

Liberty Motor Gave Aircraft Knockout Blow

Senate Committee Finds It Culminated Series of Blunders; Department Under One Head Is Urged; Hundreds of Millions Wasted and Favoritism Is Charged

Washington, Aug. 23.—Unaccountable and unnecessary delays, due to bad management and a desire to build airplanes around the Liberty motor instead of attempting quantity production of existing successful types of planes while experiments were being made, caused the collapse of the gigantic airplane program decided on at the beginning of the war, according to the report of the Senate committee, made to the Senate yesterday after months of investigation.

The committee recommended that a Department of Aviation be created, so that aircraft production would be under the direction of one man.

After a public announcement was made on June 8, 1917, that a great fleet of 25,000 airplanes was about to be created, the report said, an appropriation of \$100,000,000 was made to carry out the program. The results achieved, the committee summarized, are as follows:

First. A total of only 601 De Havilland four-seaters sent to France up to August 1. Of these only sixty-seven had reached the front lines by July 1.

Second. The first American-built machine flew over the German lines on August 7. Details of the flight have not been received.

Third. We have not a single American-made chaser, or attacking plane, upon the battlefield.

Fourth. We have not a single American-made heavy bombing plane upon the battlefield.

Fifth. We have not developed or put in quantity production a fighting plane.

Sixth. Types of planes have been adopted and contracted for without sufficient tests, with the result of loss of life and many millions of dollars.

Seventh. The American Expeditionary Forces have been forced to purchase and use antiquated types of French and British planes, manufactured abroad.

Three Principal Causes

The "disappointing results," the report said, are chiefly due to the three following causes:

First. That the airplane program was largely placed in the control of the great automobile and other manufacturers, who were ignorant of aeronautical problems.

Second. These manufacturers undertook the impossible task of creating a motor which could be adapted to all classes of flying craft. It is not too much to say that our airplane program has been largely subordinate to the Liberty motor.

Third. We failed at the beginning of the war to adopt the common sense course of reproducing the most approved types of European machines in as great number as possible. This should have been carried on concurrently with the production of the Liberty motor. This sound policy has very recently, but after a lamentable lapse of time, been adopted.

Of the original enormous appropriation, the report continues, "a substantial part was virtually wasted," and it was necessary to appropriate an additional \$884,304,758.

The Senate committee, said the report, made no attempt to investigate instances of personal dishonesty or corruption, but turned those charges over to the Department of Justice, which is making a criminal investigation of the fall-down, under the direction of Charles Evans Hughes.

Colonel Deeds Under Fire

The only personal criticism of any official connected with aircraft production was voted against Colonel E. A. Deeds, who was the storm center in the original attacks on the aircraft board. The committee referred to the abandonment of Langley Field, the training field at Newport News, Va., and the construction at a considerable cost, of new fields near Dayton, Ohio, which is held to be unjustified physically or geographically for such purposes. The committee cited the fact that Colonel Deeds was the owner of one and part

owner of the other of these fields, and had transferred his interests to business associates.

"The transfer of the experimental station from Langley to Dayton and installing it upon an inadequate tract of land, is clearly the property of a member of the board," the report stated. "The tender and qualified acceptance of a second field, formerly owned in part by the same member, the selection of Wilbur Wright Field, physically and geographically unsuited for the purpose, and the giving of huge contracts for airplanes to a corporation created since the war began, of which he was one of the first officers, and owned exclusively by his former partners and business associates, have provoked, and we think justly, much of the public comment which made the investigation imperative."

The original aircraft board, the report said, was "unsystematic and ineffective." The present direction of the aircraft production, it continued, is in part by the same member, under General Kenly, and under J. D. Ryan, as director of aircraft production, "is an improvement over the military bureau of aeronautics under the previous situation."

The report recommends that every available facility for the production of planes be utilized, and it declares that the committee is glad to report that while it believes there are yet many things to be remedied, nevertheless we are approaching a period when quantity production of planes may soon be hoped for.

HOOPER HOME FROM EUROPE

New York, Aug. 23.—Herbert L. Hoover, United States food administrator, returned to-day from his trip abroad.

