

## "Empire Girdler" Ends Great Feat



Sir Alan Cobham, "Empire girdler," completed his most elaborate air venture recently when he returned to England after flying to Australia and back, a distance of 28,000 miles. This great achievement, for which Cobham was knighted by His Majesty King George, not only establishes Cobham as one of the greatest airmen of the day, but shows the great possibilities of Empire air routes. Cobham regards his flight not as a "stunt" but as an effort to discover the best methods of running air routes and at the same time to demonstrate the practicability of flying.

No aeroplane voyage since the late Captain Sir John Alcock and Lieut. Brown, of the Royal Air Force, flew across the Atlantic in 1919, has aroused public interest equal to that of Cobham's. The route of his flight to Australia and back carried him over France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, India and a portion of the Indian Ocean. Cobham's British-made engine made the remarkable journey without ever giving trouble. It is the same engine with which he went from London to Cape Town and back. His machine has withstood the freezing cold of northern latitudes,

the burning heat of Africa and the drenching rains of an Indian monsoon. The flight has proved that the seaplane is best for these long journeys. Cobham received a warm welcome at landing points throughout the long journey. The lower photograph was taken at Sartrouville, near Paris, and shows the aviator being greeted by A. V. Clark, managing director of the Canadian Pacific Railway in France.

London gave a tremendous welcome to England's greatest peace-time hero of the air. Great crowds lined the banks of the Thames as Cobham's plane sped towards London, circled Big Ben in the tower of the House of Commons, and glided over the water towards the Riverside steps of the Parliament buildings. Here he was welcomed by his wife; the air minister Sir Samuel Hoare, and air marshal Sir Sefton Branker. A personal message of congratulation awaited Cobham from His Majesty the King. England did not allow her joy at Cobham's return to obliterate the memory of Elliott, the mechanic, who accompanied him on the outward flight and who was killed by a mysterious bullet while the plane was flying over the Arabian desert. Touching tribute to the unfortunate mechanic was made by Cobham during the official welcome.

Cobham's actual flying time to Australia and back was 13 days 8 hours, but over three months were required in making the trip.

### YALE OBSERVERS STUDY STARS.

New Haven, Nov. 6.—In order to test a theory that the surface of the earth rises and falls, the Yale observatory is examining the positions of 100,000 stars.

### UNDER-COVER STUFF.

As we journeyed through life  
With its peril and strife,  
If you'd judge men, my boy as you  
should,  
It's the engine inside  
By which a car's tried  
And not by the gloss on the hood.

Teacher—Johnny, why are you late this morning?

Pupil—Well, the class started before I got here.

"He who laughs last laughs best."  
"Yeah, but he soon gets a reputation for being dumb."

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## CURRENT EVENTS WAS THE THEME OF AN ABLE PAPER

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The Macedonian States might have saved themselves by a League but failed to do so and wasted their energies opposing each other until Macedonia died—of suicide.

The Germans tried a League, but feudal lawlessness and religious civil war smashed it.

### Proposal Rejected.

Henry IV of France proposed a League of the Nations of Europe, but nobody listened to him, and he then laid plans which ultimately led to the humbling of Austria and two centuries of chaos.

Isolated Switzerland formed an International League of her own, which has worked remarkably well, but nobody saw fit to copy her experiment.

The Austrian Crown Prince, whose murder in 1914 unloosed the dogs of war all over the world was credited with the design of turning his Empire as soon as he should succeed to control, into a genuine League of Nations, and many believe that the one man who might have taught Europe the better way without strife was lured to his death by interests higher up than those that prompted the man who actually fired the shots.

### Communist Revolt.

Then Soviet Russia, in 1917, called upon the whole world to rise against their Capitalist rulers and enter a federal union centred at Moscow. Most of the slave nations and also Hungary and Finland responded but outside of the present Russia the movement was crushed out—in Finland by German armies in Hungary by Rumanian arms and in Poland and Bulgaria by local forces. An unparliamentary dictatorship not appealing to the Teutonic mind very strongly, the communist revolt in Germany was easily suppressed, and Communism farther west has never been able to gain much of a foothold. Still Communism, or Sovietism, is a permanent competitor of Fascism and the British system in all countries and must be recognized as such. If our system of Representative government is not loyal and intelligently supported by our people—if our representatives betray their constituents—if one class tries to oppress another—Fascism or Communism is an ever threatening alternative.

### Versailles Treaty.

Then came the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. It made the League of Nations a fundamental part of the peace pact, which also guaranteed, as has been said before, the dominance of the U. S. A. in the West through the Monroe Doctrine. (This doctrine, since the U. S. A.'s refusal to ratify the Treaty, may now be considered obsolete). Most nations joined the League as soon as they might only the U. S. A., Russia, Mexico and the Mohammedan powers exclusive of Persia staying out. Argentina, Brazil and Spain subsequently withdrew, but Argentina has returned to the fold.

