

AVIATORS DROP ROSES ON GRAVE OF YANKEE ACE

Impressive Funeral Ceremonies of Major Luffery—American Flyers Plane Down From Sky, Shut off Motor and Throw Flowers Which Float Down On Coffin.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Before the body of Major Raoul Luffery was placed in a grave near a certain French village, it lay in state in a room of a small frame building. Around it were hundreds of wreaths of flowers sent by American comrades, French aviators who had known him in the French army, and by French army corps.

Atop all the handsome wreaths was a little bunch of wild roses and daisies to which was attached a piece of paper saying that it came from Major Luffery's orderly, and mentioned many kindnesses. With tears in his eyes, the orderly came up to the casket and reverently placed the flowers on it. Official confirmation is still lacking to the report that the German airplane responsible for the death of Major Luffery had been brought down by a French aviator.

Funeral Impressive.
The funeral of Major Luffery was impressive. The pallbearers, three American and three French aviators, carried the flag-draped coffin from the little frame building to a motor car for the trip to the grave. The procession was led by an American band, a company of American infantry just from the trenches, and a company of French infantry. Following the coffin were 200 American and French officers, including all of Major Luffery's companions in the air service, the American general commanding the sector northwest of Toul and a French general commanding an army corps.

The party drew up at the grave and while the service was being read, one American after another planed down from the sky, his motor shut off until he was just overhead. Each threw out great bunches of red roses which floated down on the coffin and the bare heads of the officers and caps of the soldiers who were drawn up at attention.

At the conclusion of the services the French general stepped forward and said:

Homage Paid Hero.
"On behalf of my comrades of the French army, I wish to pay my respectful fraternal tribute to one of the heroes of the air, who was victorious 18 times; a son of the noble and generous republic which came to our assistance to save the liberties of the world.
"Rest peacefully, Major Luffery, close by the martyrs of our great cause. Your glorious example will inspire in us the spirit of sacrifice till the day when humanity's enemy shall be finally vanquished. Good bye."

The American general, under whom Major Luffery once served as a private soldier, and the chief of the aerial service, also paid homage to the dead aviator. The firing squad fired three times across the grave, a bugler sounded taps and another bugler, hidden away in a nearby wood, echoed it. As the sound of the bugles died away all was silence except for the droning of the machines of Major Luffery's comrades, patrolling the line high in the air, and occasionally the dull booming of distant guns.

POSTMASTERS TO RECRUIT MARINES

In order that every man between the ages of 18 and 28 years, either married or single, may have the opportunity of enlisting in the United States marine corps, every postmaster in Oregon has been authorized to examine, accept and transfer men for this excellent branch of the service. The marine corps is the oldest branch of American service, is mentioned in the same breath with the foreign legion of France, the Texas rangers, northwest mounted police and the Pennsylvania state constabulary.

Marines are specially trained, splendidly equipped and fight as artillery, infantry, cavalry, signal men, aviators and in any manner that necessity or the occasion demands. In recognition of their splendid record in the past and their excellent achievements in the present struggle for democracy, congress has authorized the increasing of the corps to 75,000 men in order that they may take over and maintain a separate section of trenches in France.

YANKEE GUNS BIGGEST INACTION ON WEST FRONT

When Army Ordnance Department Falls Down, Navy Supplies 16-Inch Guns Adapted to Land Operations—Mounted On Cars, They Fli Hither and Thither.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—America's big guns are now in action—the biggest guns on the western front.

They were built by the navy, are mounted on railway cars, and are operated by marines in khaki.

They are the 16-inch guns of Uncle Sam's biggest battleships, adapted to land operations. Each gun throws a shell weighing 1,600 pounds, and throws it further than will any gun the Germans possess, except the siege gun that is bombarding Paris.

That gun, "Fat Emma," as the French call it, is built on a fixed emplacement and is practically immovable.

Our big guns fly hither and thither quickly. They go wherever tracks are laid, from one sector to another as the demand calls for them. The Germans may not spot them where they were yesterday; they are somewhere else today. They'll be yet elsewhere tomorrow.

Big Guns In Action.

Presence of these great American guns in France accounts for the recently enabled accounts of "great ghostlike disappearing and fitting guns" behind the American lines.

Just how many of these guns there are is a military secret.

Each gun is a complete unit, having, in addition to the car on which it is mounted, an ammunition car, a shop and repair car, with a couple of cars for quarters for officers and men. And of course there is a locomotive. With this equipment the gun unit is independent of any other branch of the service for support in the way of ammunition or provisions.

