

Today

A Great Birthday.
The Giant Air Fish.
Trotzky Dead, Says Rumor.
The Eel-Worm Is Here.

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This is a great anniversary. It's the birthday of the typewriter, created 50 years ago today.

Honor Christopher Latham Sholes. His machine, clicking all over the world, did for business and commerce what the steam engine did for transportation. It freed millions of women from slavery and drudgery, giving them a decent living and freedom from grinding drudgery.

Every child should be taught typewriting. The big companies should make strong machines, low in price for school and home use. Fifty years hence, writing by hand will be as much out of date as Tutankhamen hieroglyphics.

The United States built a gigantic dirigible, in ENGLAND. It fell, killed 62. Another built in ITALY fell, killed 34. Yesterday the United States Zeppelin, ZR-1, built HERE, by the American government, flew over New York and started for Philadelphia, having first traveled 100 miles over New Jersey. Those who think the government can't do anything and must always hire private assistance, take notice.

That great machine, looking like a silver coated fish, slowly traveling through the air above New York, was a warning to the six millions of that city, and the whole country.

In the morning, with the sun obscured by clouds, the air giant was barely visible. Had the captain chosen to go a few thousand feet higher it would have been absolutely invisible.

Such a traveler, coming out of the misty dawn, above the edge of the ocean, would first make itself known by dropping enough bombs to destroy New York, enough deadly gas to kill three-quarters of the inhabitants.

The next war will be an air war. This country should be ready for it.

Berlin reports the death of Trotzky by assassination. It may be mere rumor. Trotzky's death, at this moment, could make a great difference to the world and shake the saying: "Assassination never changed the course of history."

The assassination of Trotzky, like that of Marat in his Paris bath tub, might open the way for a conquering soldier.

Had Charlotte Corday missed with her dagger as the young Russian woman missed when she fired at Lenin, the world might never have heard of Napoleon.

Both Napoleon and Marat, by the way, were of Italian blood. Much power in that old Roman strain.

Important. Bad news for farmers in rapid spreading of the eel-worm disease, imported from South Africa. The eel-worm, fatal to alfalfa and other plants, in two years has spread from eastern Oregon to California and Colorado.

Kansas, great alfalfa state; Colorado, and other states, should fight this enemy as they would Asiatic cholera. The tiny, deadly pest might cost farmers hundreds of millions yearly.

A little boy said to his mother: "I didn't say my prayers tonight, or last night. I am not going to say them tomorrow. If nothing happens, I'll never say them again."

Mussolini, boss of Italy, is that bad little boy. He seized Corfu without asking the league of nations. He has seized other islands. Nothing happened to him. Now he notifies Jugo-Slavia that he will seize Fiume, "by force if necessary," unless Jugo-Slavia comes to his terms by September 15.

France and Germany have at last begun talking over the terms of peace with Germany. Diplomatic lingo says an "atmosphere of contact" is being established. In more modern English, the Germans have abandoned their slogan, "Yes, we have no reparations," and will make an offer that the French may consider.

Any news that isn't very bad is called good news in these days of much bad news. The world's stock exchanges, including ours, are cheered by that "atmosphere of contact." What is going to happen when the Germans number 150,000,000 against 50,000,000 in France?

That is the French problem. (Copyright, 1922.)

Water Squeezed Out of Railroads

I. C. C. Ruling Has Important Bearing on Rate Making Based on Actual Valuation.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The Interstate Commerce commission, in its first formal findings in the long and intensive railroad valuation proceedings, handed down two decisions yesterday which are expected to establish important precedents bearing on freight rate making in the future.

Final "single sum values" were fixed in the case of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad and the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic line. For the former, the value was set at \$45,000,000 with an approximate \$10,000,000 in added property worth since the valuation date of June 30, 1914. The Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic was valued at \$23,245,000 as of June 30, 1914. A claim for a valuation of nearly \$75,000,000 was made by the former road while the latter's estimate of its own value was around \$36,000,000.

No Further Threat.

While the commission cut sharply the valuation of the roads as made by the carriers, its action was not determined, it was said, as indicative of a policy. In setting a value for the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic the commission digressed from a discussion of income and property values to give consideration to the responsibility that a carrier has to communities it serves. The Atlanta line was described as having sprung "from a dream that never materialized," yet it rendered a distinct service, the commission said. It added that although consistent losses had been recorded, consideration must be given to all relevant facts.

