

BRITISH SILENCE THE GERMAN GUNS AT YPRES; ITALIANS REPULSE SPIRITED AUSTRIAN ATTACK

HUNS DRIVEN BACK BY ITALIANS IN MOUNTAINS

Rome, March 7.—An Austrian attack on Monday night was repulsed by the Italians who inflicted appreciable losses on their opponents, the war office announced today. The statement follows:

"On Monday night the enemy attempted a further attack on the position we last occupied on the Costabel. He was repulsed, suffering appreciable losses."

"On the Asiago plateau yesterday morning Italian detachments penetrated the enemy's lines at Moselagh and destroyed them, taking possession of much booty in arms and ammunition. In the sector of Monte Sief, in the Upper Cordevole, the enemy for some time had been constructing a mine gallery towards our positions. We prepared a counter-mine which we blew up at dawn yesterday. The enemy's gallery was almost entirely destroyed. One of his advanced positions was blown into the air, and the occupants were buried under the debris. Notwithstanding the violent artillery fire of the enemy we occupied the mine crater."

"On the remainder of the front our artillery was active. It destroyed an important enemy observation post in the Boscomato zone, on the Carso."

FLYING AGAINST DEATH

Guymer's Wonderful Record in the Air.

A French flying officer was congratulated one day by some gushing women on the announcement of his latest success. "You have now won," said one, "the Legion of Honor, the Military Medal, and the War Cross—why, what other decoration can you win yet?" His reply was rather chilling. "The wooden cross," he said.

Lieutenant Georges Guymer, who is officially reported to have brought down his thirtieth German aeroplane, is said to have been the hero who kept the little wooden cross in mind while the world thought only of his long list of victorious fights. Indeed, few living airmen have been nearer to death than this lad of twenty-one, the most successful of all the daring flyers of the French army. The number of enemy machines he has brought down is larger than the official figure, which counts only those which fell down on French ground. Last September his real record was nearly thirty, and in the last two or three months he has been very busy.

Hairbreadth Escapes

Twice at least, in his career of triumph, he has barely missed death. Nearly a year ago he lay in hospital with wounds in his face and left arm received while fighting an air battle near Verdun. He had exchanged his "favorite machine," "Old Charlie," for a newer and faster machine, and for once he miscalculated the speed at which he travelled. Seeing two German aeroplanes above him, he rose and chased one of them. He got right behind it, and fired. The German went over and over to ground. It was then that Guymer blundered. He swooped after the second enemy, but his machine shot ahead after he had fired only a few shots, which missed. The German now had the advantage, and rattled Guymer's engine casing with bullets. Two bullets struck Guymer's left arm and splinters cut deep into his cheek and nose. Had he held on his course the German would not doubt have slaughtered him, but although wounded he did not lose his presence of mind. He dived suddenly, as if his machine were done for, and the German passed on. Then, with one hand, Guymer brought his machine up again, landed safely in the French lines, and was sent to hospital.

"I will make the Boches pay for keeping me inactive," he said, as he lay in bed. After a few weeks he was able to keep his promise, and the toll he took of the German aeroplanes rose rapidly. In November he did the "hat trick"—the first and only occasion on which any airman has done this—although the official record credited him with only two of the three machines he brought down. Guymer's first fight was on July 19, 1915. He was up in a two-seater with an observer to act as machine-gun operator, and after a long and fruitless search for enemy flying men was on his way back to the aerodrome when he saw a spot away towards the horizon. He came up with a German aeroplane just over Soissons, and there over the centre of the city, in view of hundreds of his compatriots, fought his first duel in the air.

