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By International News Service.

Paris, Jan. 1.—A thrilling duel in the air between George R. Lufberry, an American aviator, and a German adversary is chronicled in dispatches from the front.

The duel came just after Lufberry had shot down his sixth enemy flyer. Intent on avenging his comrade, a German sailed out to give battle. He succeeded in putting five bullet holes through the American's machine before Lufberry could get into position to retaliate.

Both men were using monoplanes and could fire only from the front end. Round and round in a circle they chased each other. Neither was able to fire effectively, and finally the German abandoned the fight and flew back to his own lines.

Lufberry's machine was seriously damaged by the German's first shots and he experienced difficulty in making the French lines.