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WORLD'S BIGGEST PLANE.

Uncle Sam's new flying battleship, the biggest ever built, is rolled out for a final ground checkup. The B-19 weighs 82 tons twice the size of a trans-Atlantic Clipper. Tyres eight feet high were deflated to get her out of the hangar.

The aerial monster has a wing span of two hundred and twelve feet (Distant Voice) It's a long way back there! - - - -

The Army's test pilot Major Umstead, will give the word when she's ready to take to the air... B.19's rudder is 44 yards long, and is higher than a three storey building. Today she's just getting used to the airfield; and when they take her aloft, an eighty two thousand dollar insurance premium will cover her first 60 seconds in the air.