

# AIR TORPEDOIS DEADLY AT 500 MILES, IS CLAIM

## Invention So Simple Endorsers Fear the Huns Will Stumble on It

### RED TAPE RESPONSIBLE

#### Head of Pennsylvania Aero Club Says Device Will Do All Expected of It

Philadelphia, March 14.—Berlin and many other German cities can be leveled to the earth and the war won in thirty days by an aerial torpedo which he has invented, according to Lester P. Barlow, who has an office in the Land Title Building, in this city.

Unsealing the lips yesterday of two of the half dozen men who know the secret so that they could corroborate his assertion, Mr. Barlow, who is the inventor of an aerial bomb and an anti-submarine depth bomb, which already have proved successful, added that his new aerial torpedo is the most terribly destructive engine of warfare that the world has ever seen.

One of his corroborators is Representative John Q. Tilson, of Connecticut, expert on explosives and a member of the military affairs committee of the House. The other is Joseph Steinmetz, president of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, an airplane engineer and a well-known Philadelphia manufacturer.

#### Men Who Know Secrets

Other men who have been told the secret and who have acknowledged the terrific possibilities of the invention, according to Barlow, are Brigadier General Squier, of the signal corps, who now is in France; Glenn L. Martin, of Detroit, the aeronautical expert, and Louis Stoddard, of New York, a banker.

It is because Mr. Barlow is perturbed at the delay which he said has been experienced in arranging for the manufacture of the new torpedo that he made his announcement last night. He gave the names of the men mentioned as corroborators of his assertions. Mr. Steinmetz, in a personal interview here, and Mr. Tilson, in an interview in Washington, corroborated the inventor's assertions.

According to Mr. Barlow, it would be possible to send the torpedoes to Berlin from behind the Allied lines in France and blow the German capital to pieces. Likewise, with the Germans in command of the secret, it would be easy for them to destroy London and Paris.

#### Victory Within 30 Days

Mr. Barlow says that if the torpedoes are turned out in sufficient quantities the powers using them could bring the enemies to their knees within thirty days.

So simple, however, is the principle on which the deadly device is operated, he said, that the men who already have been let into the secret are living in daily terror lest the Teutonic mind grasp and utilize it before the United States has put itself into a position to send it against the Hun.

"I am afraid every day," said Mr. Steinmetz yesterday, "that the thought of this fearful device will occur to the German war staff. It is possible, you know, for such things to happen. This is a well-known fact. Inventors know that when a group of men think toward the same object and have the same basic idea at their command, they will arrive at the same result."

"There is danger that it will strike the German inventor's mind, and I live in constant fear that Germany may grasp the principle of this deadly torpedo before we can use it." "Six weeks ago," said Mr. Barlow last night, "General Squier was first shown the plans of the torpedo. It carries more than half a ton of the highest explosive which can be manufactured. It has a range of 400 to 500 miles and is positive in going to its target."

"Two weeks ago one of the foremost aeronautical engineers and myself were told to go ahead on the first one of the full sized torpedoes and not wait for a contract. We were told this by the president of the Aero Club. Yesterday I was in Washington and found that the contract had not been let and not a penny had been advanced for its purchase."

#### Offers to Give U. S. Torpedo

"I offered the torpedo as a gift to the government."

"The authorities at Washington admitted when they were shown the plans that Berlin could be blown off the map and the German nation could be whipped in thirty days."

"They also admitted that thousands of these devices should be on hand before their use was commenced, because so simple is the principle on which they are operated that the German inventors more than likely would discover it after a few thousands of them had leveled some of their cities."

"There is but one way that Germany can be whipped and that is by the air route."

"If the Germans ever think of the principle of my aerial torpedo we can expect Germany to destroy both London and Paris by air raids of such torpedoes carrying the heaviest charges of high explosives. High officials in Washington have admitted in my presence that if Germany knew what we were talking about she would undoubtedly make use of the device at the earliest possible date."

"All this occurred several weeks ago—yet here we sit spinning our thumbs and altogether we give three cheers for the Red Tape and the Board of War Delay."

