

## VINDICATION WON BY CHAMBERLAIN

### Oregon Statesman Refutes Charge of Untruth.

### U.S. SENATE LISTENS AMAZED

### Startling, Convincing Reply Made to Statement of President Wilson.

### INEFFICIENCY IS ASSAILED

### Thousands of Deaths in Camps Attributed to Lack of Proper Action.

### HIGH SPOTS IN SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN'S REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT.

I openly charge that the hundreds and thousands of deaths in the training camps are due to inefficiency in the War Department.

I fear neither God, man nor the devil when it comes to telling the truth.

President Wilson doesn't know the truth about the War Department; I do.

Fraught with no cantonment in the country has trench mortars, machine guns, howitzers or large-caliber cannon.

America stands today unprepared, as far as ordnance is concerned.

It is not a question between the President and myself; it is a question of America.

The Secretary of War tells us we have nine of these (machine) guns. Nine guns to go up against the millions of Germany!

Germany knows more about what America is doing today than anyone connected with our departments. America would be better off if she came out in the spotlight.

I assume responsibility for the speech (his address in New York last Saturday) as printed.

God grant every man will write home and tell of conditions as they are; not to stay patriotic, but to stimulate it in the right direction.

### OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 24.—President Wilson, on Monday night, issued a statement saying Senator Chamberlain's speech in New York last Saturday was "an astonishing and unjustifiable distortion of the truth."

Senator Chamberlain, in a three hours' speech in the Senate today, proved by a letter signed by Woodrow Wilson himself that the White House statement in question was "an astonishing and unjustifiable attack on a Senator who knew and had told the truth."

### Accusers Help Vindicate.

This morning Senator Chamberlain was on the defensive, placed there by the President; tonight President Wilson and Secretary Baker—the entire military administration, in fact—are on the defensive, for Senator Chamberlain vindicated himself, and did so with the written word and the oral testimony of the very officials who have been his accusers.

### Senator Chamberlain made good.

### Whole Country Enlightened.

Remarkable in many respects, the speech of Senator Chamberlain was perhaps most important, in that it demonstrated to the country that President Wilson does not know what has been going on in the military branch of the Government; does not know how the Army has been mismanaged; does not know what offenses have been committed against the boys in khaki under the guise of patriotism.

Senator Chamberlain made it very plain that the President does not know, because he has derived his information chiefly from Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War.

### Charitable Attitude Taken.

The Senator did not charge that Secretary Baker deliberately misled or misinformed the President. Rather, he took the charitable ground that Secretary Baker himself did not know the deplorable plight of the American military machine, and his authority for charging ignorance against

## STRICKEN FRANCE TURNS TO AMERICA

"HOW SOON WILL YOU BE HERE?" IS UNIVERSAL CRY.

Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, Former Red Cross Head, Brings Patriotic Message to This Country.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Everywhere in France the question is being asked: "How soon will America be here?" according to Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, former head of the American Red Cross work in France, at a reception given in his honor here today.

"You do not know what America means over there," he said. "Everywhere you go, whether you are talking to soldiers in the trenches, men in the hospitals, the widows and the mothers in the rear; whether you are talking to statesmen, business men, college professors or what not, the question is always the same. 'How soon will America be here?' " "This war will be won by the nation which has the grit to stick out longer than the other fellow. America has the greatest opportunity and the greatest obligation that was ever given to any nation in history, and I pray to God that we will live up to it. " "The man in this country who, for selfish purpose, personal vanity, pride of party, pride of locality, or pride of consideration, stands in the way of the prompt and effective development of our country to fight this war is worse than a German in the trenches."

## GERMANY STILL STRONG

But Enemy Staggered and Now Is Time to Strike, Says Canadian.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Germany is just as strong today as she ever was, Lieutenant Andrew Nalmsmith, of the Canadian Field Artillery, told 1500 delegates attending the convention of the Vocational Education Association of the Middle West today.

"Germany has made two mistakes which will cost her the war, however," he added. "In the first place, she failed to mobilize enough men to accomplish her purpose at the beginning and, secondly, she started too late in her attempt to crush France. We have Germany staggering at the present time and now is the time to drive home and drive home hard."

## NEBRASKA CORN IN DANGER

Crops Piled on Ground for Lack of Storage; U. S. Aid Sought.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 24.—Help in moving Nebraska corn to save it from total loss was sought in a telegram sent today by Governor Keith Neville of Nebraska, to Director-General McAdoo.

