

TO BEGIN BUILDING SINGLE-SEATER PLANE

British Fighting Machine Preferred by Aces for Offensive Work

ADVANTAGE IN SPEED Inability of Allies to Meet Needs Leads to Production in America

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Such steady progress is being made with the production of airplanes of the bombing type that plans have about been completed for the construction in this country of the fastest type of fighting scout machine now flying in Europe.

America's aces at the battlefronts in France and Italy are compelled for the present to fly French and Italian machines, and there has been a sort of tacit understanding with the Allies that they would continue to furnish the swift little single-seater planes which do nearly all of the effective fighting, while the United States would devote its resources to the quantity production of the heavier and more easily standardized machines for bombing and long reconnaissance work.

But it is virtually certain now that the French and Italian plants will not be able to turn out the scout machines fast enough to keep their own and the American aces supplied. The British have their hands full supplying their own needs, so it has become apparent that if the United States is to assist the Allies to that "mastering superiority" in the air which is also sought for the armies on the ground it will be necessary to turn out the speedy little fighting craft in this country along with the heavier observation, photography and the remainder of the "drudgery" which forms so large a part of the activities of a well-established flying service.

The fighting plane decided upon for production here is a late model of a British single-seater which made its first appearance on the western front just about this time last year. It was a little biplane which was called every air "stunt" known to the best of war flying. It was a "stunt" because it was a "stunt" in the best of the German sense, including even the "stunt" of the "stunt" of Captain Bagge's "stunt" in an altitude of 10,000 feet in a little more than 10 minutes and dive with a speed of 100 m.p.h.

These scouts have been an entire triumph in this country, especially in the fighting scout machine. Major Bishop's "stunt" has been carried out in imagination by the so-called "pilot" of the "stunt" in the air, whereas in the lexicon of the flying services abroad there is no such term as "stunt" plane. Lately there has been much talk about German "flying tanks," or armored airplanes, which defy the bullets of the Allied aviators. But these stories lack both confirmation and belief.

Some American writers who have attempted to comment upon the airplane situation here in Washington have blandly stated that the single-seater machine "is regarded as antiquated and all but obsolete" and that all the best authorities agreed that the two and three seated fighters were the best. As a matter of fact, pilots of the class Major Bishop and most of the other aces of the Allied services who fly the little scout ask for nothing better than a fight with one of the big two or three seaters. They can fairly fly around them. Major Bishop always used to refer to the fat German two-seater as his particular joy. The real dangerous opponent is a tiny single-seater machine with a fighting ability equal to your own.

Much of the misapprehension as to the little scout was brought about by the action of General Pershing in stopping the proposed construction in this country of 500,000 worth of the French single-seater known as the Spad. This stoppage came about as a matter of fact, as the result of the agreement entered into at the time by which the Allies were to furnish this type of machine, while America concentrated on the bombers' fleet, as already stated.

Remove Two From Draft Board

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—The members of the local exemption board of DeKalb County were today removed by orders of President Wilson. They are alleged to have juggled order numbers of registered men.

Blame Crown Prince For German Disaster

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eration succeeded beyond the enemy's expectations, and almost before they realized it the battle had developed enormously and the front from Noyon to the Marne had become a center of activity. Riding on the crest of fortune's wave the Crown Prince insisted that a general drive be made at Paris immediately. When the way was barred by the forests of Compeigne and Villers Cotterets and the gallant resistance of the French and Americans between the Ourcq and the Marne, the enemy made a further attempt to turn the obstacles by last week's offensive. The bloody defeat he met there may well have put the Crown Prince down off his pedestal and left Hindenburg free to direct operations without hindrance.

Precedents Not Lacking
I give this theory for what it is worth. It certainly accords with all that is known of the German Prince Imperial and the historical precedents are not lacking. Whether one accepts it or not, the next stroke may be made between Montdidier and Flanders, perhaps at two or three points simultaneously.

Many still hold the view that the enemy will prefer to direct his blow at the Marne, and it is even suggested that a sudden concentration may be attempted against a seat near Lorraine, for instance, with the intention of encouraging the German morale by a comparatively valueless gain of ground. It is probable that time is too precious for Hindenburg to risk such a diversion now. Whatever the plans of the enemy may be, the leaders cannot be ignorant of the extent to which American forces are being sent to swell the Allied armies. Whatever happens the thing is certain—the events of the last fortnight have heightened allied confidence enormously and rendered the German will-of-the-wisp of a decisive victory more intangible than ever.

GIRL HELD FOR HOTEL THEFT

Dimpled Chambermaid and Man Traced to New York

Mrs. Mary M. Bishop, a chambermaid at the Hotel Marlborough, Philadelphia, is suspected of having stolen a watch and a ring from a guest at the hotel. Bishop occupied a cell in the Tombs. She was a pleasing personality. She was willing and active. She could clean rooms quickly, but in her general cleaning she took jewelry, clothing and other articles of the guests. She was arrested when she was found with a watch and a ring. Bishop was arrested at her apartment in New York City.

Cut by Glass in Crash

Nearstown, Pa., June 21.—A dozen or more residents of this town have more faces that at first glance might cause them to be suspected of having smallpox. As a matter of fact, they were in a railroad accident at Manayunk, where a train struck an ice wagon, and the windows of the first three cars were shattered. George H. Coughlin, prominently connected with the Philadelphia Coal and Iron Company, sustained a deep gash under one eye.

