A Diplomatic Triumph

Ian Maclaren, in "Days of Auld Lang Syne," gives us an amusing account of an old Scotsman's diplomacy. We

Farms were held on lease in Drumtachty, and according to a good old custom, descended from father to son; so that some of the father's forbears had been tenants as long as Lord Kilspindie's ancestors had been owners. It happened also in our time that Gormack, having quarreled with the Factor about a feeding-byre he wanted built, flung up his lease in a haff; and it was taken at an enormous increase by a guileless tradesman from Muirtown, who had made his money by selling "pigs" (crockery ware), and believed that agriculture came by inspiration. Optimists expected that his cash might last for two years, but pessimists declared their belief that a year would see the end of the "merchant's" experiment; and Gormack watched the course of events from a rented house at Kildrummie.

Jamie Soutar used to give him "a cry," on his way to the station, and It's Good brought him the latest news: "It's -maybe juist as weel that ye retired from business, Gormack, for the auld farm's that spruced up, ye wud hardly ken it was the same place. The merchant put ventilators. Intoe the feeding-byre, and he's speakin' about glass windows toe keep the stots frae wearyin'; an' as for inventions, the place is fair scatted up wi' them. There's ane that took me awfu': it's for peelin' the neeps, tae mak them tasty for the cattle beasts."

on 'Comparative Agriculture' afore his door, and he explained hoo they grow the maize in Sooth Ameriky: it was verra interestin'; A've never got as muckle information frae ony farmer in Drumtochty."

"A'm gled ye cam in, Jamie," was all Gormack sald, "for I was near takin' this hoose on a three-year lease. Ae year'll be eneuch, noo, A'm think-

With eighteen months of his removal, Gormack was again in possession at the old rent, and with a rebate for the first year, to compensate him for the merchant's improvements. "It'll tak the feck o' twa years," he explained in the kirkyard, "tae bring the WE'RE OFF! place roon, an' pit the auld face on it. The byres are nae better than a pair o' fanners wi' wind, and if he hasna planted the laigh field wi' berry bushes; an' a've seen the barley fifty-six pund wecht in that very field. It's a doonricht sin tae abuse the land like yon', but it'll be a lesson, neebors, an A'm no expectin' anither pig merchant

'ill get a farm in Drumtochty." This incident raised Gormack into a historical personage, and invested him with an association of humor, for the rest of his life; so that when conversation languished at times, some one would ask Gormack-"What he had dune wi' his ventilations," or "hoo the berry hairst was shapin' this year."

Isle of Pheasants Slowly Becoming Attached to Land

Paris. - A historic little island known as the Isle of Pheasants in the Bidassoa River, on the frontier between France and Spain, is gradually ceasing to bes an island, according to a correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, and, through changes in the river's course, is becoming attached to the French shore. It was here that, in 1659, the conference was held which brought an end to the long war between France and Spain which persisted even after general European peace was established by the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648. The island was then exactly in the middle of the river, and great care was taken to build the special pavilion erected for the use of the negotiators in the exact center of the island, which, it was agreed, should be recognized as belonging half to France and half to Spain. The principal actors in the drama of 1659 were Mazarin and Louis XIV. on the French side, and Don Luis de Haro and Philip IV. for Spain Two hundred years later, in 1859, Na poleon III. and Queen Isabella o Spain caused to be erected therestone monument bearing an inscription in French on one side and in Spanish on the other commemorating the happy event of two centuries before. Althoug thhe river appears to be partial to France, no international complications are expected to arise even if the island should cease to be an island, for it is of no importance, strategically or economically, and the monument will continue to mark the prevailing friendship between the peo-

A Woman's Advice

ple on both sides of the frontier.

Though there is but little in woman's advice, yet he that won't take it is not overwise.-Cervantes.

Lady-Conductor, where do I trans-

Conductor-"Where are you going,

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Owl Laffs

"Ye had nae method, man, and a' if you begin saving right away you of a husband is a combination of dinna believe ye had an inspection, a' may be able to buy the third and Buddy Rogers, Rudy Vallee, John D. the years ye were at Gormack. Noo, smallest toe of the left hind foot of a Rockefeller and Job. But you ought the merchant is up at half-licht, and turkey for Thanksgiving. Gabby Ger- to see the one she eventually marries! goes over the whale steadin', wi' Rob- trude says she has used a lot of make- Have you heard of the Scotchman who bie Du ffat his heels,- him 'at he's got up in her time, but never for her mind. took his own tablecloth to a night club for idle grieve,-an' he tries the cor- "Handle With Care" has the same to avoid the cover charge? A street ners wi' his handkerchief tae see that meaning to the railroad man that "No corner grouch was shocked yesterday there's nae stour (dust). It would dae Admittance" has to the book agent. A when he saw a girl with two holes in ye guid tae see his library: the laist farm paper says that cows that are one stocking, but sporting a brand day I saw him, he was readin' a book milking heavily may drink 300 pounds new permanent wave, and what do you