The telegram recited that in one county, one million bushels of corn is piled unprotected on the ground, and that unless cars are provided quickly practically all of this will be lost. The three elevators in the county are filled to capacity and there is no place to store the corn.

## JOHN D.'S WEALTH LISTED

Cuyahoga Auditor Locates \$880,000,000, but Says There Is More.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 24.—County Auditor Zangerle today sent figures and information on the property holdings of John D. Rockefeller in Cuyahoga County to J. A. Cantor, president of the New York City tax department.

The figures show that Mr. Rockefeller holds 247,692 shares of Standard Oil stock, worth \$569,000,000, and held real property in Cuyahoga County worth \$211,000,000 in 1914. Mr. Zangerle says Mr. Rockefeller owns many other millions in United States Steel and other stocks, and has paid less than \$10,000 taxes here in four years.

## RED CITIZENS MUST SERVE

Warm Springs Indians' Plea for Exemption Denied.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 24.—Warm Springs Indians called in the draft will have to discharge their duty to their Government, notwithstanding protests made by them in a recent petition. The Provost Marshal General, in acknowledging the petition filed recently by Senator McNary, says:

"Only non-citizen Indians are entitled to exemption. The administrative authority cannot vary this prescription. We can do nothing more than file the petition."

## VANCOUVER ELECTS WOMAN

Mrs. Ralph Smith to Succeed Late Husband in Provincial Legislature.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 24.—Early returns indicated the election here today of Mrs. Ralph Smith to the seat left vacant in the provincial legislature by her husband, the late Hon. Ralph Smith.

Mrs. Smith was leading in every ward of the city. Her majority may reach 1500.

## NEWPORT ORDERS DRASTIC

Sentries to Shoot Prowlers First and Inquire Afterward.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 24.—Unusual precautions to guard the water supply of this city and naval and military establishments were taken today. All the sentries had orders to shoot prowlers first and ask questions afterwards.

## U. S. SENDS BLISS TO HIGH WAR COUNCIL

General Reaches Paris to Begin Duties.

## AMERICA'S AIMS TO BE TOLD

Greatest Possible Offensive May Follow.

## GERMAN DRIVE COMING

Military Authorities Inclined to Believe Teutons Staging Big Bluff Preparatory to Making Another Peace Move.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—General Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff, who arrived in Paris today, will represent the United States Army on the Supreme War Council.

Secretary Baker in so announcing tonight disclosed that the General is accompanied by high officers of every branch of the service to advise him about any questions that may arise.

General Bliss attended the first meeting of the Council. The decision to send him back to Europe as a permanent representative in that body was made because it was recognized that General Pershing's duties in organizing and commanding the ever-increasing American expeditionary forces were too great to permit him to undertake the presentation of American views on military operations and to sit with the Council in framing plans of strategy that cover all fronts and all armies.

Full Report to Be Made.

No word of the departure of General Bliss had been published until the news of his safe arrival came today.

From General Bliss the War Council will obtain an up-to-the-minute report on what the United States will be able to contribute to operations on the western front this Spring and Summer.

His report has been forecast to some extent by President Wilson's statement to Congressional visitors "that there would be in Europe in June twice the number of American troops which it had been originally planned to send by that time."

General Bliss also can inform his conferees exactly the situation in which the United States finds itself now as to delivery of supplies of all sorts to the allies.

Greater Offensive Hinted At.

While Secretary Baker's statement merely said that General Bliss had arrived in France to represent the Army on the Council, there have been intimations that renewed recommendations

## WORKERS TO RULE WORLD—SCHWAB

LABOR DESTINED TO SOLVE BIG ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.

In New York Address Steel King Says All Must Stand Behind "Our Nation and Cause."

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, declared in an address at a dinner here tonight that the time is near at hand "when the men of the working class—the men without property—will control the destinies of the world."

"The Bolshevik sentiment must be taken into consideration," Mr. Schwab declared, "and in the very near future we must look to the worker for a solution of the great economic questions now being considered. I am not one to turn over carelessly my belongings for the uplift of the Nation, but I am one who has come to believe that the worker will rule, and the sooner we realize this the better it will be for our country and the world at large."

