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# GERMAN RAIDERS ESCAPE; BRITISH CITIES WRECKED

## Hundreds Flee Coast Towns Following Attack from Sea

Eluding British Fleet and Picking Way Through Mine Fields, German Cruiser Squadron Hurls Shells Into Hartlepool, Scarborough, and Whitby, on East Coast of England. Death Toll Is Heavy Among Noncombatants, Late Advices Indicating that Probably More Than 100 Civilians Were Killed and Many More Wounded—Only One of Attacked Towns Was Fortified—Hospitals, Churches, and Houses Wrecked by Projectiles.

### RESERVE IS CALLED OUT; ATTACKING WARSHIPS VANISH IN MIST, SCATTERING MINES BEHIND

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 16.—Germany daringly attacked England herself today.

After a dash across the North Sea on a misty night, a German flotilla bombarded Hartlepool, Scarborough, and Whitby, on the east coast of England, early this morning.

Some fifty persons are known to have been killed, while the number of injured runs well over 100. Churches were ruined and hotels, dwellings, and stores were destroyed by the bombardment, which endured forty minutes, after which the Germans steamed northward from Scarborough.

**EVADE BRITISH WARSHIPS.**

Hundreds fled in panic while the invaders' projectiles thundered and burst, setting on fire the structures they had wrecked. Others took refuge in cellars.

The shells of the bold cruisers, which had slipped through the British fleet and the guardships and dodged the mines thickly strewn in the North Sea, did heavy damage in Scarborough, a famous watering place.

The gun flashes indicated that four big warships were firing. One shell that has been picked up was twelve inches in diameter and thirty-three inches long.

Hurriedly called by wireless, British warships hastened down from the nearest points to attack the raiders, whose attack had not been unexpected by the naval authorities and experts. But the German squadron, made up of their fastest cruisers, escaped in the mist.

**ONLY ONE TOWN FORTIFIED.**

While England has apprehended an attack from the air, this demonstration has caused the most intense surprise and the fiercest anger that unfortified cities were attacked. Only Hartlepool has a little fort at the mouth of the Tees.

The alarm that spread throughout the kingdom resulted in calling out the national reserves at Nottingham. In many other places units of artillery and infantry were sent to their stations, in preparedness to resist attack. The number of attacking force has been variously estimated at from three to six cruisers. It also is believed to have included a submarine. Necessarily there is no information on this point yet. The attack began at Hartlepool about 8:05 o'clock this morning, when most of the people were at breakfast. It was like a bolt from a clear sky. Most persons thought a thunderstorm had arisen. In all, about thirty shells fell in Hartlepool. It is reported twenty-nine persons were killed there and many injured.

When the German flotilla sailed from Hartlepool it dropped mines, with the purpose of preventing pursuit.

**Fail to Wreck Wireless.**

At Scarborough the evident purpose of the attack was to destroy the wireless station, but it failed of its object. At the first sound of the firing people rushed from their houses to the seashore. All they could see were flashes from the distant guns. But when the shells began to fall they fled in the other direction, many of them to the railway station to take a train for Hull. About fifty projectiles fell in Scarborough. Among the buildings that suffered were the elaborate sea-bathing establishment, St. Columbus' Hospital, All Saints' Church and the parish hospital.

Shells fell in private houses, and it is estimated eighteen persons were killed and many more wounded. In one house a family of six was wiped out. The town hall was only damaged. Nearly every window in the town was broken. The gas works were set on fire and a shell passed through the window of Lloyd's bank.

**Shell Digs Crater.**

One shell dug a great crater in Victoria road. The firing was directed right across the harbor and extended to the suburb of Falsgrave, where a huge chimney of the brick works was destroyed. A hole was blown in the roof of All Saints' Church at Falsgrave, and a number of shells fell in the valley close to Oliver's Mount.

Holy communion was being celebrated in St. Martin's Church when two shells struck the edifice, but the congregation remained calm, although two men outside the church were killed. There are fifty wounded in the Scarborough hospital. Shells fell three miles inland.

The people of Whitby saw only two warships. They appeared off that town

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## FORTY KILLED IN HARTLEPOOL; LOSS $5,000,000

Private Estimates Show Death List Is Longer Than Official Report Admits.

