AMBULANCE AID WOUNDED

Invention of War Idea of a French Aviator

LIVES SAVED BY SPEED

Trip to Base Hospital Is Minimized by Aerial Transport

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WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN THE FIELD, Nov. 13.

Upon a moonlight night last summer, at a camp where American artillerymen were training, I was flying with a French aviator. We were but a possible thousand feet above the surface, the topography of the country beneath was as an open book, not a breath of air fanned our faces save that generated by the machine's motion.

Above the song of the motor, my aviator friend said:

"Have you ever thought of the wonders that have come out of the war? Well, I'll predict another—the airplane ambulance. I think the idea is my own. It came to me a few weeks ago in the air.

"While photographing above Boche lines my plane was attacked. Two of our de chasse saved me, but not before my machine was riddled by mitrailleuse bullets, three of which wounded my observer. I headed toward the poste de secours, but half way I saw my copian was in bad shape; and I knew he would only receive first aid where I was going, and then, if he did not die, he later carried by automobile ambulance kilometers to the rear with possible complications ensuing. He lay unconscious, huddled in a heap beside me. Perhaps, I thought, he would never be taken anywhere else than to a cemetery! And I spoke aloud to myself, 'I'll try and beat that oblong bit of ground for a little, and fly hard for the base hospital.'

"Fifty minutes later, my companion had been operated upon, and today he is convalescent, soon to be back on the job. It would have taken five hours to transfer him by automobile from the poste de secours, counting possible relays. I perhaps saved his life, the surgeons said.

A NEW IDEA BORN

"The idea set me to thinking, and I promise you, mon ami, if I can aid its adoption, the airplane ambulance will be born out of it."

Today on the French front I met my aviator friend again.

"Bon jour, mon vieux," he said. "You remember our flight at ——, that night of the full moon? Well, I found that remarkable thing, quick action, through the interest of the chief surgeon at —— hospital, whose influence permitted the pulling of a few wires. He broached my idea to the proper source, and after a little opposition secured permission to try it out. I was sent for and a big observation plane turned over to me."

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John Jones, 1137 Lombard st., and Irene Jones, 1137 Lombard st.
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WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, France, Dec. 14.

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Today some battalions rolled back into the village after their turn in the line. They were smeared with mud. Every boot weight about a half a pound more for the accumulation of gummy earth, frozen on tight. Some fellows had mud in their hair. Rifles and bayonets were about the only articles of equipment kept clean.

To make it a "good story" the Sammees should have scrambled down off the motortrucks chirping songs in glee at the sight of their homey billets. But they were too tired, too numb with cold, too cramped from sitting in the same crowded position on the long chilly ride. They clambered down and limped stiffly to their respective houses, barns and barracks, lugging their packs.

Tin kits banged on the floor and certain fellows told off for the job called around at the billets to collect underwear and uniforms for the fumigating process. Then word got around there was hot water on tap at the bath house.

The line formed at the right. In five minutes the dirty ones were being let go, three or four at a time for each shower. Then came the sound indicative of returning pep—a chatter of voices and some whistling.

When every one had bathed the uniforms were ready to be put on again. Then there was hot shaving water. By late afternoon all the Sammees were like new men.

NAUTICAL PUPILS EXEMPT

University and Bourse Schools Explain Status of Students

By a statement just issued from the office of the local school of navigation at the University of Pennsylvania, and also from the navigation school at the Bourse, all misunderstanding has been cleared up, as regards the status of prospective students at these schools.

By enrolling for the coures in either school, the student becomes automatically exempt from service in the National Army. No one, however, is eligible to enter these schools who has not had the required sea-faring and engineering experience.

Jewelers' Club Cuts Out Dinner

The Philadelphia Jewelers' Club has decided, as a measure of food conservation, to forgo its annual dinner this year.

KERENSKY'S MEN CLAIM VICTORY

Capture Two Towns Near Moscow, Says Radio to London

OTHER NEWS CONFLICTS

Germany Agrees to Exchange of Russian Officers for Civilians

BASLE, Switzerland, Dec. 14.

Nicholai Lenine has ordered the evacuation by the Russians of all territory east of the Riga front as far as Lake Peipus before January 14, according to word received here today. This brings the Germans within 125 miles of Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.

The Bolsheviki commissioner with the Black Sea fleet was ordered today to dispatch all available detachments to Rostoff, where military cadets were reported in armored cars attacking Bolsheviki troops.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Capture of Tamanovka and Kaluga, southwest of Moscow, was claimed today by followers of former Russian Premier Kerensky, according to radio dispatches received from Petrograd.

The Petrograd official news agency announcement received here this afternoon says that Korniloff's forces at Bielgorad were defeated and had retreated to Vasilelka.

A dispatch from Stockholm says that Germany has agreed to release several thousand officers of the Russian army, who have been captured during the war, in exchange for the release of all German civilian prisoners in Russia.

Other dispatches state that delegates to the constitutional assembly in Petrograd were refused permission by the Bolsheviki to hold meetings of any character. Access to the meeting hall was barred by red guards.

Utter collapse of the scheme for holding a constituent assembly, reported in latest Petrograd dispatches, removed virtually the last hope that the nation might work out its destiny by amicable adjustment of various political factions. Only a handful of delegates to the assembly have appeared in Petrograd. Few cadet delegates are likely to attend, in view of the formal announcement by the Bolsheviki Government that all adherents of this political faith are "enemies of the people," subject to arrest.

