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JOFFRE HOPES FLAG WILL FLY IN FRANCE

American Soldiers Are Wanted in Trenches.

GERMANY FEARS NEW ARMY

France and America Again Are Fighting for Liberty.

EARLIER PEACE EXPECTED

Advent of Troops of New Ally Will Bring About Victories That Will Hasten End of War, Says Hero of Marne.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Marshal Joffre told the people of America today, through Washington newspaper correspondents who called upon him, that France cherishes the confident hope that the flag of the United States soon will be flying on her battle lines. Victories sure to be won by the soldiers of the two republics, once more fighting shoulder to shoulder for liberty, declared the hero of the Marne, will "hasten the end of the war and tighten the links of affection and esteem which have ever united France and the United States."

Unit at a Time Wanted. The marshal, replying to questions, said he deemed it advisable to send one American unit at a time to France rather than to wait for the complete equipment of a big army because of transportation problems.

He said, too, that he did not think Americans now with the French army should be withdrawn to serve under the American flag, except, possibly, a few specialists, who might be useful in developing the training of the new American force. He paid hearty tribute to the valor of Americans now fighting for France.

American officers, he believed, were fully competent to train American men, and he gave it as his opinion that an American army would develop rapidly.

Washington Tomb Visited. It was just before the marshal and other members of the French war mission started for a visit to the tomb of George Washington at Mount Vernon that the correspondents, among them several women, were received.

The famous leader, wearing his uniform—a blue jacket, brilliant red trousers and leather puttees—took a position at the head of the table in the reception-room while his callers began to file by. As each approached he spoke his name and the name of the newspaper he represented. It was reported to the marshal in French, there was a clasp of hands and, in the case of those correspondents who spoke French, a word or two of greeting.

Cheers Greet Statement. Then the marshal took from the pocket of his jacket two typewritten sheets of paper and began in French. His voice was even and soft. American and French officers stood just behind at attention.

When the marshal concluded the correspondents applauded and he smiled. A military aide read an English version, which he explained was hurriedly made and imperfect. As the last word was read and the correspondents realized the importance of the marshal's remarks there was a burst of applause, then cheers—cheers so loud that they reached the ears of a crowd of men and women waiting outside to catch a glimpse of the French hero as he started for Mount Vernon.

Speech Is Censored. An American sentry pacing up and down outside the room lowered his gun and discreetly peered in through the window just as the gray-haired soldier of France, enthusiastically showing his appreciation, was cheered again even louder than before.

A translation of Marshal Joffre's formal statement issued through the State Department was expurgated and did not contain vital passages relating to the marshal's previously known desire for the presence of an American force in France. The translation follows:

"The very cordial welcome given me by the city of Washington and the expressions of sympathy which reached me from states and cities throughout the United States have moved me deeply since they are a homage paid to the whole French army which I represent here.

Efficiency of Army Increased. "The heroism and resolution of the soldiers of France indeed deserves all the affection the United States has shown them. After having in a supreme effort defeated and thrown back a barbarous enemy, the French army has untiringly labored to increase and perfect its efficiency. And now in the third year of the war it is attacking the enemy with greater vigor and material force than ever before.

"Side by side with it and animated by no less heroic spirit stands the British army, whose formation and development will ever remain the admiration of the world. The Germans have realized its wonderful growth. Every encounter has made them feel the increasing menace of its strength. The contempt they pretended to feel for it in the early days of the war has gradually... (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

2 GUARD COMPANIES UNDER QUARANTINE

TWO CASES OF SPINAL MENINGITIS ARE FOUND.

Patients Go to Vancouver Hospital and Commands Will Move to Clackamas Camp Today.

