

WAR VICTORY FIRST DECLARES M'ADOO

Director-General Sets Forth Purposes of Railroad Administration.

PUBLIC WILL BE SERVED

Sympathy and Understanding Be- tween Managements, Employes and Patrons to Be Promoted.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—In a comprehensive statement of policy made public today, Director-General McAdoo declared that the Railroad Administration's aims in order of importance are to win the war by moving troops and war materials promptly; to give efficient service to the public; to promote sympathy and understanding between the railroad managements, employes and patrons, and to apply sound business policies to railway operation.

He said he hoped future development would "humanize the science of railroading and negative the idea that corporations have no souls."

Director Names Purposes.
"The policy of the United States Railway Administration," said the Director-General, "has been formed and shaped by a desire to accomplish the following purposes which are named in what I conceive to be the order of their importance:

"First—The winning of the war, which includes the prompt movement of the men and material that the Government requires. To this everything else must be subordinated.

"Second—The service of the public, which is the purpose for which the railroads were built and given the privileges accorded them. This implies the maintenance and operation of railway properties so that transportation facilities will be provided at the lowest cost, the object of the Government being to furnish service rather than to make money.

Good Feeling to Be Promoted.
"Third—The promotion of a spirit of sympathy and a better understanding as between the administration, railroads and their 2,000,000 employes as well as their 100,000,000 patrons, which latter class includes every individual in the Nation, since transportation has become a prime and universal necessity of civilized existence.

"Fourth—The application of sound economic principles, including:

(a) The elimination of superfluous expenditures.

(b) The payment of a fair and living wage for services rendered and a just and prompt compensation for injuries received.

(c) The purchase of material and equipment at the lowest prices consistent with a reasonable but not an excessive profit to the producer.

(d) The adoption of standardized equipment and the introduction of proved devices that will save life and labor.

(e) The routing of freight and passenger traffic with due regard to the fact that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

(f) The intensive employment of all equipment and a careful record and scientific study of the results obtained, with a view to determining the comparative efficiency secured.

Task Declared Great.
"The development of this policy will, of course, require time. The task to which the Railroad Administration has addressed itself is an immense one. It is as yet too early to judge of the results obtained, but I believe that great progress has been made toward the goal of our ideals.

"All those who have had a share in this great work, including especially the members of my staff and the officers and employes of the railroads, have shown intelligence, public spirit, loyalty and enthusiasm in dealing with problems that have already been solved and attacking those that still await solution.

"With their continued co-operation, I feel assured of a future in which the lessons of our accumulating experience will be effectively employed to humanize the science of railroading and negative the idea that corporations have no souls."

HUN MURDERS SCORED

**GERMAN SOCIALIST DENOUNCES
CRIMES OF BOCHE SOLDIERY.**
Members of Center and Conservative Parties in Reichstag Leave When Massacres Are Exposed.

AMSTERDAM, June 16.—A scene was caused in the Reichstag Friday by Dr. Cohn, a Socialist member, when according to the Cologne Gazette he declared:

"The border states have become a Golgotha, where lie bleaching the bones of the best in the land who have been slaughtered by the misled German soldiers."

An uproar followed this declaration and Deputy Cohn was called to order, but he continued. "The entire war has become a family affair of the Hohenzollerns. It is possible that we may finally remain the only warriors in Europe and the entire will have to submit, but Europe will have become a continent of beggars and we shall all suffer the consequences of such a peace."

Leutenant-General von Stein, Prussian Minister of War and State, in reply, asserted:

"It is not one family in this country which is waging war, but the German people, under the Kaiser, is waging war for its existence."

CLUBWOMAN, OF ROSE CITY PARK, WHO WILL BE ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN AT COMING LAWN PARTY AND ROSE SHOW.



MRS. W. P. RICHARDSON.

The rose, queen of the garden, will be present in profusion at the combined rose show and lawn party to be held at the Rose City clubhouse on Friday evening, June 21, at 7 o'clock, when the charming little suburban district will entertain.

AUSTRIANS GIVE WAY

Offensive on 100-Mile Line Against Italy Fails.

ENEMY GETS ACROSS PIAVE

Defenders Report 3000 of Assaulting Forces Taken—Vienna Official Report Claims Capture of 10,000 Prisoners.

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ments encountered an attacking group which had been prepared during previous days, and before whose counter-thrust a portion of the captured territory was evacuated.

LONDON, June 16.—Italian Headquarters, according to the official report received here, claims the capture of 3000 prisoners in the battle now proceeding on the Italian front.

British Hurl Back Foe.
The Austrian troops that penetrated the line held by the British on the Italian front have been driven back and the British line has been completely re-established.

ROME, June 16.—(Havas Agency.)—The Austrians, after a violent bombardment, attacked the French positions, but the very efficacious fire of the French broke down the thrusts of the Austrian infantry.

Enemy Losses Heavy.
The enemy casualties were heavy, and, in addition, he left numerous prisoners in the hands of the French.

LONDON, June 16.—The opening of the latest Austrian offensive in Italy is described by Reuter's correspondent with the British army in Italy.

British Positions Attacked.
The correspondent's dispatch under date of Saturday afternoon follows:

"The Austrians opened a heavy bombardment at 3 o'clock this morning and attacked the British positions on Asiago plateau at 7:30 with a division composed of Austro-German and Bosnian troops.

"The enemy's objective, apparently, was to reach eventually a line of hills about the plateau and Cima Di Fonte, some four kilometers behind our front.

"The enemy reached our front lines, but made very little progress. They were repulsed on the right completely but gained a few hundred yards near the left of our center.

