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House Military Committee Notified of Inside Facts Concerning Work on Great Aero Fleet.

built battle planes will be in France of the United States. by July in sufficient quantity to in- the bonds, and their preparation has sure adequate air protection of the taken months of planning and careful sectors then held by American choosing. Hardly had the Second troops.

est authority and was made tonight on posters tot the third loan. gram.

Facts and figures on the aviation miliar sights in store windows, on situation as well as every other bill boards and all public places. branch of the government war preparations were laid today before virtually the full membership of the and 16 mill on badges have been orhouse military committee, as yesterday they were disclosed to the senate committee.

Acting Secretary Crowell again presided at the session in the rooms of the war council at the War department, where the new policy of taking congress directly into the confidence of the executive branch of the government was launched.

Sixty Days Behind.

The comment of Representative Kahn of California, ranking republican member of the house committee, expressed the sentiment of the house members on the new policy. He said it means team work by the whole government on the enormous problems that face it.

The figures revealed to the com mittee the immediate current demands of the war program and the progress being made in meeting them, he added, made it clear that the country was still unawake to the enormity of its undertaking.

Mr. Kahn predicted that great results could be looked for from now on if the weekly conferences with the legislative committees were continued

It was disclosed to the committee members that the aviation program is far short of what had been hoped for. Figures estimating the deficiency in percentage that have been quoted, however, were shown to be wrong. No such method of caluculation has been evolved. The actual delay can be figured only in point of time.

Reduce Time One-Half.

airplane production program in the United States is today substantially 60 days behind what had been hoped for by the most sanguine officials. The foreign contracts which were to have provided the initial fighting equipment for General Pershing's air forces are still further be-hind. There is every prospect, how-ever, that some of the delay will be



ing Distributed Throughout Country.

Washington March 13 .- Posters proclaiming the Third Liberty Loan in striking phrases and colorful designs-nine million of them in more than a dozen styles, are now being Washington, March 15!-American distributed to every city and hamlet

They are the silent sales agents of Liberty Loan campaign closed before the country's foremost artists and This statement rests on the high- designers were invited to go to work

with full recognition of all failures The result is a collection of strikand disappointments that have ham- ing posters considered / artistically pered the development of the air pro- and phsychologically better than any yet attempted in the two previous loan drives. Soon they will be fa-

> In addition, five million window stickers, fifty million poster stamps dered and will be ready for the opening day of the campaign.

Some of the designers of the Liberty Loan posters are Howard Chandler Christy, Joseph Pennell, J. C. Leyendecke: Sydney Riesenberg, Herbert Paus, Hanry Raleigh and Sydney S. Stern. All contributed their work without pay, and scores of other artiste submitted designs which

were reluctantly rejected. Popular appeal was considered carefully in the final choice.

Must Reach All.

"We must reach all kinds and classes of persons," treasury officials reminded themselves continually. They hope to grip the heart strings and equally the purse strings of the young and old, the city and the country bred, the native American and the adopted alien.

One of the most striking postersthat of Joseph Pennell, the Philadelphia marine artist, portrays a great battle ship alongside wharves bustling with war time activity-motor trucks, swinging cranes and smoking stacks with airplanes overhead. It is

of War, Buy Liberty Bonds." Howard Chandler Christy contributed a stirring design. A slim young modernized goddess of liberty waves aloft an American banner and Buy Bonds" is the title.

A poster which will arrest instant attention shows a steel-helmeted American soldier springing from a trench and bearing a billowing Ameri- proclaimed by another poster, show- sources from Sweden."



Major-General Goethals and

EDWARD R. STETTINIUS,

Secretary of War Baker has an- in the daily conference of the war nounced the reorganization of the council. General Goethals, as acting war council. In the scheme of reor- quirtermaster-general, is in active ganization, Edward R. Stettinius, sur-veyor-general of purchases, and Ma-supplies. The work of obtaining dejor-General Goethals, acting quar- livery of these supplies has been termaster-general, are added to the largely delegated to Mr. Stettinius.

personnel of the council. It is stated officially that General The addition of General Goethals Goethals' new duties will not result and Mr. Stettinius is in line with the in the appointment of any new head, policy of having every important di-vision of the department represented master corps.

can flag. "Over the Top for Yot-Buy U. S. Government Bonds-Third ing the helmeted figure of the enemy Liberty Loan" is the message it car- about to zeize a crouching woman ries. The work was done by Sydney with her child. Henry Raleigh drew the design in crayon, with a buff background streaked with red flames. Riesenberg.

