

## TWO NAVAL AVIATORS SPENT NIGHT AFLOAT

Rescued From Their Damaged Plane in a State of Exhaustion

An Atlantic Port, May 9.—Their hydroaeroplanes adrift at sea and in danger of sinking from a leaking pontoon, Ensign Arthur Laverent, naval aviator, and C. C. Cotton, observer, were rescued by a coastwise steamship, 35 miles off Miami, Fla., Monday afternoon, and brought here today on the steamship.

The men had been floating on the plane 18 hours without food or water after an engine breakdown which forced them to drop from a flight to the surface of the sea.

One of the pontoons of the hydroaeroplanes sprang a leak during the long hours riding the waves and the craft would not have stayed afloat more than half an hour after the rescue, the aviators said. Sharks added to the peril.

The captain of the rescuing steamship said that a heavy squall was coming up when the aircraft in distress was sighted and high seas had begun to break over it when his vessel came alongside. The pair were nearly exhausted although they remarked to quarantine officials on their arrival today that "all the damage we suffered was to our dispositions."

The hydroaeroplanes, which weights 2,200 pounds, was hauled aboard the steamship and brought here with the aviators. At the quarantine station it was turned over to the care of a government guard ship, which towed it to a naval base here. It was found to be very little damaged.

## CHINA GETS ANOTHER LOAN FROM JAPAN

Peking, Friday May 3.—A loan of 20,000,000 yen, secured by Chinese telegraph revenues, has been closed with Japanese bankers and the first installments are arriving. An additional loan of 20,000,000 dollars, secured by the Tsinan-Shuneh railway, is reported to have been concluded.

The newspapers are full of sensational gossip concerning the Chinese-Japanese negotiations, which are declared openly to be the means of Japanese domination in every sphere and the selling out of China for military and financial assistance. There seems to be a solemn agreement on both sides to guard the negotiations with secrecy.

**Dog Attacked Woman.**  
The official dog catchers were searching this morning for a supposedly rabid collie dog that attacked and bit a colored woman on Chestnut street last night. The matter was reported to the police and it was urged that the dog be disposed of as it is believed that he is infected with hydrophobia.

## SHIP BUILDING WILL SOON EXCEED LOSSES

Admiral Simms Expresses Hopes at a Banquet Given in London.

London, May 9.—A dinner to 1,000 American naval and military officers and Y. M. C. A. representatives was given at the National Sporting club last night. Vice Admiral Sims, in reply to a toast, declared that it was hoped that within the next fortnight the construction of new shipping would exceed the rate of destruction by German submarines.

After the dinner, the guests witnessed a boxing exhibition between Jimmy Wilde, the featherweight champion, and the veteran "Pedlar" Palmer.

Sir Frederick E. Smith, the attorney general, in proposing a toast to President Wilson and the fighting forces of the United States at the dinner, said:

"We, in this country, realize the immense contribution America is making to the fighting forces of the allies and we are glad that Americans are here now to see the spirit of the British and the sacrifices they are prepared to make. Never has that spirit stood higher and never has the British been more resolute to maintain the struggle, even for 20 years, in order that democracy might win and Germany be shattered. Undue and excessive expectations were entertained regarding the speed with which the American contribution could be got ready. I never had any illusions on this point. America was called upon to do in one moment a task a hundred times greater than any nation in the world's history has been called upon to accomplish. Never has a nation undertaken such commitments or flung itself more thoroughly into its task.

"The very fact that we have with us in this war the sons and grandsons of men who fought in the great struggle between the north and south, is a source of encouragement and a precious consolation. It is well that Englishmen and Americans should be brought together. They should create a warm friendship as their differences are only superficial.

"It is worth at least something that the Anglo-Saxon races, the legacies of a precious civilization, should make an imperishable friendship. If that is the result, then even the shipwreck of this terrible war will not have been entirely for naught."

## CUBA AIDS RELIEF WORK AMONG ALLIES

Havana, Wednesday, May 8.—The house tonight approved a resolution appropriating \$600,000 for the alleviation of suffering among the peoples of the allied nations.

The house also voted favorably on a resolution authorizing the president to establish an aviation school. Another bill approved authorizes the secretary of sanitation to expend \$240,000 in an effort to stamp out malaria in the island.

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## LABOR PARTY OPPOSES IRISH CONSCRIPTION

Joint Committee Sends a Strong Appeal to the Government

London, May 9.—A joint committee of the Trades Union Congress and the labor party has sent a strong appeal to the government against enforcing conscription in Ireland. It says in part:

"It must be clearly evident to the government that an attempt to enforce conscription would mean not only the shedding of blood of thousands of Irishmen, Englishmen and Scotchmen, but also the maintenance of a huge permanent army of occupation in Ireland. Today every soldier is needed on the western front, yet the government is proposing a course which will involve the withdrawal of hundreds of thousands of soldiers to engage in a civil war which will outrage the conscience of the civilized world.

"Moreover, Irishmen are scattered over the wide world—in America and in the dominions of Great Britain itself—besides large numbers on the western front. The tragedy cannot be local or confined to Ireland. It may easily be the beginning of a world tragedy in which our last hopes of a fairer future will be extinguished.

"With all these facts and terrible anticipations in mind, we confidently appeal to the government to immediately take the necessary steps to avert the appalling disaster which now threatens."

## NATIONALISTS WOULD WELCOME A CHANGE

London, May 9.—Irish nationalist newspapers, says a dispatch to The Times from Dublin, are taking the most lively interest in the parliamentary crisis, the nationalists obviously praying for a transfer of the government to the hands which would refuse to enforce conscription in Ireland.

The Freeman's Journal, it is added describes the letter of Major General Maurice as a ray of hope and says that unless the ministers can clear themselves they must go, or must divert the interest of the British public by a new sensation.

## INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF MORTAR EXPLOSION

Lieutenant and Ten Enlisted Men Killed and Five Wounded.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 9.—Officers from division headquarters at Camp Bowie began an investigation this morning of the explosion of a trench mortar yesterday afternoon, which killed a lieutenant and 10 enlisted men. Five others were wounded. The number of fatalities was increased to 11 by the death today of Privates H. L. Davidson, of Fort Worth, and Alfred J. Woodie, of Abilene, Texas.

It was learned today Private Dewey Tillman, who was among those fatally injured, was formerly a resident of Atlanta, where his parents now live. Tillman died last night. He enlisted at Laredo, Texas.

Whether the shell was over-sized, whether the gun was jammed with another shell or whether there was faulty construction somewhere will be developed. The English instructors at the camp are mystified by the explosion.

About a hundred shells had been fired from the gun when the explosion occurred.

## AGITATING AGAINST VON HINDENBURG

London, May 9.—Former influential officers in the German army, supporters of Von Moltke, the former chief of staff, are agitating against Field Marshal von Hindenburg on the ground that the German successes in the western front have not reached expectations, according to reports in The Hague, transmitted under reserve by the correspondent of The Daily Mail.

Another report which, according to the correspondent, appears to have some foundation, is that a sharp conflict of opinion has arisen between Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General Ludendorff and the crown prince on one side, an Chancellor von Hertling and Foreign Secretary von Kuehmann on the other. The emperor after considerable wavering is said to have inclined to Von Hertling's side, although hesitatingly.

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