

# HUGHES' REPORT BLAMES OFFICERS FOR AIR DELAY

### Criminal Prosecution for Colonels Vincent and Mixer and Lieutenant Vrooman and Court Martial for Colonel Deeds Recommended— —Delay and Wastage.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The mistakes, failures, delays and wastages of the airplane production program under the administration of the old aircraft boards before the reorganization last May are detailed in the report of the investigation conducted by Charles E. Hughes and Attorney General Gregory. The report recommends court-martial proceedings for one army officer concerned and criminal prosecutions for three others.

The chief blame for the failures is charged by the Hughes report to defective organization in the army signal corps and the lack of competent direction of the work by responsible officers of the corps.

**Delays Experienced**  
The report finds that there were delays in getting airplane models from the allies and preparing specifications for their production; that plans frequently were changed to the embarrassment of contractors; that some manufacturers well qualified by organization and experience could not get orders while others apparently with few qualifications if any did succeed in getting them, and that there was confusion and waste in the plants.

**Profits in some instances, Mr. Hughes reports, were enormous** although Attorney General Gregory points out that 60 per cent of these profits revert to the government in the form of war taxes, and expresses the belief "that no such profits were allowed as to justify a charge of bad faith."

**Huge Profits in Sight**  
The Dayton-Wright corporation, the report says, with a capital of \$1,000,000 and government financing to the extent of \$1,405,000, has prospects of profits of more than \$6,000,000. The Ford Motor Car company on contracts for 5000 Liberty motors, the report estimates, will make a profit of more than \$5,000,000, on an investment of not more than \$11,800,000. The Fisher-Body corporation, with an investment of \$850,000 and government financing of \$2,000,000, the report says, is estimated to make a profit of \$3,500,000. The Packard Motor company, with calculated investment of \$11,808,000 and a contract for 6000 Liberty motors, is estimated to be about to realize profits of \$6,450,000 on 17 months work. The Lincoln Motor company with paid in capital of \$850,000 and investment of \$7,150,000 of which \$2,400,000 represents items on which the government pays 40 per cent depreciation is estimated to have in prospect or in hand profits of \$7,150,000.

**Badly Organized**  
For a year after the country entered the war the report says, the equipment division of the signal corps of the army was badly organized with "a host of sections and departments with ill-defined functions, creating disorder and confusion rather than sustained, well-directed and expert effort."

Hundreds of flying cadets, the report says, were held at training camps during the early months of the war without facilities for training because there was a failure in delivery of training planes.

The chief, actual wastes from the original appropriation of \$440,000,000, which subsequently was increased, the report says, was in the abandonment of two types of airplanes—one of them the much discussed Bristol—and the failure to take advantage of salvage from the abandonment. This waste is computed as aggregating \$24,000,000. The officers against whom criminal proceedings are recommended are:

**Criminal Prosecution**  
Lieut. Col. J. G. Vincent, former vice-president of the Packard Motor company and now in charge of the airplane division of the aircraft production bureau.

Lieut. Col. George W. Mixer, a stockholder in the Curtiss Airplane and Motor corporation and production manager of the aircraft bureau.

Lieut. Samuel B. Vrooman, Jr., inspector of propeller lumber and a stockholder in the S. B. Vrooman company of Philadelphia.

Recommendation also is made that Col. Edward Deeds be brought before a court martial for sending confidential war department information to former business associates at Dayton, Ohio, and for sponsoring "a grossly misleading statement" last February about progress of production.

able the government, thru contractors, to secure the use of all necessary patents at a fixed cost and with little friction. It was not entered into until the attorney-general had given an opinion that it did not conflict with the anti-trust law. I find no basis for the suggestion that in bringing it about the members of the aircraft board were actuated by any unlawful or dishonest motives."

Mr. Hughes said it would require a more exhaustive examination of the patent situation than he made to ascertain whether the patent rights contributed by the Wright-Martin Aircraft corporation and the Curtiss-Aeroplane Motor corporation justify the arrangement to pay \$2,000,000 to these concerns.

**High Salaries Criticized**  
Salaries paid officers of some airplane plants and charged to operating expenses which were paid by the government, were criticized by Mr. Hughes. He referred particularly to officers of the Dayton-Wright Airplane company, H. E. Talbot, sr., who received \$35,000; C. F. Kettering, who received \$35,990 and H. E. Talbot, jr., who received \$30,000. These men, business associates of Col. Deeds, also received large salaries from other Dayton firms with which they were connected. "Even more extraordinary," said Mr. Hughes "was the salary of \$53,000 a year paid by the Standard Aircraft corporation, at Elizabeth and Plainfield, N. J., to its president, Harry B. Mingle, a New York lawyer. These salaries, it was explained, are subject to reduction by the government."

**Labor Conditions Bad**  
Labor conditions, Mr. Hughes said, "generally were unsatisfactory," citing the Packard plant, where, he said the labor turn-over was between 400 and 600 percent a year.

Criticism also was given the Wright-Martin company for seeking draft deferment for many of its employees at the New Brunswick, N. J., plant, who had few qualifications for the work in which they were classed.

