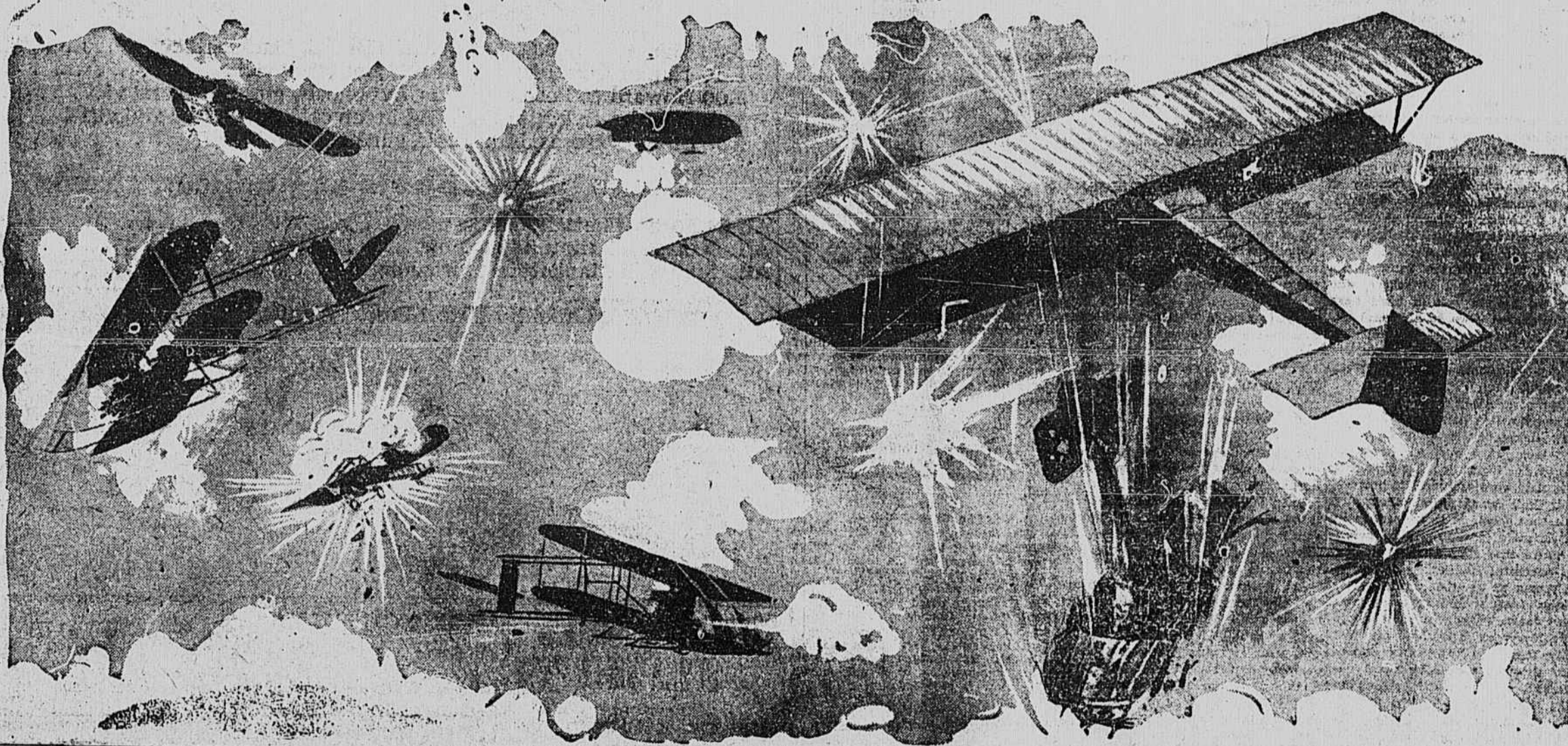


# The World's First Great War In the Air



## Air Fleets In a Death Grapple.

### German, French, British and Russian Aeroplanes and Dirigibles Battling Among the Clouds.

**B**ATTLES in the air! Aeroplanes darting at dirigible balloons, piercing their thin envelopes and exploding their gasoline tanks until attacker and attacked fall to death! Maddened with the war fury, the aviator is glad to die, if so he can but take with him the enemy who disputes with him the mastery of the atmosphere.

War in the air is a reality. Long the dream of the poet and novelist who "saw red" in the glare of the sun, it has in the present European war fulfilled all the dread prophecies that have been made about it. The military aviator, circling ever upward and onward in his search for his foe, has come upon him in the upper reaches of the air. There have been sharp, short skirmishes for position, each man intent upon guiding his own machine aright and seeking to deal a deathblow to the other's aeroplane. Speed up the propeller, feed the engine to the last ounce of power! There he is, circling around and looking for you. And then, in the last fatal dash, drive the nose of your machine into him! Your planes lock and tangle in a mortal embrace—you fall, thousands and thousands of feet—but before you land you have the fierce consciousness of having dragged your foe with you to death!

Already we have had such cases. And we have had, too, the stories of the gun and the rifle on land lifted until they pointed almost to the zenith, sending shell or bullet into aeroplanes and the dirigible balloons and bringing them down to the ground with their occupants in a hopeless, shapeless mass.

