

# TERRORS OF THE AIR HELD SECRET? WILL GERMAN SOON SPRING TERRIBLE SKYSHIP?

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Until the war broke out the stolid Briton pool-hoed at the suggestion of aerial invasion. "What rot!" he never been done, you know," is what Englishmen said to me when I asked them if there was any such danger.

It's different now. In England they consider the Zeppelins a new danger and hourly more so now that the Germans are within sight of the sea in Belgium and little more than two hours from London by air line.

While in Germany recently, I heard from excellent authority that in addition to the 22 dirigibles, with which the Kaiser is credited, he has at least fifty more which were knocked down and stored in secret stations awaiting the outbreak of hostilities.

It was in Ohrdruf, a little town in the Thuringer forest in Germany that I found one of these stations. It is located in a dense forest and the scientists who worked there were closely guarded by military.

I had caught a glimpse of the place. My American curiosity burned and I investigated. As I hustled toward a high fence which surrounded a fascinating group of sheds and steel towers, my thoughts of what I was going to see were rudely shattered.

"Ha-ait," snapped a sentry, and I heard the slap-slap of his hands as he brought his gun to port arms.

My face showed my surprise, and he saw it was an American. How? Oh, by my shoes, my clothes, the way I wore my hat. There are a score of ways of recognizing a Yankee. The sentry knew I had blundered, so he grinned and pointed to the orders posted alongside of the path.

The restrictions were blood-curdling. I found that if I had left the path I might have been shot without challenge. A camera in my possession might have cost me a long term of imprisonment. Big black "verboten" (forbidden) were dotted over the sheet like holes in a sieve.

The big, good-natured peasant boy chuckled as I took a lingering look at the fence, still a quarter of a mile away and turned back. But my brusque reception stimulated my interest and I investigated along other lines.

I found that the Germans have aerial ships 600 feet long and 51 feet wide which could carry a dozen men a mile high in the air OVER A RADIUS OF 500 MILES AND BACK. That is, they could reach every capital of Europe from the three big aerial stations at Friedrichshafen, Königsberg and Cologne and return.



Map shows cruising radii of the modern Zeppelins from the three chief German aerial stations. Broken line shows the limit of distance the ships can fly from Königsberg. Solid curved line the limit of airships from the station at Friedrichshafen. Double line the limit from the station at Cologne.

## GRAVE PRISON CLAIM

Declaring that his case is "without parallel in criminal jurisprudence for its gross monstrosities, robbery and revenge," and that "justice does not enter it at any time or place," E. Stubble, an English subject held at the McNeil's Island prison for the last four years because he used the U. S. mails to defraud, has petitioned the federal court for a writ of habeas corpus.

Stubble says that his rightful term expired June 5, that he was given 60 days' added sentence by Warden Halligan for alleged infraction of the rules, and that although his time should have been up August 4, he is still held unlawfully.

Stubble also says that he was knocked down a flight of concrete steps when taken to the Seattle jail at the time of his arrest, that several teeth were knocked down his throat by the blow, and that he awoke in a cell filled with "blood, water and filth."

## HORRORS OF WAR

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 26.—Word has reached here of the enlistment in the French Volunteer Infantry of William Benjamin Thaw, millionaire, of Pittsburg, brother of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White.

The reports indicate that Thaw has been accepted along with J. Armstrong Drexel, of the famous Drexel family, and has started for the front.

## CLEVER COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE FRENZIED FINANCIERS

A breach between the city council and county commissioners that has been rapidly widening for the past three weeks developed in a sharp climax today, when it was found that the county had been receiving electric current from the city for the court house at half-rate and had been selling part of it to the state army at the regular city rate, making 50 per cent profit on it.

Mayor Fawcett charged openly in council that Chairman W. H. Reed of the county commissioners, who is the only Tacoman on the board, was not representing the city as a member of the commission but was deliberately

## TURKEY MAY JOIN BIG WAR TO HELP KAISER'S PLANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—Turkey may enter the European war as an ally of Germany. An acute situation has developed in the Balkan states as a result of this possibility, according to dispatches to the American government.

As yet Turkey has failed to explain the entry into the Dardanelles of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau. Although Great Britain, France and Russia demanded that the German crews be taken from the vessels when it was reported Turkey had purchased them it has been learned that the Germans are still aboard.

Should Turkey side with Germany and Austria, diplomats here believe that Italy would enter the hostilities and join the allies.

