

THIS WEEK'S OUTLOOK

WEEKLY OUTLINE STUDY OF CURRENT HISTORY¹

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A National Aviation Policy

ELSEWHERE in this issue of The Outlook Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, discusses the important problem of a National aviation policy for the United States.

On page 288 Mr. Roosevelt says that "our country does not believe, in general, in direct subsidies." What are direct subsidies? Has the National Government ever directly subsidized commercial activities of any sort? Do any other governments believe in direct subsidies? If so, what are they subsidizing, and with what results?

Despite the fact that our history shows that the American people do not believe in direct subsidies, would it nevertheless be well for the Federal Government to subsidize aviation directly?

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy tells us that all new departures of importance in this country tend to be ill considered. Can you show by definite illustrations that the history of American democracy upholds Mr. Roosevelt in his conviction?

Is the airplane essentially and wholly an American invention? When and by whom was the first actually controlled flight in a power-driven heavier-than-air airplane made?

In your opinion, which was the most revolutionary contribution to the science of war, gunpowder or aircraft? What are your reasons?

Define the following terms: *Aeronautics, inter-State traffic, contiguous, combatant, figments.*

Here are four interesting and valuable books to read in connection with this topic: "Aircraft in War and Commerce," by W. H. Berry (Doran); "The Way of the Eagle," by Major Charles J. Biddle (Scribners); "Aircraft and Submarines," by Willis J. Abbot (Putnams); "Aircraft," by Evan J. David (Scribners).

Master Minds at Short Range

Is George Bernard Shaw a Socialist? What are some of his social and political teachings? What are his best-known plays?

What is your explanation of Bernard Shaw's opinion of Shakespeare? How would you try to prove to Mr. Shaw that he should give up his contempt for Shakespeare?

In America Lord Northcliffe has frequently been compared to William Randolph Hearst. Are there any facts which would tend to justify this comparison?

¹ These questions and comments are designed not only for the use of current events classes and clubs, debating societies, teachers of history and English, and the like, but also for discussion in the home and for suggestions to any reader who desires to study current affairs as well as to read about them.—The Editors.

What is the story of the rise to power in British politics of Lloyd George? What has he had to depend upon to make his career? Was it wealth, education, social position, or what?

Premier Lloyd George has been called one of the chief social architects of England. In what respects has England been transformed into a social democracy since 1906? What part has Lloyd George played in this transformation process?

If you were to write an article on "Master Minds at Short Range," confining your paper entirely to living Americans, whom would you write about? What are some of the things you would say about each?

Can you name forty representative living Americans?

Do men make the times in which they live, or do the times make the men?

Of what value is the study of biography?

Is it our duty to study the lives of men and women still living? What are your reasons?

You should read the following references without fail: Pages 324-381 of "Modern and Contemporary European History," by J. S. Shapiro (Houghton Mifflin); the chapter on "Democratic Britain" in "Europe 1789-1920," by E. R. Turner (Doubleday, Page); Chapter XII in "Democracy at the Crossways," by F. J. C. Hernshaw (Macmillan); "The Making of Modern England," by Gilbert Slater (Houghton Mifflin); "Famous Living Americans," edited by M. G. and E. L. Webb (Charles Webb & Co., Greencastle, Ind.).

Detroit Close-Hauled

What does Mr. Fuessle mean by saying that Detroit is close-hauled? How did it come to be such?

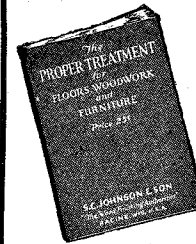
What are the fundamental reasons why so many men and women are out of work in Detroit and elsewhere in the United States? Does not the world stand in need of the product of the labor of those that are now unemployed?

What sound and practicable suggestions can you make that would improve business conditions? What leads you to believe that they are sound suggestions? That they are practicable?

We are told that prices are so high as to discourage buyers and rates so high as to discourage traffic, and that lowering prices and traffic rates will encourage business. Why are not prices lowered and traffic rates cut down?

Do you see any lesson in Detroit's experience for American cities in general?

Define accurately the following terms: *Melancholy, erstwhile, hamstrung, epiphany, liquidate, inventory, metaphors, normalcy.*



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