THE WEATHER
Oregon: Rain west, local rains or snows east portion Tuesday night and Wednesday. Temperature: Minimum Tuesday, 39 degrees; maximum Monday, 42. Precipitation, .2 of an inch. Stage of river, .7 of a foot. Direction of wind, west.

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LINDY BEATS SCHEDULE WITH MAIL

CITY NEWS

TAXPAYERS WARNED
WINNINGS in card games and prize fight bets must be included in income tax returns but those who lose on these rather precarious avocations need not include their losses. This information on how the government regulates its income tax law is contained in a report sent out from the office of Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue at Portland. Representatives of the Portland office will be in Lane county soon to aid taxpayers in making out their returns and talks. The representatives will be at Cottage Grove Feb. 27 and at Junction City Feb. 28. The Eugene office in the city hall will be open from Feb. 29 to March 15, last day for filing returns.

RODENT CONTROL STARTS
DISTRIBUTION of poisoned barley to Lane county dealers in preparation for the start of the rodent control campaign has been started by C. S. Fletcher, Lane county agricultural agent. Mr. Fletcher will distribute a supply of the grain to dealers at Dexter, Lowell and Fall Creek. By the last of next week the grain will be in the hands of a large number of dealers in various communities and convenient for farmers, Mr. Fletcher says. Two tons of the barley have already been prepared.

I SAW—
A man come into a crowded butcher shop. He waited his turn, looking at first one cut of meat in the case, and then another. Finally his turn came. "What will you have?" asked the butcher. The man leaned forward and said confidentially, "Give me a ten-cent soup bone!" Then he added, enthusiastically, "—with lots of meat on it!" And I nearly collapsed when he actually got it.
—L. M.

What Did You See?
Editor's note: Curious things are happening around us every day. Tell us what you saw. We will print one item each day.

FORESTERS TO MEET
To meet with members of the research committee of the Pacific Northwest Forest Experiment station, C. Mendoff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, leaves for Portland Thursday. The meeting will continue for several days and the supervisor will be absent for about a week. A program of work for the coming year will be discussed by the committee as well as a review of the activities of the committee during the past year. Problems dealing with forestic conditions in relation to forestry and tests in planting are among the of the topics to be considered.

CHAMBER PROGRAM READY
MEMBERS of the Eugene realty board will be in charge of the luncheon chamber of commerce program Thursday noon this week. The following week's luncheon program will be in charge of the automotive dealers of the city, according to T. Tappin, chamber secretary. For the luncheon of Thursday, March 8, Lane county boys and girls clubs will cook and serve the luncheon. It is probable that C. D. Rorer, delegate of the chamber to the western division meeting of the United States chamber, will be one of the speakers at this meeting.

GOLF MATCHES ASKED
LETTERS have been received by the Eugene Country club from clubs at Roseburg, Marshfield and Klamath Falls stating that they are favorable toward a series of golf tournaments to be played "home-and-home" this summer. The Roseburg club suggests that a series of matches be played after August as the new nine greens of the Douglas county organization will be ready at that time, according to W. N. Wintler, chairman of the tournament committee of the Eugene club.

MAJOR BUBB TO LEAVE
MAJOR JOHN P. BUBB, regular army officer on detached service with the organized reserve corps, and who is now on a detail of inspection for the national guard, has been ordered to report at Fort D. A.

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Dinner Pail Is Topic at Farm Meet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A clash between committee members over the full dinner pail or lack of it, marked the house agriculture committee's hearings today on farm relief.

While Edgar Wallace of the American Federation of Labor was endorsing equalization fee principle, Representatives Ketcham of Michigan, republican, and Kincheloe of Kentucky, democrat, engaged in a political encounter.

The exchange was precipitated when Wallace asserted forty per cent of labor in the United States was unemployed.

"Then you don't believe there is a full dinner pail at present?" asked Kincheloe.

"No, there aren't full dinner pails now," Wallace replied.

Kincheloe remonstrated that politics were being interjected into the hearing.

"Not politics but economics," said Kincheloe.

Wallace then under questioning by Kincheloe, declared the textile industry workers were "miserably paid," and many were unemployed. He said 200,000 coal miners were jobless. Kincheloe answered the textile industry was "highly protected by the tariff."