"In these times of war we of America should not criticize the actions of our President and our Nation. We are behind him and we are behind the Nation. When I say 'we' I mean the steel men of the United States. Within the next 18 months we will have more tonnage on the ocean than all the nations of the world."

"But don't let us run away with the idea that we have a light job on our hands. We must realize that it is the duty of every citizen to give his last dollar and his last drop of blood in defense of his country."

## GERMAN DESTROYERS SUNK

Mines or Torpedoes Wreak Disaster to War Vessels Near Helgoland.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 24.—Seventeen men from a German destroyer which was struck by a mine or torpedo have landed on the west coast of Jutland. The sailors relate that five German destroyers on Sunday morning started for Helgoland. The destroyer A-79 struck a mine and sank. The A-73, hastening to the aid of the other, also struck a mine and sank. The three remaining destroyers, fearing the same fate, turned southward.

The whole crew of the A-73 perished, while only 17 of the A-79 survived. Nineteen of the men were saved, but two have since died.

## POLICE JOBS LURE MANY

Applications for Examination by City Civil Service Board Made.

Many men are anxious to get jobs on the police force, judging from the applications received by the Municipal Civil Service Board for the patrolmen's examination to be held at the City Hall, February 7.

Secretary Bortzmeier, of the Civil Service Board, reported yesterday that he has received a large number of applications for blanks and expects to have a big class in the examination. From the list of men passing the examination, appointments to the police force will be made during the ensuing year.

## SHIP BOARD RID OF ARCHITECT FERRIS

Demotion Bared During Sloan Hearing.

## PROFITS FOR WORK ARE BIG

Besides \$2500 Monthly Salary, Fees Total \$58,000.

## 'PATRIOTIC' ACTS ARE TOLD

Head of Sloan Shipyards Says in Selling Ship Contracts to U. S. at Profit, Clinchfields Really Made 'Patriotic Sacrifice.'

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 24.—Theodore E. Ferris, appointed by General Goethals as naval architect of the Shipping Board, no longer occupies that office. The manner and time of his going is still held secret, but the fact that he is gone became known today.

Perhaps the reason for his going was contained in the testimony given today before the Senate commerce committee by Phillip D. Sloan, of Seattle, president of the Sloan Shipyards Corporation. According to Mr. Sloan, this situation existed:

Big Fee is Provided.

Mr. Ferris is in the employ of the Clinchfield Navigation Company of New York, which secured for the Sloan yard contracts for 16 wooden ships.

Mr. Ferris has received or is to receive a fee of 1 per cent on 12 of the ships, which are to cost \$490,000 each. Mr. Ferris' fee therefore is \$4900 per ship, or \$58,800 in all.

He is to receive this fee for his services as architect in designing the ships. The Clinchfield Company is to pay half the fee; the Sloan Company is to pay the other half. Mr. Sloan has not yet paid his half.

Testimony at Variance.

These additional facts are well known, but were so related by Mr. Sloan:

1. The ships for which Mr. Sloan holds contracts are to be built according to the standard Ferris plan.

2. The Ferris plan is property of the Government, and for drawing them Mr. Ferris was paid a salary of \$2500 per month.

3. Mr. Ferris testified some days ago that he was receiving no commissions from firms building for the Shipping Board according to his plans.

4. The testimony of Mr. Sloan and of Mr. Ferris does not agree.

Whatever the cause, Mr. Ferris is out and the testimony which Mr. Sloan gave was only confirmatory of information.

## AMMUNITION FROM U. S. GOES TO HUNS

DESPITE WAR, 2 SHIPS CARRY MUNITIONS TO ENEMY.

American Defense Society Exposes Illicit Trade in Open Letter to Senator Chamberlain.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Although the United States has been at war with Germany since April 6, last, ships carrying ammunition destined for Germany cleared at New York as late as last month, the American Defense Society declared today in an open letter to Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate committee on military affairs.

"On December 20, last," the letter said, "a steamer which had been cleared by Federal authorities for Copenhagen at New York carried half a million rounds of German small arms ammunition and on December 31 another steamer sailing from New York carried a million rounds of ammunition either manufactured or stored in this country and intended for Germany."

Co-ordination of the various Government intelligence bureaus and "the strict enforcement of military measures against the enemy in this country" were urged in the letter to Senator Chamberlain.

## CHINESE PROFESS REGRET

Attack on U. S. Gunboat in Yangtze Kiang River to Be Investigated.

