Flying With Shaffer

LETTERS FROM A DAUPHIN COUNTY BOY TO HIS MOTHER

THE LAST LETTER

The appended letter is the last of the series from Walter Shafer, widely-known Dauphin aviator. News was recently received by the parents of the flyer to the effect that he is missing in action.

Escadrille Spad 38.
Secteur Postal, 102, G. C., 22.
Sept. 28, 1918.

Dear Mother:

Among other things I lost during the last move were a number of snapshots, among them the one of the remodeled barnhouse now owned by Senator Beidleman. It indeed caused some regret for it seems quite a palace. As for the picture of the three Shaffer sisters, that was lost in the shuffle during my first move. Truly, I have no luck at all with things I want to keep. I also had some photographs taken while I was flying the Morane and those were lost too. Hereafter, I have decided that when I have pictures taken I'll run the risk of the censor keeping them to having them stolen.

Tribute From Allentown

The "certificate" of loyalty has arrived, also a letter from the Allentown lady, who sent me candy and magazines. It sure was some interesting letter. I'll hand the lady that much for she can write a letter. For once in my life I saw my home as others see it and believe me, it sure was some picture. No-o-o, I can't say it made me homesick, for I have too big a job on my hands to get that foolish malady, but I did appreciate reading all the details of that enraptured lady's visit.

Jumping Over the Map

True, I have my certificate now, but that don't make me any more sure of a permission home, at least, not much. Nothing is certain, with the battle line continuously changing and men jumping all over the map for all the world like a "cootie." However, I will try to get headed home by November 1, or whenever the other American in the escadrille comes back. He is on permission to America now. But remember, don't bank on it, for its only a hope, and I don't wont to disappoint you again.

Some Jiny Plane, No. 13

Yesterday I flew for the grst time since coming back from Paris, and since my plane is not ready as yet I was given a lieutenant's plane, the lieutenant being sick. Incidentally, this plane is number 13, and the same plane with which I knocked down my second Boche. That would sort of knock the wind out of my superstitious theiry concerning that number, would it not? It was a protection mission we were sent on, two escadrilles of us to protect two large photo planes, we going some ten miles in German terrtory. Being over their lines that far would naturally bring us over some Boche balloons and there being a balloon gun on the lieutenant's plane, my commander told two of us to go down after a balloon after we had brought the biplanes safely home. I was made leader of this side expedition to drop on a balloon, so when we got over the lines I gave more of my attention to looking for balloons than Boche.

Chasing Hun Balloons

We were quite a formidable company, however, there being some fourteen of us, including the photo planes. This number did not all reach the lines though, motor trouble causing several to leave us right over our own "piste." The rest of us, of course, kept on, for orders were to get the picture if only one plane was left. By the time we got eight miles in Germany several more left us. Still we kept on, and learned when we got back that we had been thirty miles the other side of the lines, which sure caused a holler from several of my comrades, for the majority of the trip was made with only three of we spads protecting the photographers. They wanted to know why all those other pilots left and exactly what kind of motor trouble they had. Fortunately, no Boches were in the sky, or there might have been a different story. As for me, I nearly strained my eyesight looking for balloons, for since there were no Boches around I had nothing to fear, as I have long since grown contemptuous of "archie." But I was out of luck, for not a balloon was up, although I did see several lying on the ground. But I had been strictly forbidden to attack balloons in their beds, as I continued looking. Being at 5,000 meters made picking out such objects, highly camouflaged as they are, very different.

Right Near Rheims

We were nearing Rheims on our way back when I thought I saw two balloons quite close together, although not very high. I did not know how high, but I sure was going down and have a look. With this idea in view, I flew up alongside my companions, wriggled my wings, made a right about turn and with the sun at my back dove steeply for those two pot-bellied objects far, far below. Looking behind, to see if my comrade was following, I was pleased to see him right on my trail.

One on the Hun

This helped my confidence wonderfully, for he is a very good pilot with twelve Boches to his credit, and with hom to take care of any attacking Boche I would never need worry. So I dove a little steeper, although I had been diving pretty steep before, but I wanted to get down there quick before "archie" discovered me. He must have been having quite a time doing that too, because he had to look right into the sun to see one, something almost impossible. Thus I had dropped 3,000 meters before he even knew I was on my way, and then his shots were miles away.. Golly, I sure was making time.

Carrying On

Everything was whistling, wires especially were playing a tune that instructors had often told me was close to suicide, but these "chasse" planes were supposed to stand most any strain, and a spad generally does. Therefore, I kept on my whistling way. Objects began to acquire a new distinctness, and soon one of the balloons resolved itself into enormous barrack. The other was, indeed, a balloon, but it was lying on the ground, and remembering my orders, I did not attack, but pulled out of the dive and swung back for our lines, still looking for possible Boche taking the higher air via a balloon. None greeted my sight, however, and a Boche plane hovering into view some distance off, I started for home.

