

BATHTUB AND AUTO OUTPUT GAINS IN U. S.

'Full Garage' Campaign of
Hoover Nearly Realized,
Says Report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The "full garage" campaign slogan of Herbert Hoover, is approaching nearer realization. This is shown by the report of the secretary of commerce, which was made public here today.

Nearly three million automobiles were produced in 1927, as compared with a million and a half in 1921 and over half a million in 1914. This is given as one of the indications of an advance in the standards of living in the last few years.

Shipments of bathtubs in 1927 amounted to 1,101,000 as compared with approximately half a million in 1921.

Since 1928 life insurance policies increased in value from \$35,092,000,000 to \$64,457,000,000 and in number from 16,695,000 to 25,501,000.

How the department has continued its campaign for the elimination of waste is outlined by Ray M. Hudson, assistant director of the bureau of standards.

"Some two hundred organizations have working relations with the bureau of standards, and nearly one thousand industrial experts advise with it in its research program," he stated.

"The public values in this co-operation are reflected in estimated annual savings ranging from \$1,000,000 for the perfection and adoption of the Stoddard solvent formula to \$50,000,000 to the dental profession and the public, resulting from the improved technique for

making gold inlays, whereby it is assured that the inlay will have form and size identical with the cavity.

"Recently the bureau, which by law is the research arm of the department's aeronautic work, established the first radio beacon for the first national airway. A lane of radio is in effect fixed in the air to a given destination. An indicator tells the pilot at all times, whether he is on or off course, in what direction, and how much.

"Development of a reliable radio-communication system between the plane and the ground, and further perfection of some forty instruments, each telling some factor essential to perfect flight, are other achievements in this field.

"The fixing of radio-frequency measurements with unprecedented precision through quartz blocks kept at constant temperature mark progress toward perfect radio reception. This advance makes possible the measured control of frequencies

to within one or two parts in 100,000."

America's two record-breaking dirigibles will be completed in a few years and noninflammable helium will be required to float them. This time is recognized in the report.

"Efforts to prevent the waste of those few natural gases which contain helium," he said, "resulted during the past year in a contract for the erection of a new helium-production plant at Amarillo, Texas, where helium will be extracted from the natural gas of the Cliffside structure, Potter county, Texas. The helium content of this gas is considerably higher than that of the gas from Petrolia (Tex.) field, which has heretofore formed the chief source of supply, but which is rapidly becoming exhausted. Due largely to investigations by the bureau of mines, the cost of production of helium has been reduced from about \$2,000 per cubic foot to but a few cents per cubic foot."

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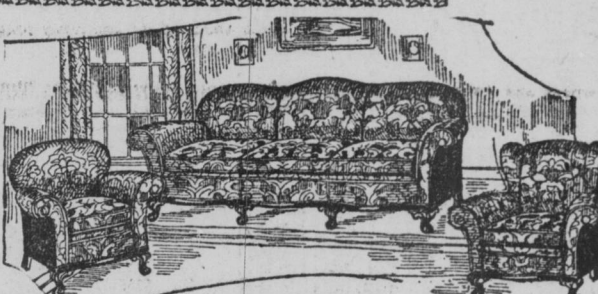
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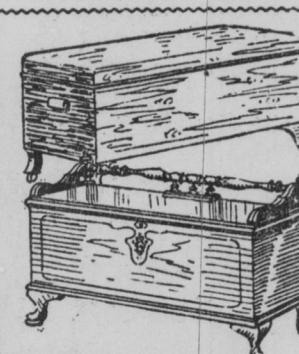
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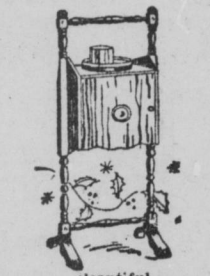
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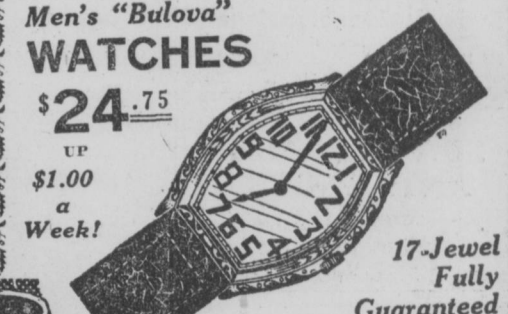


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