"If any one thinks that the aerial torpedo, capable of inflicting such damage on the enemies of our country, is a dream or a fairy tale, I would have him communicate with General Squier, who now is in France; Secretary of War Baker, Glenn L. Martin, one of America's foremost aeronautical engineers; Mr. Steinmetz or Congressman Tilson."

"These gentlemen with the exception of the Secretary of War, know most of the details of the device, as does Howard Coffin, Mr. Coffin, however, cannot be held in any way responsible for the delay, as he learned of the details for the first time only yesterday."

#### FIRST AID CLASS

New Cumberland, Pa. March 14.—The first aid class met and organized in the High school room on Tuesday evening. Forty-five members are enrolled. Miss Roberta Reiff was elected chairman; Miss Hilda Commer, vice-president; and Miss Jennie Naylor, secretary. Dr. Jess Leiker, of Harrisburg, the instructor of the class, gave the introductory talk.

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<p><b>Table Damask</b> Imported Quality, yard 85c \$1.25 imported mercerized table damask; Irish finish; 70 inches wide. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . 85c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Kid Gloves Reduced</b> Women's kid gloves in broken sizes; menders of first quality. Special, Friday only . . . . . 69c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Are You Willing to Pass on to Our Soldiers Some of the Books You've Enjoyed?</b> The soldiers need books as much as they need ammunition, in order that their idle moments may be enjoyable and profitably spent. Spend a half hour this evening going over the books you are willing to pass on to the camps—don't select torn or badly worn volumes. If you don't know what to do with the books after you've gathered them together, just call our Advertising Department, Bell 2080, and we'll see to it that your gift is promptly distributed. Booths are located at convenient sections of the store for the receiving of books for soldiers.</p>	<p><b>Colored Dress Goods</b> \$2.50 navy costume serge; 54 inches wide. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . \$1.89 \$1.00 French serge; 41 inches wide. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . 80c 80c shepherd checks; 42 inches wide. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . 74c \$2.00 silk poplin; 40 inches wide. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . \$1.69 Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Silverware Specials</b> \$2.98 silver plated casseroles. Special, Friday only . . . \$2.25 \$2.25 Rogers silver plated round bowl soup spoons. Special, Friday only, half dozen . . . \$1.75 Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Figured Silk Nets</b> 36 inches wide; good colors. \$1.00 value. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . 50c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>
<p><b>Turkish Towels</b> An Exceptional Value 39c Turkish towels; all white; red and blue border; 22x40 inches. Limit one dozen to a customer. Special, Friday only, each . . . . . 35c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Silk and Cotton Muslin</b> 59c silk muslin; 36 inches wide, in white grounds with colored stripes and plaids. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . 39c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Floor Coverings</b> Cocoa floor mats; \$1.20 value; special Friday only . . . . . 98c Rubber door mats; 90c value; special Friday only . . . . . 59c Ford car rubber mats; 75c value; special Friday only . . . . . 49c 9x18-inch rubber stair treads; 20c value; special Friday only . . . 16c Extra large hassocks; \$1.50 value; special Friday only . . . . . 98c Medium size hassocks; \$1.00 value; special Friday only . . . . . 69c</p>	<p><b>Black Dress Goods</b> \$2.00 silk poplin; 40 inches wide. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . \$1.69 \$2.50 costume serge; 50 inches wide. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . \$1.89 \$1.75 wool poplin; 42 inches wide. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . \$1.49 Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Baby Go-Carts</b> \$37.50 Heywood reed reversible gear go carts; full size. Special, Friday only . . . . . \$34.00 \$32.00 Heywood reed reversible gear go carts; full size. Special, Friday only . . . . . \$29.00 Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Basement.</p>	<p><b>Men's Hose</b> 18c cotton socks, black with white feet. Special, Friday only . . . . . 12½c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>