"The tariff has not helped them," declared the labor man.

SEWER MAINS OF CITY WILL BE CLEANSED

Thorough Inspection to be Made; Streets Will Be Graded

A thorough inspection and systematic cleaning of all the city's sewer mains—an undertaking unprecedented in the history of Eugene—is now in progress and will be completed in about four weeks according to C. A. LeVan, street commissioner and for seventeen years a resident of Eugene, who is superintending the work.

Also, Eugene is to enjoy better macadam streets than ever before. The city has recently purchased a $3500 Russel scarifying grader which furnishes adequate means for breaking up the gravelled surfacing and at the same time grading the street as desired.

Streets in Condition

Clark, Monroe, and First streets have been put in condition with the machine. As soon as the rains soften the surfacing sufficient for the most satisfactory operation of the scarifier, Madison, West Eighth, and Chambers out to the aviation field, will be graded into shape. Then Twelfth and all other macadam streets on the west and east sides will be gone over. This some conditioning will be repeated once or twice during the summer months. If the weather permits this work ought to be completed within six weeks, said the commissioner.

The aviation field is to be improved in connection with this work by grading and surfacing in a new driveway.

Former System Improved

Heretofore it has been the practice of the street department to investigate, clean, or repair the sewer mains as complaints came in. The grading of the streets has been merely a process of scraping loose material into the chuck holes only soon to be dug out again by traffic.

The extent of the present equipment of the street department amounts to $17,717, including the new markers recently purchased which are to replace the painted lines on Willamette street between Sixth and Eleventh. They consist of white square metal plates so molded that the four corners fit down into the concrete. They are to be placed twelve inches apart the length of the yellow marks. Four inverted bowl-like dividers will be set in the centers of the intersecting streets within the limits specified.

Markers Economical

"The total cost of these markers," said Mr. LeVan, "was about $400 but they will be much more economical than the old ones because they are permanent. It costs the city $40 every time the yellow markers are repainted which should be once a month."

"The city paving plant will open up May 1, but the prediction is that a great deal of pavement repair work and new paving will not be done as this work is fairly well caught up it is believed. The budget of the street department is fixed at $22,000 out of which comes the salaries, wages, asphalt repair work, and improvement expenditures. The cost of all new paving is assessed to the property owners under the Bancroft act. After a petition has been submitted and passed upon, the owners are notified when the work is begun. Then after completion another notice is sent out and it is within ten days after receipt of the second notice that the first of ten payments covering the total assessment is to be made.

FRIENDLY SUIT ON DORMITORY STARTS

What is termed a friendly suit to determine the validity of the Oregon law under which the regents of the University of Oregon authorized issuance of $400,000 worth of bonds for construction of a men's dormitory, was entered in circuit court Tuesday by Marion F. McClain.

Mr. McClain in the complaint seeks to enjoin the regents from issuing the bonds under chapter 208 of the Oregon laws of 1927, which law was used by the regents in their deliberations. At the January meeting of regents chapter 289 was the reference and Mr. McClain in his suit claims that it is unconstitutional in that it will create a debt in excess of $50,000.

Plaintiff cites section 7 of article 2 of the state constitution in support of the claim. He is represented by the legal firm of Teal, Winfree, McCulloch and Shuler, bond attorneys of Portland.

Under the terms of the 1927 law used by the regents, it was planned to pay off the bonded indebtedness through rentals of the dormitory.

Mr. McClain issues the complaint as a taxpayer.

Volcanic Island Active

BATAVIA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The volcanic island of Krakatao, which was in eruption recently, is again active. A number of volcanic movements have occured above the surface of the sea. No new formations have been observed yet.

SIX TEAMS IN VALLEY GROUP

SALEM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—An organization was effected at Albany last night of the Willamette valley baseball league when President George J. Wilhelm of Harrisburg met with the organization committee of Leo Edwards, manager of the Salem Senators, Clyde Rupert of Albany and Donald Husband of Eugene.

The league will be made up of six teams: Salem, Albany, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Wendling, and one other team to be selected later.

Many details of the league remain to be worked out.

