

# FIFTEEN FRENCH AVIATORS, "IN LEAGUE OF DEATH," ARE SWORN TO MEET DEATH IN THE AIR FIGHTING GERMANY; GARROS IS FIRST

PARIS, France, Aug. 7.—"IT'S THE LEAGUE OF DEATH! We are all PLEDGED to die for our France."

The Frenchman at the adjoining table sat beside him in his chair, crossed his legs, flicked the ashes from his cigarette and smiled—a peculiar, dare-devil smile—at the pictures on the wall.

"Garros was the first," the speaker said.

He spoke of Roland Garros, the French aviator, who rammed the German dirigible and perished.

"He is the first of the 15. Fourteen more must die. I must die. It is our pledge.

"Only a few weeks ago I sat with Garros.

"One in the party who had just been injured in a fall declared that it would have never happened had he listened to his wife, when she asked that he give up flying.

"Another declared that his wife was anxious to have him quit the aviation game.

"Garros and I sat quietly. Then he remarked: 'Wherever I am I shall never marry. I have a service to perform for France and when I die I shall leave no widow.'

"Only I knew what he meant. You all know now. There are 14 left of the League of Fifteen. We shall wreck every dirigible balloon of Germany—or we will wreck at least 14."

This is the "fourth arm" of France's military organization. It comprises a band of men bound by the strongest oath ever administered to a soldier.

There are 15 of these men, each pledged to give his life just as Garros did to avenge the ancient enemy of the tricolor, Germany.

To French flyers personal achievement is always a secondary consideration. Their first thought always is, "How can I render service to France?"

And that is the same as saying, "How can I render destruction to Germany?"

The fate of Garros confirms the most terrifying suspicion Germany has ever dared entertain regarding the organization and purpose of the aerial corps of the French army.

Why does France need dirigibles when a lone aviator—at the sacrifice of his life, of course—can send the balloon to destruction and he himself certain death on the ground below?



Roland Garros.

Roland Garros, hero-aviator of France, as he appeared in the machine that wrecked the German dirigible, snapped a few days before war broke out.

# Where Will World War End? No One Can Even Guess!

LONDON, Aug. 7.—"Nobody can guess," was the answer oftener returned here to queries of diplomats deep in international European political lore as to what would be the outcome of the present war. There are endless possible combinations, these authorities agreed. None was prepared to say that there would be a clean-out victory for either general group.

All thought it likely that victory and defeat would be scattered here and there. Many believe there will be shifts of whole countries from side to side as the conflict progresses.

German Side Not Known. That Germany seemed to be meeting at the outset with open gates or difficulties than even its enemies had expected was the consensus of opinion. Yet few believed that this was necessarily significant of any particular final result.

Besides, it is pointed out, Germany has for several days been virtually cut off from communication with the rest of the world, and if its side of the story were told it was remarked the situation might seem different.

Quarrel Over Spoils. True, it seems to be the general view that the odds are somewhat against Germany and its ally, Austria-Hungary. But even assuming that they should be defeated and dismembered, it is questioned whether the war would end.

"Would not the victors immediately fall to quarrelling over the spoils?" was asked.

England's policy, Englishmen themselves own, has always been to oppose the strongest continental power as the best means of maintaining its own independence.

It opposed Spain when Spain dominated Europe, until under Queen Elizabeth the Don's power was broken.

Alliance With Germany? It opposed France until France was weakened by Napoleon's fall. It opposed Russia until Russia was disorganized by the war with Japan.

Since then it has opposed Germany. If Germany should be defeated now, would not England again be Germany's friend?

Could it afford to see Russia and France divide up the empire? Could Russia and France divide it without quarrelling? If they should quarrel and one should win, that one would become

## CITY OF LIEGE IS WORTH BIG BATTLE

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The city of Liege, for which the German army is fighting in Belgium, is a rich prize, both from a strategic standpoint and for its manufacturing wealth. Liege has a population of 170,000 people, and is the largest manufacturing city of Belgium, the principal products being arms, machines and other steel products. It is strongly fortified, and its capture would remove a serious menace to the Germans in their efforts to cross Belgium to the French frontier.

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## NEPHEW OF KING IS ARRESTED AS A SPY

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Prince Agge-Christian, the king of Denmark's nephew, was arrested on the German side of the frontier as a spy.

It was reported in a news agency message received here today from Copenhagen. It was said he was later sent back across the frontier and that he is now on his way to England.

## COMMERCE DEPENDS ON SEA SUPREMACY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Secretary Redfield declares commerce with Europe will be resumed just as soon as the question of supremacy on the seas is decided.

If Great Britain sweeps the enemy from the water she will send ships to America for grain. If Germany is successful she will take the crops, he says.

