

FREE OF CHARGE LARGER AIR SQUADRON VIRTUALLY SHOWN This Country's Deficiency Apparent in Comparison With Other Nations INVALUABLE AS DEFENSE Eyes of Army and Navy in Detecting Whereabouts of Foe and Effective as Fighters

AMERICA'S AIR INFERIORITY AIRCRAFT JULY, 1914. France... 1200 aeroplanes, 35 dirigibles. Germany... 800 aeroplanes, 35 dirigibles. Italy... 400 aeroplanes, 15 dirigibles. England... 450 aeroplanes, 15 dirigibles. Austria... 400 aeroplanes, 15 dirigibles. Belgium... 250 aeroplanes, 4 dirigibles. Japan... 100 aeroplanes, 4 dirigibles. Spain... 100 aeroplanes, 3 dirigibles. U. S. 5 dirigibles. In May England was reported to possess 1800 aeroplanes, and other countries had made proportionate additions.

The need of an active air squadron to act in conjunction with the United States Army and Navy in event of aggression by an enemy was pointed out today by Philadelphia's invited in efficient national defense measures of preparation. The value of the aeroplane as a scout, superseding the activities of outposts, cavalry and the sentinel, and acting in a major capacity as the eyes of an army and navy, was clearly defined and emphasized. The pitiful inadequacy of the present air preparations for defense in this country was shown, and the requisite preparations which must be made by the United States in this direction were stated by members of the Executive Committee of the League of National Defense of this city. Some of the members of the committee were recently reported by Colonel Theodore E. Wiederholm, commander of the Veteran Corps of the 1st Regiment, to confer with the War Department on questions relative to proper preparations against a potential armed enemy.

INCORPORABLE AS SCOUT. It was pointed out, in the first place, that the aeroplane is an incomparable scout. With a trained observer and a wireless outfit, as on the European planes, it can communicate information from points within 50 miles of its base. It is an almost invaluable aid to gun-fire, locating the enemy batteries and signaling their position when it would be impossible to locate them in any other way.

In connection with battleships, it forms a natural protection from submarines, searching them out as the fish hawk finds the prey. In offensive tactics, it has been observed in various European fields that the aeroplane is capable of offering serious interference to an enemy's plans. It can damage and sometimes sink small craft, even merchant vessels, and harass all war vessels. It can aid landing parties. In fact, its uses are only beginning to be realized.

In the face of the showing made in the European war, it was pointed out, the United States is hopelessly behindhand. Even Italy, Serbia was better prepared in aerial craft than the United States. Not only is this country short of air craft, but the aeroplanes possessed are not fitted to be of the highest possible use in case of emergency. European aeroplanes can carry as many as 20 passengers. This country has none that will carry more than two.

Attention was called to a comparison of the available air craft in possession of the principal countries at the beginning of the war. It was stated that European countries now are increasing their air squadrons by large additions to an extent which cannot yet be learned. Even Italy, it was shown, this country occupied last place in the list.

This list includes only available, dependable craft that could be used at a moment's notice. The showing of this country, it was pointed out, is typical of the whole present state of national defense. U. S. NAVY LED WAY. The United States Navy was the first in the world to possess an aviation section. That was three years ago. At the present time there are five aeroplanes in commission and five more in the process of being built. It was asserted, however, that with a fleet, and do not know what ships and submarines look like from an elevated position, and that a few more machines than the navy, but also had very limited resources. The very aerodrome used at San Diego as an aviation center is privately owned.

Army aviators, it was said today, have never had practice in operating with army corps. The country possesses no aerial observers, there being no special practice in firing with aviators as snipers, and the large majority of officers and men never have had opportunity to familiarize themselves with the use of aerial observation. "Every military and naval authority in Europe," said Alan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, "now recognizes that it is as helpless as a blind man as a submarine without aerial scouts and a harbor or naval base of sheep; that a force is at the mercy of every puny submarine and cruiser, and that a nation without aerial forces is as helpless as a blind man."

THE WEATHER Official Forecast WASHINGTON, AUG. 17.—Showers occurred over irregular areas covering about three-fourths of the country this side of the Rocky Mountains during the last 24 hours. The West Indian high is moving into Texas, but its energy can be stated, as no reports were received this morning from its central area. The lowest barometer is recorded at San Antonio, which is evidently some distance from the center of the storm. An area of high barometer has moved into the Lake region from the northwest, causing a moderate decrease in temperature.

ONE YEAR AGO IN THE WAR AUGUST 17, 1914. Russian army marches on Germany and Austria. Russian are reported to have captured Gumbinnen and Insterburg, East Prussia. Servians check Austrian advance. French forces advance on Marburg. French capture Scherbroeck, in the Vosges, taking 1000 prisoners and 13 field guns. Belgian seat of government moved to Antwerp. French ship Austrian cruiser in the Adriatic. Four British merchantmen reported sunk by German submarines. American refugees in London receive gold from the United States cruiser Tennessee. Russia notifies Turkey that Black Sea fleet will go through Dardanelles, whether or not permission is given.

