

AERIAL SUPREMACY REGAINED BY ALLIES, SAYS BALDERSTON

Styles in Battleplanes Change Faster Than Feminine Dress Modes—"Antiquated" in Three Months.

By JOHN L. BALDERSTON.

General Headquarters, British Armies in France, June 12, 1916.—"That is your latest battle plane?" I asked the officer in charge of the exhibition...

"Oh, dear, no," my guide replied. "That model is obsolete. We are going to take it apart tomorrow and ship it back to England. It will be used, until one of them smashes it, for teaching novices how to fly. Why it's nearly three months old!"

Not even fashions for women, I thought, change so fast as that. During the next two hours I was shown the very latest models in war aeroplanes, and after the newest models of scouting planes, becoming planning, spotting, photographing planes and battle planes had been explained, I felt ashamed of my blunder as in leaving I cast a parting glance at the antiquated model of February, 1915.

All Machines Were New. The very latest models, as they arrive in France, are taken to this spot, where their peculiarities are explained to the best English aviators, and they are thoroughly tested by the most expert of the royal flying corps before being sent over to the enemy's lines.

Comparisons with a captured Fokker, the German machine whose fame has been trumpeted around the world, were made to show how much better than the German best is the latest British and French craft. I thought I had seen something of the development in flying, but for once rumor has fallen far short of the truth.

Spotting German Lines. Standing by one of his big howitzers, I watched the gun in action in response to the wireless signals of a spotting plane far over the German lines, darting hither and thither to escape the German anti-aircraft shells and correcting the aim of the great cannon after each shot.

Photographs of the enemy's positions, taken from aeroplanes, were shown me. They are constantly compared with similar pictures previously obtained and the slightest changes in the ground noted carefully. If these are of character to arouse suspicion, a rain of heavy shells is directed on the suspected spot.

Air Supremacy Is Vital. The supremacy of the air, it will be seen, may be a matter for academic debate in some quarters, and may make little apparent difference in some part of the line where the hills and woods abound in hiding places for guns, but to aviators it is a matter of life or death. It is literally a matter of life or death. An artillery general is not likely to judge too favorably for his own side, and I did not have to take this man's word that at least on that day the British had the best of it in the air.

Each Country Had Standard. When the war began, each country had a standard type of aeroplane in use in war. There were several makes with one another in various particulars, but the same planes were expected to observe movements of troops and drop bombs, and no other duties were assigned them.

The men have reached in two years the same stage of development. It is now possible to mobilize air squadrons in a matter of hours, and the heavy armoured but slow battleship, the swift cruiser, the destroyer invented to smash the obsolete torpedo-boat and now used against capital ships, and finally the submarine, whose hand is against everything afloat.

The machine used for bombing is much slower than any of the others. The best she can make is a paltry twenty miles an hour. The pilot pays no attention to the bombs and is able to give all his attention to the instruments more enable him to aim with some degree of accuracy.

When the bomb-throwers, the freight cars of aviation, are sent on a mission of destruction, they must be accompanied by swift, nimble scouts of battleplanes. I saw several new scouting planes which attain a speed of 110 miles an hour. Some carry two men, but the latest tendency is to economize weight by making the pilot sit in his machine and fire his gun simultaneously.

Many and ingenious are the devices, which must not be described even were they able to describe them accurately, that make the hands and feet are often called into play. The principle of aiming the aeroplane instead of aiming the gun, first adopted in the French Morane plane and later in the German Fokker, is the root of "modern" construction—construction, that is, since March of this year. The gun is firmly fixed, projecting from the hood of the plane like the single horn of a unicorn, and it cannot be aimed. The aviator sends his machine at the enemy, striving either to come up under him or down upon him, and when he gets within range opens with one hand and with the other fires the gun. If, while firing, he is able to guide his plane in a spiral, his machine-gun completely encircles his enemy with flying bullets some of which are certain to find their mark when the doomed aviator tries to pass through the ring of lead.

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Immelmann's chance has come, and he drops almost vertically on his opponent, firing his machine-gun while he is in the air, and continuing his dive until he reaches the ground. So terrific is his momentum, in plunging down from such an height with his engines full on, that he cannot check himself to maneuver like some birds of prey, he swoops and strikes once and if he misses he is through, and his victim escapes.