HERE'S HOT JOB FOR A COOL HEAD

When a gas well near Corpus Christi, Texas, caught fire and was burning 40,000,000 cubic feet of gas each day, a daring photographer borrowed an asbestos suit and walked to the edge of the blazing crater, shown at the top. He was overcome by the heat and collapsed. Tex Thornton, lower left, who makes a business of fighting gas and oil well fires, donned his own fireproof armor and dragged the camera man to safety. At the right is an action picture of the rescue.

SCHOOLS OF CITY PLAN PROGRAMS FOR WEDNESDAY

Educational institutions in Eugene will observe Washington's birthday Wednesday. University of Oregon, Eugene Bible university, Eugene Business college, St. Mary's school and the University high school, planning a holiday for the entire day. Other schools of the city are planning special assemblies in the morning, most of the programs being from 9 to 10 a. m., with the remainder of the day a holiday.

S. D. Allen, Eugene attorney, will give an address at Eugene high school in a program which opens at 9 a. m. Wednesday. Music will be provided by the orchestra and glee clubs.

Class Projects Given

University high school held a short assembly Tuesday afternoon, the patriotic features of the Washington's birthday season being carried out mainly in class projects. St. Marv's school held a patriotic assembly at 1:30 p. m.

Wilson junior high school will have a program at 9:15 a. m. including music by the orchestra, the girls' sextet, 'cello solo by Roberta Spicer, address by Rev. Fred J. Clark, and a minuet by eight girls.

Frank Fay Eddy will deliver the address at the Roosevelt junior high school program which opens at 9:15 a. m. There will be patriotic singing by the school.

Whiteaker Assembly

At Whiteaker school each grade will contribute to the program which opens at 9 a. m.

Song, America ,by the school.

Song, "Soldier Man," by the first grade.

Recitation, George Washington, by

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FIRE SWEEPS ILLINOIS CITY

FREEPORT, Ill., Feb. 21.—(AP)—A million dollar fire swept Freeport today. Four large business houses were destroyed and several nearly structures were badly damaged.

An explosion, apparently of the heating plant of the Pfeiffer Clothing company, started the fire shortly after 4 a. m.

The flames spread to three adjacent buildings, all of which were destroyed.

Freeport firemen called for help from the Rockford department and the united forces brought the fire under control after three hours work.

Hurl Eggs In Ashland School Row

MEDFORD, Feb. 21.—(AP)—School boards of this city and Ashland will take action to curb gang fights between school students following athletic contests, which have occurred for years. A young riot occurred Saturday night at Ashland following a basketball game, in which rotten eggs were hurled, the First Methodist church stopping most of the missiles. The trouble was a continuation of a skirmish Friday night in this city when a grammar school pupil sustained a broken nose, and another youth was badly beaten.

Saturday night the war was taken to the Pacific highway, and automobiles bombarded with eggs and hard-shelled walnuts. The bitterness was brought by the "stalling tactics" of the Medford basketball team in the closing minutes of a district championship game.

CARKIN TO DECIDE ON HIS CANDIDACY

SALEM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Information has reached here directly from John M. Carkin of Medford that Mr. Carkin within a week or ten days will announce whether he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state.

Carkin was a speaker of the house at the last session of the legislature and is now chairman of the state tax investigating committee.

SEEKS SENATORSHIP

SALEM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Income tax, good roads for farms and towns, adjustment of automobile license fees and reduction of the state's overhead are the main planks in the platform of Loyal M. Graham of Forest Grove who yesterday filed with the secretary of state his candidacy for the republican nomination for state senator from Washington county. Graham has been a member of the lower house at several sessions of the legislature.

John Baker of Hood River is a candidate for re-election as district attorney for his county. His candidacy for the republican nomination was filed yesterday.

Flood Toll at 14 Dead

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Although the weather is still unsettled the flood waters which followed torrential rains were subsiding today with 14 deaths recorded. These occurred in Queensland, New South Wales and south Australia.

SUSPECTS IN ROBBERY CASE ARE RELEASED

Fingerprints Believed to Have Been Obtained By Officers

MEDFORD, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Lem and George Eitelgeorge, Steve O'Donnell and Edwin Lafferty, who gave their home as Tacoma, Wash., held by the sheriff's office upon suspicion of having knowledge of the robbery of a department store at Eugene, Sunday, were released at noon by the local authorities.

