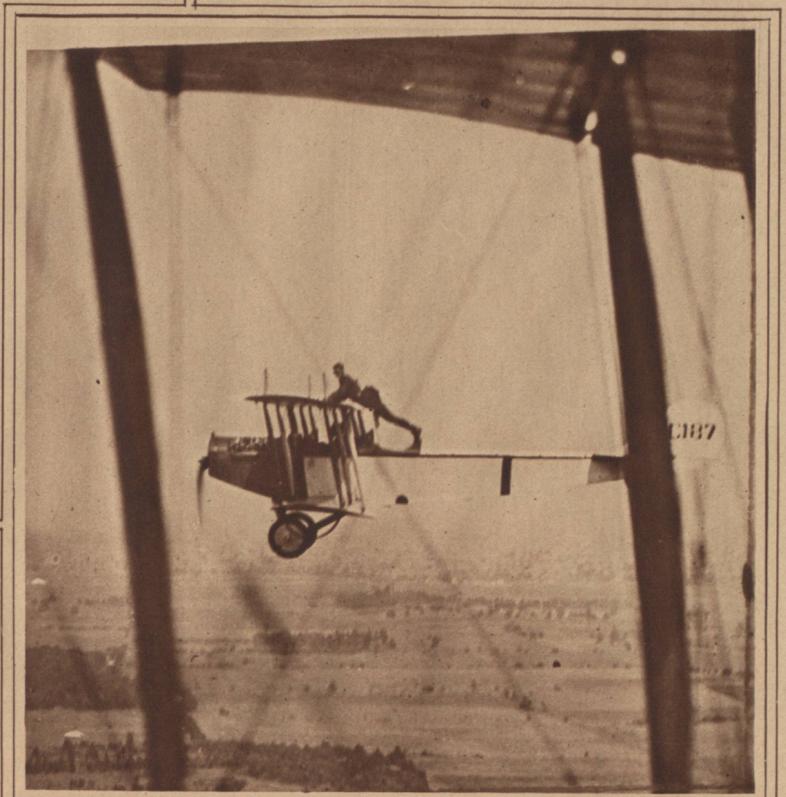


SPECIAL AIRCRAFT SECTION

AMERICA Supreme in the Air! The aeroplane is liberty's surest weapon of defense. By the part it took in the destruction of Germany's arbitrary powers it proved its indispensable need in the future.

THE era of commercial navigation of the air has begun. Mail between Washington and New York is carried by aeroplane, passengers are transported with ease and safety and added speed that shames the express train, and freight claims are being developed. These pages can give you but a limited idea of the intensely interesting exhibits of peace-time aircraft, and the trophies our pilots brought home from France that are being shown at the Aeronautical Exposition of the Manufacturers' Aircraft Association, which began yesterday and will continue for two weeks at Madison Square Garden and the 69th Regiment Armory. The army, navy and postoffice departments are actively co-operating to make this the greatest aircraft show ever.



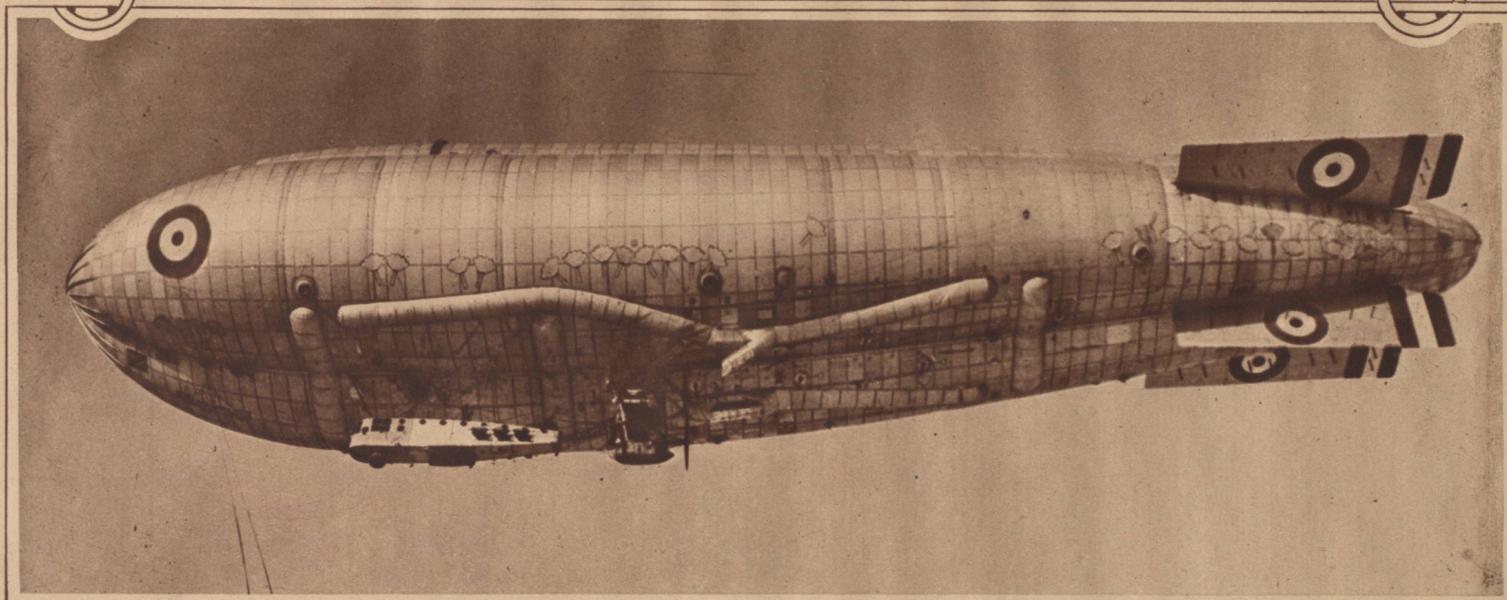
"Looping the loop" and the "falling leaf" used to be considered the height of daredevilry. The novel stunts of the young lieutenant in these three sensational snaps made from another plane are quite the latest thing in aerial acrobatics. Completely at home 2,000 feet above old Mother Earth, he climbs overboard and roams all over his ship with confident agility, changing seats with the pilot and riding astride the fuselage. Now we know why they call an aero squadron a "circus."
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Something new in old Egypt. No ancient Egyptian ever beheld the land of the Nile from this viewpoint, with the Pyramids looking squat and low and the little town of Ghizeh clustered on the bank of the Nile. The scorched desert stretching away in the distance has for several thousand years had no rival for the distinction of being the driest spot in the world. The rivalry will begin after July 1.
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Our naval base in France — Brest — seen from a Yankee seaplane circling thousands of feet above its own hangar. The surrounding hills shelter huge guns so placed as to afford the maximum of protection for the terminal. Brest is not always synonymous with mud, at least when seen from this height, for the fields look as neat as wax.
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This huge flying fish of a British dirigible made long distance flights, carrying two machine guns and stores of bombs with which to search out U-boats. After the cessation of hostilities the news came out that a large fleet of these great ships had been constructed, many of them even larger than this. Will they now be used for weekend excursions to the Continent?
Western Newspaper Union.