

U.S. AIRPLANES

AIDED IN VICTORY

Liberty Motors Proved Their Worth in St. Mihiel Battle

TESTED OUT IN PURSUIT

Development of Speed Against Germans Biggest Success of American Machines

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With the First American Army in France, Sept. 17.

American-made airplanes, driven by Liberty motors, played an important role in our reduction of the St. Mihiel salient. While we owe thanks to the French, British and Italians for the major part of the great airplane concentration, a considerable proportion of it was Simon-pure American.

The machines in use were De Havilland fours, two-seated biplanes. We used them primarily for bombing, but our intrepid aviators also used them for pursuit machines and for straggling the German lines.

To the work of our airmen was due in great part the large number of prisoners captured. The main avenue of the Germans' retreat was the high-way from Vigneulles to (name of town deleted). Because of mud this road became jammed Thursday and Friday and offered a good mark for our aviators, flying low, who sent machine-gun bullets by the thousands into the German lines along the high-way, achieving very good results. In this work our American-made machines did effective work, dropping small bombs and making many direct hits.

Our pursuit machines proper, of course, were of French make. But, as a test of the Liberty motor planes, a number of our pursuit squadrons Thursday and Friday included De Havilland fours, which gave a most excellent account of themselves, being credited with part of the bag of (deleted) Germans we got Thursday. These machines were not able to dive and maneuver with the pursuit planes, but, having guns at both front and rear, they did not have to do so much diving out of the way as the pursuit machines, which are single-seated with only one gun pointing forward.

But where the Liberty motor achieved the biggest success was in the development of speed against the German pursuit planes. One instance illustrates this very well. On Thursday De Havilland fours at an altitude of 6000 meters sped two Fokkers. The Fokkers fell, with the De Havilland machines a few minutes later. The American machines had better speed than the Germans and drew down on them. The Germans dove. Our machines got on and the other escaped.

This is a most hopeful development, for in view of our admitted present shortage of pursuit machines, the possession of a bomber or observation machine which can take care of itself against German pursuit machines will go a long way toward remedying the defect.

This was the first battle performance of American machines equipped with Liberty motors, and our air officers are enthusiastic over the results.

Our air supremacy during the fight for the salient led to the Germans placing large numbers of pursuit machines on this front. Whereas for two days very few German aviators appeared, Sunday they were out in force. One squadron of ten Allied planes out for bombing encountered a formation of sixty German machines, and this is an illustration of recent German tactics in the air. The enemy takes no chances, but flies only in large numbers and gives battle only when in superior force.

Sunday night our machines bombed Conflans and several other German strategic points north of our new line. Three ammunition dumps were set on fire, and other damage was done. Thursday and Friday we dropped six tons of bombs in the St. Mihiel salient. The next few days promise interesting air fights. We still have the supremacy of the air in this sector, but it is no longer undisputed.

812 EXECUTED IN PETROGRAD

Four Hundred Others on List. Councillors of State Imprisoned

By the Associated Press
Stockholm, Sept. 17.—Wholesale executions are increasing in Petrograd, according to private messages received here by the way of Helsinki. During the last week 812 persons were executed and more than 400 others are on the proscribed list. Most of them have already been made hostages. All persons of the ranks of councillors of State have been imprisoned regardless of their political views.



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Shop on a Personal Charge—This convenience easily arranged at the Sixth Floor Department of Accounts.

Your Hats Trimmed Free of Charge—a Millinery Slogan well worth keeping in mind.

In Appreciation of your Splendid Response
Rose Day again
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Roses free to all who come

Opening Week Blouse Surprises a Revelation—

at \$3.96 Georgette Crepes, Crepe de Chine—New and charming round and square neck styles. Silk embroidery—beaded and lace-trimmed styles.

at \$1.97 Jap Silks in white and flesh—Tailored or embroidered styles—high or low necks. Voiles, too, and cream or shadow lace waists over ribbon trimmed foundations.

Other Blouses, \$4.95 to \$22.50 all ready to grace your very best new Fall Suit. Each one smart and individual—and all the wanted suit shades. White and flesh also.

Frank & Seder—Street Floor

Opening Surprise Girls' \$1.50 and \$1.75 Dresses 6 to 12 year sizes, 98c on the Fifth Floor, 98c

New Fall Dresses in Plaid Gingham—excellent frocks for school wear.

Some Lucky Girls will be having \$10 Coats for \$6.98

And mighty proud and happy will those fortunate girls be, for they are the prettiest models imaginable—styled along the same lines as the coat "Big Sister" is wearing right now.

Particularly attractive models are in Velvet and Plush in Green, Burgundy, Navy and Pekin shades; and there are at least 10 other good styles in fine cloths, such as Serges and Poplins. Each coat is a Surprise Offering from the Children's Department during the Opening Week Sales only.