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At 20-To take a show girl out to At 25-To have the price of a din-

At 35-To eat dinner. At 55-To digest dinner.

moke quarter cigars?"

the other three-quarters." been awakened three times)-"Hi, Mediterranean during the day and Doctor, Mrs. Jennings' little boy has then hugged the coast line, crossing swallowed a mouse!"

cat, then."

A little bit grayer, A little bit slower, A little bit older, But still a good goer.

A little bit wiser, A little bit kinder, To everyone's failings A little bit blinder.

Cunningham (in restaurant)-"Perkins, how can you eat with a knife?" ers; not one of them can do it."

courage to tell your father of my the upper side of the fin, rending months of study of Chinese diet and

Fiancee-"What cowards you men cotton cloth. are! Father hasn't the courage to tell you of his debts."

this morning."

hasn't such pleasant things to sit down and think about, that he can have very chronic failures because they are eternally trying to do something they can't do. But more of them get nowhere because instead of trying to do something, they persist chiefly in doing nothing.

Jimmy-"Did Moses have dyspepsia like what we've got?"

Daddy-"How on earth do I know Why do you ask such a question?" Jimmy-"Our Sunday School teacher says the Lord gave Moses two tab-

A minister recently married a young couple.

The Groom-"How much?" The Minister-"Whatever you think it's worth."

The young man hesitated, fumbled, then handed him 50 cents. The minhesitated, then counted out 20 cents change and handed the groom.

Nothing great was ever achieved were hastened at the home port. without enthusiasm. - Ralph Waldo

New British Giant Plane To Have Atlantic Test in '32

London.-A British leviathan of the discussing the machine recently said air, the largest ever built in this coun- the metal which is being chiefly used try, rivaling the German Dornier DO-X, for the flying boat is duralumin, which, is nearing completion at the Vickers much stronger. It is heated by a pro-Supermarine Works at Southampton cess which makes it immune to attack and is expected to be launched early by salt air and sea water. next year.

ity than the German ship, the machine in precisely the same way as a liner. when tested will carry out experimentmail service.

chine will measure from wing tip to a monoplane wing. wing tip 174 feet, the hull from nose weigh nearly thirty-five tons.

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Graf Zeppelin Adds to Long Log Big German Dirigible's Trip down again over Ajan and Nikolaie- Between the birds, the squirrel and

to Arctic Caps Remarkable Record of World Voyages

> By Lauren D. Lyman, in the N. Y. Times.

The Graf Zeppelin, which recently has been nosing about in the North Polar regions, although no longer a 12 minutes between Tokyo and San novelty, is still one of the marvels of Francisco. this aeronautical age.

Finished in September, 1928, rover the following month and since then has flown close to 125,000 miles, tariffs to her owners. She cost about El Paso, then swung north over Or winter be unknown-and never eventful career she has triumphantly arriving at Lakehurst the morning of That snow, in falling, only falls on yindicated Dr. Eckener's confidence in Aug. 29, twenty-one days and a few lighter-than-air craft, she has been close to disaster on two occasions. Once, members of her own crew saved of one of her six transatlantic voyages. Off to a Good Start

The first voyage of the Graf Zeppelin started auspiciously enough. With Hays - "How come you always sixty-one persons aboard, including the eighteen passengers, and nearly a ton Mays-"Somebody always smokes of pay load in the form of mail and goods, the Graf left Friedrichshafen on Oct. 11, 1928. She cruised slowly Caller (to doctor, who has already across Europe over France to the near Gibraltar to the African coast Doctor-"Tell him to swallow the and then went out to sea. Weather to the north was not the best and Dr. Eckener guided the big dirigible on a southerly route for the first 1,000 miles of the ocean crossing.

