Air Smuggling Is New Problem

Customs Officers Puzzled to Find Way to Prevent Threatened Evil.

HARD TO ENFORCE RULES

Treasury Department Bombarded With Requests for Rulings—Airplanes and Hydroplanes Classed as Automobiles for Time Being.

Washington.—Smuggling by airplane sounds exciting, and is proving so to the customs division of the treasury, which is, so to speak, "up in the air" about it. For the time being, the department has ruled that airplanes and hydroplanes are automobiles so far as it is concerned, but it is well aware that sailing a bird a wagon will not bring it down to earth where it can tell what kind of a bird it is.

So far there has been no report of illicit importations by air line, but expectation of such traffic is not denied. How to prevent it is a perplexing problem, growing more and more pressing as requests for rulings come from department collectors on our northern and southern borders. To the latter cases they have had to do with tobacco brought in from Cuba by way of Key West and Tampa.

Here is an entirely new problem for the treasury to deal with in the collection of revenue through customs duties. It is one to be solved by treasury regulations them of decisions for which no additional legislation is needed. That it may be solved by a comprehensive order is almost despaired of because the best thought of the department, although the need of dealing with the situation has been long foreseen, has not been able to hit upon a method to close this door to secret importations thrown open by a modern method of transportation most difficult, if not impossible, to control.

May Require Registration.

It is believed that some scheme may be worked out whereby all airplanes leaving the country will be registered at the nearest custom house on the border, where a certificate will be issued to be presented at any custom house in returning, as is done now in the case of automobiles. This would in most cases be a mere formality, but would permit search in suspicious cases and would tend to keep down smuggling. "Will be registered" is recognized as putting it strongly, as it is admitted it would be impossible to control such registration of a machine miles above the clouds. The automobilist finds it best to comply because without his certificate to surrender in return he must prove his car is of American make or pay perhaps 45 per cent ad valorem duty. There would be no way to stop the flying machine coming or going.

Deputy Collector Hayden L. Moore, at San Juan, Porto Rico, seems to think he has them going, if not coming. To him airplanes are not automobiles but seagoing vessels. Serious inquiries from business men on the island have caused him to make this ruling:

"In the absence of specific instructions from the department, I shall require airships clearing from Porto Rico for foreign ports to be properly documented under the rules of the department of commerce in the same manner as seagoing vessels are regulated; entries and clearances to be made and all dues paid at custom houses in districts where landings are effected or voyages started."

This is very simple, but airplanes are peculiar in their mode of travel. The collector does not say how he proposes to enforce this requirement, and has received suggestions from some of the Porto Ricans that an aviation school for customs men be established to bestow degrees of "sky inspector" and "custom ace." Service windows in the custom house also are urged bearing the legends "Airships entered" and "airships cleared."

Deputy Collector Bragasess, at Key West, has his troubles over what is an airplane. He recently wrote to Collector Arthur G. Watson, at Tampa, that it was almost a daily occurrence for airplanes to go over to Cuba and return. One day his messenger boy overheard a man who had been a passenger on a boat from Havana tell the difference between traveling that way and by airplane. He said he had just paid $50 duty on a lot of cigarettes, when the other day he had brought the same amount home by air and did not pay a cent. Collector Bragasess wanted to know, "How about it?" Collector Watson told him to talk to the navy people about it. He replied:

"I have conferred with Admiral Beehler who has issued instructions to the effect that no vessel or airplane carrying passengers will not be permitted to be carried in airplanes unless permission has been granted by the customs officer in charge of the port, and also have issued instructions that all airplanes arriving at this port from foreign countries will comply with the navy's end of the regulations in connection with the regarding to the customs officer the arrival of American naval vessels from foreign ports."

Greek Refugees Tell of Outrages

Saloniki.—High upon the hills of the dazzling Macedonian city is a pic turesque settlement where 2,000 Greek refugees, driven from Asia Minor by the massacre of 1914, make their homes. Hundreds of other Greeks who were interned by the Bulgarians in Dobrudja during the war have joined them recently. The houses in this refugee camp were constructed by the Greek government. A space equivalent to a large New York furnished room is allotted to a family of from five to eight.

The settlement has been given the pretentious name of "The Quarter of the Triumvirate" in honor of Greece's three great modern patriots—Premier Venizelos, Admiral Kountouriotis and General Danglais, who, regarding king Constantine, exposed the cause of the allies when Germany sought to win over the Greek army.

