

BATTLE IN SKY NEAR YPRES DESCRIBED BY OBSERVER ON GROUND

British Aviators Defy Shrapnel in Pursuit of German Through Smoke Clouds.

By William G. Shepherd, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Copyright 1915 by the United Press.) Headquarters of the British Army orthern France, Sunday, April 18,mail to New York,)-It was my privilege today to witness a wonderful instance of the superiority of the

British flying corps.

As a result of the demonstration it was easily understood why General Sir John French sings the praises of his airmen in nearly every report he

aeroplane was reported flying Ypres. . When it was sighted it already had passed well within the British lines. From a distant station immediately after the field telephone had given the alarm two British aeroplanes could be seen rising and mounting into the sky in great, wide circles, Discovers His Pursuers.

The German aviator discerned his enemies almost at the moment they came in view over their own lines. He aded back over the German trenches, making for the protection of his own

As he led the way, white balls of smoke, each bigger than the pursuing British aeroplanes, broke into view. The center of each was a ball of light. They were German shrapnel. The smoke puffs did not disappear, but hung in almost regular order in space. It appeared from the ground that the Germans were putting new fleecy clouds in the sky. The British airmen were trying hard to get above the German so they could shoot down. As they dashed through hazy, hovering smoke clouds, it was as though their propellers were mine tearing apart a gigantic feather bed. nized.

Ignore the German Shrapnel. The aviators ignored the German shrapnel. Finally their machines showed in relief above the German, who had soared back across the British front to lure the British within shrapnel fire of his forward

It was possible to count 32 German smoke balls, each denoting shrapnel, as the British swung closer and closer to their foe. The German finally tried to circle back to his own lines, out always a British aeroplane interposed, and he was forced down toward the earth. Finally the German swung about to make one final dash for ome, but he was now so low that he was within range of thousands of British soldiers in the trenches. The German machine, now sandwiched between fire from the aeroplanes and the trenches, turned back and flew well into British territory, which was accepted as a sign of sur-

Still Pursue Their Prey. The British aeroplanes followed until they saw the German land on the rough ground in the rear of the Brit-The machine was smashed and the pilot crushed to death

lightly brussed and was taken pris-The battle in the sky had lasted four and one half hours. All business in Ypres ceased while he battle was on, as it was in full view of the positions and the deep blue f the sky was marred only by the feathery smoke from the shrapnel and the flash of the wings of the aeroplanes in the atmosphere.

Women Will Run Glasgow Tramcars

Prove Efficient as Conductors and Places of Men Going to the Front Will Be Given Them.

Glasgow, May 1 .- So satisfactory women as streetcar conductors proved, that the corporation tramways immittee has decided to employ as necessary to fill the vacancies caused by the men enlisting for service at the

It is expected that 400 women will be required for these positions. They will be paid 27 shillings (\$6.75) weekly, and will be provided with service

England Denounces Retaliatory Policy

Assails Germany for Special Treatment Accorded 39 British Officers Held Prisoners by the Tentons.

London, May 1.-Through Walter lines Page, the American ambassador, he British foreign office has sent a protest to Washington to be forwarded to Berlin denouncing the retaliatory measures Germany has taken against 39 British officers as a result of the special treatment accorded to 39 submarine prisoners in England.

The note explains that the Germans are humanely treated and protests against the close confinement of the British officers. Virtually the only difference between the treatment of the German submarine prisoners and other German prisoners, the note says, is that the former are in the naval barracks instead of in the detention

The foreign office still is without information as to the names of the British officers against whom retalia-

Teuton Socialists Ask Disarmament

Hold Conference in Vienna and Decide on Guarantees to Be Secured After the War Ends

Berlin, Asy 1 .- The Vorwaerts an-Vienna, it was agreed that the following guarantees must be secured after

the war: International arbitration courts must be developed into obligatory tribunals for settling all differences between na-

must be subjected to the democratic parliamentary control of a representative assemblage:

International treaties for limitation of armaments must be agreed upon with a view to disarmament. The rights of every nation to determine its own destiny must be recog-

The fact that Socialists of belligerent states are defending their country in war must not be made a barrier to maintaining the international relationship of all Socialist parties or to activity in their international arrangements.

