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FIRES TORPEDOES FROM AEROPLANE

Naval Officer's Invention Is a Marvel of Ingenuity.

OFFICIALS ENTHUSIASTIC.

A Swoop From the Sky, and Missile Is Sent on Its Way, Dropping From Air Craft at High Speed—Naval Guns of Present Day Cannot Be Trained on Aeroplane When Going Swiftly.

Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, until recently in command of the first division of the Atlantic fleet, now on duty as aid for operations in the navy department at Washington, has invented an apparatus which is believed to make possible the firing of submarine torpedoes from aeroplanes. The device can be fitted to any type of aeroplane. Naval officers who have seen the model in the patent office in Washington are enthusiastic over the possibilities of the Fiske invention as a means of defense.

The torpedo which the aeroplane attachment is designed to discharge may be of any of the standard types and is carried in chocks on the bottom or lower frame of the aeroplane. A strap connected with the aeroplane passes below the torpedo, holding it, and is then again connected with the operating part of the aeroplane proper. The torpedo is held rigidly in place, its bow pointing in the same direction as the airship. The projectile is released by a lever apparatus operated by the foot of the aviator, the torpedo falling horizontally out of the chocks into the water and then speeding on its way to the ship against which it is aimed.

How Torpedo is Directed.
 In directing and delivering the attack the naval aviator flies at a comparatively high altitude to a point about 1,500 yards distant from the target. He then swoops downward at a high rate of speed and as nearly vertically as possible until within ten or fifteen feet of the water, directing his flight so that on reaching the desired low elevation the bow of the torpedo bears on the target. The aviator then throws his lever which starts the propelling mechanism in the torpedo, after which the projectile drops into the water and thereafter performs its work.

The advantages of the Fiske invention are that the torpedo is held firmly to the airship and practically becomes a part of it, so that the directing of the aeroplane toward the target also directs the torpedo. It is suspended in the position which it assumes in the water—that is, horizontal—and retains that position after being released. The releasing device is under the control of the aviator at all times.

The advantage of approaching the target at a relatively high elevation and then rapidly descending to a lower one before releasing the torpedo is, supposing the target to be a battleship, that it is practically impossible with present day naval guns to hit an object falling from a great height owing to the resulting change in range and the consequent elevation of the guns.

Advantages of Invention.
 The advantages obtained by proceeding to within about 1,500 yards of the enemy are that the chances of the torpedo getting home are increased and the aeroplane is able to carry torpedoes of lighter than ordinary weight since torpedoes designed for long ranges are much heavier than those fired at shorter distances.

While the Fiske invention is attracting the attention of naval officers here and abroad, there comes news of still another wonderful invention, the object of which is to protect war vessels from torpedo attack. This invention is of German origin. It is an "illuminated shell" loaded with calcium carbide. The shell is fired in the usual way.

On striking the water the shell sinks a few feet, and the water, entering the shell through apertures, sets up chemical action which generates gas, the resulting buoyancy driving the shell back to the surface, after which the gas is automatically ignited, shedding an equal light over a large area. The light is equal to 3,000 candle power and will burn for an hour. The object of the inventor is to surround a battleship at night with these illuminated shells, thus rendering practically impossible the unobserved approach of torpedo craft of all types.

POSTAL SAVINGS IN BONDS.

More Than \$1,116,000 Invested by Depositors This Year.

A check for \$1,116,880 has been sent to the treasurer of the United States by Postmaster General Burleson in payment for postal savings bonds to that amount, which had been applied for by postal savings depositories in the various states.

This is the fifth issue of postal savings bonds. The amount applied for at this time shows an increase of \$41,900 over the preceding issue, made on Jan. 1 last.

Nearly nine-tenths of the bonds were requested in registered form, indicating that the purchasers desired them as a permanent investment.

LOBBYING IS DEAD AS A PROFESSION

President Says It Will Soon Be Classed With Dodo.

INQUIRY TO BE PUSHED.

Officials Aroused by Charges Made by Colonel Martin M. Mulhall Against National Association of Manufacturers—Lobby Out of Business in Capitol Is General Opinion.

The lobby is out of business so far as national legislation is concerned. It has ceased to embarrass the administration. When the present investigation ends lobbying as a profession will be classed with the dodo and other things extinct.

That is the view taken by President Wilson. When he saw the newspaper correspondents following the recent expose of the lobby in Washington fostered by the National Association of Manufacturers, the president wore an expression that was distinctly one of pleasure at the revelations. His first remark indicated that he was greatly pleased with the latest lobby developments, although he did not care to discuss them in detail.

Discusses the Expose.
 The president made it very plain that he is behind the move for a full and complete inquiry into every phase of the question. He believes that the charges of Judge Lovett and others that an attempt has been made to hold up Wall street's interests on behalf of certain lawyers, that the National Association of Manufacturers crushed or made congressman at the whim of its officials and that subterranean methods have been used in creating terrorism in national legislative halls should all be thoroughly investigated. And the president himself is the authority for the statement that the public must know the truth, no matter who may be smeared or what their political belief may be.

President Wilson briefly discussed the Mulhall charges made recently against the National Association of Manufacturers, which have since had wide circulation.

When Mr. Wilson made his first declaration that "a numerous and insidious lobby" was operating in Washington he had no idea that such charges as made by Colonel Martin Mulhall would be brought out, but he said he was in favor of investigating all charges and had no doubt the senate committee would have a free hand. The president told his callers the accusations in the Mulhall statement had been called to his attention just before their publication.

A Searching Investigation.
 A searching investigation not only by the senate lobby committee, but by a select committee of the house also, promises to be the first result of the charges made by Mulhall, who has been the general field "lobbyist" for the National Association of Manufacturers.

Mulhall's allegations that representatives, senators and high officials of the government had been "reached" or "influenced" and that the "lobby" conducted its operations from a room in the capitol, paid money to employees there, took an active hand in making the committees and went out actively in the political campaigns to defeat congressmen who opposed legislation the "lobby" wanted have thrown congressional circles into an uproar.

BUILDING \$15,000 CATTERY.

Woman to Have Luxurious Home For Her Prize Winners.

Mrs. Clifford B. Harmon is constructing at Indian Harbor, near Greenwich, Conn., what is to be the most complete home for cats in this country. Mrs. Harmon, a noted cat fancier, is bent upon having a home de luxe for her twenty-eight cats and twenty-four kittens, many of them noted prize winners.

Before the laborers were set at work on the foundation for her new \$15,000 "cattery" Mrs. Harmon broke the ground in the presence of a large company, including Commodore Benedict and Thomas Hastings of Carrere & Hastings, the architects of the building. The "cattery" is to cover more than two acres on Commodore Benedict's property at Indian Harbor. There are to be eight rooms, with nineteen cat runs. Hot and cold water, electric light, gas for cooking, two baths, a kittens' nursery, steam heat and other improvements are deemed necessities. In addition there is to be a seven room cottage for Mrs. F. Y. Mathis, who has been associated with Mrs. Harmon for three years and who has been breeding famous cats for about ten years.

The new "cattery" will be known as the Greenwich cat kennels. Mrs. Harmon will give the cats her personal attention, and Mrs. Mathis will be in constant charge.

To Report Seismic Phenomena.
 The St. Louis university through the aid of the new wireless station will keep its sister institutions as well as a number of the outlying government weather bureaus posted on earthquakes and other like phenomena in the future, according to an announcement made at the university.

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