

PRUSSIANS SADLY DEMORALIZED BY ALLIED AVIATORS

Daredevils of the Franco-British Service Upset All Calculations of Foe.

THEIR WORK IS VITAL IN SOMME OFFENSIVE

Diary of a Prussian Officer Reveals the Fact that Mastery of the Air is of Great Importance.

(Special Cable to New York Herald.) London, Oct. 1.—The Zeppelin raid on London, with its loss to the Prussians of two super-Zeppelins and the infliction of no military damage whatever, and the dramatic air battles now proceeding on the western front serve again to call attention to the fact that air fighting, scouting and raiding exploits are of the utmost importance in these decisive days of the war.

The statement contained in special cable despatches to the Herald several weeks ago that the French and British airmen were systematically blinding the scouting eyes of the Prussian army on the Somme now receives official confirmation. In a British official communication summing up the main features of last week's fighting occurs the statement that during that week "in the battle area only fourteen hostile aeroplanes have been reported as crossing our lines, while our machines have made between two and three thousand flights across the enemy's lines."

This condition of affairs, which is recognized by military observers as of the utmost importance to the future of the conflict between the forces of the Allies and of the Central Powers, is now beginning to affect in a serious manner the morale of the troops of the army group of Prince Rupprecht, who are endeavoring to resist the onslaught of the armies of General Foch and General Haig.

An interesting document in this connection is the diary of a Prussian officer captured at the Somme, extracts from which are published and the authenticity of which is vouched for.

The entries regarding aviation are as follows:—

"August 1, 1916. Our aviators are like hares; not one of them dares

show himself on the other side of the line.

"August 2. The French airmen fly over our lines at a height of 500 feet, while not one of ours dares show himself. It is impossible for us to fire, for if we do so we are immediately bombarded with violence. So we have to stand for everything and to lie down in the trenches in a suffocating heat and to suffer thirst and wait to be cut in pieces by shells or buried alive, or, if it please God, to get off safe and sound.

"August 6. Our aviators are inferior to such a degree that they do not stay in the air even at the distance behind the first line at which we now are. Our aviation is mighty inferior to the French and British. Thus, it is impossible to take a step out of the protecting shelter of the wood. All the enemy aviators are almost constantly scouting around our little wood and sending back signals.

"In aviation we are distinctly inferior, whether we wish to recognize it or not. Germany mistress of the air, that is a statement which is not true at all. This explains the enormous losses which we are making here. There is no one to debar us from this scourge of the enemy aviation, which sticks to us without let-up all day long and even into the night."

"This moral defeat has had a very bad effect on us."

That the superiority thus won is no accidental occurrence, but a part of the wonderful scheme of organization which the French military chiefs understood to bring about during the respite for preparation which the great victory at the Marne won for them, is now revealed in the publications of the French experts. Mr. Georges Batault has completed a study of the marvelous preparatory organization of the mighty offensive at present under way at the Somme front.

After the hasty and improvised means of resistance which the necessities of the early months forced on the French commanders there have come the scientific method and the new disposition of powerful material handled in a new way, he says in the Paris Journal. The great new war machine was built up behind the immovable barrier of the soldiers and spirit of sacrifice of the soldiers and the genius of the chiefs. He describes the immense workshops covering many square miles of ground behind the Somme front, the new roads, over which endless lines of trucks are constantly moving, the new system of railway lines, the artillery and munitions deposits filled to their utmost capacity, and the guns, from the famous 75s, to the giant 340-millimetre cannon and the 400-millimetre howitzers.

"But the newest thing of all," he says, "the most marvellous and the most extraordinary in its consequences, is the absolute mastery of the French aviation service, which reigns in uncontestable supremacy over all the broad stretch of the Picardy sky."

Apoahqui Man Gave His Life For Empire

Apoahqui, October 4.—A number of the homes in this vicinity have been saddened by reason of the war, and



PTE. JOHN S. CORBITT. Killed in Action.

on Saturday of last week still another was stricken with sorrow, when Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Corbitt of Lower Millstream, received the official telegram, conveying the intelligence that their eldest son, John Stanley Corbitt had been killed in action, "Somewhere in France."

Private Corbitt was 27 years of age and is survived by his parents, one brother Edward and three sisters, viz: Mrs. Herbert Walker, Belleisle, and the Misses Annie and Agnes at home.

