

AERIAL NAVIES OF NATIONS NOW REALIZE POET'S VISION

Comparative Value of Dirigible and Aeroplane in Warfare.

Air Craft May Be Deciding Factor in Europe's Struggle.

It is the opinion of some experts that the balance of power in the great European struggle is in the air fleets of the different contending countries—this for the reason that no land or marine maneuvers can be accomplished successfully as long as aeroplanes and airships are able to hover out of reach of an enemy's guns and report back by wireless or by fast scout machines just what is being done. Also the destructive power of these machines is to be taken into consideration.

One of the most remarkable prophecies in literature is that of Alfred Lord Tennyson in his "Locksley Hall." The famous English poet realized in prevision the possibility of the conquest of the air. Tennyson foresaw aerial warfare when he wrote:

For I dilt into the future, far as human eye could see;
Saw the vision of the world and all the wonder that would be;

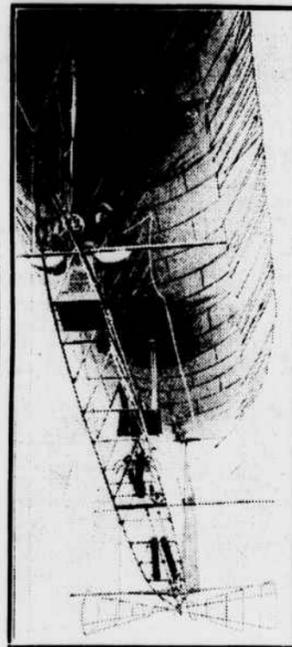
Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations' air navies grappling in the central blue.

The nightmare of England on the outbreak of war was the attack from the air by Germany's fleet of colossal war air craft.

For several years the realization of this possibility has spurred the English to increased effort in the upbuilding of their air craft arm of defense.

In the war archives of Germany are complete plans for aerial attacks on both Paris and London. Details for such attacks have been figured out with Metz as the base. For an attack on London they calculated upon leaving Metz as darkness falls, crossing the

aeroplanes are armored and carry one rapid fire gun. The authorities who favor the aeroplane claim that a machine of that type will be able to ram a dirigible by flying into it at great speed and thus destroying an airship which costs \$250,000 and carries twenty-five people with a machine that costs \$10,000 and carries from one to two people. The adherents of the Zeppelin airship, on the other hand, maintain that owing to its ability to carry heavier guns it will be enabled to put



A FRENCH AIRSHIP.

out of commission any number of aeroplanes before they can get within striking reach. The latest Zeppelins are mounted with guns on all sides, bottom, top and either side, so that they can engage an enemy from any angle.

"In figuring out the strength of the opposing forces, with England, France and Russia on one side and Germany and Austria on the other side, it seems to me that the aerial contending forces are very nearly equal in strength, although it is just possible that owing to the tremendous advantage Germany holds with its great Zeppelins Germany and Austria may be considered slightly in the lead. During the past ten years Germany has expended approximately \$100,000,000 to produce its



FRENCH AEROPLANE WITH MOUNTED GUN.

great war air fleet, while it has cost France approximately \$60,000,000 for the same purpose.

On one question the experts appear to be agreed, and that is that height will be the governing factor in any aerial battle. An aeroplane, even with the advantage of a hundred yards, might destroy a dirigible more easily than the dirigible could destroy an unarmored force below.

A number of light guns have been invented which can be fired from aeroplanes, the gunners and pilots being protected from rifle fire by the armor of the machines. Also special guns have been invented for firing from the earth upon flying machines.

Bombs intended to be dropped have now been standardized and provided with rotary tails, which make possible much more accurate throwing. A bomb now in use by the French aviation corps contains a small gasoline tank with mechanism which explodes it on contact, and it has been found extremely valuable for the starting of conflagrations.

For the first time in the history of aviation the general practical value of air craft in war is to be proved. Italy's operations in the air when she fought Turkey were of no real value, for the Italians merely dropped bombs over the tented encampments of semicivilized Moors. This new branch of the military service has now its opportunity to prove its value, and no one knows all the possibilities that the air fighter has before him.

