

## Today?

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N. Y. To Constantinople. The Babe and Voltair. If The People Know How. Deadly Gas? We Need It.

As this is written the army monoplane, "Question Mark" has been in the air 75 hours, taking supplies of fuel from a smaller plane to feed its three Wright whirlwind motors. The pilot, in the 75 hours, would have flown from New York to Constantinople.

Twenty years ago this writer suggested airplanes of the future, gigantic machines going round and round the earth, dropping passengers at Paris, Peking, etc., taking on supplies from smaller planes.

The suggestion was called "ridiculous" then.

Soon it will be reality.

What men can imagine, they can do.

Babe Ruth, weight 234 1/2 pounds, playing handball to reduce, says "I am thirty-five years old, still have five years to play."

That's the worst of depending on your legs and arms, young gentlemen.

Depend on your brain, and at forty you are just starting.

Goethe wrote the second part of Faust at seventy-two; Voltair was at his best at eighty-two, although he weighed 129 pounds less than Babe Ruth weighs.

The Rockefeller foundation, and the Laura Spellman Rockefeller foundation, established in memory of the late Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, have been consolidated, totaling \$24,602,447—more than it cost to build the Panama Canal. It is by far the greatest sum ever set aside for philanthropic purposes.

The people of this country could set aside ten times as much and not feel it. They haven't the brains to do that and are fortunate in having a Rockefeller family to do it for them.

A German professor lecturing on the horrors of future war, with deadly gases employed, caused his audience to shed tears. It takes something to make Germans shed tears after the Kaiser's war.

Some of our people will shed tears also. Those in Washington that have brains enough should find out exactly what gas the professor meant, and get some of it. We need it, not for attack, which is not in our line, but for defense, and if necessary for retaliation.

This nation should have airships, submarines, fast cruisers, and every possible war device, and say to other nations "Keep away from us, if you are wise. We can destroy you here in America, and destroy you where you live."

If you like big things this will suit. Thomas B. Campbell of Harding, Montana, "America's largest wheat grower," undertakes the planting of 10,000,000 acres of Russian land with wheat and flax.

Planting 10,000,000 acres, under government supervision, would be new. Instead of government helping the farmer, it would be a case of the farmer helping the government.

The Russian enterprise would call for \$100,000,000 worth of American agricultural

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## QUESTION MARK ENGINES BALKING

### All Records For Endurance Flight Smashed, and End Not In Sight — Aviation History Made and Crew Contented and Spirits High.

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Limping with a number of misbehaving engine cylinders the army monoplane Question Mark tonight at 10:06 o'clock exceeded the last official record for sustained flight of aircraft, that of the Graf Zeppelin. The giant dirigible was in the air continuously for 111 hours and 30 minutes in its flight last fall from Friedrichshafen, Germany, to Lakehurst, N. J. The only record, unofficial, which had not been surpassed, was that of the French dirigible Dixmude, which plumed into the sea after having been in the air an estimated 118 hours. At 10:06 tonight the Question Mark had been in the air 111 hours and 30 minutes.

Shortly before 11 p. m. tonight, the following message, signed by Major Carl Spatz, commander, was dropped from the Question Mark: "We have some interesting conditions. Can't tell how many. Can only take 100 gallons of gas at a time. We want it over 2000 hours. May be able to limp through with morning and replace things but can do nothing yet. We'll drop a parachute fare and fire red flare pistol if forced to land."

"Missing spare parts are not necessarily serious," H. J. Adamson, in charge of information at the airport said. "There is always a chance that they will pick up again. It is not likely at this stage of flight. We feel no great pessimism yet, however, hoping the plane can remain in the air until dawn, when the missing parts can be replaced."

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Steadily over peaceful San Fernando valley, its three motors operating as sweetly as on New Year's morning when it took off on its epoch making flight, the army's Question Mark plane tonight was establishing its final and absolute claim to supremacy of the air. Based after record has been overtaken and thrust aside since the huge Fokker left the ground more than four and a half days ago, and the last existing records for sustained flight were tumbling from the skies tonight.

Just before darkness settled over the valley, the Question Mark veered from a swing down the coast to San Diego, was refueled, and settled down for a long night to be spent in great 30-minute circles.

At daybreak 250 gallons more were to be taken aboard through the swinging hose lines in preparation for perhaps another flight to San Diego.

As the number of hours grew, the spirits of the Question Mark's crew rose with them. "Strange as it may seem," read an entry by Lieutenant Edward R. Quesada, one of the big Fokker's pilots, in the plane's log dropped at the airport tonight, "the longer we stay up the longer we want to. If everything keeps on I don't expect we'll ever want to come down."

