at once, though by no means all of them avail themselves of the privilege. Divorce is seldom if ever practiced. At death the body is not encoffined but is merely wrapped in a shroud and buried, while the women wall a dirge.

One of the most curious of all their customs is that of having the women of the household occupy rooms which are accessible from the rest of the house only through semicircular holes at the bottom of the wall, not more than two feet high, for all the world like the entrances to dog kennels. When a guest calls at a house he is welcomed in a spacious reception room, and then the host gets down on hands and knees and crawls through a hole in the wall in search of his wife, or wives, as the case may be, and presently comes crawling back, followed by the ladies of the household in the same undignified attitude. The women dress in jackets and loose trousers after the oriental fashion.

## FIND BONES OF DWARF RACE

Squaw Creek Mesa Near Grand Canyon Burial Place of Ancient Tribes.

Prescott, Ariz.—That the Squaw Creek mesa, 15 miles east of Grand canyon, was the burial ground of an ancient tribe of dwarfs, is the opinion of H. L. Loomis, prospector, who says he recently uncovered portions of 19 skeletons there.

In the old graves the prospector found a cupful of turquoise and small pieces of ancient pottery, some of which have been sent to the University of Arizona and the remainder to the Smithsonian Institution.

All the bones found were those of a diminutive race, Loomis said.

## Storm Cures a Paralytic.

Boston.—Frightened by a crash of thunder and a bolt of lightning during a storm at North Adams, Mrs. William Paddock of Jacksonville, Vt., who had been a paralytic for over a year, jumped from her chair in the kitchen and walked across the floor.

## Lazy Husband Roundup Due at Yakima, Wash.

Yakima, Wash.—A round-up of "lazy husbands" is threatened here by local officials.

Washington state has a law which puts lazy husbands at work and gives the family of such men their earnings. Officials say the county is so plagued with men liable for prosecution under the law that a round-up will soon start. One case cited here was of a husband who rode around the reservation in an automobile while his wife drove a hay rick for a laborer's wage.

## Attempt to Be Cave Man Leads to Arrest

Portland, Ore.—John Law is always spilling romance. Just when Ernest Fix tried to pull a cave-man stunt and fix it up for him and Miss Polly Engle to wed the bride-to-be went and had him arrested. "He used to sit on my porch with a gun and threaten to kill me unless I married him," she told the court. Then Ernest, who is seventeen years old, was held under \$2,000 for investigation by the grand jury.

## SUE FOR INDIAN OIL LANDS

Property Worth 300 Million Dollars Is Sought by United States District Attorney.

Oklahoma City.—Suit will be filed in the United States district court on behalf of the Indian owners by John A. Fain, United States district attorney, for fifteen sections of Indian oil lands extending south to the old bank of the Red river, said to be valued at 300 million dollars, and involving some of the richest oil lands in the country. The move was decided at a conference in Washington at which Attorney General Palmer, Mr. Fain and a Texas representative were present. The suit involves the determination of the old river bed which was the Texas-Oklahoma border. There are thirty-two Indian properties on the land, extending for sixteen miles, Fain says. It is opposite the best field in the Burkburnett field.

## HICKORY NUTS ON GRAPEVINE

Missouri Farmer Produces a Wonder of Vegetable Life That Would Astonish Luther Burbank.

Kennett, Mo.—According to W. T. Romine, recorder of deeds of Dunklin county, Luther Burbank has been outdone on the farm of F. M. McNeill, where a wild grapevine, growing around a hickory tree, has produced hickory nuts in the place of grapes for two consecutive seasons.

The vine was also seen by J. P. Nations and A. W. Winters, who accompanied Recorder Romine on a search for peaches. It is not claimed that the hickory nuts grow in clusters the same as grapes, but many people in the neighborhood will testify to the authenticity of the story, as it seems to be one of the peculiarities of nature caused by the "crossing" of the vine and tree.

## SARAJEVO MONUMENT-RAZED

Slavs Tear Down Shaft Marking Spot Where Archduke Ferdinand and Wife Were Killed.

Sarajevo, Bosnia.—The Slavs have torn down the beautiful monument of granite and bronze which the Austrians erected to the memories of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, Sophia, duchess of Hohenberg, which stood at a corner of the bridge here where their assassination by Prinzp furnished the spark that set off the world war. It bore a bronze plaque showing the figures of both Ferdinand and Sophia.

Sarajevo seems almost to have forgotten the assassination and is well on its way toward making "business as usual." As a demobilized soldier said, "We're all sick of the war business!"

## Indian Gives Girl Saddle.

Tyndall, S. D.—What without doubt is one of the finest and most valuable saddles in the whole Northwest has been presented to Miss Anna Kirk of this city by an old Indian friend. The saddle is entirely covered with beads, red, white and blue, fashioned in different designs. The saddle shows wear, and evidently had been in use in the tribe for some years. The work on it indicates that many months and perhaps years, were required to make the saddle and fashion the beadwork designs upon it. Miss Kirk refused an offer of \$150 for the saddle, which thought to be one of the finest examples of Indian work in existence.

## Band Weighs 3 1/2 Tons.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Los Angeles claims the world's heaviest band. It is the police band of 32 members, the lightest weighing 200 pounds. Total weight, three and a half tons.

## Y. W. C. A. FURNISHES ARMENIAN WOMEN WORK AND HOMES



Armenian women and girls, rescued from the Turks, filling quilts with wool which they have combed and cleaned. They are given homes and work by the Y. W. C. A.