

AERIAL SAILORS OF UNCLE SAM TRAIN IN ITALY

AMERICAN SEAPLANE TRAINING CAMP, Central Italy, April 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Americans in training here to become submarine hunters and coast protectors combine hard work and serious study, varied by occasional trips to a nearby town or, less frequently, to Rome.

This is the first school in Italy for Uncle Sam's aerial sailors. They attend lectures, learn French and Italian, go through all the lessons up to "solo" flying, when they are allowed to fly alone, thence on through careful training to the time when they are recommended as fit for officers.

Next their names travel over the Atlantic to the war department, and finally they become officers, and have their names enrolled among the fighters for the United States.

"I know of no greater glory than that of being an aviator," said the American ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, to some of them at a lunch given in their honor.

Their camp is located near the banks of one of the volcanic lakes in the mountains north of Rome. The winter and spring have been mild and the student aviators have been flying almost every day since they came, under the instruction of Italian instructor pilots. They utilize the lake for bathing.

On their Saturday afternoon and Sunday holidays they ride over to a cathedral town and set on a big rock and they go to church, see the sights, spend a little money on restaurant food, possibly put up over night at one of the many little hotels that are flourishing here since the war cut off tourist traffic, and they ride back again Monday morning for the new week's training.

Those fortunate enough to have toothache or teeth in the need of repair may go to Rome for that purpose. Uncle Sam not having yet provided a dentist exclusively for this camp as he has at the bigger camp for aviators in the south of Italy. As teeth connect with the nerves which are supposed to regulate the sense of equilibrium, it will be understood just how important commanding officers consider such troubles. Without a proper sense of equilibrium a man can't fly without running the risk of breaking his neck or a valuable machine.

Sometimes money becomes a drawback to the Rome excursion, in view of the irregularities of pay days. One sharp youth from Missouri overcame this handicap by borrowing French, English or American money from his comrades. In Rome he exchanged this for Italian paper money at the rate of eight and one-half lire to the dollar, spent what was necessary to see the sights and returned to the camp with more money than he had when he started. He repaid his debts at the rate of five lire to the dollar.

'THE KAISER' BRINGS CHEERS OF CROWD

"The Kaiser, Beast of Berlin," which was screened at the Page theater last night to a capacity house was received with greater enthusiasm than "The Birth of a Nation." The cheering could be heard for blocks.

We have got to wake up and it is left to the nation picture to blaze the way and such pictures as "The Kaiser" will do it. We must realize that the best men of our country are going over on the other side. That Germany is 100 per cent more efficient than she was a year ago.

This picture will encourage millions in this country to become better Americans. Propaganda is needed here—some of our people don't even know we are at war.

Propaganda of this kind is necessary to galvanize Americanism. Everyone, old and young should see this picture before it leaves Medford.

The orchestra of eight pieces under the leadership of Mr. Henry Hareke, the new organist at the Page theater, was pronounced as the greatest aggregation ever assembled in Medford. Each scene was correctly interpreted and added greatly to the entertainment of the evening.

DECORATE GRAVES OF FALLEN IN BATTLE

PARIS, May 9.—Commemorating Americans who have fallen in battle, "La Coeur de Du Souvenir," a patriotic society, plans to decorate the graves of all Americans buried in France. A decorated marker known as the "war cross of the dead" will be placed over each grave.

COAL BARONS SEEK TO FORCE INCREASED PRICES FOR FUEL

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Just exactly what is the idea of coal mine operators and dealers who are so constantly "viewing with alarm" their production of coal and warning the public in hushed tones that there is dire danger of a worse coal famine next winter than in the one just past?

The answer is probably: They want all the cars they can get from the railroads, regardless of what happens to governmental needs and to other industries.

They also want to excite the public so that the price of coal will be forced up by fresh readjustment beyond the maximum already fixed by the fuel administration.

In their various publicity endeavors some of the coal people blame all their troubles upon their not getting enough cars to transport coal. They say the mines should be working at top speed now so as to produce stocks for next winter's needs. Well, figures bear them out so far as car shortage is concerned. That is, if they want top production of coal, they lack about 30 per cent the cars they should have.

But there is another side of the picture they are not playing up much. It is the matter of actual coal production. Figures for January and February of this year show a decrease as was to be expected when unusual blizzard conditions sealed up tight. But March, 1918 was a record month.

