THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1918.

Thirty Thousand Omahans See Battle in the Clouds

IMMENSE CROWDS ARE THRILLED BY AERIAL WARFARE Zoom at Violent Angles, Make The aviator

General Lee, Only British Flyer in Party, Provides Added Attraction by Landing in Field Club Golf Course and Then Sailing Off Into Space Again.

By ROBERT J. HORTON.

Thirty thousand people watched a mimic air battle fought in the skies over the Field club golf course yesterday afternoon in the skies over the Field club golf course yesterday alternoon by members of the British-American touring squadron and down, turning it sideways and finally gasped or cheered as the airmen twisted and turned in a series righting it again. Several 'barrel of amazing convolutions.

PATRIOTIC CROWD.

about over the fairaways, below the soon they swooped down upon the greens, and on the grounds about the four below, which scattered like before they sailed off to the other many good "eats." Liberty bonds and war stamps and sent its sons to war, and it was there cuver of the day. to see further tangible evidence of the skill which is fast making Amer-ica supreme in the air. Incidentally it was a perfect day for flying. There was a slight wind and the sky was clear except for a ica supreme in the air. It was not disappointed.

Speck in Sky.

Speck in Sky. Shortly after 3 o'clock a speck was seen in the sky far to the northwest. There was a shout of welcome. The speck grew larger, approached at lightning speed, and almost before the spectators realized it was circling high overhead, the red, white and blue circle of the Royal Flying corps there plainly against the drab surshowing plainly against the drab sur-face of the planes.

A great roar of applause was sud-denly hushed as the pilot dipped steeply into a close spiral and spun slowly toward earth; it broke loose again from thousands of throats as the airplane righted and swung its head once more into the wind. Many who were there were getting

a larger plane-became separated. And they fought it out! They fought their first look at an airplane in ac-Hundreds of others were seeing for the first time the stunts about which they had read, and which all pilots who would be fightfields over there. First one attacked and then the other. They looped, and side-slipped, ing pilots must learn before they can and dipped, and fell-each apparently mand a battle plane.

Loops Three Times,

striving to gain the advantage over the other. And they kept it up until they had demonstrated every move The flyer climbed again and looped, The fiver climbed again and looped, once-twice-three times! They were graceful loops, so well executed that the crowd forgot to be frightened. Then came a spinning nose dive, with the machine twirling on its nose. No doubt now about the dis-nositions of that huge audience. It position of that huge audience. It ing field. was tickled to death and showed it That was all.

the cheers swelled into a verita roar of approval. And then the thing happened that everyone had wished for and none had been led to expect.

ARMY FLYERS GIVE OMAHANS A TASTE OF HIGH LIFE IN AIR

Falling Leaps, Barrel

Rolls and Nose Drives.

(Continued From Page One.) pumped Connell full of machine gun bullets.

A falling leap was executed by the turns in succession. This consists

was being entertained by General lee.

Omaha Officers Fly.

Four other machines were in readiness by this time, all of them Curtiss few fleecy clouds which drifted above Hispano Suiza machines with room the horizon like cotton-bobs strung for pilot, gunner and four machine on a trick wire. Not once was the guns. Three officers from Fort Oma-sun obscured. Far to the north three ha went up with the pilots in these

"sausage" balloons hung stationary machines. The Fort Omaha passengers were Colonel Hersey, Major Van Indeed, so far as the setting was Nostrand and Lieutenant Case. concerned, and if the little clouds The four machines took the The four machines took the air

had been puffs of shrapnel smoke, it one after the other at about halfmight have been a lazy day on the minute intervals, piloted respectively and after all it lent a subtle air of seriousness to the whole perform-ance. No one forget that by Lieutenant Kelleher with Colonel ance. No one forgot that we are at Lieutenant Davidson with Major Van

Nostrand as passenger. After getting into the air they disappeared behind the hill to a "rendezvous" where they got into Vshaped battle formation and then it out for all the world as two planes would have to fight it uot if they clashed above the shell-scarred battle-appeared from the east coming back American Aviators Just at this moment General Lee appeared from the east coming back from giving the multitude at the Field club a series of thrills. He came down from a high altitude in a thrilling "tail spin" until he was only a few

hundred feet from the ground. Then, being right over some trees, he "sideslipped" to get over them and then came down on the field. Fly Over Fort.

