

SENATE PROBE OF AIRPLANE DELAY GETS UNDER WAY

Comes as Culmination of Charge That German Spies in Curtiss Plant Have Been Responsible.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 29.—Investigation into delay in the airplane program was begun by the senate military committee today behind closed doors, after several days of discussion in the senate which culminated in the assertion by Senator Overman of North Carolina that part of the trouble was due to German spies in the Curtiss plant, which has extensive government contracts.

Members of the committee were pledged to secrecy and Chairman Chamberlain announced that no statement would be issued until the inquiry had been completed.
Major General George O. Squier, chief signal officer, and Colonel Deeds, of the aviation branch, were the first witnesses called. They remained with the committee nearly four hours. The committee plans to hear tomorrow Major General Franklin Bell, who has just returned from a visit to the American front in France. Later Commander Briggs of the British royal flying corps, Colonel Weldon of the American signal corps and Howard Coffin of the aircraft board will be called.

Sample Is Shown.

Senator Overman said although he would make no charge against any one employee of the Curtiss concern, there were spies there and were he secretary of war he would commandeer the plant and put in new employees. A metallic brace used in the construction of airplane frames from which a piece of metal had been removed and lead inserted so as to weaken it was exhibited by the senator as a sample of spies' work.
The first machine tested at the plant fell, he said, and an investigation showed that this tampering had been the cause. A delay of two months followed while government inspectors went over every airplane part in order to replace parts which spies had weakened.

FIGHT FOR GOOD GERMAN PEACE—VON HINDENBURG

Amsterdam, March 29.—Chancellor von Hertling has telegraphed to Field Marshal von Hindenburg an expression of "sincere admiration for the splendid deeds of our army" and saying he found lively satisfaction because of the decorations conferred upon the field marshal and General von Ludendorff by the emperor.
"The entire German nation," the message added, "rejoices with me, it looks with well founded confidence to your excellency, knowing that if von Hindenburg and von Ludendorff lead victory is a necessity."
Replying, Field Marshal von Hindenburg telegraphed:
"The army will not relax until, with God's help, it has won for the home land the good victory which it needs, as the foundation for a future based upon a strong German peace."

Forty Austrian Divisions Prepare to Strike Italy

Washington, March 29.—Forty new Austrian divisions have been distributed along the Italian front by the Italian embassy was advised today by cable from Rome and this activity has convinced Italian military men that the battle in France will not prevent an offensive against Italy.
This view also is shared by the allied leaders, the cable said, and consequently not a single man of the Franco-British forces in Italy has been withdrawn to reinforce the armies withstanding the great German attack.

Fear That Germans Will Win Drives Kansan to Suicide

Smith Center, Kan., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Driven insane through fear that the German army would win, Steve Wagner, farmer, southeast of this city, killed himself this morning. He first attempted to brain himself with a hammer, then put a rifle ball through his body. Though born in Germany, Wagner hated the kaiser and was a strong allied supporter.

Forty-Fifth Airman Killed at Fort Worth

Fort Worth, Texas, March 29.—Robert Daniel Garwood, a cadet of the royal flying corps at Benbrook, an English aviation camp near here, was killed at noon today when his airplane fell while he was doing a tail spin.
He was the son of W. J. Garwood of Canaserra, N. Y. This was the forty-fifth fatal accident to aviators here since the aviation camp was established last October.

Bloomfield Mayor Addresses Club Meeting at Desher

Desher, March 29.—(Special.)—Mayor W. H. Harm of Bloomfield addressed a large audience in Desher Tuesday night. At the close of the meeting a resolution was adopted that this community was back of President Wilson and would give him every encouragement possible to help win the war. The meeting was under the auspices of the Commercial Club. The county commissioners were present with road overseers of the community and talks were given on good roads.

Fierce Air Fighting Marks Progress of Foe Offensive

London, March 29.—The continuation of fierce air fighting in the battle area is shown by the report of aerial operations issued tonight which says that on Wednesday 24 German machines were brought down in air fighting and seven were driven out of control. Nineteen British machines are missing.

French Chasseurs Show U. S. Marines Manifold Tricks of Modern Warfare



STRINGING UP BARBED WIRE. ©COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBERATION, SUPPLIED BY N.S. French chasseurs instructing our marines in France in the art of erecting barbed wire entanglements.

