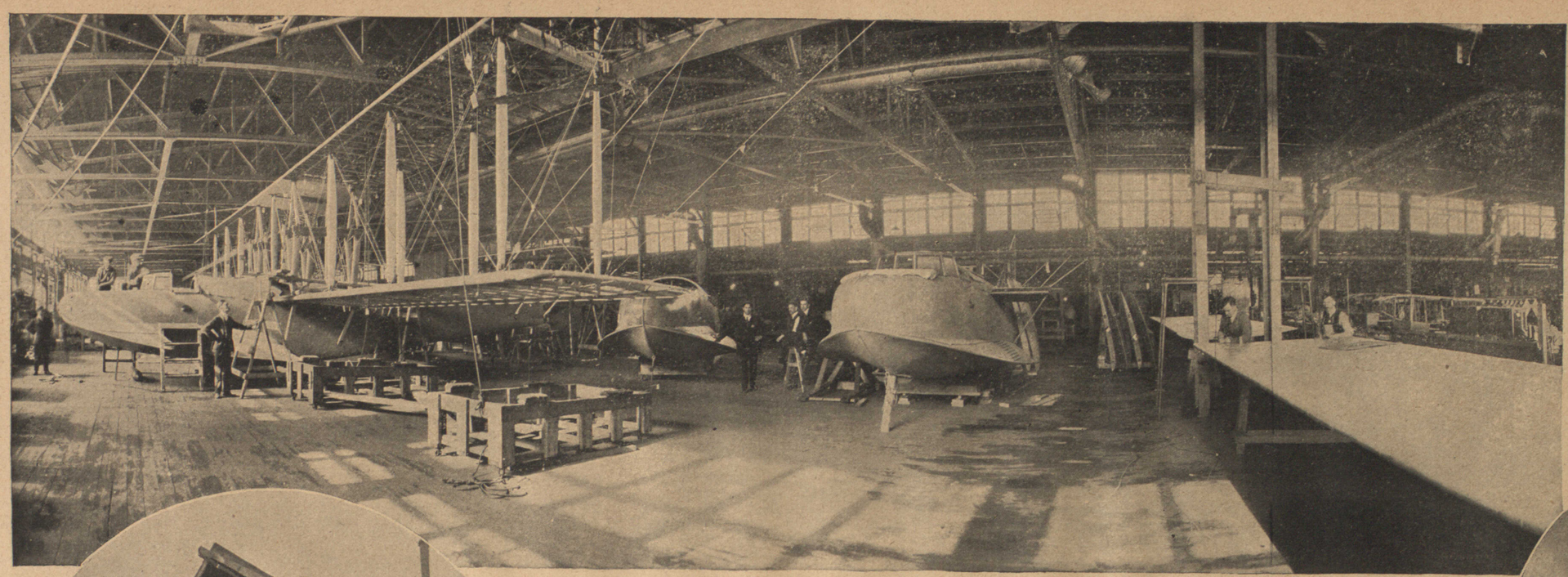

With an initial appropriation by Congress of $640,000,000, America has taken to the air to overwhelm Germany. Here is the final section of the Buffalo plant of the Curtiss Aeroplane Company. These "flying boats," produced under the direction of Glenn H. Curtiss, veteran airman, may soon join our allies in dropping bombs on the Kaiser's submarines in the North Sea.
