

FRENCH DRAGOONS SMASH AIRCRAFT

Attack on German Aeroplane Park Successful, but Involves Heavy Loss.

PLATOON IS ANNIHILATED

Lieutenant and Three Cavalrymen Complete Exploit by Daring Assault on Automobile of Commanding Officer.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The French War Office supplemented its official statement today with an account of the exploits of a squadron of dragoons early in September.

"In the night of September 9," the account reads, "a Lieutenant of dragoons, who had become isolated with his squadron in the midst of the German lines and had taken refuge at a farm, learned of the presence of a park of German aeroplanes on the road leading from Viviers to a factory between Soissons and Compeigne. According to the gossip of peasants, the aeroplanes had landed about 11 o'clock in the evening and had been joined about 10 o'clock by an automobile convoy, consisting of from seven to nine machines which had kept company with them during their flight.

Immediate Attack Decided On.

"The Lieutenant decided upon an immediate attack. It was then 1:30 o'clock in the morning. Two platoons on foot approached within 40 meters of the automobiles and when challenged opened fire. Scarcely had the engines ceased, in conformity with orders, than the mounted platoon charged at a gallop, shouting 'Vive la France!'"

"Unfortunately the Germans were only partially surprised and a rapid-fire gun opened fire. Three French officers were killed and the platoon literally annihilated. Not one of the troopers reached the automobiles. Seeing this, the Lieutenant in command of the two dismounted platoons also ordered an assault. The German machine gun was silent, the gunners having been killed. The dismounted troopers opened fire at a distance of 15 yards.

The Germans, who were crouching along the edge of the road, replied with great courage.

Engineers Destroy Machines.

"While this was going on a detachment of engineers threw themselves upon the aeroplanes. With blows from pickaxes they destroyed the motors, the gasoline reservoirs and the fuel tanks of the German machines. Three automobiles which contained a supply of gasoline caught fire and threw a glare over the scene.

"Before closing the engagement, for the French losses had been great, the courageous commanding officer wanted to engage the automobile in the center of the group, from which the orders to the Germans had been issued. While the reserve officers were drawing back with the comparatively few men remaining in it, the French Lieutenant, followed by only three cavalrymen, made his way up to this automobile and found himself face to face with two men, one of whom was an officer.

Men Engage at Close Quarters.

"The officer fired at the group of four men with an automatic pistol. The three cavalrymen fell. The Lieutenant received a bullet through the arm, but not before he had been able to discharge his revolver against the chest of his adversary who sank to the ground.

The other German in the automobile heavily with the butt of a mucklet and the blow sent him spinning into the gutter. Here he lay for a few moments, but recovered and with the assistance of another wounded man, dragged himself to a field of beets.

Our losses were numerous. Of the three platoons engaged only 10 men escaped unscathed. They hid in a large and for three days lived within the German lines. Their deliverance came only on the 13th of September, when a division of French infantry, victorious over the enemy, marched into the town.

Aviators Fight in Air.

"Toward 6:30 of the morning of November 18 a series of our squadrons, having on board his aeroplane a lieutenant observer, was returning from a reconnaissance over the front. He was about over the French lines when he perceived a German flying machine going in the direction of Amiens. He at once started in pursuit, but the speed of his machine was slightly inferior to that of the German and it was impossible for him to overtake the enemy. In front of Amiens the German executed a series of evolutions to make possible the throwing of bombs. These evolutions made it possible for the French machine to come up. The lieutenant opened fire on the German and discharged about 100 bullets from his machine gun. This fire slightly damaged the German machine, but the lieutenant was not successful in striking either the pilot or any vital part of the mechanism. Nevertheless, the German machine descended to the ground.

German Attacks and Escapes.

"The French sergeant then approached another German aeroplane, this one of the Albatross type, which was flying over Cailly, preparing to attack. The pilot of the Albatross, in a skillful and desperate maneuver, made a rapid half turn and precipitated his machine at full speed on the French aeroplane. The French sergeant, to avoid collision, threw his machine back to such an angle that the rapid-fire gun was detached from its fastenings and fell down inside the car. By the time the Frenchman had recovered his equilibrium the German machine had flown away.