FRENCH FLEEING BEFORE FOE PRESENT SAD SIGHT; WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION IS RUINED

(By Associated Press.)
British Army Headquarters in France, March 29.—The French refugees of the better class, of those who are departing from the zones of actual operations, are coming out clad in all their finery, which represents the styles of four or five years ago.
Then there are sturdy peasants with wooden shoes and clumsily constructed clothes, riding in vehicles drawn by horses or donkeys or in carts pushed by men, and some are even in wheel barrows. Upon these queer transports are stacked strange assortments of personal belongings.
There is deep pathos in all this, but none struck the correspondent more forcibly than the appearance of a tiny girl who trudged in her wooden shoes along a hard, dusty road, her eyes fastened anxiously upon a dirty rag doll perched precariously at the top of household effects which were being pushed along by an old man.
CHILD'S FEET ACHE.
This child was perhaps representative of all the refugees—she was coming away with her most cherished possession, her doll—and was prepared to guard it at all cost; her aching feet were as nothing as long as the doll was safe.
These refugees are from the towns within the Somme battlefield and adjoining it. All these villages have been emptied of their inhabitants. Some of the places, stripped of their population once before during the battle of the Somme in 1916, had gradually filled up again during the peaceful days of British occupation. The shell shattered fields had once more been put to the plough and when the correspondent only recently toured the old region he found hundreds of acres of land under cultivation, and affairs in many hamlets were proceeding almost as though there were no war.

PEACEFUL VALLEY RUINED.

It seems unbelievable that these pleasant little valleys and wooded areas are again in possession of the enemy.
Where it was possible everything which might have been of use to the Germans has been removed with the refugees. In particular, large numbers of cattle have been taken away by the owners, who patiently drove the beasts on ahead of them along the weary roads.
While it is a sad spectacle, these people moving away with their new household possessions and their dogs and their cattle, there are few tears of hysterical outbreaks among the refugees, most of whom are of the peasant class. They know they must go and they seem to be trusting implicitly in the British.

Check Safeguard.

A checkbook cover provided with a protective device which makes it impossible for a man to raise a check, has been placed on the market. Various amounts up to \$1,000 are stamped on the check near the row of perforations where it is detached from the stub. The protector is permanently attached to the leather cover of the check book and it can be quickly adjusted for any of the three columns of figures. A sliding straight edge is moved either up or down to the correct figure. The protector is pressed fast and the check torn from its stub.—Popular Science Monthly.

IOWA DEMOCRATS PICK STATE TICKET

Porter to Head List for Governor; Decide Not to Oppose Kenyon for Senator; Send Greetings to Wilson.
(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Des Moines, March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Ray Files of Fort Dodge, an attorney, may be a candidate for congress in the Tenth district on the democratic ticket against Congressman Frank P. Woods. Files made a speech here at the democratic conference today, declaring that all opposition to the administration must be wiped out, no matter whether it was gumshoe politics from Missouri or pompadour treason from Wisconsin.
The state ticket, as finally determined on at the conference, follows:
Governor, Claude R. Porter of Centerville; lieutenant governor, Frank B. Whitaker of Van Buren county; secretary of state, J. C. Murtagh of Waterloo; auditor of state, D. E. Kirby of Woodbury county; treasurer of state, John Jamison, Fayette county; attorney general, Joe J. Myers, Carroll; superintendent of schools, H. C. Blackmeyer, Wapello county; railway commissioners, George W. Kooz of Johnson county and Joseph Beh of Shelby county. This list is subject to the June primary.

Former U. P. Man to Help M'Adoo Run Railroads

Washington, March 29.—Benjamin L. Winchell former director of traffic of the Union Pacific system and James L. Stewart, storage expert of the council of National Defense, today were designated by Director General McAdoo to represent the railroad administration in carrying out the plan of Chairman Hurley of the shipping board for a general survey of American ports, preliminary to modernizing coal and loading facilities.
Ballroom School Privates Will Train at Columbus
Washington, March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Privates, first class, Carl D. Berry, Paul Morrison Hatfield, James N. Bird, Ralph John Simon, Kenneth Craddock, Sears, Frank Joseph Boyle, James B. Jordan, Robert John Bornholdt, Andrew Ross Harris, Ernest Pitken Simmons, Ronald D. P. Bleau, Asa Schoemaker Bloomer, Angier H. Foster, Louis Eugene Hiatt, Philip R. Frank, George Hoagland McLafferty, Rolla Hugh Wybrant, Louis Charles Irwin, Ethean Allan Bridgeman, James Miller Staver, John F. O'Neil, Leon Hosea White, Clark Wayne Thornton, Lovington Howes Hall, Stanley Dolch, Lincoln G. Brown and William Sinclair Jack, aviation section, signal enlisted

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reserve corps army balloon school

Fort Omaha, will be sent to the school of military aeronautics, Ohio state university, Columbus, O., on temporary duty.

