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MAJOR BISHOP SAYS STRAIN IS ON BRITAIN

V. C. Aviator Tells Interesting Correspondence With Pro-German Stories of Battles in the Air

That the British Empire would have to bear the brunt of maintaining the supremacy of the air for the allies until late next spring, when it is probable caused in university circles by the pubthat the United States will be ready to lication of a letter which appeared in

Electric Locomotives May Supersede Steam

Satisfactory Experiments on Mountain Sections of American Lines

Actual want of any commodity provides the most direct appeal possible for its conservation. The use of electricity, instead of steam, on those portions of Canada's railways adjacent to waterpwers would materially reduce our dependence on the United States for coal, says A. D. in Conservation. In 1916, the railways of Canada used 8,995,000 tons of coal, or about 61 per cent of our total production. In fact, the increased price of coal may soon compel us to use hydro-electric energy extensively as a railway Certain American railway companie

Certain American railway companies have carried out extensive experiments in electrification within the last two years and many of the results are of more than ordinary interest. On its Rocky Mountain division, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul replaced its steam locomotives by electric. Electricity is decidedly superior to steam in operating efficiency, especially in cold weather. Electric power made it possible to operate more trains over the same tracks and that, without the need for "helper" locomotives. Again, there was a great saving in terminal and round-house facilities and the rolling stock was not subjected to as much wear and tear as when steam was used. This latter fact was largely due to the This latter fact was largely due to the superior braking qualities of electric-drawn trains. Air brakes were not used on grades, except in cases of emergency. In fact, it was found that as much as 11.3 per cent of the power consumed during the period of the test was generated by the trains themselves on the down grades. The experiment was so down grades. The experiment was so satisfactory that the company has de-cided to instal electric equipment on its Cascade division as well. In a region so lacking in coal and so rich in water-power as is Central Canada, we may expect that, in time, the Increase in the cost of coal will, in favorable situations, induce the electrification of part of our steam railway mile-age. If the coal now consumed by railway locomotives could be turned to other productive uses, an important step would be taken in making Canada more independent of the American coal market. Concurrently with that advantage, the country's trade balance would be considerably improved.

PRESIDENT FALCONER ANNOYED AT LETTER

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