

# ALLIED FLEET SUPERIOR SAYS GERMAN CHIEF

### Head of Teutonic Flying Forces Admits That Britons Equal Germans as Air Fighters, But Are Inferior in Reconnoitering—Every Teuton Wants to Be a Flier.

THE HAGUE, July 28.—Interesting comparisons of British, French and German methods of air-fighting were made recently by General von Hoepfner, commander of the German flying forces in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Holland News bureau. General von Hoepfner admitted that the air forces of the entente allies were superior on the western front and in the Balkans, but said that on the eastern front the German airmen outnumbered their adversaries. Mere superiority in numbers, however, he professed to believe meant nothing when compared with the quality of machines and of the men flying them. He added:

**French Inferior.**  
"The Frenchman is obviously not to be placed on a par with our airmen from the point of view of morale, but it is just in flying the Briton proves that he is of German race and therefore has a love of fighting. In general the Frenchman only attacks once; if the first attack be unsuccessful, he immediately retreats. The Englishman, on the other hand, fights till he or his opponent goes under."

"In their Spad aeroplanes of 200 horsepower, and the British Sopwith triplanes, they possess splendid machines which mostly equal our best machines."

"More important, however, than the superiority of the machines is that of the crews. The enemy battle airmen are just as much up to their job as ours. That is not so, however, with the reconnoitering airman. In the case of the French, their training, which should be of a purely military character, is mediocre; while with the British it is even inferior. Here are to be found the deeper causes of the better performances of our fliers."

**British Seek Fights.**  
"To Britishers flying is a sport, the climax whereof is a fight. They seek the combat regardless of the question whether the carrying out of the charge entrusted to them renders this necessary or not. The German is first of all a soldier, who looks upon every flight as a military operation, and that decides his line of conduct. Our proportionally smaller losses, therefore, show that our commanders are too good soldiers to set their airmen impossible tasks. Moreover, the airmen are not sent out singly, for the fulfillment of military tasks is more important than all spirit of sport and all bravery. The century-old German military tradition cannot be caught up by the three years' warfare of the British."

A final inquiry as to who the Germans prefer to meet as enemies elicited the response: "That is a question which may not be put. It is not the sporting achievement, but the fulfillment of the charge in hand, that is the main thing. With us every soldier wants to be a Boelcke—the death of his comrades does not frighten him."

# THRIFT EXHIBIT PLANNED FOR FALL

Many of the girls and boys of Medford are busily preparing for the junior thrift exhibit to be held in the fall. The one held last year showed the results of the vacation work and occupation and consisted of poultry, garden produce, canned goods, needle and art work, while the younger children brought pets, original toys, etc., and it was considered very satisfactory for the first exhibit of its kind held here.

This year the parents have a better understanding of the work, and each child is trying to be helpful in some way to home and country, and the exhibit will undoubtedly be much larger and better than last year. Let each child remember that he or she has a responsibility in making it a success and each effort, however small, helps.

Chairman Gatchell has called a meeting of the Crater Lake highway committee to consider the threatened delay in construction, for Monday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

# FIRE BAPTISM AWAITS TROOPS FROM AMERICA

### Diabolical Develtries of Destruction Evolved by War—Poison Gas, Liquid Fire, Explosive Shells, Bombs and Grenades to Be Mastered by Troops.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, July 28.—The arrival of the first contingents of the American army in France serve to recall the fact that the United States is entering a war already old and wise—wise with the dearly bought wisdom of three long adventurous years—and teoped in all the diabolic wickedness and incessant delving into the deviltries of destruction can bring to it.

Having escaped the first terrors of weapons which German science had developed through tolling years of military preparedness, the American divisions will nevertheless plunge eventually into a seething cauldron which has grown from the unavoidable policy of "fighting the devil with fire." They will have quickly to learn not only to take the awful German frightfulness with calm endurance, but to return it with an even increasing measure. In doing this many nerve-testing and soul-searching experiences undoubtedly lies before them, but there are already thousands of young Americans in the Canadian and British ranks who have proved themselves traditionally worthy in the scorching flames of modern war.