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Pershing's Casualty List

Washington, March 29.—Today's list of casualties among the American expeditionary forces shows one man killed in action, four missing in action, one dead from wounds, one killed by accident, 16 died of disease, one severely wounded and 29 slightly wounded.

The list follows:
Killed in action: PRIVATE PATRICK ROGERS. Died of accident: CIVILIAN ARTHUR DAVENPORT.
Died of wounds: CORPORAL WILLIAM F. ELWOOD.
Wounded severely: PRIVATE TOUFIK J. MAATOOK.
Died of disease: SECOND LIEUTENANT GERARD L. EBERNER, pneumonia. SERGEANT FREDERICK LOUIS ADKINS, tuberculosis. SERGEANT SAM J. C. HARPLE, anthrax. MECHANIC LEE A. DUNN, pneumonia.
Privates—EARNEST HICKERSON, pneumonia. ROBERT S. ALLEN, pneumonia. CATO BARBER, pneumonia. JOHN W. BUTLER, pneumonia. RICHARD J. CRAIG, pneumonia. FRANK L. EVANS, tuberculosis. GILBERT O. EVANS, measles. JOHN QZONE GETGEN, pneumonia. JOSEPH D. LAMBERT, pneumonia. CAPUS L. LEGGETT, pneumonia. MIKE STANDING WATER, pneumonia. JOHN WHETSTONE, pneumonia.
Wounded slightly: FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN T. KIBLER. JAMES V. WARE; Second LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN H. GARDNER; SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN M. NEUMES; SERGEANT FRANK P. PARIS; CORPORALS ELMER E. ELDRIDGE; JAMES B. LAFFIN; PRIVATES WALTER R. RAMSEY, JOHN C. BLEIGHT, WILLIE BRANAM, WALTER B. BRANT, ELEXANDER R. CARSON, DAN-

IEL CULLINARE, LEO J. DOEY, CARL COLLIER, ROSCOE M. COOK, DUNCAN A. FLARO, JOHN M. FLEMING, SYLVESTER GREEN, HUGH J. McGUIGAN, GEORGE T. MALONE, CIGNERNO-ROCKEY, AL FREDERICK E. SLA-TON, ABE STEINBERG, CHARLES H. STEVER, RAYMOND THOMPSON, JOHN VOTTA, GEORGE A. WALLACE, WILLIAM L. ZIMMERMAN.
Missing in action: SERGEANT MACK TRENT, PRIVATES ASHGORN HOLM, THEREN PARKS, LORTON W. REGISTER.

LOOK FOR EARLY ADJUSTMENT OF BIG K. C. STRIKE

Washington, March 29.—Adjustment of the strike at Kansas City within a few hours is hoped for by the Department of Labor.
Hugh L. Kerwin, commissioner of conciliation, announced today that Luther Steward, immigration inspector at Kansas City, and ex-Congressman P. J. Gill, federal conciliator, had reported favorable progress and expected an early adjustment.

Fullerton Oversubscribes War Saving Stamp Quota

Fullerton, March 29.—(Special.)—From figures given out by E. B. Penney, county chairman, subscriptions for War Savings stamps total \$360,180, with one school district not included. The county's quota was \$188,000. Genoa, with a quota of \$31,000, subscribed \$60,000. Begrade, with an allotment of \$18,000, subscribed \$36,000.

Food for Holland.

Washington, March 29.—Formal assurances were given to the Dutch minister today by Chairman McCormick of the war trade board that two Dutch ships would be permitted to come to the United States and take back to Holland cargoes of foodstuffs without the vessels being taken over by the United States government when they reach this country.
Loss of production for the first two weeks of March is ascribed to strikes on the Pacific coast, lack of fuel and closing down of mills at Niagara falls

JULIUS ORKIN'S GREATEST PURCHASE

More Than 800 Beautiful Easter Blouses, Actually Worth to \$10.00, Offered in a Great One-Day Sale Saturday, at \$5.00.