BOYS OF '61 PLEDGE LOYALTY IN WAR

By Associated Press

Portland, Ore., Aug. 23.—Unlimited support of the cause of the United States in the world war was pledged by the Grand Army of the Republic at the closing session of its fifty-second annual encampment here yesterday.

Others among the resolutions adopted condemned a motion picture film dealing with reconstruction time, is insulting to colored citizens and tends to glorify mob law; criticized the reported burial of deceased enemy aliens in the Union cemetery at Chattanooga, Tenn., and demanded that the proposal for the scrapping of Admiral Farragut's flagship Hartford be withdrawn and the vessel preserved.

Bradford, Pa., Aug. 23.—Resolutions pledging loyalty to the Government in the prosecution of the war were adopted here yesterday by the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at the closing session of the annual convention. The Grand Lodge formulated plans during the day looking to the establishment of an orphanage for dependents of Pennsylvania members who make the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle. Five hundred dollars was appropriated to cover expenses in investigating sites for the proposed home.

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AMERICANS TURN TIDE OF BATTLE

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nations more steadfast or more resolute than at present."

"America's mighty effort in sending more than a million men to France was the deciding factor not only in strengthening the morale of the allies but in bringing victory out of defeat on the western front," the premier said.

"It is beyond question that the victories of the past four weeks would not have been possible except for the American divisions which have taken their place in the battle line," the premier continued.

"I have seen many thousands of American troops on board ship and in camps I visited. It is impossible to overestimate the increased confidence with which the arrival of these mighty armies has inspired the allied nations."

"All Europe is impressed by their splendid physique, their resourcefulness and adaptability, the remarkable rapidity and thoroughness with which they have acquired necessary training, and, finally, the magnificent fighting qualities they have displayed in every battle in which they have been tested."

"There is most effective and harmonious co-operation between the armies of the United States, Great Britain and France. From Sir David Beatty as well as from Admiral Sims and Admiral Rodman I know that this is equally true of the British and American navies."

"The future peace of the world rests largely upon the unity of purpose and action between the democracies of the United States and Great Britain," the premier said.

"The weight of sorrow is lightened by the player piano."

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SPROUL GREETED BY ERIE PEOPLE

Nominee For Governor Receives Notable Ovation at Grange Meeting

Senator William C. Sproul, who was the speaker at the Erie Grange meeting yesterday, received a notable welcome and made an address which seems to have taken well in the northwestern counties.

President Mathias, of the Exposition, introduced Senator Sproul as the man who undoubtedly would have much to say during the next four years regarding the good roads in Pennsylvania, a crying need in the northwestern end of the State. In his talk the Senator went on record as an advocate of good roads, saying it has been his hobby ever since he entered the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and if he is chosen Governor he will bend every effort to have roads built through the state and for the construction of the Perry highway, connecting Erie and Pittsburgh.

The speaker referred to the fact that a morning paper had designated the day as grange and politicians' day at the fair and he pleaded guilty to both. Continuing, Senator Sproul said:

"One of the greatest things in our American life is that we understand our policies. A people who understand their policies are not a people who can be led. If the people of Germany understood their policies do the people of America, their leaders to-day would not be dragging them into this awful slaughter pen that is setting the world aflame. Politics are a good thing and it is my wish that every man—yes, and every

Hun Propaganda That U. S. Plans Trade Conquest Is Denounced by Ship Chief

Washington, Aug. 23.—German propaganda designed to create dissension among the allies with stories that the United States will use its enormous fleet of transports and food ships for trade conquests after the war, was the subject of a statement to-day by Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board.

He said every nation lined up against autocracy can be depended upon to detect the source of these suggestions and discount them.

"In building her merchant fleet America plans first of all to win the war and after that to overcome her own neglect to provide ocean transportation for her own trade," said Mr. Hurley.

WAGE RAISE FOR WOMEN

By Associated Press

London, Aug. 23.—The ministry of munitions has ordered that the wages of women munitionworkers be increased five shillings weekly after September 1. Girls under 18 in munition plants will receive an increase of half a crown.

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<p>Lot of Men's Dress Shirts, value \$1.50 88c</p>		<p>Lot of Women's Silk Hose, all colors, value up to \$1.00 47c</p>
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