GAVE LIFE FOR FRANCE'S GLORY

Aviator Who Rammed Dirigible Gave Life As He Pledged

"The fate of Roland Garros, who made a deliberate secrifice of his own life to destroy the German army dirigible and send its crew to death. confirms the most terrifying suspicions Germany has ever dared to entertain concerning the organization and purpose of the aerial corps of the French army"

This is the assertion of Capt, H. Wild, veteran aviator. Captain Wild was the third licensed pilot in the United States, was the first man to fly a heavier than air ma-chine over Chicago and has flown in most of the capitals of Europe. He knew Garros well.

All Pledged to Give Their Lives 'By Garros' feat, the Kaiser now knows just what the 'fourth arm' of France's military organization is, said Captain Wild . "It comprises a band of men bound by the strangest oath ever administered a soldier. As I recall it now, there are fifteen of these men, each pledged to give his life just as Carros did to avenge the ancient enemy of the tri-color, Germany.

'I got my first tip as to the real purpose of the French flying corps at Belmont Park, N. Y., in 1910. I was flying there at the first international aero meet ever held in One night Charles Hamilton, Israel Ludlow, John Moissant, Garros and another or two of the boys were sitting in the Hotel Astor chatting about aviation in

"Ludlow, poor fellow, just had recovered from a fall which paralyzed him from the hips down. He was on crutches. He had been telling us that if he had obeyed his wife and kept out of the flying game he would have been a well man. Then I remarked that my wife had been after me to get out "I Shall Leave No Wife."

"Meantime Garros was sitting, not saying a word. Someone asked him if he was lovesick.

"Whether I am or not, I shall never marry,' said he. 'I have a service to perform for France, and when I die I shall leave no wife.' Then the conversation veered

around, as it inevitably does when there are Frenchmen in the crowd, to military aeroplaning. To French fliers, personal achieve-

ment always is a secondary consideration. Their first thought always is, How can they render service to And that is the same as saying. How can they deal destruction to Germany?

"During the conversation Gar-ros made this remark, which struck

'My feats are all for the glory of France. All my experiments have an ultimate end. Some day I intend to wreck every Zeppelin Ger-Liany ever had.

'Roland and I were good friends, and the next time I met him in Paris, where I was doing some exhibition flying, we had more talks. His statements amazed me. I questioned him for details and was told some things I could scarcely believe. But in the light of Garros' feat they must be so.

Others Will Die Same Way was told how some most widely known aviators France has, known the world over for their dare-devil work, are in the service of the French government and each has made a solemn promise to give his life should the occasion arise, just as Garros did, in wrecking dirigibles of the enemy.

'Among the number I can call to mind are Rene Barrier, Andrew Houpert, Rene Simon, Wegman, Vi-dini and Beaumont. The first three men I know personally. All ex-hibit the same interpid spirit of pa-triotism as did Garros. If occasion offers they will go to their deaths just as Garros did, and do it, as they say, 'for the glory of France.' 'There is just one way to do up Germany's terrible Zeppelin dirigi-

es. Garros chose that way.

Garros' Way the Only One.

"The Zeppelin dirigible is

most destructive engine of warfare the world has ever known, Some of them can carry twenty-seven tons of nitro-glyceria. That would blow up an army. There is just one way to get them. That is for an aeroplane to ram their gas bag. It is impossible for an aeroplane to fly over them and drop explosives on them, as has been suggested, for an aero

plane travels too fast.
"The only way is for the aero-plane to get up in the air, where gun range from the dirigible is obscured by the gas bag and do the spiral right into the balloon. It means sure death to aviator, but the patriotism of these Frenchmen know no limits. Thus France with her aeroplanes, will vanquish Ger-many with her dirigibles, or I miss my guess.-Chicago Tribune,

CULLINGS OF COQUILLE.

Coos Coutny Seat News As Told by the Herald.

Willis Bryant, of Portland, and Mildred McBee of Bridge, were mar-ried at the Methodist parsonage Saturday, Rev. C. H. Bryan officiating.