No further clues have as yet been found in the search for the crackmen who early Sunday looted the two safes of the McMorran and Washburne store, Julian Strait, Eugene police officer after a careful inspection of the safes and other furniture in the store offices believes that he has obtained fingerprints that may have been left by the yeggs.

Before inspection of the premises had been made by the officer a large number of persons had handled pieces of the safe doors and furniture and it was a task to find some place where there were finger prints.

Reports of various persons being seen in the vicinity of the store about the time the robbery is supposed to have been committed between 6 and 7 a. m. Sunday has so far developed nothing, according to the police.

A report that a woman had been seen in front of the store at about 6:30 Sunday morning was investigated. A woman reported to the police Tuesday that she had been in front of the store Sunday morning. She was waiting for a bus on the opposite corner and strolled across the street and looked in the show windows for a few minutes. The woman says that at that time there was nobody else in front of the store and that she did not look into the store.

Hundreds of persons visited the McMorran and Washburne store all day Monday after hearing of the robbery. The shattered doors of the two safes were on display on the lower floor and were the center of a crowd of the curious throughout the day. "Among our souvenirs," was the card that was set above the display.

A check of the loss which was reported at about $8000 is being made and it is possible that the amount of cash lost may be less than at first estimated. Some burglary insurance is carried by the firm but it is not believed to be enough to cover the total loss, according to Carl G. Washburne.

Light Raids Are Staged

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—An automobile light-testing campaign is under way in which all city, county and state agencies are participating in an effort to do away with glaring headlights, to which cause have been attributed a number of accidents recently.

Results for the first two evenings indicate officials say, that about 25 per cent of motorists have not made proper adjustment of their headlights.

Land Brings High Price

SPOKANE, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Mrs. F. E. R. Linfield of McMinnville, Ore. has sold a piece of property here for $125,000. The money, it is understood will accrue to Linfield college at McMinnville, as Mrs. Linfield presented the land to the college some years ago, with the stipulation that she manage it, and that she receive an annuity from the institution.

BULLETIN!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Adjudged guilty of criminal contempt for shadowing the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy trial jury, Harry F. Sinclair was sentenced today to serve six months in jail.

Justice Siddons in the District of Columbia supreme court sentenced W. J. Burns, internationally known detective to serve 15 days in jail.

Henry Mason Day, a business associate of Sinclair was sentenced to serve four months in jail. He hired the Burns detectives to shadow the jury.

W. Sherman Burns, son of W. J. Burns, and head of the Burns detective agency, was let off with a $1000 fine.

SHE'S QUEEN OF THE MARDI GRAS

Carnival Queen of New Orleans and its colorful Mardi Gras is Miss Betty Watson, society beauty of the southern city. Her selection was not a surprise, for she already has ruled over many a carnival ball. This year she will share her throne with Leon G. Irwin, New Orleans business man, who has been chosen King of the Mardi Gras.

SENATOR REED IN BITTER ATTACK ON G. O. P. IN ADDRESS

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 21.—(AP)—In the fight for the United and Militant democrats which he demanded here last night to bring about the "return of honesty in government," Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, set out today for Tulsa, Okla., to continue to spread his doctrine of harmony.

Opening his western campaign, the Missouri democratic presidential candidate told his party that first of all it must be united. He set out the platform on which he believed the democratic party can unite and win.

Scores Republicans

"The most important question before the American people," he said, "is to drive the republican party from power; to take this government out of the hands of boodlers, grafters and lobbyists and to place its control once more in the hands of the American people."

Emphasizing the necessity for party harmony, the Missourian declined to discuss presidential candidacies, "including my own," as he talked here with some of the Texas democratic leaders yesterday.

With the award of their 40 votes in the democratic convention still in doubt and involved in factional strife, most of the Texans who streamed into the senator's hotel room were easily steered by him from political discussions.

Calls for Punishment

The veteran silver-haired campaigner who is making his first bid for the presidency centered his opening attack on what he described as the "public plunderers" and "corruptionists" of the Harding and Coolidge administrations. He called for the "swift and sure punishment of all public plunderers, bribe givers, election corruptionists and other malefactors." He departed from his prepared address to declare for law observance and to denounce racial and religious prejudices.