"At about this time another French aviator sergeant, who had just landed on the aviation field of Amiens from a reconnaissance along the front, perceived the machine of the enemy in the air over the city. Accompanied by a mechanic he took the air again and, hitting at once to a considerable height, he started in pursuit of the German machine, which had eluded the Frenchman by the desperate expedient of changing his altitude. The French machine came up with this German just as he was getting away and was successful in preventing him from getting within the German lines. He followed him as far as the region of Mont Didier. The mechanic in this car fired 10 rifle shots at the German machine without succeeding in crippling it. In the meantime the French machine had received three rifle shots, one of which had gone through the gasoline tank. Lack of ammunition made it necessary to abandon the pursuit.

Mechanic's Hands Frozen.

"On reaching the ground the mechanic, who had gone aloft in such a hurry that he had not properly dressed, found one of his hands frozen. "This same day a French aeroplane carrying a Corporal and a Lieutenant observer went up to reconnoiter in the

environs of Bombierre and encountered a German aeroplane. "The pilot and the Lieutenant, although armed only with revolvers, at once delivered an attack, but a bullet from a machine gun fired by the German machine crippled one of the wings of the French flyer, which was compelled to come to the ground with speed. It was only by the exercise of great ability on the part of the pilot that a successful landing on the Amiens aviation ground was made. The French machine was not seriously damaged."

WOMAN DIES AFTER MEAL

Mrs. Anne E. Churchill Rests Head on Arms and Passes Away.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Without warning and apparently in the prime of health, Mrs. Anne E. Churchill died suddenly at the supper table in her home in West Springfield last night.

The meal was just over and the members of the family had lingered a moment for conversation. Mrs. Churchill suddenly put her head on her arms on the table and passed quietly away. Death was due to heart trouble. Almost a year ago to the night just Thanksgiving Mrs. Churchill suffered a similar attack.

Mrs. Churchill was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Drinkwater, at Sublimity, in Marion County, in 1838. She was married in 1874 to J. S. Churchill, and after living for several years on the Mohawk River and for a short time in California, moved 22 years ago to West Springfield.

ALLIES PLACE NEW ORDERS

St. Louis Flannel Army Shirt Contract May Total \$2,000,000.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 28.—Bids for 1,700,000 flannel army shirts for the allied army were submitted by several local firms to representatives of the British War Department here today. It is believed the contract, which is to be given early next week, will amount to more than \$2,000,000.

A contract for 7000 sets of harness costing \$175,000 was awarded to a St. Louis manufacturer today by representatives of the allied army. It will begin next week. Another firm announced tonight it had just shipped 43,000 suits of underwear for army use to Amsterdam and 12,000 blankets to Mexico.

TWO SQUADRONS SIGHTED

Germans and British Both Reported Off South America.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 28.—It is reported here that the German Pacific squadron has been sighted 600 miles north of Punta Hilar, Brazil, holding a course northeast in the Atlantic.

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 28.—A dispatch received here from Montevideo says that a squadron of 10 British warships has been sighted 300 miles from Montevideo. The direction in which these ships were proceeding is not given.

CABLE TO DENMARK CUT

German Warships Interrupt Communication in Baltic.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—A dispatch to the Central News from Copenhagen says the cable between Frederica, Denmark, and Lissa, Russia, and between Frederica and Petrograd, which are the only direct cables between Denmark and Russia, has been cut in the Baltic Sea, 170 miles east of Boholm.

A Nervous Wreck

Had No Desire To Live

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Phones: Pacific, Marshall 5080; Home A-2112-- Latest and Best Styles Here in Ladies' Home Journal Patterns at 10c and 15c Each-- Mail Orders Carefully Filled Same Day as Received-- Charges Prepaid Within 150 Miles

A Sale of

Box Paper

AT 25¢

Regular 35¢ Value

Here is an important item of 200 boxes of fine Linen Stationery. 24 sheets of paper with envelopes to match. Also gift initial paper. Regularly sold at 35¢, priced for tomorrow at... **25¢**

Our Store Opens Daily at 8:30 A. M. Saturday At 9 A. M.

