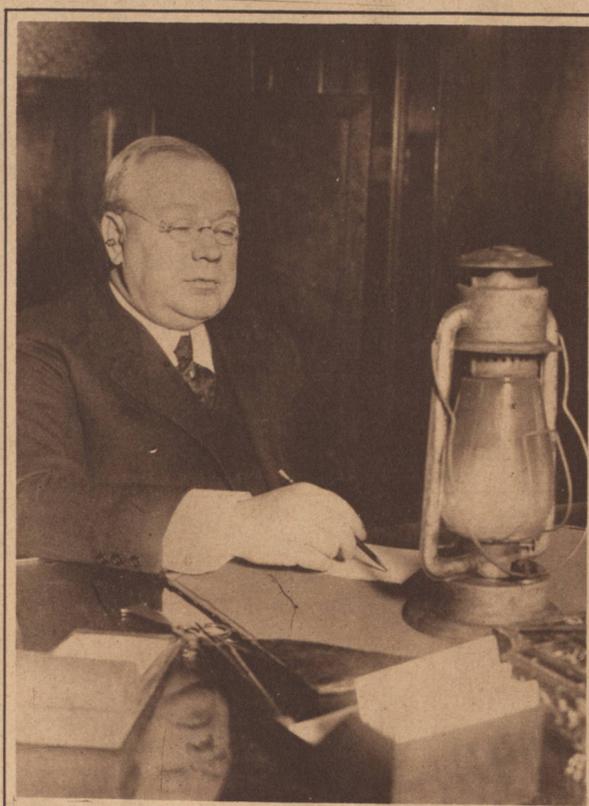


The U. S. Navy is the proud possessor of the world's largest and most powerful crane. Here is a picture of it taken during the christening ceremonies last week at League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia. It is over 100 feet high and is capable of handling a complete gun turret assembled on the dock and placing it on board ship. In the photo it is lifting over a million pounds of locomotives and steel girders. *International.*

The latest thing in bathing, or, rather, diving, suits. This newly invented outfit permits the diver to descend to a depth of 360 feet (a feat recently accomplished near Boston by J. T. Turner, of Philadelphia, the inventor), which is just twice as deep as by the old method. The recovery of \$30,000,000 in gold bullion from the sunken British liner *Laurentio*, torpedoed off the coast of England, will be the new invention's first real test. *Underwood.*



The Pacific Bank, at 49th St. and Third Ave., has installed a bullet-proof steel "pill-box," which will house a guard during banking hours as a protection against bandits. A riot gun inside the miniature fort commands the whole main floor of the bank. *International.*

The coal famine in Chicago has hit the Windy City hard. Office lights go off at 3:30. Here is George M. Reynolds, president of one of Chicago's big banks, working at his desk by the rays of a good old-fashioned kerosene lantern. *Underwood.*

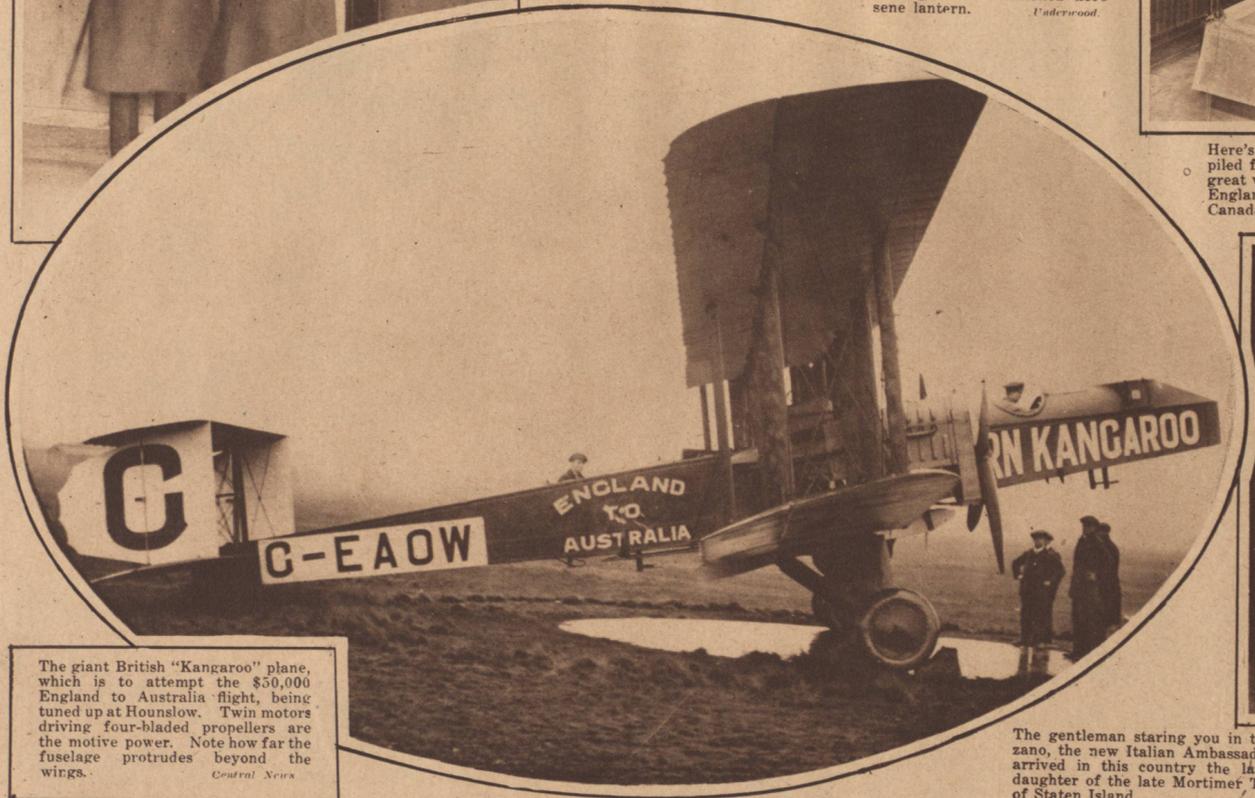


How would you like their job these drear dry days when the gloom of prohibition is settling down upon us? They are beer testers—two of the seventeen judges recently confronted with the problem of selecting the best brew at a recent brewers' exhibition in London. *Underwood.*



Here's the largest book in the world—a hand-written Bible compiled from the written testimony of 13,000 contributors. This great volume, which is 5 feet by 3 feet 6 inches, will soon leave England to go on an exhibition tour of the United States, Canada and Australia. *Photo from Standford from International.*

Meet "Uncle John" Shell, a youngster of 131 summers and said to be the oldest man in the world. He lives in Leslie County, Kentucky, on the farm where he was born in 1788. Uncle John says the above is "the furst reg'lar pitcher I ever had made." The United States was born just twelve years before he was—think of it! And during the Civil War he was well past threescore and ten. *Photo from Standford from International.*



The giant British "Kangaroo" plane, which is to attempt the \$50,000 England to Australia flight, being tuned up at Hounslow. Twin motors driving four-bladed propellers are the motive power. Note how far the fuselage protrudes beyond the wings. *Central News.*



The gentleman staring you in the eye with his three is Baron Romano Avezzano, the new Italian Ambassador to the United States, who, with his family, arrived in this country the last of November. Baroness Avezzano is the daughter of the late Mortimer Taylor, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Frederick Clark, of Staten Island. *Underwood.*