### U. S. Objections.

The United States chief objection to the League is alleged to be Article x of the covenant, which guarantees the territorial integrity of each member against all others, members, or non-members. Her objection to that article was taken up by Canada, who wished to obtain a modification, but was vetoed by Persia, since when the article has remained unattacked in front, although an insidious campaign has been kept up to destroy its power. That article does not apparently pledge members to put down a rebellion in another state, so we fail to see why Canada or any other state should object to it. If the League does not guarantee each member against aggression of what good is it? It is to be regretted that the League in spite of article x, has allowed the Sultan of Nejd to conquer and annex the Hedjaz, which was one of the allied nations and at first was considered a member of the League although she failed to act as such.

### Valuable Results.

The League has been of great value so far. It has conducted many campaigns against disease and international evils with considerable success has settled many disputes without bloodshed, and can be made an instrument of infinite good. In 1924 Britain and France initiated a Protocol to strengthen and enforce article x, which was adopted by the League. Only France and several minor powers ratified the Protocol, however, the new British government repudiating it, followed by the Dominions. However, article x, is still in theory, operative.

### Should Be Maintained.

If we let the League go down, what is the alternative? Only new combinations, such as produced the Great War of 1914, which new series of alliances would undoubtedly lead to new wars in which the destruction might be infinitely greater than that of the last. Already the European States

are talking of a United States of their own exclusive of Britain and Russia. Already the iron and coal masters of France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany have pooled their interests and invited the British to join them. Such a combination undoubtedly spells future trouble for non-members. Russia seems to be winning China to the ranks of Communism, while the other Western powers, exclusive of Germany, still provoke China by needless restrictions on her courts and commerce. Brazil and Spain, in seceding from the League, may be able, if unchecked to draw other disgruntled powers off with them. It is high time that, if we mean to stick with the League, we support it with all our power and teach our children to enrol themselves among its friends and defenders.

### A Burning Question.

One of the greatest questions pressing for solution is that of the redistribution of population. There are two solutions—by negotiation or by the sword. Italy is increasing by 500,000 people annually and Japan by 750,000. There is room for surplus Italians in Brazil, but they prefer the North African provinces of France. There is room for the surplus Japanese in French India, Australia or South America, but they are everywhere blocked. The determining word re the three-quarters of South America that is absolutely uninhabited is claimed by the U. S. A., but that territory—Australia being owned by a pure white race, and tropical South America being held by mixed races—is the logical extension of Japan and China, as British tropical Africa is of British India. The Americans say to the Italians and Japanese: "Stay where you are and limit your families to suit your territory." Italy and Japan answer that they believe in large families and Italy adds that when she needs more land she purposes taking it. Japan keeps quiet but is doubtless thinking as strongly as is Italy and probably to more purpose.

### Some Suggestions.

Only the League, with all the articles of its covenant effective, can deal with the situation. It can place surplus populations in vacant territory—the white nations of the temperate zones are just now influential enough to retain those zones and Australia for the White, leaving the waste places of tropical Africa and South America for the Hindus and yellows respectively. The Italians can go to Argentina or southern Brazil. The slavs can be accommodated in Russia. The Arabs can go to Africa. All the necessary migrations can be handled peacefully and satisfactorily but only through a League having the great majority of nations in its circle and possessing the will and the power to enforce all of its decisions.

### Opposed to War.

Let us hold on to the League. Its constitution is doubtless defective in more than one point, but constitutions can be amended to suit conditions. Let it be strengthened so as to render international disarmament possible and safe for all members. Let it be strengthened so that trade barriers can be thrown down and the whole world—different races not necessarily living in the same districts—become the brotherhood that all the great religions of the day profess to stand for. Let us be able to devote our surplus energies to the conquest of the physical world and its redemption from disease, growth and insects rather than keep up the old system that compels us to periodically send our young men to slaughter and be slaughtered. The world cannot afford another war. The last paralyzed the victors almost if not quite, as much as the vanquished. But another world war would not be as sparing of life as the last was—it would wipe out whole populations en masse unless they surrendered at the very moment they were out manoeuvred.

While the press and the pulpit have their work to do, that of the school is pre-eminently the moulder of the race. To mould our children in the right direction, the proper teaching of History, including Current Events, is of supreme importance.

### UNIVERSITY HEN ESTABLISHES NEW EGG LAYING RECORD.

Agassiz, B. C., Nov. 6.—There's a new world's record for laying of eggs by a hen in a year. A White Leghorn of the University of British Columbia has produced 348 and the year still has a few days to run. The previous record, 347, was held by an Australian hen.

Queen Marie simply can't ask all the people she meets to visit her when she gets back home. Some of them might accept the invitation.

## Could Not Sleep Heart and Nerves Were So Bad

Mr. Geo. Meek, Windsor, Ont., writes:—"I suffered with my heart and nerves and could not sleep at night for noises in my head. I managed to keep at my work somehow, until I began to have dizzy spells which got so bad I could not go to my work. I was afraid to go out any place, for very often I would stagger on my feet, and everything in front of me would turn black and fade away. While I was home sick a friend told me to take I got four boxes and by the time I had used them the pains and noises in my head ceased and I was able to get a good night's rest. Although that was six years ago I have never been troubled with that complaint again."

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