In the determination of a value for rate making purposes, the decision continued, "we are not limited and cannot be confined to a mere formula."

On Ground of Public Welfare.

Outstanding in the points made by the commission, which upheld its tentative valuations with only minor changes, was the declaration that only property actually used in the service of the public and for transportation purposes should be considered, and that in no event could cost of reproduction new be decided as the sole or controlling basis for arriving at a single sum value. It rejected such claims by the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic and referred to them in the San Pedro case, each time emphasizing that public welfare warranted the elimination of such items.

In the San Pedro case the commission eliminated as a part of the property or assets upon which a valuation could be placed about \$25,000,000 in capital stock held by E. H. Harriman and William A. Clark, declaring such elimination was "proper under all circumstances."

Squeezed Out Water.

The action with respect to Harriman-Clark stock was construed to mean by some that the commission proposed in its valuation proceedings to hold the stock investment to as close a line of actual requirements as it had done with respect to property not actually used in transportation. The block of stock had been deducted by the commission in its tentative valuation of the San Pedro line and the carrier had made strong protest against it.

No consideration will be given by the commission in valuation proceedings to proposed or projected additions and betterments or extension of facilities. Explanation was made in the San Pedro opinion that definite rules had been prescribed for placing any capital expenditures within the final single sum value and therefore the property as of the valuation date furnished the limited basis for computation of the road's worth.

\$6,075,000 Bid for Building Moffat Tunnel Considered

Denver, Sept. 12.—The bid of Ulen & Co., New York city, was the only one considered when bids for construction of the Moffat tunnel were opened by the tunnel commission this afternoon. The bid covered all items in construction of the tunnel and totaled \$6,075,000. It was accompanied by a certified check for \$200,000.

The tunnel, designed to shorten the rail distance from San Francisco to Chicago, will be six miles long, through James peak, west of Denver.

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Japanese Cabinet Meets in Open Air



Premier Yamamoto

The first public utterance of Premier Yamamoto, sent broadcast by wireless, appeals to the people of Japan to unite in the trying hours through which they are passing and to make a supreme effort to relieve the sufferers and hasten the work of reconstruction. Premier Yamamoto formed his new cabinet during the fire which destroyed Tokio, and the first meeting of the ministers was held in the open air, outside the burned home of the premier. Yamamoto had a narrow escape from death, being hurled into a water-filled ditch by the force of the earthquake.

Marquette Stockman Says Cattle Feeding Lighter

Frank E. Sands of Marquette was on the livestock market yesterday with a load of cattle. He said corn in Hamilton county was early and would be out of danger of frost.

He reported feeding operations in his section not as heavy this year as last, but that there would be a large number of cattle fed. He also said the spring pig crop would be as large as usual, but very few fall porkers. "The break in the hog market and the advance price in corn came just in time to stop breeding of sows for fall litters," said Mr. Sands. "This may not affect the winter supply, but there will be a scarcity next spring and summer. The farmers around Marquette are putting in less wheat this year and rust did some damage to the last crop."

Aurora Business Men to Support Dairy Farming

Aurora, Neb., Sept. 12.—In a conference of the bankers of Hamilton county and the Aurora Chamber of

The composers of "Yes, We Have No Bananas" have become rich. Their first royalty split on this meaningless ditty was \$60,000. O. O. McIntyre writes of "Tin Pan Alley"—America's song gold mine.

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Commerce, it was decided to make a determined effort to put more dairy cows on the farms of the county. The bankers were guests of honor of the Chamber of Commerce at a dinner. Prof. H. P. Smith of the agricultural college at Lincoln and Prof. Hoyt of Lincoln spoke.

Book to Disclose Entire Notes of Allies on Ruhr

December 26, 1922, to August 27, 1923. One of these documents gives the text of the Belgian plan, aiming to show that Germany could pay annual 3,900,000,000 francs in gold, which would guarantee an international loan of 50,000,000,000 francs, or approximately the sum claimed by the principal allies.

Many Japanese Attribute Quake to "Foreign Devils"

Callaway, Neb., Sept. 12.—Farmers in this part of the state have started to put in their fall grain. The acreage will be much less than last year. Threshing is practically over.

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