

CLEAN BILL FOR AIRCRAFT BOARD IN HUGHES REPORT

Board Exonerated of Charges, but Colonel Deeds and Other Army Officers are Censured.

SHADY PRACTICES EXPOSED

Military Men Use Positions and Authority to Promote Interests of Private Business Concerns.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The long awaited report on the aircraft situation by former Justice Charles E. Hughes was made public Thursday at the White House.

Taken in its entirety, it is practically a clean bill of health. The country is informed that the \$691,851,866.47 which it gave in taxes and in bond issues for the aircraft program has not been squandered. On the contrary, only \$134,043,305.27 thus far has been expended, with results which non-partisans describe as splendid.

To those persons who expected to find a powerful campaign document in the report, there is only disappointment. This does not mean that it is entirely "illy-white," but the waste and bad practices are almost insignificant when the entire subject is considered.

Colonel Deeds is Accountable

The good side of the report exonerates all members of the original aircraft board, save Colonel S. A. Deeds, and recites that money expended up to October 11 produced 12,803 airplanes and 27,801 engines.

The bad side deals with some of the practices of Colonel Deeds and other army officers, and the fact that there is a total loss of approximately \$20,500,000 on the Bristol and S. J. 1's plane. This amount, however, is subject to salvage and may be much smaller when different parts of the rejected planes are used in other machines. The Bristol plane, it is recalled, was condemned as unsafe, whereas the engine the S. J. 1's carried was rejected. All of the 1600 S. J. 1's still may be used with other engines.

The conduct of Colonel Deeds is deemed censurable by Attorney General Gregory, who transmitted the report to the president, Judge Hughes suggested, and his suggestion received the acquiescence of Mr. Gregory, that all the facts regarding Deeds be submitted to the secretary of war for court-martial proceedings, should he think this course justified.

Army Officers Implicated

Deeds is shown to have used his official position to act as a confidential adviser to H. E. Talbot and Charles F. Kettering, his intimate business associates, and to have conveyed confidential information to them regarding the Dayton Wright Airplane company, in which all three were financially interested, and also in other matters pertaining to the aircraft program.

Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Vincent, Lieutenant Colonel George W. Mixer and Second Lieutenant Samuel B. Vrooman Jr. were other officers whose names appear in a measurable light.

Vincent, who was vice president of the Packard Motor Car company, retained his stock in that corporation after becoming an officer in the army, and in a branch of the army wherein he could serve his country. He was instrumental in having certain payments made to the Packard company for drawings, models, tests and for 11 standardized engines. The course of procedure was without written contract and otherwise irregular and unusual.

Criminal Code is Violated

He is charged directly with a violation of the criminal code, which prohibits any person, directly or indirectly interested in the pecuniary profits or contracts of a corporation, from acting as an officer in the United States for the transaction of business with such corporation. The saving element in his case is that no intent to defraud was discovered by Judge Hughes.

Lieutenant Colonel Mixer is shown to have retained \$2500 of the preferred stock of the Curtiss Airplane and Motor corporation while acting for the government. As head of the inspection department and production manager, he visited plants of this corporation. He is charged with a violation of the same criminal section as Lieutenant Colonel Vincent.

Second Lieutenant Vrooman had \$10,000 worth of stock in the S. B. Vrooman company of Philadelphia, which had a contract to supply mahogany to the government. He is charged with the same violation as the other two officers. Vrooman was in charge of the inspection of propeller lumber, and this included mahogany. He denied, however, ever inspecting any lumber from the corporation bearing his name.

Mahogany Interests Excoriated

The Mahogany Manufacturers' and Importers' association comes in for the harshest wallop in the report. Representatives of the government were paid salaries in addition to those received from the government, the report shows. Some petty graft also was discovered in one of the officers of the signal corps. All of these matters, Attorney General Gregory informed the president, are now the subject of grand jury investigation.

Judge Hughes' conclusions and recommendations are as follows:

"1.—The controlling facts and the conclusions in relation to the matters reviewed have been stated under appropriate headings. It would be impossible to state them in a brief summary. The defective organization of the work of aircraft production and the serious lack of competent direction of that work by the responsible officers of the signal corps, to which the delays and waste were chiefly due, were matters for administrative correction through unification of effort under competent control.

"2.—The evidence disclosed conduct which, although of a reprehensible character, cannot be regarded as affording a sufficient basis for charges under existing statutes, but there are certain acts shown which should lead to disciplinary measures. The evidence with respect to Colonel Edward A. Deeds should be presented to the secretary of war to the end that Colonel Deeds may be tried by court-martial under articles 35 and 95 of the articles of war. (1) In going as a confidential adviser of his former business associates, H. E. Talbot of the Dayton Wright Airplane company, and in conveying information to Mr. Talbot in an improper manner with respect to the

CHANGE IN GERMANY NOT REAL, DECLARES LORD ROBERT CECIL

Power of Bundesrath, He Says, Is Not Modified by Constitutional Alterations.

London, Nov. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Lord Robert Cecil, speaking in the house of commons, declared that the power of the bundesrath in Germany has not been modified by the constitutional changes now being made.