### MORE THAN 100 INJURED

Churches, Hospitals, Homes, Ship Yards, and Gas Works Wrecked.

### SINGLE SHELL KILLS FIFTEEN

Railroad Damaged, Thousands Fly Afoot, Following German Raid.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 16.—A statement issued by the war office tonight reveals the fact that the greatest loss of life from the bombardment occurred at Hartlepool, where seven soldiers and twenty-two civilians were killed and fourteen soldiers and fifty civilians were wounded. The statement says.

"At 8 a. m. today three enemy ships were sighted off Hartlepool and at 8:15 they commenced a bombardment. The ships appeared to be two battle cruisers and one armored cruiser.

"The land batteries replied. It is reported that they hit and damaged the enemy. The firing ceased at 8:50 when the enemy steamed away.

**No Guns Damaged.**

"None of our guns was touched. One shell fell in the lines of the royal engineers and several in the lines of the Durham Light Infantry. The casualties among the troops were seven killed and fourteen wounded.

"Some damage was done to the town. The gas works were fired. During the bombardment, especially at West Hartlepool, the people crowded the streets. Approximately twenty-two were killed and fifty wounded.

"At the same time a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser appeared off Scarborough. They fired fifty shots and caused considerable damage. Thirteen casualties are reported.

"At Whitby two battle cruisers fired shots, doing damage to buildings. Two persons were killed and two wounded."

**Loss of Life Heavy.**

By HAYDEN TALBOTT.

Hartlepool, England, Dec. 16.—Estimates by the men who helped to carry to the mortuary the bodies of persons killed by the German bombardment of this town today place the casualties much higher than the official statement. These men say that forty persons were killed and more than 100 wounded.

In one open space 200 yards from the Grand Hotel, on the ocean front, a single shell burst over a group of sixteen people, watching the warships. It killed fifteen of them, the other was a school boy whose right arm was cut off.

The bombardment lasted approximately one hour, beginning at 8 o'clock. Immediately there began a mad rush to escape inland. Scenes comparable to those of Belgium were enacted all day for miles along every road between here and Darlington, twenty-five miles to the west.

Two shells struck the railway track. Only one train, which left amid a downpour of shells, got away. All the available automobiles were commandeered for women and children, but a great majority had to walk.

Tonight the streets are thronged with crowds viewing the ruins. There are very few women to be seen. The damage is much more serious than at first thought. It probably will exceed $5,000,000.

**Shells Wreck Gas Works.**

Shells penetrated three gas reservoirs, and the escaping gas burst into flames. Before an alarm could be turned in the

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### GERMANS SHELLED FROM AIR.

**French Aviators Drive Teuton Forces from Forest.**

Paris, Dec. 16.—Flying from their station in a gale, French airships today bombarded German troops in the forest of Houtholst.

They dropped many bombs and killed a number of German soldiers who were compelled to flee from the forest.

## DRESDEN SINKS BRITISH CRUISER, IS REPORT ANOTHER IS BADLY DAMAGED BY GERMAN SHIP

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 16.—The German cruiser Dresden has sunk a British cruiser and seriously damaged another, according to a dispatch received here today from Punta Arenas.

The report says that after the Dresden left Punta Arenas Sunday she was chased by a British cruiser. She waited for her pursuer. Both vessels opened fire and during the engagement another British vessel made its appearance. The Dresden sunk one and damaged the other.

The Chilean government so far has no confirmation of the report.

Reports have reached Washington that the British cruiser Bristol left Punta Arenas on Monday in pursuit of the Dresden, and it is possible that this is the vessel reported to have been sunk.

## ALLIES ADVANCE UNDER FIRE OF BRITISH FLEET

Warships Shell Westende, Distracting Attention from Land Attack.

### ENGLISH EXTEND LINES

Aided by the Belgians, They Press Forward to Coast.

### SEEK TO RECAPTURE OSTEND

French Claim Successes Around Ypres and in the Woevre District.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 16.—By the co-operation of the British fleet with the land forces, the allies today were able to push their advance northeast of Nieuport to the seacoast in the vicinity of Westende.