## CORRESPONDENT IS HELD AS GERMAN SPY

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Dr. Hans Plehn, London correspondent for Wolff's telegraph bureau, the official German news collecting agency, was arrested here today.

## ENGLAND DEFINES CONTRABAND GOODS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Arms, ammunition and military supplies have been designated as "absolute" contraband articles in the proclamation sent to Ambassador Page by the British government.

Grains, horses and general supplies are termed "conditional contraband" and are subject to seizure.

## DESTROYER FIRST HERO SHIP OF WAR

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Britains have named the torpedo boat destroyer Lance as the hero of the first naval engagement of the war. The Lance sank the Hamburg-American line steamship Koenigstein, which had been converted into a mine layer. The vessel was laying mines 60 miles from Harwich. The Lance fired four shots, sinking the enemy's craft in six minutes.

## 2 BRITISH LINERS SEEK SAFETY IN PORT

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The war has united two political foes. The breaking of the feud between Lord Charles Bessford and Winston Spencer Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, was received with vigorous cheers in the house of commons.

"Well done," said Admiral Bessford as he shook hands with the first lord, who returned the greeting heartily, both signifying a united stand for England against the foe of Germany.

## HEAR CANNONADING

KIRKALDY, Scotland, Aug. 7.—Cannonading is reported today off the entrance to the Firth of Forth.

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## GERMAN ARMY BEST ORGANIZED IN WORLD WRITES EX-OFFICER OF KAISER'S FORCES

The German army of today is the most efficient fighting organization the world has ever seen.

It has served as a model for the armies of most other countries.

The Austrian, Japanese, Chinese, Turkish armies have been organized on method copied from the German system.

On January 1 of the year in which he attains his 20th birthday, every male German must report to the military authorities of his district.

Receive Only Pittance. If he is not excused because of some physical defect he must serve two years in the infantry; three years if in the cavalry or artillery.

For his services he receives a pittance for pocket-money.

After his term in the standing army, he is transferred to the first reserves for a period of five years.

During this period he is required to go through military training with his regiment a month or two each year.

Now he is passed into the "Landwehr," where he remains another five years.

Here he is called out for drill at any time desired by the military authorities.

Finish Service at 45. From the first class of the "Landwehr," the German soldier is passed into the second class, where he stays until he is 39.

Then he goes into the "Landsturm" or final line of reserves, which is called for service only in case of extreme national necessity.

After six years his military service comes to an end.

The standing army consists of 600,000 men.

Nearly half of this number pass out every year and are replaced by an equal number of fresh recruits.

Total Strength 6,000,000. The first reserve consists approximately of 1,600,000 men, and the "Landwehr" consists of 2,200,000 men.

The "Landsturm" brings up the total to over six millions.

All the details of the mobilization of the army have been worked out with such precision that 6,000,000 soldiers have been mustered and prepared for active service without delay or confusion or misunderstanding.

Everything Was Ready. Not only are the men themselves carefully instructed regarding their duty in case of war, but all the military materials required for a modern campaign are stored and classified ready for use at any moment.

A uniform for every soldier is ready to be put on at the word of command.

Six million pairs of boots, six million caps, six million tunics, six million belts and so forth were all stored in the vast military arsenals in such perfect order that they have been handed out to each individual with exactness and every man clothed according to his height and measurements.

Six million modern rifles also, were ready, with immense quantities of ammunition.

## ITALY WON'T HELP GERMANY, HE SAYS

Italy will either remain neutral in the great European shakeup or she will break with the triple alliance and become affiliated with the nations of the triple entente, in the opinion of F. M. Bassetti, a native of Italy, connected here with Fugazzi Brothers, steamship agents, 109 Cherry.

Italy, he says, does not want war and will do her utmost to avoid it, but, if driven into it, she will try not to fight with Germany. There is a popular feeling of dislike, he declares, against Austria in his homeland.

"By the terms of the triple alliance, Italy must come to Germany's aid if it can be proven that Germany is on the defensive, rather than the aggressive—if Germany is attacked rather than attacks."

"But as it looks now Germany has taken the initiative, which means that Italy is out of it. However, if the Kaiser can prove he was first attacked, Italy will have to live up to her agreement."

LONDON, Aug. 7.—More than 50 German steamers have been captured by the British navy, according to official reports. When England declared war on Germany there were 2,000 German steamships and 3,000 German sailing vessels on the high seas.

## Another Fight at Waterloo?

Twelve miles south of Brussels lies Waterloo, the scene of Napoleon's last great battle. Somewhere near this famous spot the armies of Germany, France and Belgium may meet, as it is expected that the Kaiser will press towards the Belgian capital in his effort to strike quick blows at all enemies.

When Napoleon led his force against Blucher and Wellington he had an army of 125,000. Wellington had 93,000 and Blucher 120,000. Of these 53,000 were killed and wounded in the terrific fighting.

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