

AMERICAN FLIER BRINGS DOWN PAIR OF ENEMY PLANES

ANOTHER U. S. BIRDMAN DRIVES OFF QUINTETTE OF SCHE OBSEVERS—EXPLOITS ARE TOLD IN CABLED MESSAGE FROM FRONT.

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With the American Army in France, Mar. 13.—An American captain, flying with a French pilot, had a thrilling experience Sunday when their machines were attacked by five German single-seater fighting planes. The French aviator skillfully escaped the attacking quintet, but his machine was perforated by eighteen bullet holes. Some of these bullets had come uncomfortably close to the pilot and others pierced the machine near where the American observer sat. The American scored hits on several German planes with his machine gun.

An American aviator named Wellman of Cambridge Mass., serving as an airplane pilot, shot down two German machines during the aerial activity Saturday afternoon. Wellman flew a single-seater fighting plane. He volunteered for service with the French aviation. The feat was simultaneous with the American artillery preparation immediately preceding the American rush into the German lines on the Lorraine front.

Wellman is attached to the French aviation carrying out an aviation program on the American section his duty being to protect French machines while they observe the German lines, taking photographs and transmitting the information.

Saturday afternoon French aviators of all types cooperated with the American and French batteries, saving the way with shell fire for the infantry to go over the top. German machines were out in force to aid the German counter battery work.

Wellman scored his first victim at about 4:20 o'clock, shooting down a two-seater observing airplane which was regulating the fire of some Krupp guns. He shot the German machine down and damaged the airplane so that it fell 12,000 feet.

His next victim "got his" twenty-five minutes later, when Wellman fired upon a German single-seater attempting to attack a French observer machine. He sent the enemy plane down in flames. It landed between the first and second lines of the enemy trenches, over which American infantrymen passed an hour later.

SPOUSE IS MISSING: FINDS HIS CORK LEG

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ILLINOISANS HALT DAYLIGHT BILL

Washington, March 12.—Representatives King and Madden of Illinois today, for the fifth time in two weeks, objected to and delayed consideration of the daylight bill. They asserted other legislation was more important.

JUDGE GREEN TO SET STRAUSS TRIAL

Peoria, March 12.—Judge Green announced in the Circuit Court today that he would set the date for the trial of Edgar A. Strauss, former president of the State Trust & Savings Bank, charged with the murder of Berne M. Mead, cashier of the same institution, on Thursday morning. A date for arraignment also will be set, it is expected.

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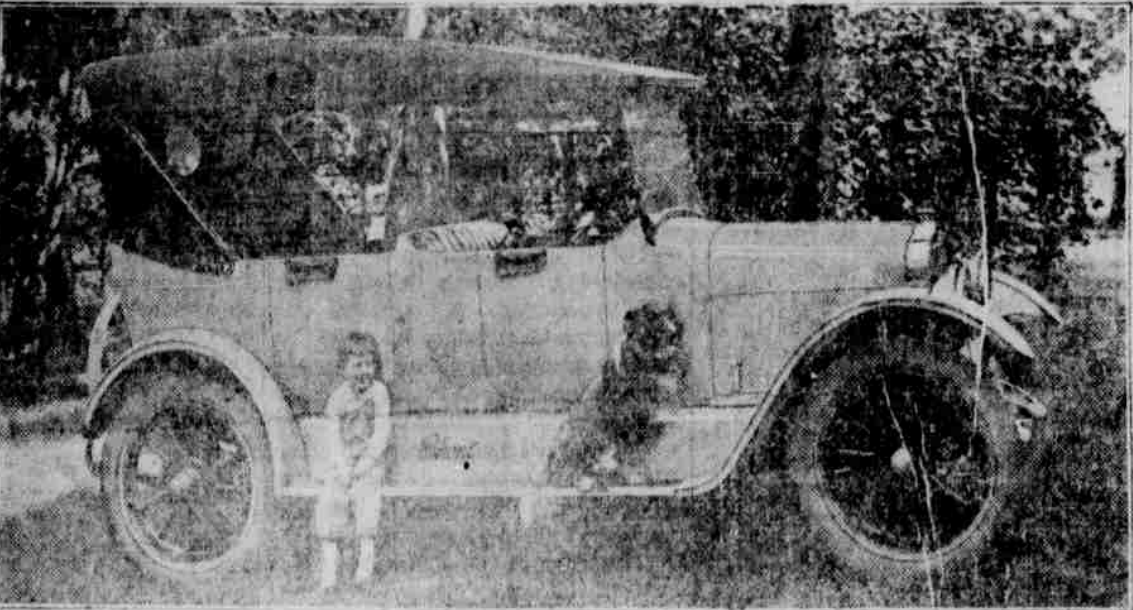


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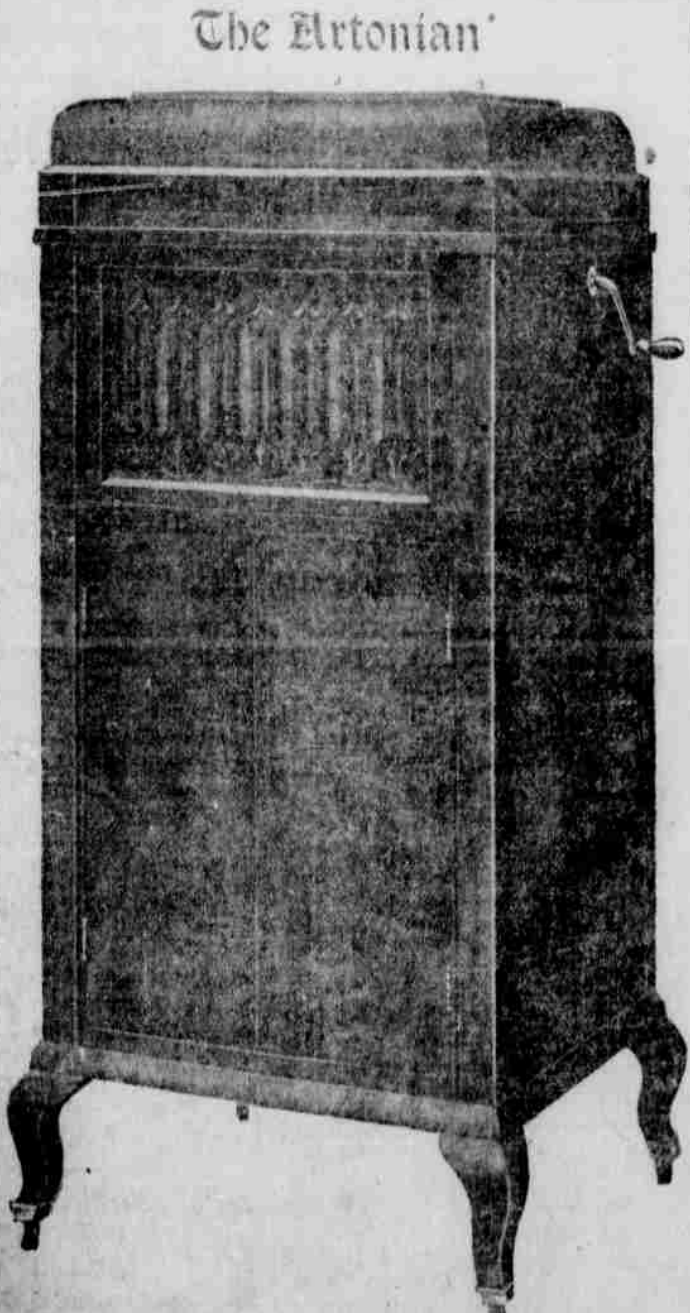
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