The warships, lying off the German positions in Westende, poured an incessant hail of shells into the town. This served to distract a portion of the German land forces and enabled the allies to gain more ground in their march toward Ostend, part of the general plan believed to have been launched with the resumption of the offensive throughout Flanders and Eastern France.

The action extended from a point northeast of Nieuport, through the district about the town of Lombaertzyde, and to a point on the coast a few miles from where the shells were crashing into Westende. The brunt of the fighting was borne by the British and Belgians.

**Advance to the Sea.**

The success of the bombardment and its dependent land movement was chronicled in the 11 o'clock official communique. The afternoon communique had announced only that the British were vigorously bombarding Westende, and this statement was supplemented in the later bulletin, which said:

"Slight progress has been made as far as the seacoast northwest of Nieuport."

At other points in Flanders the day was much in favor of the allies. A counter attack by the Germans on the Belgian position at St. George's was repulsed, the Belgians throwing the Germans back and following up their advantage by occupying some farms on the left flank of Yser, which have considerable strategic value.

**Moe Along Railway.**

To the southeast of Ypres progress was made along the railroad line running to La Bassee. This field of action has been fought over again and again, with first one side and then the other stubbornly holding to each foot of territory and yielding only after fierce onslaughts.

Around St. Eloi the battle raged with especial ferocity, and here, although the allies are reported to have made progress, it is referred to by the war office as "not so perceptible as at other points."

The afternoon official communique claims victories for the allies in artillery engagements in the region of Arras, in the region of the Aisne, and in Champagne. French successes in the Woevre district also are claimed.

## GERMANS BEGIN NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST CZAR

Russian Attacks East of Masurian Lakes Prove Failure.

### LOSSES ARE TREMENDOUS

200,000 Muscovites Killed or Captured Within Fortnight, Says Berlin.

### CAPTIVES TOTAL 475,000 MEN

Official Statement Takes Optimistic View of Teuton Positions in Both Theaters of War.

Berlin, Dec. 16 (wireless to Sayville, L. I.).—In the western arena of war several French attacks in Flanders were repulsed. The French also were driven back to the northwest of Altkirch, where they suffered considerable losses.

In the eastern war theater the Russian attacks to the east of the Masurian Lake district were defeated. The German offensive in Poland is continuing normally.

In the last fortnight of fighting in Poland the Russians have lost 200,000 men, and their offensive is now completely broken down. The eldest son of the German imperial chancellor has been severely wounded and captured by the Russians.

**9,000 Muscovites Captured.**

Austrian advances in the Carpathians resulted in the capture of 9,000 Russians and ten machine guns. Several Russian regiments have been withdrawn from action owing to cholera.

Russia's armies in Poland have lost 200,000 men, including 80,000 prisoners, who have been brought to Germany. This official German estimate was made public today in a review of the military operations issued at the war office.

Referring to the Russian losses, the statement said:

"We are able to estimate pretty safely the total of Russian losses in Poland. They amount to the total of 200,000 men, including 80,000 prisoners who have been transported to Germany."

**Total Captives 475,000.**

The official review also states that the total number of unwounded Russian prisoners taken by the Germans and Austrians is 475,000.

It asserts that the Germans are making satisfactory progress in Poland, and continues:

"Latest reports from the German and Austrian commanders mention Lowicz as the center of operations. This indicates a frontal advance against the Russians behind the Bzura River.

"Important news comes from Western Galicia, where the Austrians are continuing their offensive. The success of this movement is apparent, in that they have compelled the Russians to retreat from the Carpathians and forced them northward.

"The Russians realize that further successes of the Austrians are likely to endanger their whole wing, which seems to be crowded together."

### PRESIDENT "SHOPS EARLY."

**Makes Two-hour Tour of F Street Shopping District.**

President Wilson has heeded the "shop early" signs.

Accompanied by members of the White House household and several of the Secret Service men, he made a tour of F street yesterday afternoon in search of sundry seasonable gifts, visiting one of the big department stores, two jewelry shops and two book stores.

The shopping tour took about two hours.

Hotel Woodstock, New York City. Comfort Without Extravagance.—Adv.

