

BRITISH BIRDMEN DAREDEVILS IN AIR

Brief Reports Recount Hairbreadth Escapes as Part of Day's Work.

MANY CHEAT DEATH Fly Into Very Face of Boche Guns and Aviators to Observe.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press) BEHIND BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Dec. 15.—Stories of daring escapades of British aviators, exciting aerial combats from which the air-fighters escaped alive seemingly only by miracle and of brilliantly executed raids upon German airdromes and troops behind the German lines are narrated in the reports of the Royal Flying Corps, covering the activities of about one week. Hair-raising incidents of fierce conflicts above the clouds, or low over the German communication lines, are described without bombast, as though these narrow escapes from death were commonplace and all in the day's work of the air-fighter.

For example, there was the case of a British aviator officer who, when nearly a mile above the earth, was attacked by two enemy aircraft. He shot down one of them out of control, but was himself wounded and fainted while still high in the air. Recovering consciousness, he found his machine upside down at an elevation of 4,000 feet, with one enemy aircraft still firing at him. The Britisher, however, managed after a struggle to right his machine and land safely.

Observer Lands Craft in Safety. In a somewhat similar instance, a German scout attacked a British airplane carrying a pilot and observer. One of the German's bullets passed through the gasoline tank of the British airplane and seriously wounded the pilot. The British observer, however, pumped a full double drum of bullets at the enemy scout at very close quarters and the German went to the ground with a crash.

Meanwhile the British pilot had fainted and fallen against the steering "stick" in such a fashion as to throw the airplane into a spin. The British observer climbed over the side and forward along the plane to the pilot's cockpit, lifted the pilot to his seat and, still standing on the wing of the plane released the steering gear, brought the machine out of the spin and safely to the ground.

Two British officers were returning from an expedition over the enemy lines to locate hostile batteries when their machine was hit by anti-aircraft fire and the engine damaged. Volplaning, the machine landed 300 yards from the British lines. The airplane turned over and the aviators were hurled out on the German side of a canal. Running along the beach under heavy fire from rifles and machine-guns, the aviators dove into the canal only to find it full of barbed wire but managed to reach the British lines in safety.

Make Observations at Any Cost. Many instances illustrating the reckless daring of the British aviators sent over the German lines to obtain information, destroy airdromes and harry the German reserves are contained in the official narratives. One pilot who crossed the lines at Ypres, threw off two attacking machines, bombed the Heule airdrome near Lille and was fired upon by two machine-guns. He dived at one of them, firing with both guns of the British airplane, drove the Germans from their guns, fired upon the airdrome again, attacked and scattered a column of 200 German infantrymen on the road. A German two-seat airplane was circling 500 feet above him for an attack. "I zoomed up under its tail and fired into it," writes the British aviator. "It crashed down onto the railway."

Another British pilot had fired a hundred rounds on German troops on the march when he was interrupted by two enemy airplanes. He attacked them and drove both down and then finished the job of driving the German infantry into trenches and shell-holes.

Flying at the height of 200 feet a British aviator engaged in a revolver duel with two German officers in a motor and while doing so ran into some lines of telegraph wires. Fortunately his machine cut them. A few minutes later he attacked German infantry men who escaped his gun only by diving into a pond.

Women Conductors in St. Louis. By Associated Press ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Women are to be employed as "rush hour" street car conductors by the United Railways Company of St. Louis, according to an editorial by President McCulloch in the company's bulletin. A training school has been established and women will be given a 25-day course of instruction. The women must be between the ages of 25 and 40 and in good health. They will receive the same wages as men and no man will be released to make a place for the women. The United Railways has received thousands of applications from women.

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SPORT

Frank H. Cann, director of athletics at New York University, is in favor of changing the present system of scoring in football and adopting a zone-scoring system by means of which a team would score by getting the ball inside a certain zone near their opponents' goal line. After once reaching this zone each successive advance of five yards would count more until a touchdown would be made. Mr. Cann has not only observed the game for over thirty-five years, but has also played it in the early days. In discussing the system he advocates, Mr. Cann said:

"In my opinion a team getting within its opponents' 20-yard line should be credited with 1 point; upon getting within the 10-yard line 3 points, when within the 5-yard line 4 points, and a touchdown, as now, should count 6 points. In the kick for the goal the ball should be brought out to the 35-yard line and there an attempt at goal should be made by means of a free drop kick. In this there is no element of chance, but real football. Too many football games have been lost through carelessness in kicking after a touchdown has been made. This will tend to develop good drop kickers.

Puts Premium on Good Kickers. "The other part of the system, that of scoring by getting within a certain zone, could be worked out in this way. Whenever a team gets the ball into its opponents' 20-yard line that team scores regardless of whether a kick brought the ball there or not. For instance, when the ball is kicked and the receiver is downed in the scoring zone the team which kicked scores. This puts a premium on a good kicker, though there is compensation to the other team in that they have an opportunity to run the ball back in proportion to the length of the kick before the ends can come down the field.

This system would induce the customary stonewall defense, that is evident when a team's goal line is threatened, before the aggressors reached the 20-yard line. And it would also have a tendency to open up the game in regard to the forward pass, because a team would chance a pass sooner than is now the case, in order to get into the coveted zone. Besides this, it would put the offensive team nearer the goal line."

With Tie Games.

