

USE AIRPLANES TO FIGHT BANDITS

Machine-Gun Method of Warfare Being Tried in Santo Domingo.

Hunting bandits with machine guns in airplanes is the latest stunt of the United States marine corps. It is said to be a distinct surprise to the Macoris gang of 400 outlaws hiding in inaccessible parts of the San Pedro Macoris district of Santo Domingo.

News of the adoption of this up-to-the-minute method of discouraging revolution and pillage in the turbulent republic came in private advices from Porto Rico, where, it is said, the outlaws obtained their arms and ammunition. At marine headquarters at New York there is no knowledge of how effective well-directed gunfire from the soaring planes has been, but a report from Colonel Breckenridge, in command of one of the companies on the island, indicates that the latest crop of jungle buccaneers will soon be harvested. He wrote to thank the originator of the idea, which, he said, was proving invaluable, and added: "Send down some more airplanes."

There are now 13 flying machines with the marine corps in Santo Domingo and Hayti. These forces consist of the First brigade, of 1,500 men, under General Catlin, at Port au Prince, and the Second brigade, of 2,000 men, under General Fuller, at San Domingo City. Attached to these forces is the Fourth aviation squadron, under Captain Mimms, of 300 men, divided into two divisions.

The one in Hayti has seven hydroplanes and the other in Santo Domingo six machines. In both countries there is a very bad situation, with constant outbreaks of revolution and outlaws. No regular battle has taken place since the arrival of the marines, but there has been frequent bush fighting, with the marines the first and the last to fight.

An idea of what the marines are facing and how thoroughly they are preparing to do their job is given in an article in the Times of San Juan, Porto Rico, of recent date, under the headline, "Airplanes to Smash New Band of Bandits." It says:

"According to reliable reports the latest band of bandits in Santo Domingo numbers about 400 young and active men, and they are well armed and have plenty of ammunition. The haunt of the gang is in the San Pedro Macoris district, and while they adopt the old profession of being revolutionists they are proving to be as ready for murder and pillage as their prototypes who are gone. There has been nothing like a pitched battle with the outlaws as yet, but marine officers having commands in the district are expecting serious trouble at any time. It has been authentically stated that a squadron of five or six airplanes with a force of 35 trained pilots and mechanics has recently been mobilized at the Consuelo sugar estate in the San Pedro Macoris district, where a wide-cleared area and level plains make the ground ideal for the building of airdromes and the maneuvering of the machines.

"Although no official information has been given out, it is currently reported that the airplanes, when put in proper shape, will be armed with machine guns and will play a conspicuous part in the hunting out of the bandits lurking in the jungles and in properly cleaning them up. With the leathernecks afoot and the air full of humming birds there does not seem to be much hope for the would-be bad men, and the fertile plains of San Domingo may soon be made safe for honest men."

News from other sources is to the effect that several flights have been made over the territory to which the gang has been driven for concealment, with the result that concealment was immediately made doubly sure in the tall grass and timber, to escape from the rain of bullets from the skies. What execution was done is not known here.



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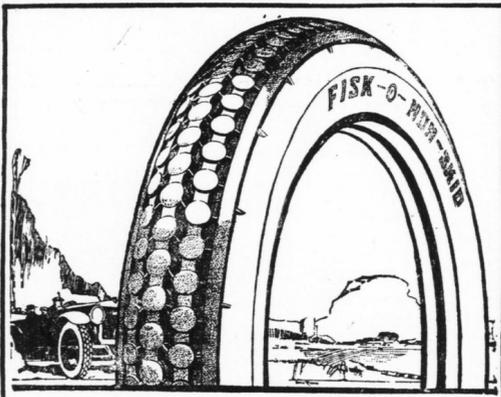
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Sharpshooter Got 260 Huns.

Madison, Mo.—Roy Farrell, son of Taylor Farrell, of this city, who had the reputation in this part of Missouri as the best shot, is said to have maintained his reputation while with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. If reports received here are true, he accounted for some 260 Germans, and his friends are willing to put this record up against any other A. E. F. soldier.

sharpshooting honors. When he arrived in France, soldier friends say, he cut a notch in his rifle butt for every German he got. They numbered 260 before he was wounded in an engagement. He was sent to a hospital, and it is not yet known here if he has recovered. Farrell himself has never written of his sharpshooting record.

Farrell, while at Funston, won



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Yes Or No? John was on the witness stand and very talkative he was. The opposing lawyer lost patience and insisted on yes or no answers. "But you cannot answer everything yet or no," retorted John. "Yes, you can," replied the attorney, "try it on me." "Well," said John, "do you still beat your wife?"

Anything for Delay. "Private Blank," said the Colonel, severely, reprimanding a doughboy for a minor breach of military regulations, "what would you do if I should tell you that you were to be shot at sunrise?"

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Man Courted Friendship Of One He Knew Would Slay Him.

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"And if death did not mean extinction, then he thought that he might snatch and secure for himself something which in life had eluded him. So he coveted death. But he was too proud to reach it by suicide. That seemed to him a contemptible and cowardly evasion, and such an easy solution would have denied the purpose of all his life. So he looked about him and discovered among his friends a man whose character he knew well, a man idealistic and foolish and romantic, like himself, Ivan Andreievitch, only caring more for ideals, more impulsive and more reckless.

"He found this man and made him his friend. He played with him as a cat does with a mouse, carefully destroying one by one his ideals. He enjoyed life for about a year, then he was murdered.

"Murdered!" I exclaimed.

"Yes, shot by his idealistic friend. I envy him that year. He must have experienced many breathless sensations. When the murdered was tried his only explanation was that he had been irritated and disappointed.

"Disappointed of what?" asked the judge.

"Of everything in which he believed, said the man. It seemed a poor excuse for a murder. He is still, I have no doubt, in Siberia.

"But I envy my friend. That was a delightful death to die."

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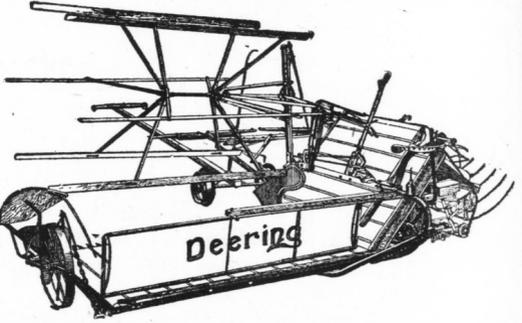
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By order,

EDWARD O. CASH, Clerk.

NOTICE!

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

Nannie M. Himler and others, Plaintiffs, vs. Edna V. Florr, widow, and others, Defendants.

Ordered by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, this 24th day of June, 1919, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by James A. C. Bond, trustee, appointed by a decree of this Court to make said sale, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 14th day of July, 1919; provided a copy of this order be inserted in each of three successive weeks before the 14th day of July, next.

The report states the amount of sale to be \$3500.00.

True Copy—Test: EDWARD O. CASH, Clerk.
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In the winter of 1889-1890, 19 years ago, peach trees bloomed in January and February. In the winter of 1895-1896, 13 years ago, these