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SATURDAY



OREGON WEATHER Fair; moderate northwesterly winds.

AIRPLANES

The loss of an airplane at present is perhaps as serious as the loss of a pilot, from a military standpoint, for a man can be replaced more easily than planes, according to Major W. Thaw, probably the best known American airplane pilot, fighting with the Lafayette Escadrille in France. The battle for aerial supremacy is almost a drawn one at present and it appears almost certain that victory in this war will be decided in the air, says Major Thaw, in a letter to members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, an industrial adjunct of the spruce production division of the signal corps, of which Colonel Bruce P. Disque is commanding officer. The letter will be published in the current issue of the monthly bulletin of the "L. L. L. L." one means by which the woodmen members of the legion are kept in touch with the progress of the war.

Major Thaw, who already has brought down a number of enemy airplanes, writes from the headquarters of the 103rd Aero Pursuit Squadron, of which he is commanding officer, as follows:

"Having received an account of the splendid work which is now being done by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen to further the speedy completion of America's great aerial program, it occurred to me that you might like to have a word from an American air squadron already in actual service at the front.

"Our work here is as closely connected with your own and so dependent upon it for results that I feel it my duty to do the little I can, at this distance, to further the more intimate relationship between our branch of service and yours.

"It is encouraging to us and to all other American aviators, I am sure, to know that such an organization as yours exists. We belong to one of America's first fighting squadrons and are in a position to know from actual experience how essential the production of airplane material is.

"This is particularly true of the spruce you are cutting in the forests of the northwest. You are far from the firing line. It would not be strange if at times you were to lose sight of the vital importance of your labor. The wastage of aeroplanes at

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the front and in the training camps is enormous. This is so necessarily. Yesterday, for example, one of our planes was totally wrecked in a bad crash due to a defective motor. Last week two pilots belonging to this combat group were killed in a collision at 12,000 feet. A day or so before that four pilots were brought down in combat, and so it goes from day to day.

"Unless we have new aeroplanes with which immediately to replace losses we are very seriously handicapped in the work of fighting our enemies. Odd as it may seem, the loss of a machine at present perhaps is as serious as the loss of a pilot, for men can be replaced more easily than planes.

"I think it may truthfully be said that we are doing our part in the work of making aviation more costly to the enemy than he makes it for us. We have destroyed a good many of his aircraft and we hope to continue doing so.

"But there is an important fact to remember. As conditions are now, the Germans are making tremendous efforts to make good their wastage in aeroplanes and the battle for aerial supremacy thus far is almost a drawn one. It is nip and tuck and will be until America's air squadrons, trained and fully equipped, are ready to take the field in force.

"It appears almost certain now that victory in this war will be decided in the air.

"I wish that some of your representatives, men who actually cut the spruce for our planes, could visit the western front, visit us here at our barracks and see the actual conditions under which we are working. If ever any of you do come you will be sure of a right royal welcome and you will go back to your work in America with a conviction that your job is fully as important as our own. We wish your organization all success and hope every logger and lumberman in America may be urged to join it if he has not already done so."

Very truly yours, W. SHAW, Major A. S. S. C. U. S. R., Commanding 103 Aero Purs. Sq.

THISTLE IN SCOTCH HISTORY

Various Traditions Concerning Its Adoption by the Highland Clans as Their Emblem.

"The thistle of Scotland is said to be the oldest national flower, and tradition traces its adoption to the reign of Alexander III and the battle of Largs" (when an attacking Dane stepped upon a thistle and involuntarily gave the alarm, whereupon the Scots drove the invaders out).

"Another account of its adoption is of a very different character," writes Katherine M. Beals in Flower Lore and Legend. "About the middle of the fifteenth century a company of stern-faced men met in the council chamber of Edinburgh, and the occasion of that meeting was to discuss the advisability of substituting the thistle for the figure of St. Andrew on the national banner. The proceedings of the council were secret, but soon after the thistle appeared upon every Scottish banner. The national motto might have been adopted with appropriateness on either of these occasions: 'Nemo me impune lacessit.' The polite reading of this is, 'No man attacks me without being punished,' but the more simple translation of earlier days was, 'Touch me who dares!' while the original is supposed to have been, 'Wha dare meddle wi' me?' Another inscription which sometimes accompanies the Scottish emblem reads: 'Ce que Dieu garde, est bien garde; 'That which God guards is well guarded.'

"The thistle appeared officially for the first time during the reign of James II, who had it placed on the coinage of the kingdom and adopted it as his own badge. It also appeared upon the coins in the reigns of James IV, Mary Stuart, James V and James VI. The thistle merke was a silver shilling. The thistle dollar was a double merke. Each took its name from the emblem on it."

ARTHUR WALWYN EVANS CHAUTAUQUA LECTURER

Member of Lloyd-George Family Gives Impressions of America.

Arthur Walwyn Evans, the brilliant Welsh orator who comes to Chautauqua on the second night, has had an unusual life experience. He is a nephew of David Lloyd-George and has known many of the celebrities of England and the continent. He has



ARTHUR WALWYN EVANS

traveled in fifteen countries and lived in six of them. He has known, among others, Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts, Joseph Chamberlain, John Ruskin, Gladstone and Kipling. When he was twenty years old he was preaching nightly to audiences of five thousand in Scotland. For the last few years he has been delivering an average of over 200 lectures a year in this country and is in as great demand as any lecturer on the American platform today. His lecture, "What America Means to Me," will be one of the big events of Chautauqua week.

First Colonial General Hospital.

It was on February 7, 1751, that the first general hospital was chartered in the colonies—the Pennsylvania state hospital in Philadelphia. Joshua Crosby was the first president of the institution, and Benjamin Franklin, who had been prominent in urging the establishment of an institution for the care of the sick, was the first clerk. It was in this hospital in 1753 that Thomas Bond gave the first clinical instruction in America.

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Dr. Minozaki Toshi Yamamoto.

with Japan. And perhaps few subjects are less understood. It will be a pleasure at Chautauqua to hear Dr. Minozaki Toshi Yamamoto, Japanese scholar, author and lecturer, discuss these problems from an impartial standpoint.

"Length of the Law."

The phrase, "The length of the law," owes its origin to the enormous length of some of the parchment rolls upon which the ancient statutes of Great Britain were inscribed. The present-day official title of the "master of the rolls" is a reminder of this ancient custom. Some faint idea of the bulk of the English records may be obtained from the fact that a single statute, the land tax commissioners' act, passed in the first year of the reign of George IV measures when unrolled upward of 900 feet!—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Electric Oranges. Prof. J. A. Fleming, in a lecture at the Royal Institution, London, to a juvenile audience, said that not many boys and girls knew that when they cut an orange with a steel knife and a silver fork a current of electricity passed through their hands. The acid in the orange acted on the steel, and the orange acted as a voltaic cell.



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