As the plane overhauled the last official and unofficial air records tonight, officers in charge of the flight arrangements began to ask themselves if the Question Mark ever would come down.

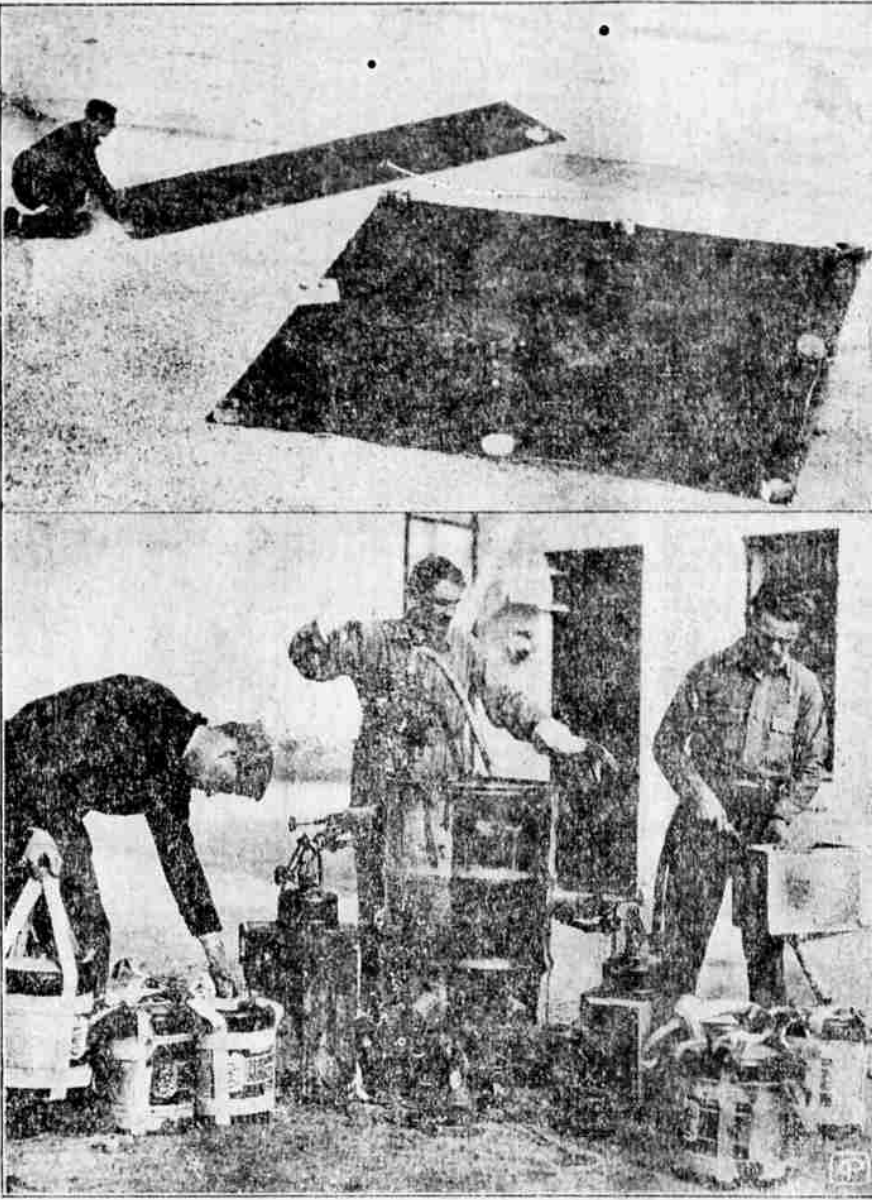
At 10:56:46 tonight, the last of official sustained flight record, that of the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin, of 111 hours and 30 minutes, was scheduled to be left behind by the Question Mark, and the record of the ill-fated French dirigible Dixmude, unofficial, but recognized by some aviation authorities, of 118 hours in the air, was due to become past history at 5:29 o'clock tomorrow morning.

If the Question Mark still is in the air when the sun is tomorrow, it will have established a record of approximately 129 hours of continuous flight. The plane will have gained clear title for endurance of all types of aircraft, starting on the first day of the new year, the Question Mark was completing the turning of a new page in the history of aviation.

In celebration of the approaching triumph of the big plane, members of the Metropolitan airport ground crew, and the pilots of the refueling planes and the "black-bird" ship, today donned leather jackets with a yellow "Z" stenciled on the left breast.