BERNSTORFF TO REPLY IN DUE TIME TO CHARGE OF 'SPY' PROPAGANDA German Ambassador Says Piece-meal Consideration Would Be "Undignified"

VIERECK ENTERS DENIAL U. S. Officials Study Case for Possible Violations of Neutrality Laws NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—"The German Embassy will take official cognizance of the charges involving its officials which have been made in the public press when the proper time comes. It would be undignified to answer them piecemeal at this time." This was the statement made by Count Johann von Bernstorff last night at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. He refused to comment further.

That there is uneasiness among German officials, following the alleged exposure of some of their methods of "neutral propaganda" was evidenced by the unusual activities of the German interests at the Ritz-Carlton, which serves as summer residence and office of the German Ambassador.

Count von Bernstorff arrived at the hotel shortly after 8 o'clock from a week-end motor trip into the Adirondacks. Apparently the whole staff of the German Embassy was concentrated at the hotel to await the Ambassador's arrival. Von Bernstorff's statement was strongly seconded by George Sylvester Viereck, editor of the Fatherland, whom the World charges with having accepted German money in the running of his publication.

Mr. Viereck intimated that steps were being taken now to ascertain by what legal process the alleged spies could be prosecuted. N. E. Clausen, director of the German Information Bureau, said: "The head of the families of letters and documents are arranged with a view of misleading those who have neither the time nor the inclination to read and digest the whole voluminous story. The German Information Bureau is a perfectly legitimate money-making American enterprise. We are supplying the Germans with the news which the American people want to know, and we present it in a way suitable to Americans and not to Germans."

Mr. Clausen also admitted that he was president of the American Correspondent Club, which is founded with the object of supplying the American film market with German war pictures.

LARGEST BASCULE BRIDGE Canadian Pacific Viaduct at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Across U. S. Ship Canal, Is 426 Feet Long The Canadian Pacific Railroad has the record of operating its trains from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., over the longest bascule bridge in the world. The bridge crosses the United States ship canal at that point. The bridge is 25 feet long between the centers of the piers, and has two folding leaves, which open so as to permit vessels to pass through and close in such manner as to form one rigid span from pier to pier.

Boarder Disappears With Gems Mrs. Theresa Scott, 225 Dakota street, has asked the police to find a man who had boarded at her home for the last week and who disappeared today. She is missing jewelry to the value of \$50, she was unable to give the man's name, and said that she had seen her such a nice fellow. She had not even inquired his name. She said that she had seen him a member of a bunch of artists performing at Washington Park.

TOBACCO PLANTED IN CEMETERY The planter of this odd field at East Petersburg, Pa., is unknown. LANCASTER, Aug. 17.—There is one man in Lancaster County to whom the mention of a ghost brings no cause for worry. In fact, he has tackled a proposition which, if it is true that spirits return to haunt, he must face an aggregation of spirits that will represent the entire crop of one graveyard. He has planted tobacco upon the mounds, and along the paths of their graves.

SERVIA BALKING PLANS OF ALLIES IN BALKANS Withholding of Consent to Cede Macedonia to Bulgaria. Threatens Situation LONDON, Aug. 17.—Serbia, for whose protection Russia went to war with Germany, is balking the efforts of the Entente Powers to gain the support of the united Balkan nations. At the critical hour in the negotiations that country is withholding its consent to the acquisition of Macedonian territory by Bulgaria.

GERMANS TRY SURPRISE ATTACK; MEET REPULSE Attempt to Force French Trench in Argonne, at Haute Chevauchee, Fails PARIS, Aug. 17.—In an attempt to take by surprise the French troops in the Argonne, the Germans made a fierce attack at Haute Chevauchee last night, but the War Office announced today that the assault was repulsed.

TURKISH GUNS SINK ALLIES' TORPEDOBOAT Mine Explosion Destroys Trench of Anglo-French Troops Near Sedd-el-Bahr, Says Constantinople. CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 17.—Attacks by the reinforced troops of the Allies on Gallipoli Peninsula have been successfully repulsed, the Turkish War Office announced today. A hostile torpedoboat was sunk by the Turkish artillery near Avl Burnu.

30 DAYS FOR ANNOYING GIRLS Man Sent to Jail for Molesting Two Sisters Two sisters today told Magistrate Beaton, of the central police court, of their predicament on a street while coming from Camden last night, and Henry Cullen was accordingly sent to the county jail for 30 days. The man had staggered into the cabinet, where they sat, and put his arm around Emma Alexander, exclaiming, as he did so: "Oh, you little doll!"

RUSSIANS DRIVE TURKS BACK IN TRANS-CAUCASIA Slavs Occupy Kep-Deshtoy Bridge Over the Tachiroch Petrograd, Aug. 17.—Several successes over the Turks in the trans-Caucasian theatre of hostilities are reported in the following official statement issued by the Russian War Office today: "In the direction of the Euphrates we occupied Kep. After five hours of fighting we compelled strong Turkish forces to retreat toward Torol. In the same district our scouts attacked the retreating Turks, killing and capturing many."

