

BELGIAN DECORATION FOR MAJOR BIDDLE

Philadelphia Flier Made Chevalier in Order of Leopold by King Albert

HAD ENVIABLE RECORD

Major Charles J. Biddle, Philadelphia's only ace in the American air service, has won new recognition for his exploits abroad, this time in the form of a decoration from the king of Belgium.

Though not yet announced in this city, where Major Biddle is at present, news of the honor has come to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER from an authentic foreign source.

From a correspondent abroad comes the information that the decoration of the Order of Leopold has been bestowed upon Major Biddle by King Albert with the rank of chevalier. The decoration was granted by the king as a token of his esteem and in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the common cause by Major Biddle.

Commanded Two Groups

Major Biddle won an enviable record as an aviator. He was first a member of the Escadrille Squad 73, of the French Aviation, then of the Lafayette Squadron. Later he was commanding officer of the Thirteenth American Pursuit Squadron and finally commanding officer of the Fourth American Pursuit Group. A group is composed of four flying squadrons.

As with other aces, Major Biddle crashed German airplanes which were not made a part of his official score, because they were not officially confirmed. Information just received from France gives details of seven official victories. Confirmation of an eighth victory has been received but is not yet on the official records.

Major Biddle's first successful recorded combat with the Germans was December 5, 1917, while he was serving with the French. A French order confirmed this victory. The next came on April 12, 1918, also confirmed by the French authorities. He brought his enemy down in the neighborhood of Craonne.

On August 1, 1918, Major Biddle brought down two German planes. Both were destroyed in the vicinity of Vieville-en-Hay, in the St. Mihiel sector. Like the earlier victories, this double feat was confirmed by the French.

The same month, on August 16, Major Biddle brought down the coveted fifth plane, which made him an ace, according to the French system. He won over this enemy aviator in the region of Bouxieres-aux-Dames, near Nancy.

Other Victories Confirmed

The sixth and seventh victories were confirmed by general orders of the American army. On September 26, 1918, Major Biddle brought down an enemy plane in the region of Flabas. Subsequent to the signing of the armistice confirmation of a second plane brought down on this day was brought back by a pilot who had been a prisoner in Germany.

Other Victories Confirmed

The seventh and last officially confirmed victory was won on October 18, 1918, in the region of Rantheilville.

In civil life Major Biddle, like his father, Charles Biddle, is a member of the Philadelphia bar. He lives at Audalusia, near Torresdale.

DINE "SOLDIER HERO"

Argonne Forest Veteran Honored by Friends at Banquet

Sergeant Charles M. Haines, of 886 Holly street, who served with the 315th Infantry, having just returned home after being injured in the Verdun sector Argonne forest battle, was entertained by several of his friends at a banquet last evening at Mosebach's Casino, Thirteenth street and Girard avenue.

Mr. J. Norman Ball acted as toastmaster. Among those present were Miss Mary T. J. Bradley, Miss Anna Morris, Miss Mary Morris, Miss Alice Brennan, Miss Anna B. Bennett, Miss Margaret Burke, Miss Edna Flynn, Miss Anna Doyle, Miss Margaret McCurdy.

J. Norman Ball, Walter Flynn, P. Guthrie, E. T. Arnold, Edward Beatty, Edward Tyson, Joseph Buchanan and Jack B. McKeegan.

Mr. Haines returned to his former position with Brown Brothers & Co. last week, after having been at Camp Merritt and Camp Dix recuperating from his injuries.

Deaths of a Day

SAMUEL J. CLEVENGER

Grain Merchant Dies of Heart Disease

Samuel J. Cleveneger, for forty-five years a member of the Commercial Exchange and a grain merchant of prominence, died yesterday of heart disease at his home, 506 Bangor road, Craydock.

He was first associated in business with W. Burk, but later conducted the business under the name of S. J. Cleveneger & Co. During the past few years he traded under his own name. For many years he was secretary of the board of deacons of the First Baptist Church, Seventeenth and Sanson streets. He was born in Burlington, N. J., January 11, 1849, educated in the public schools there, and came to Philadelphia while in his teens. He began his business career with the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, and later entered the grain business.

He is survived by three sons, Arthur H. Cleveneger, secretary and treasurer of the Lumberman's Insurance Company; Herbert L. Cleveneger, of the Progressive Wire Company, and Samuel J. Cleveneger, Jr., who is now with the American army in France.

Dr. Albert A. Appel

Dr. Albert A. Appel, of Haddon Heights, N. J., a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, was found dead in his office at 1330 Pine street, this city, Wednesday night, Dr. E. Q. Thounston, of 1331 Pine street, who was called in, said death was due to heart disease. Dr. Appel was stricken with pneumonia last autumn, following an attack of influenza, from which he never fully recovered. He was forty-two years old, and was living in Germantown, and survived by his widow.

Great Organ plays at 9, 11 and 4:50. Familiar Melody and Lenten Chimes at 11:35.

WANAMAKER'S DOWN STAIRS STORE WANAMAKER'S

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SPECIALS

Men's Soft Collars—18c. Three for 50c

They are in the popular shapes, made of white pique, rep or silk poplin. Women can wear the smaller sizes. All sizes from 12 to 18 inches.

