

BOSCHE ATTACK ON SLAVS HELD FUTILE

Washington Regards German Advance in Russia Vain Attempt to Gain Relief.

WEST FRONT MAIN MENACE

War Department Points Out That Despite All Teutons Say, War's Center of Gravity Is in France, Where Entente Is Strong.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Germany's advance in Russia is described by the War Department's weekly military review tonight as another futile attempt on the part of the Germans to shift the center of gravity of the war, which still remains on the west front, where the Teutons face the French, British, Italian, Belgian and ever-growing American forces. There, the review says, lie the key positions of the war. American troops now occupy trenches at four separate points and, as was recently disclosed, in the principal sector their front is four and a half miles long. They have been constantly engaged, the department says, and the scope of their activities is being constantly extended.

Nothing is found in the situation to indicate that the Germans have abandoned their plans for a great offensive in the west, and it says the allies, while assuming an alert defensive, are content to let the enemy break himself against their impregnable line.

Aerial Activity Great.

Intense air activity during the week is noted, with the statement that 214 enemy aircraft were brought down on the western front alone, while the allies lost only 53 machines on all fronts during the same period. The enemy loss on all fronts is placed at 272.

The review, in part, follows: "In spite of the fact that 150,000 square miles of Russian territory have been invaded during the past three weeks and the enemy now is sweeping forward into the heart of Russia and has reached a point within 70 miles of the capital, nevertheless the center of gravity of the war remains in the west."

"The Germans have for the last three and a half years done all in their power to upset the center of gravity and shift it eastward. This explains the successive blows struck in Russia and later in the Italian theater."

Offensive Is Expected.

"Notwithstanding the diversion of the minor campaigns, in Mesopotamia, Palestine and the Balkan front, the key positions of the war are France and Flanders."

"Here the strategic situation remains relatively constant. The enemy is completing the redistribution of available forces."

"There are some new units flowing into the lines in the nature of replacements."

"Nothing in the situation should lead us to estimate that the Germans have abandoned their plans of a major offensive in the west."

"Considering the tactics, positions, we know that the enemy has developed principal axes of activity, the one pivoting on Hindenburg, the other in Alsace in front of Neuville. The allies, while assuming an alert defensive, are resting content with allowing the enemy break the line and then repulsing his assaults against their impregnable line."

"The morale of the French and British forces never has been better."

American Forces Engaged.

"Our own forces have been constantly engaged. The scope of their activities is being daily extended. The number of our detachments in the line is increasing. We have troops in the trenches at four separate points. We now hold 4 1/2 miles of the battle front in our principal sector."

"Our patrols are continuously out on scouting missions, keeping in close contact with the enemy."

"In our Toul sector the Germans are carrying on extensive preparations, continuing to bring up fresh units and accumulating material, apparently with a view to undertaking more extensive operations."

"During the past seven-day period the Germans conducted no less than 20 hand-driven raids along the French front. The greater part of these were repulsed without difficulty."

"Along the British front the British continue to hold the initiative and drove forward a series of successful minor raids along the Ypres salient, as well as at many points southward."

Italy's Raids Frequent.

"The Germans made raids into the British lines at a large number of points."

"Along the whole sector hostile raiding is increasing and during two successive nights the Germans undertook no less than 19 operations which were more than mere raids."

"In the Italian theater heavy snow in the mountainous area has prevented further operations."

"Advices indicate that the enemy contemplates taking the offensive in the mountainous area, possibly in an effort to debauch the Val Lagarina into the plain. We may look for increased activity in this theater, which will develop spontaneously when preparations are developed and conditions more favorable."

"In the meantime Italy has recovered from the campaign of last Autumn."

THIS SORT OF TRAINING IS MAKING JAPANESE TROOPS FIT FOR WORK IN SIBERIA.



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TRENCH DRILL IN NIPOON.

The Siberian situation as an outgrowth of the Russian debacle is now in the forefront of the world's news. All eyes are centered on Japan, for the next move is up to her. It is believed that Japan has her army ready to invade Siberia to safeguard allied interests. Japan has reached an agreement with China and will most likely co-operate with her in any military action in Siberia.

This photograph shows some of the troops who may be used by Japan in Siberia. They are infantrymen in a practice trench along the slope of the hill waiting an attack by the cavalry.

DISTRUST IS VOICED

Section of British Press Opposes Japan in Siberia.

PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT

The Nation Declares That, With Russia Powerless, Nipponese Seek to Despoil Slavs in East as Has Germany in West.

