

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1931

AIRPLANES

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Right now at Dayton and Cleveland hundreds of aviators are taking it easy after a strenuous day in the clouds.

Half of the big Army Armada of the air has returned to Dayton after today's sky maneuvers over Chicago. The other half has landed at Cleveland.

Six hundred and seventy planes wheeled and banked and zoomed in squadrons over the windy city. The International News Service tells us that the war birds stretched out in formation, made a line twenty miles long. It was the greatest air spectacle ever witnessed on this continent.

Vast crowds in Chicago occupied every vantage point where a view of the sky could be had. The most thrilling part of the spectacle was an exhibition of combat maneuvers in which squadrons of pursuit planes attacked formations of bombers. The bombers were like giant birds of prey, sailing through the sky. The pursuit planes were like swarms of hornets darting and swooping down upon the big fellows.

On the flight of the 670 planes back to Dayton, only one lone cadet was forced down. He landed his plane, and signalled to his companions that he was O. K.

According to the United Press, tomorrow, the great flock of war birds will take off from Dayton and head eastward for New York. They will converge upon the metropolis in disciplined squadrons and will make ready to attack an imaginary enemy that is threatening Manhattan. The sham battle of the air over New York will begin at noon on Saturday. And five million people will have sun-burned tonsils on Sunday.

1 A booming political gunshot sounded
2 today when Senator La Follette of
3 Wisconsin came out with a public statement
4 demanding that President Hoover call an
5 extra session of Congress, ^{at once.} The Senator
6 wants the extra session called to
7 consider the question of unemployment.

8 According to the Associated Press,
9 Senator La Follette declares that there
10 is considerable distress throughout the
11 country on account of unemployment. ~~and~~ He
12 maintains that the government should do
13 something about it.

14 The New York Evening Post points
15 out that there isn't a chance in the
16 world that President Hoover will even
17 consider calling an extra session. The
18 Post draws the conclusion that Senator
19 ~~La Follette's~~ La Follette's proclamation is just
20 a preliminary gun being fired in advance
21 of ^{the} a big battle that will start when
22 Congress begins its next regular session.
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1 Two oddly assorted names are
2 mentioned in this next dispatch. They
3 are Jake the Barber and His Royal Highness
4 the Prince of Wales.

5 Jake the Barber is under arrest in
6 Chicago on charges of having pulled off
7 various big-time swindles in England.
8 There were reports that Jake had trimmed
9 the Prince of Wales. *Papers, both morning and*
evening are featuring the story today.
10 Now Jake the Barber admits that
11 the Prince of Wales isn't so very smart.
12 He doesn't admit swindling His Royal
13 Highness, or anybody else. But, according
14 to the Associated Press, Jake the Barber
15 does tell of having sat in a gambling
16 game with the Prince of Wales at Monte
17 Carlo. It wasn't a big game, and the
18 Prince lost only 500 dollars. Jake says
19 the Prince isn't any too clever, but on
20 the other hand the gambler denies that he
21 won any of the money lost by the heir ~~of~~
22 the Crown of Great Britian. Jake the
23 Barber adds that the Prince is a charming
24 fellow -- but that isn't news. *The whole*
25 *world knows that he is.*

1 I see that Burley Grimes has been
2 knocked out of the box. That is, the
3 big pitcher of the St. Louis Cardinals
4 ~~was~~ blasted right off the mound by the
5 president of the National League. In
6 fact, Burley has been blasted off the
7 lot to the tune of a 3-day suspension.
8 In addition, the League president
9 knocked 50 dollars out of the hefty
10 right-hander's pocket. In other words,
11 Grimes has been suspended for 3 days
12 and fined 50 ^{bucks} ~~dollars~~ for his little
13 run-in with ~~his~~ ^{the} umpire in Brooklyn
14 yesterday.

15 Burley thought the umpire was wrong
16 and told him so, and the Umpire told
17 Burley he was out -- that is, out of
18 the game and out of the ball park for
19 the rest of the afternoon. Burley
20 didn't want to go, but the umpire
21 ushered him right out. Then Burley
22 returned and started the argument again,
23 and the umpire fired him out ^{once more.} ~~again~~
24 This kept on happening until the umpire
25 had thrown the pitcher out five distinct

1 and separate times. And that's more
2 than any umpire will stand for. He
3 reported the case to the president of
4 the League and so, according to the
5 United Press, it was a 3-day suspension
6 and a 50-dollar fine for Mr. Grimes.

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1 Sometime ago we heard a bit of
2 rather startling news from Denmark, and
3 the subject was disarmament. The Danes
4 said they were going to disarm, and
5 they meant just that. The small
6 Scandinavian kingdom planned to abolish
7 both ~~its~~ army and ~~its~~ navy. This was
8 the first case of one of the sovereign
9 nations of Europe throwing all ~~of~~ its
10 guns out ~~of~~ the window.