The value of the big gun is twofold. The long range makes it possible to reach vital points behind the German lines where ammunition is stored or concentration is going on. It also makes possible boring into trench positions which would be impervious to small shells, but which the huge 1,600 pound shell reaches and destroys.

Navy to the Rescue.

The fact that the navy is operating with big artillery on land is surprising. Here is why:

When the war broke out General Crozier of the army ordnance department threw up his hands and admitted his inability to deliver big guns by this summer.

One of the men on the naval advisory board was S. M. Vauclain of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Vauclain did not throw up his hands, but undertook to build large calibered guns for use on land, to mount them on Yards for quick movement by rail, and do it within 12 months.

He was told by Secretary Daniels to go ahead. And he has made good.

HORNIBROOK WINS OVER DR. MORROW

PORTLAND, May 21.—Will H. Hornibrook of Albany is having a close fight with Dr. J. W. Morrow for election as democratic national committeeman, his present lead being 345 votes, with 11 counties complete, including Multnomah, and incomplete returns from the remainder of the state.

Hornibrook's total vote, so far as reported, is 6027; Morrow 5662, a lead of 365. The vote outside of Multnomah county is Hornibrook 2450 and Morrow 2945, a lead for Hornibrook of 1605 outside of Multnomah.

Oswald West has a lead of 7105 votes in the state over Will R. King for the democratic nomination for United States senator. His lead outside of Multnomah county is 3996. The total vote from the state at large is West 19,197, King 3092. In the state outside of Multnomah the vote is West 5012, King 1916.

Walter M. Pierce is in the race for the democratic nomination for governor by leading Harvey Starkweather by 2909 votes in the state at large, and by 2279 in the state outside of Multnomah. The vote in the state at large is Pierce 6893 and Starkweather 3992, while the total for the state outside of Multnomah is Pierce 4223 and Starkweather 1944.

DISRUPTION OF AUSTRIA BEFORE JULY PREDICTED

Starvation and Oppression Bring People to Point of Revolt, Despite Efforts of German Rulers to Quell Disturbances by Army—Slavs and Magyars Likely to Cede.

LONDON, May 21.—Disruption of the Austro-Hungarian dual monarchy is at hand.

Dispatches from Budapest, Vienna and other points in Austria and Hungary, as well as from Berlin, indicate clearly that Emperor Karl is sitting on a volcano, which is emitting bursts of flame and threatens at any moment to break into full eruption.

Despite all that Kaiser Wilhelm and the imperial advisers can do to prevent it, the common people of the dual monarchy are rapidly approaching the point where the smallest provocation will bring about a revolution.

Cabinet Changes.

The cabinet changes in Austria and Hungary, the crown council hastily called by the kaiser at great headquarters this week to consider the Austrian problem, the territorial concessions made by Austria to Hungary and to Germany, all have for their purpose the prevention at all costs of the threatened dismemberment of the monarchy.

But the Slavs of southern Europe are dying of starvation and penury. They have suffered nearly four years as the vassals of Germany without realizing any of the grandiose promises made by their emperor and Kaiser Wilhelm. And it is only a question of days when they will arise and demand it.

Vienna dispatches admit that the political situation is most desperate. Food riots are common. Austria cannot feed her own people, much less the Magyars of Hungary. She has turned to Germany for help, asking Berlin to ration some of the nations of Hungary.

Berlin Also Hungry.

But Berlin, too, is hungry. Where is the food to come from?

Absolute famine before the first of July now menaces all of Austria-Hungary. It is this, together with the threat of revolution, that is believed to be delaying the Austrian offensive against Italy.

In the effort to still the cry for political reform, Premier Keweler of Hungary has announced the government is determined to push a franchise reform measure through parliament. In the face of the crisis the opposition, headed by Count Tisza, has agreed to some of the reforms.

The amendments framed by Wekerle's new cabinet provide that citizens who now lack the right to vote shall obtain that right by giving proof of sufficient education to have passed through four classes of the national school and master the Hungarian language.

Slavs Not Pacified.

Workmen are also to be given the right to vote. The government promises that social, economic and military reform will follow the extension of suffrages.

But these concessions have not pacified the Slavic races. They want to vote for their own rulers.

The most significant action they have taken was at a meeting at Agron. Representatives of Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Istria and Medunmarie were present, and despite police interference held several sessions.

They passed resolutions demanding the immediate creation of an independent state of Slovenes, Croats and Serbians on a democratic basis, free from entanglements such as Germany had forced on Lithuania and the other "free" Russian states.