Along came the four planes from the "rendezvous" in battle formation and at the same time the two scout planes were seen at Fort Omaha fly ing around the observation balloons there. They stayed only a short time

Some Gossip Heard Among The New-Made Air Fans Who Saw the Army Aviators Fly

The weather was just right for the ing a newspaper man and conse-big show in the air. Clear, still and quently exceeding bright-exclaimed:

The aviators will all leave today they five and run to cover. for Minneapolis, where they fly and run to cover. Monday.

Several theater parties were ar-ranged for the aviators last night by on the train. A supply of gasoline tions.

It takes "nine tailors to make a pursued in an effort to throw off his man" and it takes about eight en-enemy. Then he did five Immelmann listed men of various kinds to take the Field club golf course a little girl care of an airship and keep it in was heard to exclaim: proper flying trim.

Lt. F. K. Meany, who was ill at Whether this was indeed the truth Des Moines since Thursday, arrived or not it is a fact that there was not rolls" and "falling leaps" were exe-cuted also by the two lieutenants. urday and joined his comrades at the sibly his was due to the fact that pro-It was a patriotic crowd, strewn These were the attacking planes for and they provided a good program starting field. He did not fly. He body was looking at the ground for bout over the fairaways, below the soon they swooped down upon the of thrills for the thousands below had indigestion, resulting from too birds, but several remarked the co-

Roofs of Omaha's skyscrapers were

and there a sky gazer was startled balloon and how he liked it. of advantage.

Thousands of people came in by automobile and train from a radius of 75 miles around Omaha to see the however, "stuck up" for his branch great flying exhibition. The Lincoln | and contended that "it doesn't bore highway from the starting field to you when you are busy all the time." Fairacres was one long procession "Maybe not, but I really wouldn't of cars going in both directions, care for it. Too slow," said the avicountry people going home and city ator. people trying to get to the city from the starting field.

By Associated Press.

bombs on the railway yards at Lon-

guyon, scoring several direct hits Late in the afternoon Conflans was

again raided but poor visibility made

it difficult to ascertain whether the

A business man-or rather a newspaper man-was sitting in his not be estimated last night. People kitchen about 2 yesterday afternoon crossing the greens, despite the ropes when his chickens began to run put about them to prevent it, and wildly for the henhouse. He was hundreds of others who climbed un puzzled for a moment and then-be- and down the bunkers, and some even

Increasingly Active in Aerial Raids on Huns "bit" in the work of winning the



Birdman to Decorate Grave of Comrade of Army "Flying Circus" Sioux City, Aug. 31 .-- (Special Telegram.)-Flowers will be dropped The travelers have a membership from the sky tomorrow forenoon on

the grave of Maj. William R. Ream. killed in an airplane fall while flying "The airplanes are coming." Sure with the United States army "Flying

Neb Lt. Earl Carroll, a member of the

squadron, will leave Omaha at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and will Omaha society young women. Each and oil is awaiting the flyers at arrive at Homer between 8 and 9 officer, it is said, had several invita- Spencer, Minn., which will be the o'clock, according to word received only stop made in the journey. The distance is about 400 miles. The City, Neb., a half brother of the dead

man Aviator Carroll will circle over the grave at a height of about 200 feet and drop bouquets sent by the mem-

"Look, mamma, the airships have bers of the squadron. scared away all the birds!"

incidence.

One of the Fort Omaha balloon popular yesterday afternoon. Swarms lieutenants asked an aviation lieutenof people dotted every roof and here ant whether he had ever been up in a of people dotted every roof and here balloon and how he liked it. "Yes, to see some daring and hasty youth I've been up, but it seemed awfully skinning up a fire escape to a place dull and uninteresting to me," said the aviator. "I don't see how a man can stand it to be up there three or, 'Maybe not, but I really wouldn't

> The big crowd did some damage out at the Field club yesterday. Just

how much damage was done could MILTON ROGERS & SONS Company ROGERS hundreds of others who climbed up who opened the wire doors and tramped across the tennis courts, left their mark on the grounds which will have to be put in shape again. But, as one member put it, "the club won't **'OVER THE TOP'**

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Friday, Aug. 30 .-American bombing machines this morning successfully attacked rail-CHARACTERS OF way yards and buildings at Conflans. Several direct bursts were observed and enemy pursuit planes followed the invading Americans back to their lines but did not attack them.