**Baptism of Fire.**  
First of all, when they take their place, will come the baptism of fire from the noisy high-explosive German shells that scream in from afar and burst with terrifying reports—sometimes in most unexpected places. The Germans are great believers, both in noise and high-explosives. They even mix their adored "H-E" with their shrapnell shells which break high in the air and send their bullets showering down with the whine of an angry winter wind. The Americans soon will learn to distinguish the individual song of the various shells for there is not the slightest doubt that the moment he discovers they are in the line the German will turn every available caliber of weapon against them in a flourish of introductory "hate." They will come over in order—these shrieking, grumbling missiles—ranging in size and noise all the way from the nasty little pip-squeaks or whizz-bangs, pp thru the four-point-tvos, the five-point-nines and then on to what the British Tommies laconically call "the big stuff"—the eight-inch howitzer shells and the projectiles from heavy caliber long-range naval guns, known without affection as "Whistling Percy."

There will be little opportunity to bear a "Big Bertha", for those famous old 42-centimeter howitzers are seldom used nowadays. It is believed that the Germans planned to bombard Arras with them, using prussic acid shells, but the British advance on Easter Monday last put a stop to that particular nefarious scheme against the already sadly battered little Arras cathedral city.

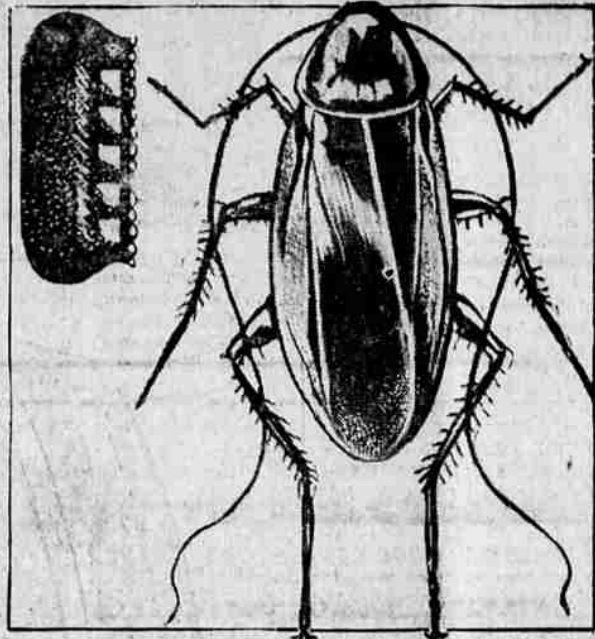
**Bombs and Grenades.**  
There is also awaiting the new American army a bounteous baptism of bombs and hand grenades and the still more dismaying introduction of the ghastly rattle of the machine-gun and its sinister swish of spraying bullets—sounds well calculated to stand with a moment of fear the heart of the bravest man.

But above all the American soldier must equip himself to endure the lethal gas that will be sent over against them in poisonous, vaporish clouds, or showered upon them in a deluge of heavily charged cylinders and shells. They must prepare to deal also with the treacherous lachrymatory gas which while not dangerous to life, irritates the car ducts until one cries with blinded smarting eyes for hours. The surprise of both these gases is their altogether pleasant smell, the lethal variety suggesting the clean odor of a sanitary hospital ward, while the so-called tear gas has the appetizing scent of crushed ripe apples, or cider.

**Liquid Fire Torture.**  
There is also a reason-shaking terror of the "flamewerfer," with its roaring stream of liquid fire flaring with the velocity of a high pressure fire nozzle and with an outpouring of smoke rising like a black cloud to the heavens.

The first day of their spray in battle trenches the Americans will make the acquaintance of a very old, but scarcely cherished, friend of the Tommies and Pollus—another member of the Werfer family known as "Minnie." This is the German mine thrower, or minewerfer, which flings over at short range great heavy projectiles known

# COCKROACH IS BOCHE OF INSECT WORLD



We have with us today the boche of the insect world. He's a fighter. He believes a determined offensive is the best defense. He lives off the territory he invades, and when the housewife has mobilized a fly-swatter and crab brush he retreats to a new line of defense.

