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FOUR KILLED WHEN BOMBS HIT HOSPITAL

First Lieutenant William T. Fitzsimmons, Adjutant to Colonel Commanding Harvard Unit in France, Among Victims of German Attack.

BOMB AIMED AT THE CHICAGO UNIT MISSES

Institutions Declared Easily Distinguishable and in Addition Landmarks Could Readily Have Been Mapped by Aviators, It Is Said.

By William Philip Simms
Scene of the Bombardment of American Hospitals in France, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Four German airmen deliberately bombed American hospitals on the French coast.

The men killed were: FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM T. FITZSIMMONS, Kansas City, adjutant to the colonel commanding the Harvard unit hospital.

PRIVATE LESLIE G. WOODS, of Streator, Ill.

RUDOLPH RUBINOFF JR., of New York.

OSCAR LETUOGO of Boston.

In addition to those killed, three first lieutenants were wounded as well as six privates and one nurse.

Bombardment Appears Deliberate

A visit to the scene of this ruthless attack by the Germans brought conviction that the bombardment of the hospitals was deliberate.

Enemy aeroplanes flew over the hospitals more than once during the daylight hours. The hospitals were clearly distinguishable and in addition the landmarks are such that they could be easily mapped by an aviator.

In addition to the bombs which were dropped on the hospitals served by the Harvard and St. Louis units, one large bomb was apparently aimed at the Chicago hospital.

This bomb struck across the road from the hospital, but it failed to explode.

Fitzsimmons Heard Warning Signal

Fitzsimmons was instantly killed. He heard the signal warning of the raid.

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Tacoma Man Kills Himself in the East

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 8.—(I. N. S.)—C. W. Greene, a wealthy stockholder in the Rogers company, importers at Tacoma, Wash., committed suicide today by shooting himself through the mouth while standing on the sidewalk in the northern section of the city. He was here on a visit with his two children. Ill health is blamed.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 8.—(I. N. S.)—C. W. Greene, who is an uncle of E. Rogers, president of the Rogers company, left Tacoma for Indianapolis about two months ago. Mr. Rogers said this morning:

"Mr. Greene, while not a stockholder in the company, had been in our employ and left for the east a short time ago. I had written him a few days ago that he better stay east if he wanted to visit longer with his children, a boy and girl, and return here in the spring. He has been in ill health and dependent."

French Commission Departs for Denver

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Members of the French high commission to the United States left for Denver by way of the Great Northern.

Lieutenant Colonel Edouard De Lili, deputy high commissioner, will be entertained tonight at Burlington and will join the other members of the commission in Denver a day later.

Hunting Season Is Opened Again as Rain Drowns Fires

Salem, Ore., Sept. 8.—Governor Withycombe today issued a proclamation reopening the hunting season, which has been closed since the forest fire for the protection of the forest. It will close September 15. The season should have opened September 1.

In Washington, Too

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Governor Lister today rescinded his order suspending the upland bird game season and hunters may ally forth in search of the elusive pheasant today.

The heavy rains in all parts of the state have minimized forest fire hazard and for this reason the governor declared the season open. It will close September 15. The season should have opened September 1.

W. E. Finzer Is Made Major in the U. S. Army

Ex-Adjutant General of Oregon National Guard Will Report at American Lake.

W. E. Finzer, for nearly 12 years adjutant general of the Oregon National guard, has been appointed a major in the United States army and ordered to report at once to Camp Lewis, American Lake, for service with the new national army.

News of his appointment reached the general this morning and he is expected to report at the lake early next week.

Finzer has been in the office supply business since leaving the adjutant general's office, March 27, 1915.

Finzer's first service was with Company H, Second Infantry, O. N. G. He was appointed first lieutenant of that company in October, 1895, and served until he was honorably discharged May 14, 1899, that he might accept a similar commission with the Second Oregon volunteers bound for the Philippines. He was honorably mustered out of that organization in August, 1899. Six months later he was appointed captain of infantry in the Oregon National Guard. He held that rank when he was appointed adjutant general September 1, 1902.

As adjutant general, Finzer was nationally recognized. He was detailed by the secretary of war as a member of the national militia board of five adjutants general, 1912-13-14. He was also executive officer for the national divisional competition rifle matches in 1914.

Major Finzer was born in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1887.