<p><b>Grocery Specials</b> Spanish pulled figs, lb. . . . 23c Fancy Elgin creamery butter, lb. . . . . 50c Pearl Tapioca, lb. . . . . 17c Evaporated sugar corn, lb. . . . 29c Shoe peg corn, can . . . . . 17c Herring with tomato sauce, large cans . . . . . 15c Eclipse steel cut coffee, lb. 35c 3 lbs. . . . . 89c Crystal white laundry soap, 10 cakes . . . . . 59c Breakfast cocoa powder, lb. . . 21c Lean smoked shoulders, 6 to 8 pounds, lb. . . . . 26c Masco laundry soap, 10 cakes, 49c Van Camps pork and beans, large cans . . . . . 17c Pink Salmon, Libby's pack, tall tins . . . . . 19c Bakers sweet chocolate, cake, 6c Ivory soap, 5 cakes . . . . . 30c Franks liver sausage and banquet loaf, lb. . . . . 33c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Basement.</p>	<p><b>Drapery Attractions</b> 25c to 39c lengths of scrim or marquisette; hemstitched edge or plain selvedge; ecru or white. Special, Friday only, yard . . . 15c 29c to 50c cretonne in short lengths. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . 19c 3 y silks in cream, green or blue grounds. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . 65c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Third Floor.</p>	<p><b>Samples of Wilton Carpet</b> 1½ yards long; \$5.00 to \$6.00 value; special Friday only, \$3.75 One yard long; \$4.00 value; special Friday only . . . . . \$2.50 One yard long; \$2.50 Brussels; special Friday only . . . . . \$1.00 27x54-inch Brussels rugs; \$5.00 to \$5.75 value; special Friday only . . . . . \$4.25 27x54-inch Brussels rugs; \$4.25 to \$4.75 value; special Friday only . . . . . \$3.25 Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Third Floor.</p>	<p><b>Muslin Sheets</b> 45-inch bleached pillow case muslin; special Friday only, 29c 81x90-inch bleached sheets, mill stains; special Friday only, \$1.29 72x90-inch bleached sheets, seam in center; special Friday only . . . . . 69c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Basement.</p>	<p><b>Jewelry Specials</b> \$1.25 gold filled bracelets. Special, Friday only . . . . . 49c \$1.98 and \$2.50 Sterling silver brooches. Special, Friday only . . . . . 98c 98c bead necklaces. Special, Friday only . . . . . 49c 50c gold filled brooches. Special, Friday only . . . . . 19c 25c coral and pearl bead necklaces. Special, Friday only, 19c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Women's Hosiery</b> 50c thread silk boot hose; white and black; slight imperfections. Special, Friday only, 33c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>
<p><b>Gloves of Silk</b> Woman's \$1.00 long silk gloves; in black and white; size 5½. Special, Friday only, 49c Women's \$1.25 and \$1.50 long silk gloves; in black and white; sizes 5½ and 6. Special, Friday only . . . . . 69c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Underwear Reduced</b> Men's \$1.50 Egyptian ribbed union suits; Spring weight. Special, Friday only . . . . . 95c Women's 50c white lisle ribbed union suits; low neck and sleeveless. Special, Friday only, 39c Women's 35c white cotton and lisle shaped ribbed vests. Special, Friday only . . . . . 25c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Handkerchiefs Reduced</b> Handkerchiefs with colored rolled edges. Special, Friday only . . . . . 3c Men's Khaki handkerchiefs, with slight imperfections. 15c value. Special, Friday only, 10c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Infants' Hose</b> 75c fine ribbed silk plated hose; white and black; sizes 5 to 6½; none exchanged. Special, Friday only . . . . . 25c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Taffeta Ribbon</b> All silk, 5½ inches wide; good colors; 25c value. Special, Friday only, yard . . . . . 19c Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Street Floor.</p>	<p><b>Baby Go-Carts</b> \$37.50 Heywood reed reversible gear go carts; full size. Special, Friday only . . . . . \$34.00 \$32.00 Heywood reed reversible gear go carts; full size. Special, Friday only . . . . . \$29.00 Dives, Pomeroy &amp; Stewart, Basement.</p>