LONDON, March 10.—Sharply contrasting views on Japan's intervention in Siberia are taken in the weekly reviews printed in the leading newspapers. The Spectator says:

"One question that matters is whether Japan, by her action can or cannot help us more easily to defeat Germany. The dislike of the proposed action of Japan is based upon varying degrees of mistrust. So far as we know, there is no reason whatever for this distrust. If it is seriously meant that every Japanese soldier should have a policeman to accompany him and keep the Japanese realistic ideas under proper control, all we can say is that the Anglo-Japanese alliance must have been a mistake from the beginning."

Danger Is Foreseen.

The Spectator points out the possibility of Germany seizing stores along the trans-Siberian railroad and in Vladivostok, and says that Germany always acts quickly unless Japan acts quickly she may be too late. Japan has always kept her obligations, says the Spectator, and so far as concerns jealousy between her and the United States, it is a thing of the past with the latter. The newspaper continues:

"Japan, we hope, is about to enter into full military alliance with the rest of us to save or lose everything for the whole world."

The Nation says:

"The decision, which may be one of the most momentous the world can take in our generation, seems to have been made without even so much as a pretense of public debate. It argues: 'The plain fact is that Russia is powerless, and imperialistic Japan seeks to despoil her in the East as Germany has despoiled her in the West.'"

Reasons Are Cited.

The Nation continues that the reactionary press of France and the imperialistic press of England made no secret of their wish to punish and, if possible, overthrow the Bolsheviks.

"We are committed to political intervention in Russia with an Asiatic army as our mandatory agent and with ultimate tragic political consequences to ourselves in India and Australia."

"But it thinks it is inconceivable that the labor party will support the policy and finds hope in the fact that Japanese opinion is divided concerning the step."

WOMEN ASKED TO OBEY

GENERAL PERSHING BEGS FOR WORK WHICH WILL DO GOOD.

Letters Filled With Gloom of No Good to Soldiers in France—Following Orders, as Men Do, Advised.

NEW YORK, March 10.—A message from General John J. Pershing, urging the women of the United States not to "try to work haphazard, but do what they are told," was brought to this country by Miss Carita Spencer, appointed chairman of the food for France fund by Justin Godart, French under Secretary of State for Medical Service and head of the French Service de Santé.

"Let the women of America, like the men, obey orders from the people over here," said General Pershing's message. "These people know what is wanted and what is to be done. Let the women not try to work haphazard, but do what they are told, and they will be

doing all that can be done. "Also, let them write to their boys over here cheerful letters, hopeful letters, not letters filled with gloom. The boys here are a brave lot and it is for their friends in America to keep them so. They order and work and write."

Miss Spencer, having just made a three-months' tour of inspection along the French front, visited every camp of the American forces and found the men in the highest spirits.

"Everybody has his shoulder to the wheel," she said, "and they are doing wonderful work. But our boys have plenty, while the French have less than any others, and since they have for more than three years stood between us and the German hordes, the least we can do for them is not to forget them in this hour of their extreme need."

Speaking again of the American forces, she continued:

"The keynote of the positive success of the American troops is their spirit of humility and willingness to learn from those who understand."

3000 SOLDIERS TO SING

CAMP LEWIS MEN MEET TODAY FOR MUSIC LESSON.

Uncle Sam Prepares Fighting Men to Go Into Battle Against Hun With Song on Their Lips.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., March 10.—Three thousand men from several regiments, will gather in the Liberty Theater tomorrow for the biggest singing festival yet staged at Camp Lewis. For 30 minutes the headquarters of an hour of the men in uniform will forget about the drills and digging trenches while they fill the big building with the rousing marching songs brought to camp by Robert Lloyd, camp singing instructor.

Teaching the men to sing has met with great favor among the men at camp. Mr. Lloyd started last week with an audience gathered at the theater to see a movie show and then various organizations were assigned to singing practices during the morning hours for the remainder of the week.

There is no classical music in the repertoire for the soldiers. The songs have a snappy rhyme and the music is of the sort that makes a man want to keep time with his feet. Mr. Lloyd uses nothing but his voice and a pocket tuning whistle and manages to have the audience singing the words with him after running over the air once or twice. The first day he taught the men three songs in 20 minutes and as they left the building they made the building reverberate with the newly learned songs and the tramp of hundreds of feet keeping time.

The singing instruction has been given the approval of Major-General H. A. Greene, who issued instructions ordering the men to report for singing practice as a part of the routine of preparing to meet the enemy overseas.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS

King Alfonso Summons Heads of All Political Parties.

MADRID, March 10.—King Alfonso today accepted the resignation of the entire cabinet headed by Marquis Alhucemas. The King has summoned to the palace the heads of the different political parties, Antonio Maura, the conservative leader; ex-Premier Eduardo Dato; Count Romanones, the liberal leader; Juan de la Cierva, Minister of War, and the Duke of Alba.