It Was None of His Business

During a political campaign a candidate for the legislature was driving through the country seeking votes among the farmers when he met a young man in farmer's garb walking by the roadside.

Having in his mind a prospective vote he stopped his horse, and saluted the farmer in a familiar manner inquired:

"Are you paying any attention to politics nowadays?"
The young man stopped, looked at him suspiciously and drawled out: "No, stranger; that don't happen to be my gal's name, but if it was I wouldn't think it was any of your business."

This ended the interview as well as the process.

When Lawyers Tell the Truth

Representative Nye of Minnesota, has much of the wit of his lamented brother, Bill Nye. Himself a lawyer, Representative Nye said at lawyer's banquet in Minneapolis:

"Lawyers have great reputations for energy and perseverance. A lad said to his father one day:

"Father, do lawyers tell the truth?"

"Yes, my boy," the father answered. "Lawyers will do anything to win a case."

Ordinance No. 38.

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 12A of the ordinances of the City of Fort Benton, Montana.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Fort Benton, Montana: Section 1. That section 3 of Ordinance 12A of the ordinances of the City of Fort Benton, Montana, be amended to read as follows:

The poundmaster shall care for and feed such impounded animals and permit the same to be redeemed by the payment of Two Dollars each for impounding, etc., etc.

Passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor this 1st day of September, 1914.

F. E. STRANAHAN, Mayor.

Attest: JOHN F. MURPHY, City Clerk.

Pacifying Butte Agitators

Butte, Sept. 3.—Nine members of the Butte Mine Workers' union, who have been arrested since martial law was declared here, are to be taken before the military commission of the Montana national guard for trial. Four of the men are charged with aiding in deporting men who refused to join the union. Four others are being charged with carrying concealed weapons, and another man is being held for investigation.

The military commission has been appointed but has not yet organized. It will be the highest tribunal in Silver Bow county, and no appeals from its sentences can be taken. It will try men charged with felonies.

Butte was quiet as it has been since the state troops arrived. No interference with the militia has been attempted, despite the threats that were made prior to the advent of the Montana guards.

Provost Marshal Frank Conley has had militiamen searching the mountains south of Butte for Muckie McDonald, president of the union, but only slight traces of McDonald and J. E. Bradley, vice president of the union, have been found. It is known they have taken refuge in one of the numerous gulches near the continental divide. The arrest of two men early yesterday as they were carrying provisions to McDonald, it is thought, will cause McDonald and his companion to surrender soon, unless they reach a ranch house where they can obtain food.

Provost Marshal Conley early today discharged a policeman who criticized Governor Stewart for having sent the militia to Butte.

Find Plenty of Suckers

New York, Sept. 2.—The old adage about the high birth rate of "suckers" finds new proof in the rounds of the Manhattan police. Wireless wire tappers, smooth gentlemen who sell the Brooklyn Bridge or sections of Central park to useless foreigners, even the purveyors of green goods and gold bricks, still find victims in spite of the frequency with which they have been exposed. Just now detectives are looking for the "inventor" of that ancient machine which was supposed to make money by the simple device of splitting up one ordinary bill into two of the same denomination. The hopeful investor in this case turned over \$400 in real money and received in exchange a package supposed to contain \$800 which he was warned to leave unopened for 24 hours in order that it might have time to dry—and incidentally, of course, that the swindler might have time to make his "getaway."

Japs Will Patrol Pacific

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—More Japanese warships may come to the Pacific coast, the Japanese consulate said here today, to keep open the lanes of travel between this port and Japan.

A published report that Japan intended to send three battleships, three armored cruisers, one scout cruiser and seven torpedo boats, was characterized as "absolutely inconceivable." That provisions were being bought here to victual warships, the consulate would neither affirm nor deny. It was absolutely without advice or instructions, it is said from Tokyo.

The possibilities that more warships might be sent was merely a supposition based on the acknowledged fact that the lanes of Japanese commerce between the Pacific coast and the Orient are now poorly protected.