Mrs. Rosa Preuss was in town yesterday from Marshfield, interviewing School Supt. Baker in preparation for teaching the school on Catching Inlet below Sumner.

Mrs. B. Schuyler, formerly Miss Dell Fox, passed through town last Thursday on her way to Marshfield to take the steamer for her home in Portland after a visit of about seven weeks with her parents at Bandon. She was accompanied by her two children,

BAND DANCE PLATFORM Second and Market, Saturday night.

August 27 Was The 55 Anniversary of Oil Discovery

Fifty years ago August 27, the first driven oil well in the United States began to give up its precious fluid. The event marked an epoch in the illumination of the world and the beginning of many huge fortunes. The chief illumination of that day were sperm, or whale oil, retailing at \$2.25 a gallon "camphene, a derivative of turpentine and very liable to explosion; "coal oil." obtained from coal and Scotch hog head, selling at about \$2 a gal-How to light the home and workshop cheaply was a serious economic problem. It was that ar-gument that influenced two Connecticut financiers to advance \$1000 to "Col." Edwin L. Drake, who pro-posed to drill an oil well near Pithole, Pa., where for generations the residents had been gathering oil as it floated on the surface creeks and pools. Drake began work in 1857. His early attempts resulted in failure; his financiers refused more money, and his workmen deserted. His scheme became the joke on the countryside.
"He might as well drill for whis-

key." remarked one rural specta-When on the verge of starvation, Drake finally secured financial aid from Pennsylvanians and resumed his operations. Several drilling methods proved fruitless, until he sank a six inch iron pipe. At a depth of 71 feet the pioneer finally found traces of oil, and the next morning the liquid was found flowing liberally upon the ground. It was the beginning of one of the greatest of modern industries.

CITY PLANT HAS PROFIT.

Eugene Water Board Holds Its Venture Is a Winner.

EUGENE, Sept. 3 .- After having accumulated \$25,000 and \$32,000 of the earnings of the light plant back in the improvements and extensions of the past two years, the Water Board claims that its municipal electric venture has been success

It showed net earnings of \$14,138 for the period of six months, after deducting the costs of operation. On total cost of \$309,274.37, this represents a profit of nine per cent, but this will be held to the account of a sinking fund and a depreciation fund. or, as is probable, rates will be re duced further. In addition the Water Board claims

to have saved to the people of Eugene 0,000 in two years and a half by a 40 per cent reduction in the lighting rates from 15 cents per kilowatt to 9 cents.

An interesting levy of nearly \$25,-000, levied this year by the City Council in anticipation of the interest on the light and water property BAND DANCE PLATFORM bonds, as it has done in the past, will and Market, Saturday night.

ted States are annually producing nearly two-thirds of the crude petroleum consumed throughout the world. The yield reaches the enormous total of about 10,000,000,-000 gallons a year with a wholesale value estimated at \$500,000,-000. They have created the greatest single fortune in the world, Rockefeller's. Scores of other multimillionairs owe their present wealth to the sticky fluid. Oil has called into existance huge webs of pipe lines, aggregating more than 250,00 miles in length, which convey the crude product of the oil wells to the refineries where it is transformed into its many forms of commerce—gasoline, therapeutic-ointments, and jellies, Il luminating oils, greeses, and poiscnous dyes. It has created great fleets of specially designed oilcarrying vessels that sall the seven seas distributing the product of American oil wells to all parts of In the guise of gasoline it is driving the millions of automobiles through the world. It supplies the power for vessels and railroad engines. It has driven wax and tallow candles from the market by substituting one of its byproducts, paraffin, which is made up annually into 300,000,000 candles of more than 700 different varieties.

Today the oil wells of the Uni-

remain in the treasury unused, according to members of the Water Board, who declare that for a year and a half the board has been in a position to pay its own interest,

The same report showed net earnings for water of \$1084, above the cost of operation and the payment of interest. It will show an increase of revenues in the electrical department of \$4894.15, and an increase in the revenue of the water department of \$2812.35.

In the current fund of these two departments it will show an accumulation of \$42,479.55, of which \$25,-801.07 stands to the credit of the electrical department and \$16,678.49 to the water department.

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