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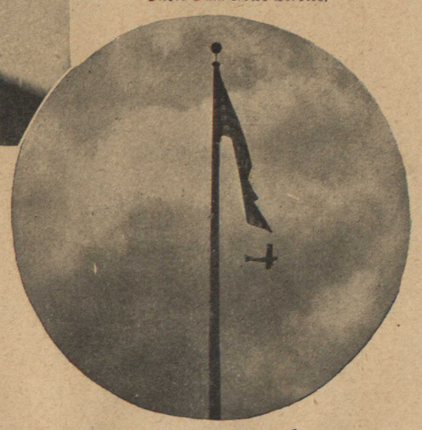
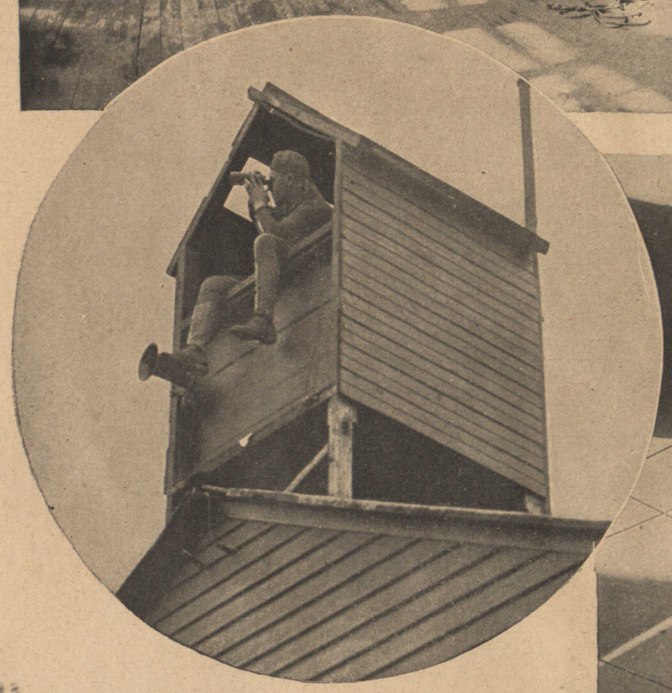
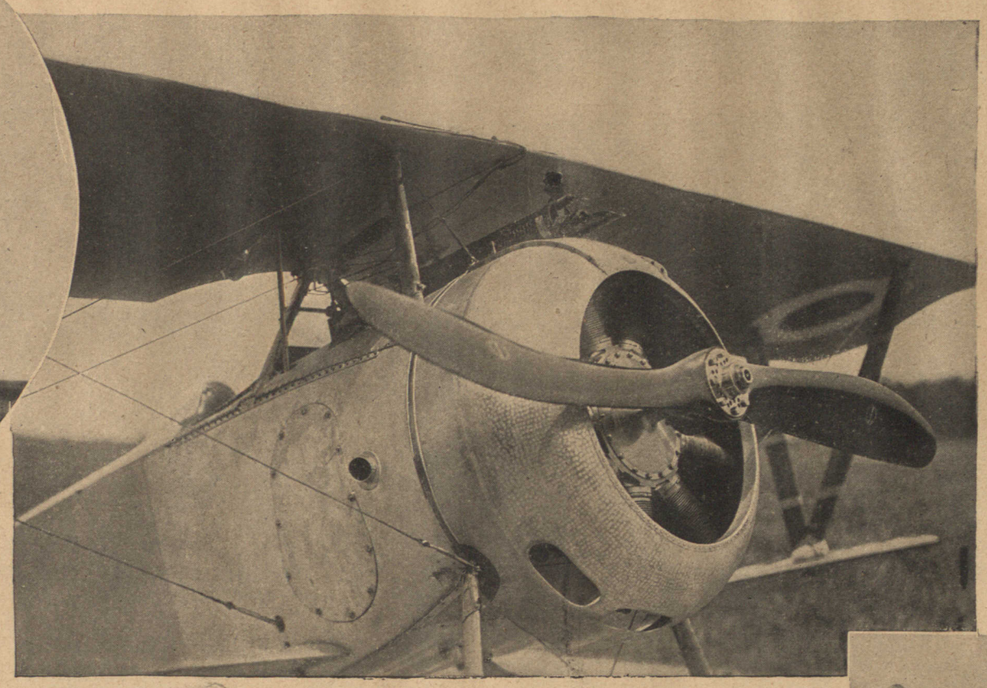
Below — An officially censored photograph of an army aeroplane over the flagpole at Mineola.
Photo Bain News Service.





Perched in this enlarged birdhouse, the lookout at Mineola keeps his glasses trained on the student fliers in the air. The shrill Klaxon at his feet brings an ambulance quickly should an accident occur. *Photo Edwin Levick.*



The fighting face of a Nieuport battleplane, one of the most dependable of the French aeros. With marvellous precision, the shots from the machine gun are timed to pass between the whirling blades of the propeller.
