

PLANES BUILT IN AMERICA IN FIRST FLIGHTS

De Haviland Fours, Equipped With Liberty Motors, Invade Enemy Lines

Washington, Aug. 17.—General Pershing yesterday advised the War Department that early in August a complete squadron of eighteen De Haviland Four airplanes, built in the United States and equipped with Liberty motors, successfully carried out the first reconnaissance flight of American-built machines behind the German lines. They returned without loss.

In making this announcement, Secretary Baker said that Brigadier General Fois, of the American Air Service, led the expedition. This was the first report of General Pershing on American-built De Havilands to be made public.

Thaw on Trip Secretary Baker said his advice contained no other information regarding the flight except that Lieutenant Blair Thaw was on the trip. The time and place of the flight, Mr. Baker considered it advisable to withhold.

The announcement was considered by officers as being at rest rumors that the De Haviland machines were not a success, and also as showing that the Liberty motors have now proved themselves in actual war conditions.

Whether the squadron was attacked was not stated. It would have been well able to take care of itself, however, as the machines, each carrying a pilot and observer, are equipped with four machine guns, as recommended by General Pershing many months ago.

The flight undoubtedly was a scouting trip, and probably many photographs of the enemy's works were brought back, the American photographic equipment for this service, devised since the war began, also coming in for trial.

No recent figures on the production of the De Haviland fours are available, and Secretary Baker would not sanction discussion of this phase of the matter. It is recalled, however, that the production of the one thousand machine at the plant of the Dayton-Wright Company was recently celebrated, and since then another great plant has come into quantity production.

SHOOT AT PRESIDENT Montevideo, Uruguay, Aug. 17.—An attempt was made to assassinate President Viera, of Uruguay, on Tuesday afternoon during rioting growing out of the recent general strike according to one afternoon newspaper. The president, it says, was standing on a balcony when fired at and the bullet missed him by a narrow margin.

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COUNTIES ROSE UNLESS THEY PAY

State Treasury Insists on Bills Being Met Before Cash Bonus Is Paid Over

A number of the counties certified by the State Highway Department for payment of the cash road tax bonus are not getting all that they were put down for from the State Treasury because he has found that they owe other taxes.

Treasurer H. M. Kephart has sent the counties notices that they owe state money and has given them thirty days in which to arrange payments. Meanwhile they are not sharing in the distribution which is being made to the township which complied with all state highway requirements and also paid their bills.

Just 3,369 officers. Just 3,369 volunteer state policemen have been commissioned at the State Capitol under the act of 1917. These policemen have in many cases assisted in the formation of home defense units and also in training drafted men.

Need Teachers.—Difficulties of county school superintendents in obtaining teachers for the opening of the fall term of schools next month are commencing to be heard of at the offices of the State Board of Education. In some rural districts teachers who had retired years ago are returning to help out and in others volunteers have offered their services so that opening of schools will not be delayed.

New Coal Companies.—Over a score of coal companies have been granted Pennsylvania state charters in the last six or seven weeks, according to records at the State Capitol. In addition several companies have received charter papers to engage in coal dredging. The latter companies are for the anthracite region and as the scarcity of coal continues it is expected that there will be further applications for letters patent.

Watch Cattle Feeds.—Suggestions of vigilance in state supervision of the cattle feeding stuffs being sold in Pennsylvania are contained in the report of the analysis of over 1,200 samples made in 1917 by Chief Chemist J. W. Kellough, of the State Department of Agriculture. It is stated that weed seeds and fiber appeared in some feedings and in others excessive amounts of oat hulls were discovered and in some ground up peanut hulls. The restriction in the use of certain by-products made necessary many changes in formulas and registrations, especially in grains from breweries and distilleries.

Public Service.—The Public Service Commission, which will have executive sessions in this city Monday and Tuesday, has scheduled hearings for this city and Pittsburgh Wednesday and Thursday on the proposed extension of the Pennsylvania State Railroad from the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railroad and other grade crossings in Philadelphia and Chester counties will come up, together with the controversy at Hanover between the Conewago Gas Company and the Hanover and McSherrystown Water Company.

