

World's Greatest Stamp Collection

The death was recently reported of the owner of the world's greatest stamp collection, Philippe la Renouée de Galliera, from whom he inherited vast wealth and an enthusiasm for collecting.

From his boyhood, in the sixties, Ferrary, encouraged by his mother, collected stamps, and expended large sums on his collection. Some years ago it was computed that he had spent more than £250,000 on it, and his annual expenditure with one London firm of stamp dealers is said to have averaged £4,000 a year.

Ferrary amalgamated several important collections with his own. So far back as 1882 he bought for the then record price of £2,000 the general collection which today would be worth as much as £50,000. He was a great asset to the stamp trade, and as he was always a ready buyer at a high price for any rare or exceptional item he had the pick of the market. The great collection, which until the war was housed in the Austrian Embassy in the Rue de Varenne, a mansion bequeathed to the Austrian Emperor by the Duchess de Galliera, contains practically all the great rarities among stamps.

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Yesterday's Cables

Air Work in France

LONDON, Sept. 30.—Official report from British headquarters in France to-night:—This morning the enemy attempted to raid two of our posts on Hill 70. The attacks were repulsed after a sharp fight. We captured a few prisoners. Two of our men are missing. We also secured a few prisoners during the night as a result of patrol encounters in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. Artillery was active during the day on the Ypres front. The enemy artillery showed considerable activity at different points between the Ypres-Comines Canal and St. Julien. On Sept. 28th, artillery and photographic work was continued by our airplanes. Over four tons of bombs were dropped on the enemy's airdromes at Gontrode and Camieres, and on hostile dumps, billets and railway. Another six tons were dropped on similar targets, including the airdrome at Gontrode, where enemy anti-aircraft guns, machine guns and searchlights were most active. In spite of the heavy barrage which was put up by every airdrome, all our machines returned. As a result of air fights nine German machines were brought down and four others were driven down out of control. One enemy machine was brought down by anti-aircraft guns. Three of our airmen failed to return.

Russian Official

PETROGRAD, Sept. 30.—The following announcement was made by the War Office to-day: On the northern, western, southwestern and Roumanian fronts there were fusillades and reconnaissances. On the Caucasian front there was nothing important. A report on Sept. 28th shows that 14 men were saved from the torpedo boat Ochniak, which was sunk by a mine in the Baltic. It is announced that on the southwestern front bombs were dropped at various places by our airplanes, and on machines, on enemy trains and transports. Near the village of Ohlenov, a German airplane was brought down by one of our machines. On the same front one of our aviators, Lt. Dobrukhoff, brought down an enemy airplane in flames.

Aerial Official

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The official statement on aerial operations to-night says: On Saturday the weather was unfavorable for aerial work; a number of valuable photos were taken however, and observations carried out for artillery. Bombing of enemy airdromes, billets and railways continued vigorously by day and at night. Control airdrome was the chief target and a big fire was caused there. One of the enemy balloon sheds was also set on fire and destroyed by a naval pilot. The enemy fighting machines were not very active yesterday and there were comparatively few combats. One German machine was brought down. Two of our are missing.

The Naval Aircraft

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The British official statement issued tonight on aerial operations, says: Naval aircraft made a bombing raid on Thursday on storehouses on the southwestern side of Beirut harbor. Many direct hits were seen and fires were started. It was observed that damage caused to sheds as a result of the raid in August was in the course of repair. All of our machines returned safely. Storehouses on the Nile were afterwards shelled by a cruiser and set on fire.

Enemy Losses Heavier

LONDON, Sept. 30.—General Sir William Robertson, speaking to-day at a hospital opening at Hampstead, said that during 1917 the British have captured more Germans and four times as many guns as the Germans have taken from the British during the whole war. The British were now fighting, he said, with their best material, while the enemy's resources were diminishing. The German losses had grown heavier, while the British losses were lighter.

British Official

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The War Office to-night announced a further success against German forces in East Africa, in which British troops occupied an important base of the enemy. The text of the announcement follows: Our troops yesterday occupied Nahungo, an important German supply base 82 miles southwest of Kilwa, after considerable resistance. Our advances in Luketeli valley and the forward movement of the Belgians in Mahenge are continuing steadily.

The Air Raid On London District

LONDON, Sept. 30.—London district was again raided tonight by German airmen. There is circumstantial but unconfirmed report that one machine was brought down. While there was a bright moon there also was a light mist, and the raiders were invisible to persons in the streets, but from the sounds of anti-aircraft guns in action indications were that the raiders were moving over various quarters of the district. Field Marshal Lord French reports two groups of enemy machines, followed by others flying singly, crossed the Kent and Essex coasts between 6.40 and 8 o'clock tonight. They came toward London and about ten penetrated the outer defenses, but only four or five got through to London itself. Bombs were dropped on Kent, Essex and London. No details of damages or casualties have yet been received. Fire ceased shortly after 9 o'clock. There are persistent but unconfirmed reports that two more airplanes were brought down. In expectation of mighty raids, the streets of London were much lighter to-night than ordinarily. The majority of the people got early to home, and services in the churches were held held at 5 o'clock instead of 7, hence when the warning was issued the streets were quickly cleared. There were the usual scenes in the clubs and other shelters, but the police and special constables had less difficulty in handling the crowds than on previous occasions.

