

WAR FACTORY IS BEING BUILT IN NEW BRITAIN

*To Be Used as Assembling Plant, Where Machine Guns
Will Be Put Together—Stanley Works Gets
\$1,000,000 Order.*

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The mystery which has surrounded the work to be done at the new factory being built by the United States government on Chestnut street, opposite the plant of the New Britain Machine Company, has cleared, it having been learned today that the building will be used as an assembling plant, where the final touches will be put on machine guns and they will be boxed, labeled and shipped at this place, either to cantonments in this country or Atlantic ports, from where they will be transported to Europe and added to the equipment of the fighting Americans. Thus, another important article in the "made in New Britain" chain will be added within a short time and the hands of New Britain workmen will be the last to touch the guns before they are put in action by boys in France, who, it is possible, may also be New Britain's own.

At the machine company's plant for several months, machine gun carriages have been the principal product. In factories about the state, the guns, trucks and trailers are manufactured, and when the new factory is ready, those parts which are manufactured elsewhere

will be shipped here and mounted on the carriages and assembled.

For this work of assembling parts, the new building will be used exclusively. When the guns are assembled, they will be taken to Fenwick, where the government has taken over the Beach property and where the guns will be tried out. Every part of the gun must be according to government requirements, otherwise the guns will not be accepted. After the trials, those found perfect will be sent back to New Britain and will be prepared for shipping. Any defective will be also sent back to be remedied.

Work on the new building is progressing, though there has been some delay not expected by those in charge. However, it is practically certain that it will be ready for occupancy by the time it is needed. The Aberthaw Construction Company, which is in charge of the work, has installed the steel beams for a distance of about forty feet from the Corbin garage boundary towards Bigelow street. The building will be only one story high.

New Britain factories are busy with war orders and more are expected soon. At the Stanley Works, a big order has been received for magazines for the new Browning guns and they are being turned out in large numbers. It is said the order represents \$1,000,000.