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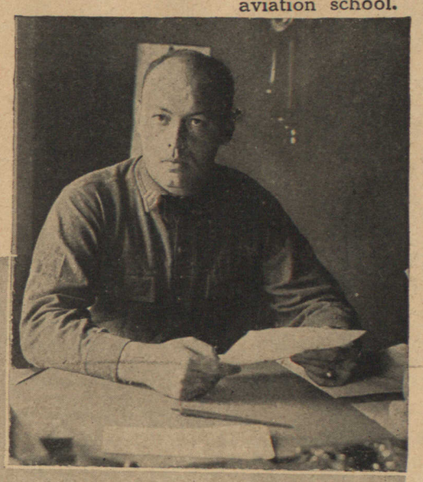
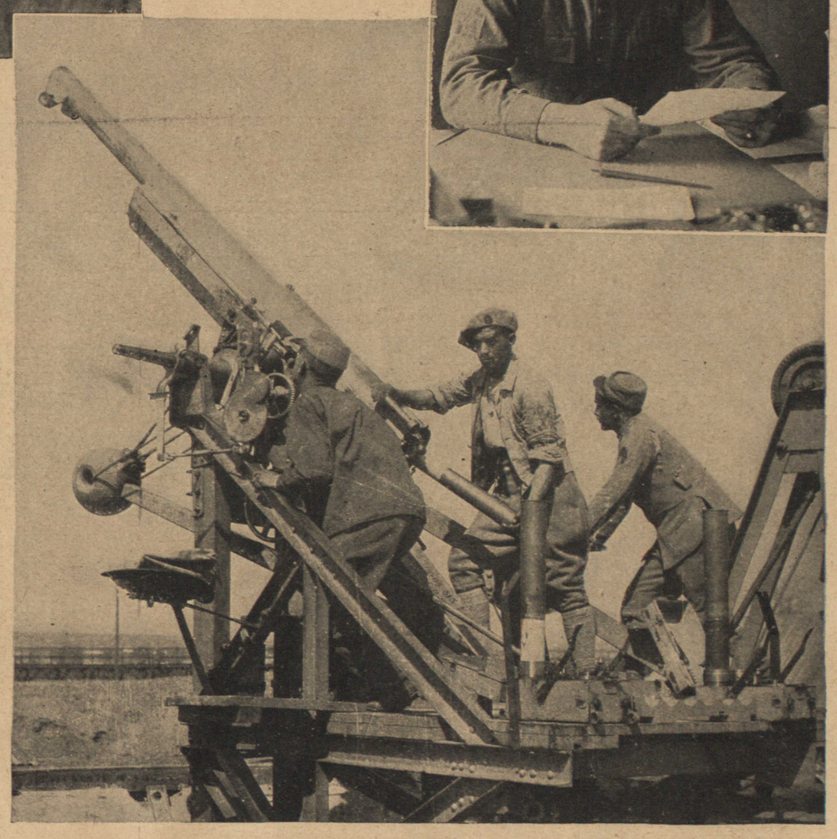
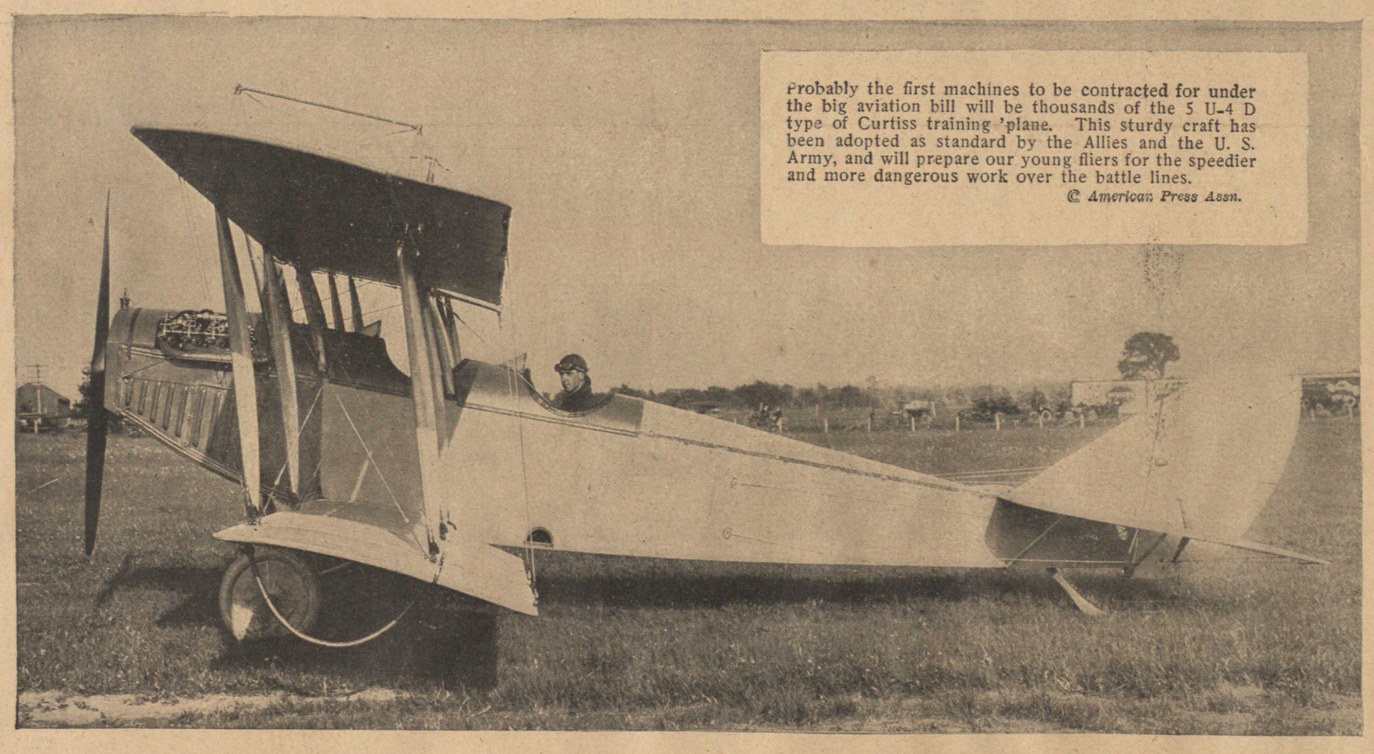
Below—Captain W. G. Kilner, U. S. A., the popular commanding officer at the Mineola aviation school.



The French "Archie" below is on duty along the Salonica front. Note that it is on a circular track so as to be aimed in any direction.
British Official, from Bain News Service





Probably the first machines to be contracted for under the big aviation bill will be thousands of the 5 U-4 D type of Curtiss training 'plane. This sturdy craft has been adopted as standard by the Allies and the