Seven Miles in Germany

I was some seven miles in Germany then, besides my gasoline was nearly all, so it looked as if fighting was foolish, even if we were two to one. Strange to say, the pilot with me did not see this Boche, but the manner in which I signalled him that I was going to attack pleased him mightily, and he is still telling it to the other pilots with many trimmings, judging from the motions he is making.

WALTER.

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School Children Are Dismissed to Permit Them to Celebrate

School children were dismissed immediately after rollcall this morning, Robert A. Enders, president of the City School Board, and Dr. F. E. Downes, city superintendent, announcing that the boys and girls would be permitted to celebrate the signing of the armistice and the ending of the war. In some of the rooms short patriotic services were held by the teachers. It was the first day that the schools have been opened in five weeks, the buildings having been closed during the recent epidemic.

The Mayor's Proclamation

"My Fellow Citizens:—

"As was to have been expected, the German government has accepted the terms of the armistice prepared by the Allies. The joy and happiness which must thrill every American's heart at this moment is indescribable. It is true that Harrisburg and the balance of the Nation have sorrowed at the loss of the blood of our sons and our neighbors' sons.

"However, with the fall of autocracy, and the raising of the banner of democracy throughout the European states, we can find solace in the thought that the achievements brought by such sacrifice have not been in vain.

"There are tears for those who have fallen on the field of battle, but Honor smiles when she thinks that Pennsylvania valor is now, as it always has been, in the front ranks.

"To our women, I can truthfully say that, while they had nothing to do with the beginning of the war, yet they have served in it, and shared in much of the suffering it entails.

"They have served in silence, working on catering to the wants of the boys in the service, and seldom letting anyone know what they thought of the war. Their work is not yet done. There is still plenty of work for the gallant women who served so loyally with the Red Cross.

"The work of rehabilitation of our wounded soldiers will largely devolve upon them in reconstruction hospitals.

"And now, that the end is near, let us rejoice in the thought that all that Washington fought for, and all that Lincoln died for, has been safeguarded for us and for future generations."

(Signed)

"DANIEL L. KEISTER,
"Mayor of Harrisburg."

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KAISER'S DREAM OF DOMINION BURSTED BY DEFEAT IN WAR

Man Who Thought He Ruled by Divine Right Raised the World's Greatest Army to Strike at Civilization

A dream of world dominion obsessing the mind of Emperor William plunged the world into war. Upon him and the tremendous military engine of destruction of which he was the embodiment, the exponent and the leader rests the responsibility of deliberately planning and bring about the greatest conflict the world has ever seen.

It did not matter to the world that the Emperor's personal share in the swift events immediately preceding the war had been obscured. The world convicted him of organizing, directing and maintaining at the top notch of efficiency the great German military machine. It remembered that he signed the order for the German mobilization. It remembered that he stood sponsor for the terrorism and brigandage which, under the guise of warfare, ravished Belgium, laid waste the cities of France, depopulated and outraged Serbia and sent the Lusitania with her freight of women and children to a grave in the Atlantic.

Minions Kill Edith Cavell

Civilization will never forget that it was the minions of the Emperor who officially shot to death Edith Cavell, the English girl who befriended the Belgians in Brussels.

Against these his cry "I did not will the war" availed as nothing. Before the bar of humanity William was adjudged guilty of the greatest crime since the crucifixion. In him humanity saw the last of the autocrats, the final Caesar. Assertions that he was at heart peaceful, so persistently circulated for years as to give them the stamp of German propaganda, became branded as certainly false. He who had long proclaimed himself the prince of peace stood revealed as humanity's scourge, and against him and all that he represented rose the new world of democracy and freedom.

Many doubt whether William was entirely sane. He said repeatedly that he possessed a divine mandate to rule, that the Almighty was his "unconditional and avowed ally." It is not entirely clear whether such outgivings were the product of a disordered brain or were due to unbounded egotism and an effort to impress his subjects with the idea of reverent and unquestioning submission. His speeches to his armies in which he asserted he and they were "instruments of divine judgment upon Germany's enemies" were regarded by many outside of Germany as pieces of rhetoric, intended only to deceive his own people.

Claims Affinity With God

William's claim to close affinity with God was the burden of dozens of his speeches long before as well as after the beginning of the war. Of these, perhaps, none more clearly defined his claim that his notorious "divine rightth" speech delivered at Erandenburg in 1890, in which he said he regarded the German people as "a responsibility" conferred upon him by God and that it was "my duty to increase this heritage for which one day I shall be called upon to give account. Those who try to interfere with my task I shall crush."