Children's Dept., Fifth Floor

A Full Thousand Suits—never to be equaled at these prices

\$25.00, 35.00 & 49.50



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They're marked to save you from \$5 to \$20—this special opening week. It's a wonderful suit department that can sweepingly take 1000 of these finest Fall and Winter suits and price them at the above markings as an opening appreciation tribute.

Serges, Wool Poplins, Velours and Chiffon Broadcloths—in a wonderful array of colors and styles.

Fur trimmings—handsome ones—and smartly tailored effects. Sizes for young and older women.

Frank & Seder, Second Floor

800—\$25 to \$32.50
Stunning Silk Afternoon Dresses—

Every one in the entire 800 a wonderful Opening Special \$19.98

There are Satins, Georgette Crepes and Crepes Meteor—all shimmering and soft, and all lovely and alluring in their rich Fall colorings. A dress special appealing alike to matron and miss—for there are styles galore to suit each—and a correspondingly satisfactory size choice. We picture two of these beautiful dresses—and there are dozens more, all equally charming, awaiting the choice of 800 fortunate women.

Other Dresses of Smartest Mode priced for the opening, \$25.00 & 39.50

Charming little dresses for street and afternoon—chic in every line and detail. Serges, Jerseys, Satins, Crepes de Chine, Crepes Meteor and Georgette Crepes—every smart material, every latest design.

Frank & Seder, Fourth Floor



\$19.98 \$19.98

Lyons & Panne Velvet Dress Hat Shapes \$3.98

An Opening Surprise Wednesday



All colors—large and small shapes. Flowers, Burnt Ostrich Fancies, 49c. up. Frank & Seder—Third Floor

Million-Dollar Sale FUR TRIMMED COATS OF LOVELY WINTER CLOTHS \$25—35—49.50

Material choosing from the most luxurious over-coatings—Crystal Bolivias, Silvertone Velours and Plushes in the richest of Autumn colorings. Collars and cuffs of fine furs, as well as gorgeous silk linings, add much to their attractiveness and serviceability for Winter wear.

Frank & Seder—First Floor

\$8.98 to \$16.98 Skirts of all Wool Velour Plaids at

Very modish Autumn styles—pleated, gathered, belted and "pocketed" to meet every individual taste or need. Also Satins and Scotch Plaids, in equally varied styles. \$5-9.75 Frank & Seder—Second Floor

Million-Dollar Sale Furs! Amazingly Priced



Natural Marmot Coats 45-inch length, \$97.50

Best grade pelts, Skinner's Satin-lined. Some with collars and cuffs of Hudson Seal or of the Marmot.

\$49.50 Poiret and Taupe Fox Scarfs Large animal of finest quality silky, dependable pelt. Crepe de Chine or Georgette Crepe lined. \$35.00

Frank & Seder—First Floor

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For real enjoyment

2000 Pairs Women's "Dorothy Dodd" \$5 and \$6 Shoes at \$2.55

Another Bargain Subway Sale—

A startling feature of the Opening Week. Every pair in the lot stamped with the Dorothy Dodd trademark, and with their original prices, \$5 or \$6, burnt in the sole. Splendid quality leather and all sizes.

Women's Fine Fibre Silk Boot Hose 34c Black Silk Lisle; also fashioned black and white Cotton. All have double soles; all sizes. Street Floor

Women's Good 25c Quality Lisle Hose 13c In fast black and white, with double garter top. Seamless styles. Street Floor

Phenomenal Opening Values on the Newer Kind Bargain Subway Floor where goods are Sold for Cash—Where you carry your own and where your dollar brings the limit of buying possibilities—Frank & Seder's

High-Class Sample Suits—"Special" in the Opening Sale at \$15.00



15.00 24.75 15.00

An average Suit price, and way above the average Suits. All-wool Poplins, Serges and Burellas—all the best Fall shades and plenty of those good Oxford Greys that are in such demand. Fur trimmings, too, if you please. Or if you prefer, silk plush collars and bandings.

These Suits at \$24.75

also come under Opening Specials and consist of English Velveteen and Chiffon Broadcloths. Silk lined. Long, slightly flared models with smart pockets and belts.

All-Wool Velour Coats at \$15

Smart, practical coats that will do a round day's service. Loose and belted styles, all in the Fall's Mode—and enough variety to suit woman and miss.

Fur collars, velvet or plush, to your taste—and a good range of colors. In this lot are also some Silvertone, Velvet and Plush Coats—all very special.

Beautiful Silk, Serge Dresses—"Very Special" for the Opening at \$12.86

First of all rotaries of practical Serges—Navy, of course, in the mode's best tailored styles. The silks afford choice of Taffeta, Satin and Georgette Crepes—the wanted new colors—and many styles.

All the style notes that women first look for—trimness, Georgette sleeves and vestees, fringes, embroidery and braiding—all bespeaking careful consideration of the latest. Their right price should be \$19.98, \$25 and \$27. Yours at the Opening for \$12.86.



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