HUNS DROP MORE BOMBS

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Chinese across. New arrangements for sheltering the people and other precautions worked well and the authorities are generally satisfied that the effects of the raid were reduced to the lowest degree possible.

The American Red Cross mobilized 165 men at the first warning and ten cars sped off to points where bombs had fallen.

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BAG ALLOWANCE IS SET

FARMERS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT AT RATE OF 9 CENTS BUSHEL.

High Prices for Grain Sacks Are Found to Be Due to Cost of Purchase in Calcutta, India.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Farmers throughout the Western states will be allowed 9 cents a bushel, or approximately 20 cents each for bags of sacked wheat for the new crop of 1918, it was announced yesterday by R. A. Lewis, second vice-president of the Grain Corporation of the United States food administration and zone agent for California, Nevada and Arizona. The new price amounts to an increase of about 11 cents a bag over allowance for the 1917 crop and will assure the farmer an adequate return on the price he has to pay for new bags, it was said.

There has been agitation over the high prices being asked for bags for the new crop. A full investigation was held last week in Washington before the War Trade Board and the evidence went to show the present high prices are due to the high price demanded for bags in Calcutta and not to any speculation on the part of the bag men here.

While no definite allowance is set for barley, it is known that the value of the second-hand bags is added to the bulk value of the barley, and indirectly the farmer will get back just about the same proportion of the cost of his bags when he sells his barley. Many farmers, it was said, do not realize this, but feel that they have to stand the entire expense of sacking grain.

PATROL WORST GERMANS

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ing well-aimed bullets on certain points of the line. After daylight the post still continued working from shell holes with periscopes. American snipers tried to silence the enemy from their line, but were unsuccessful.

A sniping patrol was then organized by the Americans and went out in broad daylight. The result of this expedition has not been reported.

Today was the warmest in many

NEW STEEL SHIP DISABLED

Germans Believed to Have Tamped With Sacramento's Engine.

HONOLULU, T. H., March 10.—Bullet-shaped pieces of steel found near the opening of a cylinder in the engine-room of the steamer Sacramento, which was towed into this port a few days ago in a disabled condition, have added color to the already grave suspicions among shipping men that deliberate plans had been made by German agents to destroy the vessel on her maiden voyage. Because of the peculiar shape and size of the pieces of steel found it is believed that the steel was shot into the cylinder with an air-riveting pump just before the engines were installed in Seattle.

The Sacramento was the first big steel ship launched for the Emergency Fleet Corporation in a Seattle shipyard and was towed in by the Lurline, which found the Sacramento in a disabled condition 600 miles from the islands on the San Francisco-Honolulu route. A survey is being made by Lloyd's agent here to determine the truth of the story told by the engineering crew that the engine had been tampered with while being installed.

Strong and practically fireproof artificial sandstone has been made in the Philippines from beach sand and volcanic tuff.

LIBERTY TRUCKS RUSHED

Ninety Factories Turning Out New Vehicle in Record Time.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Reports received Saturday by Brigadier-General Chauncey B. Baker, head of the War Department's motor transport division, show that 90 factories are working to capacity on the standardized parts for the Liberty truck and that the entire program will have been completed before August.

Five hundred of the type A trucks will be delivered this month, 1500 in April, 2500 in May, 3000 in June and the remainder in July.

GASOLINE CAUSES DEATH

Spokane Insurance Man Asphyxiated in His Garage.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 10.—Dickinson Hall, an insurance man of this city, died from asphyxiation here today a few minutes after a neighbor had discovered him unconscious in his garage.

The building was closed and the engine of his automobile was running when he was found.

AGRI-CULTURE

Weather Conditions Favorable for Increased Aerial Activity.

Better weather conditions brought increased aerial activity. One or two aerial encounters were reported, but they had no definite results. The American anti-aircraft guns fired on numerous enemy planes, but they were well out of range. American artillery observers today flew over the lines in planes of the French squadron. All these machines returned safely.

LONDON, March 10.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office:

"Successful raids were carried out by us last night southwest of St. Quentin and southwest of Cambrai. Several of the enemy were killed and a few prisoners were captured by us."

ARTILLERY COMES TO LIFE

"Hostile artillery has been active in the Armentieres section east of Wytschaete and in the neighborhood of the Menin road."

"Early this morning, under the cover of a heavy bombardment, a hostile raiding party attacked our positions east of Armentieres. A few of our men are missing."

"Another attempted enemy raid east of Paschendale was repulsed by machine gun fire."

"The hostile artillery has shown a marked increase in activity on the front and the back areas from La Bassée Canal to Ypres."

PARIS, March 10.—German attacks failed in the Bois Le Pretre, Rellion and Letricourt sectors, according to the official statement issued by the War Office early today.

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