The cockroach's camp kitchens are so efficient he can live on next to nothing. A few crumbs will support a regiment—an open bread-box, sugar-box or flour barrel, a whole army.

Gen. Cockroach poisons the wells as he retreats. Even if all kitchen supplies are protected, the dishes he runs over will carry a disgusting odor, imparted to food served on them.

The best shrapnel to mow down the cockroach army is a mixture of borax and sugar, and plenty of it. Mustn't

as "flying pigs" because of their wabbly, ungainly flight. They go off with a deafening roar, expending more energy on noise, however, than on material damage.

A notable development of the war has been the dread with which the Germans have seen weapons of their own invention turned against them, and turned with a steadily increasing intensity. Their prisoners speak of the terror these weapons have caused and declare the German higher command is realizing all too late the Frankenstein it brought into being. While the Entente allies are multiplying these terrors on the lines laid down by Emperor William himself, the Germans, isolated so long from the world, find their resources and materials constantly falling both as to means of carrying on this style of warfare and what is more important to them, combatting the retributive measures undertaken by British and French.

**Use of Poison Gases.**  
Asphyxiating gas may be taken as a striking example. The whole world was shocked when Germany first released those poison clouds during their second attack on Ypres, when the Allies, little suspecting such a weapon, had no protection whatever against it. The horror of those days when men engulfed by the lethal waves died agonizing deaths will never be forgotten. But the manner in which the Canadian troops rallied and prevented the Germans breaking thru in what they hoped would be a victorious march to Calais and Boulogne, will ever be of the most thrilling stories of the world war. Nowadays the British fairly bathe the Germans in every form of gas whenever the slightest opportunity offers and prisoners all say their losses in these attacks have been alarmingly heavy. Gas is sent over in creeping banks of fog, is shot over in bombs that suddenly explode in trenches and at entrances to dugouts, while no billets or sleeping quarters for troops in rest miles back of the firing line are safe from the gas shells which are ever knocking at their doors.

The bitterness of it all to the Germans, however, is the fact that daily they find they have less and less rubber with which to construct their gas masks, many of which are very inferior and offer but poor protection to the fighting men against gases that constantly are becoming more powerful.

Bolling and blazing old drums which they find exploding about in scalding and incendiary fury, heavy shells which break over them spurring streams of melted lead, are other species of dread chickens of frightfulness that are daily flying home to the German roost.

It is small wonder that half-finished letters found on Germans in the front lines dwell upon the terror of the war, or that some go so far as to speak a desperate envy of the dead.

M. A. Rader will leave Monday for Crater Lake to take a government position in the park for the next two months.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Catarrh local cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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# TALENT TALK

Misses Audrey and Gladys Homes and Miss Ella Witte of Central Point were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brophy on Anderson creek recently.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. L. C. Williams Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ella Foss and Mrs. Beeson assisted the hostess. Light refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. The rest of the time was spent in sewing and social conversation.

Mr. Estes, James Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tryer visited F. Sowash at the Granite City hospital in Ashland Sunday afternoon. Mr. Sowash, who underwent two serious operations last Monday, was slightly better Sunday.

M. E. Reed preached in the Presbyterian church in Medford last Sunday.

Rev. Thomas Bellknap, pastor of the Methodist church on the Klamath Indian reservation, and who was pastor of the Methodist church in Medford a few years ago, preached in Talent in the absence of Pastor Reed.

Mrs. Henrietta B. Honey, who has been the guest of Mrs. M. C. Reed of Ashland during chautauqua week, gave a very enjoyable reading from "The Sky Pilot" at the Methodist Sunday school Sunday morning.

News was very scarce in Talent last week, every one who possibly could being in Ashland attending the chautauqua.

Remember, Red Cross afternoon every Tuesday at the high school building.

Services next Sunday as usual. Mr. and Mrs. Warzenth of San Francisco were the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Adams, on Wagner creek, last week.

