

1,500,000 U. S. BOYS TO FIGHT THIS YEAR

Supplemental Forces Back of Battle Front Will Bring Total to 2,000,000.

PROMISE TO FRANCE TOLD

British Amaze Expresses Over Plans of Americans—Italy Informally Asks for Yankee Troops on Its Front.

PARIS, May 16.—The United States has promised to have 1,500,000 fighting men in France by the end of 1918, says L'Homme Libre, Premier Clemenceau's newspaper.

These troops, it adds, must have their own organization and services, which will mean at least 2,000,000 specialists, workers, men in the quartermaster's department and others.

The newspaper says certain misunderstandings which had existed have been cleared up and that under no circumstances will allied workers or soldiers replace French workers in factories.

The presence of American workers on French soil will be in direct consequence of the presence of American fighters on the front.

LONDON, May 16.—American preparations on the western front are amazing in their immensity and plans are being made to care for 5,000,000 American troops, Harry E. V. Brittain, secretary of the English branch of the Pilgrims' Club, told the Royal Colonial Institute last night.

Indefinite Increase Predicted. If the Germans do not give in, he added, the number of American troops will be increased to any amount necessary.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Announcement by Premier Clemenceau's newspaper that the United States has promised to have 1,500,000 fighting men in France by the end of this year seems to forecast complete fulfillment of Secretary Baker's predictions of last January before the Senate military committee.

Divisions on the western front where American units are brigaded with the British and the French are known today, will fight under American commanders whenever American troops predominate.

The plan means that General Pershing soon may be placed in command of British and French units, as well as his own American troops.

In addition to this, as illustrative of the unity of the command under which General Foch directs the American and allied armies, it was said officially that Foch commands Italian troops in Italy as fully as he does American, French and British troops in France and Belgium.

Italy Asks for U. S. Troops. Italy, in an informal way, has made known to the United States that the presence of American troops on the Italian front is greatly to be desired, it became known here today. A few thousand men under the American flag, Italian officials say, would greatly increase the Italian civilian population and their troops.

Italy has an abundance of manpower, but desires the assistance that would be afforded by the presence of American forces. In the face of a threatened Austro-German offensive on the Italian front, the dispatch of American troops to Italy, it is declared, would convince the Italian people that America stands firmly behind their country.

German Propaganda Active. German propaganda is active in Italy from Sicily to the Alps, telling the people they are left to their own resources, that they are fighting a hopeless battle and that America has been bluffing.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—San Francisco and Northern California have contributed 4000 recruits to the British forces overseas since the United States declared war on Germany, according to figures compiled today by Captain F. K. Goord, officer in charge of the British recruiting mission here.

Washington and Oregon have sent 2200 men into the British ranks; Los Angeles and Southern California have contributed 2000 and Arizona has given 200, according to Goord's figures.

Official War Reports. American. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 16.—An official communication, timed 9 P. M., says: "In Lorraine patrolling was active and there was again an increase in the artillery fire. Otherwise the day was quiet at all points occupied by our troops."

British. LONDON, May 16.—Field Marshal Haig's report to British headquarters in France tonight says: "Beyond artillery activity on both sides, particularly on the battle front north of the River Somme, there is nothing of importance to report."

"Our troops raided the enemy's trenches last night, capturing a number of prisoners and a few prisoners." The official statement on aerial operations issued tonight says: "In the air fighting Tuesday six hostile machines were brought down and one was driven down out of control; one was shot down by anti-aircraft gunfire and one by infantry fire. Two of our machines are missing."

"Bombing continued actively during the night. Twelve tons were dropped on the railway stations at Lille, Menin, Chaulnes and Peronne, on billets at Rapaume and on the docks at Bruges. All our machines returned."

"On Wednesday a successful raid was made on railway stations, sidings at Thionville. Twenty-four heavy bombs were dropped. Bursts were observed on the railway sheds and track and the furnaces of the Carlsruhe factory, alongside the railway, were hit four times. All our machines returned safely in spite of the heavy anti-aircraft gunfire."

German. BERLIN, via London, May 16.—The official communication issued by the War Office today reads: "After the close of yesterday's infantry engagement north of Kemmel, during which we ejected the French from positions where they broke through our lines in that locality, the artillery activity declined, although vigorous outbursts of surprise firing continued against our artillery and infantry positions on both sides of the La Bassée Canal, as well as between the Somme and Aves."

