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## Boelke's Fate, Dead, Continued Flying

Reports of Late German Aviator De-  
scribe Thrilling Battles in the Air.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Replete with dramatic incidents and interesting features are the reports just published of Captain Boelke, the famous German aviator, who brought down forty hostile airplanes during his service with the army, which ended with his death on Oct. 29. As summarized by the Overseas News Agency, these reports from the field include the following:

Shortly after the opening of the war, on Oct. 27, 1914, Boelke reported that on a reconnaissance trip over Rheims he had observed nine batteries, one of which was in close proximity to the Cathedral. On July 6, 1915, Boelke reported:

"The superiority of the German machines is becoming more apparent. To-day I had the impression that the enemy was no longer offering resistance, but that he had nearly given up hope of escape. Shortly before the downfall of the hostile machine, the observer made a typical movement with his hands as to say, 'Why let us go on? We are done for, and surrender.'"

The reports show that in the majority of the air engagements the distance between the combatants was usually about 100 metres, but often only from thirty to forty metres. On Nov. 2, 1915, Boelke made bold to approach a French aviator as close as three metres.

"He fled," says Boelke's report, "but it didn't help him, for I was much quicker. I fired 500 shots, keeping up the fire until he began to fall. I had approached up to a distance of three metres, and still he hadn't begun to come down. At the moment when a collision seemed inevitable I turned my machine rapidly on its left side. The enemy turned his upside down on the right hand. I did not see him any more."

Many times hostile machines made seemingly incredible efforts to escape the much-feared German aviator, the hostile airman apparently desiring at least to save his own life, the reports indicate. On March 4th, 1916, Boelke reported:

"Again I approached the enemy, who had already been violently fired upon. I saw something most peculiar. The observer had climbed upon the left wing of the machine and was clinging to the supports. He looked at me as if quite terrified and waved his hand. I had shot away a piece of the helm and the machine had pitched downward. In order again to get it in balance the observer had seated himself on the wing."

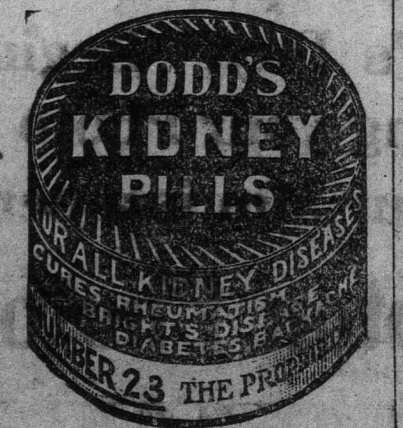
Boelke reported a gruesome incident as occurring on one of the last of his raids, on Oct. 8 of this year.

"I wondered at the stubbornness of the enemy," wrote the aviator, "considering that he must have been finished a long time ago; but he continued to circle in the same fashion. Reason told me the man must be dead and that the machine was being maintained in its right position only by the rubber bands at the helm. Therefore I approached closely and saw the occupant of the machine leaning toward the right side, dead. The airplane bore the number 7485. The horrible picture left me unshaken. I let the man alone and attacked the next one."

An example of chivalry reported in Boelke's book is to the effect that after having encountered an adversary Boelke made several "rounds of honor" over the place where his enemy had fallen. A "round of honor" among aviators is a mark of courtesy to a fallen brave enemy. Boelke himself decorated the place where the enemy aviator had been buried with military honors with a bunch of red, white and blue flowers.

A British flier, who was shot down by Boelke, was taken to a German hospital and there visited by the German aviator. Boelke took him English books and photographs of his machine. Boelke adds: "He was very glad about it and knew my name well."

One of Boelke's most remarkable qualities was his respect for an enemy, and he repeatedly used phrases like the following: "A British aviator really flew home at a height of 100 metres above our trenches. He was a smart chap. That is not likely to be done by another."



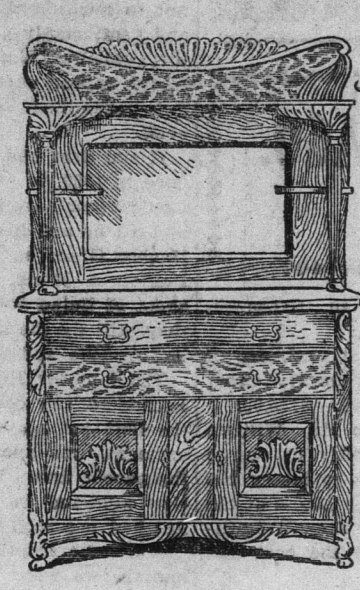
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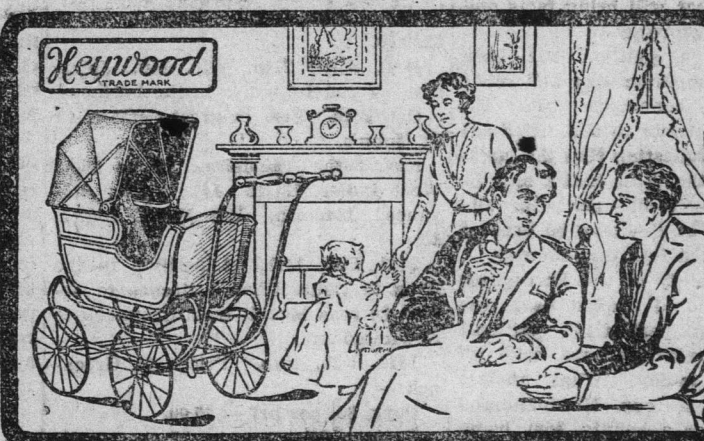


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### He Surprised Her

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During the recent visit to this country of some members of the Russian Duma, at a Parliamentary reception held in their honor, the wife of Speaker of the House of Commons offered to introduce Mr. Wood to one of the Russian ladies present.

A little later she came up with a lady, and the mutual introduction took place.

Mr. Wood did not catch the name, and as he is ignorant of the Russian language he felt somewhat embarrass-

sed. Then it suddenly occurred to him that the Russians are linguists, and on the spur of the moment he said:

"Do you speak English?"

"Why certainly!" replied the lady with a surprised air. Then added, observing that Mr. Wood looked somewhat puzzled in his turn—"I am Mrs. Anstett Chamberlain."

The Speaker's wife had inadvertently introduced him to the wrong lady.

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## War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A. M.

WAR WILL BE WON ON WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for the Allied arms in a detail, report by General Sir Douglas Haig, which was issued to-night, and which covers operations from July 1 to Nov. 18. General Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather, which prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance. He declares, nevertheless, it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to overthrow the Germans when the time comes. The British commander himself firmly believes in the doctrine that the Allies can win the war on the Western front.

TURKEY'S REPLY RECEIVED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Turkey's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received to-day by the State Department. It is substantially the same as Germany's and Austria's.

ROMANIAN CABINET RECONSTRUCTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—According to a News Agency despatch from Jassy, Roumania to-day, the Roumanian Cabinet has been reconstructed on a coalition basis, with M. Bratianu as Premier and Foreign Minister.

CHINESE PERISH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A News Agency despatch from Tokio to-day says that three hundred persons, mostly Chinese laborers perished in the wreck of the Sankai Maru, off Chefoo, according to estimates to-day. Some of the victims, the survivors said, were killed by Chinese pirates who boarded the grounded ship. The pirates robbed and attacked the passengers and plundered the ship's stores. The American Consulate at Dairen to-day reported the rescue of two foreign survivors.

FRANCE INTRODUCES BILL.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Henri Berenger, to-day introduced in the Senate a bill which provides for the mobilization of civilians in France into an auxiliary service for national defence. The bill provides

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