Roberts Bros.

THIRD & MORRISON

The Most in Value, The Best in Quality

Our Store Closes Daily at 5:30 P. M. Saturday At 6 P. M.

A Sale of

Handbags

AT 98¢

Regular \$1.25 Grade

All our \$1.25 lines and a great many others in regular \$1.50 quality are included. All new shapes in the best leathers, with panner and simple strap handles, in black only, at... **98¢**




Ready! This Great Xmas Shop

Linen Huck Toweling

15-in., yd. 40¢, 50¢, 75¢
18-in., yd. 45¢, 50¢, 60¢
20-in. priced, yd. 50¢, 55¢

Bright and early and with right good-will we draw aside the curtain tomorrow morning, disclosing the choicest Christmas stocks of all the years. In them you will find surcease from all uncertainty of what to give. We are alert to serve and keen to anticipate your pleasant surprise, for never has the store been so ready to help each member of the family save!

Bath Robe Flannels

At 40¢ Yd.—A complete new line of Bath Robe Flannels of excellent quality.

Seasonable Lines of Knit Underwear



Wool Hosiery at 25¢ a Pair

The celebrated Burson Full-Fashioned Wool Stockings for Women. Perfect-fitting, warm, durable Hose, the best values to be had at the low price of... **25¢**

Wool Underwear at \$1.00 a Garment

One of the best-known makes of Women's All-Wool Vests and Pants. All sizes in seasonable styles, priced for this sale at... **\$1.00**

Women's Fine Wool Union Suits, all styles and sizes at... **\$1.50**

Women's Heavy Fleece Union Suits, all styles and sizes at... **\$1.00**

Women's Heavy Fleece Stockings of extra quality, priced at... **25¢**

Women's Full-Fashioned Wool Hose, all sizes, priced this sale at... **50¢**

The Phoenix Silk Hose, all colors and black, priced this sale at the pair... **75¢**

A Great Pre-Holiday Showing and Sale of Dainty Silks

Exquisite Colorings

Novelties, Brocades, Stripes, Plaids, Plain Colors and Black; \$1.25 to \$2.00 qualities, priced at, the yard... **89¢**

An Enormous Purchase Which for Value-Giving Has Had No Equal for Years!

Silk fabrics of the finest grade, ready for your inspection on the Silk Counters and Tables is the most comprehensive assemblage of choice weaves with which this store has ever catered to custom and delighted woman's eye. Silks of choicest quality, in all wanted plain colors, novelties and black. Lustrous soft weaves of high favor by reason of their delightful adaptability to the new style gowns; novelty weaves embracing all from the heaviest weights to the soft thin fabrics of the voile and chiffon class. Holiday Silks, of course; a never wider range; also the season's latest novelties, reveling in the rich luxuriance of the Oriental colorings. Here's just a hint of the offerings: 40-inch Printed Crepes, 40-inch Brocaded Charmeuse, 36-inch Printed and Brocaded Messalines, 36-inch Pekin Striped and Hairline Striped Taffetas and Messalines, Lining Satins, Black Swiss Finished Messalines, etc. There is scarcely a wish for personal use or holiday sewing that cannot be satisfied from the great assortment and at a remarkable saving; choice from regular \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2 qualities, this sale at only... **89¢**

Unsurpassed Values in the Most Fashionable New Dress Goods

Broadcloths, specially priced at, the yard... **\$1.50**

Fine Imported Broadcloths full 52 inches wide, shown in soft chiffon finish of beautiful high luster. Comes in all staple and new plain colors. One of the most fashionable fabrics, specially priced at, yard... **\$1.50**

New Green Shades, all prices, yard, from 85¢ to... **\$2.00**

Just in, the popular new shades of green in Empress Cloths, Broadcloths, Granites, Serges, Poplins, Gabardine, Wool Satins, Epingles, etc. All widths and weights at all prices, the yard, from 85¢ to... **\$2.00**

Christmas Suggestions in The Men's Section

Eminently proper and up-to-date gifts for men are here in vast assortments and at prices that will please discriminating buyers. Read the following special offerings and profit by an early selection.

