



REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE GREAT HANDLEY-PAGE BOMBING AIRPLANE, Driven by Twin Liberty Motors of 400 H. P. Each, and First of Its Kind to be Built in America, Returning to the Hangar of the Standard Aircraft Corporation, Elizabeth, N. J., Having Successfully Passed All Tests Imposed by the United States Government. According to Proposals to the Government, This Is but One of Thousands of Similar Planes to be Constructed Here for Use by American Aviators in France and Italy, the Machines Flying the Atlantic Under Their Own Power. The New Plane Was Driven by Lord William Simphill, of the British Service, Accompanied by Five Other Persons, Including Major Gen. William L. Henly, U. S. A., Chief of the Department of Military Aeronautics. (Times Photo Service.)

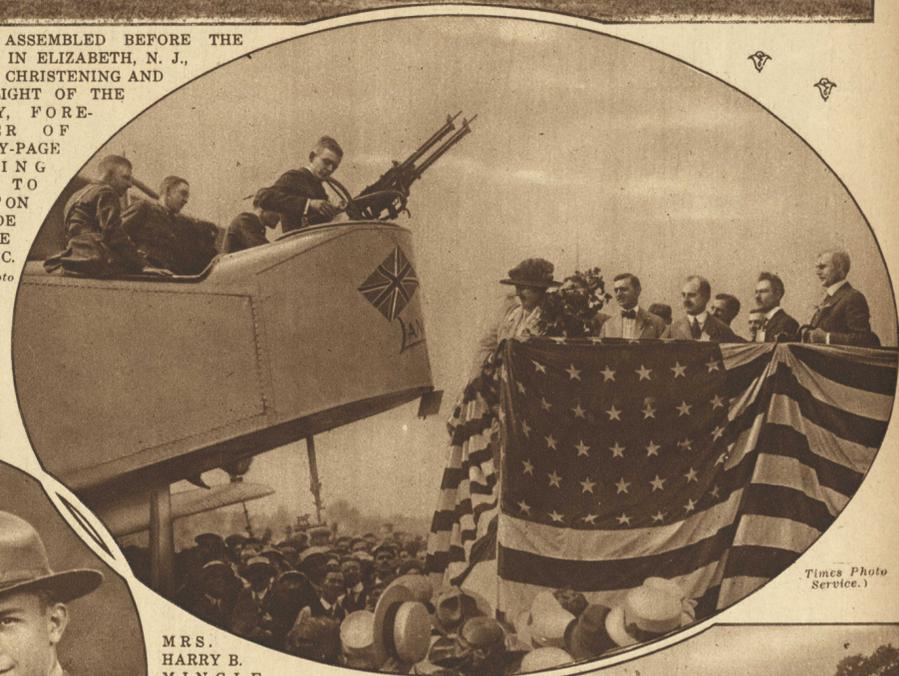


CROWD ASSEMBLED BEFORE THE HANGAR IN ELIZABETH, N. J., FOR THE CHRISTENING AND TEST FLIGHT OF THE LANGLEY, FORE-RUNNER OF HANDLEY-PAGE BOMBING PLANES TO BE BUILT ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC. (Times Photo Service.)



SCENE OF A BATTLE IN THE AIR,

One of the Daring Exploits by Government Aviators Which Thrilled Several Thousand Persons Gathered at the Country Home of Mortimer L. Schiff, Oyster Bay, L. I., a Week Ago, the Aerial Fête Having Been Given in Behalf of a Fund to Provide Athletic and Musical Equipment for Aviation Training Camps in the United States. The Battle-plane Banking Above the Residence Is Pouring Machine-Gun Fire Into Other Avion. The Plane in the Left Foreground Is Pursuing an Enemy. (Times Photo Service.)



MRS. HARRY B. MINGLE, Wife of the President of the Standard Aircraft Corporation, Christening the First American-Built Handley-Page Bombing Plane. Among Those with Mrs. Mingle Are: Assistant Secretary of War Benedict Crowell, Major Gen. William Branker of the British Air Ministry, and John D. Ryan, Head of the U. S. Aircraft Production Board. (Times Photo Service.)

MRS. MORTIMER L. SCHIFF, HOSTESS, WITH MAJOR GEN. J. FRANKLIN BELL AND MRS. CHARLES A. VAN RENSSELAER. (Times Photo Service.)



IRVING BERLIN, AND "BENNIE" LEONARD, YAP-HANKERS, Respectively Song Writer and American Light-Weight Champion, Among the Entertainers at the Benefit Given by Mr. and Mrs. Schiff. (Times Photo Service.)

MR. SCHIFF AND MRS. JAMES BLAIR WATCHING A SUCCESSION OF THRILLING AIR "STUNTS." (Times Photo Service.)



AIRPLANES AT THE AERIAL FETE FLYING LOW IN BATTLE FORMATION. (Helen Ross)



AIRPLANE MAKING A PERPENDICULAR DROP OVER THE SCHIFF COUNTRY HOUSE. (Edwin Levick)