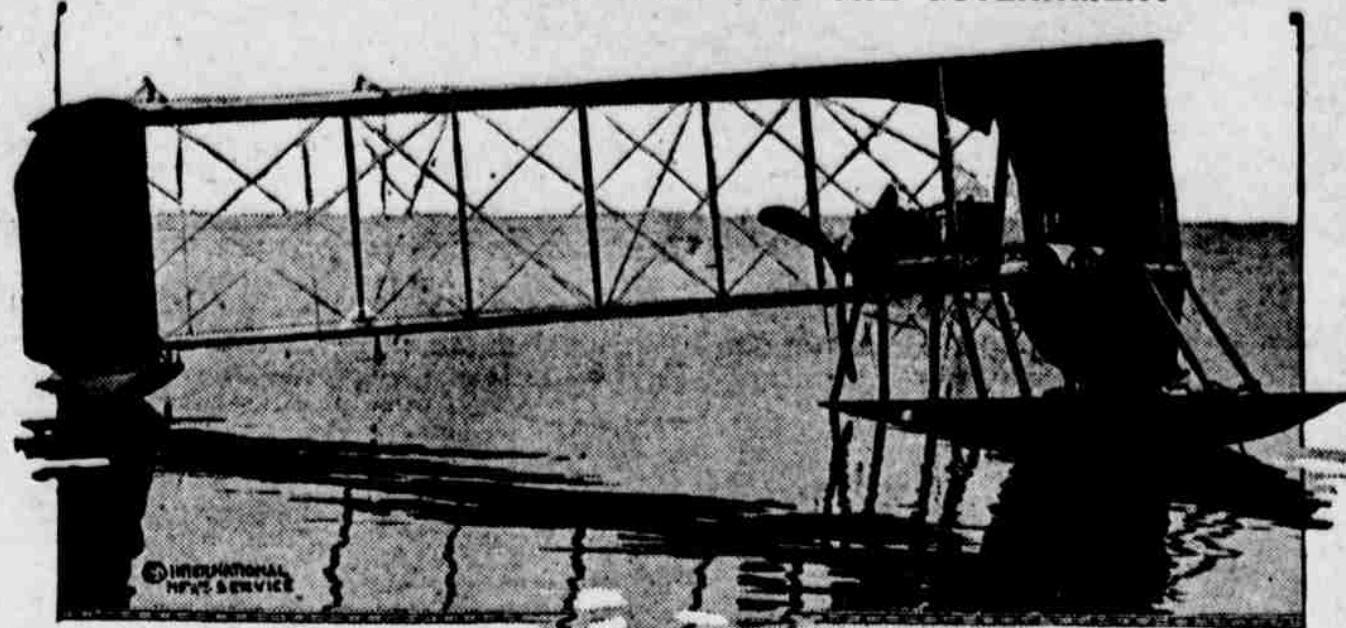


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Side view of one of the novel biplanes which are being hurried to completion in the Burgess factory for the use of the United States army and navy. It is called "fool-proof" because the V-shaped construction and the balance make it impossible to capsize.

MRS. HENRY F. DIMOCK



Mrs. Dimock, who heads the George Washington Memorial association, which is to erect a great convention hall in Washington as a memorial to the first president, is prominent in society and is a sister of the late William C. Whitney.

WILSON OFFERS TROPHY



One of the most desirable trophies to be given at the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Francisco will be the President's Trophy, given by President Woodrow Wilson to the winner of the 12-meter yacht race under international rules. The trophy is valued at \$500 as a jeweler's work of art. It is designed as a replica of the Hanap, a tall drinking vessel of the fourteenth century. The cup is 28 inches high, including the redwood burl pedestal. The top of the bowl measures 10 1/2 inches. Two panels of the cup will bear inscriptions and the names of the winner and crew. The other two panels will bear scenes of the exposition etched into the silver.

The Army of Mexico.
The least impressive army I have seen anywhere, writes Fritz Arno von de Ellen in Harper's Weekly, is that supporting the federal government. Officers with slight knowledge of even the most elementary tactics are placed in command of green men who scarcely know how to handle the modern equipment with which they are supplied. I had an opportunity to study Huerta's forces at their best, for the pick of the troops in Mexico City was drilled before the motion-picture camera, the idea being to impress the outside world with the power behind the federal cause. But it takes more than uniforms and guns to make a modern army. It is second nature for the trained soldier to obey; but the Mexican is without that second nature. He generally obeys because he is afraid that he will be stood up against a wall and shot. An order to transport troops brings confusion, owing to a woeful lack of system, and a Mexican company in camp would be an astounding spectacle to a foreign officer.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT IN THE JUNGLE



Colonel Roosevelt and a companion photographed in the wilds of South America during the remarkable exploring expedition recently ended.

