

# FIRST AND ONLY BATTLE OF NEXT WAR TO BE IN AIR

## American Officer Describes How Aerial Fleet Will Prevent Extended Conflicts; Infantry Useless.

New York, March 26.—The first battle of the next war will be fought in the air, Brig. Gen. William Mitchell, chief of the division of training operations, army air service, declared in a statement here today, in which he visualized a decisive aerial conflict. The battle, he added, would also be the last one of the war because the losing nation would be helpless and unable to continue hostilities after its air-fleet has been conquered.

The air service chief predicted that aviation will "completely drive" huge battle cruisers, battleships and other surface ships off the water in the next conflict. "A great air force can render surface craft incapable of operating and stop disembarking from ships and attacks on shore establishments," he added. Brigadier General Mitchell in his visualization of the great air struggle of the future described vividly the part he believes giant gun-bearing battle planes, bombers, rigid dirigible balloons and armored aircraft of various designs will play in the next war.

### Battle of Planes.

With the beginning of the war he pictures a huge fleet of dirigible balloons soaring high above the ocean and, from nests on the tops of these tiny airplanes are launched, locate the enemy fleet and return with the information. The chief air officer, working in contact with the army and navy, sends his air force against the enemy.

### The American Fighting Planes Drive from the Sky the Enemy Pursuit and Combat Planes Launched from the Decks of Enemy Battleships.

"Then comes the main attack by our air forces against the hostile fleet," said General Mitchell. "The battle planes are in squadrons of 25 and four of these constitute an attack group. Circling over the enemy fleet they maintain a heavy fire, destroying personnel and anti-aircraft equipment."

### Gigantic Air Fleet.

"With the gun-bearing planes or immediately behind them are the bombers, huge air freighters carrying projectiles weighing up to one ton and depth bombs for effect against submarines. Water torpedoes controlled by wireless from the planes crash into the sides of the hostile vessels sinking the smaller ones and damaging the larger. "Darkness comes and when visibility from the ships has become poor, huge rigid dirigible balloons carrying bombs of enormous weight

## Unidentified Girl Ends Life in the River

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"dollar," Peterson said. "I advised her to go back and pay the tollman and she retorted: 'Mind your own business.'"

### Searchlight Shows Act.

"I didn't want to trouble her so I turned around for the tollhouse. As I looked back an instant later I saw her dart across the bridge and climb the railing. I turned my searchlight on her hoping that would distract her. With a sobbing farewell and waving arms she leaped."

The girl chose a sure spot for death, her body falling into the swirling channel of the river. Workmen at the Nebraska Power company plant at the bank of the river on Jones street played searchlights about the river immediately after in an effort to locate the body. J. H. Pike, 2511 Avenue C, Council Bluffs, tollman, caught sight of her after she had passed the toll house. "She was fingering the south railing looking down, evidently in search of a sure spot for death," Pike said. "She had her back to me. I called to her, but she paid no attention. I sent a man on a motorcycle after her when she appeared to act queerly in crossing from railing to railing in the middle of the bridge. The next thing I knew she had leaped over."

### Appeared Unconcerned.

Herman G. Fischer, 1211 Chicago street, and Miss Genevieve Paige, 2405 Capitol avenue, waiting on a motorcycle near the toll house for Peterson and Miss Paige, saw the girl cross the bridge an instant before she leaped.

"When we talked to her she seemed unconcerned about anything," Miss Fern Paige said. "She smiled and showed a beautiful set of teeth and a glistering eye."

### Police Believe the Girl Was Not a Resident of Omaha in View of her Actions in Not Paying her Toll and in Watching for the Water as she was Crossing the Bridge.

Storm Lake Legion Will Probe Candidates' Records  
Storm Lake, Ia., March 26.—(Special.)—At the next meeting of Shafter post of the American Legion, to be held Monday night, the post will decide on whether or not to rent a club room. The post put on a home talent play that cleared them \$450. The members are also considering appointing a committee to examine the war records of the candidates for county offices.

## Open Investigation Into Number of War Employees at Capital

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"did they?" inquired Senator Smoot. "As far as I recall they did not," said Mr. Baker. "They would have taken 22 years if they had," commented the senator. Senator Smoot wanted to know why the war department had 168,063 civilian employees outside of the District of Columbia in 1919, compared with 31,147 in 1916.

