

Haig's Fliers Account for Three Times the Number Lost Since Offensive Began.

BOMBS DROPPED BY TONS.

And a Million Rounds of Ammunition Fired at Ground Targets by British Airmen.

NEW POWER FOR DEFENSE

German Aerial Force on the Somme Has Been Distinctly Outclassed.

(New York Times.) London, April 6.—From authoritative sources The New York Times correspondent learns that the possibilities of aircraft in defense have been considerably developed in the present battle in France.

It is difficult to estimate the results really obtained, but something can be learned by questioning prisoners. What has been learned in this way is distinctly satisfactory.

Low flying aircraft cannot be dealt with by other aircraft. They have to be dealt with by infantry or artillery from the ground.

To talk of the line being held by airplanes, as has lately been done, is not justified by the facts, and gives the infantry, who do hold the line, some reason for complaint.

The former are all machines which have been actually seen lying broken on the ground or in flames in the air.

Excluding the bombs dropped in raids on Germany, British aircraft dropped during the same period 179 1-4 tons of bombs by day and 151 tons by night, a total of 300 1-4 tons.

When it is remembered that in order to fire upon ground targets the airplane has to take a special dive and in each dive fires only ten or twelve rounds perhaps, some idea can be formed of the enormous amount of work represented by these fighters.

In a single day one British brigade captured 22 German airplanes and drove down seven. The air authorities dislike such phrases as "mastery of the air."

It would, however, be the truth to say that the British airplanes on the battlefield possess at the present time a marked local predominance, show greater efficiency than the enemy, and are capable of performing more work.

The war will never be won in the air in the sense of being won by aircraft alone, but the importance of the aerial arm in conjunction with the other arms of the British fighting forces is steadily growing.

Last month's long-distance bombing raids comprised thirteen British raids on German towns and only one German raid upon London.

Farmers Doing Wrong.

One thing we find wrong, that too many of the farmers still persist in doing and this is burning stalks and grass. We still have many who think fire is the first thing to use in the spring.

The name of General Ferdinand Foch, the head of all the Allied Armies, is pronounced as though it rhymed with "bosh."

HIGH SPOTS IN AMERICA'S FIRST YEAR OF WAR.

(Charlotte Observer.) April 6, 1917—America declares a state of war with Germany. April 8.—Austria severs relations with United States. April 20.—Turkey severs relations with United States. May 4.—First batch of American destroyers begin co-operation with British in submarine zone.

December 5.—Wilson asks that war be declared upon Austria. December 6.—Destroyer Jacob Jones sunk by German submarine with loss of more than 40 Americans.

January 16.—Fuel Administrator Harry Garfield issues his "workless day" order. January 31.—Announcement is made that American troops are occupying first line trenches.

February 3.—Official announcement that Americans are on the Lorraine front. February 5.—Tuscania, carrying American troops, is torpedoed, with 82 known dead and 216 unaccounted for.

February 9.—American prisoners taken by Germans during raids on first line trenches. February 11.—President Wilson addresses Congress on peace aims, replying to German and Austrian chancellors.

March 1.—Bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for housing shipbuilders becomes law. March 5.—President reorganizes war industries board and makes B. M. Baruch chairman with vast powers.

March 11.—President Wilson sends reassuring message to Russian soviets. March 14.—Senate adopts conference report on Administration railroad bill which provides revolving fund of half-billion dollars for government operation of roads.

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But this is only the beginning. The giant has only just begun to put forth his strength in men, ships, munitions and money.

250,000 RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

Gathered in Eastern Ukraine to Escape German Troops.

London, April 6.—More than 250,000 refugees form the regions taken from Russia by Germany are seeking safety from the German troops on the eastern frontiers of the Ukraine. The Russian Government, according to a wireless statement issued Friday, has notified the German Government that since the conclusion of peace the situation has become intolerable, and the refugees have concentrated on the frontiers of the provinces of Smolensk, Vitebsk, and Mohiley.

The Russian Government says it proposes to open the frontiers for these refugees until their definite fate is settled.

PROGRESS IN WAR SAVINGS.

North Carolina Sold Over Two Million Dollars of Stamps. Sale Equals \$1.00 Per Capita. Post-offices Gain Sale of a Million Dollars.

Winston-Salem, April 10.—North Carolina has reached her first milestone in the War Savings Campaign, announced State Headquarters here today. The amount of her sales for the month of March shows that she has sold at least \$1 per capita.

The amount of sales by the post-offices in March, according to a statement from headquarters, has been over \$1,000,000 more than the total sales for December, January and February. The reports made by the post-offices to Headquarters show that these agencies have been unusually active during the past month.

The postoffice at Washington reported \$25,000 from the sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps for March. The postoffice at Lexington reported \$23,222; Waynesville's postoffice reported \$21,244.25; Marion \$15,264.50; Warrenton \$15,001.94; Concord \$12,584.93; Murphy \$9,384.25; and Trenton \$7,645. These reports include the postoffice sales for the counties which they represent and not for the individual towns.

A sale of \$1 per capita, as was explained at State Headquarters today, does not represent all the activities of the Campaign or what it has yet accomplished. The amount of pledges taken up to this time amount to several millions of dollars. The amounts subscribed through the Limit Club Members alone is over \$2,000,000.

While one million dollars shows a healthy increase, State Headquarters says that the increase must be still greater if North Carolina goes "over the top" this year.

SEAPLANES PLAY HAVOC AMONG SUBMARINES.

British Admiralty Describes Ten Cases Where Airmen Recently Sank U-Boats With Bombs.

London, April 6.—Details concerning the destruction recently of ten German submarines by a naval aircraft, eight by seaplanes and the others by dirigibles, have been obtained by the Associated Press from Admiralty reports. The first case is described as follows:

"While on patrol in the English Channel a seaplane sighted a submarine eight miles away, directly in the path of an oncoming convoy of merchant ships. The seaplanes dive at ninety miles an hour. The submarine attempted to escape by submerging, but was just awash as the plane reached a bombing position and released two bombs, which exploded on the conning tower of the U-boat. The seaplane dropped two more bombs into the midst of the bubbles from the collapsed submarine, which was of the largest type, carrying two guns."

The second case: "At dawn a seaplane sighted a large submarine on the surface, with a member of crew standing by the gun. The seaplane dropped a bomb on the tail of the U-boat and afterward photographed the sinking submarine, with a big hole in its deck. A second bomb was dropped close to the submarine's bow and the U-boat collapsed."

The third case: "Two seaplanes attacked a large submarine traveling on the surface at fourteen knots, with two men in the coming tower. A bomb was exploded close to the conning tower, and the submarine began to sink stern first. A bomb from a second seaplane completed the work."

The fourth case "Three patrol planes sighted a large submarine as it was submerging and dropped two bombs close to the conning tower, causing the submarine to turn turtle and disappear in a mass of oil and wreckage."—New York Times.

Pick a Place in the Sun.

The ideal exposure for the garden is a slight slope to the south or southeast. This protects it from the cold north winds of early spring while at the same time affording, good natural drainage. Of course not every gardener can find such a spot for his garden. Natural protection afforded by buildings, wind-breaks, fences, etc. should, however, be considered in picking out the garden spot.

Men who cannot read and write can not enter the United States Navy.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—J. R. Lowell.

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