"On the Western bank of the Aves the enemy advanced with large forces out of Senecot wood. He was repulsed with heavy losses."

"The extensive use of airmen on the

fighting front led to numerous aerial engagements. We shot down 33 enemy airplanes, 14 of which were destroyed by the chaser squadron formerly commanded by Baron Richthofen."

French. PARIS, May 16.—Artillery actions occurred last night on the French front southeast of Amiens in the Hallies-Castel sector, says today's War Office announcement. West of Montdidier a German raiding detachment was driven off. The French took prisoners in patrol operations north of the Allette. The statement reads: "An artillery duel took place in the Hallies-Castel sector. A German raid west of Montdidier was repulsed by the French fire."

"French patrols operating north of the Allette brought back prisoners."

"The night was quiet on the remainder of the front."

Italian. ROME, May 16.—"Italian troops carried out an offensive operation yesterday in which the Austrian trenches on Monte Asolone, between the Brenta and Piave rivers, were entered at two points," says the official statement today. "The Italians inflicted heavy casualties and took prisoners."

GIRLS IN SECTION GANG

CASTLE ROCK FEMININE LABORERS RELIEVE MEN.

Medford to Establish Farm Camp for Girls Who Are to Assist Southern Oregon Ranchers.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., May 16.—(Special).—A call for women to work on the section to release men for war work and to take the place of those who have been called to the colors was promptly responded to in Castle Rock and the following women are now employed and working on the section under Section Foreman Allen: Mrs. Jennie Melton, Mrs. M. L. Allen, Mrs. Mary Ratliff, Mrs. Susan Brown, Mrs. J. R. Joyce, Mrs. Leah Sanders and Miss Vera Seifert.

The boss reports that the women are giving excellent satisfaction. They will receive the same pay as the men, and their duties are not arduous, as the name would signify, being mostly cutting weeds and grass and removing debris from along the track. The overall costume is adopted and the work not as hard as some so-called women's work.

MEDFORD, Or., May 16.—(Special).—An agricultural camp for girls will be established on the Holloway orchard south of Medford the first of June. The purpose is to make this camp a self-supporting unit of the National women's land army. The girls will have training and actual experience in farm work, orchard work, bookmaking, etc., from the first day they go into camp.

It is planned to use the camp as a headquarters from which girls may go out to any of the surrounding orchards in need of work and get employment. The labor shortage in Southern Oregon is already acute and with more able-bodied men leaving for the army, it is believed that a large part of the orchard work this summer will have to be done by girls and women.

The organization plans to give the girls pleasant and comfortable surroundings, uniform hours and a good wage. Similar women's land army units have been working out successfully in England, Canada and some parts of the United States.

FORCES TO BE DOUBLED. TACOMA EXPECTS TO INCREASE INDUSTRIAL ARMY.

Prediction Made That Tide-Flat Works Will Have 22,000 Men On Rolls Soon.

TACOMA, Wash., May 16.—(Special).—The number of workers employed in shipbuilding and other industries on the tide-flats in Tacoma will be doubled within the next five or six months. This statement was made today before the City Council by Commissioner Roy Harrison, who said he was quoting figures supplied by the department by employers of labor in that section of the city.

Before the summer is finished, he said, there will be 11,452 new workers imported into Tacoma to work in the shipyards and lumber and railroad yards on the tide-flats. At present there are 11,805 workers employed by tide-flats industries. The total number of laborers and experts in various mechanical and other lines employed by these industries at that time, it is estimated, will be approximately 22,000. Many of these workers will be brought to the city by the Todd Shipbuilding Corporation, which recently announced its intention of greatly enlarging its plant.

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Hood River Grower Refused to Aid Patriotic War Activities.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 16.—(Special).—By repudiating a promise he is said to have made, to begin with the approaching Red Cross campaign and participate in all future patriotic activities, Frank P. Friday, prominent East Side fruitgrower, has again fallen from local grace. Mr. Friday, since the beginning of the war, has aroused the censure of his neighbors by anti-war and pacifist utterances. He has consistently refused to subscribe to any war fund or to purchase bonds.

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MAY 30 TO BE OBSERVED

President Asks That America Keep Memorial Day as Usual.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—President Wilson asked today that Memorial day be observed as usual and announced that in proclaiming May 30 a day of prayer he did not intend to suggest a modification of the usual memorial exercises held under the auspices of the patriotic organizations.

