

AIR MAIL SERVICE PLANS 50 LINES

Post Office Department Seeks
Surplus Men and Equip-
ment From Army

New York—The immediate es-
tablishment of fifty new air mail
lines is contemplated by the Post
Office Department and will be ef-
fected almost at once through the
use of army airplanes, equipment
and trained personnel if the War
Department can be induced to turn
over its surplus planes and fliers.
Necessity for rapid action has arisen,
according to the Aero Club of
America, through the fact that hun-
dreds of army aviators have been
notified that they must resign with-
in a few days or identify themselves
with the regular army.

According to Captain B. E. Lips-
ner, superintendent of the aerial
mail service, who came to New York
to consult with aircraft men whose
aid in extending the service he de-
sires to enlist, ample authority al-
ready exists for the army to turn
over to the Post Office Department
all the essentials of a nation-wide
air service. He declared the last gen-
eral army appropriation bill pro-
vided that such disposition should
be made by the army of all super-
fluous material which it did not re-
quire for actual combat and train-
ing purposes. Captain Lipsner said
that Secretary Baker is in cordial
sympathy with the expansive pro-
gram of the air service.

Development of air mail service
to a point where rapid transmis-
sion of millions of letters from New
England to the far South and from
coast to coast will be but a matter
of weeks or months may already be
on the verge of accomplishment,
according to Henry Woodhouse and
other leaders here as they said last
night it was possible favorable action
already had been taken by the War
Department on the request of the
Aerial Mail Service for its fliers,
planes, and general equipment. They
pointed out that the recent resigna-
tion of John D. Ryan, Assistant Sec-
retary of War and Director of Air-
craft Production, and with him of
a number of minor chiefs of the
army air service, had possibly ob-
scured for the moment favorable
action already taken by the War De-
partment. If this is not so, Mr.
Woodhouse added, their going
would delay such action only mo-
mentarily, for the army could not
use a fraction of its men and planes.
Alan R. Hawley of the Aero Club
of America last night sent this tele-
gram to Secretary Baker:

"Hundreds of army aviators who
have been notified that they must
decide in a few days whether to
resign their commissions or join the
regular army have applied to the
Aero Club of America for positions.
Most of them are anxious to join the
Aerial Mail Service therefore, we
urge that the time in which they
must place their resignations with
the army be delayed long enough to
permit them to connect themselves
with the Post Office for aerial mail
service.

"Second Assistant Postmaster
General Praeger and Captain B. E.
Lipsner, the superintendent of the
aerial mail service, have been pre-
paring for exactly such an emer-
gency, and they are ready to estab-
lish fifty aerial mail lines through-
out the United States and employ
1,000 military aviators to carry mail.
You can hasten the establishing of
these aerial mail lines and employ-
ing of these aviators by turning
over to the postal authorities 500
of the airplanes which the army
cannot use at present, and which
will deteriorate and be wasted un-
less they are turned over to the
Post Office.

"We know from the hundreds of
requests received from the Cham-
bers of Commerce throughout the
United States that the country as a
whole wants the extension of the
aerial mail service, because it has
been run at 100 per cent. efficiency
for six months and promises to solve
some of the most difficult problems
of mail transportation and distri-
bution.

Captain Lipsner said last night
that the 100-per-cent. success al-
ready scored by the air mail service,
without the loss of a man or a ma-
chine, amply justified its ambitious
program, and that the millions of
letters already transported afforded
indisputable evidence that the busi-
ness public is eager for extension
of the service. He said that already
highly trained fliers and mechanics
are returning from the battlefields
of Europe and are eager to turn
their training to good account.

In defining the army equipment
which would be most valuable to
the postal men, Captain Lipsner
mentioned the vast accumulation of
instruments of all sorts, as well as
hundreds of Handley Paige planes
which can carry one and one-half
tons of mail at the rate of 100 miles
an hour, more hundreds of De Havil-
lands, each of which can transport
3,000 pounds of mail at the rate of
40 miles an hour, and numerous
other twin-motor types of airplanes
readily adaptable to the mail ser-
vice.

The first of the new routes, said
Mr. Woodhouse, who is in close
touch with the department's plans,
will be along the "Woodrow Wil-
son Airway," mapped and named
after the President in 1917 by the
Aero Club. This represents a zone
eighty miles in width extending
from New York to San Francisco,
and a line through it touches the
most important cities in the States
of New York, New Jersey, Pennsyl-
vania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illi-
nois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming,
Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and Cali-
fornia. The airway zone extends
forty miles on each side of the line
so the air traveler can get to the
extreme edge at either side of the
zone in less than a half-hour's fly-
ing.

Within this zone the new routes
are to be that from New York to
Chicago, which already is being
established; another from New
York to Boston, a third from Chicago
to Omaha and Denver, and, later,
to San Francisco, and a fourth
from Washington to Chicago by
way of Wheeling, West Virginia.
Not long after these are in opera-
tion the department contemplates
establishing another from Wash-
ington through some of the southern
states, but development work on
this has not progressed so far as
on the others.

"The Live Store"

Store Open Saturday Night



"Always Reliable"

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America's "Greatest" Christmas

Do you know that "old Santa" came near being side-tracked this year? Yes I do mean it, for down at Washington they said, look here "old Santa" you'll have to stop giving so many gifts this season because — Then they gave their reasons on account of the war, etc. — I said "all right" you can count on ME to do anything to help win the war — But when this news flashed across the waters and bells began to ring and the whistles blew, I knew there would be something doing in the good old winter time.

I had to get busy since that "grand and glorious" news came over the wire, for I'm expecting a lot of boys home for Christmas — I don't want to disappoint a single person this year, it's going to be the greatest Christmas America has ever seen — Why shouldn't it be? Harrisburg is going to get a double portion of my Christmas buying, because there's no city from Maine to California so well prepared with such good merchandise of useful gifts for men — The first thing I noticed when I came Here was DOUTRICHS

Silk Shirt Festival

Not a lawn party--no, no--an immense, big window full of "Silk Shirts" — I hadn't thought so much about "Silk Shirts" until that display attracted me. Some of you will be smiling when you see the "Rainbow" stripes before your very eyes on Christmas day and the wonderful "Victory" ties beside it — Take it from me — They have some selection — This store "everybody is talking about," I heard of Doutrichs long before I arrived at Harrisburg.

Men's and Boys' Bathrobes

You'd scarcely believe that they could weave so many colors in one piece of cloth those "Navajo" Indians certainly have the art to produce beautiful fabric and when you see them made up you'll agree that you never looked at a more pleasing lot of Bath Robes — No wonder there was a crowd of women folks around this section of the store yesterday.

Watch This Busy Store To-morrow

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