

## WHEN BRITAIN'S EXCELLENT AIR DEFENCES DO THEIR BEST WORK

**How Boche Raiders on London are Met from the Very Start and Hotly Attacked—Aviators Whose Special Duty it is to Head Off the German Airmen Before They Can Cross the English Channel—Thrilling Experiences.**

AT AN AVIATION BASE ON THE BRITISH CHANNEL, Jan. 20.—"The Germans are about due for another air raid over London tonight, boys."

The remark was made by the captain of a company of aviators to 10 or 12 of his men, who sat around their dinner table puffing contentedly on cigars.

Their "station" was on the English Channel, in France, and for some time they had been making it their special business to head off the German aviators before they could cross the Channel. During the day time some of them did "ordinary work" such as flying over the German lines for observation purposes or acting as pilots for aerial photographers.

The captain's remark might have been a mere observation on the weather for all the excitement it caused.

"Well, captain, we're the boys who can give 'em a run for their money," drawled a young chap who had confessed to 22 years. "Guess they won't

soon forget the reception we gave 'em the other night."

Conversation immediately switched to the last "raid."

"That devil I had my last set-to with put three shots in my left wing," said another young flyer. "One time I felt I had him sure, but I lost him in a thick cloud about twenty miles out to sea and when I emerged from it the son of a gun was nowhere in sight. I'd like to meet up with him again tonight."

"What time does this evening's entertainment start, captain?" asked another.

The captain, who himself was well under thirty-five, replied with a laugh: "You'd better be getting on your furs any time now."

One by one the aviators arose and, stretching themselves, yawned and left the room.

When they returned presently they looked like Eskimos in their heavy furs. It was impossible to distinguish one from another as they peered out of their heavy goggles.

We all walked out to the immense hangars. The machines had been brought out upon the field and about each one hovered several mechanics and helpers, all busy with the final "tuning up."

About 9.30 an orderly called the captain to the telephone. He returned on the run within a minute.

"They've started, boys," he called out long before he reached us. "And they're headed for Dunkirk and Calais. They'll probably try to drop a few bombs on both places before crossing the channel!"

Without any further ceremony each aviator took his place in his machine; helpers strapped him in; there was a turning of propellers, and instantly a deafening noise from the engines.

One after another the machines took to the air. Within an incredibly short time guns began booming east of us, the sounds constantly becoming louder.

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Then followed a terrific machine gun battle. It seemed as if thousands of bullets were being exchanged every minute. Soon the sounds became fainter and fainter, and the noise of the motors died away.

"They've headed for the sea," said my companion. "Those Germans will never see Dunkirk or Calais tonight."

Two hours later every Allied flyer had returned safely. We all sat down to midnight lunch. Much merriment, lots of good stories, almost endless narratives of personal experiences.

"It didn't amount to much tonight," said one. "We outnumbered them and made them hunt their holes from the very start. I'll bet they were glad to get back behind their lines again."

London papers the next day merely mentioned the incident in a brief way. "Enemy airplanes," they said, "had started for the English coast, but were unable to penetrate our excellent air defences."

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## THE FOOD SITUATION IN ITALY

Rome, Jan. 23.—"Food is the most important matter now before the Allies," David Lobin, American representative in the International Institute of Agriculture, said today. It is useless to deceive ourselves.

"It is necessary to feed our armies well, and in view of the increasing consumption of food and decreasing production we shall be unable to do this unless exceptional weather prevails this spring and unless extraordinary measures are applied."

"The Allies are depending on the United States. Without its help they

## INDUSTRIES HAVE RESUMED

Washington, Jan. 23.—United States industries, idle for the past five days under the fuel administration's closing order, resumed operations today, in the face of a congested transportation situation east of the Mississippi threatening daily to become worse from adverse weather conditions.

At the same time director general McAdoo, of the railroads, was considering proposals of the fuel administration to embargo all freight except fuel and food for the rest of the week at least to insure an adequate movement of the commodities.

Request for an embargo as only means of keeping the stream of coal on its way to eastern householders and transatlantic shipping interests was made to Mr. McAdoo last night by fuel administrator Garfield, who believed the flood of production from re-opened manufacturing plants will further delay coal production.

Despite reports at the office of the fuel administration that ships were being hunkered more rapidly than last week; food was going in larger quantities to domestic consumers, the necessity of quick dealing with the transportation problem was emphasized by descriptions of the weather conditions.

A Red Cross service flag displaying three crosses was hung in a window of the county jail at Dallas when three women inmates joined. Two of the women face murder charges.

Persons who have been ill a great deal are generally tall, since lying in bed, with the limbs relaxed, induces growth.