It not only exceeded both March 1917 and March, 1916, but it was exceeded in total tonnage in those years only by October and November, 1917. Total number of car loads reported for 104 roads carrying bituminous coal was 823,686 for this March, compared with 794,381 in March, 1917. And the total for the first quarter of this year—despite its two bad months—exceeds 1917's quarter by 7000 cars of coal.

To cope with the car problem in the district east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio the railroad administration has a car pooling office in Pittsburg. The manager of this knows exactly how many cars are allowed him. He gets a daily report showing orders on each railroad line for the following day and distributes his cars pro rata. That is the best he can do under the circumstances. Of course the ideal condition would be to give each mine 100 per cent car supply so that the mines could work the unfrequently attained 100 per cent capacity, but even with things as they are the mines are turning out more coal than last year.

TREASURE HOUSE AT KREMLIN LOOTED

PETROGRAD, April 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The famous patriarchal treasure-house in the Kremlin at Moscow has been looted.

The treasure-house is the repository of many sacred treasures, including the reputed shroud of Christ, a robe alleged to have been worn by the Virgin Mary, one of the nails from the cross, and a painting said to have been done by St. Luke. Its jewels and precious stones were said to be worth nearly ten million dollars.

HITCHCOCK CHAIRMAN FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska was made chairman today of the senate foreign relations committee. Mr. Hitchcock, who was senior democratic member of the committee, succeeds the late Senator Stone in a rearrangement of democratic committee assignments caused by recent deaths of several senators.

After Three Years.

Many men and women are sick and don't know it. Some never discover they have kidney trouble until they apply for life insurance. The kidneys are working all the time, filtering poisonous waste out of the blood stream, and when they become weakened or deranged, headache, backache, pains in sides and groins, so-called rheumatism, languidness, swollen joints and other symptoms develop. W. B. Moss, Ogden, Ark., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills relieved me of severe kidney troubles of three years' standing."

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GOOD SALE FOR LIVESTOCK AT GOOD PRICES, PORTLAND

Cattle receipts today 75 head, for the week 1,923. Good to well finished cattle are finding ready sale at the top of the market, but the off grades, particularly the butcher grades of cows and heifers declined sharply yesterday and have not recovered, prices ruling from 50 cents to \$1.00 per hundred pounds under the ruling prices at the close of business last week. Quotations are: Prime steers, \$15.25@15.50; good to choice steers, \$14.00@15.00; medium to good steers, \$12.00@13.00; fair to medium steers, \$9.50@10.50; common to fair steers, \$8.00@9.00; choice cows and heifers, \$13.00@14.00; medium to good cows and heifers, \$8.00@10.00; fair to medium cows and heifers, \$5.50@7.50; canners \$3.50@5.50; hails, \$6.50@13.50; calves, \$8.50@13.00; stockers and feeders, \$8.00@10.00. Stocker and feeder trade has been active in the past few days, some choice grades

HERTLING TO DISSOLVE PRUSSIAN CHAMBER

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JAPANESE LOAN REACHES CHINESE

PEKING, Friday, May 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—A loan of twenty million yen, secured by Chinese telegraph revenues, has been closed with Japanese bankers and the first installments are arriving. An additional loan of twenty million dollars, secured by the Tsinan-Shantung railway, is reported to have been concluded.

The newspapers are full of sensational gossip concerning the Chinese-Japanese negotiations, which are declared openly to be the means of Japanese domination in every sphere and the setting out of China for military and financial assistance.

245 U. S. ENGINES ON FRANCE RAILROADS

PARIS, May 9.—On railway lines in France 245 large type American locomotives are now in operation. They

being sold as high as 10 cents. Quotations are 8@10c for stocker and feeders.

Hog receipts for today 300, for the week 1650. The hog market opened in a rather weak condition yesterday and has not recovered up to this time, today's prices ruling 10@25c lower. Quotations are: Prime mixed, \$17.40@17.65; medium mixed, \$17.00@17.25; rough heavies, \$16.00@16.25; pigs, \$14.50@15.50; bulk, \$17.25@17.40.

Sheep receipts today 250, for the week 875. Sheep prices are ruling very steady at the following quotations: East of the mountain lambs, \$17.50@18.50; valley lambs, \$17.00@18.00; yearlings, \$15.00@15.50; wethers, \$13.00@13.50; ewes, \$12.00@12.50.

"Raise a hog, raise a sheep, raise a garden."

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were brought to France in parts and set up in the army machine shops. Likewise 514 American freight cars of 30 tons capacity each have been set up and 700 more are in process of being assembled, while another 700

are on the way. The ordinary freight car of France is of the 10-ton type, lately.

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