This is truly an Easter surprise for the women of Omaha—an opportunity too big to be gauged by ordinary merchandise events. Very fortunate purchases secured us several hundred strikingly beautiful blouses at a startling concession in price. These being augmented by many hundreds of better blouses from our regular stock. Beautiful beaded and embroidered creations, dozens of new and novel collar effects. Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine and Pussy Willow Taffetas are the most favored materials. Amongst the hosts of new spring colors shown are cherry, American Beauty, peach, coral, beige, sand, grey, white, flesh, sky, turquoise, black, navy, Nile, maize, etc. When such values are afforded surely no Omaha woman need deny herself a new Easter blouse.
These blouses when sold at regular prices would prove unusual values indeed, but for tomorrow, with the regular price in many instances cut in half, they are without doubt the most important Blouse Value in all Omaha.
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The Palace Clothing Co. Is Now Displaying Its Wonderful Stock of Easter Attire.

Sparkling with freshness and newness, replete in selection and assortment, The Palace welcomes you to its grand Easter Exhibit. Style, correct and new, is the keynote of this fashion show, but close beside it are the ever-present ideals of The Palace in its service to you, and which are a part of every transaction—Reliability, Satisfaction and a Money-Saving.

NIFTY EASTER SUITS

Men, you can see how it pays to come to The Palace, when you realize that you can select a handsome, stylish, carefully tailored Spring Suit of elegant quality, in any model that suits you best, at **\$12.50**

REFINED SPRING MODELS

Regardless of what you pay, you can't get better style and fit than these Suits offer you. And the superb quality all-wool fabrics, together with the refined tailoring, will appeal to all men looking for good Clothes at an economical price. **\$18.00**

HIGH QUALITY SUITS

Magnificent springtime fashions for smart dressers, dazzling varieties of rich patterns, and a high grade of custom quality tailoring leaves nothing to be desired. Suits of unsurpassed quality, unequalled values **\$22.50**

SMART FASHION SUITS

These Palace Suits at \$15 are something out of the ordinary, because they're designed and made especially for us. Newest models and shades for Spring are here shown. Your choice for..... **\$15.00**

EXCLUSIVE SPRING STYLES

Compare the quality, tailoring and style of these Suits and convince yourself that The Palace offers you matchless money-saving Clothing values. Smart styles, superb tailoring and service—think what the price means to you..... **\$20.00**

VERY FINEST SPRING SUITS

Men who are accustomed to wearing the very best in Clothes will be surprised to see what The Palace offers in these finest quality Suits. The price is absolutely remarkable for the elegant style, luxurious fabric and hand-tailoring of these Suits..... **\$25.00**

Men's Easter Furnishings

Men's Silk Fiber Shirts—Light ground, in neat combination stripes in Roman colorings, made with soft turnback cuffs, in all sizes, at..... **\$3.00**
Men's Madras Shirts—Excellent quality, soft turnback cuffs, wonderful assortments and colorings, sizes 14 to 17, at..... **\$1.50**
Men's Shirts—In all new patterns and colorings, both soft and stiff cuffs, sizes 14 to 17, worth \$1.00, at..... **65c**
Men's New Spring Neckwear—In a large shape, beautiful patterns and colorings, \$1.00 value, tomorrow, at..... **75c**
Men's Silk Neckwear—In large, open-end shape, beautiful patterns, 75c and 50c values, tomorrow, at..... **39c**

Men's Extra Pants

With the entry of spring and new clothes be sure you add an extra pair of trousers.
Worsted, Cassimeres, Blue Serge and Flannel Trousers, as well as hundreds in other materials, we offer tomorrow at prices far less than they are regularly sold at—
\$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.48, \$2.98, \$3.48, \$4.48 and \$5.48
The Palace is far in front in Men's Merchandise—its prices are made for our trade's benefit. LET US SEE YOU AT THE STORE TOMORROW

Boys' Clothing

of the Durable Makes
MOTHERS BUY THESE BOYS' SUITS at—**\$2.75 and \$3.75**
Economical mothers are urged to act quickly, if they would profit by this sale of Boys' Suits. When they're gone, no such values will be possible again. All are the popular Norfolk models. Sizes 6 to 17 years. Suits that can't be duplicated now under \$4 and \$5. On Sale Saturday—**\$2.75 and \$3.75**

Stetson Hats

Wear a Hat that's known for its quality—a hat that will keep its shape—such a Hat is the Stetson. Tomorrow we sell them for... **\$4.50**

Boys' Furnishings

Boys' Shirt Waists, 50c
Sells everywhere for 75c. These Waists are in all the new colorings and are wonderful values.
Boys' Caps, 50c
Here, boys, is your chance. You all want a cap this spring and these 50c caps are regular 75c values.
BOYS' SHOES
Be sure the little fellow has new shoes for Easter. These shoe values are the best in the city—**\$2.18, \$2.25, \$2.48**

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