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Weather tomorrow: Fair

CONGRESS AND THE PRESS

It seems probable that the war finance bill will impose a heavy tax on newspapers, on a basis applied to no other industry.

The newspaper community may well ask itself what it has done to provoke this feeling of hostility.

No doubt many of the faults of Congress, at which we all rail, are faults inherent in human nature and our national character.

The principal trouble is that too many Congressmen are anxious about their political future, too fearful of defeat at the polls.

DEER HUNTERS ADVISED TO DON RED FOR SAFETY
Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—Although hunters in the Pacific northwest have been known to forget that deer do not wear bright colored shirts, and hats and walk on their hind legs...

A FEW ITEMS IN OUR STOCK

- FROM FOREIGN LANDS
SAM SHING WO PRESERVED GINGER.
CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S CROW CHOW.
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AVIATOR REPORTED KILLED STILL FLIES

(By HENRY WOOD)
United Press Staff Correspondent
Paris Aug. 2 (By Mail)—Adjutant Edmond Thieffery, a Belgian aviator, who has just distinguished himself by bringing down two German machines in the same combat, has another distinction of which today he is still the sole possessor in the entire aviation world.

In the course of desperate aerial fights Thieffery has himself been brought down no less than five times by his adversary, and has figured in the German official account of these combats as having been killed. No other aviator has ever survived an equal number of defeats.

Thieffery's career is one of the aviation romances of the war. With the German invasion of Belgium, Thieffery was first mobilized as a motorcycle messenger on the staff of General Leman. He was made prisoner, succeeding later in escaping into Holland, where he was interned, but from where he again succeeded in eluding his guards and making his way into the Belgian lines.

In July, 1915, he entered the aviation service and for a year and a half went through all the more important raids of the Belgian bombardment squadrons.

By December, 1915, he won promotion into a fighting squadron and during the first six months of 1917 established for himself a record almost without equal. On January 24 he flew over Brussels arousing the most unique enthusiasm on the part of the Belgian population still remaining there.

On March 25 he brought down his first enemy machine. The second followed just eight days later for which he received a citation and the Croix de Guerre.

On July 3rd came his double exploit. He was returning from a reconnaissance of the enemy lines when he suddenly found himself confronted with 14 German machines. Flying straight into the center of the German squadron Thieffery plucked his man and downed him. Picking a second, he downed him in less than two minutes. With two machines taken out of the center of the German squadron a "hole" was created big enough for Thieffery to fly

through their barrage, the remaining 12 Germans refusing even to chase him.

The fact that Thieffery has been downed five times by enemy machines demonstrates his qualities as an aviator rather than his lack of them. Each time that he has been "downed" he has been engaged in the closest, deadliest combat with his adversary in which the latter merely happened to get the advantage, the "drop" as it were, that must come to every aviator once in awhile.

SUSPEND SOLDIERS' DEBTS.

Pennsylvania Law of 1915 Has Stood Test in State Courts.

Enlisted men in the national service, including those selected for the army by draft, will be protected in Pennsylvania by what virtually amounts to a moratorium.

There is a law on the statute books of Pennsylvania, passed two years ago, which exempts men mustered into state or national service from any "civil process."

It is of special importance and interest to those who may be selected for the army and who have been anxious lest, due to a decrease in their earning power, they would not be able to meet payments on their homes and thus lose them.

According to authorities on realty law, the act of 1915 will prevent a building and loan association, for example, from foreclosing a mortgage held against a home owner drafted into the army for such period as he is serving in the army, regardless of whether the payments on the mortgage are made as they become due.

It will also prevent, these authorities say, such legal action as ejectment proceedings against a soldier's family for nonpayment of rent while the lessor of the property is in service.

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SUGAR COMPANY BUYS JACKSON CO. FARM

A distinct departure in scientific agronomy in the Rogue River valley is suggested in the purchase by the Utah-Idaho Sugar company of 255 acres of land known as the DeBarr tract, lying between the city of Medford and the Benson farm, which it will devote to experimental work in the production of maximum yields of any crop it may desire to cultivate, devoting especial attention to sugar beet culture, by building up the soil.

Manifestly, this cannot be said to be experimental, as agriculturists know it is not an experiment to improve the strength of the soil for the better production of crops. But it is a departure in this valley—for here the usual system has been to impoverish the soil by the production of the same crop annually for indefinite periods, without any thought of rotation or of adding strength by fertilization to depleted soils.

The Utah-Idaho Sugar company paid \$25,000 for the DeBarr tract because it is ideal in many respects for demonstration purposes. Its agriculturist will begin with a variety of crops, cover crops being used where most needed by impoverished conditions of soil. Fertilizers will be employed freely and the results carefully noted. Part by part, the farm will be restored to its native strength to which will be added scientifically those elements with which nature did not originally supply it.

Modern methods of tillage will be employed; and the effect in additional yield and income will be compared with the cost of the increase over those of slovenly methods of agriculture so generally used in the valley.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

HIDING THE WARSHIP.

Smoke Screens and How They Are Used in Naval Engagements.

The manner in which the density of the smoke screens is regulated during a battle is interesting. By partly shutting off the draft to her boilers a battleship is made to emit clouds of smoke which screen her from the enemy. But how can the stokers, who are far below deck, see the stacks so that they can regulate the smoke clouds to the proper density? By an electric "eye," says Popular Science Monthly. The eye is placed near the top of the smokestack, and it records the exact density on electric meters conveniently located in the boiler room.

This remarkably clever eye is simply a wire coil of selenium which is carried in a housing on the inside of the smokestack walls. An electric light, in another housing directly opposite, plays its beams of light squarely upon the wire. Now, selenium, as is well known, has the peculiar property of changing its resistance to an electric current when the light falling upon it changes. The weaker the light the greater the resistance, and vice versa.

Evidently, then, the denser the smoke emitted through the stack the weaker the light that gets through the smoke from the electric lamp and falls upon the selenium. By connecting the selenium with an electric meter and the ship's lighting mains the electric current going through the meter will be lowered by the increased resistance. The meter is very sensitive and shows the slightest change in smoke density. Moreover, it is calibrated to indicate exactly what the actual smoke density is, so that the stokers can regulate the cutoff of the draft to a nicety.

Glass plates are placed in front of the lamp and of the selenium coil to protect them from soot. The plates are kept clean by streams of compressed air directed against them.

Danger in Haste.

In a Vermont town they tell of a suit or, who, after some years of devotion, finally proposed to the lady of his choice.

"But, Henry," protested the lady, "this is really sudden. You had better give me a week to think it over." "Very well, my dear," said Henry. "And," after due reflection, he added, "perhaps it would be as well if I thought it over myself at the same time"—Puck.

Imaginary.

"Father," said the little boy, "every now and then I hear you talking about somebody who was old enough to know better."

"Yes, my boy." "What age is that, father?" And the old gentleman, after some thought replied: "My son, there isn't any such thing. It's like the golden age—purely mythological."

Easy by Comparison.

"You must put your shoulder to the wheel," said the earnest citizen. "Glad of the chance," replied Mr. Chuggins. "I feel lucky if I don't have to crawl under a motorcar and lie on my back to fix the works"—Washington Star.

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