Food Situation in Trieste Is Critical

Mayor Is Said to Have Announced That the Bread Supply Was Exhausted in Austrian City. Rome, May 1 .- The food situation

in Trieste is critical, according to advices telegraphed here from the frontier. The mayor is said to have announced officially that the bread supply was exhausted, although that which has been supplied for the past few weeks has been made by a mixture in which wheat was almost lack-

Since it is impossible to obtain wheat from Austria and Hungary has refused to permit the exportation of any part of the stock on hand, Trieste is dependent for its food supplies on shipments coming in by sea. The mayor, in his manifesto, is said to have urged the people of the city to be calm in the face of their privations and advised them to make potatoes their chief article of diet.

Britons Ask More War Information

Government Take the People More Into Its Confidence.

London, May 1 .- Another appeals to he government to take the country further into its confidence is contained in an editorial in the Times, which cess, the war situation has undergone little apparent change in the past five months. The paper declares that changes in the battle line during that period on both the eastern and western fronts hardly would be noticed by a mapmaker, while official state ments regarding the Dardanelles operations leave much to be desired. "We urge the government," says the Times, "to use every effort to make the nation understand how small is the progress yet attained on land and how great and manifold are the sacrifices the customary supplies from Russia company alone has had to meet 8000 which still must be faced."

WAR IN VOSGES, SEEN BY CORRESPONDENT, RESEMBLES "MOVIE"

But Mountain Fighting Also Has Many Features Like That on the Plains,

By A. Beaumont, Correspondent of the International News Serv

ice and London Daily Telegraph. Basie, Switzerland, May 1 .- I have Just witnessed a vivid picture of the war. A German balloon, attached, probably, to some battery near Altkirch, rose several hundred yards into the air and swung lazily in the light breeze, when a shell, hurled with re-markable precision from a French gun. tory measures have been adopted in struck it. All we could see was a lit-Germany, the United States not yet the white puff of smoke, followed imstruck it. All we could see was a litmediately by a lurid glare.

> The guns on either side boomed away, the invisible battle continued as violent and as distant as ever. Be fore long a bevy of aeroplanes could be spied through powerful field glasses. They had come from the French side and were like tiny gnats

n the sky. Other aeroplanes, from the German lines, came from Altkirch, or from hiding places on the other side of the nounces that at a conference of Ger-Rhine, and chased the first ones in a man and Austrian Socialists, held in zig-zag line. Below them the guns thundered away incessantly.

Like a "Movie" Screen. It is, to some extent, like a battle

presented on a cinema screen. Puffs of smoke dart all over the place, giv ing the screen life and movement, They are the exploding shells, which can be easily traced, and now and then a column of smoke rising into the air shows where a haystack, a barn or a farmhouse has been set on fire, and a small flame, barely visible to the eye, adds color to the scene.

As we were watching the battle an other unusual sight was added to the oicture. A railway train was dently within range of a French batvillage, going in the direction of Altkirch. The smoke of the engine formed a light streak in the valley. Soon, light puffs of smoke danced the moving train. They fell before and behind the engine, some of them to the rear and others to the far side of the train, but still the en-gine kept moving. Would it reach the next station and get beyond range? "When the grenade party reached" was the question. We followed it with the eye for fully

five minutes, and then it vanished out of the field of our vision behind a slope, as if it sought safety in a

Warfare in the Mountains. Hitherto, as military experts tell us, nountain war has lent itself to guerrilla fighting; to constant movements and attacks, with the inevitable sur-There has been a good deal of this in the Vosges, but, on the other hand, there has been also an unexpected amount of slow siege operations, laborious appreaches and

When ngineering knows no limits. and ranged in long barricades, the hours, rock is blasted and tunnels driven Priv. through the sides of the hills. Experts, who have been allowed to visit some of these defenses in the Vosges, declare that both sides have,

during the winter months, achieved Huge works have been undertaken which have made of each mountain a separate fortress. If one of these fortresses is stormed, as, for instance, the now famous Reichsackerkorf, 30 sim-London Times Voices Appeal That the ilar fortresses all around about still

German Is Making

Will Take Out Patent to Protect Profor Use in War Time.

