

# How Uncle Sam Is Spending Millions of Dollars in Construction of Airplanes

## WHAT IS BEING DONE TO MAKE MACHINES FOR FLIERS OF U. S.

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For a long time there has been much conflict and misunderstanding concerning the amount of money spent on aircraft, the number of battleplanes and training planes we have had, the number of motors we have built, and kindred matters relating to our program in the air. For a long time there has been considerable twaddle about military secrecy which had the effect of keeping the facts from the American people and not from Germany, and instead of feeling the stimulus of public opinion, production was permitted to lag and incompetency was successfully cloaked.

Not All Available.  
Not all the data is as yet available, but I am presenting today a compilation of figures obtained from the House Committee on Military Affairs, the chairman of the Secretary of War before allowing them to be made public.

There are, in the first place, 12,107 officers in our Aviation Corps and 134,761 enlisted men. Of this number 4,054 are fliers. The total number of machines abroad is 1,316, of which 321 are battleplanes; and the number of machines in the United States is 3,760, most of which are training planes.

None of those battleplanes were made in America but were secured from the British and French factories, where American mechanics and American raw material were used in manufacturing the planes.

The production of Liberty motors up to Tuesday of the present week is as follows: 161 have been delivered to

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the army of the United States; 450 have been delivered to the navy of the United States total delivered to the army and navy, 1,041. Many hundreds of these already have gone abroad for our own use as well as the use of the allies.

The first Liberty motors have been tested incidentally in France, and a cablegram has come from General Pershing saying the test was highly successful.

Now as to appropriations, last July Congress appropriated \$640,000,000 for aircraft. Of that amount up to May 6, only \$216,517,000 has been spent. The balance has been obligated for airplanes, engines, special clothing, motor transports, and other items provided for in acts of Congress.

1,316 Planes Abroad.

For the \$216,517,000 which America has spent, we have obtained 1,316 planes abroad and 3,760 planes in this country, or a total of 5,076 planes of all kinds plus twenty-seven aviation fields with buildings and equipment.

Only \$270,000,000 has been expended for planes and special parts. At the average price of a plane is about \$5,000 and the engine ranges from \$1,500 to \$5,000, planes cost anywhere from \$6,500 and \$10,000. Up to May 23 we had obligated ourselves to spend \$198,154,360 for planes, propellers, and spare parts; \$240,502,176 for engines and spare parts; \$9,590,204 for balloons; \$28,400,212 for machine guns, ammunition, and bombs; \$32,768,733 for general equipment including instruments; \$2,719,824 for clothing, making, with a few items not yet made public, a total of \$859,839,974.

As to fliers, there were 4,054 flying

officers in the United States up to May 1 and 1,599 abroad, making a total of 6,211. There are 6,506 non-flying officers in the United States, and about 1,854, making a total of 8,364. There are 2,923 cadets in training at the flying school in the United States, and 1,644 abroad, making a total of 4,567. There are 191 bombing schools, 145 pursuit plane schools, and 88 observation schools.

More men, in other words, have gone into the aviation service than the manufacturers have been able to supply machines for, though the number of training planes in this country is far in excess of those abroad, and at one time it was seriously considered whether it would not be a wise plan to bring back some of the student fliers who are abroad in such great numbers to get their complete training on this side. Certainly, hereafter, no flier goes abroad for training. When he leaves the United States he is a finished flier, except, of course, for the brief period of acclimation with conditions at the front. Production is beginning at a fairly good rate. Up to April we had produced fourteen bombing planes. In the week of May 11 we produced thirty-four, and in the week of May 18 we produced thirty-seven.

Battleplanes to the number of more than 160 have been produced, and are proceeding at the average rate of forty a week. England is producing about 3,000, and France about 2,000 aeroplanes a month.

In conclusion, the chief of staff of the United States army, is authority for the statement that there never has been a time when the fighting units of the American army have not had all the battleplanes to protect them that they could use. Congressman Shallenberger, Nebraska, of the Military Affairs Committee, obtained that information from General March. Thus does the House Committee on Military Affairs, after its own inquiries at the War Department, size up the aircraft situation.

## New Decoration For U. S. Valor



Distinguished Service Cross of the United States.

This is the new Distinguished Service Cross of the United States. Readers of the Times who wish a photograph of this picture can obtain it by sending 10 cents to the Division of Pictures, Committee on Public Information.

William B. Meyerling is thought to enjoy the distinction of being the first to receive the new decoration.

## WAR TO LIMIT DEBATES.

That consideration may be given all important war measures, Senator Oscar Underwood, of the committee on rules, has reported the proposed amendment to the rules to limit debate during the period of the war to one hour for each Senator on any pending measure and twenty minutes on any amendment. He has given notice that he will call up the matter for consideration Monday.

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## Gen. Foch Expresses Supreme Confidence In Allied Armies

PARIS, June 1.—The following story is told today illustrative of the confidence of the allied generalissimo in his armies:

When General Foch recently visited Dunkirk, the mayor said to him:

"General, you saved Flanders in 1914; you won't leave it in danger in 1918!"