Companies A and B, of the Third Oregon Infantry, are quarantined in the Armory, at Tenth and Couch streets, on account of two well-defined cases of spinal meningitis that have developed there in the last two days. The quarantined troops, numbering more than 250 men and officers, will be moved to a detention camp at Clackamas station today and kept in quarantine there for three or four weeks until danger from infection has passed. Both victims were removed from the Armory to the military hospital at Vancouver Barracks. Private Olin, a member of Company B, of Portland, was reported last night to be in a serious condition. Private Barton, of Company B, of McMinnville, was suffering from a well-developed case, but was reported to have better chances of recovery. Major M. B. Marcellus, regimental surgeon, is in charge of both cases.

CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY

Older Men Probably Would Not Be Called Because of Danger of Disorganizing Industries and Inefficiency in Field.

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TIES INTERLACED IN TRACK

Attempt to Wreck Western Pacific Train Discovered in Time.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., April 29.—(Special.)—An attempt to wreck a Western Pacific passenger train one mile south of here was discovered by Albert Berg, a county bridge watchman, this morning. Berg happened to walk up the track a short distance from the bridge and found four ties interlaced on the track. The ties were found near where the southbound limited was wrecked two weeks ago.

Berg reported the matter to the authorities, who are making an investigation.

SEVEN MINERS SUFFOCATE

Break in Flume of Mountain King Property Shuts Off Air.

MERCED, Cal., April 29.—Seven miners employed in the Mountain King mine, Mariposa County, were killed by suffocation last night when a break in the flume, running to the mine, shut off the power. With the electric current cut off it was impossible either to pump air into the mine or to work the hoist to bring the miners to the surface.

The bodies were discovered early this morning.

FRENCH FISHERMEN SHOT

Refuge in Rigging Sought by 21 on Attacked Boats Saves None.

PARIS, April 29.—Twenty-one members of the crews of two French fishing boats who took refuge in the rigging after their craft had been attacked by a submarine, were shot to the last man, according to a Nantes dispatch to Gaulois.

The French Maritime League immediately opened an emergency subscription for the 62 children who were left without parents.

74 AMERICANS TAKE FIELD

Half Dozen Detachments Soon to Be on Duty in France.

PARIS, April 29.—A detachment of 74 volunteers for the American ambulance field service arrived here yesterday. The detachment includes men from Chicago, Stanford and other universities.

FRENCH CROPS ARE SHORT

Lack of Fertilizer and Excessive Rains Contribute to Failure.

PARIS, April 29.—Reports of an investigation conducted by the Department of Agriculture indicate that the forthcoming crops will be much less satisfactory than those of last year. Insufficient preparation of the soil, lack of fertilizer and unusually heavy rains are named as contributory factors.

BRITISH HOLD BALKAN GAIN

Heavy Losses Inflicted on Foe, Who Attempts Recapture.

LONDON, April 29.—A determined effort was made Thursday night to eject the British from the positions gained by them in their attack on the Macedonian front earlier in the week. The British defeated this effort, inflicting heavy losses on their adversaries, the War Office announces.

HOUSE OBSTACULAR ON DRAFT LIMIT OF 40

Senate May Have to Recede From Stand.

CHAMBERLAIN READY TO YIELD

President May Be Empowered to Provide Classes.

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CHINA MAY DECLARE WAR IN TWO WEEKS

PARLIAMENT IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON ISSUE SOON.

American Minister Receives Military Governors Who Recently Advised Declaration.

PEKIN, April 29.—A declaration of war against Germany by China is expected within a fortnight. The special commission for international affairs designated by the Government has advised that China enter the war. The question will go before Parliament shortly. The American Minister, Dr. Paul Reinsch, held a reception at the legation today to 20 Provisional Military Governors composing the military conference which recommended recently that China declare war. The Governors were received with full military honors by the legation guard and were welcomed by Dr. Reinsch and prominent members of the American colony. The Minister made an address congratulating the Governors on evidences of co-operation in all parts of China, and assured them that they had the best wishes of the United States.

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EUROPEANS DEFENDING GIGANTIC FORTRESS

Lines Prepared Clear Back to Germany.

EVERY POSITION IS UTILIZED

Millions of French and Belgians Await Deliverance.

INVADERS FEAR HATRED

Efforts to Win Over People in Occupied Territory Fail—Devastation of Country Is Menace of Slow Retirement.