## JAPAN TO SEND TROOPS TO AID CZAR'S FORCES

Mikado Offers Aid to Russian Emperor and Latter Accepts, Officials Declare.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Petrograd, Dec. 16.—Emperor Yoshihito, of Japan, has offered to send Japanese troops to fight side by side with the Russians against the Germans, according to reliable reports here, and it is understood that the proffer has been accepted.

Russian newspapers have been forbidden to publish this news, but a Russian official practically confirmed it today.

All German forces have been driven from the Miawa region, according to the war office report announced today, and the Russian offensive against the Thorn-Soldau front has been resumed. The Germans have been thrown back across the East Prussian border.

At other points on the battle front the Russians have maintained their positions.

## KAISER'S CONDITION ALARMS PHYSICIANS

Doctors Speak of Serious Sore Throat Following Diphtheria—Crown Prince at Bedside.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 16.—A Journal Madrid dispatch says:

"Reliable news received here says Emperor William's condition, although recorded by the bulletins as improved, is giving great anxiety.

"His doctors speak of a serious sore throat, following diphtheria, which the Emperor contracted during a visit to the eastern front."

Geneva, Dec. 16.—A Berlin dispatch confirms the reports that the condition of the Kaiser is serious.

The crown prince for the present is remaining in Berlin.

## BLISS WARNS NACO TROOPS IN ULTIMATUM

If Bullet Falls Across Border, U. S. Soldiers Will Be on Them.

### FEDERAL ENVOY TOLD

Sends Same Message to Gen. Hill, Who Commands Carranza Men.

### SICK AND TIRED OF SHOOTING

Gen. Hugh Scott Leaves for Naco. Maytorena Says He Will Withdraw Troops from Border.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 16.—"If a single bullet from either Maytorena's or Hill's troops falls on American soil, regardless of whether or not any one is wounded, my force will wipe whichever side is responsible from the face of the earth."

This was the ultimatum served in person by Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the American forces here, on Senor Cirilio Ramierez, personal representative of Gov. Maytorena.

The conference took place at 7 o'clock tonight in Gen. Bliss' headquarters tent. It is understood a similar warning has been sent to Gen. Benjamin G. Hill, the Carranzista commander defending Naco, Sonora. Gen. Bliss told Senor Ramierez that he, Gen. Bliss, alone would decide which side was responsible and against both if he considered it advisable.

The Maytorena envoy was told that three additional regiments of infantry were en route to Naco as well as three batteries of artillery and a dozen more field guns. "I will have an artillery force of twenty-four guns, between 4,500 and 5,000 men, and plenty of machine guns to enforce the order," said Gen. Bliss to Ramierez.

**U. S. Tired of Shooting.**

"The United States government is sick and tired of the shooting into American territory, and I am here to stop it."

Senor Ramierez was informed that if Maytorena would withdraw his troops from before Naco and abandon his positions he would thus avert a conflict with the United States. If Maytorena would do this at once, Gen. Bliss said, he would issue orders halting the three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery now en route to Naco from Texas City and Fort Sill.

Confident assertion was made here last night from a source in close touch with the government in Mexico City that the firing over the border at Naco, which has resulted in the killing and wounding of more than fifty American citizens of the Arizona town, will be prevented in the future through orders issued yesterday by President Gutierrez to Gen. Maytorena, of the forces attacking Naco.

According to this information, Maytorena has been ordered to withdraw five miles from Naco, in order to prevent further firing across the international border. These orders have been given in such a manner, according to The Herald's informant, that Gen. Maytorena will comply with them strictly.

This information came after the announcement that Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army, had been ordered to the scene of trouble with a view to using his personal influence and wide experience to prevent further trouble. Gen Scott, whose previous border experience resulted in his acquiring a strong influence over Villa, left yesterday, and will arrive Saturday. His detail meets with the desires of Gen. Bliss, who is in command of the troops at the border.

### DE WET EXECUTED SECRETLY?

**Cashiered Officer of Bulwark Arrested—Threatened to Wreck Ship.**

London (by mail), Dec. 16.—Belief is expressed here that Gen. Christian de Wet, the leader of the rebellious Boers, has been secretly tried by court-martial and executed. In this connection a story is told that King George was asked by a member of the royal family, just after the South African rebellion broke out, what would happen to De Wet if captured.