## Remarkable Little Maid Works for Peace Cause

Whitred Stoner

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 26.—Little Whitred Sackville Stoner, whose mental accomplishments have amazed college professors and psychologists, has achieved a new honor. The 10-year-old mental marvel has been elected president of the Junion Peace League of America.

The tiny peace advocate first attracted attention five years ago when it became known that she had mastered eight languages, and was writing poems and contributing to magazines. Although she's still an object of interest and curiosity to educators the world over, the secret of her marvelous mentality has never been discovered.

## May Be Next Pope

Latest photograph of Cardinal Maffi, archbishop of Pisa, picked by many as a probable successor to Pope Pius X. Cardinal Maffi is a great astronomer, a clever diplomatist, and a splendid administrator.



## SPY ARRESTED IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 26.—Because he was attempting to send out a code message from the Canadian Pacific telegraph office, Charles Natt, a German reservist, has been arrested as a spy. Immigration officers arrested him last night and turned him over to the police. He is being held with other men charged with spying throughout Canada.

## Lung Trouble Yielded to This Medicine

If you are suffering with serious lung trouble, it will pay to fully investigate Eckman's Alternative, a remedy which has caused many recoveries.

One follows: 3223 Girard Ave., Phila., Pa.

"Gentlemen—In the winter of 1903 I had a severe cold, followed by Pneumonia, and later by Lung trouble. In the winter of 1904 I had a cough, night sweats, fever and raised quantities of awful looking stuff and later I had many hemorrhages at one time three or three successive days. Three physicians treated me, but was ordered to the mountains, but did not improve. Eckman's Alternative was recommended by a friend. After taking a small quantity I had the first quiet night's sleep for weeks. My improvement was marked from the first. I gained strength and weight and appetite. I never had another hemorrhage and I gradually regained until entirely gone. I am perfectly well."

(Abbreviated) ANNE F. LOUGHRAN, Eckman's Alternative is most effective in bronchitis, catarrh, severe throat and lung affections and rebuilding the system. Contains no harmful habit-forming drugs. Accept no substitutes. Small size, \$1; regular size, \$2. Sold by Owl Drug Co., 904 C St., French Drug Co., 19th and Pacific av.; Crown Drug Co., 1117 Pacific av.; leading druggists. Write Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia, Pa., for booklet of recoveries.

## ENGLAND CENSORS LETTERS TO TACOMA

Letters from Tacoma residents relatives with the British forces in France are being received censored by "His Majesty's censor," large sections of letters being blacked out completely. This seems to have been done wherever the letters indicated the exact situations of British troops.

Sorosis Shoes

# THE PEOPLES STORE

Haviland China

R. B. Gage, Receiver.

## A Most Varied Line Of Coats At \$14.98

A most comprehensive assortment of fall coats is found in our ready-to-wear department at the above reasonable price. Fancy backs, including box plaited effects, coats gathered at the waist with flounce effect, broad belts, and fancy buttons are featured. The sleeves are cut on loose lines. Included in the assortment are beautiful plaids, checks, novelty mixtures, plain materials and others in combined colors. This lot a specialty at **\$14.98**

**NEW SILK SWEATERS \$6.98**  
A most attractive line of silk sweaters in a combination of white and colors. They are cut in the vest effect. Size 36 to 44. These sweaters are destined to be very popular for early fall wear. Price \$6.98

**ANGORA SWEATERS \$6.98**  
These new angora sweaters are a popular fall novelty. They are cut coat style with roll collar, shown in green, lavender, red, combination of red and black, and plaids of pink, blue and green. Price \$6.98

**NORFOLK SWEATERS \$2.98**  
A new lot of fall sweaters, sizes 36 to 44, in gray, cardinal and green. A fancy weave sweater. Price \$2.98

**NORFOLK SWEATERS \$4.98**  
A fine weave Norfolk sweater shown in cardinal, maroon and gray, in all sizes. Priced very reasonable at \$4.98

## ATTRACTIVE GIRDLES AT 75c to \$2.75

A beautiful line of new girdles which are so popular for fall wear with separate blouses is shown in our ribbon department. Included in the lot are fancy striped ribbon girdles, those made of black satin ribbon, others of ratine and still others of kid. Price 75c to \$2.75

**NEW RUCHINGS 35c**  
A pretty line of new ruchings 2 inches in width in plaid and ticked effects with dainty border; priced reasonably at 35c

**CHEMISETTES 25c**  
Dainty lawn chemisettes made with the new roll collar and trimmed with three kinds of buttons, priced at 25c

**NOVELTY COLLARS \$1.00**  
The latest collar effects made of fine lawn, including the popular Belvedere style and also jaunty vestee effects; price \$1.00

## In the Art Department at 10c

Pillow Tops, stamped ready to work, price 10c

Scarfs, Squares and Towels, hemstitched and embroidered; price 10c

Package Goods, including a variety of stamped patterns for embroidering. Price 10c

Free lessons in all the latest stitches in embroidery, crochet and tatting given in our Art Department.

