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Astoria, Ore., Aug. 24—Just how a German sausage balloon gets a solar plexus from an allied airplane will be illustrated at the Astoria regatta Aug. 31, September 1, 2 and 3 when Aviator

Ralph Hansen will drop dummy bombs on a balloon piloted by Frank W. Miller.

Miller is known throughout the northwest for his spectacular balloon flights and parachute drops, but in Astoria, in addition to his usual stunts, he plans to release trained turkeys

from an altitude of several hundred feet. The turkeys will descend in a graceful, swanlike spirals through the air and will belong to the people who reach them first.

FRENCH MILITARY CRITIC ENTHUSIASTICALLY PRAISES OUR SAMMIES

Paris, Aug. 3.—(By mail)—(United Press)—The military critic of the Paris daily "L'Intransigeant" gives an enthusiastic account of the American troops now training near the front. After paying an admiring tribute to "Sammy's" physical attractions, he cites a French captain, who is instructor in the American camp, as proof that "Sammy" is as good as he looks when it comes to work:

"These American boys are surprising us the way they are catching on. One feels at once that they are in dead earnest to learn all we can teach them about methods of fighting. Every new device has an absorbing interest for them. We have only to give them a demonstration. They repeat right away with hardly a mistake.

You see that lot over there? They are learning to dig modern trenches and the sergeant is supervising them, handles them exactly as if they were his own "poilus". Another thing which strikes us about them, is their astonishing docility with regard to their French instructors. Nothing in their behavior denotes the "saviours of France". On the contrary, their sole idea for the moment seems to be to become disciplined pupils.

This sign of their confidence in us has touched us deeply. They are all burning with impatience to make themselves useful. Already they have taken over all the auxiliary services in this region, guarding of bridges, railroads and construction of shelters. There's nothing of the amateur about "Sammy" and he is proving it every day."

MILITARY SITUATION IN CANADA MIXED UP WITH POLITICS

(Second Article of Series)

Ottawa, Canada, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—To define Canadian political designations in American terms, the Liberal would be a Democrat in the United States. The Conservative would be a Republican. Party organizations are more rigid in Canada than they are now in the United States but in both the Liberal and Conservative parties there is the natural grouping of progress and reactionary elements.

Both party organizations have been hard hit in the fight over the conscription issue which will culminate in the general election next fall. The anti-conscriptionist Liberal party (the "outs") under Laurier's leadership are going into the fight with the solid support of the province of Quebec. Quebec returns sixty-five seats to the House of Commons. Conservatives concede that Laurier will control at least sixty of them. Quebec is the "solid south" of Canada.

There are 500,000 Germans and Austrians in Canada, chiefly located in western provinces. Public opinion is that this vote will be almost solidly Liberal. Along with this vote there will be what Conservatives call the "slacker vote" or the support of men who have not enlisted. This will be important without question. Laurier too has a certain advantage in that fact that over 3,000,000 of the most progressive and aggressive of Canada's men are in war duty in Europe. Their strength would be strongly pro-conscription.

While Canadian soldiers can vote, previous efforts along that line have shown the difficulties of conducting an election along the fighting front are tremendous. But twenty per cent of the soldier vote of British Columbia was cast and counted in a recent provincial election.

It is upon these forces, the French-Canadian vote, the

Chinese Admitted To Union.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The North Vancouver longshore union today has Chinese members. G. J. Kelly announced to the British Columbia and Vancouver trades and labor council that Chinese are being admitted to the unions. The only requirements is that the Chinese must show they are themselves able to do the work and that they must not work for less than union wages.

HEIR TO \$500,000 STILL WORKS IN CANNERY

Port Angeles, Wash., Aug. 24—Suddenly wealthy through the gift of \$500,000 from an 82-year-old uncle in Los Angeles, Fred Kellogg, expert machinist, today is working as usual in a local cannery.

The gift of the half million was more or less of a surprise to Kellogg, who has lived here for 25 years. He was called to Los Angeles last spring on account of the serious illness of his uncle. After his return he received a telegram that the aged relative had decided to give him a fortune.

Kellogg rejoices principally because it will enable him to give his children good educations. He insists, however, that each one of his sons shall receive practical training in a trade.

Germany is threatening to cut off Holland's steel supply.

Loafers in Pendleton have refused \$4 a day wages.



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alien, the "slacker" and the "dyed in the wool" Liberal party man, that Sir Wilfrid bases his hopes of success.

On the Conservative side it is freely admitted that the outlook for success is not the brightest. Yet Borden has many sources of strength. He has behind him a far more united party than Laurier. He has the support of the British Liberal Party. Early in the campaign a proposal for a coalition government was proposed to Laurier but refused by him. Now there is very strong talk of a Unionist government made up of Conservatives and "Win the War" Liberals.

This is the line up in Canada. They have brands of political hookum over there that have never been smoked on this side of the lakes and every pipe is going to be put to it, full blast.

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