The King is said to have replied: "They will shoot the swine when they catch him."

It is learned that a former officer of the warship Bulwark, which was blown up at Sheerness last month, with the loss of between 700 and 800 lives, has been arrested. He is alleged to have threatened to blow up the ship after being cashiered.

DON'T MISS THE BIG CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF The Washington Herald NEXT SUNDAY

## SPEAKERS SCORE CAPITAL FOR NOT DEMANDING VOTE

Representative Crosser and Dr. Wiley Address Committee of Forty.

### MOST UNPATRIOTIC CITY

"People Worst Snobs in the Country," Is Charge of Solon.

### AUDIENCE ENJOYS "ROASTING"

Washingtonians Have No Civic Pride or Duty, Pure Food Expert Tells Members.

While residents of the District applauded wildly, two speakers—Representative Robert Crosser, of Ohio, and Dr. Harvey W. Wiley—said that Washington is the most unpatriotic city in the country, and that its people are the worst snobs anywhere.

The speeches were made at the Public Library, where the Committee of Forty held a meeting in the interest of suffrage for the District. Those who attended the meeting seemed to enjoy the roasting they got.

"What you want is the key to the Municipal Building," said Representative Crosser. "If you had the proper spirit, you would ask for it. Washington is no different from a State capital. If it is right for those cities to have self-government, it is right that you should have it.

**Most Snobbish City.**

"A delegate in Congress wouldn't do any good. The newspapers can do more good than four delegates could do. You need local self-government.

"Washington is the worst city in the United States for snobbery. Most of you do not want the great majority of others to vote. The people who howl loudest against Congress are the ones who do not want self-government.

"If District property were properly assessed and valued, it would be an easy matter to raise money to pay taxes here. I have been given credit for voting against the abrogation of the half-and-half principle, but I voted only against taxing industry here.

**People Without Pride.**

"No investigation is needed to establish the right of self-government here. It is a ridiculous idea. We are living under a dead hand in the United States anyway. Some day the people of the world will get over the idea that they must have their hands tied by laws passed before their birth. We have [illegible] ernment unless, by a majority vote, we can change our laws at any time."

"People here are indifferent to things that concern them," said Dr. Wiley. "We have become indifferent to civic pride and duty. It is natural; if you deprive people of their rights for forty years, so that they cannot exercise their powers, they will become atrophied. We cannot use the powers that make people patriots; we are the least patriotic of any people in the country. We are a body of men and women without civic rights or duties.

"We will not develop a patriotic race; our children will be less patriotic than we. They will have no idea of giving anything to their country. We will, without civic duties, bring up a race of unpatriotic and uncivic people."

Dr. A. J. McKelway, chairman of the Committee of Forty, introduced the speakers, and made a short address.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER CHEAPER THIS YEAR

Turkeys, Cranberries, Celery, Holly, and Christmas Trees Lower Than Last Season.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Christmas will come cheaper this year, commission men announced today. Prices for practically all the Christmas trimmings are below what Dad paid last year.

Turkeys should retail at 25 cents a pound or slightly lower, the commission men say. Cranberries and celery are cheaper than last year. The price of holly has been cut in two, and Christmas trees are on the market in unusual abundance.

**Low Holiday Fares to all Points South.** Tickets now on sale. Six through trains daily. Southern Railway. Ticket offices, 765 15th St., 905 F St. N. W. Phone M. 1212.—Adv.

## "WINSTON CHURCHILL" PAYS VISIT TO CAPITAL

Tag in Stranger's Coat Starts Real, Sure Enough Furor—But It Was 1908 Model.

Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, has in Washington a double who wears a London tailored coat, the name tag of which bears the inspription, "Winston Churchill, Esq." When this fact became known in one of the big downtown hotels here yesterday a flurry of excitement and speculation rapidly spread from hotel manager, through lesser officials and waiters to the guests in the cafe and almost suspended gastronomic activities for some time.