Men are fighting with guns on land and sea and in the air. The last undeviled element has been made to serve the purposes of slaughter. Aeroplanes and dirigibles carry guns especially designed for waging aerial battles and bombs for dropping from the heights on armies and cities.

All the great fighting powers of Europe are playing at the dreadful, deadly aerial fighting game. Great Britain, France and Russia send their hopes aloft in aeroplanes. Germany and Austria spend their faith abroad on the heavens in monster dirigible balloons. Of the heavier than air flying machines Great Britain has 300, France 1,100 and Russia 800. To Germany is credited the ownership of 1,000, and Austria-Hungary has about 400.

In dirigibles Germany is richer than any other country; thanks to the efforts of Zeppelin, Parseval and others. She has thirty "battle airships," while France has only twenty and Great Britain seven. Austria-Hungary planned to build six, but that was before the great war began. Just how far they are toward completion no one knows but the Austrian general staff. And its members will not tell.



TOWNVILLE NEWS.

Mr. Evans Hunt and Mrs. Seymore, of Greenwood, are spending a while with their brother, Dr. W. L. Hunt.

Prof. John Gaines, wife, two children, Harold and Frances Marion, of Lenoir, Ga., are visiting the former's father, Mr. J. B. Gaines.

Miss Pearl Owen, of Seneca, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Leard Moore.

Mrs. Mary Dickson, of Anderson, is visiting her sisters, Misses Sallie and Mattie McCauley.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunt, July 20th, a girl.

Miss Marie Gaines, who has been visiting friends in Asheville, N. C., for the past week, has returned home.

Mrs. Jane Martin is visiting her son, Mr. Claud Martin, of Anderson.

Mr. A. T. Schlock is spending a few days in Richland on business.

Mr. Lagrove, of Johnston, S. C., is with his sister, Mrs. W. S. Myers.

Miss Grace Compton will leave now soon for Athens, Ga., where she will take a course in the hospital to be a trained nurse. We wish for Miss Grace much success in her work.

Rev. W. B. Hawkins has purchased a nice touring car.

Mrs. E. L. Bomar, of Spartanburg, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Wideman.

Mrs. Broyles, of Anderson, is making an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Lou's Gantt.

Mrs. John Gault, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. W. R. Pickard, of Dallas, Tex., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Edna Cline.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Pecos Maffey, August 5, a son. Both mother and babe are doing well.

Mrs. J. V. Johnson and two children, of Anderson, are spending a while with S. R. Johnson and family.

Little Misses Celeste and Lula Mae Jackson, of Anderson, are the guests of Miss Jeanette Bolt.

### VIEWS OF PRESS.

London, Aug. 13.—3 a. m.—The Daily Mail says it learns that on Monday, after the Germans' fruitless assault on the Liege forts, the German government again approached Belgium through Holland as intermediary, pointing out that Germany had no quarrel with Belgium and asked the Belgian government to reconsider its refusal to allow the German army to traverse Belgium to save useless expenditure in blood and treasure.

The Belgian government, according to the newspaper, again refused the German request.

The Daily Mail says it understands Turkey had assured the British government that the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, which are in the Dardanelles, will be disarmed, but that there is reason to believe Turkey has purchased the cruisers and intends to put them in commission.

### HEADED FOR JAIL.

German Prisoners Enroute to Poles, Where They Will Be Interred.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Aug. 13.—Via London, 2:40 a. m.—Several hundred German prisoners passed through the Champigny station near Paris today on their way to Polesiers, where they will be interred.

The untiring activity of General Joseph Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army, has won the admiration of his troops. Since the first day of mobilization he has travelled thousands of miles in his motor car and appears to be everywhere at one time. His chauffeur is the famous racing motorist, George Bollot, who three times won the French Grand prix.

### APPROVED BY SENATE.

Tax on All Cotton Sold for Future Delivery Except Under Government Standardization.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 13.—The senate today agreed to the conference report on the cotton futures bill, which the house already had approved. The measure places a tax of two cents a pound on all cotton sold for future delivery except under contracts based on the government's standardization of cotton grades.

### Racing Results.

(By Associated Press.)

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 13.—Two world's records were broken today by Peter Volo driven by Tom Murphy, in winning the Roseman and Spirit of the Times futurity, for three-year-old trotters.

His time of 2:04 3/4, 2:05 3/4, and 2:06 3/4 makes them the three fastest heats ever trotted by a stallion, the former record being 2:07 1/2, 2:08 and 2:02 made in 1910 by The Herkules. The heats were also the three fastest by a three-year-old trotter.

Peter Volo's records were forced by Lee Axworthy, who trotted a great race throughout.

Only second in importance to the futurity was the race for the \$10,000 paper millie purse for 2:11 trotters, won by Lassie McGowan, who took the second, third and fourth heats.

This was "Pete" Geers' day and the veteran driver delighted the crowd by driving the winner in two heats.

He captured the Roseman and Spirit of the Times futurity for two-year-old trotters with Sparks Woots and drove Napoleon Direct to victory in the \$2,000 American Hotel stake for 2:15 pace.

The fifth and sixth heats of the unfinished 2:05 trot resulted in a victory for O'Mar.

### Back Home Again.

(By Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 13.—The ships Illinois and Missouri, with 1,000 shipmen aboard, have arrived at Hampton Roads from their annual cruise.