Everything went well until the Graf reached the vicinity of Bermuda and caught in the grip of vertical air currents, the Graf swung out of its paral- velers and the air freight. lel plane almost to the perpendicular. Young Knut Eckener, son of the commander, was at the helm. In the cabins, passengers were tossed about as they never had been on a liner. Slowly the big ship responded, but the strain on the tail surfaces was too looks. Look around at the other din- great. The fabric on the lower side Europeans, because they cat vegeof the port fin ripped and the wind, getting inside, whipped up a small of Dr. H. Necheles, German research Harris (to fiancee)-"I haven't the hurricane and tore its way through physician, who has completed several scores of square yards of the heavy

In two hours, however, the agile sailors had cut away shreds from the Chicago, where he had made similar big fin and had bound the edges to studies of the effect of diet upon be-Esther-"I'm not on speaking terms the duralumin frame. They were havior. He is returning to Europe to not give me his seat at the barber's water in violent wind and rain with here have convinced Dr. Necheles that every chance of falling and no chance

of rescue if they had fallen. The airship reached land over the of Americans and other races. pler than those who loaf. An old man Virginia coast and came north to dock at Lakehurst 111 hours and 38 minutes after leaving Friedrichshafen. On much fun loafing. Some men are the way back Dr. Eckener elected a northern route and followed the Great Circle. The return trip was made in

68 hours and 46 minutes. The next voyage of importance came in March, 1929, when the Graf Zeppelin, with a passenger list-of 20, visited Palestine, flying down across Eastern Europe and Turkey to Asia Minor and return, a distance of 4,968 miles, with everything working smoothly. Two months later came the second start for the United States

as a preliminary to a world voyage. The start of the delayed voyage came on Aug. 8, and she made the westward passage to Lakehurst by the southern route in 93 hours, flying 5,185 miles. Three days were spent in final preparations, and then the Grat Zeppelin started on her record-breaking trip around the world. That fourth Atlantic crossing was a record for airship travel that still stands-55 hours ister was a good sport. He fumbled, 30 minutes to Friedrichshafen at an average speed of close to 100 miles an hour. It was a great start for the world cruise and refueling and gassing

> Aug. 14 she started for Tokyo, the longest leg of the world journey. . The

while being as light as aluminum, is

Every part of the machine likely to Fitted with six 900 horse power be subjected to severe stress and Rolls-Royce engines designed to pro- strain will be put through tests on maduce a speed of 145 miles an hour, and chines constructed for the purpose, stated to have a greater lifting capac- and when launched will take the water

to tail being 107 feet. Some indication a scale model indicate that the new that, with a full complement of pas- 721/2 miles an hour, a rate of climb of An official of Vickers aircraft branch | 1,300 miles.

course lay north of Moscow, and to Viatka the airship followed the 60th parallel. Then, entering Siberia, Eckener elected a Great Circle course, cutting up as far as Lat. 63 and then vsk and across to Tokyo. The distance was 6,880 miles, and the airship The boys who play with agate marbles, made it in 101 hours 50 minutes, ar riving Aug. 19.

Four days later the airship started for the United States. Following gen- Or droning bee, or cattle munching erally the Great Circle course bemade the Pacific crossing in 66 hours

After circling San Francisco Bay the airship continued to Los Angeles, com-Graf started on her career as a world pleting this 5,500-mile leg in 78 hours 59 minutes. Here several members Forever watch the flying, not the flight of the crew left the airship to lighten has carried about 2,000 passengers the load across the high plateau reand has returned many thousands of gion of the Southern United States. dollars in mail, freight and passenger Coming by way of Texas, she visited \$800,000 and, although during her Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Akron, hours after the start.

It was a great achievement, and the record stood until this Summer, when her and another time a detachment of Post and Gatty made the trip in a French soldiers, hastily mustered as little more than eight and a half days a ground crew, went to her rescue in in an airplane. The return flight to Southern France when propeller shafts Friedrichshafen was uneventful, the on several motors cracked at the start Graf completing it in 67 hours 9 min-

Last year the dirigible made perhaps its most significant voyage when it flew with mail, goods and passengers from Friedrichshafen to Pernambuco, Brazil, in four days. It continued to Rio de Janiero and then turned north for Lakehurst, and after a refueling stop, for which the navy charged at the rate of \$2,000 a day, the wanderer again sailed for home. The round trip was made in nineteen days. In that trip, which covered close to 16,000 miles, the airship stopped at ports in four countries, and Dr. Eckoner announced that an airship service connecting Europe with the South American markets on a three-day schedule was feasible.

This scheme is to be tried with three round trips this year, according to started north toward Lakehurst. Then, Lufthansa plans, in which planes and airships will combine to speed the tra-

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-Marion Strobel.

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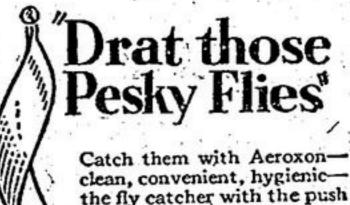
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