The Jugo-Slav party leaders are actively and successfully effecting a concentration of their forces in other parts of the country.

Germany Takes Hand.

They will have hard sledding. Germany is determined to prevent any such dismemberment of the dual monarchy. It would embarrass the

of the pan-Germans. It would close the free passage of the sea from the south which has been their dream. It would prevent access to Trieste and the Adriatic.

So, at the instigation of Berlin, Emperor Karl has made further concessions to Hungary, which include adding Dalmatia and Croatia to the Hungarian crown lands. Vienna also proposes to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina to Hungary.

But the fight for an independent southern Slavic state has not been impeded. One attempt was made by organizing a Germanophile, anti-Jugo-Slav party at Sarajevo, Serbia, to combat the movement, but it failed almost before it started.

Ask Aid of Allies.

The Slav leaders declare the allies can help them materially by declaring definitely as one of their war aims for the termination of the Austro-German alliance and the dismemberment of the Austrian empire.

They cannot understand how the allies hope to win the mastery of Europe so long as Austria remains the connecting link between Germany and the Balkans.

The Teutonic inhabitants of Austria begin to realize that the monarchy is doomed, and are starting to flutter under the protecting wings of Germany. At a congress of Germans in the Austrian Tyrol Germany was asked to establish Germanic state institutions and constitutional law in Austria—a step preliminary to Germanization of the entire empire.

Empress Implicated.

Even into the very imperial palace at Vienna his troubles have followed Emperor Karl. Strained relations between the emperor and the empress have resulted from the revelations made by Premier Clemenceau of France, it is said.

The Empress Zita is a Bourbon, of strong French predilections, and it is reported that it was she who was responsible for the now famous letter Karl wrote to Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, in which he suggested the restoration to France of Alsace and Lorraine.

When the emperor was forced to repudiate the letter, the empress, it is declared, became very angry.

These are straws which show that the Austrian wind is blowing much good for the entente allies.

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The government asks that each and every industry in this locality co-operate with the local office to their fullest extent; also that any and all persons—male or female—who

can possibly help out at this time, in the orchards or fields, advise the local examiner, giving their names and addresses and what particular work they are fitted for.

It is necessary this year as never before for every able bodied person who is not already in actual service

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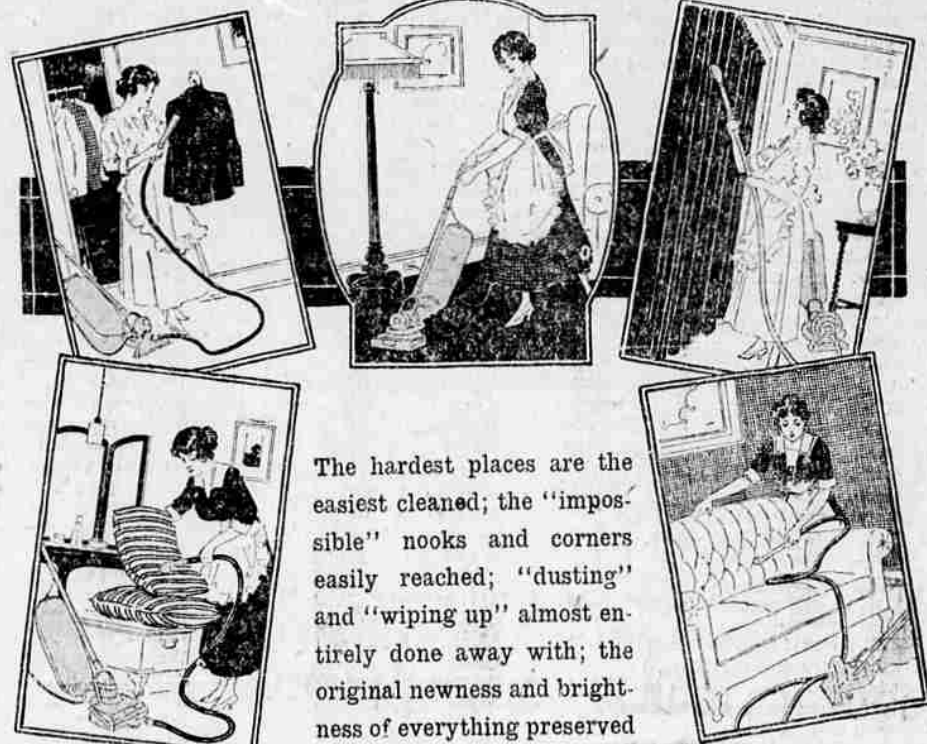
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