CHICAGO, Ill. Jan. 5.—(AP)—The second bombing of the new year shattered the entrance to a newly opened west side restaurant early today. Windows in adjoining buildings were broken by the bomb, made from a tin pail plastered with paris and black powder.

## GROUND CREW AIDS ARMY PILOTS OF MYSTERY PLANE



Top photo shows M. D. Smith messaging the Question Mark, world's record wing endurance monoplane, from Metropolitan Field, Los Angeles. The note to the pilot says: "Landing not received." Below is the refueling crew number two heating oil for the plane's engine and aloft to transfer it on the wing. Left to right: Lieut. W. H. Koenig, Sgt. F. E. Charles, and Sgt. J. White.

## BUDGET CALLS FOR SLASH IN STATE EXPENSE

### Next Biennium Estimates Lowered After Four Previous Years Says Kozer Report — Responsibility of Legislature In Providing Funds Also Less.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—The expense of the Oregon state government for the biennium of 1929 and 1930, according to the state budget, made public tonight by Sam A. Kozer, budget director, will be \$22,191,932, as compared to \$27,359,457 for the 1927-1928 biennium and \$24,456,216 for 1925 and 1926.

Of the estimate for 1929 and 1930 the sum of \$7,494,141 will come from license and other miscellaneous fees, leaving \$15,697,791 recommended to the legislature for appropriation. Of this later amount \$6,834,669 will be by direct appropriation by the legislature; \$226,156 is fixed of continuing appropriations; \$1,952,273 millage levies within the 6 per cent limitation; and \$172,952 levied outside the 6 per cent limitation to pay interest on irrigation district interest bonds. This means that the only part of the total appropriation for which the legislature is directly responsible is the \$6,834,669.

The sources from which the money will be available are \$11,378,594 from the annual property tax for the two years paid by the counties into the state treasury; \$4,125,578 from various licenses, fees, special taxes, unused balances and transfers; and \$206,000 assumed to accrue to the general fund through suggestions by the governor.

### Minority Leader in House Writes Letter to Gov. Roosevelt — Gives Figures on Prohibition Force and No Official Action in, Sigst.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The future success of the Democratic party, in the opinion of Representative Box of Texas, the new minority whip in the house, depends upon ridding the organization of those forces which nominated Governor Smith and controlled his campaign. Otherwise, he sees a disintegration of the party beyond salvation.

Box, who recently was selected Democratic whip for the remainder of Arkansas, expressed this view in a letter, made public today, to Franklin D. Roosevelt, new governor of New York, and political and personal friend of Smith. Roosevelt had congratulated Box on his reelection and suggested the party must have a constructive program and continue to maintain a strong national organization.

Replying, the Texas declared the situation which culminated in the nomination of Smith and Hoover and the election of the latter was a "calamitous mistake."

## SLIM HOPE FOR VILENESS BARS WOMEN JURORS

### Stand and Defense Agrees — Northcott Wants Benefits of Sympathy, and Will Be Own Lawyer — Special Venire to Be Called.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Special Prosecutor Legal C. Kelly announced today that he will not allow women to sit on the jury which will decide the fate of Gordon Stewart Northcott, whose trial for murder of three boys at the Wineville chicken ranch will be resumed here today. "Sympathetic women" on the jury have been considered a strong point in the defense both by Northcott Savay, defense counsel, and young Northcott himself, who today declared he plans to assume personal control of the court proceedings Monday.

"The nature of the evidence which will be necessary to introduce during this trial is such that I will not impose jury duty in the case on any woman," Kelly said. He indicated that if a special venire of 30, called for Monday, includes women, he will use his rights of peremptory challenge to exclude them. Savay from the start of the trial last Wednesday continually has voiced his dissatisfaction with the regular panel, which by chance, was comprised exclusively of men. His plans to challenge many of the present panel, necessitating the calling of the special venire, were looked upon by court observers as constituting a definite effort to obtain women jurors.

Superior Judge George R. Freeman, trial judge, today announced appointment of Dr. Newton Evans, nationally known pathologist of Los Angeles, Cal., and Dr. L. D. Whiting, noted bio-chemist of Los Angeles, to act for the court in examination of physical evidence which the prosecution has indicated it plans to present, including bits of alleged human hair and bones.

## CONGRESS NO OFFSET DIRECTORS SIDESTEPS IN INCOME OF 'GO-OP' TAX PLANS SELECTED

### Tariff Revision And Farm Aid Shifted to Hoover and Special Session Looms, Unless McNary Bill Approved — Kellogg Peace Pact Is Opposed — Old Guard to Rescue.

