

a few seconds transition from one scene to another - and only a few feet in distance. Huge new machines were being placed and set to running - a few feet further on the machines were running, men were at them and machine gun parts were being turned out! Two days before in that spot, they told me, they had been setting these machines. I progressed the full length of the 650 feet of the room - the further I went the more orderly the work was - the more parts were being turned out. About two hours lapsed between the time I entered the unfinished part of the building and exited the same way. I was astounded at what had been accomplished in those two hours - the job wasn't finished, of course, but in one large section where the floor had been dirt, smooth, wet cement was down, more was being poured just beyond. The pipe and light men had moved their scaffolding quite a ways down.

I went into town for lunch and to pick up my photographer. At 3:30 I came back to the plant and was astonished. I found the work had progressed to the point that when the foreman told me, "This will all be finished up before tonight is over," I knew it was true. "Yep," he said, "Monday morning we'll be cleaned out of here and they put the machines in and get them going." I don't think I've ever heard such pride in a voice.

The fact that as fast as the finished part of the plant was completed, the machines were set and men started making machine guns, was something new to me. It gave me a tremendous thrill to line up the first output of such an enterprise and make pictures of them.

In an effort to try to picture for other people how this work is being done, I had the camera man set up his camera at each extreme end of the plant - one picture showing the construction being completed, the other showing men at the machines as far as the eye could see. I haven't as yet seen the pictures - I am expecting delivery of them late today - but I am in hopes they will tell the story as clearly as I saw it yesterday. The Saginaw plant is only one of four such plants we have for filling machine gun orders - the others are at Dayton, Syracuse and Flint.