

Christen Roma After 5-Hour Battle in Gale

Army's Craft, Largest Lighter Than Air Flyer, Baptized in Liquid Air and Officially Put in Commission

Miss Wainwright Officially

Ambassador Ricci and Guests Have Long Wait While Dirigible Fights Head Winds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The 400-foot army airship Roma fought her way for five hours and a half against a head wind in making a voyage from Langley Field, Virginia, to Washington today, to be christened and put in commission officially by Miss Fonsoe Wainwright, daughter of the Assistant Secretary of War. Miss Wainwright broke a bottle of liquid air on the great semi-rigid airship's prow.

Secretary Weeks, Secretary Denby and Senator Ricci, the Italian Ambassador, who participated in the ceremonies, waited for three hours in the north wind which blew from the north-west for the ship to arrive. They were to have taken a flight in her of an hour or two over the city and to Baltimore with other invited guests, but the wind was rising steadily with gale proportions, threatening, and Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service, ordered the Roma back to her hangar at Langley Field as soon as she could be brought to the ground.

The great dolphin-like craft arrived at Bolling Field at noon and left at 1:30, scurrying home with the wind behind her in two hours and forty minutes.

Planes Search Skies

A crowd of guests and officers of the two air services awaited the arrival of the army's new semi-rigid, the largest lighter-than-air ship in this country, at Bolling Field from 9 o'clock, impatiently stamping their feet and treading back and forth in an effort to keep warm. Planes left the field from time to time to "pick up" the great ship, which was continually reported by radio as approaching from the southeast, but did not appear. Finally she was reported as seen Alexander, progressing slowly against the stiff head wind, with three of her motors frozen up.

Suddenly, toward the southwest, there appeared a great, dull gray shape, scarcely distinguishable against the pale colored sky. It was the Roma—a massive, fat dirigible, moving a little toward the east, slowly and majestically lifting her nose over the encircling hills. Gradually her bulk loomed up and she swung toward the west, heading directly for the field, her motors roaring deafeningly. Approaching the field, she seemed barely to miss the trees and hangars as she pushed against the wind, and finally reaching the center of the field, sat her nose down and slowly settled.

Key Ceremony

A door in the "V" shaped keel near the bow flew open and a great coil of rope dropped to the "handling" crew below. All hands took hold and the great craft came to earth. The wind sweeping from the north and west, blowing the great ship back and forth as the men strained at the rope, while wires with cables attached were strung out of posts along the keel to other men who stood by to steady the ship. Leveling off, but under the blast of her propellers, she settled on her "umpers" and was landed. But she never stayed still a minute, swaying back and forth and carrying the men clinging to the ropes with her.

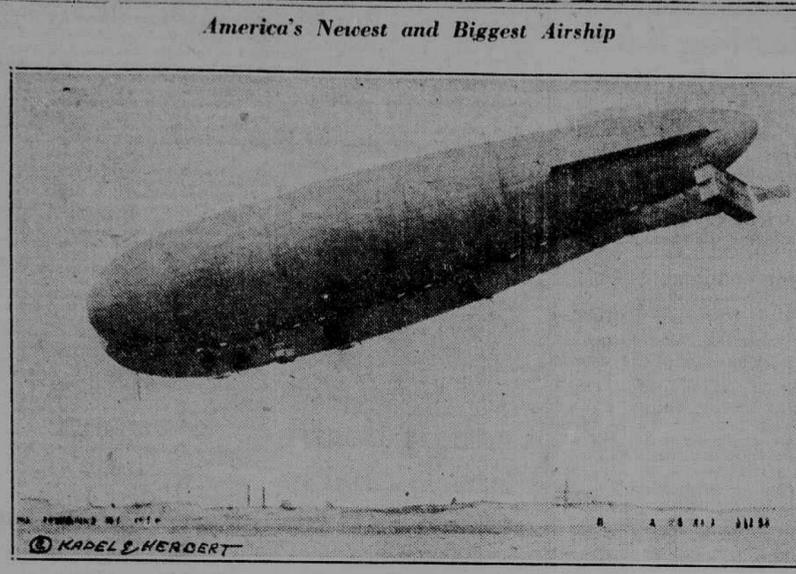
Fitting ceremonies followed the christening by Miss Wainwright. An old ensign was replaced by a new one presented by the Italians and hoisted high on the stern over the Roma's curious boxlike rudder.

Speaking for the Italian government and Italy, where the ship was designed and built, Ambassador Ricci expressed his pleasure that America should have bought the great semi-rigid ship, and Secretary Weeks in accepting it officially for the War Department, said the pleasure and opportunity were rather his, that the army should be so fortunate in obtaining a ship developed by the skill of Italian craftsmen.

Major J. G. Thornell and his staff of pilots and navigators also were thanked personally by Secretary Weeks for their successful trip, despite their handicap of an adverse wind and disabled motors.

After the christening the color presentation took place. Assistant Secretary Wainwright replying to Lieutenant General Giuseppe Vaccari, General Patrick then ordered the field cleared and the ship raised and rebalanced for homeward flight. As the motors were tuned up the handling crew eased up on the hauling cable and the big ship rose slowly on an even keel.

As soon as she was clear of the ground the "let go" signal was given and the cables hauled up. She slowly forged ahead into the wind, turning to the southeast as she reached the edge of the field. At a height of a few hundred feet the engines were speeded



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Dr. Lorenz May Tour West In Special Hospital Train

Physician, Entirely Recuperated, Holds First of Series of Wednesday Clinics

Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the Viennese orthopedist, held the first of a regular series of Wednesday clinics yesterday morning at the Brooklyn Department of Health center, Willoughby Street and Flatbush Avenue. The seventy-five patients who are eligible each week for his examination are to be chosen in daily preliminary clinics at this center.