Since the government paid manufacturing costs, Mr. Hughes says, the tendency in many plants was to pad payrolls.

**Padding of Payrolls**  
At the Curtiss plant near Buffalo, Mr. Hughes said, "there is abundant testimony," showing that thru the utter lack of a decent system men and women were paid when they did not work; employees were able to leave the factory and remain absent for hours while recorded on duty; men who were without work enough during the day to keep them busy were employed overtime at increased rates; men were brought to the plant Sundays when there was virtually nothing for them to do, and for many months there was such demoralization at this plant that it became the subject of contemptuous gossip among the employees."

Referring to the government's purchase in November, 1917, of the General Vehicle company's plant at Long Island City, N. Y., to make engines, Mr. Hughes said "the actual necessity of the purchase is not apparent."

During the investigation, Attorney General Gregory reported a case of petty graft was discovered in an office of the signal corps, fostered by a civilian employe, "tending to establish dishonest inspection on a rather small scale in one of the least important plants." A grand jury is investigating.

**CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—**It was said at the office of the United States district attorney here today that indictments probably would be returned tomorrow in connection with the aircraft scandal. The men to be named all live in Chicago, it was said.

**TWO WINGS UNITE.**  
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Quero gorge and are moving in the Elveto valley toward Bellino further enlarging the wedge between the Austrian armies in Venetia and those in the mountains.

Austro-Hungary's internal situation is as bad, if not worse, than that in the armies on the Italian front. Count Michael Karolyi announces the institution of a republic at Budapest after a successful revolution and Arshduke Joseph, the emperor's representative, has left the city. Emperor Charles, in departing from Vienna, it is reported, instructed the authorities to hand over the government to the new power without resistance. During the turmoil in Budapest, Count Tisza, the former Hungarian premier, was assassinated.

Reports on conditions in Germany are meager, due probably to the German censorship. Emperor William is said to have gone to German grand headquarters. Reports of the emperor's abdication still persist.

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# TURK COLLAPSE BRINGS END OF WAR NEARER

### Complete Isolation of Germany as Result of Desertion and Surrender of Allies, Outstanding Feature of Latest Developments in Colossal Drama of Victors.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The complete isolation of Germany as a result of the desertion and surrender of her allies is commented upon here as the outstanding feature of the latest developments in the "colossal drama of victory." The effect of this isolation upon her armies, coupled with the desperate internal conditions in Germany, is regarded almost everywhere as bringing the end of the war very near, although in some quarters warning is raised that the German army and navy is still in existence and in the hands of desperate men are formidable and dangerous.

**May Fight in Turkey**  
The general tenor of comment, however, indicates a belief that Germany must sooner or later accept virtually any terms the allies impose. There is considerable speculation as to the extent Germany will be able to oppose the carrying out of the terms Turkey has accepted. It is unknown whether German garrisons still

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hold the Dardanelles forts and other defenses of Constantinople, while resistance by the Germanized Russian Black Sea fleet is regarded as a serious possibility. Even if the forts are evacuated, passage of the straits may not, it is suggested, be without danger, as it is assumed they are still mined and must be swept before ships pass through. The Express, however, learns that the location of all mines is known to the Turks and that nature believes that when they undertake to open the straits the Turks also intend to help the British clear the mine fields.

The immense possibilities following the Turkish collapse are dismissed by all the newspapers, among the hopeful agencies being the rescue of Rumania and the end of Bolshevik tyranny in Russia.

**Impression France**  
PARIS, Nov. 1.—The capitulation of Turkey, although anticipated, has made, nevertheless, a profound impression in France. Newspapers declare it to be an event of supreme importance.

"The convention is of a purely military character," says the Matin, "and in no way affects the peace which will eventually be signed with the Turkish empire. What is interesting, however, is the immediate consequences of the armistice. First of all, the greater part of the British armies in Syria, Palestine and Mesopotamia will be released. The

army of the Orient, which will soon be the army of the Save and the Danube, will be perhaps called upon to play a great role, for which its reinforcement by seasoned elements will be desirable at an early date. When the Dardanelles are opened the allied fleets will restore direct communication with Rumania, as it is hardly probable that the Goeben, the Breslau and the Russian fleet sold to Germany by the Bolsheviks will offer resistance.

The allies will then hold the Mediterranean outlet of Ukraine and Greater Russia.

night after which there were demonstrations in front of the ministry of war, according to a Vienna dispatch quoting the semi-official news agency which customarily is used for making court announcements. Today's Vienna newspapers deny that Emperor Charles has left the capital.

An imperial ordinance authorizes all officers in the country to place themselves in the service of the armies constituted by the new formed governments and to permit the soldiers under their command to serve likewise.

Emperor Charles, the dispatch adds before leaving Vienna personally gave orders that all conflict with the population be avoided. He instructed

the authorities to yield without resistance to the new power.

ROME, Thursday, Oct. 31.—Irridientists are planning to erect monuments to President Wilson in Trent and Trieste in recognition of his leading part in the struggle for the principle of the right of peoples to decide their own destinies.

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