



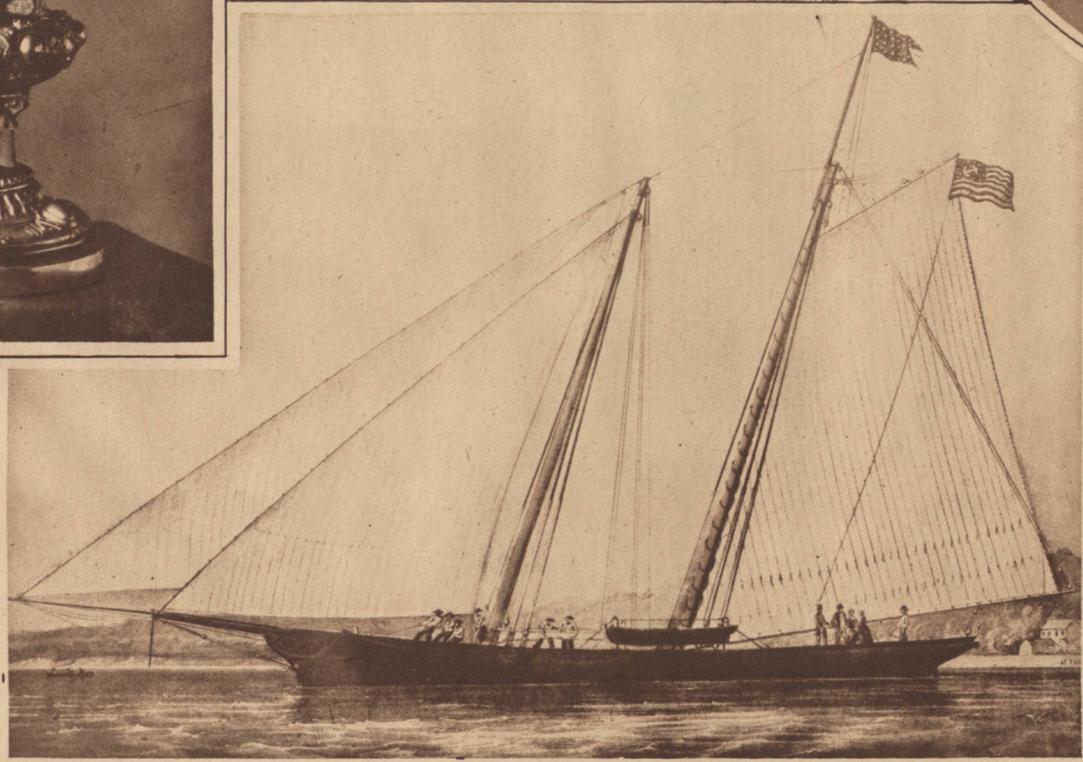
The America's Cup, oldest of all international championship trophies and the only one America has held continuously from the outset. With his Shamrock IV, Sir Thomas Lipton, England's lovable and persistent yachtsman, has again challenged and the series of races are to be sailed here next summer. Alexander Cochrane's Vanitie and the New York Yacht Club's Resolute will doubtless be the defenders. To the right is an old print of the schooner yacht America which first won the cup way back in 1851. There have been since then in all twelve contests for the cup. Who will be unlucky in the thirteenth? Photos by Van der Weide.



Photograph that has just been received from Germany, showing what happened to a Boche seaplane when the pilot endeavored to effect a landing on the roof of Herr Somebody's house. The German inscription on the photo reads, "Verungluckte Landung eines Seeflugzeugs." We'll say it was, for the Heinie who was driving the plane, anyway. Keystone View.



"Wonder what a king thinks about" when he visits the battle fronts of a war in which his nation did not participate. Marshal Pétain of France personally escorts King Alfonso XIII of Spain along what was the Verdun front. Here they are in the tonneau of a French army car viewing the ruins of Fort Douaumont. Mizraoff.



Friend wife assists in buttoning the leather coat of her aviator husband, Lieut. Mizuta, first pilot to be employed in Japan's new aerial mail service which began active operation last month. An exclusive photo just received from Tokio. Adachi.



Brigadier General William Mitchell, Chief of Operations and Training in the Army Air Service, wearing his latest decoration awarded to him last week in Washington by the Prince of Wales—that of Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George General Mitchell, who wears three service chevrons, a pilot's wings and numerous campaign ribbons, advocates a separate government department to rule all air activities of land and sea forces. Underwood.



This cheerful picture shows a photographic pose that was a favorite among German sailors. The inscription with it reads, "A mine layer and his comrade." You students of psychology can figure out your own theory about it. The sailor is evidently trusting all his earthly possessions to the skeleton, as said Kamerad has a bony clutch on the seaman's purse and supply of paper money. Keystone View.



Left—New York's newest Special Deputy Police Commissioner, Julian Stevens Ulman, a wealthy member of the Stock Exchange, who has just been named to serve without pay and assigned to direct the home service division which will control the cooperative stores soon to be opened for members of the Police Department in the five boroughs. International.



Right—A bit of a lad, what? The youthful gentleman who is testing the tensile strength of his mother's parlor chair is one Lenny Mason, a 16-year-old English youngster who, according to all reports, is the world's fattest boy. He weighs 420 pounds, has a 64 1/2-inch chest and a 28-inch thigh. No wonder, with the high cost of clothing, his parents continue to keep sonny in short trousers. Underwood.