W. J. Reed of Wagner creek was an Ashland caller Monday.

Waylon Smith and wife are visiting Mr. Smith's sister, Mrs. Jay Terrell, while waiting for his call to service. Mr. Smith was drafted from Bray, Cal., and arrived Tuesday for a few days' visit here.

Miss Alice Vandersluis visited with friends here last week.

Miss Brown is here from Boston and is visiting her brother, Charley Brown. Miss Brown will remain some time here with her brother.

Rev. Davis, pastor of the Christian church, has moved into J. Withrow's house on Main street.

Mr. Perry, Mrs. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Glimes were among a party of pleasure seekers from Medford who motored over to Granada last Saturday and spent a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vandersluis.

Frank Maxon and Ewin Maxon and wife arrived Monday evening from Mount Hebron, California.

Mrs. L. C. Williams was a Medford caller Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Edgar and Mrs. Marion Tryer spent Tuesday shopping in Medford.

Miss Matty Turner, who is spending the vacation with her aunt in Ashland, spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Adamson and family, who has been camped in Ashland since the first of July, returned last week.

Mrs. Edgar and her sister, Mrs. E. E. Cook and son, Fred, who have been camped in the Lithia park dur-

ing Chautauqua, returned home last Friday.

Mr. High moved his family home Friday. They had been camped in the Lithia park during Chautauqua.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Patterson of North Talent were in Fern valley one day this week.

Mr. Bowman, the North Talent mail carrier, and his wife and family have all had the measles lately, and Mr. Bowman has been off the route for over three weeks.

Mrs. Ray Ward of Fern Valley was doing trading in Phoenix last Wednesday.

Aubrey Furry left his home, south of Phoenix, Tuesday to join his regiment at Ashland. His many friends will miss his ever pleasant face, and will wait and hope for his speedy homecoming.

C. Carey met with a very painful accident in Medford Wednesday afternoon. While helping Walter Canady fix a rear wheel on his auto Mr. Carey caught his finger in the wheel while revolving it, and catching between the brake and spoke, completely unjointed the first joint on the third finger of his right hand.

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# ASHLAND AND VICINITY

Scene, the plaza. Act 1, horse and buggy standing in front of a store. Scene 2, auto approaching from the north, which in endeavoring to avoid another machine, hit the wagon, taking off a wheel. Scene 3, hospital, where occupant of buggy was removed after sustaining fractured knee as result of accident. All of which happened in spite of the sign near the Carter fountain, plainly admonishing car owners to "Keep to the right." This occurred on Monday.

For three evenings this week Margaret Review No. 22, Lady Macabees have been entertaining notable visitors, including Mrs. Minnie Aydelotte, deputy supreme commander, and Mrs. Margaret Herrin of Portland, state district deputy, incident to the twentieth anniversary of the local organization. Tuesday evening there was a theatre party at the Vining, on Wednesday a business and social gathering was held at Odd Fellows hall and on Thursday there was a basket picnic in the park.

Allen McGee, who has resigned his position with the Swift corporation here, will remove to Eugene and be employed in the Southern Pacific offices.

About 100 members of First company were present at the Elks temple on Monday night, the event being a parting reception given with military honors.

Captain Thomas W. Hammond passed thru here recently, accompanied by his family on route from the Philippines to Washington, D. C., where he has received an assignment on the general staff of the army. "Tom" is a former Ashland boy and was greeted during his brief visit here by numerous relatives and friends.

Rev. J. H. Doran, rural carrier on the Soda Springs circuit, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Funeral services of John H. Baron, who died on Tuesday at the family home on Avery street, were held on Thursday at the Christian church, Interment in Mountain View. Deceased was a native of England, 77 years of age. He leaves a wife and son.

C. E. Nlninger and wife, parents of A. C. Nlninger and former resident of Ashland, are here from Santa Ana, California, visiting relatives and friends.

# GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS URUGUAY ELEVATOR

AMSTERDAM, July 28.—A German submarine has sunk a gigantic elevator for the Montevideo, Uruguay, waterworks, which was being towed from Rotterdam to Montevideo by a Dutch tug, which also was sunk.

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