Resourcefulness

It lasted ten minutes. Guymer took his machine to within fifty feet of his rival to give his observer practically point-blank range, and the machine-gun fired 115 bullets. Then the observer was wounded in the hand, and Guymer had his chance to prove his resourcefulness. He took control of the machine run as well as of the service, and continued the rain of fire against his adversary. All at once the Prussian pilot sank forward in his seat, evidently killed or unconscious, and his observer threw up his hands in a gesture of despair. A fraction of a second later the German machine burst into flames and plunged to earth. Resourcefulness saved his life in another air duel. His machine was jammed suddenly 7,200 feet up while the German was still trying to get the saw below him a thick bank of cloud. It was 1,500 feet away, but he dived straight at it, with the German diving after him. They were over the French lines, however, and the German dared not pass through the clouds. He

GERMAN BATTERIES PROVED NO MATCH FOR BRITISH GUNS

London, March 7.—The British official communication issued this evening says:

"During the past 24 hours there has been no change in the situation. Our artillery silenced enemy batteries which were shelling Ypres. We have again bombarded enemy trenches west of Messines."

"There was considerable reconnaissance photography and obtaining valuable information. Many bombs were dropped on enemy billets and dugouts. The enemy made determined but unsuccessful efforts to stop our work, sending up a very large number of machines. There was much aerial fighting all along the front throughout the day, during which three hostile machines were brought down and three others driven down damaged. Four of our machines were brought down, and seven others are missing."

OLD CLOTHES SOLD IN CITY OF MUNICH

Berlin, March 7, via Paris.—At Munich, Bavaria, yesterday was begun the government sale of old clothes which has been ordered for the entire empire. Purchasers stood in line for hours. The sale of the clothes was made only on presentation of clothing cards. All the clothes collected were disposed of on the first day of the sale, and it was necessary to give out cards for subsequent sales. Suits brought from 14 to 16 marks, and shoes from four to sixteen marks. There was an especially strong demand for second-hand dress suits.

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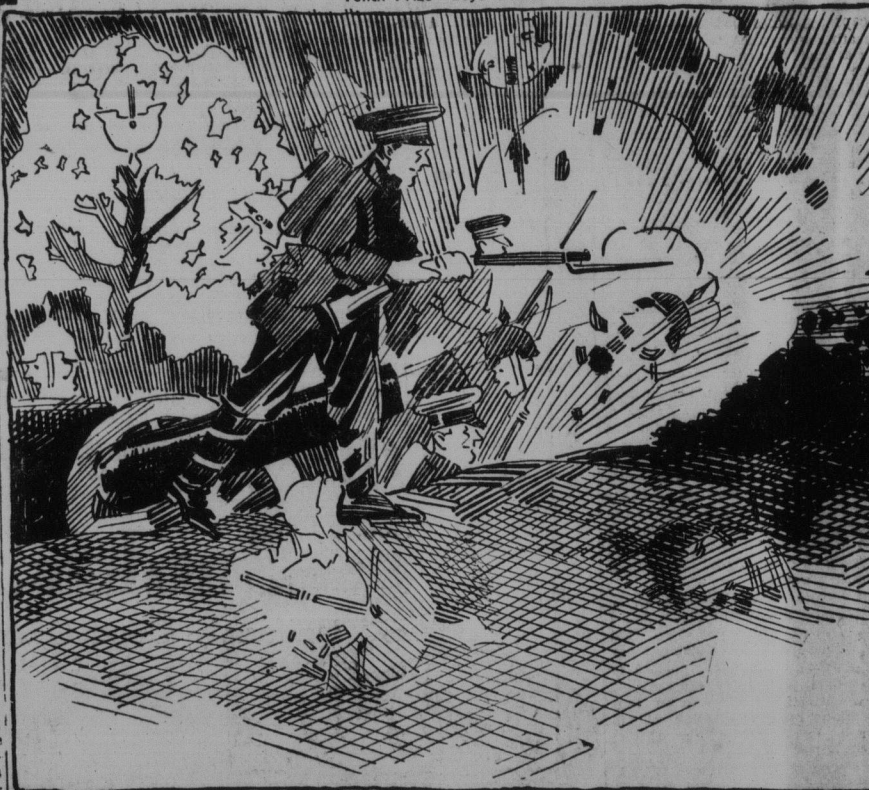
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