Berlin, May 1 .- Herr Steffens, a German inventor, has applied for letters of patent for the making of lubricating oil from molasses. He announces that exhaustive tests of the output of his process have given satisfactory results. Herr Steffens' investigations of of almost \$10,000,000 to relatives of zation of Switzerland, Colonel the manufacture of lubricating oil soldiers and officers killed during the closed an interview by saying: were due to the war, which interrupted first seven months of the war.



HAND GRENADES USED BY ENGLISH SOLDIERS AS WEAPONS OF WAR

Cross Show the Important Part These Missiles Play,

western campaign is made evident by spicuous bravery" displayed in the American interests in England. use of these missiles.

Private Edward Barber of the First

When the grenade party reached Barber," the report making the award says, "they found him quite alone and unsupported and with the enemy sur-rendering all about him." Lance Corp Fuller of the Grenadier

Guards won his cross in the same bat-Seeing a party of the enemy endeavoring to escape along a communication trench," the report says, "Corp Fuller ran quite along toward them and killed the leading men with a nearly 50, finding no means of evading his bombs, surrendered to him." Lieut, Cyril Gordon Martin, wno altacks, and, finally, monotonous trench

Service Order Medal, was in command spread It was not always easy to dig of a grenade-throwing party of six, trenches in the mountains. But modern and, "although wounded, led his party Private May of the Scottish Rifles

and Private Tollerton of the Cameron Highlands were awarded crosses for place of greater safety, although several months." wounded himself. He then struggled back into the firing line and remained there until his battalion retired, when he returned to the wounded officer and lay beside him for three days, until both were rescued."

Kaiser's "Double" Arrested. Nice, France, May 1.-Captain Weihe Oil From Molasses of the German navy has been arrested at San Remo, Italy, on charges of esplonage. Weihe is said to be the absolute double of the German emperor, cess of Manufacturing Lubricants and it is reported that he has been charged with impersonating the emperor in reviewing or addressing troops or civic bodies on several occasions.

> Pay \$10,000,000 War Risks. London, May 1 .- British life insurance companies have paid war claims

Member of British Parliament Says the Government Has Given American Firm Advantage Over Nation.

London, May 1 .- The appointment

last January of J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, as commercial agents of the British government for negotiating Recent Awards of Victoria purchases in America was criticized in the house of commons by John J. Mooney. It was suggested by Mr. Mooney that J. P. Morgan & Co. favgred concerns in which they were interested, to the exclusion of others, London, May 1.-The important part and that it was disadvantageous to the that hand grenades are playing in the British government to give an exclusive buying contract to one financial house. Mr. Mooney thought the the fact that of five awards of the arrangement might be detrimental to We saw the train start from a Victoria Cross three were for "con-numerous British agents who represent

David Lloyd George, chancellor the exchequer, said in reply that the battalion of the Grenadier Guards, at arrangement with J. P. Morgan & Co. Neuve Chapelle, "ran in front of his applied to admiralty and war office grenade company and threw bombs on purchases in the United States, with severely as they did East Prussia the enemy with such effect that a very certain exceptions, and that the gov- earlier and to have left it a veritable

Say Their Shells Are Not Poisonous

Berlin Dispatch Gives Teuton Reply to British Charges of the Use of Asphyxiating Gases.

London, May 1 .- Replying to British complaints that the Germans are using bomb. The remainder of the men, shells the gases from which asphyxiate Berlin says: "The German troops do not fire any

ready possesses the Distinguished shells, the sole purpose of which to asphyxiating or , poisonous gases. Such gases as develop incidentally upon the explosion of German the enemy's trenches and held shells are less dangerous than those trenches cannot be dug, trees are felled back their reinforcements over two emanating from ordinary British, and ranged in long barricades, the hours."

