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WOOD ON AMIENS FRONT TAKEN BY FRENCH

N. Y. AIR MAIL AT CAPITAL IN THREE HOURS, 20 MINUTES; WASHINGTON AERO DISABLED

Trip in Two Jumps With Philadelphia as the Half-Way House.

OFFICIALS SEE START.

Letter From Whitman to Wilson in First 344 Pounds of Aerial Mail.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The first mail plane from New York, piloted by Lieut. Edgerton, who relieved Lieut. Torrey Webb at Philadelphia, reached Washington at 2.50 o'clock P. M. It brought 6,000 letters.

Lieut. Webb reached Philadelphia at 1 o'clock and was received by a committee which presented him with a wrist watch.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—Lieut. Webb landed at Bustleton, near here, with the first aerial mail delivery from New York at exactly 1 o'clock this afternoon. This was one hour and a half after leaving Belmont Park, L. I., with the mail for this city and Washington.

Lieut. Webb was received by a committee representing the city, State and Nation, and was presented with a wrist watch.

Second Lieut. J. C. Edgerton relieved Lieut. Webb at the wheel to pilot the machine on the 140-mile trip to Washington.

A flying mail man soared from Belmont Field on the dot of 11.30 o'clock to-day and took the broad air line for Washington with 344 pounds of United States Mail strapped in the fuselage of his big biplane.

At about the same time another mail clerk of the sky cleared the Mail in Washington and started toward New York.

So to-day saw the inauguration of the aerial mail service under the Post Office Department.

New York's first letter to Washington is that written by Gov. Whitman and addressed, "Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, White House, Washington." This missive pledges the support of New York State to the second war fund of $100,000,000 of the Red Cross.

POSTMASTER AND OTHER NOTABLES ON SCENE.

At Belmont Park were Thomas G. Patton, Postmaster of New York; Elijah Norris, Superintendent of Mails; Collector of the Port Byron Newton, Dock Commissioner Murray Hulbert, Phil Donohue of Tammany Hall, Lieut. Farro, the French painter of aviation combat pictures; Lieuts. Campuzano and Dobelle of the French Aviation Corps and many other notables of city and army life.

Lieut. Torrey Webb, of the Army Aviation Corps, had the honor of carrying the mail on the first leg of the cloud journey to Washington.

Lieut. Webb is one of the large group of young alumni of Columbia University who have gone into the service. Before this country entered the war he knew nothing about piloting an aeroplane.

Lieut. Webb, who is an native of California, completed his course as a mining engineer at Columbia in 1916. He was popular at the university and held several class offices. He had just taken up his mining engineering work when his country declared war and he at once enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Corps.

He completed his training at Mineola. Just before he reported for duty he married Miss Helen Birkett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Birkett of No. 540 West 122d Street. Before his marriage Lieut. Webb

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MAIL IS LANDED AT BELMONT PARK AT 3.35 O'CLOCK

Machine From Philadelphia Guided to Landing by Five Others.

A machine carrying mail landed at Belmont Park at 3.35 o'clock. Five planes met the machine in the air and piloted it to the landing place.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Cheered by a great throng, including President and Mrs. Wilson, Postmaster General Burleson and K. Kambara, Postmaster General of Japan, America's first city aeropost service was inaugurated at 11.47 o'clock today.

Piloted by Lieut. George L. Boyle of Fort Scott, the mail carrying airplane cut its way through a light, low-hanging haze, then soared away on the first lap of its journey to Philadelphia and New York.

Shortly before the flight began, a mail delivery express, marked U. S. Air Mail Service, drove onto the field with four pouches of mail. These totalled in weight 140 pounds, 108 of which will be dropped at Philadelphia, where an additional 120 pounds will be taken on for the flight to New York.

A fresh plane will be used from Philadelphia on.

A broken propeller blade forcing Lieut. George L. Boyle to land on the State road near Walford, Md., twenty-five miles from here, interrupted the initial aeropost delivery from Washington to Philadelphia and New York.

The mail will be sent on its way by another airplane, if one can be furnished, otherwise it will be sent by a special automobile courier and will be delivered today in New York. The mail from Philadelphia for New York will be sent to New York without awaiting the arrival of the Washington mail.

BORDEN FURTHER EXPLAINS "ERROR" ABOUT U. S. ARMY

Canadian Premier Tells House of Commons Mistake Was Not Made in Ottawa.

OTTAWA, May 15.—In a statement before the House of Commons to-day explaining the erroneous announcement that American troops in France were to be held until they became a "complete, powerful, self-supporting army," Premier Robert Borden said the dispatch containing the announcement was signed by the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Rt. Hon. Walter Long. The subsequent correction of the announcement also came from the same source.

The Premier explained that the dispatch was one of the weekly war summaries received from the Secretary of State for the colonies by the Governor General of Canada given to the press in the ordinary course. He said that if any mistake had been made it had not occurred in Ottawa.

PLAN NEW ORDNANCE PLANT.

Government and Midvale Steel Company to Co-operate.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Construction of a mammoth ordnance plant, in many ways similar to the big United States Steel Corporation plant at Neville Island, is contemplated by the Government and the Midvale Steel Company. This second plant would turn out big howitzers and probably would also manufacture projectiles.

It is understood the company will erect the plant for the Government.