In all this the world saw before the war not a menace but a comedy. It laughed with the then Captain Joseph B. Coghlan of the United States Navy when, returning from the war with Spain and telling of the clash with the commander of the German squadron at Manila Bay, the captain recited the famous poem, "Hoch Der Kaiser." In this the concluding refrain was, in the suppositious words of the Emperor:

"Gott pulis mit me—and I mit him—
MEINSELF—Und Gott."

Few statesmen realized then that the deluded Emperor in his "shining armor," manoeuvering his armies and his fleets, building up the German military system, cementing the Central Empires and Turkey, and fostering the preaching of the supremacy of autocracy was erecting a machine that one day would make war upon all civilization.

World Had Beed Warned

Yet the world was warned by some far-sighted men that the Emperor would one day bring catastrophe upon the nations. These men saw in him then and see him now as a mad inventor given in his youth the most dangerous of all toys — his army and navy. They were his playthings. He developed them throughout the years to the point where he had to put them to a test. Like a crazed inventor, he feared the end of his reign would find his inventions untried; so grasped the first opportunity to wage a world war.

Meantime the German war party grew with William as its head, and the scheme of world dominion awaited the hour to begin its attainment. It came with the assassination of the Austrian Archduke, Francis Ferdinand, and his wife at Sarajevo.

Recalled from a yachting trip, William presided at a conference at Potsdam of representatives of the German and Austrian armies, navies and commercial interests. There, according to the best information obtainable, the decision was reached to make the assassination of the Archduke a pretense for the world war for which Germany had long prepared.

In the diplomatic exchanges between Germany and Austria on one side and Great Britain, France and Russia on the other William posed as one wishing for peace but driven to war. He signed the order for the mobilization of the German army and from that moment war was inevitable. Thereafter he drove on his armies relentlessly in the mad campaigns for victory, encouraging them with every device and sometimes appearing on the front to be proclaimed as personal commander in a great offensive.

Publication of the Willy-Nicky correspondence in 1917, placed the German Emperor in the light of an unscrupulous plotter. The telegrams disclosed that Emperor William had induced Empeor Nicholas of Russia to sign a secret agreement to which he was to force the adherence of France in the perfecion of an offensive and defensive alliance against England. The treaty was discovered and repudiated by a Russian minister.

Fails to Lure England

Failing in his attempt, the German Emperor set upon himself, the task of drawing England to his side against France and Russia. How well he though he had succeeded in this may be gathered from a letter he wrote to President Wilson in 1914 in which he said King George had promised Prince Henry of Prussia, on July 29, 1914 that England would remain neutral in a war involving the Central Powers with France and Russia.

Perhaps the most direct and authoritative of the accusations against the German Emperor and the Pan-Germans are contained in the published secret memorandum of Prince Charles Max Lichnowsky, who was German Ambassador at London at the outbreak of hostilities. The Prince unequivocally placed the blame for the war on Germany, and for his frankness was imprisoned in a Silesian chateau, permanently expelled from the Prussian House of Lords, which action was sanctioned by the Emperor, and, finally, was exiled to Switzerland.

Emperor William's domination over German statesmen, diplomats and the high command of the German army was emphasized by Dr. Wilhelm Muehlon, a former director of the Krupp works, the great German munitions factory, in his book on "The Devastation of Europe." In this he not only laid blame upon Germany for bad faith and criticised the German army for its brutality but asserted that in the German Foreign Office "only he who did the Emperor's bidding was allowed to remain. They could not do better," he declared, "because of the character, the power, the vacillation of and continued interference by the Kaiser." It was Dr. Muehlon who asserted the authenticity of the statement that Emperor William stated at a meeting of German army officers that he had plenty of prisoners and that he hoped the officers would see that no more prisoners were taken.

Maximilian Harden, a German liberal leader, declared the German ruler brought on the war because of his desire "for something like world rule."

William often proclaimed his innocence, and endeavored to put the onus of the war on the shoulders of the entente Allies. In his speech from the throne after the war began he said:

"In pursuing its interests the Russian Empire stepped in the way of Austria-Hungary. Our duty as an ally called us to the side of Austria-Hungary. The situation arose not from temporary conflicts of interests or diplomatic combinations but is the result of ill-will existing for years against the strength and prosperity of the German Empire."

The Emperor, despite his previous expressions of good will for America gave vent to his anger against the United States when it became evident no official action would be taken to stop the shipment of munitions and supplies to the entente Allies by declaring to the American Ambassador, James W. Gerard, "I shall stand no nonsense from America after the war."