Jefferis Speaker at Session of Travelers A. W. Jefferis, republican candi

date for congress, was the principal speaker Saturday night at the session of the Travelers Protective association at the Chamber of Commerce. drive at present and the various teams made reports of good progress.

Draft Men May Attend

Naval Officers' Schools

Men in the draft will be granted releases from local draft boards to enter naval officers' schools, according to official bulletins just received by board members. Persons interested may consult Ensign Condict of the navy recruiting station.

Will Observe Labor Day.

Labor day will be observed as a general holiday in railroad headquarters and offices in Omaha for the first time in history.



\$5

For your old stove as part payment on a Monogram Coal and Gas Range.

The aviator came down! It was General Lee, the intrepid Britisher, ranking officer with the touring squadron, who was flying that plane.

Big-Hearted Generosity.

General Lee knew that the heart of his big audience was longing to see him make a landing and he did not want to see them disappointed. It was big-hearted generosity which prompted his decision to fulfill the wish of those below.

He swooped down in a wide spiral, swung into the wind, vaulted between the trees and made a perfect land-ing on the fourth fairaway, on the west side of the course. It was pretty work and nervy. The crowd unfurled upon the lib-eral grassy stretch of the fairaway like a banner. Soldiers onthe to the

like a banner. Soldiers, quick to take in the unusual situation, rushed for-ward and surrounded the plane, General Lee laughed delightedly and waved his hand as the crowd

showed its appreciation in cheer Smith as he walked onto the aviation landing field yesterday afternoon and

after cheer. He did not leave his machine, nor Hendid not leave his machine, his He did not leave his machine, nor did he stop his engine. Under his shouted instructions the soldiers turned the big mechanical bird around and guided it to the lower end of a long declivity. The pilot motioned them off, threw open his throttle, sailed up the little hill, above it, crept slowly back into the skies and was gone. approached the airship in which Brigadier General Lee, the veteran British aviator, was preparing to take him up in the air. side the fence of the field passed out their choicest jests. "Jim Dahlman ought to be here to bid you goodbye," said one. "Well, mayor, goodbye, and if I never see you again-" began John W.

Learn Lesson of Air.

They talked, then-the people in that crowd did. They realized-had Gamble in his most funereal tone. had it driven home-that air work was for the last time," shouted another an actual and indubitable factor in the war. And they were glad that that pilot had shown them.

made the suspense as short as pos-Soon three more planes appeared. sible. He got out an extra cap, tied They seemed larger-perhaps they it on the mayor's head and a mechanwere not-they seemed arger-pernaps they was not a case of "straight" flying with this trio, either. They spiraled. looped, dipped, spun, and fell for short distances like a leaf in an autumn ician helped the mayor into the scat of the big Avro mathine and fastened the strap about him. The general took the back seat, which is for the pilot. Only the heads of the men ind. And then they, too, hurried off into the west leaving little ribbons of smoke that trailed behind like swirl of water behind a boat.

The crowd care to itself for the moment. Some rubbed their necks into the sky. and others their eyes-but none

frowned. They were satisfied. They moved about. From the wide veranda height and then sped off across the of the Field clubhouse came the city until it became a mere speck in strains of a band. It was a good band. Why not? Was it not the the distance. Soon the machine grew bigger Great Lakes Naval Training school again and 10 minutes after the star hand? This splendid organizationthe general and his passener swooped part of the largest band in the world and trained by the March King himdown and stood again on the field. A little round of applause from the -had been taken to the clubhouse few inside the fence and the multiin big motor trucks with improvised tude outside the fence greeted them. seats by soldiers from Fort Omaha. The sailor bandboys had volunteered "Fine! Great! Bully!" exclaimed the mayor in response to the queries of friends as to how he liked it. to do this. They wanted to do their share in making it a real occasion and they succeeded. Few there were who listened that had heard a better band. vonderful. Finer than silk." "You were up an hour and ten minutes," him jestingly.