6000 Yards of Voile 35c a Yard

38 inches wide and in plaids, foulards or small challis patterns, stripes and conventional designs in a hundred different color combinations.

Envelope Chemises, 85c

Made of soft white nainsook, they are trimmed with pretty lace and embroidery medallions. And they are generously full.

Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemises Special, \$2

Of good pink crepe de chine, they have the entire top formed of creamy net and bands of lace.

Reductions on 2100 Waists

At 85c 500 waists in plain white or colored striped voile.

At \$1.85 500 waists of white batiste, voile and novelty stripes.

At \$2.90 500 waists of Georgette crepe in dainty colors or natural-color pongee.

At \$3.90 Pretty crepe de chine and tub silk blouses in new models—many round necks.

Women's White Gloves \$1.85 a Pair

Made of fine, soft glace lambskin with self or black Paris point stitching on the backs and one clasp at the wrists. Ordinarily they would be a half dollar more.

Fresh Organdie Neckwear HALF PRICE—25c

Pretty collar and cuff sets or collars in many, many styles. They are snowy white, in dainty colors or white trimmed with color, and you may choose from pleated collars, round flat collars or monk collars.

Women's Combinations, 40c Fine ribbed white cotton suits, low neck and sleeveless with lace-trimmed knees. Both regular and extra sizes. They are "seconds" with but slight imperfections.

Women's Cotton Stockings 20c a Pair Light-weight, mercerized cotton seamless stockings in dark brown, gray and black. The feet and tops are reinforced and they are "seconds," but the imperfections are slight.

Faillie Poplin Skirts Special, \$5

Made in an attractive, straight-line style, gathered all around. Small tucks are about half way up the skirt and the pockets and belt are trimmed with buttons. In navy blue and black.

Fine Suits for Boys Special, \$14.75

Just 133 suits at this price, so mothers had better choose early. Of all wool (chemically tested) chevots in gray, green, brown and blue mixtures. There are six patterns to select from.

Coats, in loosely belted style fastening with buckle, have slash pockets and are lined with mohair. Knickers are lined throughout and every seam is strongly taped. The pockets are self-faced.

Corsets Special at \$1

A topless model of white coutil is lightly boned with an elastic band at the top. It has a short skirt and will fit the slight to average figure.

A flesh color or white poplin model has low bust, long skirt, is well boned and suitable for the average to the full figure.

12,000 Pair of Women's Pumps and Oxfords \$5.25, \$5.40 and \$5.75 31 Styles to Choose From

all made on the fashionable, long, slender-looking lasts.

Gray, brown and black kidskin. Dark tan or black calfskin. Black patent leather.

They have light turned or welted soles, high, medium or low heels.

Girls' and Children's White Leather Ankle-Strap Pumps, Special

The leather has a buckskin finish.

Sizes— 6 to 8, \$1.50, 11 to 12, \$2.50. 8 1/2 to 10 1/2, \$2, 2 1/2 to 6, \$3.

Other white leather shoes, pumps and oxfords from small size, 2, to girls' size, 7, are \$2 to \$5.75.

White canvas button shoes from small size, 6, to girls' size, 6, are \$2 to \$2.75.

Easter Shoes for Boys

Dark tan or black leather shoes, sizes 10 to 2, \$3.50 to \$4.90. Dark tan or leather shoes and oxfords, sizes 2 1/2 to 6, are \$4.50 to \$5.

WANAMAKER'S DOWN STAIRS STORE

Little Girls Are in a Flutter Over Capes



At \$18 there is a cape of blue or rose velour. The coat front is belted and has pockets. The collar is lined with moire silk. 12 to 16 year sizes.

Another velour cape in tan or Copenhagen is in 8 to 14 year sizes at \$15.50.

Dark Blue Taffeta Dresses, \$15

A youthful model has a full gathered skirt with tucks; the bodice is trimmed with buttons and finished with a white Georgette collar pleated in points. 8 to 18 year sizes.

Wool Jersey Dresses, Special at \$11.50

The bodice and the upper part of the skirt show contrasting stitchery and the dresses are in combination of two colors—tan with dark blue, light blue or brown; sizes 13, 15 and 17 years.

Tub Frocks, \$3.75

One of these practicalingham dresses which is sketched is in plain blue with a frill of pleated white organdie. Many other similar dresses are in plaids and plain colors, 10 to 16 year sizes.

White Lawn Dresses, \$8.50

White dress time is here, and this pretty lawn is fresh and new. It is trimmed with rows of lace insertion and embroidered organdie. Over the ribbon giraffe there is a wide belt made of several rows of lace. 8 to 14 year sizes.



Lovely Easter Hats—Thousands of New Ones— at \$5, \$6 and \$8

—Broad-brimmed hats with flat roses between folds of maline. —Hats trimmed with field flowers or a transparent edge of hair braid. —Hats with burnt plumage, with fruit, with flowers or with contrasting facings of Georgette crepe. —Small toques for elderly women of conservative tastes. These are but a few of the general types of lovely Easter hats that are ready for tomorrow. There seems no end to their variety and no lessening of their charm.