## PLACED BOMBS ON LUSITANIA

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Jan. 22.—Testifying in the trial here today of Franz Von Rintelen, German naval reservist, and twelve other defendants charged with conspiracy to place fire bombs on steamships here, Sergt. Henry Barth, of the police bomb squad declared circumstances pointed to the placing on the Lusitania of bombs which had been in the possession of two of the defendants.

would reach a condition similar to that in Germany and Austria, in which there is merely food enough for the armies, with the civil population dying of hunger."

## BRITISH AND CANADIANS TO BE DRAFTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Jan. 23.—Under an agreement reached by representatives of the American, British and Canadian governments, British subjects in the United States who have taken out citizenship papers for American citizenship will be made liable to draft in the British and Canadian armies by treaties soon to be negotiated.

A separate treaty is being framed for the Canadians, as they prefer that their men in the United States shall be subject to call into their own army only.

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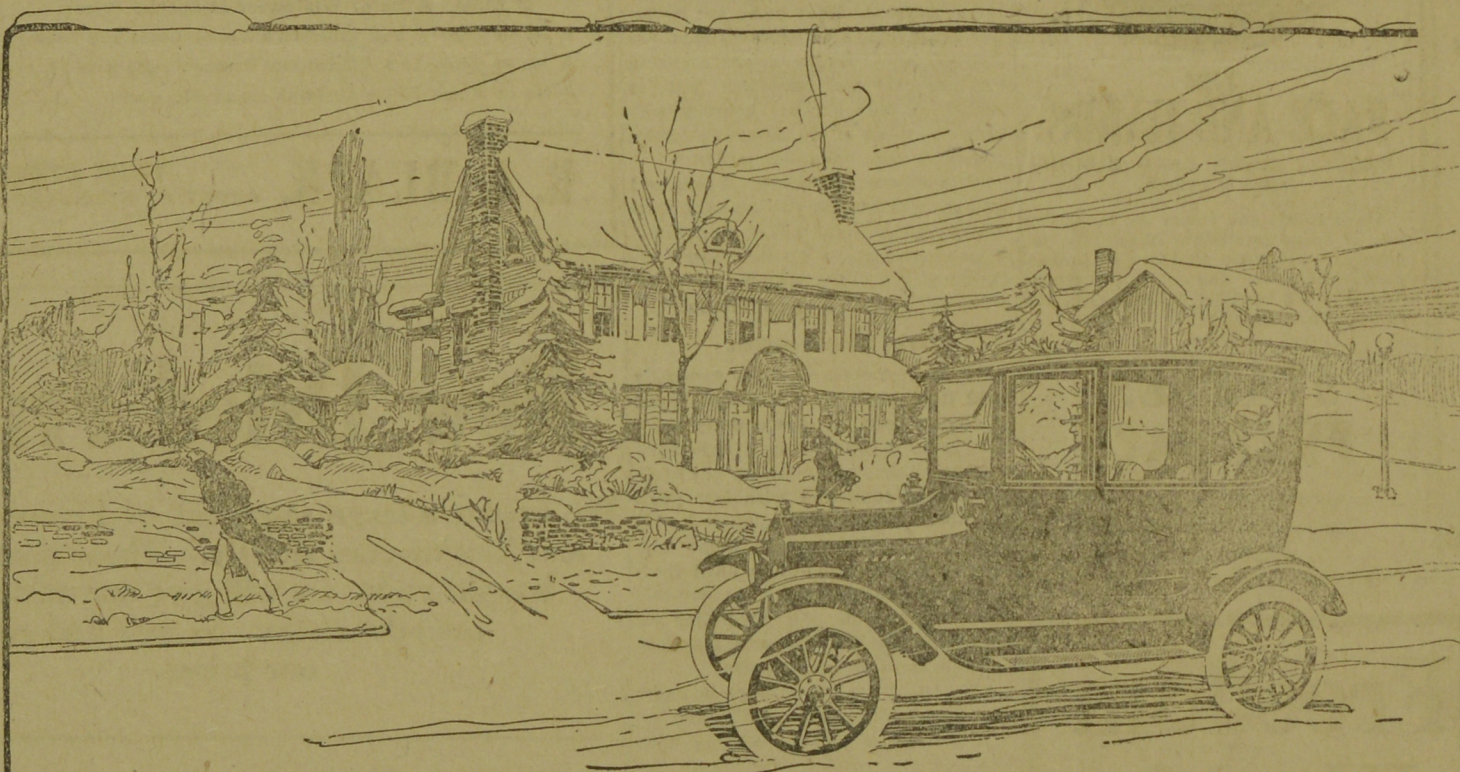
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