Men's Silk Ties, in Four-in-Hand Styles, **39¢**
Best 50¢ Values at... **39¢**

A special purchase and sale of Men's Fine Silk Four-in-Hand Ties—all new and attractive patterns and colorings; each Tie put up in a fancy holiday box. Regular 50¢ grade. This sale at... **39¢**

Men's Suspenders at 50¢ Pair

Fancy Silk Elastic Suspenders, made with kid ends. They come in many patterns and colors—each pair in a fancy holiday box. Suspenders of regular 75¢ quality—this sale **50¢**

10c Handkerchiefs at 8¢

Japanese Handkerchiefs of very soft finish. They come neatly hemstitched and with large silk initial. Regular 10c grades. This sale at... **8¢**

Men's Fancy Arm Bands in Holiday Boxes at 25¢ and 50¢ Pair

Special Values in Christmas RIBBONS

The most desirable widths and the most wanted colors in plain shades and novelties, all underpriced. See our Morrison Street Window Display.

Ribbons for Xmas fancy work. It is remarkable how many unique and pretty gifts can be created with Ribbons; also Ribbons for hair bows, for millinery, for trimmings; in fact, Ribbons for every use are to be found here at prices that never before have been equaled for lowness. You may select from:

Printed Fancies, regular values **25¢**
to 48¢, at the yard... **25¢**

Beautiful Printed Warp Fancies in light and dark colorings. The most desirable Ribbons for fancy work. They come in 5 and 6½-inch widths and in qualities regularly sold up to 48¢, priced for this sale at, yard... **25¢**

Jacquard Ribbons, regular 45¢ grade, at the yard... **35¢**

An attractive new line of pretty Jacquard Ribbons in white, pink, lavender, light blue, the new shades of green, etc. A good wide Ribbon of a quality sold regularly at 45¢ a yard, priced for this sale at, yard... **35¢**

Satin Taffeta Ribbons in White, Pink and Light Blue

One of the most popular Ribbons for fancy work. All widths and all underpriced.

Nos. 5 and 7 in 7c quality, at yard, **4¢** | Nos. 9 and 12 in 12c quality, at yard, **7¢**
Nos. 16 and 22 in 16c quality, at, yd. **10¢** | Nos. 40 and 60 in 22c quality, at yd. **14¢**
Nos. 80 and 100 in 30c quality, priced for this sale at, the yard... **17¢**
No. 1 Satin Ribbons in 10-yard bolts, on sale at, the bolt... **10¢**
No. 1½ Satin Ribbons in 10-yard bolts, on sale at, the bolt... **12½¢**
No. 2 Satin Ribbons in 10-yard bolts, on sale at, the bolt... **18¢**
No. 3 Satin Ribbons in 10-yard bolts, on sale at, the bolt... **25¢**

Narrow Xmas Ribbons in 5-yard bolts, on sale at, the bolt... **7½¢ to 12½¢**

12½¢ bolts of Wash Ribbons, colors white, pink and light blue; Nos. 1, 1½ and 2 in 12½¢ quality, priced at... **7½¢**

PAIN GONE! RUB SORE, RHEUMATIC ACHING JOINTS

Rub Pain Away With a Small Trial Bottle of Old "St. Jacob's Oil."

Stop "dosing" Rheumatism. Its pain only; not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil" right on the "tender spot," and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain and distress. "St. Jacob's Oil" is a happy rheumatism ailment which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache and neuralgia.

Lumber up! Get a small trial bottle of old-time, honest "St. Jacob's Oil" from any drug store, and in a moment you'll be free from pains, aches and stiffness. Don't suffer! Rub rheumatism away.—Adv.