

MONEY LACK CAUSES AIR INADEQUACY

Startling Figures Given by
Chief of Air Service to
War Secretary.

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WASHINGTON.—Approximately 80 per cent of the airplanes now in service in the army would be totally unfit for use in actual warfare.

The present peace time organization of the Air Service affords not even the foundation upon which a war time air force could be built.

Efficient operation of the Air Service has become impossible because of continued reductions in every class of personnel.

The establishment of new flying fields to fulfill the strategic requirements of national defense has been practically impossible due to lack of funds.



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General Patrick in a lengthy report, painted a gloomy picture of existing conditions in the Air Service and laid the blame solely to lack of funds. He will lead a strenuous campaign during the coming session of Congress for relief in the form of greatly increased appropriations.

War Planes Going to Pieces.
According to General Patrick a great majority of the airplanes now on hand were produced during the war and are rapidly deteriorating and even when completely reconstructed have but a very short life. Accordingly, it is absolutely essential that the purchase of new aircraft to replace the obsolete war-time models be effected the constantly increasing shortage be undertaken at once. Since it requires about eighteen months to secure delivery, it is apparent that no relief from the present situation can be expected before 1925.

Appropriations now being made for the purchase of new aircraft are insufficient to meet the requirements of even the present inadequate peace time establishment of the Air Service," says the report.

At present the lack of an adequate aeronautical industry in the United States and declared that in time of war such an industry would necessarily be the backbone of the procurement program. The solution of this problem lies, says Gen. Patrick, in the timely enactment of suitable legislation and in the judicious expenditure of such funds as may be appropriated for the support of government aeronautical activities.

Continuing, the report says: "The operation of aircraft for commercial purposes in the United States has unfortunately advanced little, if any, during the last year. The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce estimates that approximately 1,200 commercial aircraft, the same figure as for 1921, were in operation, losses and depreciation being compensated for in the new construction and in the release by the government of additional surplus equipment.

Commercial Flying Slightly Improved.

"As in 1921 it is estimated that about one-half, or 550, of these aircraft are in the hands of itinerant flyers, whose movements are very difficult to trace, and 650 are under the control of fixed base operators or those whose business responsibility is clearly recognized.

"While in 1922 there was perhaps an increase in civilian flying, as compared with 1921, commercial aviation as a whole has been upon a much sadder basis. Short flying, with passengers, has diminished in favor of paid flying without passengers and under stricter safeguards. There are growing instances of 'hot-flying,' or long distance cross-country flights with passengers or cargoes of merchandise. This hot flying is an approach toward regular scheduled air transport, which is the aim of commercial aviation."

Prevailing conditions at "all air service stations" were described as "hopeful." It was pointed out that with the exception of a few isolated buildings the active air service today was limited during the war, pushed to a hasty conclusion and designed to last but two to four years. Those accommodations have now been in constant use for nearly eight years, and while their maintenance grows hitherto, each succeeding year, the flying conditions become more and more unsatisfactory. "A complete reconstruction program is imperative and nothing short of immediate and general relief can be expected to meet the situation," says the report.

Field-Chosen But Personnel Short.

Commenting on the establishment of new flying fields, it was pointed out that every other land area made both in planning new fields and in the selection for retention in certain areas among those which were operated during the war in developing a comprehensive airway system both to stimulate commercial aviation and to fulfill the requirements of national defense. It has been impossible to achieve this purpose, however, because of the reduced strength of the Air Service, the uncoordinated organization of activities and the consequent lack of operating personnel for a full complement of stations.

In this connection the report outlines the plan for the development of a comprehensive system of airways covering the continental limits of the United States.

Briefly stated, the plan contemplates an organized system of airways equipped with adequate meteorological and radio stations embracing terminal facilities for aircraft, every 200 miles, routed when possible so as to keep the planes within gliding distance of sub-stations at all times and

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"Assuming the enactment of suitable legislation covering the legal phases of aircraft operation there would remain no other vital impediment to the rapid development of aerial transportation facilities," in the opinion of General Patrick. "And not alone to the commercial endeavor would such a system lend its aid. The advantages of well defined routes of aerial travel have already made themselves apparent in the routine operation of the Air Service and would become increasingly so in time of emergency with the rapid concentration of air force units as a vital concern of national defense."

Needs for More Men and Money.

In regard to the problem of personnel it was declared that the authorized strength of the Air Service, which consists of 1,041 officers and 3,764 enlisted men, was short of actual requirements. Nevertheless, according to the report, the present strength of the service is even below this figure, due to lack of money for recruiting and procurement programs. As a result of these inadequacies, it was declared, the Air Service is operating on a basis which does not permit the fulfillment of its mission and any further reduction will result in greater deficiencies and only a substantial increase can enable it to meet the demands placed upon it.

Furthermore, according to the report, there has been an increase in the number of Air Service units of other than the National Guard or the reserve of "flying" training corps.

In conclusion the report says: "It is considered that the annual appropriation for the support of the Air Service since the World War has been inadequate. In view of the rapid development of aviation, the requirements of continued engineering and research work constitute an imperative need, while the shortage of aircraft occasioned by the lack of funds for replacement will shortly amount to an extremely critical situation. It is therefore urgently recommended that a program be adopted and adhered to until this service is properly equipped and on an efficient operating basis."

Dividend Declared.
NEW YORK (AP)—The Columbia & Arizona Mining company declared a quarterly dividend of 20 cents Wednesday, placing it on a \$2 annual basis. Previously \$4 annually had been paid.

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