

DELAY WORST IN CURTISS PLANT

Red Tags on Aeroplanes Held at Buffalo Explained by David Lawrence.

BATTLE PLANES NEEDED

Little Money Spent to Date. Good Work on Training Craft.

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Buffalo, May 23.—Red tags certainly an ambiguous color. In Washington, when you see a red tag on a government document or letter or communication from one department to the other, it means "urgent."

When you see a red tag on an aeroplane at the Curtiss plant here, it means "delay." And when you examine the tag you find a dozen different reasons for delay. I saw many battleplanes here, but most of them had red tags hanging from wings and body.

They were ordered to build Bristol battleplanes here, and the simple truth is that only a week or so ago was the word to "go ahead" received from the signal corps. So the production of battleplanes is very small—less than a dozen.

How much this is due to a feeling in Washington based upon word from the other side of the ocean that the Bristol plane is out of date and how much it is due to a concentration on the DeHaviland plane, which is admittedly a better fighting type and being turned out in quantities at Dayton, one cannot easily determine.

But the order to "go ahead" indicates that several hundred Bristol are wanted anyway, and the Curtiss plant is in a position to construct them rapidly.

The Curtiss people, however, haven't been engaged in making battleplanes for the army, but training planes. Probably most of the primary and advanced training planes now being used to teach flying have been made here.

Over 100 Each Week. Production has exceeded 3,000, and last week they turned out 104 of them and will have built 110 this week. This proves conclusively that quantity production is possible if only decisions can be obtained from the designing engineers. And there is no material difference in the organization of workmen required to put out fighting planes and training craft.

But the achievement of the Curtiss plant is not merely its large output of training planes—for America has a comfortable surplus now—but its work on hydroplanes with pontoons attached and the new style flying boats for the navy. The Curtiss company has built a number of these for Great Britain

"COME HOME?" NOT CLARA, THANK YOU



CLARA ZETKIN

The Germans wish Clara Zetkin would "come home." Then they could lock her up as they locked up her co-worker, Rosa Luxembourg. Clara is chairman of the International Women's party, with headquarters in Berne. From there she conducts a propaganda for freedom for German women. And if the Kaiser has one pet aversion it's freedom for anybody.

and is turning them out by the scores for our own navy.

But the flying boat needs a fighting plane to protect it, and whichever way one turns the need of serviceable fighting craft appears essential, though in the waters surrounding Great Britain, where the hunt for submarines is carried on, it is to be presumed that the British are supplying defense machines to protect the flying boats as they locate undersea boats and drop their depth bombs.

These navy crafts are all equipped with liberty motors, which are working well, too; so again one discovers advantages of versatility in that much-abused but nevertheless effective, standardized motor.

But a big plant like this cannot keep its organization together and all its working units intact on the small amount of work the navy will have, or merely on the training planes, if a plethora in that type is being reached. It can be readily seen why so much confusion as to who is right or wrong in the whole aircraft business exists, when things which I am about to describe happen.

Pershing Wanted "Spads." Last October, drawings were ready for the immediate manufacture of the "spad," or one-seater fighting scout. The month of November was wasted trying to make the liberty motor fit this particular type and finally another motor was being tried out when word came to stop building "spads."

That word came from Gen. Pershing, and it never has been explained whether he was confident he could get all the scouts he wanted from the French or he began to see that the

scout was not going to be of much further use as a fighter anyway.

The Curtiss people were told to build Bristol two-seater fighters, and had some trouble with the drawings. Finally, in January, they started to make twenty-five Bristols, but it was decided in Washington that bombing devices, oxygen tanks, heating instruments, flare lights and other things be added to the equipment.

The twenty-five were held up throughout March and April, and the "go ahead" received early in the present month.

The general impression seems to be that the government is trying to make the Bristol do things it cannot do and that the orders for this type will not be repeated.

Now, imagine an organization of several thousand men gotten together and specially trained and then have changes—perfectly necessary, perhaps, and inevitable—coming along to delay and disrupt the best laid of plans. It takes a long time to get drawings ready and models made after they are once decided upon, and unless on finishing one order the working force is ready to start in with the next order, the Kaiser cannot be kept. They will not be impressed or held if "gaps" occur in production.

The government must keep an eye on the working force, especially when it is considered how much time and money are invested indirectly by the government in training those employees.

I am convinced that the large plants can turn out any kind of aeroplanes that are designed, but the policy of the government heretofore has been to scatter its orders among smaller concerns that to date have not been added materially to our production.

Congress and the people generally have no doubt been given the impression that much money has been spent. As a matter of fact, less than two hundred millions has actually been disbursed out of appropriations and authorizations many times that sum.

New Demand for Bristols. Extravagance unquestionably there has been here and there. Meddling by Germans has been suspected as being behind some delays, but in neither of these are the real and fundamental causes for the absence of battleplanes at the Curtiss plant.