PEKIN, Jan. 24.—The Foreign Office has expressed regret for the attack on the American gunboat Monocacy in the Yangtze Kiang River last week, in which one sailor was killed and two others were wounded. The Foreign Office has promised to make an investigation and to give reparations.

A patrol of the river by foreign warships is likely to result from recommendations made by the diplomatic body.

## GERMAN FLOODS DO DAMAGE

Sudden Rise of River Nahe Causes Collapse of Town.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 24.—Telegrams from Frankfurt to Dutch newspapers report that the recent sudden rise of the River Nahe, a tributary of the Rhine, caused damage of several million marks to German property.

The town of Sobernheim, on the Nahe, with a population of about 3000, is reported to have collapsed like a pack of cards.

Floods are also causing considerable damage in various parts of Holland.

## ONE-CENT PAPERS NO MORE

New York Dailies to Advance Prices to Two Cents.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The one-cent daily papers of Greater New York, this morning and afternoon, will advance their price to two cents beginning Saturday morning next.

The Evening Post, now a three-cent paper, announced that beginning next Monday it would lower its price to two cents.

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## WAR CRISIS SEEN ON WESTERN FRONT

Great German Attacks Seem Impending.

## PEACE STRATEGY POSSIBILITY

British Critic Makes Attack on Lloyd George.

## ARMY POLICY QUESTIONED

Colonel Repington Points Out Heavy Reinforcements of Tendon Line and Says American Troops Not Arriving Rapidly.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The situation on the western front is critical, in the opinion of Colonel C. A. Repington, one of the foremost English military critics, who recently resigned from the Times and became military correspondent of the Morning Post.

In his first contribution to the Post, in today's issue, he criticises Premier Lloyd George and the War Cabinet severely because, he asserts, they have failed to maintain the strength of the British armies in the west, thereby creating the present conditions.

German Outnumber Allies.

The Germans, Colonel Repington says, now have 100 divisions on the western front, or more than all the allies combined, excluding the Italian theater. The number of German troops is being increased, he adds, at the rate of seven to 15 divisions monthly, and may be expected to reach more than 200 divisions as soon as it is possible to concentrate them.

The arrival of some Austrian forces also is to be expected, and news already has come of the appearance of Austrian troops in Belgium.

Great Attacks Impending.

Remarkable that the accumulation of this immense force may be either to support negotiations or for a grand attack, the writer says all the evidence points to the impending delivery of a series of great attacks.

Reviewing the strength of Great Britain's allies, Colonel Repington writes "The American troops are not coming in as fast as some sanguine estimates foretold, but I feel sure that General Balfour, who accompanied Mr. Balfour to the United States, must have given the War Cabinet a pretty accurate forecast. The American Army can be only a contingent during the next few months. This is all the more reason why we this year should place every available man in the field."

Navy in Good Shape.

The Colonel said the navy was in bad shape the first six months of the war and would have met disaster if there had been a test with the enemy, but that it was "fine" now.

He approved the war council and munitions director-general.

"I want to tell the people of England, particularly those ministerial politicians who beat about our losses, that our total casualties in killed, wounded and missing since the war began are but a little higher than the number of French dead. The only suitable recognition we can make of French heroism is to help them now in their hour of need."

Political Strategy Blamed.

Declaring that the British armies in France have not been maintained adequately since the death of Lord Kitchener, Colonel Repington says that "political strategy is first among the causes which have brought about the present critical situation on the western front."

He reiterates his previous criticism respecting the distribution of British forces in distant theaters of war, and warmly condemns "the failure of our War Cabinet, particularly the present Cabinet," to prolong the Kitchener policy of continually reinforcing our armies in the field with fresh divisions.

British Said to Be Outnumbered.

"Field Marshal Haig's recent statements which he says did not reach him in time to be properly trained and that he had to fight 12 German divisions with half that number," he added, "is the most damning indictment of the war cabinet that could have been made."

When Mr. Lloyd George became Premier, Colonel Repington goes on, he rejoiced because he thought it meant more vigorous prosecution of the war, and particularly the utilization of millions of civilians, but he found that it meant nothing of the sort.

Pursuing his criticism of the Lloyd George cabinet, he declares that "by imposing upon Haig a certain course of action contrary to that agreed upon at the allied conference of November, 1915, the cabinet incurred grave responsibility."

