

# 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 Classified 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 calling 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 deputy collectors on our northern and southern borders. In the latter case 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 (born 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 compel such registration of a machine miles above the clouds. The automobilist finds it best to comply because without his certificate to surrender on 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 airplanes 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 Bragassa, 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 \$20 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 Bragassa 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 Decker, who has issued instructions to the Key West air station that civilian 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 reporting to the customs officer the arrival of American naval vessels from foreign ports."

## United States Marines Lost 5,199 of 8,000

Washington.—Of the 8,000 officers and men composing the marine brigade when it went into fighting near Chateau Thierry last July 5 to stop the German thrust at Paris, 128 officers and 5,073 men either were killed or wounded. The marines took Lucy-le-Boeuge, cleaned up Belleau wood and finally captured Bourresches.

In disclosing these casualties Major General Barnett, commandant of the marine corps, said published statements from army officers that the marines were not in the fighting at Chateau Thierry were misleading. The marines, he said, were not actually in the town itself, but in the action known officially as the battle of Chateau Thierry.

Retail grocers in Seattle, Wash., decided to discontinue giving credit to striking shipyard workers.

# Greek Refugees Tell of Outrages

Saloniki.—High upon the hills of the bustling Macedonian city is a picturesque settlement where 3,000 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 Danglialis, who, repudiating King Constantine, espoused the cause of the allies when Germany sought to win over the Greek army.

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 Greek 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 mountain road. 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 wonder was how these little 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 harassed 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 this 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 had been 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 attractive 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.

## 278 ARE DETHRONED BY WAR

Bavaria Leads, With Prussia's Thirty-Three Royalties in Exile Second in List.

Berlin.—A German professor figures that the abdications and dethronements in Germany include 278 persons. Bavaria leads with one king, one queen, 15 princes, 16 princesses, five dukes and one duchess. Prussia has sent 33 royalties into exile, including the emperor, empress, 20 princes and 11 princesses. Brunswick is at the bottom of the list, with only the ducal couple and their three children. The two tiny principalities of Reuss, whose area is hardly one three-hundredth part of that of Prussia, have exiled 86 royalties.

The principality of Lippe, only about 20 square miles larger than the Reuss states, had a royal family numbering 24 persons. Most extraordinary is the case of Schaumburg-Lippe, with its area of 130 square miles, where there was nearly one royal personage for every five square miles. These included the reigning prince, 17 princes and seven princesses.

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Its moral effect is beyond computation. It has killed more ridiculous superstition by its rollicking roars of unbelief than any other agency. What can be more derisive than a laugh? The man who laughs never kills himself.

In some situations laughter is as graceful in its influence as tears. An instance is recalled of a man fated to die of consumption at a sanitarium. Did he sit out on the veranda querulously pouring the tale of his physical and mental woes into the ears of every other victim whom he met? Not a bit of it! He wore the cap and bells of the jester in order that he might distract the thoughts of his miserable companions from the contemplation of their own sufferings.

Every potato slyly winks its eye.

## ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS?

Superstitious People May Make Almost Anything Out of Flag-Staff-Splintering Episode.

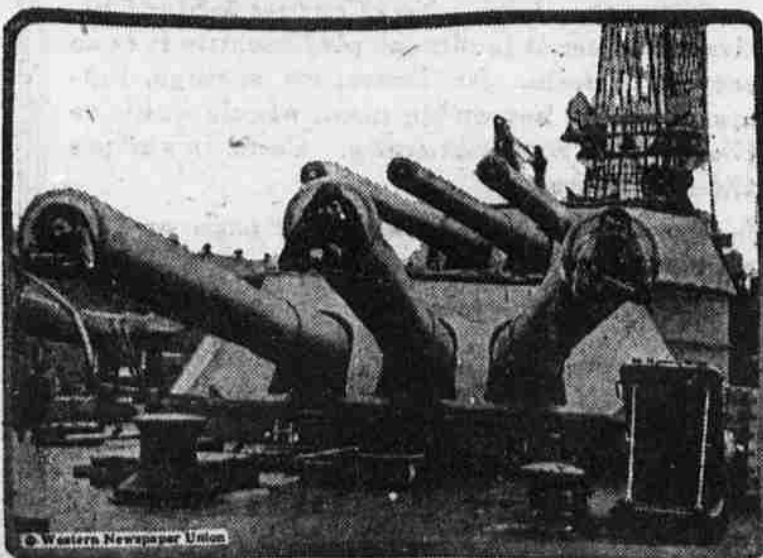
Dan Lehr, of Jordan station, Owen county, while a guest at the Hotel Severin recently, told an unusual story of what happened to a flag staff down in his neighborhood. Lehr heads a corporation which operates the "bunny farm," an institution devoted to the propagation of rabbits.

"Bunny farm," Lehr said, "has the highest knoll in that part of Owen county, and on its crest just after the United States got into the war a flag staff of unusual height was erected. From this staff Old Glory flapped in the breeze, the pride of the neighborhood. It was a beautiful flag and the folks in the neighborhood borrowed it for all sorts of patriotic occasions. It did duty at funerals, hurrah war meetings and in Liberty loan campaigns.

"The day the armistice was declared, November 11," said Lehr, "the flag floated majestically all day. The next day, in the midst of a fearful thunderstorm, a bolt of lightning hit the top of the staff and splintered it half way down into thousands of pieces."—Indianapolis News.

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