"It does not appear that there has been any proposal to alter the position of secretaries of state," he added. "They remain, I understand, subordinate to the imperial chancellors and are appointed by the emperor. They are liable to be dismissed by the emperor, presumably exercising those powers on the recommendation of the imperial chancellors, although it does not seem to be specifically provided for."

Lord Cecil's statement was in reply to a question asking him to explain the effect of the constitutional changes now being made in the government of Germany.

League to Develop Slowly

London, Nov. 1.—(British Wireless Press to I. N. S.)—The belief that the proposed "League of Nations" would not spring into life but would be developed by a slow process, was expressed in an address at Kings college by the speaker, Lord Robert Cecil.

"The real difficulties in connection with the establishment of such an organization," he said, "is that very many nations of the world are in different states of development, morally, intellectually and socially."

Austrians Begging for Setup

Vienna, via London, Oct. 31.—(Night)—(U. P.)—Austrian military officials have been within the Italian lines to discuss preliminaries to an armistice, it was announced by the war office tonight.

"The high command early Tuesday established communication with the Italian command," the statement said. "Every effort is to be made for the avoidance of further useless sacrifice of blood, the cessation of hostilities and for the conclusion of an armistice."

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Pioneer of Vesta Dies by Own Hand

Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 1.—T. J. Barks, a pioneer rancher of Vesta, in the North River country, committed suicide Wednesday by shooting himself in the head. Barks was about 76 years of age, and leaves three daughters one, who kept house for him, and two who live in Seattle. Mr. Barks had been ill for a long time and was believed to have been the reason for his deed.

AUSTRIANS ON ITALIAN LINE ARE GIVING UP

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are rapidly approaching Belluno and Aviano, both of which are 25 miles from the river.

Rome, Nov. 1.—(I. N. S.)—The greatest military catastrophe of the whole war is developing on the Italian front. Italian cavalry is overrunning the whole plain of the central Friuli, enveloping the Austro-Hungarian armies, according to advices from the front today.

Pouring through the gap in the Austro-Hungarian line, the Italians are swarming across the mountains to intercept the fleeing enemy, said an official statement today. It follows: "The battle which began on October 24 is won. The enemy is retreating hurriedly, losing guns, prisoners and material. He is leaving intact, or partly destroyed, stores of supplies and also many horses. We are crossing the mountains to intercept the retreating enemy."

The Austro-Hungarian front in the sector of Monte Grappa has completely collapsed and all of the hostile artillery has been captured by the Italians, it was officially announced today.

General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, reported that "prisoners are swarming down the mountain sides in flocks."

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ing of the Levenza river (on the Italian front) and is now driving toward the Tagliamento.

Poland Prepares to Fight

Paris, Nov. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Poland is preparing to take up arms against Germany, according to L'Information, a Zurich correspondent, quoting a Berlin dispatch published in a Munich newspaper.

Austrians Evacuate Udine

Washington, Nov. 1.—(U. P.)—Austrian forces have evacuated Udine, abandoning vast quantities of war materials and supplies in their hasty flight.

HEALTH BOARDS GIVE WARNING OF INFLUENZA DANGER

Ask People to Be Careful and Take Proper Treatment Promptly. Many Pneumonia Cases Follow Influenza. What to Do.

To be prepared for the serious outbreaks of Influenza and Pneumonia that are now sweeping over the entire country and that have caused the most serious Public Health Boards everywhere are issuing cautions and instructions to the public, warning them to be careful at the first symptoms of a cold and to cooperate with health boards and physicians in stamping out the spread of the disease.

No disease develops so quickly or spreads so rapidly. The first symptom usually is a sharp rise in temperature to 103 or 104 degrees, headache, pain in the back, throat feeling dry or sore. Unless promptly checked by proper treatment, the best plan is to go to bed and stay there for at least a week, keeping the minor ailment run its course and also prevent the spread of the disease to others.

Most of us, in these busy days, cannot afford, if it can be avoided, to lose a week or more of work so it is all the more necessary that at the very first sign of grip or influenza a counter-suiting treatment should be taken. Probably no better or more effective treatment could be followed at such a time than to get from the nearest drug store a complete Hyomel outfit consisting of a bottle of the pure Oil of Hyomel and a little vespocet, hard rubber inhaling device into which a few drops of the oil are poured.

Put the inhaler in your mouth and breathe its air deep into the passages of your nose, throat and lungs. Every particle of blood that enters your breathing organs will thus be charged with an antiseptic healing balsam. The Hyomel Inhaler is small and can be conveniently carried in a hand-bag or in your vest pocket. Every half hour or so throughout the day take it out and draw a few breaths of its pure healing air through your nose and throat. The benefit is not at all expensive, for the rubber inhaler will last a lifetime while the Oil of Hyomel can be obtained at little cost from any reliable druggist. Lots of people already have a Hyomel Inhaler. Take it out, charge it and use it without delay. If you haven't one get it today.

A few cents spent now may easily prevent serious illness and save you many dollars and help stamp out the spread of the disease. Sold by Owl Drug Co.—Adv.

flight, a dispatch to the Italian embassy today reported. The city had been used since last November as the headquarters of the enemy government in the occupied Italian territory.