The Bolsheviki are growing more ruthless in their efforts to retain power, according to Petrograd advices, which is a further factor in the belief here that few Russians of a political faith antagonistic to the Trotsky-Lenine faction are likely to hazard their lives by attending the assembly held in the city which is the main stronghold of Bolsheviki strength.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 14.

The Petrograd telegraph bureau quotes the Labor press as declaring that if the Bolsheviats do not secure a majority in the assembly the cadets will be excluded.

L'ASPRA LOTTA TRA IL BRENTA ED IL PIAVE

Gli Italiani Valorosamente Resistono Mantenendo Intatte le Linee Principali

LA DIFESA DI VENEZIA

La Regina dell'Adriatico non Dovra' Cadere Sotto la Dominazione Austriaca

ROMA, 14 Dicembre.

La ferma fiducia che gli italiani saranno abili a sostenere fino al l'ultimo l'urto con le forze austro-tedesche, arrestandole nella loro grande offensiva lungo la Piave, e' stata espressa oggi dal Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, Onorevole Orlando, in una franca discussione sulla situazione militare. Sebbene egli abbia ammesso che la situazione economica non e' cosi' piacevole come dovrebbe essere, le condizioni finanziarie ed industriali d'Italia, egli ha detto, sono eccellenti.

"E l'Italia—egli ha concluso—fiduciosamente crede che la liberta' e la giustizia finiranno per trionfare. Noi guardiamo il futuro senza paura."

ROMA, 14 Dicembre.

Dalle notizie giunte dalla fronte di battaglia si rileva che le forze austro-tedesche continuano disperatamente i loro attacchi contro le posizioni italiane tra il Brenta ed il Piave.

Le truppe tedesche al comando del generale von Below si sono unite a quelle formate da reggimenti austriaci e boemi, al comando del generale Conrad, per una serie di violenti assalti che da oltre quattro giorni si rinnovano contro le solide posizioni degli italiani tra i due fiumi anzidetti, a precisamente a nord di Monte Grappa.

La lotta e' accanita e sanguinosa, con gravi perdite da ambo le parti, senza pero' che il nemico abbia potuto ottenere alcun vantaggio positivo, all'infuori di temporanei ed insignificanti successi presso Monte Spinoccia, il quale pero' e' tuttora sotto il fuoco delle batterie italiane.

Un violento combattimento si verifico' presso Col della Berretta, e gli austro-tedeschi, aiutati dal fuoco d'infilata delle batterie poste sulla sponda occidentale del fiume Brenta, riuscirono ad occupare alcuni trinceramenti, ma per breve tempo poiche' gli italiani, con un brillante contrattacco, riuscirono a riconquistarli.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato ieri dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

All'alba di ieri tra i fiuma Brenta e Piave i duelli delle artiglierie furono rinnovati con grande violenza.

Al mattino nella regione di Col della Barretta riguadagnammo, durante un nostro contrattacco, il possesso di una gran parte delle trincee che non riuscimmo a rioccupare il giorno precedente, e catturammo un ufficiale e cinquantotto uomini.

Nella valle Calcino due violenti attacchi nemici furono sanguinosamente respinti.

Verso il mezzogiorno il nemico rinnovo' i suoi forti attacchi ad oriente del Brenta. L'azione continuo' furiosa durante tutto il pomeriggio nelle valli, le quali dalle pendici nordiche di Col Capril, Col della Berretta, e Monte Asalone discendono attraverso il Brenta. Alla sera, a causa delle ingenti perdite sofferte, il nemico abbandono' l'attacco. Alcuni prigionieri rimasero nelle nostre mani.

Verso le ore tre pomeridiane in Col di Papapepe un nuovo e piu' poderoso attacco si spezzo' contro le nostre difese.

Il corrispondente di guerra Henry Wood manda dalla fronte di battaglia che l'Italia difendera' Venezia fino all'ultima goccia di sangue.

I soldati italiani sono pronti a difenderla con fermo proponimento che la regina dell'Adriatico non dovra' cadere sotto la dominazione degli austriaci. La citta' e' stata convertita in un'isola non accessibile e capace di sostenere uno stato di assedio indefinito. A parte le naturali difese della laguna, le quali circondano la citta' e completamente la tagliano fuori dal contatto con la terra ferma, le pianure veneziane per miglia e miglia sono state convertite in un laberinto di difese. I soldati italiani che le occupano sono pronti a sacrificare la loro vita per difendere ciascun palmo di terreno nei punti che danno accesso alla citta'.

Venezia e' ora piu' maestosa che mai. Gli storici palazzi lungo il Canal Grande sono chiusi. La piazza San Marco e' silenziosa e deserta. I canali sgombri dalle gondole. Due terzi della popolazione e' partita, ma i piccioni intorno alla storica chiesa di San Marco rifiutano assolutamente di abbandonare la loro diletta citta'. Intanto il silenzio e' rotto di tanto in tanto rombo del cannone che tuona sulla fronte della Piave, ad appena otto miglia di distanza.

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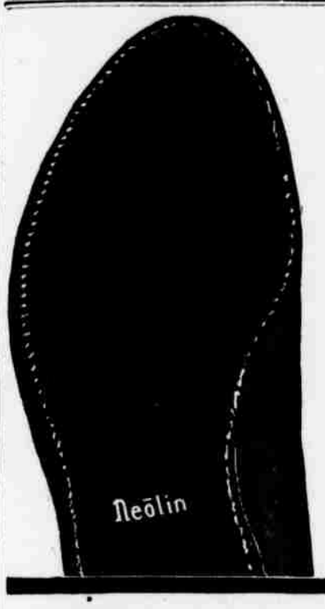

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