

GAS REGIMENT LOSES HEAVILY IN BATTLES

First Regiment Returns After Service Overseas.

FIERCE FIGHTS ARE TOLD

Contingent Works Continuously for Forty Days in Bitter Engagement of the Argonne.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The White Star liner Celtic arrived here today from Brest, bringing 2114 American officers and men. On board was the entire personnel of the First Gas Regiment, the only offensive gas troops employed by the American army. The remainder of the passengers were casualties from all parts of the country.

Major John B. Carlock, of San Francisco, commander of the gas regiment, told a gripping story of its activities, from the time it went into action with the British forces in January, 1918, until the war ended. The regiment, he said, fought successfully on every American front, suffered casualties of half its enlisted strength of 1500 men, and returned with 80 of its members wearing the Croix de Guerre, 20 wearing the Distinguished Service Cross and with 12 of its officers recommended for distinguished service medals.

Bitter Fighting Is Recalled.
The gas troops, Major Carlock said, did their bitterest fighting at Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, and in the Argonne Forest, working continuously for 40 days at the battle of the Argonne.
"It is not generally known away from the front line," he said, "that gas regiments, leading as they did, every offensive, were subjected to perhaps greater danger than any other troops. This is borne out by the fact that 50 per cent of our regiment, both officers and men, are casualties.

"Our sacrifices were well rewarded, however, for we captured captured German and from other sources that our work was playing havoc with the enemy in casualties and in the destruction of morale.

Methods of Attack Explained.
"Had our two gas regiments and three battalions, which were training, been able to enter the conflict earlier, the end of the war, I believe, would have been hastened."

Major Carlock described three methods of gas attack used by the American gas forces, the cylinder method, the projector and the four-inch Stokes mortar.

"The cylinder weighed about 150 pounds," he said, "and carried from 80 to 70 pounds of liquid gas. We would turn loose from 500 to 5000 of these on one front simultaneously. They were used exclusively for trench warfare."

"In mobile warfare and in attacking concentrations of enemy troops we employed the projectors, electrically operated, which hurled 60-pound bombs containing 30 pounds of gas against the enemy.

Moral Victory Achieved.
"The four-inch Stokes mortars were used chiefly to break up machine gun nests. We had these timed so that they would burst over a machine gun nest and shower gas on the machine, which is molten metal, over the gun crew."

Major C. Brent, formerly Episcopal bishop of the Philippine Islands and chief chaplain with the American expeditionary force, arrived on the Celtic. The moral victory of the soldiers against temptation, he declared, was as complete as was their victory against the enemy.

"I have seen them in war and in play," he said, "and nothing can be said in their favor that would be extravagant."

SELFISH INTEREST SHELVED

BRITISH ACTION MAGNIFICENT, DECLARES TIMES.

Adhesion to Wilson Principles, It Is Said, Cannot Fail to Have Potent Influence on Events.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(British Wireless Service).—With regard to the provisional solution by the peace conference of the question of the German colonies and the occupied territory in Asiatic Turkey, the Times' political correspondent says:

"Two great things have been achieved besides the settlement of one of the most difficult questions with which the conference has to deal. The league of nations has been convincingly almost dramatically established as the first necessity for post-bellum intercourse, and those responsible for the British policy have been putting their own interests second to the interests of world democracy."

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to Mr. Wilson's principles and to M. Clemenceau's doctrine of the necessity of sacrifice really means an example that cannot but have potent influence upon future events.

"If to Mr. Wilson falls the credit for having suggested the solution, to Mr. Lloyd George's statesmanship must, to no small extent, be ascribed the success with which there is every reason to hope it will be attended.

"As the colonial question has been settled by reference to the league of nations, it is reasonable to suppose that the next thing the conference will take up will be the final production of a scheme for the formation of the league.

Wilson May Return Soon
"It is understood that Mr. Lloyd George will return to England on February 8 to attend to his parliamentary duties. Mr. Wilson in all probability will then pay his projected visit to Belgium and leave for the United States on February 12, so that it seems likely there will be at that date a slight slackening down of the activity of the main conference.

"It is evident that if detailed work is going to be referred to a number of special committees, the plenary conference will have to give them time to prepare their report and will thus be able to get a short breathing space."

SPEEDIER CABLE POSSIBLE

CARRYING CAPACITY MAY BE INCREASED 30 PER CENT.