A request that the President direct the Secretary of State to suggest to the allied governments that they designate May 30 as a day for fasting and prayer for successful termination of the war and an honorable lasting peace was made in a resolution introduced today by Representative Campbell of Kansas.

De Weese Would Save His Own Life.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 16.—Howard H. De Weese, sentenced to be shot May 24 for the murder of his wife, Fanny Harrison, who said he was quoting figures supplied by the department by employers of labor in that section of the city.

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FATHER AND SON SERVE

New U. S. Attorney for Washington Has Son Second Lieutenant.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 16.—(Special).—While Robert C. Saunders was receiving congratulations upon having assumed the office of United States District Attorney for the Western District of Washington in the Federal courtroom here today, he was handed a telegram from his son, John M. Saunders, announcing that the latter had been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the aviation branch of the Signal Corps.

The young man has been in training at the School of Military Aeronautics at Berkeley. Mr. Saunders says assistant attorneys Donald A. McDonald and Ben L. Moore, appointed by his predecessor, Clay Allen, will both be retained.

Dress and Bills Bother.

London Answers. Jim—Your wife does know how to dress, old man. You have to hand it to her for that.

Tim—Yes, and also foot the bills.

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Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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Potato Flour, 10-lb. packages, each..... \$3.00
Potato Flour, 25-lb. sacks, each..... \$7.50
Potatoes, per sack..... 1.15
Barley Flour, Golden Glow brand, yellow, per sack..... 1.40
Corn Meal, white, per lb..... 8c
Natural Rice, brown, per lb..... 10c
Cream Rolled Oats, 10-lb. sacks \$2.25, 25-lb. sacks \$1.75.
45-lb. sacks..... 2.40
Oat Meal, steel cut or ground, 10-lb. sacks \$5c, 45-lb. sacks..... 1.60
Oat Meal Flour, 10-lb. sacks \$5c, 45-lb. sacks..... 1.40
Corn Meal, yellow, 10-lb. sacks \$5c, 45-lb. sacks..... 1.40
Corn Meal, white, 45-lb. sacks..... 2.50
Barley Meal, 10-lb. sack..... 2.75
Hominy, large 8-lb. sacks..... 50c
Rye Flour, 5-lb. sacks \$5c, 45-lb. sacks..... 1.35
Split Peas, per lb..... 12c
ROYAL BAKING POWDER, 5-lb. tins, each \$2.25, 25-lb. tins, each \$1.25; 12-oz. tins, each 40c; 6-oz. tins, each..... 22c

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Star Macaroni..... 8c

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Libby, McNeill & Libby, 48 cans in case, \$5.45; dozen..... \$1.27
Carnation Milk, 48 large cans in case, \$5.65; dozen..... 1.45
Carnation Milk, 24 small cans in case, \$5.50; dozen..... 1.40
Borden's Milk, 48 large cans in case, \$5.60; dozen..... 1.45
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Large Olive Oil, No. 10 tins, doz \$14.00, each..... 1.25
Extra Large Olive Oil, No. 10 tins, doz \$18.00, each..... 1.50
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American Patriotic League Resents Accusations

Accuses Priests of Injecting Religion Into Politics

Shows Where Pro-Germanism Really Exists

An eleven-hour appeal to religious bigotry and intolerance appeared in the columns of The Morning Oregonian on May 15, signed on behalf of the Oregon Catholic War Council by a committee of ten men, nine of whom are Roman Catholic priests.

The familiar, well-worn, characteristically abusive epithets employed by these gentlemen, accompanied as they are by the usual fulsome boasts as to the lofty superiority of their church in regard to its personal and representative association with war activities, and assertions remarkable for their facility as to the purposes and plans of such societies as the undersigned, would very clearly indicate their source even if the names of these special pleaders and professional apologists were not signed to the article in question.

The mighty National sentiment which has crystallized itself in movements like the "American Patriotic League" is not to be snuffed out of existence by such questionable mathematics as these priests have chosen—as we think unwisely—to employ. Logic is always superior to declamation. Argument is a sharper weapon than abuse. Truth is mightier than falsehood. That is, if your audience reserves to itself the inalienable American privilege to think, judge and act for itself.

Our appeal is to such; not to the ignorant or superstitious with whom the word of a priest is superior to the high mandates of Sinai or the Sermon on the Mount.