British Win in Italy

London, Nov. 1.—(U. P.)—British infantry and mounted troops have occupied the important railway town of

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Sacile on the Livenna river, the war office announced today.

The Livenna has been reached on a four-mile front from Sacile southward to Brugnara by troops of the tenth army, (with which Americans are brigaded).

Between the Oderzo-Portogruaro railway and the Adriatic the Austrians are falling back rapidly. The enemy is falling back in the Grappa sector. Prisoners taken by the tenth army now number more than 15,000.

A pitchfork with removable tines which can be replaced if broken, has been patented by a Canadian inventor.



New Records From November List

These are particularly good—be sure and hear them

- 10-Inch Double-Face Record—85c "Oui, Oui Marie" Sung by Arthur Fields Reverse: "We Don't Want the Bacon"
- 10-Inch Double-Face Record—\$1.00 "Smiles" Sung by Lambert Murphy Reverse: "The Radiance in Your Eyes"
- 10-Inch Double-Face Record—85c "Hindustan"—Fox Trot Reverse—"N' Everything"—Fox Trot

Philadelphia Orchestra Plays "Anitra's Dance" from "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1"—\$1.00

Dealers in Steinway and other Pianos, Pianola Pianos, Victrolas and Records, Player Music, Music Cabinets, Piano Lamps, Etc.

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will give you better values for your money, even at the prevailing prices — as they always have given you in the past.

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Men's overcoats and raincoats \$18 to \$60

—Up on the Fourth Floor are hundreds of men's coats for Winter wind and weather.

—New styles, new patterns — you can find here what you want.

—Belts, ulsters, military coats, Balmacaans.

—Smart mixtures, overplaid and other plaids; plain brown, navy, black, tan, green.

—You may have quarter, half or full lining.

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 - Men's jackets of excelsior oil materials \$3.75
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 - Men's bib and string slicker pants \$3-\$3.25
 - Men's Aquipelle pants \$4.50
 - Bergman shipbuilders' shoes \$7.50 and \$8.00
- Oiled leather; double soled; in tan and black.
- Boss of the Road overalls and jackets —all kinds and prices.

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"Youth will be served"—the Fourth Floor serves it

—by giving over the entire floor to serving the needs of juveniles, from infancy to eighteen, segregating and grouping the apparel, specializing in everything that youth (both male and female) requires in the way of clothing and accessories. This demands individual buyers; we have them. It demands an intimate knowledge of the taste of young people; our individual buyers have that knowledge, and are not hampered in their judgment by confusing the taste of the elders. A hint of the values this specialized service produces is given below.

New arrivals in Girls' coats for all ages—\$8.95 to \$40

—Styles for every age and type of girl, and prices to meet every pocketbook. Youthful individuality expressed through the medium of fabric and fur that find favor with smart young women everywhere.

Corduroy dresses for service NEW ones just in—\$6.45

—Just as boys wear corduroy because of its good appearance and wearing qualities, girls are coming to recognize the smartness of it and are insisting that their mothers buy these up-to-the-minute frocks. These are smart, narrow wale, in navy, green and brown; trimmed with touches of embroidery.

A Navy flannel Middy now \$8.95

—And what so attractively serviceable as a flannel middy? Navy, of course, is the desired color. These find especial favor with school girls—they always feel "at home" in a middy.

Smart skirts for Misses \$4.55 to \$12.50

—Chic and youthful new skirts for girls. Striped, plaid and plain colors. Pleated and plain styles. Girls like separate skirts and blouses, and these are especially attractive.

Drugs—Toilet Articles

—You can probably replenish your drug chest from this attractively priced list.

- Mentholatum, 25c-45c.
- Listerine, large size 85c.
- Peroxide of Hydrogen, 1/2-lb. sizes, 10c.
- Stearns' rouge, 25c.
- Kolynos tooth paste, 25c
- Certified No. 11-c hazel soap, 15c.
- Sempre Giovine, 45c.
- Hind's Honey and Almond Cream, 45c.
- Mary Garden Face Powder, \$1.
- Pebeoc tooth paste, 45c.
- Thealpan Cold Cream, 50c.
- Luxuria Cream, 65c.
- Melba Face Powder, 50c.
- Newbro's Herpicide, 50c and \$1.
- Glyco-Thymoline, 25c and \$1.
- Ziora Mouth Wash, 50c.
- English Tub Soap, 35c.
- Cashmere Bouquet Soap, 15c.

—Main Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Boys' suits for "all times" \$7.50 to \$25.00

—Suits for play; suits for dress. Every sort of a suit that the youngster may have his mind set on. In standard grades, famous for wear—at \$7.50 to \$25.00.

Boys' rainproof corduroy suits \$6.50

—A limited quantity of Crotona rainproof corduroy suits, in better styles, with slash pockets. Dark mouse shades. All sizes. Here is a real opportunity.

Boys' mackinaws—big showing \$7.50 to \$18.00

—Aside from the fact that every boy wants a mackinaw, Parents can beadlars in by buying them one, for they wear, and wear, and wear. New plaids. Sizes 7 to 18 years.

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