Fly In Battle Line. The real sensation arrived when six than 20 minutes." planes, flying in hattle formation. came racing toward the grounds. The machines were first in the formation of two ahead, one on each side, and two behind, but as they swung over the course they changed so that one was ahead, then one on each side one in the center, one on each side and one behind. This, it was underfor six planes.

r circling above the grounds the mayor. The American flyers are al's consent to a ride in the airplane airplane riding will be ommon and two of the planes-the scouts-darted not permitted to take any civilians the reporter again broached the sub- anyone will be able to ride that can away and took to the high skies. along as passengers.'

But it was an exhibition that and then flew back to the starting brought home with a bang the confield in about three minutes, a disvincing realization that airmen are tance of six or seven miles. They not merely sky performers, but, col-lectively in fighting units, are an injoined the four in battle formation and performed stunts for both crowds tegral part of the whole scheme of of spectators. After an hour and a half of flying

This brought the prettiest man-

as though sentinels on guard

Stage Sky Duel. Two of the machines-a scout and

western front!

war.

winning this war. Whatever else this air mission is accomplishing that is one result which makes the venture worth while.

IN TEN-MINUTE

After Spin Over City With

Brigadier General Lee

of British Army.

Pale but determined was Mayor

A number of citizens who were in-

"All form in line to shake his hands

The mayor grinned. General Lee

Speeds Toward City.

field, their youthful pilots cutting up all sorts of capers in the process of coming down and landing as light MAYOR IS GAME as a feather on the big meadow. The young aviators take their pro-

fession with the greatest nonchalance. It is real sport, they say, and not dangerous. Safer Than on Street.

"We feel no more nervous when we FLIGHT IN AIR

tenant Earl Carroll, "In fact, I rather | can lines uninjured. think we are safer in the sky." And say, don't the ladies love the aviators! Well, the fair young dames "Wonderful," Exclaims Smith were out there in their prettiest clothes looking at the handsome

chaps and talking and joking with them and inviting them to dinners and parties! Two of the flyers wore, each on his

head, a green silk stocking,-wore it in place of a cap, wore it for good luck and because a girl somewhere had asked him to wear it.

So it seems that, though flying may be what the flyers say it is, a humplenty of romance in the lives of the young knights of the air. About eight men are required to

take care of each airship. There are 154 men in a squadron of the American air army and a squadron consists of only 18 flying machines. Each squadron has a sign that is all its own. The one to which the flyers who visited here belong has a

picture of a big, black cat in the act of making a flying leap through the air. This is painted on the side of all the fuselages. Each machine bears the large circle painted on the wings,

a circle red on the outside, blue next and a white dot in the center. American Red Cross Cares

For Wounded From Ussuri Vladivostok, Aug. 26 .- Thirtyeight wounded French and Czecho-

from the Ussuri fighting zone. The men were transported by the American army medical corps, which over-

talking of suicide for some time.

chines returned. One lone American aviator today attacked a German, who was diving at a French balloon. Despite the fact that there were six German machines above him, the American forced the German machine into a nose dive.

The six other Germans then attacked the American and forced him to deare up in the sky than when we are the American and forced him to de walking along the street," said Lieu- scend. He landed behind the American

> Americans, Including **Consular Officers Are** Sent From Moscow

Washington, Aug. 31 .- Ninety-five Americans, including all consular of-ficers except Consul General Poole all the personnel of the Young Men's Christian association and Young Women's Christian association, repdrum, easy sort of thing, there is resentatives of the American bank and a number of private citizens left Moscow for Petrograd on a special train

the evening of August 20. American interests previously had been turned over to the Swedish consulate. With the Americans were the Ital

ian military mission, a party of persons. This news was transmitted today through the Swedish government.