Rich Withdraws.—M. B. Rich, member of the last House from Fulton county, who was nominated for Congress-at-Large on the Roosevelt-Progressive ticket by scattering votes, to-day filed his withdrawal at the State department. —Complaints were filed with the Public Service Commission to-day by Abington township, Montgomery county, and Upper Darby township, Delaware county, against the rate for first-class water supplied by the Springfield Consolidated Water Company, which Commission. It is alleged that they are far greater than under the old system because of the addition for fines. A similar complaint was filed a few days ago by Merion township, Montgomery county, which alleged that the increase was over 100 per cent.

Dr. Hull to Inquire.—Dr. H. L. Hull, associate chief medical inspector of the Department of Health, will go to Philadelphia to make an investigation into the cause of the typhoid outbreak in that vicinity.

Companies Fight.—The State Belt Electric Company, which operates in Northampton county, has filed complaint against the Pennsylvania Utilities Company, of Easton, alleging that it refuses to furnish power.

SPROUL VISITS BIG PATH VALLEY PICNIC CROWDS

Gubernatorial Candidate Receives Notable Welcome in Franklin County

RECEIVES MANY PLEDGES People From Half a Dozen Counties Gather; Dry Run Among Dryest Today

Chambersburg, Aug. 17.—Senator William C. Sproul, Republican candidate for Governor, was the central figure at the big Path Valley picnic, held annually in Hammond's woods, to-day. The gubernatorial candidate reached here at 9.30 o'clock over the Cumberland Valley Railroad and was met at the station by County Chairman David L. Greenwalt, former Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding A. Nevin Pomeroy, United States Commissioner Norman L. Bonbrake and other Franklin county Republicans. He made the twenty-five-mile journey to the picnic ground by automobile.

The crowd, which has varied in past years from 5,000 to 10,000, probably is not as great to-day for the great war is on. Many who in years past have left their fields for the event have, by the demands of the crisis, stuck to their furrows and food-producing tasks, but there are enough here to place the picnic in the front ranks of Franklin county's celebrations. For many years this picnic has drawn hundreds of people who decide November elections and the shrewd political guides have bidden their party candidates come hither to meet the freemen of the greater part of the Seventeenth Congressional district, the battleground of many notable contests and made famous in local political history by the candidacy of such men as the late William S. Stenger, Louis F. Mahon, the lamented Thad. M. Mahon, soldier and Congressman. Invariably, the candidates in Franklin, Fulton, Perry, Huntingdon and Juniata have come here to shake hands with their voters. It has been a gathering where votes are made and lost, depending, of course, upon the utterances of candidates when they could be prevailed upon to state their issues and their positions on public questions. To-day the great war is the uppermost topic and events overseas are discussed on every side.

Accompanied by Chairman Greenwalt, the active head of Franklin county Republicans and who stepped into the shoes of Chairman Dr. Joseph P. Maclay, son of a worthy father and former assemblyman, Dr. David Maclay, when the son entered the service of the Army, Senator Sproul is shaking hands with the hundreds of voters of all political faiths. Here, too, are former leaders in hard-fought county and district contests, making the gubernatorial candidate welcome and presenting him to the crowds that have come for miles around to see the next Governor.

During the day speeches have been made by Senator Sproul, Colonel W. C. Bambrick, of the Scotland county school, Postmaster William Alexander and Prof. J. L. Finafrook, assistant superintendent of the Franklin county schools. Red Cross workers to-day tagged thousands of war funds and before the middle of the afternoon hundreds of dollars had been secured.

