

This Week



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THE OPENING GAME. HOOVER'S "WING." AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

Thousands paid to see the opening game between the Yankees and the Red Sox. Fifty million Americans that know who the Yankees and the Red Sox are, haven't the faintest idea who Pythagoras and Thales were.

They are just as happy, and Thales and Pythagoras don't care.

Baseball observed that President Hoover was "wild in his pitch," throwing the ball that started Washington's baseball season.

Technicians said that throwing the medicine ball had "made the President a little strong on the wing." "Wing" is baseball language for "arm."

Intelligent baseball men will say to President Hoover, as the artist of old said to the ruler, annoyed at being excelled by him, "God forbid that you should know as much about this as I know."

There is such a thing as knowing too much about baseball.

President Coolidge becomes a director in the New York Life Company in place of the late Ambassador Her- rick.

Such a man as Mr. Coolidge could not remain idle. And he could with difficulty find work more useful than life insurance. It inculcates thrift, provides for widows and children.

The United States, producing 4,600 airplanes in 1928, leads in aircraft output.

France in 1928 built only 1440 air- planes.

Great Britain sells more airplanes abroad than we do.

France, however, has five times as many fighting planes as we have.

Her fighting fleet is so big it makes Great Britain very polite.

France is the real airplane country, no matter what others may manufac- ture. Britain is catching up. We lag behind, but that will change.

A gentleman of the American De- fense society, who would only accept immigrants as much as possible like the Puritans, keeping out others, says

"President Hoover doesn't know as much about immigration as some of us."

Mr. Hoover knows a good deal more about immigration than the American Defense society knows.

Stuyvesant Fish sues officials that stopped his yacht, looking for liquor, of which he had none. It was a new yacht.

Mr. Fish wants to "protect the rights of yachtsmen."

To protect the rights of row boats and other small craft is or ought to be, even more important, in a re- public, since there are more of them.

However, "republic or no republic, stopping a rich man's yacht seems to create more excitement than breaking into a poor man's house and killing his wife.

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