Austrian Regiment Deserts to Roumanians

GENEVA, Sept. 29.—The Journal Azzet of Budapest says that during the visit of the Kaiser to the Roumanian front recently an entire armed Austrian regiment, consisting chiefly of Bosnian slaves, deserted en bloc to the Roumanians. They asked to be incorporated as volunteers with the Serbians; their request was granted. The journal demands that doubtful troops should be withdrawn from this front, and adds that the Kaiser must have been badly impressed on learning the news.

Close Voting

PETROGRAD, Sept. 29.—The Maximalists and Social Democrats at yesterday's session of the Democratic Congress voted 81 to 77 in favor of a Coalition Cabinet to include representatives of the Bourgeois, and by 86 to 51 against the inclusion of the Constitutional Democrats. The Revolutionary Socialists voted in favor of a Coalition excluding the Constitutional Democrats by 91 to 87. Premier Kerensky conferred with representatives.

Italians On Road Work

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Italian troops in Albania are building roads in difficult country in preparation for the next offensive, according to despatches from Rome. The Austrians and their Turkish allies are opposing the work, the despatches say, but nothing approaching a real battle is in sight.

French Official

PARIS, Sept. 30.—A heavy artillery action has been in progress on both sides of the Meuse-Verdun sector, while on the Aisne front German infantry attacked French trenches but were repulsed with considerable losses. The official statement issued by the War Office to-night also reports air raids around Dunkirk in which several civilians were killed.

Kerensky's Orders

PETROGRAD, Sept. 30.—Premier Kerensky has issued an order to the Criminal investigator to employ the militia and arrest Nikolai Lenin and M. Zinovief, his assistant in the Maximalist agitation. The warrant was read in view of the fact that the aforementioned persons are in Petrograd. "You will see that they are discovered and brought before me in the character of accused prisoners."

On Belgian Coast

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—Heavy artillery fighting on the Belgian coast and along the northern end of the western front is reported in today's official statement. The British undertook reconnoitering expeditions at many points.

New Lord Mayor

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Charles A. Hanson, Alderman of London and member of parliament for the South-east division of Cornwall was elected Lord Mayor of London to-day.

The German Tale

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—Our aviators attacked docks and warehouses in London as well as Ramsgate, Sheerness and Margate. The effect of bombs recognizable from the copulation caused. Our airplanes returned undamaged.

British Casualties

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The British casualties reported during the month of September total 104,593, divided as follows:—Officers killed or died of wounds, 636, men 18,302; officers wounded or missing, 2,151, men 83,509.

The Reverse Side Of the Sub Menace

LONDON, Sept. 30.—Another series of thrilling reports of recent naval actions against German submarines, illustrative of the manner in which the U-boat menace is being met, was given out last night by the Admiralty. The records are official and authentic, but no dates are given. The statement begun by reciting how a torpedo gunboat sighted a periscope six hundred yards away, and turned the ship so that the periscope was travelling in an opposite direction to that in which it was first seen. Then at a distance of 50 yards the periscope disappeared and the gunboat altering its course passed over the submarine. The impact of the collision was felt and when the captain estimated the submarine was under the after part of his ship explosive charges were dropped astern. A sea-plane reported patches of oil on the surface and a minesweeper found an obstruction on the bottom at this point.

A torpedo boat patrolling in the Atlantic found a steamer torpedoed and sinking. The survivors were rescued. Then the torpedo boat circled about the locality for more than an hour. Finally a white patch of water was seen dead ahead. The torpedo boat dashed over the spot, grazed the submarine and dropped three submarine bombs. Oil and air bubbles and gasoline came to the surface, and a mine sweeper found another obstruction here.

The next encounter described in the statement was that of submarine against submarine. A British U-boat sighted a German submersible while both were on the surface. The British submarine dived, and later picked up the enemy through the periscope. A torpedo fired at 800 yards caused a violent explosion in the German vessel. When the Britisher arose he found a patch of oil in which the Germans were swimming. They said they had been blown out through the conning tower and that their craft had been hit amidships, overturned and sunk.

A story characteristic of the mine-sweepers spirit is recited. A flotilla of sweepers was engaged in Western Channel waters, when an explosion occurred between a pair of them, the wire net parting. When the sweeping wire was pulled in, two mines were found entangled, one on the ship's side and the other just under the surface. The slightest roll of the ship striking the mine whisks would have been sufficient to set off the annihilating charge. The officer in command being responsible for the lives of the crew ordered them to abandon the ship. Later the senior officer with volunteers reboarded the mine-sweeper and coolly cut the wire and the mines fell into the sea without exploding. The mines were towed away gingerly by another ship. The statement points out the value of the trawler, which hardly costs as much as one broadside from a cruiser for training our mercantile marine officers in gunnery and tactics.