FOUR BEAUTIES FROM MEXICO



The four beautiful daughters of Senor Rabasa, head of the Mexican delegation at Niagara Falls, Ont., have attracted much attention. In the photograph, left to right, they are Senoritas Ruth, Isabel, Mercedes and Concepcion.

ROLLS THREE MILES TO WIN WAGER



To win a wager of \$5,750, Hal Parr, well-known society man of Baltimore, rolled three miles in sixteen hours. He wore khaki knickerbockers, sweater and cap and his knees and elbows were well padded.

Tree in Grave Danger.
If present conditions that favor the spread of the chestnut bark disease persist, Dr. Graves of the Yale forestry school says in the Popular Science Monthly that this noble North American tree will become virtually extinct. Continued forest fires, repeated coppicing, change of soil conditions from cutting over large areas, and so on, add to the disease in hastening the process. But the Japanese and Chinese chestnuts are largely re-

sistant to the blight, and by crossing these with American types a chinquapin-Asiatic hybrid has been produced that yields nuts of decidedly superior quality, and is highly resistant to the disease. This hybridizing, Prof. Graves thinks, may eventually prove to be the "only means of continuing the existence in our land of a greatly esteemed tree."
And philanthropy usually achieves its best work in the limelight.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TREASURER

SURRENDER OF CONTROL WILL HAMPER THE ROAD.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
The monthly report of State Treasurer George shows that the balance on hand increased during the month from \$677,684.18 to \$758,626.59. Of that amount, \$5,112.56 is cash on hand and the balance is on deposit in state depository banks. The treasurer's report this month is accompanied by a list of depository banks and the amount on deposit in each. During the month the treasurer received \$590,032.06 and paid out \$509,089.65. The trust funds invested at this time aggregate \$9,595,083.88. Of this amount, \$9,208,588.22 is invested in

NEBRASKANS IN THE PUBLIC EYE



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bonds, \$130,041.17 in state university warrants, \$149,927.90 in normal school warrants, and \$106,256.59 in general fund warrants. The general fund warrants were taken up with cash derived from a tax of 1 mill for university buildings. There is now \$25,999.87 in the general fund and warrants on this fund are still being registered on account of lack of funds and are sold at a discount. There is \$364,384 in the temporary school fund, but this will soon be apportioned among the different counties for the support of public schools.

Will Be Bad for the Road.

Surrender of the Union Pacific control of the St. Joseph & Grand Island road to the minority stockholders may result in business failure of the line. That view is held by a group of state officials familiar with most of the troubles of the line, but who decline to become connected with the controversy. They say that the Union Pacific can divert from \$1,200 to \$1,800 worth of freight traffic daily which they have been giving to the Grand Island line and send it south over their own more roundabout lines. The loss of this revenue would put the Grand Island road back in the red, and would instantly stop the operations of the past eight months, which, for the first time in years, has promised to put the road on the right side of the ledger as far as Nebraska activity is concerned.

Silo Days Advocated.

A day for the study of silos is being encouraged by the Nebraska college of agriculture. The plan is for a group of farmers, large or small in number, to make a tour over their own county, where silos are being used. At each place visited the owner or user of the silo tells of his experience and explains the construction. When the tour is made by automobile enough territory may be covered to visit the silos constructed of every material to be found in a county.

Horticultural Society Officers.

The board of directors of the Nebraska State Horticultural society, who were elected at the annual meeting of the society last January, have assumed charge of their offices. They are: President, J. A. Yager, Fremont; first vice-president, E. M. Pollard, Nehawka; second vice president, Jacob Hess, Omaha; treasurer, Peter Youngers, Jr., Geneva; directors, W. A. Harrison, York; G. A. Marshall, Arlington; Val Keyser, Nebraska City.

Fight the Weeds.

Alfalfa growers in Nebraska should remember that their most deadly enemy is the weed. Before you sow alfalfa clean your land of weeds. Inexperienced farmers presume that the alfalfa needs about the same treatment as clover. This is a mistake. Because they are in the habit of seeding clover with a nurse crop they try the same plan with the alfalfa. They should make up their minds to lose the use of their land for a part of the season and make war on all sorts of weeds, select excellent seed,



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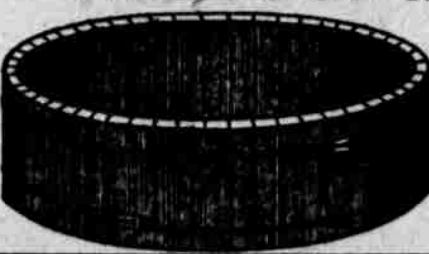
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