William's designs to spread German dominion in Asia found expression in his famous visits to Constantinople when he was proclaimed as protector of the Moslems. In this the world saw a cunning step toward achievement of the German ambition of German dominion from Berlin to Bagdad.

Became Emperor in 1888

Friedrich Wilhelm Victor Albert was born January 27, 1859, and became Emperor William II on the death of his father, Frederick III, June 15, 1888. He came out of the University of Bonn fully prepared to enter the school of statecraft. Set to work in the government bureaus, he was early taught the routine of official business under the tutelage of the great Bismark.

At the death of his father, the imperial throne developed upon William II who was then but twenty-nine years of age. Bismark continued as Chancellor but not for long. Though the great statesman had made every effort to instil his young pupil with his own ideas of government and diplomatic policies, the new Emperor soon found that he disagreed with his grandfather's former close adviser in many important respects. In 1890 the disagreement of the two men reached a crisis, a rupture came and Bismark went. The relations between the two men remained strained for several years, but before Bismark died peace was made between them.

With the passing of Bismark the Emperor's real reign began. As a military man he was a stickler for efficiency, discipline and the observance of etiquette to the last detail. And of the details of all these components of army life and training he was familiar to the smallest point. It is related that during military reviews he was able to detect the slightest imperfection in the equipment or training of a regiment or squadron and called attention to the dereliction sharply. With the principles of tactics and maneuvers, too, he was thoroughly acquainted.

Besides being well versed in army matters, the Emperor was thoroughly familiar with naval affairs, having a technical mastery of the details that go to make up the efficiency of a fleet. Study of naval problems was one of his pet occupations. His influence was potent in fostering the development of German commerce, art and science. His interference in these affairs as well as in statecraft often embarrassed German leaders and evoked from them admonitions to leave diplomacy to his chancellors.

Has Been Hard Worker

In everything he was described as thorough and, withal, one of the hardest workers in the empire. His rising hour was six o'clock sharp and a long day's hard work, which frequently extended well into the night, followed. Stated hours were devoted to the task of informing himself on the progress of events at home and abroad through reading of the principal German and foreign newspapers.

Before the war Emperor William often professed friendliness for America. He encouraged the foundation of exchange professorships by which prominent German educators visited this country and lectured in the colleges here while American college professors similarly filled chairs in German institutions of learning.

He was an enthusiastic yachtsman and despite his withered arm was able to take personal command of his racing yachts, and sail them with considerable success. He spent much time at his palatial hunting lodges and is reputed to have been the champion hunter in the world in the point of game killed. It was stated that the Emperor had killed 61,730 pieces of game, more than 4,000 of which were stags.

He was a great reader — his private library in the Imperial palace at Berlin before the war was becoming one of the most interesting collections of books in the world. He posed as a dictator in music, painting, poetry and acting.

Musical Effort Futile

At one time it was announced that he had composed the libretto of a ballet to be given in celebration of his birthday. A private performance of one of his musical efforts is said to have been given in the Potsdam palace without notable effect upon the musical world.

Physically unimpressive — he was short and inclined to stoutness — William was fond of being photographed while striking a military posture, though taking good care to veil the deformity of his left arm, a disfigurement with which he was born, and of which he was extremely sensitive. He blamed his English mother for living a life of self-indulgence and cursed her repeatedly as being responsible for his deformity.

No description of the Emperor's personal appearance will be complete without mention of his full, bristling mustache. His photographs, which he distributed with a lavish hand, showed it with ends twirled up at belligerent angles.

He married Augusta Victoria, oldest daughter of Grand Duke Frederick of Schleswig - Holstein - Sonderburg-Augustenburg on February 27, 1881. They had six sons and one daughter of whom the Crown Prince Frederick is the eldest. With the Crown Prince, his father clashed frequently and on one occasion virtually exiled young Frederick to Dantzig but soon recalled him and restored him to favor.

No Sympathy From Kaiser

German mothers who wrote to the Emperor of the deaths of their sons killed in battle elicited from him no word of sympathy. He regarded their deaths as "glorious." Yet his own six sons, though holding high commands were so protected that the imperial family stood practically alone in all Germany in warding off the clutches of death.

Hesse-Darmstadt Declares Itself Socialist Republic

Copenhagen, Nov. 11, 6.47 A. M.—Hesse-Darmstadt has declared itself a free Socialist republic, until a German republic is established, according to a Wolff Bureau dispatch from Berlin. It is reported that the garrison at Dresden is in the hands of a provisional soldiers and workmen's council.

PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSED TO-DAY

The Public Library was closed at noon for the remainder of the day, the force joining the peaece celebration.

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