French and Russian shells.

"Smoke deevloping contrivances used by the Germans in hand to hand combats are in no manner contrary to the laws of warfare. On the other hand. rescuing wounded men under fire. laws of warfare. On the other hand, "Private Tollerton," according to it appears from official communicathe report, "carried a wounded offi- tions that our opponents have been uscer, while under a heavy fire, to a ing illegal poisonous gas shells for

Swiss Must Keep Their Army Ready

Commander Says the Mecessity for Defending the Mation's Meutrality May Come at Any Time.

Rome, May 1.—Ulrich Wille, comin an interview in the Tribuna as say-ing that his country's military forces must be kept mobilized. Although no which would compel the Swiss to enforce their rights and their neutrality. After describing the military organization of Switzerland, Colonel Wille "Supposing as a mere hypothesis uously between Germany that any one wished to violate our but no inkling of the intended neutrality, they first must crush us." Germans has leaked out.

OF RUIN IN DESOLATE POLAND, SAYS BERLIN

Peasants Left There Holes in the Ground,

Berlin, May 1 .- A picture of inde scribable desolation-with 5500 houses destroyed, thousands of peasants homeless and living in holes in the ground, absolute cessation of work that would provide for a fall harvestis drawn in reports received from Russian Poland.

The retreating Russians, fleeing be fore the German advance, appear have treated their own territory as wilderness, in which disease is apt to is almost a certainty within a short

Those of the peasants who still remain show utter indifference to their condition and are making not the slightest efforts to reconstruct what has been torn and burned down nor to plant crops of any kind. The majority of those of military age are away in the armies or dead and the old and young left behind seem unconscious of what the results of their inactivity are apt to be.

Three-quarters of Poland has been hit by the war, and damage estimated at 1,000,000,000 rubles, or \$500,000,000, has been done. Practically all the cat-tle and horse flesh in the country has seen carried off by the retreating Russians. Their destruction of the lages as they retreated apparently was mans.

shiftless or too uncertain of the future to want to reconstruct their the ground in which they now live without anything approaching sanita-tion. Only in isolated instances, where their priests have been able to exert the proper influence, has any move been made by the people to safeguard themselves against the future.

Belgian Frontier Closed by Germans

Travel Across Line into Holland Prevented While Troop Trains Are Moving, Says Rottedam Dispatch.

Rotterdam, May 1.-The Belgian-Dutch frontier is still definitely closed. Even those holding passes have not across the frontier have been comanother and not enter Belgium.
The frontier correspondents say that the reason for this is the great troop

—Photographs Copyright, 1915, by the International News Service. Top, left to right—Transporting wounded Russians from the field to the base hospital at Warsaw; German trenches in the flat, barren region of eastern Prussia; A German battery in action near Bottom-A French motor truck in the service of the Russian army traversing a typical road in the eastern war district.

GREEK AND SERBIAN POLITICAL AUTHORITIES DECLARE BALKAN NATIONS SOON MAY BE AT WAR FOR THIRD TIME IN PAST FOUR YEARS

Say Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania, as Well as Italy, Must Inevitably be Drawn Into Conflict; Rulers and Subjects Are Divided in Their Sympathies.

This is the information I have obtained from some of the leading politi- of Bucharest at the close of the seccal authorities of Serbia and Greece. ond Balkan war. Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania, as factory to Bulgaria and it was the well as Italy, they said, must inevit-fear that Bulgaria would attack Greece ably be drawn into the conflict, if the that kept King Constantine out of the war continues much longer. With war several weeks ago, at the time equal quietude they declared that all when the resignation of the Venizelos four countries will enter on the side cabinet brought public attention to the of the allies.

Hopeless, Many Living in wrest from Austria the provinces of Buckowing and Transylvania,

Boumania and Italy in League. Roumania and Italy, according to re-ports in diplomatic circles here, will important a personal side,

Bulgaria a month ago was assured that the allies intended to carry the operations against the Dardenelles to a successful conclusion at any cost.