Methods for Relieving Congestion Between America and Orient Devised by Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Methods by which the carrying capacity of Pacific cables between San Francisco and the Orient could be increased, may be increased 30 per cent, have been devised by the inter-departmental committee on communications, appointed several months ago to investigate the Pacific cable situation. This was brought out in a preliminary report last night by the committee, composed of Assistant Secretary of State Long, Major-General George O. Squier, chief signal officer of the Army; Captain D. W. Todd, director of naval communications, and Walter S. Rogers, of the committee on public information. A sub-committee of scientists and engineers aided in the investigation.

The three sections of the Pacific cable between San Francisco and Guam, the committee found, were being worked at as great a load as they could bear, at a speed of from 100 to 165 letters a minute. While the speed of some sections, the report said, undoubtedly could be increased, the section between Midway Island and Guam lessened the capacity of the entire circuit. This difficulty may be alleviated, the committee said, by the installation of cable magnifiers on the Midway Island-Guam section, and on the San Francisco-Honolulu section, which also was found to be working below capacity speed.

The committee reported that the only magnifiers suitable for the purpose are in the possession of the alien property custodian and the Western Union Telegraph & Cable Company, and it recommended that these be obtained.

Due to congestion and low speed, the investigators found last summer that messages were often delayed 15 days.

HOOVER'S ACTS DEFENDED

ALLEGED EFFORTS IN INTEREST OF PACKERS DENIED.

Sole Purpose of Trip to Europe to Relieve Suffering Peoples, Says Administration Counsel.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Discussing the relations of the food administration with the large packing interests, W. A. Glasgow, Jr., counsel for the Administration, told the Senate agriculture committee Saturday that the visit of Herbert C. Hoover to Europe was not in any way in the interest of the packers, and that the sole purpose of the trip was to arrange food relief for European peoples. Mr. Glasgow appeared before the committee in connection with hearings on the pending bill to regulate the meat industry.

Asked Chairman Gore if one of Mr. Hoover's objects in going to Europe was to "make a bigger market for the packers," Mr. Glasgow replied that "Mr. Hoover went over there to sell meat to nobody."

The witness told of an agreement between the packers and the Food Administration whereby in return for aid given the packers by the Food Administration in finding markets in Europe, the former promised to cooperate in price arrangements. Mr. Glasgow denied the charge of Senator Francis P. McCarroll that the agreement was a "promise to throw the packers as much business as possible."

In answer to the question whether the meat price schedule applied to the packers, Mr. Glasgow said the Administration planned to close its activities in three weeks and would pass out of existence before this year's wheat crop was harvested.

BRITISH PUBLIC IS "GOAT"

RISE IN PRICES FEARED BY EX-CLUDING U. S. GOODS.

Prohibition of American-Made Materials Regarded Fine for English Manufacturers Only.

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LONDON, Feb. 2.—(Special).—The exclusion after March 1 of many American-made articles may satisfy British manufacturers, but consumers are now worrying about the possibilities of sky-high prices for similar British articles, if American competition be thus abolished. So a strong demand is growing for airing the whole question in Parliament at an early date.

If there is to be exclusion then the consumers want reduced prices. At the present time the Irish-made shoes in many instances are 150 per cent higher than before the war, besides American shoes have become very popular, especially with women. Typewriters selling for \$50 in America sell for more than \$100 here, and American machines are preferred by many business houses. One argument of anti-exclusionists is that it will foster trusts and the continuance of extortionate prices.

CREDIT RATES ARE TOPIC

Steamship Representatives Discuss Charges at Conference.

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—Representatives of steamship lines operating between Puget Sound, British Columbia and the Orient comprised in the trans-Pacific traffic bureau met here Saturday to consider new and low rate schedules for freight to the Orient.
Another meeting will be held, when it was said a tentative schedule probably would be adopted.

BRITISH STRIKE HAS MORE GRAVE ASPECT

Industrial Tie-Up in Belfast and Glasgow Complete.

100,000 IDLE ON CLYDE

Agitation for 40-Hour Week Grows and Release of Arrested Striker Leaders Is Demanded.

BELFAST, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The strike situation here is assuming an uglier phase. Strikers have intimidated the owners of two of the big shipbuilding plants that they will not be allowed to visit their works without a permit from the strikers committee.