Grateful to United States.

Many of the people have been helped by the American Red Cross and speak gratefully of the United States and its people.

As the Associated Press correspondent was visiting the village, two ox carts loaded with fresh refugees who had been driven by the Turks from the villages along the sea of Marmora in 1913 and 1914, and who, during the present war, were expelled from Macedonia by the Bulgars, made their way slowly up the steep incline to food. The refugees had just come from Dobrudja, to the south of Roumania, where they were practically exiled by the Bulgars. They had been nearly two months on the way, and virtually all the food and aid they got came from the American Red Cross, which has relief posts along the line leading from Bulgaria into Macedonia. Many were little tots from one to five years old. The weaker was how these ages, the ones, sickly and "under-nourished, were able to survive the long trip by train, motortruck and ox cart.

The faces of these returning refugees were an inexpressibly sad and harrassed look. For five years they were driven hither and yon by Turk and Bulgar, and had never known what it was during that time to have a roof and shelter. Under the Bulgars they were forced to live in the open fields or in dugouts or stables. Eighteen hours a day at hard labor under constant intimidation was the lot of some of them. Three-fifths of a pound of black bread a day was the pitiful recompense they received from the Bulgars. Often those too weak to work were beaten by their ruthless masters.

One refugee declared to the correspondent that at one time there were more than sixty deaths a day among the refugee colony in Dobrudja from malnutrition, exhaustion and exposure. In certain sections, he said, the Greeks were forced to live largely on the rinds of watermelons which the Bulgarian soldiers threw in the streets.

Tell Bitter Experience.

The older residents of the refugee "suburb" of Saloniki, most of whom had fled from different parts of Asia Minor during the wholesale massacres there in 1914, have bitter experiences to relate about their treatment by the Turks. Some of these people lived in the city of Phocis, where the whole Christian population either fled or was driven out or were killed by the Turks. The women wept as they told about the outrages of the Moslems. The worst story was that told by an intelligent peasant woman, who declared that in a butchershop opposite her home in Phocis she saw the Turks take a young girl who was considered the most beautiful in town and cut her body into pieces. They hung the pieces on meat hooks and offered them for public sale, she said, to show the Turks' contempt for Greek Christians.

What most impresses the eye of the visitor in speaking with these unfortunate people is their sad, wan and furrowed faces. They have been driven about by the invading foe until they have reached the point almost of despair and distraction.

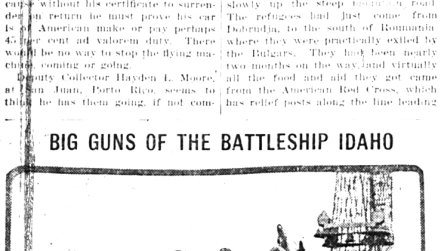
Cook Wanted.

Portland, Ore.—Advertising doesn't always bring results. The city has been unsuccessfully advertising for some time for a cook in the municipal smallpox hospital.

Millions Have Malaria.

Washington.—The United States public health service estimates that over seven million people in the United States are infected with malaria.

BIG GUNS OF THE BATTLESHIP IDAHO



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Three gobs looking out of the muzzles of the big guns on our latest and largest battleship that was recently launched at Philadelphia. The Idaho is the largest ship in the United States navy.

WORK FOR DISABLED

Technical Agriculture Offers Thousands of Positions.

Serve as Stepping Stones to Higher Promotions and Better Compensat on.

Washington.—Technical agriculture offers thousands of positions as associates, assistants, helpers, extension workers and county agents, and this work is particularly suitable for retrained, disabled men, according to a statement issued by the federal board for vocational education.

These positions serve as stepping stones to higher promotions and better compensation soon in the agricultural colleges, experiment stations, agricultural extension service and in state agricultural movements. These institutions and employments lost thousands of men from their student bodies, their faculty and their staffs. Hundreds of men formerly agricultural extension workers and agricultural county agents will never return to those occupations. These places were temporarily filled by unprepared substitutes who will be replaced by trained men as rapidly as possible.

The experience abroad, wherein opportunity was given to study the intensive and scientific agriculture of France and other countries, has greatly stimulated interest in these lines, and disabled men with a background of agricultural experience are manifesting keen interest in training for the lines mentioned. Many others who, by reason of their disabilities, are compelled to equip themselves in other lines, and preferably for out-of-door occupations, are also manifesting a keen desire to take up the specialized branches of agriculture in the training offered by the federal board.

