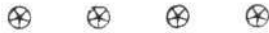


For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;
Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;
Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue;
Then the war-drum throbb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were furl'd
In the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World;
Men my brothers, men the workers, ever reaping something new
That which we have done but earnest of the things that we *must* do.

Noel Pemberton-Billing
1916

The 1916 greeting (after Tennyson) from Flight-Lieut. Noel Pemberton-Billing, which accompanied a very fine portrait study of Mr. Billing himself.

make an 'entry' for the machine Mr. Carlstrom flew. This would have been a simple matter if the aeroplane



Medal for Fireman's Bravery at Air Raid.

In the list of awards of the King's Police Medal which was published on January 1st there appeared the following:—

C. A. HENLEY, a Fireman in the London Fire Brigade.

Conspicuous gallantry on the occasion of an attack by enemy airships. He was on duty at his station when an explosive bomb demolished the station and rendered him unconscious for a time.

had been entered as merchandise, or for exhibition purposes, but the experts said that there was no precedent for a case like Carlstrom's, and they were at a loss what to do. Had the machine been entered as merchandise it would have been subject to an *ad valorem* duty of 20 per cent.

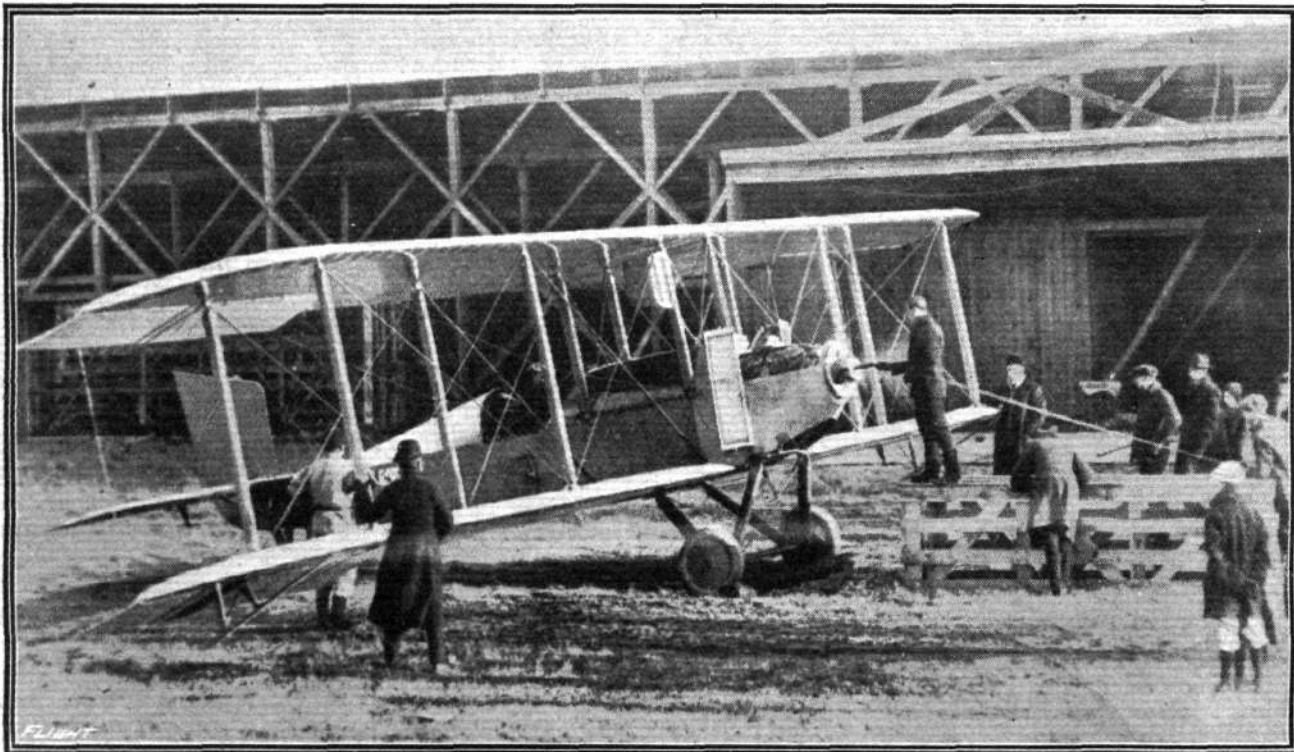
"On the advice of the collector's solicitor, the aeroplane was finally entered on the form provided for the masters of sea-going vessels, and as this was an American-made machine, it was held that it was not subject to duty. This ruling, which is, of course, subject to the review of the Treasury Department, establishes a precedent for aviators who cross the frontiers in American-made machines. They must hold themselves to that set of Federal rules which applies to the masters of vessels entering the port from another country.

"But after that phase of the matter had been settled, it transpired that Mr. Carlstrom had failed to make a baggage declaration upon his arriving in New York, as he is required to do under the tariff regulations. He was summoned to the Custom House, where he said that he brought no trunks or other merchandise, that his entire luggage was restricted to a new suit of clothing. As an exemption of \$100 is allowed for a traveller's personal belongings, he finally escaped without any taxation.

"While the incident has its humorous side, aviation is pretty sure to develop new and perplexing duties for the collectors of customs as the number of machines increase and international flying becomes a matter of every-day business."

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On recovering consciousness, he rescued a woman who was imprisoned as a result of the explosion on the first floor of a neighbouring building and took her to hospital. He then got a hydrant to work on a fire which had been caused by an incendiary bomb. On the arrival of other firemen he was taken home suffering severely from shock. The explosion had ruptured the drum of one of his ears.



The 140 h.p. Sturtevant-motored tractor biplane, one of America's latest machines. It is somewhat larger than usual, and is of practically all-steel construction.