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here, to send forces into Turkey to aid (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Nish, Serbia. April 16.—(By Mall to New York)—By the middle of May, all the Balkan states may again be plunged into war for the third time in less than four years.

In the capture of Constantinopis,

The entrance of Bulgaria into the scene of action, according to information. I have received, will remove the principal barrier that halted Greece. Greece is allied with Serbia and Roumania in a freaty to maintain the termania in a freaty to maintain the termania.

A decisive victory for the Russians in the Carpathians may set the ball rolling. The Bulgarian states have two ends they feel they must at sometime attain.

One is the expulsion for all time of the Turk's from Europe and the divistion of them to the mother country is the many themselves of what remains of the Carpath statement's amble of the Carpathians. Greece has large colonies in Asiati

ion among themselves of what remains one of the Greek statesmen's ambi Bulers Are Pro-German. This is the politic aspect in the Balkans as it has been outlined to me

There is an interesting and almost as ports in diplomatic circles here, will enter the war simultaneously. For six months a secret agreement to that effect is said to have existed between the two countries. Roumania's ambitions to take over Buckowina and Transylvania, peopled by men of her own race, are said to be equally as strong as Italy's ambitions for control of Isrria and Trent. of Istria and Trent.

Until a month ago Bulgaria's position and intentions were uncertain.

On the whole, she was considered as being more favorable to German than being more favorable to German than longs to the house of Saxe-Coburgary. being more favorable to Germany than the allies. But her eyes since the Getha and is also a Hungarian noble-last Balkan war have been on the strip man with vast estates in the dual monarchy. His wife is German. of Turkish territory including the city monarchy. His wife is German.
of Adrianople. The report is that While history is full of instance

Luxemburg People Are Going Hungry

Grand Duchess Marie Says Pood Mas Been Sent But Gifts Were Diverted By the Germans.

Luxemburg, May 1.-Grand Duchess Marie of Luxemburg has sent an ofmethod of distribution of food supplies which is said to have resulted in bring-ing nearly half of her subjects to the verge of starvation. She states that gifts of food, money, and clothes have been sent to Luxem-burg from all parts of the world, but that only a small part of these gifts

French Society Is Decimated by War

Tout Paris," Social Register of the French Capital, Gives Names of 1500 Parisians Killed in Battle,

Parisians Killed in Savat.

Paris, May 1.—"Tout Paris," the social register of the French capital, just issued, contains the names of about 1500 Parisians killed on the battle-field up to February 25, 1915. Included grave discontent and law breaking." other power at present threatens gium. Those responsible for deliverswitzerland, he said, an incident might occur on the frontier at any time across the frontier have been comgenerals, 367 other officers, 14 priests and 193 titled members of the aristoc-

King's "Tipple" Is Now Barley Water

But All Sorts of Temperance Drink Are Being Served at Windsor Castle According to Report.

London, May 1.—All sorts of tem-perance drinks are being served on the tables at Windsor Castle, now that King George has put into affect his decision that no wises, spirits or beer shall be consumed in any of his houses. The king's favorite drink, it is said is barley water, made in the ordinary way by pouring boiling water on the barley, letting it boil for a short time reached the civilian population. She and then straining it and adding a also says that the German army is requisitioning provisions in exchange of home made lemonade.

Pleas for cider, small beer and drinks of low percentages of alcohol are filling the open forum columns of the newspapers. The rector of Exeter college advocates the cause of cider.

He says: "If the government determines that total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcohol is possible and is the only means of dealing with the drink trouble that diminishes our war efficiency, every patriotle citizen will support it. But such a measure, which would be Devenship for instance.

Soldiers Want Flower Seeds. Berlin, May 1.—The soldiers at the front are asking for flower seeds. The the reason for this is the great troop movement. Trains are running continuously between Germany and Belgium, but no inkling of the intentions of the Germans has leaked out.

It is the names of 200 persons who figures newspapers print letters suggesting that seeds inclosed in packages and who are now classed as "undesirable." sent to the front can be used for planting on the graves of soldiers and to germans has leaked out. other ways.