11 Since then, little has been said
12 about that drastic Danish disarmament,
13 and most of us didn't know exactly what
14 had taken place. It was such a
15 significant thing that I for one
16 wondered what had happened.

17 Well, it's ^{rather} a good rule in a case
18 like that to watch the columns of the
19 Literary Digest. The Digest ^{nearly always} ~~is there~~
20 ~~to~~ gives ^{us} ~~you~~ a full and illuminating
21 account of those important matters ~~that~~
22 ~~as~~ sometimes drop out of the news ~~so quickly.~~

23 In this week's issue is an
24 article on that Danish disarmament
25 drive. ~~Denmark, is for its size,~~ ^{is} ~~pretty~~

Well, the Lower House of the Danish Parliament, the Folkething, passed a bill to cut the army down to a mere skeleton, to a mere organization of 10,000 men.

They could hardly call such a small force an army. So they figured they would name it a neutrality guard. At the same time they decided to reduce their navy to a small squadron of six inspection vessels and a few minor craft.

But the Digest informs us that the bill has struck a snag.

The disarmament bill went to the Landsting, the Danish upper house - and it's still there. It's pigeon-holed, just as bills in our own Congress pass through the House of Representatives and then get lost in the Senate.

The Digest quotes the London Observer as pointing out that as far back as 1926 the Folkething passed a law abolishing the fighting forces of the country. The bill was thrown out by the Landsting.

Now more the Lower House in the Danish Parliament has made a move to scrap regiments and warships, and once more the Upper House isn't so strong for the idea.

Opinion in Denmark seems to be divided. The Digest quotes the Danish newspaper Politiken as saying that the Danes cannot afford the expense of an army and navy. On the other hand, conservative newspapers say that Denmark must be able to resist aggression, and further more that Great Britain expects the country to maintain a fleet to protect that entrance to the Baltic Sea, the famous Straits of Skagerrack that separate Denmark from Norway and Sweden.

1 From over the cables this evening
2 come the wistful strains of ~~the~~ ^a Swan
3 Song. Foreign Minister Briand, with ~~a~~
4 shaggy head and ~~a~~ shaggy mustache,
5 stood today before the Commission for
6 the Federation of Europe, and told the
7 delegates that his work was over.

8 That Commission for the Federation
9 of Europe is ~~working~~ ^{laboring} to carry out Briand's
10 own pet idea for the formation of a
11 United States of Europe.

12 The delegates are disbanding now.
13 Their session is over until next September.
14 Briand said to them:

15 "When you gather again I will
16 not be present."

17 He expressed the conviction
18 that in his absence they would go on
19 with the work just the same. This,
20 according to the International News
21 Service, was the Swan Song of Briand,
22 the apostle of peace. It is taken to
23 be a confirmation of the rumor that as
24 soon as he returns to Paris he will
25 resign his post as Foreign Minister of

France and will be heard in the councils of
the world no more.

1 Just before Briand spoke,
2 Litvânoff, the delegate of Soviet
3 Russia, got up and made one of those
4 clever and sometimes ironical proposals
5 of his. He made a motion to outlaw
6 economic war. Litvânoff declared that
7 just as battles between armies and
8 navies are considered in bad form
9 ^{right} ~~just~~ now, ^{so} economic warfare should be
10 considered in the same light. That
11 is, the nations should not declare
12 economic boycotts and interfere with *the*
13 trade of other ~~companies~~ *countries*.

14 The delegates of Germany and
15 Austria immediately seconded Litvânoff's
16 proposal.

17 Well, there has been a good
18 deal of talk about erecting barriers
19 against merchandise produced in Soviet
20 Russia, so as to keep the Bolsheviks
21 from dumping goods on the European
22 market at ruinously cheap prices. And
23 naturally this is the kind of economic
24 warfare that the Soviet authorities
25 would like to see outlawed.

1 I suppose that Soviet proposal gave
2 the boys something to think about, but
3 right afterward came Briand's Swan
4 Song and everything turned into an
5 enthusiastic ovation for the man who
6 has worked so hard in the cause of
7 ~~the~~ peace.

1 It certainly is apparent that
2 Russian ideas and American ideas on the
3 subject of ^ewhat don't gee and haw at all.
4 The American delegation ^{attending} ~~at~~ the World
5 Conference on wheat in ^{London} ~~Russia~~ declares
6 that the solution of the grain problem
7 is to cut down the production of wheat.

8 Last night I mentioned the
9 fact that the Russian delegation said:-
10 "no, this wasn't the right idea at all".
11 The Soviet authorities cannot see that
12 ^{scheme} ~~idea~~ of growing less wheat.