Music was furnished during the day by the Queen City band, of Chambersburg. The story was told to-day of a political meeting during the Cleveland campaign in which the speaker, a Republican candidate, at Sylvan a number of county Democrats, chief among whom were the present postmaster of Chambersburg, William Alexander, and John G. Orr, both at the time Democratic leaders. One of them was addressing Democrats at a night meeting. The Cleveland men were gathered close about the speaker, which the orator stood. In the background, but within hearing, were a number of old-line Republicans who had come to hear themselves laid out. "I tell you, men," said the speakers in the course of his address, "if Cleveland is elected next November there won't be a Republican get an office in the next forty years." There was applause for a minute and then one of the Republicans, in language that was more forcible than elegant, slapped his hat on the ground. For a little while laughter prevented the speaker from proceeding. When it had subsided the speaker continued unintermittently to the end.

Picnic luncheons are everywhere and there is an abundance of spring chicken, the same kind that drew from United States Senator Penrose once upon a time the remark that he had never eaten better chicken anywhere than that served him a number of years ago at the Path Valley picnic. Perhaps it tasted better because the Senator had eaten it in old-fashioned picnic fashion, seated on the ground in Hammond's woods, with friends of his own political faith around him serving up the political crumbs gathered for a week prior to the Senator's appearance.

The picnic is an absolutely "dry" affair for the hotel bar at Dry Run, following a precedent established many years ago, is closed for the day. Almost every resident of the Path Valley capital, as it is called to-day, is here. Automobiles and teams by the hundreds stand around and there are many persons who have made the journey on foot. It is the one great day in the year for Path Valley and it is being enjoyed to the full by those who are here.

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STEEL PLANTS STRIVE TO MEET WAR ESTIMATES

Producers and Fuel Administration Amazed at the Growing Demands

Pittsburgh, Aug. 17.—The increasing estimates of steel needed for war purposes has amazed the steel producers as well as the fuel administration. Since the original estimate of 20,000,000 tons for the present half year was made, the war industries board has announced an estimate of 30,000,000 tons as the probable requirements in the first half of the new year. Therefore, steel is destined to grow scarcer rather than more plentiful, according to present trends. Demand for pig iron shows a constant increase. From 15,000 to 20,000 tons of foundry iron which the Bethlehem Steel Company owns on contracts, but which it cannot deliver because of the government's request that it concentrate on basic, low phosphorus, spiegeleisen and ferro-manganese has been allocated to other furnaces.

By-product coke production continues to increase at a very satisfactory rate although all work on by-product ovens has been greatly retarded for more than a year by scarcity of labor and materials. The production of the Clairton plant of the Carnegie Steel Company has increased to such an extent that the requirements of all three of the Clairton furnaces are being supplied, representing about 10,000 net tons of coke a month. This is the output of the first battery of 128 ovens. The second battery will get into operation in from thirty to sixty days, and the next three probably before the end of the year. Six additional batteries are expected to be completed in 1919, and Clairton will then have a by-product coking plant approximately twice as large as any other in the world, the largest at present being one at Gary, Ind. By-product coke is now being produced at the rate of 27,000,000 net tons a year.

Built Railroad in France in One Hundred Days

Paris, Aug. 17.—A railway more than 130 miles in length behind the French front has been built in fewer than 100 days and yesterday was opened for traffic. Its purpose is to improve the communication between the northern and southern parts of the construction involved the building of two important bridges and a tunnel 375 yards in length.

Miners Leave For Better Pay in Other Work

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 17.—What is hampering coal production? Operators and union leaders in the anthracite region agree that the fundamental trouble is in a lack of labor. But they place different interpretations on the cause of the labor shortage. "High wages paid in other industries attract our unskilled labor," say the operators. "Low wages paid in this industry force unskilled labor out of it," say the labor leaders.

Disagreement is also expressed on the question of the automatic draft exemption of mine workers. Union leaders say the men won't accept deferred classifications and that they rush enlistment stations, or at least don't dodge army duty, although they are entitled to do so. Union leaders want draft regulations so worded that a miner is automatically exempted from military duty.

YANKEE AVIATORS VICTORS

With the American Army in France, Aug. 17.—Three aerial victories, two of which already have been confirmed officially, were achieved Thursday by American aviators, Lieutenants Putnam, Drew and Stiles.

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