U. S. Army, and will prepare our young fliers for the speedier and more dangerous work over the battle lines.
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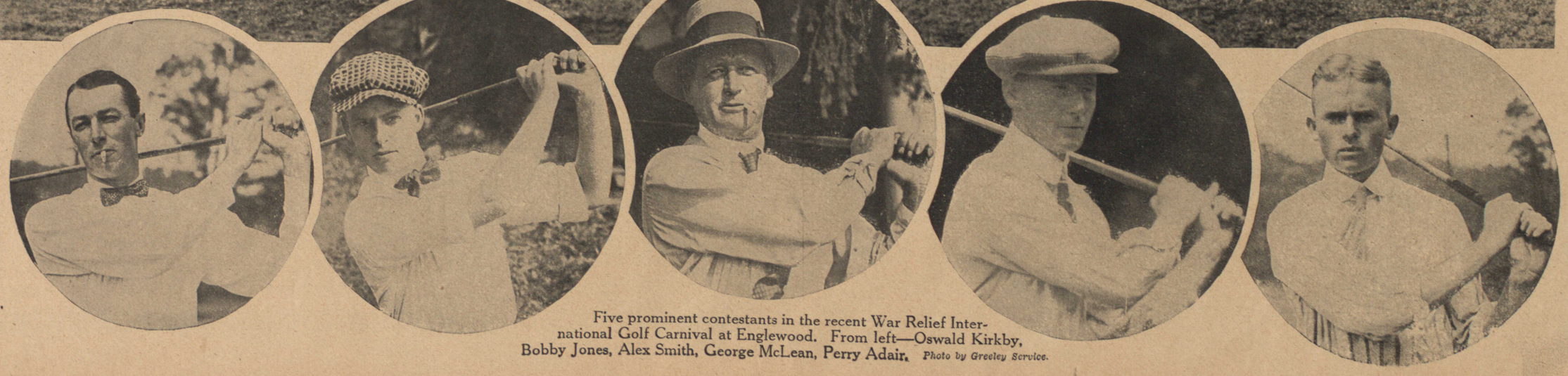
One of the first established government training schools for army aviation is at Mineola, Long Island, whose inhabitants awaken and fall asleep to the endless drone of the sky-skimmer. Here are twenty-four machines lined up with their pilots ready to begin the day.
Photo B. Levey.



Five prominent contestants in the recent War Relief International Golf Carnival at Englewood. From left—Oswald Kirkby, Bobby Jones, Alex Smith, George McLean, Perry Adair. *Photo by Greeley Service.*