The late hero, prompted by the spirit of adventure left home when a mere boy at the age of seventeen years, when he chose the life of a seaman and spent eight years on the sea, during which time he had many varied experiences and was practically around the world. After spending a year with his parents some five years ago, he again returned to the seafaring life until the autumn of 1914, shortly after the outbreak of the war. At that time, when, reaching the port of Halifax, he heard and took heed to the call of the Empire, and immediately left the water and enlisted with the 25th, a Nova Scotia Battalion, which was then calling for recruits. During his period of training he frequently visited his home and rela-

BELLEVILLE, ONT. FARMER MURDERED, ROBBERY MOTIVE

Belleville, Ont., Oct. 5.—Walter Montgomery, a middle aged farmer, 55 years of age, a bachelor, residing in Madoc, was discovered dead in the drive house of his farm this morning with abrasions on the back of the skull, which was fractured, inflicted apparently by some blunt instrument. Money that he always carried in a strap suspended from his neck was missing.

CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Oct. 5.

Infantry.

Wounded—
Stuart Adamson, Amherst, N. S.
Lance Corporal Fred G. Awat, Mahone Bay, N. S.

Mounted Rifles.

Killed in Action—
Arthur Goldie, Sydney, N. S.
Died of Wounds—
Cyril C. Colpitts, Forest Glen, Inverness county, N. S.

ARTILLERY.

Wounded:
Gunner Leonard Coates, 641 Orange street, Fredericton, N. B.
Sergt. Albert G. Duffett, 41 Spencer street, St. Johns, Nfld.
Bombardier Jeffrey J. Hibbert, Dorchester, N. B.

FINANCIAL PRESS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
Journal of Commerce.—The publication of the Union Pacific annual report must be credited with responsibility for a change in the stock market to buoyancy.

Sun.—The market appears to reflect active preparations for the resumption of the bull movement on a progressive scale.

—The market here, and possessed of a remarkable physique, he made a noble appearance clad in khaki.

When the battalion to which he was attached arrived in England, he was transferred to the Royal Munster Fusiliers and attached to the trench mortar battery while at the front, and it is supposed met his death while in discharge of his duties.

Private Corbitt was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McAuley of this village, and had many friends here who greatly regret his untimely death.

6,000 MORE AMERICAN TROOPS ORDERED TO MEXICAN BORDER

Washington, Oct. 5.—All army departmental commanders were ordered by the war department today to dispatch militia organizations still in state mobilization camps to the border as soon as they can arrange transportation facilities.

The orders affect only troops which have not seen service on the border, or about eight thousand men in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Colorado, New Hampshire, New York and Mississippi.

COLORED HEROES.

The "Watts" have often been the butt of ridicule, yet the troops composing the King's West African Frontier Force have shown that they can be as steady and courageous as the whitest of European regiments. Under the tropical sun a terrible engagement was being fought on the Mbia River of the Cameroons, under the direction of Lieutenant Markham Rose, who was killed very early in the engagement. Without any hesitation, Sergeant Jalu assumed command, and with fine courage held out for several hours, controlling his men without any European help whatever. Away in Northern Rhodesia a small British force was suddenly attacked by a German patrol, and a British officer mortally wounded. A sergeant from Ngoniland rushed to the spot where the officer lay dying in the long grass, and with splendid devotion mounted guard and defended him until he died, an then got his boy away. Another officer who saw the incident truly remarked: "I have heard of men with dusky skins being pure white inside, and I have certainly had proof of that on more than one occasion on this border." One of the finest instances of negro courage occurred on the Dhombe River in the Cameroons in an engagement with German troops. Two British officers came under violent fire and were both wounded, one of them mortally. Private Dazarti, seeing that one of the officers, though seriously was not dangerously wounded, cleverly persuaded him to lie still where he had fallen, and then concealed himself in the vicinity. At the first opportune moment he rescued the wounded officer and carried him back to safety. These are but three incidents of noble loyalty and courage shown by the colored Colonials of his Majesty's Forces.

But these dependencies of Great Britain have not merely been content to find large sums for war victims and to show great courage on tropical battlefields, they are now proposing to take up a share of the permanent debt

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charges. Ceylon has offered to take £1,000,000. Jamaica £2,400,000, Nigeria £6,000,000, Bermuda £51,750. These shares of Britain's war debt are to be spread over periods varying from ten years in the case of Ceylon to 40 years in that of Jamaica. This precedent, if it is followed by all the territories under the British flag, will result in modifying considerably the future burden of taxation, but it also raises political issues of exceptional importance, the chief being that of franchise. Will it be politically sound for the Imperial Government to draw permanently from Crown Colonial revenues a share of the war debt without granting in the near future some form of franchise to the local taxpayer? If so, it is embarking upon a policy closely akin to that which lost us the American colonies!

Ann Pennington is four feet eight inches short. With her hair down her back, she looks about two feet tall. One of those jovial, expansive old gentlemen whose beaming smile embraces all humanity was an interested spectator at the Famous Players studio while she was working in a picture. As she stood near him watching for a cue, he patted her on the shoulder and rumbled good-naturedly: "Well, little maid, are you going to spend all your life in the movies?" "Not the first twenty years," replied Miss Pennington as she walked over to her scene.

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