

**Chicago Spud Market Declined Last Week**

Minneapolis—Up to date no uniform practice has been in vogue in Minnesota and Wisconsin in making quotations on potatoes with reference to the war tax on the freight charges. Some dealers have quoted delivered prices without any reference to war taxes; other have taken the item into consideration in making delivered prices; and others have considered it the duty of the consignee or purchaser to take care of this item.

In order that the practice may be uniform, it was unanimously agreed, at a meeting of the Northern Potato Traffic Association, last Friday, to adopt the system of making all quotations at delivered prices, exclusive of war taxes, beginning October 15, 1918.

During recent years, the dealers of Minnesota and Wisconsin have been confronted with many incidental charges in the potato business. Some of the more prominent items have been the rental charges for use of refrigerator or insulated cars, costs of car linings, heater car service, reconsigning, etc. These charges have been taken care of by shippers and have not been included in the delivered prices. The war taxes on freight charges were intended, it would appear, as a tax on the commodity transported, to be distributed among the consumers of the food and was not created as a tax additional to those now being paid by the shipper.

**Dealer is Forced to Take Spuds**

Chicago—W. Stewart Brown, who handled the case for the shipper gives the following account of the disposition of a car of potatoes recently:

Jacob Chevin of Chicago, Ill., and Youngstown, O., purchased a car of potatoes from J. F. Carpenter, of Hugo, Minn., and requested draft to be drawn on Shapiro, Berkovitz, Et-covitz & Stamatates of Chicago, Ill., for \$616.60.

The draft in due course reached the First National Bank of Chicago and Jacob Chevin sued out a writ of attachment in the Municipal Court, making the First National Bank garnishee and attached the bill of lading.

J. F. Carpenter, of Hugo, Minn., the shipper, upon learning that the Order Notify consignee had refused to accept the shipment, wired the bank to release the draft and divert the car, but the bank advised the shipper that this could not be done by virtue of the attachment. The bank hereupon took the matter up with the local Food Administration, and Jacob Chevin was called in before the Food Administration. In the meantime the Food Administration suggested, after hearing from Jacob Chevin, that the shipper reduce his draft which he declined to do.

J. F. Carpenter came to Chicago in person and testified before Judge Jarecki, saying that Jacob Chevin had given him a check for \$200, in lieu of one he had given Chevin for \$100 with the understanding that if the \$200 check was paid that the \$100 check was then to be cashed, but the check for \$200 was returned "Not Sufficient Funds," and the original contract to purchase a car of white potatoes was off.

Thereafter Jacob Chevin bought a car of red potatoes and made good his deposit of \$100. When the car arrived Jacob Chevin rejected the same, claiming that he had ordered a car of white potatoes, and that the shipper had forwarded him a car of red potatoes. The shipper contradicted this statement and claimed it was true he sold him a car of white potatoes originally, and upon learning that the check that the buyer had given as part payment was no good, the buyer then came to Hugo, Minn., and bought another car after inspection, and that he had no right to hold up this bill of lading.

Judge Jarecki decided the case in favor of J. F. Carpenter, the shipper, and the car was immediately released and the purchaser was forced to take the car on the original agreement.