Grieves Loss of Husband

And Tries to Kill Self

Mrs. Frank Jackson, 501 William street, attempted suicide at 7 o'clock last night by shooting herself with a .32-caliber revolver. She was removed to the Lister hospital and probably will recover. The bullet entered her left breast dangerously near

the heart, plowed downward through her lungs and was extracted from just under the cuticle on the right side of the spine above the kidneys. She was attended by Police Surgeon A. J. Edstrom. Worry over the loss

a sanitary train to move them to four months ago, unbalanced her Vladivostok. They were turned over mind, it is thought. Neighbors say to the care of the American Red she has been acting strangely and

ences and Insist Science bombing was effective. Enemy antithe machines returned to the starting aircraft guns were active against the of Flying is Easy. American raiders in all three of the day's excursions. All of our ma-Modesty, likeableness and an exalted pride in their profession are outstanding characteristics of flying men

as noted in the aviators of the American-British aviation tour who flew in the Omaha sky yesterday. None of them will talk about him-

self though most of them have lived eventful lives. Gen. C. F. Lee of the British Royal

Flying corps, for example, is an English gentleman who was living on his country estate, riding, hunting and overseeing farming operations, his stables and kennels before the war. He had learned aviation in the army before he retired to his estate.

When the war started he was one of the very first to hurry into the fray and during those first few critical months when the German hordes were swooping down on the "contemptible English army" he was in the thick of it. England at that time had less than 100 aeroplanes, a mere handful compared with what she has now. General Lee was one of Britain's most successful flyers and did great service and service of the most dangerous kind.

He has been so busy since then that he has never slept in his home. He flew down from London twice but only for a few hours. He hopes to get back to the front in about five weeks The general who has charge of bombing has asked to have him returned to the active forces and the general is eager to go.

To Bomb Berlin,

Asked whether it would be possible to drop bombs on Berlin, General Lee said it was possible to make the 800-mile flight, but the results would hardly warrant it at this time.

"There are many factories in Berlin that would make military targets," he added with a smile, "and there's a beast lives there that a chance shot might get."

Lieuteant Carroll, American flyer said nothing about himself, but from other sources it is learned he was a great composer of operas before the war. He spent some years in China, where he published a newspaper at Shanghai. Then he lived in Japan. Returning to America he composed the score for numerous successful operas, including "So Long, Letty," and "Canary Cottage." The royalties from these run into many thousands of dollars a year.

As for pride in his profession, he said:

"I'm only a lieutenant, but if any one were to offer me a colonelcy in any other branch of the service I wouldn't hesitate a minute to state that I would remain as I am."

There is a great esprit de corps among the flyers. When they met at the Fontenelle after flying from Des Moines they shook each other by both hands, hugged and almost kissed each other.

There is no spirit of nervousness in the air, General Lee said, only the anxiety to get to where they are going.

STATE FAIR

Lincoln, Neb.



We are trained to the minute-have speeded up on system, and have "efficiency" lashed to the mast.

--in Fine Work--

If you are economical and thrifty, yet demand the very best in dental service, you should have us do your work.

No loss or waste in either time or materials in our office, and you get the benefit.

Investigate Our System and Methods.





EXECUTIVE POSITION WANTED

The past seventeen years of my life have been spent with two large wholesale houses in selling, organizing and executive work with good results.

Have a practical knowledge of Hardware, Groceries, Automobile Supplies, Footwear and Novelty Merchandise.

Am also capable of managing an office and understand this kind of work thoroughly. Bee, Box Y 666.



Adventurous Scribe Seeks Sky Ride With Flyer, But General Says "Nay, Nay"

It is not an easy thing to get a ride | Omaha to Minneapolis in the genon an aeroplane these days. This was eral's Avro. But here the barrier was discovered by a reporter for The still more secure, for the general car-Bee in negotiating with Gen. C. F. ries a mechanician with him in the Lee, of the Royal British Flying corps. The reporter applied early The reporter mentioned with a

corps. The reporter applied early The reporter mentioned with a but the general crushed his hopes, touch of reproach the fact that the gently but firmly. mayor was to be taken up.

Many Are Envious. And on the ground watching him were many men who cussed softly to themselves because they didn't the mechanism of the engine is so happen to be mayor so they could be delicate that I can't take any chances mayor up."

and one behind. This, it was under-stood, is the best battle formation One of these was John W. Gamble, for six planes. When Mayor Smith got the gener-So street cars and railroad trains will have to do for a while, at least, though the general says after the war

ject, proposing to ride part way from | pay the fare.

"That's

Howard Baldridge told

"Oh, no, not that long," said the

mayor. "I don't think it was more

In fact, the mayor was in the air

exactly 10 minutes,

Slovak soldiers have arrived here came the greatest obstacles to obtain of her husband, who was killed about Around the field it circled, gaining



