

HAS BAGGED 22 ALLIED AEROS



CAPT
BOELKE.

Capt. Boelke of the German-aero corps has brought down 22 allied aeroplanes. He always goes up alone, acting as pilot and operating mounted guns.

A pigeon in Whitinsville every day alights on the window ledge of Dr. Robert A. Spratt and waits for him to give it a bath. Dr. Spratt sprays the bird with water from a bulb syringe.

One Berkshire, Mass., man buys shoes so large that they fit either foot. He also buys trousers large enough so in case he gets them on, wrong side to he, will suffer no discomfort.

COCHRAN'S COMMENT

PROSPERITY.—Being unable to make the prosperity of 1916 invisible to the naked eye, and not wanting Wilson to get credit for it, Republicans argue that it is entirely due to the war—and that the country will go to the demijohn bow-wows when the war is over. However, one of the country's great authorities on business and finance, Theodore Price, editor of "Commerce and Finance," New York, says:

"It will be admitted that whatever profit the United States has derived from the war in Europe is measured exclusively by the increase in the balance of trade in our favor. As our imports have varied but slightly since 1912, the increase in our exports must include everything that we have gained from the expansion of our foreign trade."

Price then says that our maximum possible gain from the war up to June 30, 1916, is \$2,130,000,000, or \$21.30 per capita, while the national wealth has increased \$41,000,000,000 or \$410 per capita, and asks:

"If the war in Europe has been the only reason for our prosperity, by what alchemy has the gain of only \$2,130,000,000 from our foreign trade been multiplied nearly 20 times in the growth of our national wealth?"

"Politicians, however, can make figures play queer pranks. If we have prosperity under a G. O. P. administration, according to Republicans, the G. O. P. is responsible for it. If we have it under a Democratic administration, it isn't real prosperity, or if it is real it won't last unless you put the G. O. P. back in power. They think Mark Hanna issued a patent to himself and the G. O. P. on the Full Dinner Pail, and that there can't possibly be no such thing under Democratic rule.

The washerwoman has a bare-knuckle fight for existence.