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RESERVE LIST TO CLOSE TOMORROW

WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHS FINAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Officers' Training Camp at San Francisco Will Open May 15. Notifications on Way May 5.

The examining boards for applicants for the Officers' Reserve Corps training camps will remain open up to 6 o'clock Tuesday, May 1, and no examinations of certifications after that time will be made. It was announced last night at the office of Major Phisterer and Captain Sherman Miles in the Worcester building. An official telegram from the Western Department at San Francisco, to the Portland office yesterday reads: "The War Department instructions April 28 make the following modification of orders heretofore issued: Actual instructions at training camps will begin May 15. Those authorized by these headquarters will be ordered by these headquarters to report at camp on dates between May 19 and May 14 inclusive. List of selected citizens will be announced May 5. Selected citizens and authorized to attend will be notified individually, and instructed by these headquarters of date they will report at camp. Examining officers Western Department will make no examinations after May 1."

CLERKS UNLOAD FREIGHT

Effort Made to Relieve Congestion in San Francisco Yards.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Sunday clothes were discarded for overalls by nearly 200 department heads and clerks of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company here today in a successful effort to relieve freight congestion caused by the strike Saturday of 500 freight handlers and checkers. Headed by Superintendent T. Ahearn, the "strikebreakers" started to work at 7 o'clock this morning. At 8 o'clock this afternoon they had unloaded 80 box cars.

28 RACE HORSES BURNED

Seventh Incendiary Fire in Month Occurs at New York Park.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The stable of Schuyler L. Parsons and H. K. Knapp at Belmont Park was burned tonight and the 28 race horses quartered there died in the flames. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. On April 7 the incendiary fire were set at the park and \$1,000,000 damage was done.

SOCIALIST MAY BE NAMED

President Considers Appointments for Russian Mission.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—President Wilson has under consideration the appointment of an American Socialist to the commission headed by Elihu Root, which soon will be sent to Russia. John Mitchell, ex-president of the United Mine Workers, has been put forward as a labor representative on the commission.

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ALLIES LAY WREATH ON TOMB AT VERNON

British, French and American Flags Fly.

DEMOCRACIES JOIN IN PLEDGE

Balfour, Joffre and Viviani Honor Washington.

NATION'S AIMS UNCHANGED

America Declared to Be Fighting Now, as in 1776, to Preserve Liberty Against Encroachment of Despotisms.

MOUNT VERNON, Va., April 29.—The flags of Great Britain, France and the United States floated proudly together today over the tomb of George Washington. Beneath them, spokesman of the three great democracies paid homage to America's soldier and statesman and pledged themselves, each to the other in the name of the dead, to prosecute the present mighty struggle against autocracy on the lines he himself had followed in bringing America into being.

Nature was in her most bounteous garb. The evergreens, eternal sentinels before the tomb, stood out boldly in the new life just blossoming. The only sign of human change since Washington was laid to rest so long ago was the flags of the three allies over the arched entrance to the tomb itself.

Sun Bursts On Tomb.

In groups of twos and threes, an eminent gathering, including the members of the French and British war commissions, the President's Cabinet and members of Congress, had strolled up through the sloping grounds from the river bank until perhaps half a hundred stood with bared heads in a semi-circle before the tomb.

The day, which had been heavy and threatening all the while, suddenly burst into sunlight, which played through the trees on the uniforms and faces of those assembled.

Without formality, Secretary Daniels motioned to M. Viviani, Minister of Justice and ex-Premier of France, who advanced slowly into the center.

Emotion of Speech Impresses.

Before the tomb of Washington, whose efforts toward liberty his own ancestors had gloriously aided, M. Viviani delivered an address in which the whole force of his emotional power, deepened by the significance and solemnity of the occasion, fought for expression. The spectators, though most of them could not understand French, caught the suppressed feeling and fire of the orator and, with few words, sobriety, and as he finished the silence became supreme with the general realization that no applause could express the emotions aroused.

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