SHIPS BUILDING HERE CAN CARRY ALL FLOUR WEST COULD EXPORT

Secretary Dodson Sends Figures to Senators in Appeal on Basic Wheat Price.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—The Northwest Bureau of the Northwest Grain Association, in an appeal to the senators for the northwest delegation of the White House on the grain situation has not yet received a reply. It is expected to be early next week.

The northwest senators do not look with hopefulness on the effort to change prices and conditions as the food administrator appears adamant and the president will naturally approach the suggestion of a change with caution when his food advisors are strongly opposed to the northwest view.

Every barrel of flour which the Pacific coast has for export can be carried in the steel vessels which the government is having built for it at Seattle, Seattle and San Francisco, declared W. D. Dodson, executive secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, before the committee of the Northwest grain conference in Portland Friday.

The committee as a "petition in boots" was elected by the grainmen to go to Washington and appeal in person to the president for the discrimination against the Northwest involved in naming a Chicago basic price for wheat. Mr. Dodson told the committee that careful investigation shows ships which the government can make use of have an aggregate carrying capacity of 370,000 tons, which is much more than will be required for all the flour to be exported.

Appeal Made to Senators

In a 1,000 word telegram to the six northwest senators at Washington, D. C., Friday night, and other arguments were set forth in favor of adjustment of the discrimination against the Northwest.

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Figure: Out 30 Cents

With a basic price of \$220 a bushel for No. 1 northern for Chicago delivery, the price received for wheat freight rate from the northwest to Chicago, the price received for wheat produced in the northwest this year will be 30 cents less than the Chicago price, no matter where it may be disposed of, unless an adjustment is made.

Auto Plunges Into
River; Two Are Dead

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Driving his fiancée, Miss Violet Dirks, and a friend, George M. Jones, home from a party in celebration of his departure for Camp Grant at Rockford, Victor Mettsch sent his machine hurtling through an open draw into the Chicago river early today.

Metsch jumped clear and saved himself because he was able to swim. The car carried Mettsch and his fiancée to the bottom.

RUSSAINS SLOW DOWN RETREAT; KAISER IN RIGA

Kuropatkin Denies Reports That Dvinsk Has Been Bombarded and Says Fortress Will Hold Out.

GERMANS HAMPERED BY
ROUGH, MARSHY GROUND

General Situation Has Improved, According to Russian Reports.

Kaiser Names Governor in Riga

The Hague, Sept. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The Kaiser has entered Riga in military state, according to advices from Petrograd today.

After reviewing the troops and bestowing decorations the Kaiser appointed General Von Alben as governor of the city. The emperor's address was circulated among the German soldiers at the front.

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The Russian retreat from Riga is slowing down, Colonel Kropotkin reported to the government today from his headquarters on the northern front.

The fortress of Dvinsk, on the Evina River, will be defended to the last man, it was declared.

Colonel Kropotkin denied reports that the fortress had been bombarded.

(Proceeding from Dvinsk had been shelled by the Germans were published in Berlin and other European cities as well as in America.)

Reports as to Dvinsk had been received by Colonel Podgorsky, commissioner of the army. Colonel Kropotkin made his report verbally over the long distance telephone.

The Russians are occupying new positions that had been fortified in advance. The positions are hampered by the difficult marshy ground they are compelled to traverse and by the fact that their infantry and cavalry have been unable to break through the German lines.

"The general situation has improved," declared Colonel Kropotkin, at the conclusion of his report. "The Germans are encountering increasing difficulties."

In addition to the natural obstacles the Russian rear guards are steadily resisting the German attacks. The situation at Dvinsk is the great fortress that checked the German drive in 1915, is causing no alarm. There are no heavy bodies of German troops near Dvinsk.

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AUSTRIAN LOSSES IN ITALIANS' OFFENSIVE NOW TOTAL 120,000

Of These 30,000 Have Been Taken Prisoner; Fighting Continues Violently.

London, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Austria has lost 120,000 killed, wounded and taken prisoner by Italian forces since August 9, when General Cadorna assumed his great offensive. Prisoners taken total more than 30,000.

The figures were contained in semi-official dispatches received today. They indicated the tremendous drain on the dual monarchy's manpower which had forced Vienna to demand reinforcements of Berlin.

Fighting was continuing violently at two points on the battlefield around Monte St. Gabriel and south of the Italian line, including the Austrian counter attacks, made regardless of staggering casualties, were wrenched it from them.