A British merchantman was attacked by a U-boat by gunfire from a distance of three miles. The shots were wild and she immediately replied. At the sixth and seventh rounds smoke flames burst forth from the fore part of the submarine which abandoned the chase. Another ship sighted a periscope 20 yards away on the beam and while swinging on hard port her helm. The torpedo passed astern. A minute later the periscope appeared on the surface on the other side. A shot was fired quickly followed by another and the submarine disappeared. The surface soon was covered with yellow oil. The determination of the merchant marine is evidenced by an instance of an armed ship proceeding to Liverpool conveying one which was unarmed. A submarine was sighted and at the same moment the torpedo struck the defensively armed vessel. The master, ordered the ship to be abandoned, but he and two gunners remained aboard. The unarmed ship fled pursued by the submarine whereupon the master opened fire from the sinking ship and forced the abandonment of the chase. The submarine returned and torpedoed the ship twice more; it then took the master and gunners prisoners.

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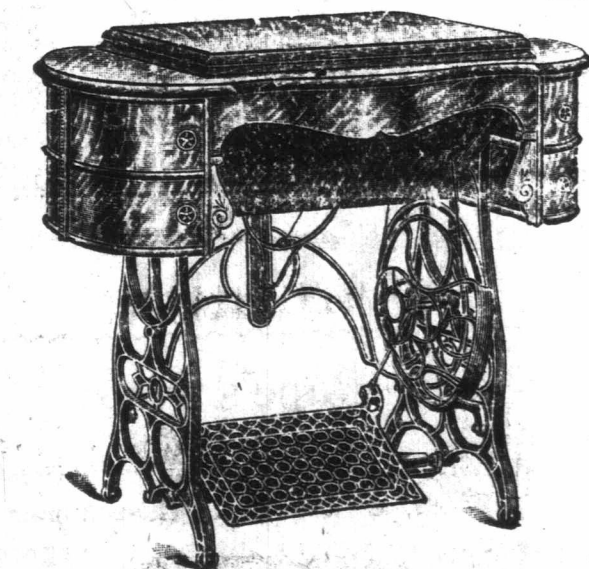
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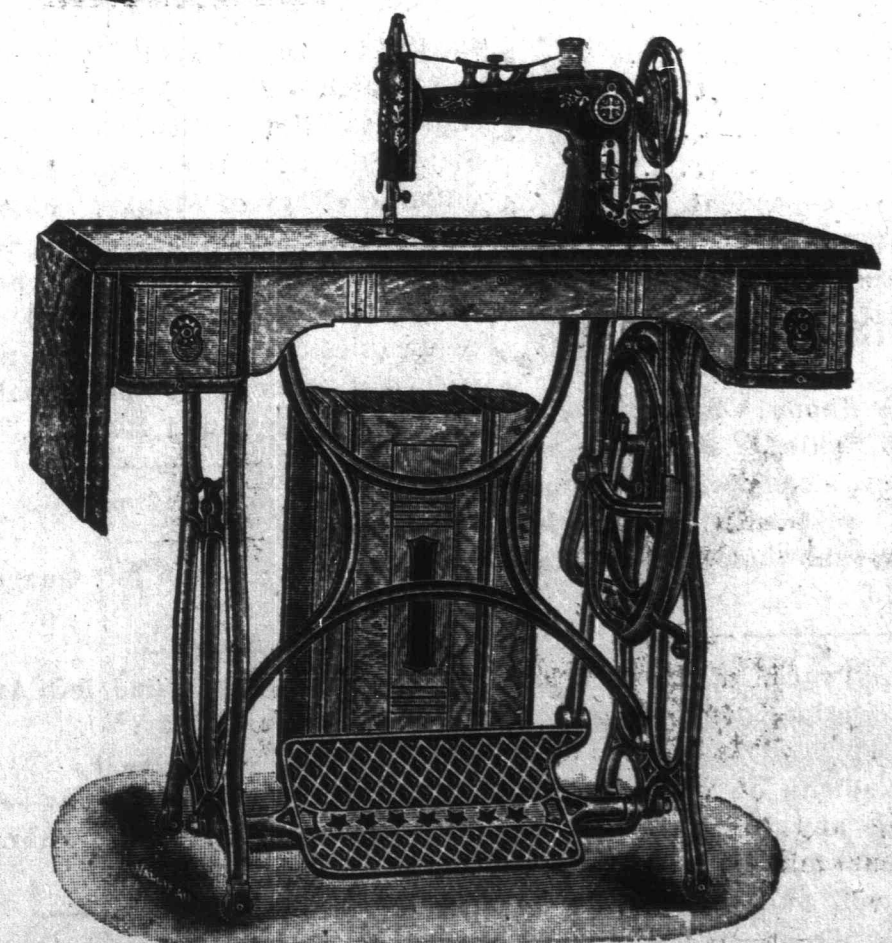
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