

Huge Airship Destroyer Built for British Govt.

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Destructive Than Zep-
pelins

UNLIMITED NUMBER
BEING BUILT

Tests Made Before British
and Allies' Representa-
tives Perfectly Satisfac-
tory

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—The official military test of the giant aeroplane Dominion, the first of the fleet of air destroyers ordered by the British Government, and being built and tested complete in the United States, took place at the flying grounds recently and resulted in an immediate acceptance of the machine, according to the New York Times.

"The Dominion exceeded all requirements by more than a fifth," the Times says, "and was accepted just as it lay on the ground after the final flight. Carrying a load of 2,000 pounds, it rose from the ground with ease and great speed, and when in full flight attained a speed of ninety-five miles an hour."

"The tests were witnessed by a number of British officers and officers of the Allied Powers, and were under strict military supervision. No strangers were allowed inside the flying grounds, and detectives and uniformed police promptly moved on any persons seen loitering in the neighborhood. Antony Jannus flew the Dominion, both with and without a load, and a number of the military men went up. They were very enthusiastic at the end of the test, and said that the 'air destroyer' was the greatest machine of its kind ever built."

"Every part of the machine is American and designed by firms in the United States. Its wings are 102 feet from tip to tip, and the carriage projects six feet in front and behind the wings. With two rapid-fire guns this will allow the crew of the destroyer to absolutely command the air, both in front and behind. Further, as the guns will be clear of the wings both up and down, and will be able to attack aeroplanes above them, which is unusual in aerial warfare, as it has always been necessary for the

aviator to climb above his enemy before he can deliver the death blow.

Two 160 H.P. Motors.
"There are two propellers, driven by two 160 H.P. 'V' type motors, developed especially for the 'air destroyer' type, and one of the most remarkable things about them is that they ran without any vibration whatever."

"The Dominion is what might be called the 'double fuselage' type and is a biplane. The carriage or body is designed on the 'stream line' type with the idea of offering the least amount of resistance to the wind. The Sperry stabilizer attachment worked perfectly at the trials. It is attached in part to the stabilizer, and arranged so that the aviator may always know the position of the machine in regard to the horizontal, makes it practically certain that the bomb will strike the object aimed at. According to the service on which it is used, 'The Dominion' will carry bombs weighing 25, 50, 80, 125, or 200 pounds. It can carry ten of the latter, weighing in all a ton, and with the certainty of striking attained by the new device, will be able to blow a town almost off the map. The Zeppelins do not carry bombs as large or destructive as these."

"The Dominion is superior to the German Aviatik type, which is the largest they use. This was the type of machine that killed Pégoud, and while it has a speed of between sixty-five and seventy miles an hour, 'The Dominion' type can do better than ninety miles, and that will give them a tremendous advantage in air battles. Another feature of this type is the great strength of their construction. Many of the uprights are six inches thick, and all the struts and reinforcements have been designed with the idea of standing great shocks."

Unlimited Number Ordered.
"The builder of 'The Dominion' is under orders from the British Government to build an unlimited number as fast as they can be turned

out. Charles M. Manley, who was formerly associated with the late Professor Langley, watches the construction work for the British, and every nut and bolt used, as well as the greater parts have to have his O.K. before it is put in place."

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out. Charles M. Manley, who was formerly associated with the late Professor Langley, watches the construction work for the British, and every nut and bolt used, as well as the greater parts have to have his O.K. before it is put in place."

"It was the opinion of the officers who watched the tests that these 'air destroyers' would be the most deadly weapon yet developed during the war. 'The Dominion' will be shipped immediately and will be followed by others just as fast as they can be built."

"Complete, 'The Dominion' cost about \$40,000, but now that the type has been standardized, it is expected that they will cost about \$20,000 apiece. The first squadron of twenty which will be shipped before October, will have cost the British Government about \$610,000."

"After consideration and watching the officers of the Allies gave it as their opinion that the type would prove much more useful and destructive than the German Zeppelins. They have the mobility and speed of the fastest scouting aeroplanes and can carry a ton of explosives which can be dropped with accuracy, while the Zeppelins are slow and cannot drop their bombs."

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PETROGRAD, Oct. 4.—(Despatch to The London Morning Post)—In quarters that know, and indeed in rather wider circles, a strongly optimistic wave has, during the last couple of days, been rapidly spreading. The official bulletins of the progress of the war are not sufficient to account for this feeling. Certainly the successful withdrawal from Vilna has strengthened the Russian front, and in every way strengthened their owners of resistance, but there is no visible slackening of German efforts and the advance of the enemy continues.

Various rumors were afloat of difficulties and even disaster to this or that unit. I believe that one regiment of Cossacks found itself in a tight place during the retreat, but it extricated itself with that fertility of resource which is characteristic of those brilliant irregulars. A certain infantry regiment, it is also believed, were compelled to fight its way back through surrounding Germans. It broke through with some loss, but inflicted much more and brought back half a battalion of prisoners.

At one point the Germans, I hear, came on with the calm assurance that there was nothing to oppose them, inasmuch as the Russians had no ammunition, and the German guns were indulging in their lavish expenditure of shells. It turned out, however, that the German shells were missing vital spots, and that the Russians had just got up a full supply of all kinds of munitions.

The Russians lay low until the German confident advance in usual close array was nearly up to the outer lines of wire entanglements. Then, everything was let go at once, and a storm of artillery, Maxim and rifle fire simply swept the German forces out of existence. Eight thousand corpses strewed the ground before the Russian positions, and of those who got away scarce one was wounded.

Perhaps the first time that a subscription fund was denominated a patriotic fund in England was in the year 1803, when Britain was threatened by invasion from the French. On that occasion, according to a report by the committee of management of the fund, dated July 22, 1815, the subscriptions and accumulation of interest amounted in 12 years to £534,450 18s 11d. Out of this sum gratuities and relief were distributed in all to 18,000 individuals, including widows, children, and relatives of persons killed and wounded and disabled seamen and soldiers.

So ample, indeed, were the funds then subscribed thought to be that the committee found it necessary to abstain from any further appeal to the public. If our respected ancestors deemed this comparatively paltry sum sufficient indication of the generosity of the public, surely we to-day may be pardoned if we are unduly proud of the public spirit which, in as many months, has subscribed millions to the same object, says the Westminster Gazette.

Bulgarian Cabinet Ministers Resign

Athens, Oct. 6th.—Two members of the Bulgarian cabinet have resigned because Czar Ferdinand refused to approve an immediate attack on Serbia, according to dispatches received here to-day.

The members who tendered their resignations, are M. Toncheff, minister of finance, and M. Blakoff, who is said to oppose aggressive action by Bulgaria. This led to rumours that Premier Radoslavoff had resigned, and that Malloff would be asked by the czar to form a new cabinet.

In spite of Greece's action in mobilizing her armies, the two cabinet members are reported to have insisted that Bulgaria declare war on Serbia at once. Their resignations were sent to the czar last night, but the news was withheld until to-day.

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