A tall, fairly slender, distinguished-looking stranger, of pronounced English characteristics, walked through the promenade, hung up his coat and ordered tea in the dining-room. He bore a striking resemblance, according to the manager of the hotel, to Winston Churchill. Several newspaper men covertly gave the stranger the "once over" and confirmed the original verdict. An enterprising check man at the coat rack peeped into the inside pocket of the stranger's coat. The name strip, affirming the tailoring of a London firm, bore the inscription, "Winston Churchill, Esq., December 4, 1908."

That the stranger was not the first lord of the British admiralty was determined later. That, if traveling incognito on a desperate diplomatic mission, he would not have been lounging around so public a place, would seem obvious. But, if the stranger is not Winston Churchill, where did he get the coat? And, it was suggested, if he is Winston Churchill, why is he wearing a 1908 model?

## 'PEACE A DREAM;' TAFT WANTS LARGER ARMY

Former President Would Increase Regulars 25 Per Cent and Build Up Navy and Militia.

East Orange, N. J., Dec. 16.—Former President William Howard Taft, addressing an audience of 2,000 at the Woman's Club here today, declared that the standing army should be increased 25 per cent, and that the navy must be kept up to a high standard.

"General peace is the near future is a dream," he stated.

"We should have a better militia. Bryan said recently that a million men would spring up between sunrise and sunset if a call was sent out for men to go to war. But I tell you we would not have arms for this million men, and neither would we have enough ammunition for them. It takes some time to make ammunition, and it also takes about six months to train a man in army tactics.

"Our navy up to a few years ago compared with any afloat, but it needs to be kept up to the standard. Our navy is like a woman's hat—it needs constant care and attention. It must be changed every year."

## MERCURY HITS LOWEST AT 10 DEGREES ABOVE

"Good, Snappy Shopping Weather" Will Be Today's Program.

"Good, snappy shopping weather," said the forecaster last night, when asked what Washington may expect today and tomorrow. He predicted that it will be fair today, and probably Friday, with light, variable winds.

The coldest mark of the winter was reached yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, when the thermometer at the Weather Bureau registered 10.6 degrees above zero. Downtown thermometer's showed the mercury at eight degrees.

Below zero temperatures were recorded in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, the Dakotas, the Middle West, West Virginia, and Northern Virginia. The lowest temperature was registered at Bismarck, N. Dak., where it was twenty-six degrees below.

### HUGGED ON ROOF IN RAIN.

**Lightning Flashes Showed Brother and Schoolmarm, Boy Testifies.**

New York, Dec. 16.—A living picture of Floyd Castle, farmer boy, making love to Mrs. Catharine Randall, a young school-teacher, on the slippery roof of the Castle farmhouse, in Parishville, St. Lawrence County, was produced for Supreme Court Justice Whitaker today by fifteen-year-old Harold Castle, brother of Floyd, and former pupil of Mrs. Randall. The schoolmarm is being sued for divorce by William H. Randall, jr., who is a schoolmaster.

Mrs. Randall faced her former pupil as he told how flashes of lightning revealed to him the forms of his brother and Mrs. Randall on the shingle roof, locked in each other's arms. In this position they remained, the youthful witness said, in spite of rain that was falling in torrents.

Justice Whitaker refused to award the husband a divorce, holding the evidence insufficient.

### GREEKS MASSACRED BY TURKS.

Athens, Dec. 16.—Greek Christians are being massacred by Turks at Aivali, Asia Minor. Houses have been pillaged in the suburbs and shops in the town itself had been set on fire.

Aivali is a town of 20,000 people on the Gulf of Adramyti. Most of its inhabitants are Greeks.

**Christmas Holiday excursion fares to** all points via Norfolk & Western Ry. Inquire 1419 N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

### ARMY FLIER LOOPS FOUR LOOPS.

**F. A. Thompson Performs Thrilling Feat in Cold.**

New York, Dec. 16.—Braving a high wind and the terrific cold, F. A. Thompson, an aviator of the Army Reserve Corps, ascended to a height of 5,000 feet over the government aviation field in Oakland Heights, Staten Island, today and made four complete loop-the-loops before reaching the ground.

Thompson, who has been flying for only four months, is the fourth United States army aviator who has accomplished the looping feat.