

GERMANY OWES THE ALLIES WAR BILL OF \$120,000,000

Bristol, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—The war bill of the Allies against Germany is £24,000,000,000 according to the British prime minister, David Lloyd George, who presented this and other interesting facts before a large gathering here today. The cost of the war to Great Britain was £8,000,000,000.

Before the war the estimated wealth of Germany, said the premier, was between £15,000,000,000 and £20,000,000,000 sterling. So, if the whole wealth of Germany was taken, there would not be enough to pay the account. Therefore he had used the words: "Germany should pay to the utmost limit of her capacity."

When the prime minister was addressing an overflow meeting he said Great Britain would be guilty of a great folly if she gave up her navy.

A voice interrupted: "Then watch Wilson."

The premier replied: "Well, I hope to meet him in a fortnight. I will tell him what you say."

"Wherever the request comes from, we are not going to give up the protection of the navy so far as Great Britain is concerned," said the premier.

Amazing Air Rescue Has No Parallel.

A fight, a fall into the sea, and a gallant rescue are the elements of a story of air and sea that ranks high among the achievements of Americans in the Adriatic.

An American squadron was engaged in an air fight over Pola. Ensign Ludlow, having put one Austrian Albatross out of action, was attacked by two others. His right propeller was shot off, his propeller was struck and partly splintered, and his engine-crank case was hit, letting out all the lubricant.

His motor then caught fire in the air, but Ensign Ludlow was an aviator of more than common resource. He at once cut off, and began a deliberate nose spin, which had the effect of putting out the flames. Then he came down on the water.

Quartermaster Charles H. Hamman came to the rescue. In the hall of the fight he immediately simulated a disaster of his own. He plunged on an immediate nose dive, and at the end of it manoeuvred his plane to within hailing distance of Ludlow.

The latter at once opened the camera door in the bottom of the boat to fill it with water, at the same time kicking holes in the sides and slashing the wings. Then he cast himself adrift and swam through the choppy sea to his companion's plane.

There he hung on to the tail of the machine, while Hamman performed the first duty of the downed aviator. He fired a hundred or so rounds of ammunition into Ludlow's machine.

The carrying capacity of the chaser machine is not such as to permit of the transport of passengers, especially when

it is riddled with shot holes. All that could be done was to get Ensign Ludlow to hang on, lying flat under the engine. This so altered the balance of the plane that when Hamman attempted to rise he smashed the bow of his boat on the choppy sea.

The second attempt, however, was successful. Ludlow, underneath the engine, introduced a new problem of dynamics into the manoeuvring of a plane—so much so that on landing in the inland waters of her home port the machine turned over. Both pilots fell out, but were promptly picked up by a motor boat.

SAILORS IN FINE CONCERT.

That there is plenty of talent among the crew of the S. S. Saturnia, of the Anchor-Donaldson line, was well illustrated last night at the concert put on by them at the Seamen's Institute and the audience, which filled the large auditorium and overflowed out into the lobby, made known their appreciation of the programme in no undecided way.

Mr. Stewart presided as chairman and introduced the acts which ranged all the way from comic songs and mandolin selections to Scotch dances and recitations. The programme was as follows: D. McLintock, piano solo; W. Bone, vocal solo; Misses Allan and Grierson, mandolin selection; G. Stewart, recitation; Messrs. Thomson, McArthur, McDonald and McKenzie, pipers and dancers; M. Stewart, song; J. Cudaby, song and dance; A. Graham, J. Anderson, Allan and J. Cameron, comic songs; Misses Stewart and Devlin, in a sketch entitled "None Got Cameron"; God Save the King; D. McLintock acted as accompanist.

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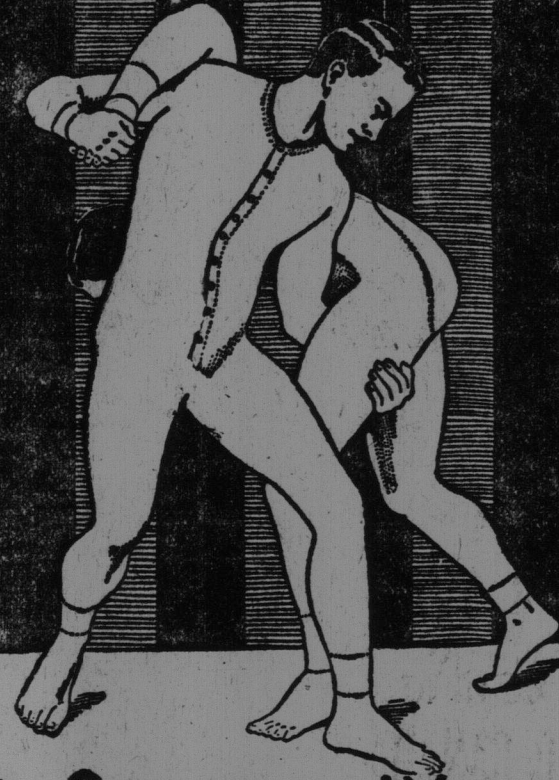
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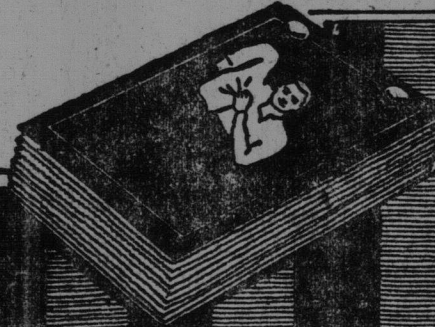
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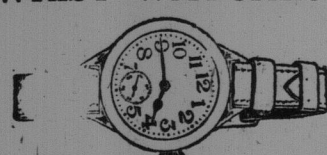


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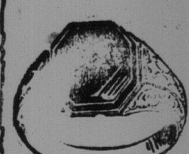
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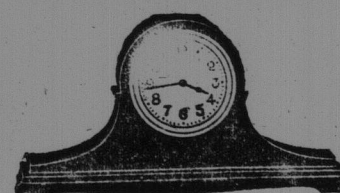
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