"Upon other problems we may be in division," he said, frankly, "but here

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Young King Gets Salute He Wanted

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A Bucharest dispatch to the Daily Express today told of how the six year old king Michael of Rumania saw that his four year old cousin, Crown Prince Peter of Jugo Slavia observed the proprieties when he arrived at Bucharest.

Michael with kingly diguity solemnly embraced Peter. Then he stepped back and raised his hand in a ceremonious salute.

The prince, however, was stricken with shyness and stood still and stared.

"Why don't you salute?" Michael asked.

Peter did not move. Thereupon Michael took the prince's hand, raised it to the correct angle for a salute. This accomplished he escorted his visitor to the royal motor car.

CEDING OF LAND IN WEST SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The ceding of 208,000,000 acres of federal public lands to western states was advocated by Representative Winter republican, Wyoming, in an address prepared for delivery today in the house. Declaring that the states in and west of the Rocky mountains were denied equal rights with other states in land possession, the Wyoming representative voiced his opposition to pending legislation which would place 200,000,000 acres under a grazing lease system as a perpetual federal pasture," requiring the payment of grazing fees. "If this is done, 450,000,000 acres amounting to 55 per cent of the entire areas of the states," he said, "will remain forever tax-free, denying new homes settlement, development and taxation."

"We wish to know whether we are to be states or provinces," he said. "When we secure the land we will develop our own resources and make our own improvements, asking then only our just proportion of the benefits of federal aid which are given to all the states under uniform practices of national internal improvements. Western states so long as the government controls tax-free more than half of their lands are compelled and have a right to ask the federal government for support, aid and benefits."

He declared that the "people are still land hungry," and urged that the public lands should not be turned over to grazing but remain "free range open to settlement and available for home builders."

Oregon Wins, 42-18

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 21.—(AP)—University of Oregon crushed Washington State's basketball team here last night, 42 to 18. McCormick for Oregon was high point man with 11 tallies. The game was fast and inclined toward roughness, the Cougars committing thirteen personal fouls.

PLAYWRIGHT DIES

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Bassett MacDonald Hastings, 46, author and playwright, died here today after a lengthy illness

OLD ROUTE FLOWN IN BIG PLANE

Round Trip is Taken; Five Other Fliers Carry Record Mail

Response of Public is Held To Be Greater Than Anticipated

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Flying a big Douglas mail plane ahead of schedule, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh landed at Lambert-St. Louis field at 9 a. m. today, completing a round trip over his old air mail route between St. Louis and Chicago in an effort to advertise the postal service.

The response of the public to his appeal was far beyond the fondest dreams of air line operators. From St. Louis alone yesterday Lindbergh and five other fliers carried 1,997 pounds and ten ounces of mail matter. Approximately half a ton additional was picked up at Springfield and Peoria.

After a quiet night with his fellow pilots in the apartment of a flier at Chicago, Lindbergh was at the Chicago field shortly after 5 a. m. today. At 6:12 with the cockpit of his plane filled to the top with mail, the flying colonel took the air.

He landed at Peoria at 7:25 a. m. Within five minutes the Peoria sacks had been unloaded and he was on his way again. He landed at Springfield, his second stop at 8:05 and took off again within the five minutes provided by the postal schedule.

Just 50 minutes later he landed in front of the national guard hangar here. In reply to questions as to his future plans he said he intended to fly to Albany, N. Y., next week for a conference on Feb. 29, at which a state aeronautical code would be discussed.

Thomas P. Nelson, Cleveland-New York air mail route flier, and an old time flying mate of Lindbergh, left Chicago at 6:25 a. m., with another load of mail and arrived here at 9:20 a. m. Other pilots were held at Chicago awaiting mail from New York and the Pacific coast.

Hinkler Hops Again

BIMA, Sumbawa, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Bert Hinkler, British flier, en route to Australia, arrived here this afternoon from Bandong, Java, 850 miles away. If the weather is favorable he will attempt to fly the 1000 miles from Bima to Port Darwin, Australia tomorrow, thus completing his flight from Croydon, England, in 15 days.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—If Bert Hinkler, who expects to reach Australia tomorrow completing his flight from England in 15 days, arrives there within 18 days he gets 1020 pounds sterling ($5120) from Lloyds. For that sum he insured himself to accomplish the flight under 19 days at a premium of 150 pounds sterling ($750).