He says further that each man at the front has had to do the work of two, "because the Premier has lacked the courage to tell the country the truth and to pass on to the public the advice he must have received from any general staff conscious of its duty."

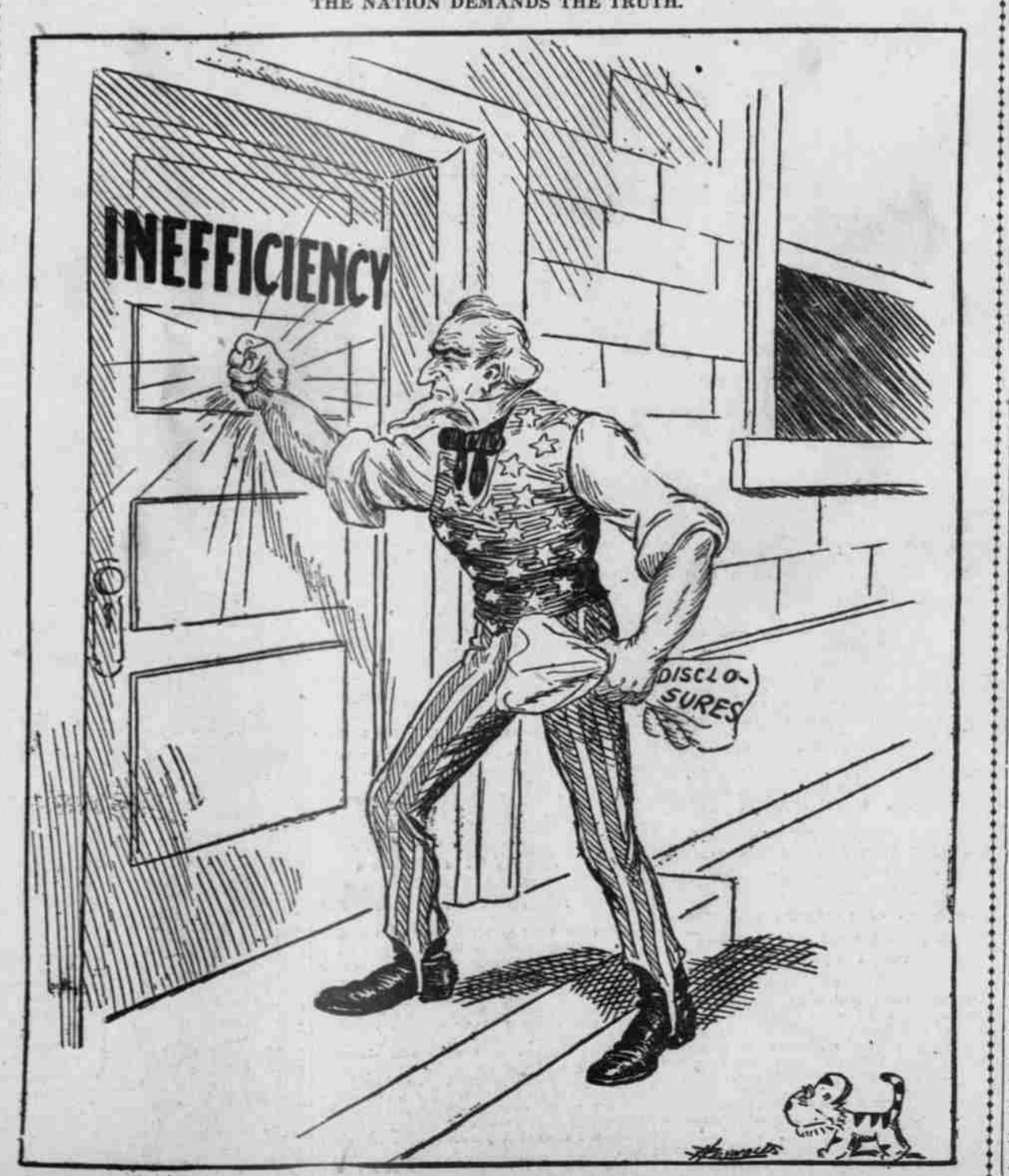
(By the Associated Press.) ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Jan. 23.—The enemy has evacuated territory on the northern mountain front behind Monte Tomba extending from the Piave River westward. Its defense lines have now

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