FIRST AEROPOST LEAVING BELMONT PARK AND ITS PILOT

POSTMASTER PATTEN HANDING MAIL TO LIEUT. WEBB — LT. WEBB'S PORTRAIT IN THE CENTER OF THE CUT

WILSON ENLISTS HUGHES TO PUSH AIRCRAFT INQUIRY

Former Justice Accepts Call to Assist Attorney General Gregory.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson has asked Charles E. Hughes to assist Attorney General Gregory in unscrambling the aircraft situation. Mr. Hughes has replied that he will be glad to assist.

Correspondence between the President and Mr. Hughes was made public here today. The President said the importance of the aviation service warranted an investigation with as little delay as possible.

Senator Hitchcock today refused to place before the Senate the claim of disloyal statements that he had given his friendship with President Wilson to further his private interests.

Borah had stated Hitchcock that a denial of the charges made into the record last week by Senator Thomas would be placed in Hitchcock's hands late today and requested that he place the denial before the Senate.

BERLIN PROCLAIMS WAR RENEWAL AT ODESSA

Strong Counter Current Also Leads to Action at Other Points in East.

AMSTERDAM, May 15.—The Vorwaerts Bureau of Berlin announces today that war has not in its proclamation at Ekaterinoslav, Odessa and Poltava [illegible] in the order of Brest-Litovsk. There are several [illegible] in the Don Region, the Caucasus, says.

$1,500,000 SHIPYARD FIRE.

Two Steel Steamers Damaged at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 15.—Fire started in the [illegible] of the Wallingford & Rogers Company's yards early this morning and [illegible] estimated at $1,500,000. [illegible] were saved and several injured.

The steel steamer [illegible] about completed, [illegible] to launch. The steel [illegible] half submerged. The mail of the War Charger also was injured.

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$4,095,699,000 FOR WAR USE RAISED BY TAXES THIS YEAR; INCOME YIELD IS ENORMOUS

Excess Profits and Sur-Tax to Bring Total of $2,775,185,000, or $348,000,000 More Than Was Estimated.

According to figures given out in Washington today the income tax and the gross profit tax this year will net the Government $2,775,185,000. This is $348,000,000 more than was estimated. The income tax and corporation tax alone last year netted $750,000,000.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Revised estimates of revenue receipts in the current fiscal year ending next June 30 place at $4,095,699,000 the sum which the American people will contribute directly to the Government mainly in taxes, for prosecution of the war. These estimates, revealed today in the report by Senator McAdoo in compliance with a request for specific information throwing light on future revenue needs, show that about one-third the expense of the war this year has been met by taxation and two-thirds by Liberty Bonds.

The report disclosed that about $2,775,185,000 will be collected on the basis of income and excess profits tax returns on file May 1, about $348,000,000 more than the yield estimated when the war revenue law was enacted last October, but less than the $3,000,000,000 recently [illegible].

The total now expected from internal revenue, which includes receipts from income and excess profits tax returns, is $3,544,000,000; customs, $160,000,000; from miscellaneous sources, including earnings of operated railroads, postage, $[illegible] from sales of public lands, $[illegible], from interest on foreign [illegible] and $[illegible] from miscellaneous.

These figures, although not based on actual collections, represent most accurately what may be passing from taxpayers to the Treasury between now and the latter part of June, when the profits taxes, big items, will be payable. Collections from these taxes will be made in installments, however, and [illegible] will be paid in June.

The report will be examined carefully by members of Congress in connection with the pending question of whether new revenue [illegible]

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KEEP STRONG.

AUSTRIANS IN AMBUSH FIRE ON U. S. SOLDIERS

Three Captured at McAlleistown, Pa., After Sniping at Aviation Supply Depot.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 15.—Three American soldiers [illegible] while [illegible] Aviation Supply Depot at McAlleistown, [illegible] made a detour and approaching from the rear, caught them.

The Austrians are said to have been [illegible] at the Middletown Steel Works [illegible] Lewis Melvin, of the aviation forces, first [illegible] them, but more shots were fired [illegible] and other soldiers surrounded the Austrians from the rear. There was a fierce struggle and the enemy aliens were quickly overpowered. They were armed with revolvers.

The Austrians gave the names of Frank Gorinski, Zopanch [illegible] and Franz Mutanic. They [illegible]

KAISER SOUGHT ABDICATION OF HIS DYING FATHER

James Gordon Bennett Told How Bismarck Put the Crown Prince Out by Force.

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THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU.

[illegible]

PRESIDENT ISSUES CHALLENGE TO FOES OVER WAR INQUIRY

Says Adoption of Chamberlain Resolution Would Be Vote of Want of Confidence.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson today issued a challenge for an expression of confidence from Congress.

In a letter to Senator Martin, Democratic floor leader, he assailed the Chamberlain resolution calling for the creation of a joint committee on conducting the war, describing it virtually as a vote of "want of confidence on the conduct of the war."

Senator Martin read the President's letter to a joint conference of Democratic leaders and it was later presented to Senator Thompson, to the joint committee on Ailing and Cotton, which met today to act on the Chamberlain resolution.

There was [illegible] comment from the President's [illegible] both in the conference of Democratic leaders and in the committee meeting.

Senator Chamberlain mentioned his intention of investigating the general conduct of the war [illegible] statement be indicated [illegible] given authority by [illegible] military investigation [illegible] be dropped.

By a vote of [illegible] to [illegible] the committee ordered [illegible] on the Chamberlain resolution [illegible] Committee [illegible] Senate [illegible] Mr. Dent [illegible] Mr. Dent [illegible] Senate [illegible] Senator [illegible] Senator [illegible] Senator