

# SURE DEATH TO AEROPLANES

## New Army Aerial Gun a Perfect Protection.

### EXHAUSTIVE TESTS PLANNED.

Will Shoot "Dunnite" Shells a Distance of Fifteen Miles and Bring Down Air Craft Before They Can Get Within Scouting Range—Owned by the Government.

The United States government is the owner of the most powerful quick firing long range aerial gun in the world and one which it is declared will prevent the swiftest and most highly perfected aeroplane or dirigible balloon from getting near enough to New York to even make observations. No hostile aerial fleet could get within twelve miles of New York without becoming a perfect target and being sent to the earth in bits, so it is asserted.

The gun is the recent perfection of the aerial gun invented by army ordnance officers under the direction of Brigadier General William Crozier, chief of ordnance. It has been given to the government gratis and is not patented. It is a weapon far superior to any aerial gun yet built, according to ordnance and aeronautical experts. With it has been perfected a tracer shell charged with a high explosive.

The gun is a six pounder with a caliber of 2.38. Its weight is 947 pounds, and it is mobile. It is equipped with a modern breech block mechanism invented by the ordnance corps. At fortifications it will be mounted on a carriage like that used for all six pounders. The only difference will be in the latch or hinge by which the gun is attached to the carriage. This hinge will be so arranged as to permit the firing of the gun from horizontal, or zero, to a vertical or ninety degree angle. It can be swung from zero to zero, completing a full half circle.

**Tracer of Colored Gas.**  
For field service the gun will be mounted on a carriage similar to that used by the field artillery. In this case also it will be so mounted as to permit its being elevated to any angle from horizontal to vertical.

The shell used in this gun is a combination of the best tracer shells used by England, France, Germany and Austria, with a few Yankee improvements. Its weight is six pounds. The tracer is of colored gas, ignited from the firing pin of the gun. It is charged with smokeless powder and "dunnite." The velocity of the projectile is 2,400 feet per second. The velocity is so great and the shell so hard that the latter will penetrate three inches of Harveyized steel at its maximum range, between twelve and fifteen miles.

"To show what guns of this type would do if used in the forts about New York against an enemy's airships," said an ordnance expert, "picture a fleet of twenty aeroplanes of the six passenger carrying type being launched from a fleet of battleships fifty miles at sea. Then look upward through a pair of fieldglasses and see these mechanical birds at a height of 10,000 feet and a distance of ten miles, flying in a flock toward Sandy Hook or the upper part of New York city. Then glance toward the forts in and about New York and see a burst of flame and a hundred of these projectiles with little tails of smoke trailing them go plunging through space for the air fleet.

"There is a cloud of smoke, then a flash of flame. In an instant fragments of aeroplanes are dropping to earth or sea. Nothing a minute afterward remains in the air except a haze. One round from these 100 guns has sent 120 men to eternity and \$100,000 worth of aeroplanes to nothingness."

**Drastic Tests to Be Made.**

One hundred of these guns and projectiles mounted in Forts Hancock, Wadsworth, Hamilton and Stocum would prevent anything less than a fleet of 100 aeroplanes from getting a sight of New York. Mounted on caissons and wheeled along with an army in the field the aerial gun would be invaluable, according to leading officers of the army, in preventing an enemy's aeroplanes from getting near enough to estimate the strength of the troops. For ordinary field work the gun would be as serviceable as the present field or light artillery gun.

Some tests of the gun have been made, and they were pronounced most successful. The big test, however, will be made at Sandy Hook some time in August. For the test free and captive balloons and box kites will be used. These latter will be of man carrying size.

The gun will be fired from every angle possible and at its maximum range, both vertically and horizontally.

The navy will make an aeroplane test one month later on the southern drill grounds. The gun the navy will use is the regular six pounder re-mounted so as to be fired at the same angles as the aerial gun of the army. The army tracer shell will be used. Balloons and box kites will be the targets. These tests will be made while ships are at anchor and at slow speed, firing speed and full speed. Firing will be from the bow and stern.

## RODE MOTORCYCLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

Davis Made Trip From San Francisco to New York in Twenty Days.