PROCLAMATION OF ELECTION

By virtue of the authority in me vested by the constitution and the laws of the state of Montana, I, S. V. Stewart, governor of said state, do hereby proclaim election on Tuesday, the third day of November, A. D. 1914, there will be held in the state of Montana a general election to elect the following officers, viz: 2 Representatives in congress, 2 Associate Justice of the supreme court,

1 Railroad commissioner, 1 State senator in each of the following counties, viz: Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Granite, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Powell, Richland, Rosebud, Sanders, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wibaux, Yellowstone, and in the county of Dawson to fill the vacancy also in any other county where a vacancy exists.

Members of the house of representatives in the several counties of the state as follows: Beaverhead county 1 Big Horn county 1 Blaine county 1 Broadwater county 1 Carbon county 1 Cascade county 1 Chouteau county 1 Custer county 1 Dawson county 1 Deer Lodge county 1 Fallon county 1 Fergus county 1 Flathead county 1 Gallatin county 1 Granite county 1 Hill county 1 Lincoln county 1 Lewis and Clark 1 Madison county 1 Mineral county 1 Missoula county 1 Park county 1 Powell county 1 Ravalli county 1 Richland county 1 Rosebud county 1 Sanders county 1 Sheridan county 1 Stillwater county 1 Sweet Grass county 1 Toole county 1 Valley county 1 Wibaux county 1 Yellowstone county 1

There will be submitted to the qualified electors of the state at said general election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of fixing the rate of taxation by the state at three and one-half mills for ten years, one mill whereof to be used for the support of state educational institutions as provided by Chapter 117 of the Laws of the Thirtieth Legislative Assembly, being "An Act for the submission to the qualified electors of the state of Montana of fixing the rate of taxation for a period of ten (10) years on real and personal property to raise revenue for the support of the state educational institutions."

At such election the electors of the state may express their approval or disapproval of the following initiative measures: Initiative Measure No. 7, relating to compensation of workmen injured in extra-hazardous industries; Initiative Measure No. 8, relating to investment of permanent state funds, and designating securities;

Initiative Measure No. 9, relating to consolidation of state institutions of higher education.

At said election there will also be referred to the qualified electors of the state, for their approval or rejection, Chapter 97, Laws of 1913, entitled: "An Act establishing a state athletic commission and regulating boxing and sparring in the state of Montana," being Referendum Measure No. 6.

At said general election there will be elected the following officers in each county: 1 county commissioner, 1 sheriff, 1 county clerk, 1 county treasurer, 1 assessor, 1 county attorney, 1 county superintendent of common schools, 1 coroner, 1 public administrator, 1 surveyor, 1 auditor in each county of the state, except in the sixth, seventh and eighth class counties.

Also, in the county of Richland one commissioner for a term of four years; one county commissioner for a term of two years.

Also, a clerk of the district court in any county where a vacancy exists.

Also, a district judge in any judicial district where a vacancy may exist.

Also, any local question submitted to the voters of any county election may be conducted in a quiet and orderly manner. I do hereby offer a reward of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the arrest and conviction of any person violating any of the provisions of Title IV, Part 1, of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1911, the said reward to be paid until the total amount thereafter expended for that purpose reaches the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Montana to be affixed, at Helena, in the capital, this the sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred fourteen and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred thirty-ninth.

(Seal) By the Governor, S. V. STEWART.

Secretary of State, M. ALDERSON.

Reward for Estray \$100.00 (ten dollars) reward for information of a black chestnut sorrel saddle horse, with about 1100 lbs., branded 4 and 33 on left shoulder, and Z on right side, old wire cut on back about six inches long. Strayed from Geraldine, Mont. FRANK MESSENGER, Geraldine, Mont.

BENTON LODGE No. 28.—A. F. AND A. M.—Regular communications of the above named lodge are held at 7:30 p. m., on the first and third Mondays of each month. Members of sister Lodges and sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend. EZRA L. CRANE, W. M. ROBT. RICHARDSON, Sec'y.

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