THOUSANDS OF MOOSE HERD AT THE SHORE

Lodges of Southeastern Pennsylvania Jersey and Delaware Frolic at Atlantic City

Atlantic City, June 21.
Moose in the jurisdiction of Philadelphia Lodge No. 3, comprising southeastern Pennsylvania, South Jersey and Delaware lodges are here in a great herd for the first annual frolic. About three thousand members took part in the outing which is also enjoyed by the ladies of the Women's Mooseheart Legion. The program, which bristles with features, will continue three days.

Mayor Harry Bacharach welcomed the visitors this afternoon. Doctor Underwood Cochran, assemblyman and dictator of Atlantic City Lodge, No. 116, also extended the welcoming hand. William L. Ford, dictator of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 54, and supreme dictator of the United States Lodge, and Albert H. Lador Jr., Great North Moose, also of Philadelphia, responded in behalf of the twenty-seven lodges represented within the Philadelphia lodge.

The Million Dollar Pier has been turned over to Moosehood. Visitors registered and received their credentials this afternoon at the pier. A dance is for tonight to risk such a diversion now. Whatever the plans of the enemy may be, the leaders cannot be ignorant of the extent to which American forces are being sent to swell the Allied armies. Whatever happens the thing is certain—the events of the last fortnight have heightened allied confidence enormously and rendered the German will-of-the-wisp of a decisive victory more intangible than ever.

NEGRO DRAFTEES LEAVE

Two Hundred and Four Off to Camp Sherman

Two hundred and four negro draftees of this city left today over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O. They were apportioned as follows:
Battalion No. 2, two; No. 3, two; No. 4, two; No. 5, two; No. 6, two; No. 7, two; No. 8, two; No. 9, two; No. 10, two; No. 11, two; No. 12, two; No. 13, two; No. 14, two; No. 15, two; No. 16, five; No. 17, seven; No. 18, four; No. 19, six; No. 20, five; No. 21, five; No. 22, two; No. 23, three; No. 24, two; No. 25, two; No. 26, two; No. 27, two; No. 28, two; No. 29, two; No. 30, two; No. 31, two; No. 32, two; No. 33, two; No. 34, two; No. 35, two; No. 36, two; No. 37, two; No. 38, two; No. 39, two; No. 40, two; No. 41, two; No. 42, two; No. 43, two; No. 44, two; No. 45, two; No. 46, two; No. 47, two; No. 48, two; No. 49, two; No. 50, two.

LA VITTORIA ARRIDE AI VALOROSI ITALIANI

Gli Austriaci Attaccati Senza Tregua Lungo il Piave

Roma, 21 giugno.
Dalle notizie ieri giunte dal fronte di battaglia, confermate dal rapporto del comando Supremo Italiano, si rileva che i costanti attacchi operati dagli italiani contro le linee austriache, lungo il Piave, hanno reso sempre più critica la posizione degli invasori.

Lungo il basso corso del Piave gli austriaci mantengono una ristretta porzione di terreno sulla quale sono confinati, avendo dietro il fiume in piena ed i ponti distrutti. Nella regione di Montebelluna la pressione degli italiani costringe il nemico a ritirarsi da un largo fronte a nord della ferrovia di Montebelluna. Fuori di 1200 prigionieri e numerose mitragliatrici furono catturate dagli italiani. In diversi punti altri 715 austriaci caddero prigionieri.

Le forze francesi sull'altipiano di Asago attaccarono le posizioni di Bertigo e Pennar, catturando 102 prigionieri. Le nostre truppe completarono l'azione catturando Costalunga e prendendo altri cento prigionieri.

"Il nemico attacca a Corneo, ma fu respinto."
Mandano dal Quartier Generale Italiano che, durante la pausa nelle operazioni al fronte occidentale in Francia, gli italiani di Hindenburg e Ludendorff si sono assentati per due giorni dal loro posto per prendere parte ad un solenne consiglio tenutosi presso il quartier generale austriaco al fronte italiano.

Contingenti di aviatori americani, addestrati in Italia, sono partiti per il fronte di battaglia, accompagnati dal Capitano Fiorello La Guardia, del Corpo Aviatorio degli Stati Uniti e "Congressman" per la città di New York, il quale ha vari mesi trovati in Italia.

Urge Federal Fleet Of Canal Barges

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has been allowed to dwindle to less than 100.
The recurrence is the enlargement of the President's commanding order, according to those fighting for the intracoastal waterway.

To Launch Campaign Monday
Led by commercial organizations and Representative Moore, the fight for the Atlantic intracoastal waterway will definitely be launched Monday.

Presence of German submarines off the Atlantic seaboard, causing interference with coastal traffic, has forced recognition of the intracoastal project more than anything heretofore attempted by its exponents.

The German undersea raiders brought the Atlantic connecting waterway from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico to the fore both as a military and commercial necessity, according to local trade bodies, including the House, Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Exchange, and the mass of evidence which is expected to be adduced at the meeting Monday will be used later when the fight for the project shifts to Washington.

Convict Policeman's Slayer

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 21.—It is probable that an insane disregard for personal safety, shown by William Beach Paulds, of Shickshinny, in his trial here for the murder of Chief Roy Curwood, of the Shickshinny police, was based on a belief that he would be mistaken for a lunatic, for when a verdict of first degree was handed down to the court, Paulds broke down and went to his cell ashen white and trembling. He had denied his attorney's right to put him on the witness stand and even refused to enter a plea.

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