13 And tonight the word is that
14 the Russians, not only are ^{not} going to
15 grow less wheat, but they are going to
16 grow more wheat. *That's their answer.*

17 The Associated Press informs
18 us that the Russian delegation to the
19 wheat conference ~~have~~ ^s announced that
20 social and economic conditions in Russia
21 are such that the Russians are going to
22 go ahead and increase their acreage in
23 wheat.

24 "That for yousby Uncle
25 Samsky," says Ivan.

1 The Belgium Cabinet has resigned.
2 In the Parliament at Brussels a sudden
3 crisis arose this afternoon over the
4 question of money to be spent for
5 fortifications. A plan ^{is under way} ~~was made~~ to
6 invest over eight and a half million
7 dollars in building forts along the
8 Belgian frontiers.

9 According to the Associated Press,
10 there was a dispute over the bill and
11 immediately the Minister of Posts and
12 Telegraphs jumped up and announced that
13 he would resign his post.

14 The whole Cabinet then held a ~~an~~
15 meeting, and the Ministers decided that
16 they would all resign *their posts.*

1 *Yes, sure enough,* Revolution has broken out in
2 Cuba. It may be just a flash in the
3 pan. But it may be the beginning of
4 serious trouble. The Associated Press
5 reports that fighting began today in ~~the~~
6 Oriente province, with uprisings in the
7 cities of Manzanillo and Iguani. The
8 people of the district are skirmishing with
9 the government troops *this evening*

10 The United Press reports that
11 armed insurrection is on in ~~a~~ half a
12 dozen towns in the interior of Cuba.

13 The Havana newspaper, El Pais, ^{*pie-tee*}
14 declares there have been a number of
15 casualties. The official government
16 newspaper admits that there has been some
17 trouble. The government declares that
18 the disturbance doesn't amount to much.

19 The International News Service
20 reports that things are quiet in Havana,
21 but the city is in a state of tense
22 expectancy. Yesterday was Cuba's
23 Independence Day, and it was considered
24 the day on which the revolutionary
25 movement might come to a head. Nothing

1 happened yesterday, but promptly today
2 the reports came of the outbreak in
3 the province of Oriente.

4 An unconfirmed rumor which somehow
5 or other ~~has~~ got to Miami, Florida,
6 states that the outbreak in Cuba is a
7 well-planned revolution and that the
8 rebels have captured three towns and are
9 now moving against prominent railroad
10 centers.

SCOTCH -- END

It's a shame, Sandy, - aye, yes, it's a shame. It's nae richt.

Scotland's ancient enemy, England, is up to her evil tricks again. The English are not doing right by the Scots. At least the English members of Parliament are not doing right by the Scottish members of Parliament. Here's the perfidious story.

June 3rd is Derby Day. On June 3rd at Epsom Downs is run England's great annual classic of horse racing. It's the most famous race in the world. Each year half a million Britishers from all over troop in great throngs to watch the horses round Tottenham Corner in the historic Derby. Fleets of buses bring Londoners to the race track. Cockneys are there in their curious costumes. From Scotland and Ireland and Wales thousands of racing enthusiasts journey to the great scene at Epsom Downs. And even in the distant colonies in India, Burma and Africa, Englishmen returning home make sure to arrange their time in such a way that they can attend the Derby. The crowd that jams the roads leading to Epsom Downs is so tremendous that thousands get stuck and never see the race. That happened to me once. I got there when the race was over.

Well, in Parliament the leaders have trouble in persuading enough M. P.'s to stay on the job on Derby Day to keep things running. Any business in the House of Commons on Derby Day is certain to be transacted only by those who absolutely have to be there.

And now comes the dirty trick that has been played on the Scotch members. The English majority in the House of Commons has decided that Derby Day will be just the right time for the House to debate what is called the Scottish Estimates. This is a financial bill pertaining to Scotland.

According to the New York Evening Sun, there isn't the slightest necessity for any English member to be present while those Scottish financial affairs are being debated with loud and resounding oratory. But with the Scottish members it's different. They'll have to be there while those Scotch money matters are being thrashed out. If they aren't their Caledonian constituents at home will want to know why. Derby Day or no Derby Day, the M.P.'s from the Highlands and the Lowlands will simply have to

stay and exert their oratorical powers on the subject of money matters in Scotland.

And so at Epsom Downs the horses will run. The King and the Court will be there. The Dukes and Earls will be there. All the elite of England will be there. The Cockneys from Petticoat Lane will be yelling their heads off. The English members of Parliament will be there. But the Scottish M. P.'s -- they'll be missing.

The English are laughing their heads off over this clever trick, but the Scotch M. P.'s don't see the joke at all.

Well, let's end this evening's panorama of the news with a sad and plaintive note. Let's shed a melancholy tear or two for those Scottish M.P.'s. And --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.