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STATESMEN—REAL AND NEAR. CLOSE-UP VIEWS OF FOLK WORTH KNOWING

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Frank Douglas Scott, commonly known as "Doug" Scott, first-term congressman from a northern Michigan district, is a person of proclivities and sociability. In his native Alpena he knows every man, woman, new-born babe and canary bird by name. If a humble foreigner in the district, Scott would not sleep a wink until he had hunted him up, learned his name and laid the basis of a permanent speaking acquaintance.

When he came to Washington to engage in his league work, Scott found just one large, green fly in his ointment. There were more than three hundred thousand persons in town whom he was unable to call by name! This preyed on his mind a little. To walk along the street unable to nod to people he passed and call them casually by name was his idea of being completely miserable. As rapidly as possible he sought to overcome his humiliating lack of name knowledge. He started in with the elevator boys and janitor in his apartment house and learned their Christian names, front names and nicknames. Then he took to the House of Congress until he could call by name each and every one of the 436 members.

That was some little accomplishment, but it did not satisfy—by no means. Doug had to have already intimated, in a social way, to the House of Representatives and lots of his fellow humans. There was one class of persons in particular whom Scott desired to know well enough to call by name. He was a member of the House of Representatives and he wanted to know the names of all the members of the House of Representatives and he wanted to know the names of all the members of the House of Representatives.

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back among things talked about. Except for the advertising gained by the Democratic party in that fight, it is doubtful if they would have been returned to power.

When the Democrats took over the House Clark was of course the logical man for Speaker. So much for the part played by Destiny on human affairs.

Senator Warren G. Harding, who was chairman of the Republican national convention, yearned as a boy to be a locomotive engineer. One day he confided this ambition to a committee of engineers who called upon him when he was a member of the Ohio legislature. A year later he had forgotten about this, but one of the engineers hadn't. This man happened to be chauffeur to a train that Harding was waiting for in a small Ohio town. He bade Harding get in and ride with him. Harding consented and sat behind the throttle with the train leaping along at about 35 miles an hour. When he stepped from the engine he found that he had lost all trace of his boyhood ambition.

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The giving of presents is said to be attended with the highest benefits during this aspect. Publicity, advertising and whatever is used to attract favorable attention should be successful today.

Minute and priests have the pronouncement of a period of extraordinary activity. In the eastern states the culmination of Saturn and Venus is believed to bring about sinister consequences and those who live in the seaboard cities should be exceeding circumspect, the seers declare. Political excitement that will rack the British Empire is foretold for some time in the next fortnight.

Speculation will be more dangerous than usual as unexpected fluctuations in the stock market will occur. An accident in a school or picture theater is foretold.

Efforts will engage attention before autumn and economies that will affect certain trades are prophesied. Persons whose birthdate it is have a fortunate augury. Both men and women should prosper financially.

Children born on this day should be lucky in business, especially as an employee. These subjects of Cancer are usually methodical and trustworthy.

King Expects "Silver Wedding." Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, June 24.—King George and Queen Mary expect to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary in 1914. There has not been an English sovereign who has celebrated his silver wedding for over a hundred years. King Edward and Queen Alexandra celebrated their silver wedding at Marlborough House when they were Prince and Princess of Wales, and Queen Victoria never had a silver wedding anniversary.

HOROSCOPE.

The stars incline, but do not compel.

Sunday, June 25, 1916.

This is read as a fortunate day. The Sun, Mercury and Venus are in benefic aspect. Neptune is uncertain.

While this rule prevails, visits to friends or relatives, associations with like-minded persons, and visits to friends or relatives are particularly well directed.

Under this sway those who seek favor from relatives are particularly well directed.

Whatever is meant to bespeak public favor or acquiescence is held to be fortunate today. Political candidates should make the most of the auspicious rule.

Romance is supposed to be prevalent.

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"I think," declares Scott, "that the man who has no ambition to know the name of the policeman he passes, or the street conductor he rides with, or the fireman who would protect his home, is nothing short of a crab."

Nor is Scott's system all for naught. Shortly after he learned the names of all the cops between his home and Capitol Hill, he was riding along with a friend in an automobile. The friend failed to obey a traffic signal and the brave man in blue uniform was about to take down his car number.

"It was my fault, Bill, old boy," Scott yelled at the cop. "I was telling him a story and he was listening to me instead of paying attention to your signal. I'm sure it won't happen