WILL DISPOSES OF \$9735 Three Testaments Admitted to Probate—Four Personal Estates Appraised Josephine Falkenhager, who died recently at 304 North 13th street, left an estate of \$9735 in private bequests. Her will was admitted to probate today. Other wills probated include those of Adelaide W. Douglas, who left \$4000; Jacob Loewenstein, \$2000.

RUSSIANS QUIT BIELOSTOK AS GERMANS PUSH ON Junction point of the Great Warsaw-Petrograd Railway and the Brest-Litovsk Railway. Its retention is necessary if the Brest-Litovsk line is to be held. Consequently, the opinion was expressed here that the Grand Duke has found it necessary to continue his retreat eastward.

BRITISH TROOPSHIP TORPEDOED; 1000 LOST OFF DARDANELLES Transport Royal Edward Sunk by German Submarine in Aegean Sea—Admiralty Admits Loss 1602 REPORTED ON BOARD LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British transport Royal Edward has been sunk by a submarine in the Aegean Sea while conveying troops to the Dardanelles. It is feared that fully 1000 men aboard the vessel perished. The Admiralty announced the destruction of the transport today. The official statement says that there were on board the ship 1602 men and gives the number saved as 900.

50 VESSELS ADDED TO FLEET IN TWO YEARS WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Secretary Daniels has given out a statement showing that 50 vessels have been added to the fleet since March, 1912, to 50 vessels. The increase is divided as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Vessel Type and Number. Rows include Battleships, Armored cruisers, Cruisers, second class, Cruisers, third class, Destroyers, Monitors, Submarines, Gunboats, Transports, Supply ships, Converted yachts, Torpedo boats, and Special types.

TEUTONIC ALLIES FACE BREAK OVER POLAND Austrian Deputies Demand Old Kingdom Be Restored German Press Hostile ZURICH, Aug. 17.—The conquest of Poland seems likely to prove an apple of discord between Germany and Austria.

SINGLE SHOT SUNK SHIP. SAYS TURKISH REPORT Royal Edward Went Down in Seven Minutes CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 17.—Official announcement was made today that a German submarine had torpedoed and sunk the British transport Royal Edward off the Dardanelles.

MAYOR WANTS PORT REFORM Blankenburg Urges Co-operative Action Against Rate Discrimination Coerced action should be taken by representatives of various ports along the Atlantic coast to prevent unjust discrimination by railroads, and a standard method of compiling port statistics should be adopted, is the opinion of Mayor Blankenburg, expressed in a letter to Edward F. Mcweeney, chairman of the Directors of the Port of Boston.

FULLAM MAY RESIGN Head of Naval Academy Fears He Has Lost Respect of "Middies" ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 17.—It is regarded here as settled that Admiral Fullam will ask the Secretary of the Navy whether it is advisable for him to resign his position as head of the Naval Academy. He has been criticized for his administration of the academy, and it is believed that he will resign.

300 CHILDREN AT FUNERAL Mother Faints at Services Over Body of 11-year-old Boy Drowned at Wildwood Mrs. Mary Delaney, 5565 Boyer street, fainted during the funeral services of her son, Robert, 11, at the immaculate Congregation Church, Erie street and Ardleigh avenue, today. She was taken to the rear of the church and revived, and the services were continued by the Rev. James Farrell.

PROGRESSIVE LEADER LEAVES PARTY PITTSBURGH, Aug. 17.—Declaring that he "stands resolutely behind Governor Brumbaugh, as any decent man must," Perry F. Smith, western Pennsylvania's "moral reformer" and party candidate of the Washington party for Lieutenant Governor a year ago, today returned to the Republican party and also nominated papers a Republican candidate for County Commissioner. He said: "There is no longer an excuse for a third party's existence."

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KING CALLS VENIZELOS AS WAR PARTY WINS IN PARLIAMENT CONTEST Premier Gounaris Resigns When Chamber Elects Opposition Leader to Presidency MILITARISTS IN POWER Former Prime Minister Favors to Support of Entente Allies ATHENS, Aug. 17.—King Constantine today accepted resignation of Premier Gounaris, who headed the "neutrality" ministry.

ITALIANS WIN HEIGHTS, CLOSING IN ON PLEZZO Forts of Carnic Alps Strongly Bomarded for Two Days ROME, Aug. 17.—By scaling treacherous heights and taking enemy positions at the point of the bayonet, Italian Alpini are systematically closing in upon Plezzo. Dispatches today said the bombardment of the Plezzo forts has continued for 48 hours without interruption.

ANTI-FOREIGN POSTERS, SIGNED "I. W. W." IN MEXICO WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Highly inflammatory posters directed against the United States are being posted in Vera Cruz, signed "I. W. W." according to the State Department today. The posters were first put up Saturday and called for a mass-meeting Sunday to protest against interference and intervention in Mexico by the A. B. C. conference. Carrazza forbade the meeting, but the posters remained up.

SELL FURNISHINGS OF OLD HOTEL WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 17.—Hundreds of persons attended the auction sale today of the furnishings of the old Clayton House, which is now being torn out to be remodeled into the Queen Theatre. Everything in the old building is being disposed of, and in the meantime, the builders are working on the new building, which will be a modern structure.

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