

DARING FEAT OF AN AMATEUR BELGIAN AIRMAN

With the Recklessness of Youth and Inexperience, He Flew Low and Dropped Bombs on Enemy

Paris, Dec. 18.—A German convoy and a detachment of cavalry have suffered considerable damage at the hands of a 20-year-old Belgian, who only six weeks ago volunteered for flying work. The hero of this daring exploit has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant and will probably be decorated.

On Tuesday afternoon, though a stiff wind was blowing, he set off in the direction of Ostend, but subsequently turned south on catching sight of a German column in motion. With the recklessness of inexperience and youth, he flew very low over the German line, so low that it was not until he dropped his first bomb that the Germans grasped the fact that this was not one of their own aeroplanes. Before they could open fire on the youngster the mischief was done. Three motor trucks were destroyed, and the whole transport column, which was hurrying to the front, was thrown into confusion. Having made his escape by rising to about five thousand feet, the aviator flew in the direction of Bruges.

South of that town, he observed a detachment of cavalry taking cover behind a cluster of farm houses. The first bomb he dropped went wide, but the second fell in the midst of the squadron. The airman was not able to observe accurately the amount of damage he did, for the Germans opened fire with an anti-aeroplane gun, and a shot severed his control wire. He thought he would just manage to alight to safety but he landed in the flooded area near Ramscapele, directly in the line of fire from both sides. However, he was able to wade

Preparing Zeebrugge As a Base For An Attack on Great Britain

London, Dec. 18.—That the Germans consider Zeebrugge the key for an attack upon the shore of Great Britain is told by a German officer whose story was repeated to a correspondent of the Daily News. The German is reported to have said that not until the Kaiser's troops have evacuated Zeebrugge will the idea of the invasion of England be abandoned.

The correspondent goes on to say: "A neutral who has been living for some time at Heystand and has had opportunities of gossiping with marines from the Zeebrugge parishes tells me that one of the chief functions of the place in the German plan of campaign is to serve as a submarine base for the destruction of transports which in early spring are expected to be streaming across the Channel with reinforcements for the British Army in France."

Von Tripitz Plans.
"Admiral von Tripitz believes that suitable craft for the work will be able to make their way from Wilhelmshafen to Zeebrugge undeterred by the British Navy, and that even after they reach the port he will be able to conceal a considerable proportion of them from the air scouts of the Allies. "Exactly how he proposes to do this I cannot pretend to say, but gossip among engineers is to the effect that a plan has been devised for keeping the vessels submerged for one or two days."

One Submarine Damaged.
The Daily Mail has received the following despatch from its correspondent at Rotterdam:
"An informant who has been travelling through Belgium tells me the Germans are most astonished and impressed by the reports of the British soldiers getting home for short holidays to rest.
"There is now only one submarine ashore and get to his own lines. Even the aeroplane was ultimately brought in."

Zeebrugge and that has been badly damaged by the bombardment by the Allied fleet.
As there were four in the harbor recently it would seem they had been able to slip out, which would mean that the Germans have repaired the sluice gates. These may have been the craft which attacked Dover recently.

Magistrate's Levee

Three laborers were arrested at 3 o'clock Monday morning, having been found in T. Wall's Store by the police.
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A couple of children who were coasting over Carnell Street had to pay costs.
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GERMANS SNEER AT CONVENTIONS AND TREATIES

General Tells Belgians They Are "Children" to Place Any Faith in International Agreements

AMONG the phrases which will go down to history after this war is over, Herr Bethmann-Hollweg's "scrap of paper" will probably take rank with his Imperial master's "contemptible little army." And the ruthless cynicism that inspired both phrases receives significant illustration in a series of episodes which one of the "Figaro's" special correspondents records. The "scrap of paper" idea, it will be seen, pervades them all.

Two leading Belgian citizens approached the German military authorities in order to entreat them to stop the carnage and destruction they were wreaking upon the civil population of an open and unarmed city. "Civil population!" sneered the representatives of the Kaiser. "Do you believe that they count for anything in time of war?"

"But," meekly persisted the petitioners, "there are the Conventions of Geneva and The Hague." "Conventions!" quoth the German staff officer. "You are children in Belgium—children, nothing but children."
There was a Burgomaster of another important locality in Belgium who refused to guarantee the payment of the fantastic war-contribution levied by the insatiable invader. The German staff officer simply asked him this question, "Do you prefer to be shot?"
"Yes," replied the heroic Burgomaster, "if by doing so I could liberate my city from this exaction."
"You will be shot later, when it pleases us," was the ruthless rejoinder, "but that would not put us in possession of the funds we require. But

Turks Hanged Many Christians In Public Streets

Armenians Executed Without Trial Because They Sympathised With Russia.

London, Dec. 18.—A Petrograd despatch to The Times says: "Advices from the front at Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, describe the position of 20,000 Christians there as precarious because of their Russian sympathies. Three hundred thousand and Turkish troops are mobilized at Erzerum."
"Hundreds of Armenians have been imprisoned and many hanged in the streets without trial as examples. Nevertheless remarkable anti-war demonstrations have been held in Erzerum, on one occasion the rioting lasting several hours."

Brutal Germans

Repaid in Own Coin

Melbourne, Aus., Dec. 19.—The authorities have dealt expeditiously with the six Germans who flogged a British Methodist missionary in New Ireland a few days ago.
The Germans, who included a doctor and magistrate were arrested and taken to Rabaul, where they were flogged in the presence of the Australian and the German residents.

look here. You have a museum full of works of great value. They will furnish the ransom we wish. We shall send your pictures to Berlin, and summon the American millionaires to the sale."
"But, general," protested the Burgomaster, "that would be expressly contrary to The Hague Convention."
"Enough, sir!" growled the general. "Cease this pleasantry. Talk of Conventions, at your age! Have you not learned yet that we are making war upon you?"
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