Original Line Intact.
LONDON, June 16.—The British official statement says of the battle:

"The pocket in the British front mentioned in the communique of last night has been cleared of the enemy during the night and the early hours of this morning and we are now again established on our original front line."

(Four Austrian divisions attacked the British line Saturday and on the left penetrated the front to a depth of 1000 yards along an extent of 2500 yards. There the enemy was held.)
The official statement continues:
"More than 250 prisoners have been counted and we have in addition captured two mountain guns and a considerable number of machine guns."
Italian Aid Effective.
"In the early hours of yesterday, when the hostile attack was first launched, invaluable assistance, both in infantry and artillery was provided by the Italians on our left, and this assistance was largely responsible for

bringing the Austrian infiltration to an immediate halt.
"Heavy fighting is continuing in many places along the Piave, on the eastern end of Montebello Heights and astride the Brenta Valley."
"Three additional enemy airplanes were destroyed in air fighting yesterday, seven having previously been reported. The clouds remained low and distant reconnaissances were impossible.

ROME, July 16.—There were scenes of great enthusiasm in the Chamber of Deputies today when the Minister of War, General Zupelli, announced the success of the Italian troops and the repulse of the enemy, despite his numerical superiority, on the greater part of the front.

The whole house rose and applauded. The war minister said that the capture of 3000 prisoners was proof that the Italian troops were truly heroic.

Great Battle Described.
The text of the Italian official statement reads:

"A great battle has been in progress on our front since yesterday.
"After artillery preparation, which was exceptionally intense on account of the violence of the fire and the number of guns employed, the enemy has begun his expected offensive by launching large masses of infantry to attack our positions in the eastern sector of Asiago plateau, at the end of the Brenta Valley and on Monte Grappa, by attempting at several points to force the Piave, and by carrying out heavy local demonstrative actions on the remainder of the front.

"Our infantry and that of the allied contingents fearlessly bore the tempest of destructive fire, and, supported by a barrage of their own artillery, which had already prudently anticipated the enemy's preparation with a timely and deadly counter preparation bombardment, bravely sustained the enemy's onslaught in the advanced defensive area.

Front Line Positions Taken.
"On the 150-kilometers' front more intensely attacked, the powerful storming columns of the enemy occupied in their initial rush forward only a few line positions in the Monte di Val Bellia region, in the Asiago area and at the head of the Monte Solarola salient.

"Some troops succeeded in passing to the right bank of the Piave River in the

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Foe Being Pressed Back.
"The struggle did not diminish in violence during the night and is continuing fiercely. But our troops are firmly holding the front along the Asiago plateau; have completely recaptured their original position on Asolone and at Monte Solarola salient and are very closely pressing the enemy infantry which has passed to the right bank of the Piave.

"The number of prisoners so far counted is more than 3000, including 89 officers.
"Our own and the allied airmen are taking a strong part in the battle by bombarding the crossing points on the Piave and by attacking the enemy's massed troops with machine gun fire. Thirty-one enemy airplanes have been brought down."

GOLD SUPPLY IS NEEDED

ALASKA DEPENDED UPON TO PRODUCE LARGE AMOUNT OF WEALTH.

**Secretary McAdoo Urges Necessity of
United States Accumulating All
Precious Metal Possible.**

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The necessity for a maximum supply of gold from Alaska during the war was emphasized in a letter from Secretary McAdoo to Delegate Sulzer, of Alaska, which was read in the House Saturday in the discussion of an appropriation for continuing work on the Alaska railway.

The House approved the \$2,500,000 appropriation for the Alaska project after Delegate Sulzer told the House that completion of the railroad was needed to bring gold from Alaska, but other members insisted that the \$5,250,000 was sufficient for the project next year.

"At no time has this country so much required the largest possible production of gold as at present," wrote Secretary McAdoo. "Next to food and munition, gold is one of the most needed war essentials. In order to plan the enormous amount of Government bonds required to finance our war expenditures, a large credit structure will inevitably be erected on our gold reserves. And it is necessary that those reserves, which are the foundation of the structure, shall be maintained on the broadest possible basis."

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MUSICIANS GO TO FRANCE

Walter Damrosch Leads Company of 50 on Tour of U. S. Camps.

NEW YORK, June 16.—With their salaries paid by Harry Harkness Flagler, president of the Symphony Society of New York, Walter Damrosch and 50 musicians have sailed for France to make a tour of the American rest and concentration camps in the country under the direction of the overseas division of the Y. M. C. A., according to an announcement here.

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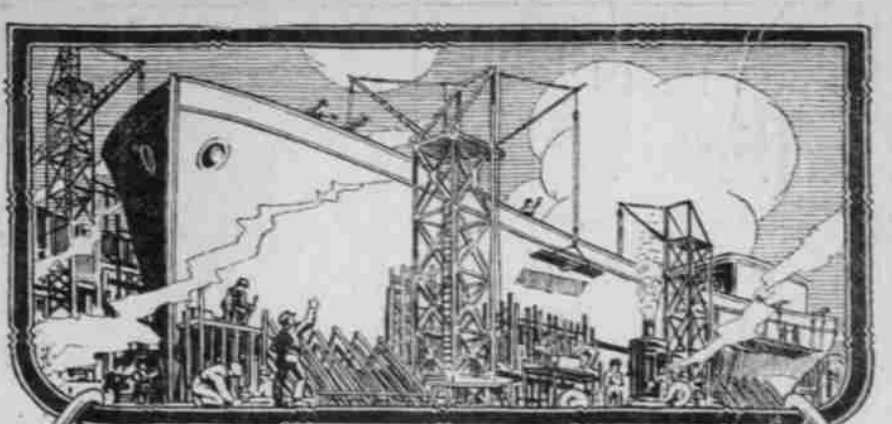
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