The fighting on the Hermada sector was in series of desperate counter attacks by the Austrians. New and picked troops were engaged. It is here that Austria evidently connection with the East St. Louis strongest and has massed her greatest forces to repel the advance.

Rome described the situation as entirely satisfactory today for the Italian troops.

Over 80,000 Captured

Rome, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Since August 19, when General Cadorna's offensive started, 30,000 prisoners have been taken by the Italians, including 833 officers, according to official statistics today.

More Indictments
For Rioting to Come

Bellefonte, Ill., Sept. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Before final adjournment this afternoon the grand jury here is expected to return several more indictments in connection with the East St. Louis race riots. A few weeks ago 38 indictments against 105 persons were returned. The number today is not expected to be as large but it is hinted that the grand jury will be increased.

The September grand jury convenes Monday.

FUNDS MISSING, SAYS AGENT IN KING CASE

Fortune of Chicago Widow, Amounting to From \$500,000 to \$2,000,000, Is Said to Be Mostly Gone.

KILLING AN ACCIDENT,
SAYS BUSINESS AGENT

She Picked Up His Gun While His Back Was Turned, According to Story.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Investigation of the mysterious death of Mrs. James C. King, wealthy Chicago widow, who was shot while with an automobile party near her home, North Carolina, August 29, today was being conducted in Chicago, New York and North Carolina.

P. C. McDuffie, attorney of Atlanta, Ga., representing King's mother, Mrs. Anna L. Robinson of Asheville, N. C., is here to trace the dead woman's missing fortune, estimated at \$500,000 to \$2,000,000. He is carrying an important document carried by Mrs. King when she was shot have disappeared.

McDuffie discovered that the \$200,000 trust fund of the King family, deposited with the Merchants' Loan and Trust company a few years ago had dwindled to \$90,000. Her brother, W. G. Robinson of Harrison, Ill., and Paul Robinson of Muskogee, Okla., who are here to assist in the investigation received small incomes from this fund.

Securities Are Being Sought

Certain of Mrs. King's securities are believed to be on deposit in New York banks and these are being sought.

Word was received here today that North Carolina authorities have ordered the inquiry in Mrs. King's death reopened. The coroner's jury in Concord originally returned a verdict of suicide. An autopsy performed on the body after it was here early yesterday, however, led Coroner Hoffman to announce that Mrs. King had been murdered. State's Attorney Hoyt promptly wired this information to the attorney general of North Carolina, asking that the investigation be renewed.

At the same time Mrs. King's identity was uncovered in North Carolina. Charles S. Day, a farmer, living near Blackwell Springs, where the tragedy occurred, declared he heard two shots fired. He said he and his wife were sitting on the porch when they saw the automobile stop at the spring about 8 o'clock.

"Guns Machine Fired"

Mrs. King and Gaston B. Means, her business adviser, went to the spring alone. Day said, while Afton Means and Captain A. S. Bingham remained behind, he saw her pick up a shot near the spring. Mrs. King was placed in the automobile, which started in the direction of Concord. After it had gone a few rods, he saw one in the machine fired another shot, according to Day.

Gaston Means, who arrived in Asheville late yesterday, upon learning that Mrs. King had been shot, said that "certain Chicago influences are behind Hoffman's expressed opinion."

Ashton B. Means Explains

Gaston B. Means, the central figure in the mystery surrounding the shooting of Mrs. James C. King on a lonely road near Dvinsk last week, today reiterated in emphatic fashion his belief that Mrs. King accidentally shot herself.

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American Flier Killed in Fight On West Front

Corporal Buckley, Chicagoan, Victim of Incendiary Bullet in Battle in Air.

Paris, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Corporal Buckley, a resident of Chicago, was killed Thursday morning in an attack with two fellow American fliers against the German planes, according to word received here today.

Buckley fell with his machine, which had been ignited by an incendiary bullet.

The young Chicagoan, with two other Lafayette fliers, was attacked suddenly at a great height by five German aviators. A lively fight ensued, the seven great battleplanes circling over miles, the American fighting gallantly to the end.

Buckley was one of the most popular members of the American flying squadron. He was 34 years old and was a graduate of the Avord Flying school, having recently attained his ambition to be a member of the Lafayette escadrille.

Lufbery Downs Another Plane

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