After twenty days of hard riding on a motorcycle, Volney Davis, captain of the San Francisco Motorcycle club, reached New York, beating the record for the transcontinental journey by several days. He will start the return trip after a month's rest here.

Davis' actual time was twenty days nine hours and one minute, allowing for the three hours' difference in time between the coasts. About ten hours a day or 200 hours in all were spent in the saddle of his seven horsepower motorcycle. He lost eleven pounds and had many falls. He has a bruised leg, a sprained shoulder and many small cuts.

Davis' biggest day's run was between North Bend, Neb., and Grinnell, Ia., 289 miles; the shortest was from Granger to Rock Springs, Wyo., only forty-nine miles. He traveled 3,745 miles, but figured that more than 100 miles of that was wasted through losing his way and having to retrace his road.

Davis' first difficulty was in getting through the snow in crossing the Sierra Nevada on his way to Reno. But he had much greater trouble afterward with mud and sand, rocky roads and steep grades. A mountain lion in the wilds of Wyoming fled from the strange being that sped across its track, but not so the mosquitoes of Nevada. They pursued him relentlessly until he spurted away.

"If I told you the size of those mosquitoes," said Davis, "you wouldn't believe any part of my story. I positively believe that if an accident had put me at their mercy I'd have died from their attacks."

Davis' route carried him through Reno, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Omaha, Des Moines, Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester and Albany, but he made no stops in these cities except for minor repairs or for gasoline, as he had bet he would make the trip in twenty-five days.

His mysterious accident occurred near Grinnell, Ia. He was thrown from his machine when descending a steep grade. He knew nothing more until a stranger shook him by the shoulder.

"Not dead yet?" said the stranger reassuringly. "How long have you been here?"

"Just a few minutes," said Davis. "It's two hours since a woman drove by here and saw you lying, looking dead," said the farmer. "She drove to my place and told me."

Davis carried no unnecessary weight in clothes, buying what was needed along the route. A tin of beans and a canteen of water made up his emergency commissariat.

## PROPOSE TO MAC VEAGH.

Son of Secretary of Treasury Gets Too Many Love Letters.

As a result of a recent newspaper interview, in which he declared he wished he were married, Eames MacVeagh, son of the secretary of the treasury and Chicago's richest and most eligible bachelor, is being overwhelmed with impassioned love letters from young women who ask him to marry them.

MacVeagh, who is forty and past the romantic age, is frantic. The love notes cumber his business mail, flood his Lake Shore drive mansion and clutter up his mail box at the University club.

"I have received fifteen letters from Chicago women," he said, "stating their qualifications, such as education, musical training and domestic science. I wonder if these girls think I am running a mail order business? Why, I would pay no more attention to a woman who would write a letter of proposal to me than I would think of flying from the top of the Masonic temple in an aeroplane.

"Often the writer addresses me as 'Dear Eames' or 'Dear Eamesey,' and they go on to tell me how happy they can make me. Some want to arrange meeting places, while others say they will be at my home at a certain hour, and then I have to let the bulldog out in the front yard."

## BAR THE UNFIT.

Harvard Professor Advocates Plan For Perfecting Races.

Professor William C. Farrabee of Harvard university thinks that the great thing for Americans to do is to improve the race in this country. This need of improvement, he says, is due to the fact that in the past Americans have been lax not only in allowing unfit immigrants to come here, but also in permitting unfit natives to marry, and thus multiply the number of paupers and criminals.

He says: "We have had an unexampled opportunity here in America to produce a perfect race of men and women. We have failed to do this because we have allowed the unfit to come here, and we have allowed the unfit, both native and foreign, to increase and multiply. If we started now to eliminate the unfit we might in another generation see results that would approximate a perfect race."

**Has Flag 121 Years Old.**  
Draped on the porch of W. T. Denniston of Spokane, Wash., is a national flag which has been in Mr. Denniston's family for 121 years. The flag which is made of bunting and all hand sewed, was made in 1790. It is the original national flag of the thirteen United States of the revolution, having thirteen stars and thirteen stripes.

## Practical Fashions

WITH RAGLAN SLEEVES.