PLAN TO ENDOW MOTHERHOOD

British Family Endowment Committee Seeks to Increase Marriage and Birth Rate.

London.—The family endowment committee would endow motherhood. The proposal, as laid before the national birthrate commission, is that the state provide a regular weekly income for families with children under 15 years of age.

Emile Burns, representative of the family endowment committee, contends that the effect of the endowment would be to induce earlier marriages and tend to remove the economic restriction of the birth rate.

The cost to the government would be about $1,200,000,000 a year.

Old Boiler Safe.

Neillsville, Wis.—The boiler in the Wren sawmill, near the city, was tested after 37 years of almost continuous use and was found in perfect condition, being submitted to 180 pounds of hydrostatic pressure.

Graceful Evening Wraps

An evening wrap to be worn with a variety of evening dresses may be in a color but cannot exceed, and rarely equals a wrap of black satin for elegance and good style. Therefore the evening wrap of black satin is a perennial that comes to bloom with each new season's installation in the wardrobe.

There are some new weaves in silk, very soft and rich, that have a luster as high as that of satin, and they are competing with it for favor in evening wraps. There is not much choice between them as they are very much alike in appearance. The new fabrics have the advantage of novelty, while satin has a wonderful record behind it, but whether the fabric, the styles in wraps made from them are the same.

This season's evening wraps are of long and simple cupelike effects that narrow at the ankles and are as wide as the body. To fulfill their destiny they must be sumptuous looking and graceful. Many of the new models have voluminous collars and some of them have short sleeves.

A beautiful example of the black satin wrap appears in the illustration. It is a loose, short cape with a shawl collar to which the body of the wrap is joined by an embroidered band. The band is narrow with figures in brilliant colors that remind one of jewels. The same colors are used in the large embroidered disks that adorn the wrap at each side of the front. Even a very youthful bride will be regal looking in a wrap of this kind, especially if she wears a crest of plumes in her hair like Guinevere of old.

Pretty and Practical Negligees

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When negligees come up for consideration in the bride's trousseau it is hard to be in the least degree practical. There is so much latitude for this most intimate dress that designers can give free rein to fancy and let it play with the prettiest fabrics, the filmiest laces, crepes and nets, the gayest ribbons and all the lovely little silk and satin bounces that lure them to extravagances. They indulge in many caprices and draw inspiration from all quarters of the world. But there are negligees that are practical as well as pretty and two of them are shown in the picture above.

One of these is a simple, graceful garment, which is very much like the regulation Japanese kimono. But it follows the lines of the figure more closely and has sleeves that are set in, with a point at the top and all seams outlined with a narrow fancy braid. The length of the figure is not broken by a wide sash, as in the Japanese garment, but a narrow girdle of satin defines the waistline. This negligee is made of bright-colored satin and cannot be improved upon for a lounging robe.

The negligee at the right of the picture has a plaited skirt which is made either of a thin silk or of crepe georgette, and a coatee, in which crepe and plain and printed silks are all combined in a novel way. It has an effect of angel sleeves made by extending the crepe, which forms the short front of the coat, into floating draperies at the back. A silk cord, sometimes put on in loops and sometimes straight, finishes the edges of the crepe and three strands of this cord are prettily arranged about the neck.

Julia Bottomley

Rhinestone Rage Is With Us.

An evening gown of monotone red satin is trimmed with narrow bands of pale blue velvet spangled with small rhinestones that glitter lights in red and white and purple. These bands tell the story of the rhinestone rage in garnishing dinner gowns, theater party gowns and wraps—and even the toilets for dressy afternoon teas.

Colored Hose in Demand.

Owing to the number of different colors in the new lines of woman's shoes, the demand for colored silk hosiery has been greatly increased.

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Talk of Resourcefulness!

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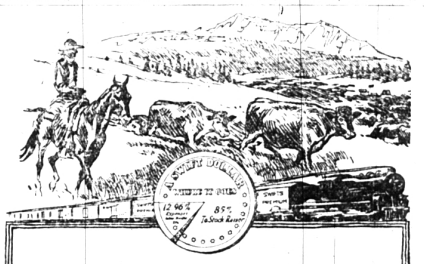

The Flow of Meat

Two-thirds of the live stock in the United States has to be raised in the West.

One-half of the consumers of meat live in the East.

In other words, most of the live stock is one or two thousand miles distant from most of the people who need it in the form of food.

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