**Fish Bath.**

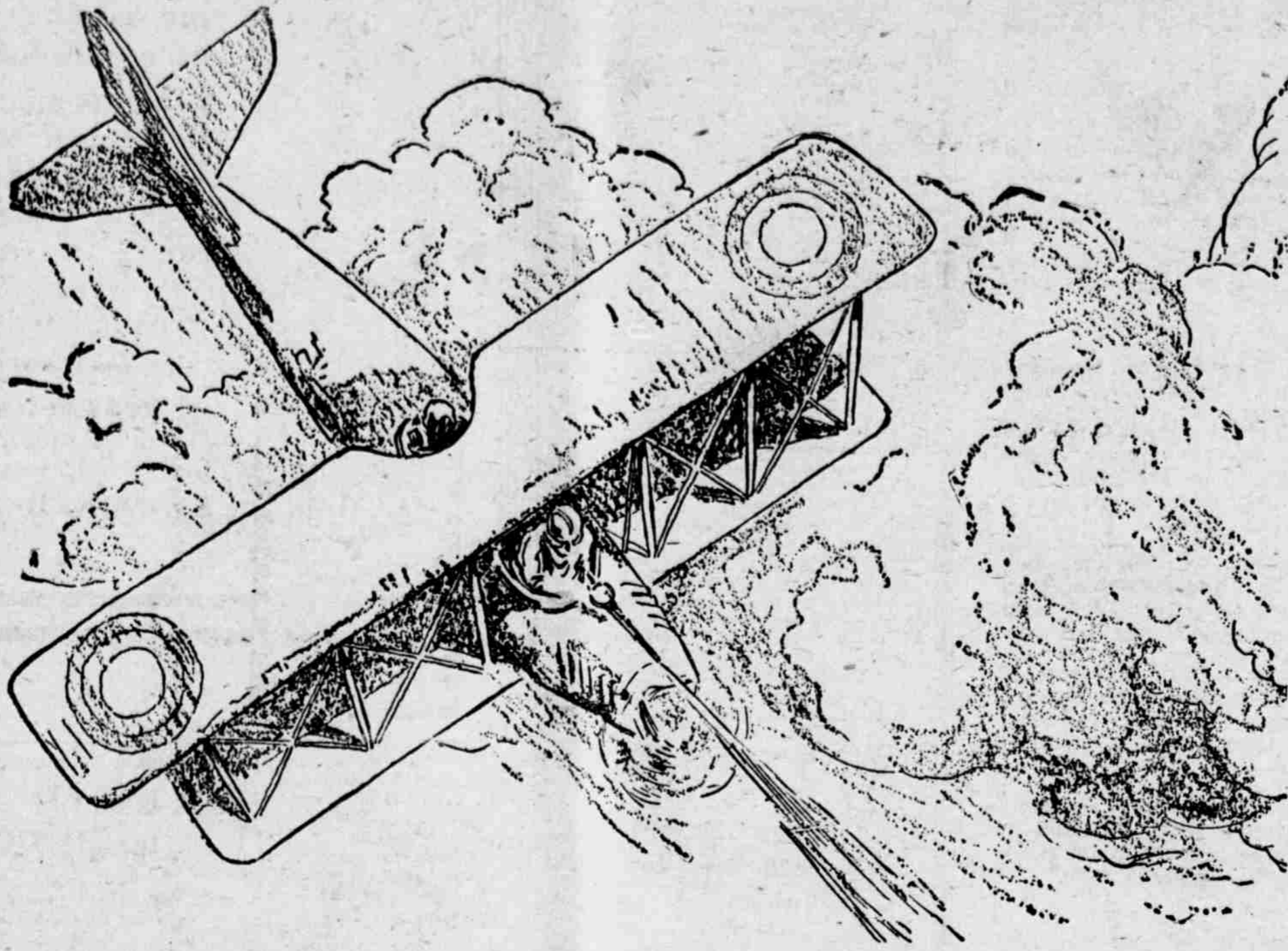
A name to which is attached a wealth of the romance and reputation of traveler and writer is that of Lady Lugard, in the British empire honors list. She was Miss Flora Shaw in former days, and of her travels there are many humorous incidents to tell. Once, for instance, on arriving at an up-country town in South Africa, the people wished immediately to do her honor. But Miss Shaw asked that she might first be allowed to have a wash. She had to wait a little time before water was brought to her, and then the fish that she was to have for dinner had already been cooked in it!

**Danger in Tainted Mouth.**

Bleeding of the teeth, pyorrhea, involves a debilitating gradual loss of blood, and the flow of pus into the mouth, small though it be, is manifestly neither healthful nor pleasant. Medical science gives a tainted mouth as much cause for rheumatism, anemia, neuritis, ulcers of the stomach, acute kidney diseases, diabetes, heart trouble, deformed joints, irritability and general nervous exhaustion, and even pneumonia germs are found in infected gums.

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