

BRITISH FLIERS TO WEAR ARMOR

Army Gunners to Get Helmets, Mail Vests.

By United Press
LONDON, Oct. 2.—Chain mail vests and steel helmets may soon be standard equipment for machine gunners in British bombing planes.

The proposal is being seriously considered by the British Air Ministry, following a study of the greater vulnerability of the position in which the gunner in an airplane fights, as compared with the pilot. The pilot is protected from direct frontal attack by the bulk of the engine in front of him, and from behind by the position of the gunner's body and considerable equipment. Only a part of his head appears above the fuselage.

The machine gunner in the rear cockpit, however, has no protection from rear attack, and must in addition expose a considerable part of his body above the cockpit if he is to stand so as to get the maximum efficiency from his guns. Plans to house the gunner in revolving steel turrets are not considered practicable, owing to the fact that such arrangements necessarily limit the gunner's range of vision.

Aeroplane's name first appears in literature of about 570 B. C.

Mitchell on the Stand



The climax of the presidential commission's investigation into America's aircraft situation came when Col. William A. Mitchell, former assistant chief of the Army air service and bitter critic of the present regime, took the witness stand at Washington. This picture was taken while he was on the stand testifying.

CODIFICATION OF SEA LAWS SEEN

Fifty Nations to Discuss Maritime Questions.

By Times Special
GENEVA, Oct. 2.—A world-wide campaign to improve working conditions of sea workers is to be launched next year by the International Labor Bureau.

Immediately following the eighth International Labor Conference, which will be held in May, 1926, a special International Labor Conference will be held which will be devoted exclusively to the consideration of maritime questions. The second conference will rank as the ninth International Labor Conference, and it is expected that it will be attended by virtually the same delegations that take part in the first. Over fifty nations are expected to be present.

The two principal items on the agenda of the sea workers' conference are: First, international codification of rules relating to seamen's articles of agreement, and, second, general principles for the inspection of conditions of work of seamen.

The International Labor Bureau has just sent a questionnaire to all of the sixty nations affiliated with the bureau in order to get not only all the information possible on the

two subjects, but also the views of the governments themselves. From these two categories of in-

formation the conference in 1926 expects to draw up and launch two international conventions that will es-

tablish a certain uniformity of regulations, laws and rights for seamen all over the world.

These two conventions are expected to go a long way toward the actual codification of maritime law.

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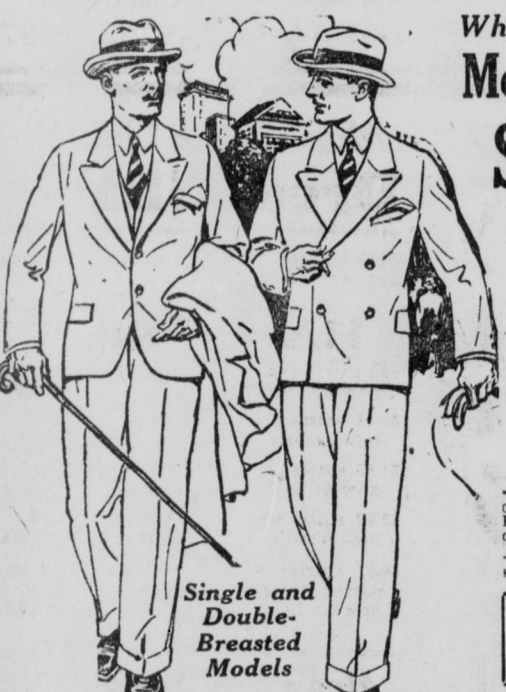
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