Foch replied:

"When one remembers how we stopped the enemy four years ago, one must entertain no doubt—with the means we have at our disposal today."

## GERMAN RESERVES ADD SERIOUSNESS TO DRIVE SITUATION

By ED L. KEEN, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, June 1.—There is no disguising the fact that the military situation is very serious, not only because the Germans advanced twenty-eight miles in five days, but because they still have a large number of fresh reserves which they can throw into the battle, according to the opinion of a high authority today. Until it is known where these reserves will be used, the situation will remain serious.

The transport of British and French reserves is working smoothly, and there are now plenty to check the German advance with every hope of holding the enemy to little more progress, it was declared.

Three Objectives.

Aside from the main German objective of crushing the Anglo-French armies, the enemy has three objectives—the Channel ports, separations of the British and French armies, and capture of Amiens and Paris.

German reserves can now be used in one of these—it is impossible to tell. The reserves at the right and left of the Crown Prince's army have not yet been touched, it is known.

The German attack in the Aisne region, was not a complete surprise, because an enemy concentration there was known to be in progress, but there was no definite information that a really great drive was impending. The Germans deserve every credit for the secret manner in which they brought up their troops the night before the attack. Only two hours of artillery and trench mortar fire effectively cut the wire defenses.

Advance 12 Miles in Day.

The first day of the assault the Crown Prince's army advanced twelve miles, overrunning the French lines and crossing the Aisne, in an effort to cut the Paris-Charlottesville railway, and to widen the salient he had created. Considerable success attended his efforts in the center, but he was frustrated on the flanks. It is not fair to blame the allied command for the reverse. It was the outcome of an inherently unfavorable strategic situation. With a numerically superior enemy, the allies cannot have adequate reserves at all threatened points, which would be the only method of preventing initial German successes.

The American attack at Cantigny has caused considerable favorable comment by the allied military authorities. It was extremely well conducted and can be all the more applauded because the Americans not only captured the village but held it. It is easy enough for unseasoned troops to capture a place, but it is hard for them to consolidate it. The attack shows high-class training, discipline, and fighting qualities.

## Film Star Featured At Two Theaters



MARGUERITE CLARK. Pictured in "Rich Man, Poor Man," being shown at the Savoy and Apollo Theaters tomorrow.

## WHEN IS KISS NO KISS? HERE'S HOW TO FIND OUT

When is a kiss no kiss? Answer—When it is a sketch.

This question was brought up today by the announcement that the Patriotic League of Lunsburgh & Bros. department store will give an entertainment tonight at Odd Fellows' Hall, 419 Seventh street, to raise funds to purchase a fully equipped ambulance for the Red Cross.

The program, including singing, dancing, and an address by Lieut. Robert Renard, of the French High Commission, will feature "The Kiss," a sketch in one act, to be given by the Y. W. C. A. girls.

George O'Connor, Mrs. Marguerite Sheehan and the Camp Meade quartet are on the program for singing. Lieutenant Renard, who fought in the trenches of Verdun for three years, will tell of his experiences.

Admission charged will be 55 cents.

## TWICE NEAR ALTAR; WASHINGTON GIRL'S SAILOR BEAU HELD U. S. MANAGERS FOR PENNSY AND B. & O. LINES ARE NAMED

Twice almost a bride, Miss Dorothy Wilcher, seventeen years old, a pretty Washington girl, was balked in her attempts to marry Private J. Sydney Mawhood, after she had fled from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wilcher, 310 M street northwest. Now the girl is on her way home from Philadelphia in custody of her mother, while her lover is held by Federal authorities in Philadelphia, where he and the girl were arrested yesterday.

Their romance had its inception in Washington several weeks ago, while Mawhood was attached to the Quartermaster's Corps here as a shoe inspector. Miss Wilcher, a stenographer, left her home May 23 for work. She disappeared. The police were asked to locate her. The girl had a letter sent to her family from Battle Creek, Mich. It is believed Miss Wilcher had a friend mail the letter from the Michigan city. In the message the girl told her parents that she was capable of earning a living.

When taken in custody yesterday, the typist told the police she went to the Quaker City to marry Mawhood. The soldier and his fiancée endeavored to obtain a marriage license twice, but the clerk at the license bureau refused because of the youthful appearance of the girl.

Escaping from the District Reformatory at Lorton, Va., Henry Smith, colored, serving a five-year sentence for assaulting Detective Edward J. Kelly, is being sought today by every Washington policeman. Kelly was hit on the head with a brick April 1, when attacked by a group of colored men while trying to arrest one of them.

DOWN 1,127 ENEMY PLANES.

LONDON, June 1.—The record number of 1,127 enemy airplanes were downed on all the battle fronts during May, the Times stated today. Thirteen of the German planes shot down on the western front were credited to Americans.

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GARDEN TODAY—BRYANT WASHBURN in "TWO-TIME ONE" TOMORROW—FRANK KEENAN in "THE RULER OF THE ROAD"

CRANDALL'S Knickerbocker, 14th & R.I. TODAY—BET LITVELL in "THE TRAIL TO YESTERDAY"

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