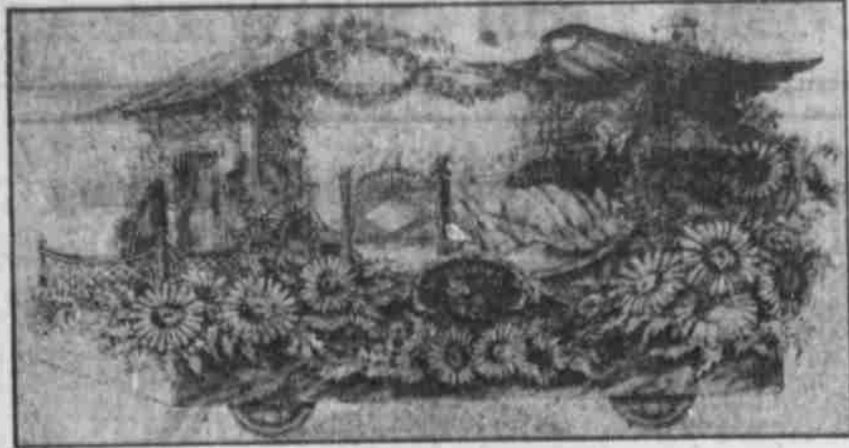


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AIR FIGHTS SPECTACULAR

Battles Between Airships Require Supreme Nerve on Part of the Men in the Machines.

ARE TARGETS FOR BIG BOMBS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Sept. 6.—With the few rare cases of duels between airships and submarines as the only exceptions, air battles between flying machines have furnished the supremely spectacular and dramatic features of the present war.

Such an air battle took place recently on the west front. Two French and one English aeroplanes were pitted against one German flying machine. The Frenchmen soon withdrew, leaving the German and the Englishman to match their skill and nerve against each other.

How thrilling the contest was may be judged from the following account, written by a British officer:

Our airship building possesses, very naturally, a strong attraction for our opponents, the French and the English. We have to be constantly on our guard, and the sentries dare not take a moment's rest lest they fall to give us warning of the approach of the enemy at the earliest possible moment.

Target for Bombs. Recently the building has been visited repeatedly by the French, who have tried to hit it with bombs. Thus far they have had no luck in that direction, and our artillery has been able in one week to bring down two Frenchmen who relied too confidently on the speed of their machines, and who accordingly displayed an altogether too great carelessness, one might almost say imprudence.

Yesterday afternoon three biplanes were signaled, and at the signal Lieutenant G— rose to meet them and to prevent their coming if possible. As a matter of fact, two of the biplanes, which got into the cross-fire of our guns, turned and went back. The third flyer, however, who was about 2,700 meters up, continued onward and steered for his goal with the utmost persistence.

About 150 yards in front of the airship building two bombs were thrown, one of which did not explode at all, and the other went off harmlessly. In the meantime our flyer, who had first satisfied himself that the other two biplanes had left, turned toward the third enemy and steered toward him as fast as he could.

Shells Burst Near. "Our biplane, it could be plainly seen, was not as fast as the other—which proved to be English—but the aviator attempted, nevertheless, to get into the same altitude. At first the maneuver was not clear to us, then we realized that Lieutenant G's tactics were right. From guns in the rear of the building the Englishman received a couple of shrapnels that burst uncomfortably near to him.

Nevertheless he made a short curve and steered toward the building again. He was again taken under heavy fire and one shrapnel struck his machine. The Englishman, however, wanted to do what he had come for, and so in spite of the quick-firing guns dropped from 800 to 400 yards lower, so as to be able to aim the better.

This maneuver was his undoing. Lieutenant G—, who now was at least 800 meters higher up, decided to overcome the inequality in speed in the two machines by a dangerously steep "plane" and shot down to a point about fifty meters above the Englishman. The observer in our machine at once began to fire upon the enemy.

The English aeroplane reared sud-

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CANADIAN SCOUTS AT FRONT

Employ Tactics of the North Woods in Hunting Down the German Enemy.

THEY MAKE SPLENDID SOLDIERS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) PARIS, Sept. 16.—The life of the Canadians at the front takes one back to the tales of the North American Indian which were the delight of our youth," writes Maurice Barres, the French academician, who is on a visit to the fighting lines as the guest of the French staff.

"This week," he explains, "I saw the huts of the Canadians, built of trees saved lengthwise, exactly like the log cabins which they build for hunting boxes or the log houses they inhabit sometimes in the prairie north of the Great lakes.

"A survival of the old Indian romance is found in the Canadian army. Trappers in khaki were shown me, who make use of the thousand tricks of their trade against the enemy. They hunt him with the wiliness of the old scalp-hunters, toned down by English humanity.

"Following in the wake of Germans crawling across the corn field, the Canadian manages to creep along without causing a single leaf to move. They remain for hours on the watch, lying on their backs and studying the ground around them by means of a little mirror. Should the German, reassured by the long silence over the still fields, venture out, he is pounced upon, bound with rope in a couple of seconds. The other day, after a series of such fruitful exploits, the Canadian scouts threw over into the German trenches a number of little cards, inscribed: "It is useless for you to send out any more patrols; you have Canadians in front of you."

Some Business Men. "I know, of course, that among these volunteers there are many modern Canadians, business men, professional men, workmen. All are not sons of trappers or backwoodsmen. But it is a fact that they have more initiative, more ingenuity and more enterprise than European soldiers. And to look at them, what tenacity there is in their expression!

"In a huge open-air depot, I was examining their military transport vans, all marked with the maple leaf, when my eye fell on a little tent covered with weird stripes and figures in green paint. "What is that," I asked. "A Canadian officer's tent." "But those green signs?" "Oh, nothing! The background has merely been arranged so that, from above, it would seem to form part of the mead ows and woods."

"But I had recognized, amid the splashes of paint, various hieroglyphs, which took my mind back to the days of the Redskin—that cat's head, the black hand, and finally the Swastika, that talisman which has come down to us from the farthest ages."

Nothing in Them. "William," said the good wife, looking up from her paper, "here I see an article that says a man out in Kansas is suing his wife for divorce, simply because she went through his pockets after he was asleep. Goodness knows, William, probably the poor woman never got a cent from the brute of a husband in any other way!"

"Th-h-h," replied William. "William," came from his better half, "don't you dare sit there and 'sh-h-h' me in such a manner! What would you do if you woke up and found me going through your pockets?" "Who—me?" asked the sleepy husband, who had already turned over his pay envelope to the boss of the house. "Why, I'd get up and help you search, of course, my dear!"—Judge.



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