## Specials In Wash Fabrics

**Percale 25c**  
36 inch pure white percale of the finest quality especially suited for women's waists and men's shirts. Price, per yard 25c

**Crepe 35c**  
Make your selection from our complete line of 36 inch colored embroidered crepes; price, per yard 35c

**Ripplette 15c Per Yd.**  
Non-starching Ripplette in pretty white and colored stripe material. A good fabric for house dresses. Price, per yard 15c

**French Gingham 25c**  
36 inch French gingham in the newest fall patterns. A special at, per yard 25c

**Soisette 25c Per Yd.**  
32 inch material with a permanent mercerized finish. Splendid material for men's shirts. Price, per yard 25c

**Dress Plaids 19c**  
A variety of pretty plaids in the new fall colors, just the material for the children's school dresses. Price, per yard 19c

**Poplin 29c Per Yd.**  
A varied line of poplins in blue, green, tan, gray, lavender, old rose, and pink. Special, per yard 29c

**Barred Muslins, 15c to 30c**  
27 inch white barred muslins appropriate for aprons and little folks' dresses; special at, per yard 15c 20c 25c and 30c

ALL CHARGED PURCHASES MADE ON AND AFTER AUG. 25TH, PLACED ON SEPTEMBER BILL, RENDERED OCTOBER 1ST.

## BABIES ARE POPULAR AT SOUTHWEST FAIR

CENTRALIA, Aug. 26.—The "Better Babies" contest of the Southwest Washington fair has this year attracted the chief interest and is forging ahead of the stock exhibit in popularity. Nearly 100 entries are being judged by physicians.

## Ready for Fair

Many Tacomans have already purchased tickets for tomorrow's excursion to the Southwest Washington fair. It is predicted that the special train will be well filled with Tacoma boosters. Mayor Fawcett and several of the city officials will make the trip. Instead of being an excursion for the Commercial club and Ad club as has been the impression, the trip is for anyone who desires to go, with round trip rates fixed at \$3.

## TACOMA WOMAN FEARS FOR KIN

Mrs. H. J. Dutton of 3710 North 31st street, is greatly alarmed for the safety of two sisters who were in Germany when the war began. She has not heard from them and money sent has been returned because the local authorities could not locate them.

## MORE MONEY

Tacoma will sell electric current to Stellacom. By a vote of 94 to 4, the town of Stellacom yesterday voted to raise \$10,000 bonds for building a pole line to the Tacoma city limits, for the purpose of buying power from the Nisqually power plant. Tacoma will deliver current to a point on the city limits near Calvary cemetery. The new business will mean a clear profit of several thousands of dollars annually to Tacoma.

## WOMONA GRANGE PIGNO TOMORROW

The first annual picnic of Pierce County Pomona Grange occurs tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 27, at Point Defiance park. Everybody is invited. The Rotary club will go in a body. Bring your baskets.

## W. C. T. U. IN SESSION TODAY AT PUYALLUP

PUYALLUP, Aug. 26.—President Abbie E. Danforth, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Pierce county, stated before the 25th annual convention in session here that \$450,000,000 is wasted every year on liquor and tobacco.

## Tacomans Safe

Judge and Mrs. W. H. Snell of Tacoma, who were touring Europe when the war developed, are safe in Switzerland, according to a letter received by Mrs. Snell's son, T. H. Monroe, 320 North Tacoma avenue. It is impossible to borrow money on letters of credit, the Snells say, but credit can be obtained at the hotels. They report that Mrs. L. U. Satterlee, also of Tacoma, is safe at Monreux.

## SEATTLE ROUTE

Tacoma & Indianapolis Fastest and Finest Day Steamers—the Quick and Quiet Way to Seattle. NIGHT ROUND TRIPS DAILY. Leave Municipal Dock, Tacoma, 7:35, 9:00, 11:00 a. m.; 1:00, 2:50, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 p. m. Leave Colman Dock, Seattle, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a. m.; 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00 p. m. A STEAMER EVERY 2 HOURS and S. S. Ironclad for Seattle and Victoria, 4:00 p. m. S. S. JONES, Agent Office Municipal Dock, N. 24th