They haven't been built apparently because Washington didn't want Bristol machines in a hurry or possibly not at all. But the request for Bristols now has been renewed.

Has any one planned what is to be built hereafter? The designs ought to be here, but they are not. Success in aeroplane building will come to the nation that looks ahead and plans ahead and keeps its organizations of workmen and trained mechanics intact.

The Curtiss plant has produced the bulk of the training planes and has done practically all the work for the United States navy—a splendid job on the whole—but the crying need is for battleplanes, and it is unfortunate that DeHaviland planes, such as are being produced so rapidly at Dayton, were not ordered built here or a Handley-Page or some other foreign type that is doing effective work on the fighting front.

There have been many discouragements at the Curtiss plant, and the friction between the manufacturers who think they could have produced bunches of planes had they been given a free hand, and the army engineers, who are constantly being told by cable of the need for change and improvement, is inevitable.

GERMANS SAY ALLIED AEROS CAN'T BE HELD

Anti-Aircraft Defenses Insufficient to Prevent Raid Teuton Camps.

(Associated Press.)

With the French Army in France, May 23.—Germans captured by the French testify to the brilliant work of the entire allied aviators, who, the prisoners say, leave the Germans no peace. Fears are expressed regarding future operations by allied airmen on the Rhine cities, which, they believe, will be laid in ruins. The Germans declare their anti-aircraft defenses are insufficient to prevent the allies visiting either day or night the Teuton camps, cantonments, depots and airdromes, where they say enormous damage already has been done.

Other prisoners assert that Emperor William hesitated a long time before starting the offensive this year, but that Gen. Ludendorff obtained the upper hand by promising to force a peace by beating the allies by Easter. The crown prince, with the military caste in Germany, they say, succeeded in ejecting Rudolph von Valentini from power after he had predicted a catastrophe for the German arms.

Von Valentini was chief of Emperor William's civil cabinet and was replaced last September by Von Berg. Von Valentini's removal was hailed by the pan-German newspapers as a triumph for their cause.

EXODUS ALLIED SUBJECTS FROM RUSSIA UNDER WAY

(Associated Press.)

Moscow, Monday, May 13.—(Delayed.)—A marked exodus of entente allied subjects from Russia is under way.

The distribution of bread in Petrograd will cease tomorrow. It will be replaced by half a Russian pound of potatoes. Flour is unobtainable, even with doctors' prescriptions. Sugar costs fifty rubles a pound.

GENERAL INCREASE IN WAGES IS IMMINENT

Washington, May 23.—An announcement of a general wage increase for railway employees, following in a general way the railroad wage commission's recommendations, but with many modifications, is imminent. It was learned tonight that Director-General McAdoo, who has been studying the commission's report, will be ready to act within a few days.

AVIATOR EAST MADE 140 MILES IN 1 HOUR 40 MINUTES

Mesa, May 23.—(As.) W. J. East, of the aviation section of the United States army, who started his flight on a tour of inspection in Texas, arrived here late yesterday from the aviation field at Lonoke, Ark. He made the trip from the Arkansas field to Park field near this city, a distance of 140 miles, in 1 hour and 40 minutes.

COL. HODGES, OF U. S. ENGINEERS, REWARDED

One of First American Officers to Receive Distinguished Service Order.

(Associated Press.)

American Headquarters on the British Front, May 22.—Col. J. N. Hodges, of the American engineer corps, has been awarded the British distinguished service order in recognition of his service during the period from March 27 to April 3.

Col. Hodges is one of the first American officers to receive the D. S. O. From March 27 to April 3 was the period during which the British were stemming the tide of the German offensive begun on March 21. The latest published United States army list gives John N. Hodges as a captain in the first engineers.

AFTER THREE YEARS

Many men and women are sick and don't know it. Some never discover they have kidney trouble until they apply for life insurance. The kidneys are working all the time, filtering poisonous waste out of the blood stream, and when they become weakened or deranged, backache, pains in sides and groins, so-called rheumatism, languidness, swollen joints and other symptoms develop.

Dr. E. B. Moss, Ogden, Ark., writes: "Foley's Kidney Pills relieved me of severe kidney troubles of three years' standing." Jo Anderson, druggist, Chattanooga, Tenn.—(Adv.)

DEAD AVIATOR GANSTER ONCE WELL-KNOWN ATHLETE

Baltimore, May 23.—John Ganster, the aviator who was killed in a seaplane accident in France, was an attorney and well-known athlete and swimmer of this city. He had been interested in aeronautics before the war and was among the first to enlist for the aviation corps, being sent with four other Baltimoreans to Pensacola training camp in March, 1917.

Another of the five was E. Cary Eichberger, who was killed in France. In a recent letter Ganster wrote that he had been promoted and soon expected an order to go to the front. He expressed keen interest in the opportunity for which he had been waiting to get into the fight.

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