U. S. R. UTAH, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover will return to his homeland tomorrow from his history-making tour of Latin America upon which he embarked from San Pedro, Cal., Nov. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover will go ashore from the Utah at Old Point Comfort at 9:20 a. m., to board a special train for Washington where the president-elect will spend a week or ten days conferring with party leaders regarding cabinet and other appointments and policies of his administration.

From the capital he will go to Florida for fishing and recreation, with another mission of sorts, this to the East Indies, under contemplation before his inauguration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Congressional leaders looked forward today to the approaching visit here of Herbert Hoover for an answer as to whether farm relief is to be pressed at this session or deferred to the extra session promised by the president-elect.

It is the verdict of the leaders that unless Mr. Hoover next week gives definite word that he is for the McNary legislation, the senate, no legislation can be expected at this time and an extra session, probably this spring, is consequently unavoidable. They are going to put the question to Mr. Hoover during his stay here.

The president-elect is understood to have received word yesterday from Washington intimating him to indicate his wishes on the pending farm relief bill which has received endorsement of the Coolidge administration and it is believed here that he changed his plans to go direct to Florida to come to Washington to confer on this question among others.

Mr. Hoover approached the capital today, a Republican senator, Senator Jones of Washington, issued a statement in which he lined up with Senators Borah of Idaho, and Brookhart of Iowa, for a postponement of the farm relief question to an extra session this spring after the new administration takes office.

With these three Republicans, all strong Hoover men in the campaign, standing pat against farm relief until the new president goes into power, leaders declared flatly that no farm relief legislation would be undertaken now unless Mr. Hoover himself gives the word for the pending McNary bill.

Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee, has not called a meeting of the committee to consider his bill and it is believed he is among those hoping to get a nod from the president-elect.

Not one at the capital today had heard from Mr. Hoover. It is believed he will initiate his conference until he has called upon President Coolidge, nor is it thought he will pass any word on the farm legislation which is before the Coolidge congress unless he does so through the president.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Even before Herbert Hoover has had an opportunity to go over plans for his inauguration, congress next week will be at work on one of the first major problems to be tackled during his administration—tariff revision.

It will be the first time the legislators on Capitol Hill officially have turned their attention from the problems of the Coolidge regime to those of the incoming administration and singularly enough this will take place during Mr. Hoover's initial visit to Washington since the election to the presidency.

The question—a party-led issue and one which had lost none of its fervor in the campaign list far reaches out and affects a multitude of interests as well as millions of people and constitutes one of the biggest peacetime tasks any congress can undertake. Under constitutional mandate, tariff revision, because it is revenue raising legislation, must originate in the house and on Monday the ways and means committee will start hearings on the subject.

There is little doubt that revision will be upward and a studios attempt will be made to extend the tariff to the farmer. This was one of the campaign promises of the Republican party and also one of the means of bringing about farm relief outlined by Mr. Hoover and his running mate, Senator Curtis of Kansas, in their program to aid this industry.

### Prosperity Tax Only a Credit In Commission Notion — Complete Reversal Made — Carkin Makes Plea — Voters' Pamphlet Saved — Keep Legislature Away From Millage Funds.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Every resident of Oregon subject to the provisions of the proposed state income tax will be obliged to pay at least 25 per cent of his income tax, irrespective of how much property tax he pays. Such was the final recommendation of the property tax relief commission today in its report to the state legislature which convenes this month. In making this recommendation the commission completely reversed its position as to the operation of a property tax offset taken a few days ago.

John H. Carkin, chairman of the commission which was authorized by the last legislature to investigate the tax situation, pleaded with the commission not to provide a property tax offset, quoting authorities in an effort to show it is in sound. A. R. Shumway, Oregon state Grange representative, was equally insistent that the offset be dropped, as was Charles Galloway, former state tax commissioner.

Exemptions in the income tax were fixed at \$1500 for single, and \$2500 for married persons, with a graduated rate and reductions of \$100 for each dependent under 18 years. An offset on the real property tax to be used as a credit up to 75 per cent of the income tax was authorized. This means that no matter how much greater the real property tax may be, the taxpayer can apply it as a credit only to the extent of 75 per cent of his income tax. The result is that all who come under the provisions of the proposed income tax must pay at least one-fourth of it.

The first offset adopted was to permit 75 percent of the real property tax to be used as an offset. Proceeds from the proposed income tax would go into the general treasury to relieve real property. Similar action would be taken with revenues from the proposed excise tax on banks.

A suggestion today that the voters' pamphlet be abolished was protested by Shumway, and the commission shelved the subject on the ground that insufficient study had been made.