4861

The use of the Raglan sleeve has been in favor for some time past for dress waists and even for jackets, now it is arriving in the more intimate garments for woman's wear. The dressing sacque has a very plain front and back, with practically no fullness. The neck is cut a little low in front and the edges are finished with a pretty shaped collar. The balance of the closing is accomplished by means of buttons and buttonholes. The sleeve is the genuine Raglan type, the upper side extending in a tongue to the collar, the lower edge finished with a small turnback cuff. This garment may be made up in silk, crepe, saten, lawn, organdie, and in many other cotton materials, and trimmed with silk or satin.

The pattern (4861) is cut in sizes 22 to 44 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 2 1/2 yards of 36 inch material.

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**Political Debts and Bills.**  
It is all right to pay political debts, but it is pretty hard on the public when it has to foot the bills.—Charles-ton News and Courier.

**As It Might Have Been.**  
King Richard III. had just exclaimed: "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!"

"Sorry," answered a voice from the clouds, "we're all out of horses, but my aeroplane is at your service."

**Antiquated Humor.**  
"Pa, what is meant by the 'kerosene circuit'?"

"The 'kerosene circuit,' my son, is a string of theaters and town halls, in which the monologues of 1834 are considered great stuff."

## TRAIN INTO AUTO FAULTY.

Four Saratoga Women Are Killed at Crossing Near Granville, N. Y. Granville, N. Y., July 20.—With their bodies terribly mangled, four prominent Saratoga (N. Y.) women lie in the morgue in this city, the result of an automobile accident at Raceville, a few miles east of this city. The dead are Mrs. Elizabeth Grant, widow of Dr. Grant of Saratoga; Mrs. Charles Wells, Jr., wife of the son of a drug-gist of Saratoga; and Mrs. George W. Yates and Mrs. Robinson of Boston, guests of Mrs. Wells. The chauffeur, Charles A. Ostrander, has but small chance of recovery.

The party was hit by an extra express train at a grade crossing. The chauffeur said he did not hear the train, and the view of the engineer, Frank Bruce, also was cut off by a big tree. The automobile made the first part of the crossing hill without shifting gears, but on the crossing it was necessary to change, and as Ostrander attempted to do this the engine stalled, and the train crashed into the machine.

## BLAMES MOTHER-IN-LAW.

De Forest, Inventor, Seeks a Divorce From Engineer Wife.

San Francisco, July 20.—Harriett Stanton Blatch of New York, suffragist leader and daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, is declared by her son-in-law, Dr. Lee De Forest, scientist and wireless inventor, to be responsible for the suit for absolute divorce filed here against Mrs. Nora Stanton Blatch De Forest.

De Forest declares Mrs. Blatch is responsible for his marital unhappiness; that she has prevented a reconciliation with his wife and has nullified all his efforts to induce Mrs. De Forest to join him in California.

Mrs. Blatch is president of the League of Self Supporting Women. Mrs. De Forest is a fully qualified hydraulic engineer.

## An English King's Death.

William Rufus was killed by an arrow, either accidental or with murderous intent. He died in the New Forest. His body was stripped by tramps and the next day was found by a charcoal burner, who placed the naked corpse on his cart, hoping to receive a reward. On the way to Winchester the cart was upset, and the king's body fell in the mire. Covered with filth and black with charcoal, it arrived in Winchester, where it was buried in the cathedral. A few years later the tower fell and crushed the tomb, and 600 years after the Puritans rifled the grave and played football with the king's skull.



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## POSTAL BANKS POPULAR.

Among New Depositories Next Month Are Princeton and Westfield, N. J. Washington, July 20.—Postmaster General Hitchcock announces that the United States coupon bonds for depositors in postal savings banks would be ready for delivery on July 22 and the registered bonds about one week later. Interest in the system continues to grow, especially in the far western states. At Cripple Creek, Colo., in four weeks forty-two separate deposits were made for the limit of \$100 each. At Gainesville, Ga., the deposits have amounted to more than \$5,000. Fifty additional second class post-offices are designated depositories. These offices will be ready to receive deposits on Aug. 19. Among them are Westfield and Princeton, N. J.

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