The physician, who was almost overwhelmed by the first impact with the disorganized crowds of the deformed and crippled clamoring for his ministrations, has recuperated. He is in excellent health, and expects to remain in this city until February 1. After that date he expects to go to Detroit, where the hospitals of that city, under the leadership of Mayor Couzens, are organizing clinics for him. He may tour the West in a specially fitted hospital train that will permit him to give demonstrations of his treatments at the smaller towns.

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The services were conducted by Chaplain Theodore E. Swann, of Fort Totten; Chaplain Aloysius C. Dineen, of Governor's Island, and Rabbi Lee J. Levinger, formerly Jewish chaplain of the 27th Division. The guard of honor was furnished by Companies B and G, of the 4th Infantry, from Fort Totten, and the band was from the 22d Infantry, Governor's Island.

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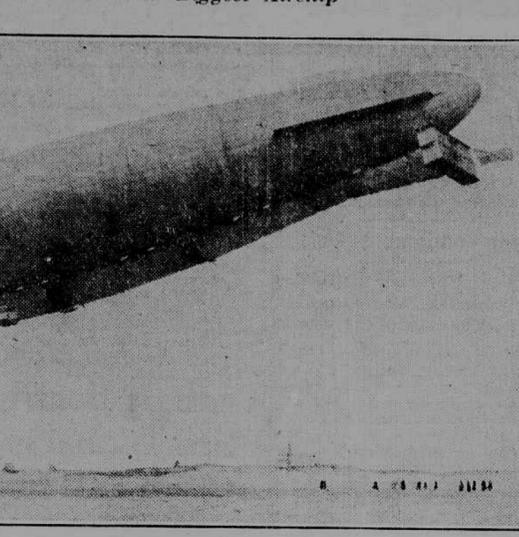
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Harvey Jokes With Colby at London Dinner

Ex-Senator Lewis Also Is Present and Ambassador Dwells Humorously on Their Political Upsets

Hears Himself Criticized

Wilson's Former Secretary Declares League Lives Despite Its Assaults

LONDON, Dec. 21 (By The Associated Press).—Ambassador George Harvey and Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State under President Wilson, put aside their political differences and faced each other good humoredly tonight at the dinner of the Knights of the Round Table Club. Former United States Senator J. Hamilton Lewis also participated in the exchange of witty shafts with the ambassador.

With some show of feeling Mr. Colby replied to the ambassador's Pilgrim dinner allusion to the "too proud to fight" slogan, saying that the army sent to France constituted the best testimony of the inaccuracy of that "much played upon, distorted and misunderstood aphorism."

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sent as "liaison officer between the Celtic and Anglo-Saxon people," announced his intention of going to the United States to ask the Irish not to sow discord between the English-speaking peoples. He entered a plea for Irish ratification of the treaty.

Milk Producers Deny Charges by Aldermen

Statement Insists Only 491 Policemen Are on Guard and Strike Is Dead Issue

Contradictions of charges made in the findings of the special aldermanic committee which investigated the milk workers' strike were issued yesterday by I. Elkin Nathans, secretary of the New York Milk Conference Board.

The statement, which also reiterated the distributors' contention that the strike is a dead issue, was in part as follows:

"The committee's report says that 1,800 police are occupied in the protection of the milk companies' property. Yesterday there were but 238 policemen on wagons and 203 at the plants. This number will be rapidly reduced.

"The report would give the impression that milk distribution is far from normal because 7,000 men are on strike. In the greater city area there are 2,522 retail wagons making normal house-to-house deliveries. Before the walk-out there were 2,894 wagons used.

"The public is getting pure milk through the normal channels. The distributors cannot concede the existence of the strike simply because of the lawlessness of former employees who have since been replaced.

"There were slightly less than nine thousand men employed by the companies affected by the walk-out. There now are approximately 9,700 men employed. This is one of the bases for our statement that the strike is over."

Several minor disorders in connection with the strike occurred during the day. Four strikers were sentenced to workhouse terms as the result of previous attacks on company employees.

'Bloes' in Congress Made Unlawful by Ansoorge Bill

New York Representative Offers Measure Based on Suggestion in Harding's Message

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—So-called "bloes" or groups in Congress, organized for the purpose of controlling in other ways affecting legislation, were the target of a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Martin C. Ansoorge, of New York City.

Framed along the lines of the Sherman act prohibiting combinations in restraint of trade, Mr. Ansoorge's measure would make unlawful and provide penalties for restraint of legislation.

Every person, whether member of Congress or not, found guilty of engaging in such a combination would be fined \$5,000. The circuit courts of the United States would be invested with jurisdiction to punish violations.

Mr. Ansoorge declared that the attempt to substitute sectional government for party government has grown rapidly to menacing proportions. The attention of the country was called to it by President Harding in his message, he pointed out.

"If we are to have an agricultural 'bloc,' why not a manufacturers' 'bloc,' a consumers' 'bloc,' and numerous geographical 'bloes'?" he asked. "Then

legislation will not follow platform pledges, but will be the result of dickering and combinations between various 'bloes.' It will be a case of 'you vote for this and we'll vote for that,' and I shudder to think what will happen to our representative form of democracy."

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