Budget control of millage was another topic, and educators interposed objections, predicting that if the legislature assumed control, Oregon State college and the University of Oregon would be subjected to log-rolling, as they were years ago before the millage was established.

It was agreed finally, however, that the legislature should control the insignificant millage which the legislature has itself enacted, but that it should not undertake control of the millages voted by the people.

As for the millage for elementary schools, the commission recommended repeal, suggesting the revenue should be made from some source other than real property.

Next Thursday the commission will have a public hearing on the proposed excise tax on banks, financial institutions and business. By that time the draft of the measure will be completed. The flat rate to be used will probably be the rate applied in California, which is to be 4 or 5 percent measured by net income.

Friday a public hearing is scheduled for the proposed personal income tax with the real property tax offset.

Reports of the commission and sub-committees are being printed and will be available for the legislators and the public within the week.

## LECTURER KILLED FOR FADED EGO

NUREMBERG, Germany, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Dr. Karl Anser, leader of the German anthroposophical movement was shot and killed today as he entered a public hall to deliver a lecture. Three shots were fired by William Krieger, a former adherent of the movement. One of the bullets wounded a woman.

"His magic powers gained mastery over me; I have been deprived of my ego," exclaimed Krieger in explanation of his act. He said he succeeded from the movement because it represented "powers of evil."

### By-Laws For Re-Organization and Change of Farm Bureau Name Adapted at Meeting — Report For Year Shows Gain — New Poultry Rates Will Benefit Valley Raisers.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Farm Bureau Co-Operative Exchange held at the Hotel Medford yesterday afternoon, re-organization steps were taken and directors for the year were elected as follows:

For the three-year term: J. R. McCracken of the Talent district, with a total of 41 votes, and J. E. Judy of Griffin Creek, with a total of 38 votes.

For the two-year term: John Anderson, member of the Central Point Grange, with a total of 37 votes, and E. T. Newbery of Talent with a total of 36 votes.

For the one-year term: Henry French of the Eagle Point district, with a total of 33 votes.

McCracken and Judy are members of the present board, and French is a member of the Poultry association board. The directors at the first meeting will select a president. All have been active in farm bureau work.

Five directors were selected from the following nominations, the numerals following their names, signifying the number of votes they received. The winners are not included in the list. Arnold Hohnert, Central Point, 25; George W. Stevens, Talent, 15; J. C. Hopper, Ashland, 23; C. W. Isaacs, Medford, 19.

The nominations were made from members having 50 or more shares.

By the new by-laws, the name of the Farm Bureau Co-Operative Exchange was changed to Farm Co-Operative Exchange, and the by-laws were adopted after an hour's discussion, in which a series of resolutions were offered by H. W. Sparks of Rogue River, Miles Central of Ruch, and others.

During the discussion, County Commissioner Victor Bursell, in the course of remarks charged, "this association has been built from its ineptness," but before he could conclude was rapped sharply to order by the chair. D. M. Lowe, who moved the appointment of a nominating committee to expedite the meeting, arose to protest, when it was alleged that "the bureau should look out for gag-rule."

A resolution was passed on the reading of the new by-laws, when it was agreed to read only the eight or ten sections, that contained changes from the old set.

Under the by-laws, the name of the organization is changed, and will be capitalized at \$50,000 in accordance with a plan backed by the granges of the county, and the Farm bureau, and which was favored by Manager Clay D. Parker. The final details of the re-organization, which calls for a wider scope for the co-operative bureau, will be arranged at an early meeting of the new directors.

The annual report of the directors showed that in the past year, the Farm Bureau receipts totaled \$166,499.58, and the disbursements \$165,284.88. Income from merchandise amounted to \$135,512.45, from miscellaneous sources \$4,202.88, and from millage operations \$5,788.07. A net gain of close to \$5000 was shown over the previous year. A two-year audit plan was adopted each member to receive a copy.

The director's report showed that since the induction of Clay D. Parker, as manager last June, a policy of reducing the "previous enormous credit" to the minimum; of cutting overhead, and collecting old accounts, had been followed.

The union of the Poultry Association with the parent body, for the elimination of double expense was considered, and in the refinancing plan, it was stated that J. C. Hopper had given valuable support. The report expressed the hope, "that the members forget their petty snarls, to be able to receive the full benefits of coming federal aid," and predicted "that co-operation was to take the place of service."

The report said that mistakes had been made in the Farm Bureau, but these were part of the plan, and no more than come into the life of any organization of whatever nature.

Manager Parker announced at the close of the meeting, that under a new ruling of the Southern (Continued on Page Four).