

### CURRY AERONAUTIC BILL IS IMPORTANT

U. S. Awakening to Need of Properly Equipped Trained Air Force.

### COOLIDGE AIDS MOVE

President Making Effort to Put Service on Footing of Its Own; All Other Nations Organized.

Written for The Gazette-Times by EDWARD PERCY HOWARD, Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—France has 30,000 aeroplanes in actual service. Japan has seventeen factories working day and night turning out aeroplanes. England has an air admiralty and a starting national development in aeroplanes. America invented the aeroplane, but America has no air service worthy of consideration. These facts have hurried themselves quietly to his mind of President Coolidge, growing comment of the press on this

subject. Calmly and without any splash he has been analyzing the situation relative to our national defense. Now, without any dramatic message he has set out to give America her proper and sensible place in the air.

The President is disposed to believe the aeroplane is destined to supplant the battleship as our first line of defense. He is determined to know whether his judgment is correct. He has put the subject before an expert board and ordered a thorough investigation and report. While the war experts are working out their problem the President has sent to the Budget Bureau for facts and figures covering the small appropriations allotted to the various government departments for aeroplane purposes.

Want Air Department and Secretary in Cabinet.

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thus pressing his inquiry, Charles F. Curry, representative from California has introduced a bill providing for the creation of a department of aeroplanes to be headed by a Secretary of Aeroplanes who would have a place in the cabinet and direct the entire aviation plans of the government. It is not known whether this measure comes as a result of conversations with the President or indirectly at his suggestion, or whether the provisions are the sole creation of Mr. Curry, but there is every reason to believe the President looks with favor on the move.

Unless the political dragon shows its head such a measure stands a strong chance of adoption. Certainly it will lead to a greater unification of the air service. The President seems determined no longer to permit the service to remain as the unfortunate verminiform appendix of our other governmental bodies to be cut out whenever a financial pain is felt. The naval policy of the government seems fairly well defined. The navy will be kept up to the full treaty strength, but no more. This it is felt

will permit of reasonable expenditure for the development of our air service.

Whether the expansion will come, as suggested, through the more extensive use of aeroplanes by the Post Office department, is not known, the sense of the members of the Congress who are strongly in favor of a vigorous aeronautic programme believe this would be a wise way to meet the situation. They contend that a great air mail service should be established and bring to the government such come as it might be reasonable to expect. The balance of the cost could properly be charged to the cost of peace.

President Senses Value of Yankees In the Air.

Here and there complaint is heard that the development in aeroplanes is so electrical that as soon as one type of aeroplane is built it is obsolete. The President, however, pays no attention to such arguments. He knows that the scrapping of aeroplanes is as nothing to the cost of scrapping battleships. He senses the

fact that one daredevil American with some high explosive and Yankee pluck can sink a battleship with its thousand or eighteen hundred men in the twinkling of an eye. It is safe to say that now the President has set himself to this investigation it will be pursued to its logical end, regardless of influence or politics.

Attention is called to the notice in another column, announcing the postponement of the big Legion dance that was advertised to take place at the Legion hall in Ione on Saturday night. The dance is indefinitely postponed on account of cold weather.

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Vision is the understanding that all is well with our ever-progressing world. Thrift is a common sense conservation of our talents—which may be labor or money.

After all, money is only stored-up labor. So to save money is to intelligently store up labor—to distribute or equalize it over the span of life.

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