Mr. Cann's main contention in favor of his idea are that it would eliminate the tie game, in which the score falls to reveal that one team outplayed the other, and also it would eliminate the unearned victory of a team which, outplayed, nevertheless succeeds by a recovered fumble or other stroke of luck in outscoring the other eleven. "Often," said Mr. Cann, "one team is superior to the other, but the final result is a tie. The better team admittedly outplays the other, but an unfortunate fumble or offside play nullifies all previous good work. For instance, this year in one of our games at New York University, which ended in a scoreless tie, our team worked the ball over the opposing goal line when the back holding the ball fumbled it behind the line, and so the score was lost. Many times in past years in big games results have been similar.

"Again, it is discouraging to a team when by hard driving effort the men carry the ball from their own territory to within scoring distance only to fail finally by an unfortunate penalty. Or an intercepted forward pass or fumble may result in a touchdown against a team which is steadily pushing back a more fortunate opponent. This year's contest between Columbia and Amherst was an illustration of this. Columbia scored once by pushing the other eleven back. But Amherst scored twice by recovering their opponent's fumbles and so won the game."

Laslett Chosen K. U. Captain. "Scrubby" Laslett, star left end of the Kansas football team last season, has been chosen captain for 1918, and Dana McCall has been elected captain of the cross-country team.

Jack Frost to Enter Army. Jack Frost, right tackle of the 1917 University of Kansas football team, has gone to San Diego to enlist in a Regular Army truck company, of which his two brothers are members.

Basketball at St. Louis U. The 1918 basketball schedule is the most elaborate that has been arranged for a St. Louis University

team in many seasons. The tentative schedule calls for fifteen games, including two trips of five games each. The local contests are three games with Washington University and games with Camp Funston and Rolla School of Mines. W. A. Fisher, a student at the university and formerly a member of the University of Wisconsin basketball team, has been named coach of the team. Fisher played on the Badger team under Doctor Meanwell, now athletic director at the University of Missouri.

Fraternalties Play Handball.

An inter-fraternity handball tournament has been organized at Indiana University, the fraternity winning the most games to receive a loving cup. Each fraternity will be represented by four men, each man to play fifty-five games during the winter. Handball is a comparatively new sport at Indiana, having been started since the opening of the new gymnasium about a year ago.

Freshmen Have Their Inaug.

Thirty-three Kansas University freshmen have reported for basketball practice. This is an unusually large number, due, it is said, to the new Missouri Valley Conference rule which permits freshman competition.

Brewer's Men Enlisting.

The 1918 football eleven of the Michigan Agricultural College will probably be moulded from green material once more. Many of the 1917 squad are eligible, but recently five players enlisted.

Michigan Captain Into Aviation.

Michigan University's 1918 football eleven may again be captained. "Tad" Wieman of California, who recently was elected, has announced his intention of entering the aviation corps. Michigan's great mass of veteran material for her 1918 eleven is steadily being reduced. Sparks, Rye and Weston have been accepted for the aviation service. All of these men were stars.

CITY AND CAMPUS

J. E. Fairbairn went to Perry on business today.

Miss Laura Snedeker went to Highby today to visit friends.

J. T. Mitchell went to Centralia today.

C. E. Crump went to Browns on business today.

Dwight E. Aultmann Jr., went to St. Louis on a visit today.

Mrs. Margaret Stelljes and daughter went to Moberly today.

John C. Smith went to De Sota today to visit relatives.

Prof. B. F. Hoffman has gone to Kansas City for a few days.

Mrs. Betty Hickman and Miss Lavinia Hickman went to Poplar Bluff for a week's visit today.

Miss Mabel Parsons went to Omaha today to visit her sister, Mrs. F. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Shobe and Mrs. Bingham Johnson went to Sturgeon to spend the day.

Mrs. Frances Fouls went to Centralia today to visit her mother, Mrs. N. J. Gravitt.

F. E. Belden went to St. Louis today to visit E. M. Duggar, a former professor in the University.

Mrs. L. R. DeHaven and daughter, Delma, went to Forest Green today to visit her mother, Mrs. George Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Pettus and son returned to their home at Macon today after visiting M. G. Pace.

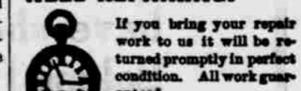
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Miss Eunice Remley, who teaches at Knox, returned home today after spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. A. Remley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bryson, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Rucker Tolson, returned to their home at Centralia today.

Miss Lillian Downey of Parsons, Kan., will return to her home tonight. She has been here since Sunday, visiting with the family of H. M. Craig.

Miss Thelma Gwinn returned today to Vandalla, where she teaches in the high school. She has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gwinn.

Mrs. A. H. Niehoff and daughters, Rebecca and Henrietta, went to their home at Eureka today after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Votaw.

PRINTERS' INK MAY RUN SHORT

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Minnesota Cow's Good Record.

By Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 26.—A Guernsey cow of the University of Minnesota Farm, Imported Victoria of Sarnia No. 35669, has just completed a yearly record which gives her eighth place in the list of cows

A. W. Pasley to Run for Recorder.

The Rev. A. W. Pasley of Columbia says that he will be a candidate for the nomination for county recorder at the Democratic primaries. He was a candidate for the nomination for the same office two years ago. Mr. Pasley is now employed temporarily in Jefferson City.



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