No outbreak of disorders was reported up to a late hour last night. The refusal of the Government to intervene in the strike and the non-acceptance by the employers of the Lord Mayor's invitation to confer with the strikers brought about a complete deadlock. The men's leaders declare they will not give way and are devoting their energies to strengthening their position by obtaining cooperation of labor in other parts of Ireland. They say that the refusal of the employers to discuss the situation with them has aroused bitterness and resentment.

Prayer For Peace Made.
The Protestant bishop of Down has circulated a prayer for peace and deliverance from disorder and confusion. Meanwhile, the city is outwardly calm, although the streets are crowded.

GLASGOW, Feb. 1.—(By the Associated Press)—Great crowds went about the streets all day, but there has been no disorder following up the grave situation created by the strike yesterday. Soldiers are guarding all the important parts of the city and officials are engaged in calling in troops from outlying districts in case of emergency. Highland regiments are guarding the railway stations, bridges, electric power stations and gas works.

Three strike leaders, Emanuel Shipwell, William Gallagher and David Kirkwood, were charged today before Police Magistrates with inciting to riot and assembling for unlawful purposes. Gallagher also was charged with assaulting a policeman. Bail was refused.

Troops Enter City.
Minor leaders were dealt with similarly on about the same charges. Shipwell is an official of the British Seafarers' Union, and a member of the Town Council.

Fresh troops were brought into the city. The council of Scottish Trade Unionists held a meeting to discuss a resolution brought up by the parliamentary committee. The delegates pledged themselves and their organizations to do their utmost for the success of the 40-hour movement; protested against "the brutal behavior of the authorities" and demanded the release of the prisoners.

A statement issued in behalf of the employers declared that the extremist party among the workmen had repudiated the bargain made by the trade union leaders, and challenged their authority.

Bakers May Strike.
It is estimated that 100,000 men are idle on the Clyde, of whom one-third are strikers.

Bakers have given notice of their intention to strike Saturday unless they get a 40-hour week.

One hundred and eighty-five delegates attended a meeting of the trade union council, which adopted a resolution by a vote of 92 to 22, asking the government to embody the 40-hour week in a legislative measure.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—There were no striking developments in the labor troubles today, either on the Clyde or in Belfast. Quiet prevailed in both districts. In Belfast many of the churches were obliged to abandon the evening services owing to lack of light.

More troops have arrived in Glasgow, where it is now said there are 10,000. Soldiers are still mounted on the roofs of the buildings surrounding George Square in Glasgow. The military display is provoking great resentment among the strikers there.

The Strike Bulletin, the offices of which were raided yesterday by the police, today issued a strong attack against the government, which it accuses of acting illegally in employing troops and seeking a week of employ arms against the Clyde workers. Three more arrests were made today on charges of inciting to riot.

ARMY OFFICER EXONERATED

Colonel Harry Newton Freed of Larceny and Embezzlement.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Colonel Harry Newton, of Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, has been exonerated of charges of grand larceny and embezzlement following trial at Fort MacArthur by court-martial, according to a telegram received at Fort MacArthur from the War Department at Washington. Colonel Newton was restored to full duty.

The charges grew out of alleged irregularities in handling certified checks accompanying contractors' bids for construction work at Fort MacArthur. Colonel Newton has served 23 years in the Army. He distinguished himself



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ANGORA GOATS IN DEMAND

Dallas Man Unable to Fill Orders for Prized Animals.
DALLAS, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special).—According to U. S. Grant, of this city, president of the National Mohair Breeders' Association, says there never was a larger demand for Angora goats than at the present time. Mr. Grant receives inquiries every day from breeders all over the country for prices on his blooded stock and of late the sales have been much larger than the production of his herd.

While attending the National convention recently at Phoenix, Ariz., a well-known Texas Angora goat breeder offered Mr. Grant \$5000 for a supply of bucks from his herd. The offer was declined.

Magnetic Healer Is Held.
SAN FRANCISCO.—The Rev. Joseph Isherwood, who declares himself to be the great Australian Psychic, was arraigned in the United States District Court charged with violating the Federal vice regulations. Isherwood conducted an establishment at 1306 Fillmore street, where he was known as magnetic healer. His bail was fixed at \$2000 by Federal Judge M. T. Deering at the request of Special War Attorney James B. Colton.

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