The real issue raised by the priests is as to whether certain candidates whose names appeared on a ticket which was reprinted in The Oregonian on Tuesday, 14th inst, were endorsed by an organization composed of "un-American" or "anti-American" elements which or who are "falsely masquerading under the term 'patriots'." Moore, the priest, recently shot the only acter assassins, "religious bigots" and "pro-Germans."

That is the issue and we cheerfully pick up the gauntlet these clerical gentlemen have thrown down. We do this, not so much to defend ourselves from bitter denunciation and slanderous charges, but to explain why the candidates themselves have not, and probably will not, embrace the gracious privilege extended to them of "repudiating these endorsements in the public press."

It is only fair to say concerning the candidates who received our endorsement that not one of them was asked for his permission to be endorsed by our league. Most of them are thoroughly known, they have lived and served in the community whose suffrages they seek, and they unquestionably stand upon their private and public records as fair, just, responsible, patriotic and eminently respectable men.

If "The American Patriotic League" "inspired a ten of the gods of barn-yard muck which these clerical disciples of the Prince of Peace have so liberally employed to besmirch it, they would surely not wait a moment for an invitation of these wretched detractors to get away from such dangerous environment."

It is these misrepresentations is that we have never raised the question with any candidate as to the nature of his record. That is the gratuitous assertion on the part of the priests who make it. We have lived too long under the benighted folds of "old glory" and the ample tolerance of our glorious Constitution to need to be reminded by men who owe allegiance to a foreign politico-societal despot that every man in America is

guaranteed the right of religious liberty and freedom of conscience. We stand upon the following principles, with nothing added or subtracted, and for any man, priest or layman, to challenge them is to hang himself on a gibbet higher than Haman's: "Complete separation of Church and State."

"The Public School system with only the English language taught therein and all creeds and dogmas ejected therefrom."

"No diversion of any public funds or lands for any sectarian purpose whatsoever."

"Restriction of immigration."

"Government inspection of all public and private institutions."

"Taxation of all property except that which is exclusively used for religious purposes."

"The validity of the American marriage law."

"Freedom of the press, of speech and of conscience."

"The election of those men and women only to public office whose Americanism is unquestioned."

"Old glory" the emblem of highest authority in the land, with no other flag to wave above it on land or sea."

This we believe to be a four-square, 100 per cent Americanism and when it comes to an issue in America it has always won and it will win now, even though our organization was dissolved in a letter which was issued to be read in every Roman Catholic Church of Oregon last Sunday and many of the names of our candidates were announced in some of the organs of the said churches as men deserving of political slaughter.

It must be required considerable courage to raise the issue of pro-Germanism when they might have considered how stimulating it would be on our part to remind them that the only traitorous elements in France were headed by the Romanist Pope Pius, recently shot; the only soldiers of Italy who threw down their weapons when the central armies poured through the masses were the 100,000 who cried as they did so, "Long live the Pope"; that the Pope has shown himself more anxious to stand by the bloody-handed and blood-mind of Kaiser of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria and the damnable Turk, than his own ravaged Belgium, for whom he while the Mohammedan Princes of India telegraphed to King George, "Tell us the history you would have us write and we will write it with our blood." Archbishop Mannix marched at the head of a Sinn Feiner procession through the streets of Melbourne, and the Roman Catholic hierarchies of Ireland and Quebec formed their congregations into "secret oath-bound" societies to resist the law of the land, defy constituted authority and turn their cowardly backs on the noble sons of twenty nations who are determined to come what may, to make the world safe for democracy.

Hence, we believe the fair-minded public we address will refuse to be deceived by the camouflage of fictitious percentages as to the relative Catholic and non-Catholic percentages of our Army and Navy, or unduly impressed by the boastful quotations of six or seven prominent names amongst the thousands who are serving our Government at home and abroad, or to believe that the pillars of our National Temple will fall because the "Oregon Catholic War Council" cannot afford the locks or bind the arms of the Samson of Democracy which seeks the death of despotism, whether it be clothed in the Philistine garb of Hunnish grey, I. W. W. or clerical black.

Paid adv. by American Patriotic League, W. G. Lemon, 1233 Delaware street, city.

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C. U. GANTENBEIN

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Chairman Military Preparedness Committee and always active in patriotic work.

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Ten years on Circuit Bench of this county.

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