### Many Civilian Employees.

"In every camp," said Mr. Baker, "we had large numbers of civilian employees, including girls who were operating laundries in the camps. "It includes a very large number of stevedores employed at all of the ports, and includes all of the persons engaged in dispatching materials overseas. When the armistice came there was tremendous pressure on the part of the soldiers to be demobilized. There was the utmost impatience and resentment on the part of any soldier who was held in any peace-time service, on the theory that he had volunteered or been drafted for the war, and the disposition of the department was to let them out as fast as possible and restore them to their civilian opportunities. It necessitated our employing additional persons as custodians of property and operators of utilities in order that the soldiers might be discharged from their military contracts. So the number of civilian employees was actually increased."

## Campaign of Wood Under Fire by Borah

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are being equalled by at least two democratic candidates. Senator Borah also read from the New York World a recent article declaring that Dan R. Hanna of Cleveland had undertaken to raise \$600,000 to nominate General Wood and that 10 men had agreed to contribute \$100,000 each to such a fund. Reading from the article, Senator Borah found the statement that the donors were all men of great fortune and financial importance, naming among them Edward L. Doheny. "I do not know," the senator resumed, "whether Mr. Doheny is contributing to both sides. He did in the last campaign, and now he is a candidate for delegate to the democratic convention from California."

### Time for Cleanup.

"It is the duty of General Wood and Mr. Lowden and other candidates to give the names of subscribers to their campaign and the amounts they give. "Every vote cast in the South Dakota primary cost \$10. General Wood received 20,000 votes and Mr. Lowden 23,760. Now is the time to clean the Augean stables."

Senator Sterling of South Dakota protested that the statements of Senator Borah "might give the impression that the electorate has been corrupted."

"I do not make any such charge," declared Senator Borah, "but there is always a large class of people who can be bought and always a large class who can be influenced by the use of money. Had it not been for the extravagance and unconscionable use of money in South Dakota, the result in that state would have been different. Senator Moses referred to the newspaper articles read by Senator Borah and said: "I do not deny money is being expended in behalf of General Wood, but not a dollar is being expended illegitimately."

### Ready for Showdown.

Chicago, March 26.—Gov. Frank O. Lowden tonight challenged all candidates for the republican presidential nomination to a showdown of all campaign receipts and expenditures. Together with names of contributors and amounts contributed, and all books, records and vouchers, for the purpose of the widest possible publicity," declares Governor Lowden's telegram sent to Senator William E. Borah. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood is campaigning in Michigan. Col. William M. Cooper Proctor, chairman of Wood's campaign committee, issued a statement that said: "We resent any statement or imputation of illegal or corrupt expenditure and shall hold the guilty person responsible therefor."

### Chilean Newspapers Criticise the Latest United States Note

Washington, March 26.—An official summary of the American note to Chile regarding the recent anti-Peruvian disturbance in Bolivia and of the reply of the Chilean government was made public by the State department. The American note which asked Chile to do everything in its power to avoid hostilities on the west coast of South America, evoked adverse comment in Chilean newspapers, the Mercurio, declaring that it gave evidence of suspicion that Chile had fostered the differences between Bolivia and Peru. The American Chamber of Commerce at Valparaiso also criticized the action of the American government and in a message to Joseph H. Shea, the American ambassador, said the note as published in the Chilean newspapers was "grossly erroneous, uncalled for and absolutely contrary to the expressed principles of the U. S. government."

### New Mexico Delegates Instructed for Wood

Santa Fe, N. M., March 26.—New Mexico's delegates to the national republican convention were instructed for Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood for the presidential nomination. Action of the convention on the Wood motion to endorse General Wood without instructions was voted down, 100 to 80. The vote to instruct for General Wood was unanimous.

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Black oxfords, with welt soles, are to be had with either military or Cuban heels, for \$12.00 a pair.

Shoes—North Aisle—Main Floor

## Silk Gloves are Fashionable

Fownes' and Kayser silk gloves are to be had in black, white, gray, mastic and navy, with three rows of embroidery in self or contrasting shades. Prices are from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

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