For Little Children and Young Girls There Are Delightful Things

We maids will adore the little poke bonnets with fluttering ribbons and nosegays of rosebuds. Older girls will want tams or Leghorn hats, gay with flowers. Prices start at \$1.75 and go to \$8, with splendid choosing at \$3.75 and \$5.

800 Inexpensive Blue Serge Capes for Women Special



At \$7.50 A blue serge cape has a jacket front with pockets and three rows of black silk braid. (sketched)

At \$13.50 A jacket front cape in navy blue serge with buttons in a close row down the sides of the cape. (sketched)

At \$14.50 A longer cape rippled over the shoulder. This has a jacket front and a shawl collar of beige serge. (sketched)

At \$15 Two models in long blue serge capes. One has a jacket front, four rows of wide braid around the hem and a top collar of silk. It is sketched. The other cape is pointed at the sides and is lined throughout with striped silk. A navy serge cape with light gray or beige serge forming the collar and trimming the edges of the pockets of the jacket front. (sketched) Also a model of navy blue serge with a vest front which is tucked and piped with bright red to match the binding of the buttons. The vest is lined with striped silk.

At \$27.50

An unusual wrap, which is \$10 under price, is of navy blue serge with black silk fringe edging the panel front and the throw collar. It is gathered from a shoulder yoke, has a draped sleeve opening, and is lined throughout with coin-tinted silk.

40 Coats at \$11.50

There are two models, both in navy blue serge. One is belted, has patch pockets and a top collar of Copenhagen faille. The other has a belt, a top collar of tan and slash pockets. Both coats are three-quarter length.

40 Sample Wraps at \$29.50

Many of these wraps are half price and some even less. There are dolmans of gabardine, silvertone, tricotine and velour in the good spring colorings and cape coats of navy blue serge. Most of them are lined throughout with silk. One model is sketched.

Important Specials in Women's Smart Easter Suits

Six Models at \$15

There are serge suits with box coats, trimmed with braid and silk vests; shepherd check suits in belted models and dark serge suits embroidered with light-colored thread. Most of the serges are navy blue. Savings are \$5.75 to \$7.50 on a suit.

Box Suits, \$16.50

Smart little serge or poplin suits in navy blue and light spring shades trimmed with silk braid come with pretty colored vests.

At \$18.75

Navy blue serge suits trimmed with braid and with vests of rose, Copenhagen and white Shantung. Also some poplin suits with rippling pleurms trimmed with four rows of braid in Pekin, Copenhagen and tan.

At \$20

Wool poplin and serge suits in several models with vests and top collars of pongee and linings of figured silk. Also some special suits of tan tweed flecked with bright colors.

Special Suits at \$25

Unusual suits of gabardine have box coats trimmed with braid. Wool poplin suits have ripping coats and others are blouse suits in serge and gabardine.

Very special are the suits of tricotine in Copenhagen and navy with oyster white tricolette vests. These suits are \$5 to \$10 under price.

Sports Suits at \$25 and \$29.75

These are of wool jersey in a variety of models in brown, Pekin, Copenhagen, rose, turquoise, navy and tan, trimmed with contrasting color.

Also some check velour suits in two-color combinations.



Gay Easter Frocks Marked at Much Less Than Usual



100 Serge Frocks, Special at \$9.75

One model is embroidered about the bodice with braid. Another is tucked and trimmed with bone buttons. Others are embroidered about the skirts. They are in navy, tan and gray.

Silk Dresses, \$10.75

These are taffetas in various models embroidered or beaded. Some have ruffled or pointed overskirts. Others have sleeves of Georgette crepe. In the group are navy, gray, Copenhagen, taupe, plum and Pekin blue. \$5 to \$6 is to be saved on a dress.

Serge Dresses, \$11.25

These are trimmed with braid and made with wide girdles. Some have deep panels bound with braid.

Silk or Georgette Frocks at \$15

Some unusual dresses of taffeta have Georgette overskirts trimmed with uncut fringe. These are in navy, taupe and black. Also some beaded Georgette dresses with two flounces and much beading about the overskirt and sleeves. They are in taupe, gray and tan. The minimum saving on these dresses is \$5.

Taffeta Dresses, \$16.50

In navy blue and Copenhagen, embroidered with gray. The skirt is ruffled and the girde is piped in gray. Many other pretty taffeta frocks embroidered with chenille or gold thread or with overskirts and touches of contrasting silk are here in several models at \$17.25.

Combination Frocks, \$20

The bodices are of Georgette crepe embroidered with black beads and blue, tan or rose chenille. The skirts are of navy taffeta. These are \$5 under price.

Georgette Dresses, \$25

Some of these are beautifully embroidered in elaborate designs.

Georgette Dresses, \$29.50

Another group of handsome afternoon frocks whose skirts and bodices are elaborately embroidered in white, black or coral beads. They are in navy, henna, white, flesh, Copenhagen and taupe. These dresses would regularly be marked \$10 more.