Two Temblors Felt

CALEXICO, Cal., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Two distinct temblors of a few seconds duration each were felt at 10:50 and 10:51 o'clock there this morning. No damage was done. Other imperial valley cities reported that the shocks were not felt.

Flivver Plane Starts

DETROIT, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Harry Brooks, piloting a Ford "flivver" plane, took off from the Ford airport at 6:20 a. m., today on his second attempt at a non-stop flight to Miami, Fla.

GEORGE LOVE VISITS

PENDLETON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—George Love, state commander of the American Legion and Carl Moyer, adjutant, will be in Pendleton tonight to address a gathering of American Legion men.

CARAVAN ON WAY SOUTH

MEDFORD, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The governor of Oregon's good-will automobile caravan to California left this morning for Redding, Cal., after spending the night in this city and Ashland The party were entertained at receptions in both cities. Governor Patterson, Mayor George L. Baker of Portland and C. H. Brachhagen, publisher of the Portland Telegram made short talks.

The caravan was greeted at the state line, just beyond the summit of the Siskiyous by State Assemblyman Allen of Yreka, Cal., and officially welcomed to California.

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(From the Official Records of American Flying Heroes)

CHAPTER NINE

Written on the stationery of the Air Corps, the brief letter offered little relief to the harassed minds of the Luke family—for the previous letter to which it referred had never been delivered.

HEADQUARTERS
27th AERO SQUADRON
First Pursuit Group, American E. F.
October 16th, 1918.

Mr. Frank Luke, Sr.,
2200 W. Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

My dear Friend:—

Am returning to you the last monthly pay voucher of your son. By proper endorsement you will be able to cash same.

Am sorry that no further information than I have already written is available, but we are just as strong in our beliefs.

Respectfully,
Alfred A. Grant,
Captain, Air Service, U. S. A.,
Commanding.

(1 enc.)

Anxious to clear the mystery, on the following day Mr. Luke wrote to Captain Grant. It was a letter with a note of pathos that was all too common in those fateful days of 1918.

ARIZONA CLUB
Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 12, 1918.

Captain Grant,
27th Aerial Squadron,
France.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 16th, also check enclosed for $184 for my son, Frank Luke, Jr., service for September.

You state in your letter that you are still of the same belief concerning my son reported missing as written in a previous letter. We did not get any other letter from you.

I assure you it would be a great comfort to get a letter from you telling us something of our boy.

Sincerely yours,
Frank Luke,
2200 West Monroe St.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

This letter did not reach Captain Grant until December 5th, when he answered it with a complete account of Frank's last day as he then knew it.

In the meantime the army mails carried other letters concerning the missing aviator, although none of them bore any news of his actual fate. While Luke was in the midst of his career Captain Grant had forwarded the following recommendation "through military channels"—

27th AERO SQUADRON
First Pursuit Camp Air Service—
American E. F.
A. P. O. 774
September 18th 1918.

From: C. O. 27th Aero Squadron, Air Service.

To: Chief Air Service, First Army, American E. F. (Through Military Channels).

Subject: Recommendation for promotion of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke, Jr., Air Service.

I hereby recommend 2nd Lieut. FRANK LUKE, Jr., Air Service, U. S. A., to be a First Lieutenant, complying with G. O. 144, G. H. Q., American E. F.

(a) FRANK LUKE, Jr., 2nd Lieut., 27th Aero Squadron, Air Service.

(b) First Lieutenant, Air Service, U. S. Army.

(c) Vacancy exists in the new squadrons now being organized.

(d) Physical report enclosed.

2. This officer has never been recommended for promotion, either in America or while a member of the American Expeditionary Force. Lieut. Luke, has during his assignment to this Squadron, proved himself to be a pilot of rare ability, skill and judgment. He has distinguished himself on the Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel sectors. In the number of victories Lieut. Luke now ranks first among all aviators now in the American Air Service. By cool judgment and disregard of personal danger, coupled with a high sense of duty, this officer has proved that he is a man

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