One for Foreigners.

The fact that many naturalized Americans contributed largely to the success of the first and second L berty

loans has been recognized and one of the posters was planned particularly for distribution in the foreign language sections of the cities. A sturdy immigrant, with his wife and boy, are seen in the foreground, with flag behind, and the words of the advice are: "Remember the flag of liberty. Support It, Buy U. S. Gavernports of iron to Germany.

"The exports of this material from The Lincoln poster has attracted The Lincoln poster has attracted much attention in advance of its gen-eral publication. It shows a bronze per cent of the steel used by the Gertablet with a bas relief of the martyr- man armies is manufactured from ed president, the quotation from his Swedish ore and without this great waves aloft an American banner and with out-stretched arm points to a file of coldiers marching past. "Fight or

> tic Sweden to prevent the German "Halt the Hun" is the watchword militarists from obtaining further re-

Swedes Supply Germans

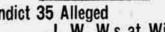


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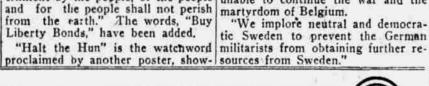


duration of the war.









executed in etching style and the title subscribed is: "Provide the Sinews

mnt Bonds.

Even should the 60 days' lost time stand, however, and even though there should be no deliveries on the European contracts, General Pershing will receive a considerable num-ber of American-built planes by July. . Estimates of the time required to get a complete battle plane from the fac-tory in the United States to the front have been placed at 90 days. The War department is now concentrating its efforts of reducing that period. bright prospects of cutting it in half. Speeding up efforts are being directed also at every other element of the aircraft program.

RAIL HEADS HERE DISCUSS DEPOT UNION

(Continued From Page One.) the way at the Union station the

congestion is more serious. "Out here none of us know what is going to be done in the way of readjusting and eliminating some of the train service. If a large number of trains should be annulled, that would relieve the congestion in the passenger yards and with this belief, if it should amount to considerable, one force of men at one depot could care for the business.

Favors a Subway.

"What I would favor would be the construction of a subway from one depot to the other. This would relieve the situation very materially. There could be an entrance out in the yards, or for that matter, a number of them, and passengers arriving, or going away, or passing through the city and changing trains here, could be handled with much less inconvenience than now.

"Of course, a consolidation of the business done at the two stations could be brought about and there would be a considerable saving in cash and man power and perhaps it will be done as a war measure."

Eugene Duval, of the Milwaukee, does not believe it practical to abandon one of the passenger stations. But has a novel scheme of his own on that matter, he says:

Has His Own Idea.

"It seems to me that the public would be fully as well served by bringing all the trains into one yard. I think the plan of running the in trains through the Burlington and the out trains through the Union sta-tions. This would relieve the congestion in both yards and would result in a material reduction of the expenses.

"It is certain that before long the government is going to reduce train service and determine the routing of passengers and as soon as this time arrives, it's not going to make much difference what roads people travel over, especially when they are going to terminal points."

U. S. Cotton Consumption.

Washington, March 15.-Cotton consumed during February amounted to 510.187 run-ning bales, and for the seven months 2,-529,031 bales, the census bureau today an-



To The American People

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There is no foundation for the alleged violations of law attributed to our Company by agents of the Federal Trade Commission and I want to say emphatically that Swift & Company is not a party to any conspiracy to defraud the Government. Nor has Swift & Company been guilty of improperly storing foods or of making false entries or reports.

Conferences of packers, where prices have been discussed, have been held at the urgent request and in the presence of representatives of either the Food Administration or the Council of National Defense. And yet the packers have been accused of committing a felony by acting in collusion on Government bids!

We have done our best, with other packers, large and small, to comply with the directions of the United States Food Administration in all particulars, including the furnishing of food supplies for the U.S. Army and Navy and the Allies, now being handled through the Food Administration.

We will continue to do our utmost, under Government direction, to increase our production and assist the Food Administration. We consider that the opportunity to co-operate whole-heartedly and to our fullest powers with this branch of the Government is our plain and most pressing duty.

The Trade Commission Attorney has, by false inference and misplaced emphasis, given to disconnected portions of the correspondence taken from our private files and read into the Record, a false and sinister meaning with the plain purpose of creating antagonistic public opinion.

The services of the packers of the United States are most urgently needed, and I regret exceedingly that we should at this time have to spend our efforts in defending ourselves against unfounded, unproved, and unfair assertions such as are being daily made public.



