

TROOPS TO EUROPE REAL NECESSITY

Commissions Impress Wilson
of Dire Need for Nation to
Use All Her Resources.

MORAL EFFECT IS VITAL

Presence of American Army on European Battlefields Alone Held to Be Worth a Battle in Itself.
Green Men Not Wanted.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.
WASHINGTON, April 28.—As a result of the conferences held with the British and French commissions, President Wilson has come to the conclusion that the United States indeed must employ all its resources, both in men and money, to gain victory in Europe.
There is no longer concealment of the fact that when the President recommended the declaration of a state of war against the imperial German government he and his advisers believed all that might be necessary would be large loans to the allies, greater shipment of supplies to them and naval cooperation, particularly in the matter of hunting German submarines.
In the conferences with Mr. Balfour and Mr. Viviani and their military and naval colleagues it has been impressed upon the authorities that the United States will be forced to use every means in its power to bring Germany to her knees.

Troops Must Be Sent.

It follows that it will be absolutely necessary to send troops to Europe. President has not made up his mind definitely on this point, because he wanted to hear the views of the commissioners from England and France. These men have impressed upon him that if the war is to be brought to an early close their armies must be strengthened not only by food and munitions but also by men.

France, it is known, is "bled white." She needs men on her firing lines. Moreover, both the French and British governments feel the moral effect of the presence of American troops would be worth a battle in itself.

Green Men Not Desired.

There is no desire, either on the part of Great Britain or France, to have the United States send green men to the front. They want this Government to train large bodies of troops as rapidly as possible and to dispatch them to Europe as soon as they are ready. It is realized this will take time, but in the meantime both Great Britain and France will be more quickly assured of the expenditure of life, knowing that at the proper time the United States will have in hand a sufficient force to take the place of those who have died for humanity and civilization.

The administration looks at the matter in this way:
It would not be suicidal for the United States to refrain from sending troops to Europe when a couple of hundred thousand men, worth more quickly assured victory? Of course, if France, Great Britain, Russia and Italy should be beaten, that means the success of Prussian militarism and the adoption of plans by the Berlin government to cope with the United States alone. It is argued that Germany would not be able to handle a large army to the United States for the purpose of invasion. But it is pointed out that if the German fleet should gain command of the seas, the impossible sometimes happens in war. It would be able to vanquish the American Navy, which it greatly outnumbered in both ships and personnel.

Transportation Is Easy.

Thus a free avenue would be provided for the transportation of soldiers. The ease with which men can be transported across the seas has been proved by the experience of the United States in the colonies, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India, and also by France. Millions of men have been carried safely across the great oceans of the world to France, to Greece, to Egypt and to Mesopotamia.

It is argued that the situation would be different in the case of Germany; that she would be forced to make a landing in a hostile country (the United States) and that the allied troops have been debarked at friendly ports. But the Spanish war the United States sent a fleet with transports to Cuba. Under the fire of the guns of the warships the troops landed at Daiquiri. The same methods could be employed by a hostile power to effect a landing on American soil.

While there is little danger of such an invasion taking place in view of the strength of the allied navies, and particularly that of Great Britain, it nevertheless is the duty of the strategists of the Army and Navy to consider every possibility. It is their judgment that the United States should adopt a policy which would best accomplish the object in mind, and that object, of course, is the defeat of Germany. If American troops are sent to Europe, can help in the achievement of that object, then it is declared such action should be taken.

Small Force to Go First.

All of these arguments, of course, will have weight with the President, who, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, will determine whether or not it is advisable to send troops abroad. If any such be sent at the present time, and this is by no means beyond consideration, they would constitute only a small force, which would be the forerunner of the greater expeditions to go later. It is not forgotten by the authorities that it will be necessary not only to train the men but to equip them, and equipment takes time. The men will have to be supplied with the latest models of rifles.

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The War Department is placing contracts with every available factory, but, unfortunately, the means available for manufacturing in a number of fields comparatively are limited. With reference to aeroplanes, for example, it would be necessary to supply each division with a cloud of these fighting machines.
The advisory committee of the Council of National Defense has been making a list of the aeroplane factories and has discovered they have not the output required by our proposed necessities. Therefore, other factories capable of producing this kind of weapon will be encouraged.

Reserve at Home Necessary.

In the consideration of the question of sending troops to Europe, the Administration has not lost sight of the fact that it will be necessary to have a reserve at home under training for the purpose of taking care of wastage. One of the difficulties of England in the volunteer system was that of getting men to replace those killed in battle. Under the conscription plan, which has been advocated by the President and which undoubtedly will pass Congress, there undoubtedly will be an ample reserve available at home not only to reinforce the men sent to the front but also to fill the ranks which will be depleted by the fire of the enemy.

At the end of a year's time, if the war should last that time, the Administration expects to have at least 1,500,000 men and possibly 2,000,000 men under arms. This enormous force undoubtedly would turn the scales in Europe if it were present on the battle field. That it may be necessary to have it at the front is not at all out of the question.
The situation in Russia will continue to trouble the allies. Reports have been received indicating that the Duma government may be able to establish themselves more firmly in power and as a result might give Russia the strength to make a separate peace. Should this be true, Germany, of course, will be the more easily vanquished. Should the Duma government give up, however, or should her resistance be weakened, it is evident the United States will be compelled to put forth greater efforts than seemed necessary at the moment the President recommended the declaration of a state of war.

LINE HEAR WAR PLANS

TRANSFORMATIONS IN RAILWAY ROUTINE EXPECTED.

Thorough and Gradual Reorganization of System Predicted by G. T. Slade, Vice-President.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 28.—(Special.)—Spokane railroad men, who have been getting an inkling of just what the United States Government will demand and receive from transportation agencies over the country as war service, are expecting some thoroughgoing transformations of their present routine. George T. Slade, vice-president of the Northern Pacific, came through the city this week to explain to executives.
The change will be gradual but thorough," said J. L. DeForest, superintendent of the Spokane division. "If the war lasts two years we shall be a reorganization. We shall have the policy of putting in women when men drop out wherever the work is such that they can do. Where a man is needed in the yards, a young girl to be trained; in the yards where cars are cleaned and scrubbed, more women can be used and, in fact, a place for every woman who can work a telegraph instrument almost now.

Progress of the War.

FURIOUS fighting characterized a renewed British offensive along a 10-mile sector of the French front from the Scarpe River northward to the city of Lens, which began early Saturday morning and apparently still is in progress.
British reports indicate that the British were successful on the northern part of the battle sector and that they pressed forward more than a mile and occupied the town of Arras and part of Oppy. Desperate resistance was encountered on the southern half of the sector between Gavrelle and Roux. At the latter place the fighting was described as the "fiercest" since the German counter attacks were delivered as soon as the British scored an advance.

The British faced a well-organized trench system that only partly had been destroyed by the preliminary bombardment going on for several days. Early reports from the battle showed that the British, for the time at least, had broadened the wedge they previously drove into the German lines near Gavrelle.
Further south, between St. Quentin and the River Oise, the French kept the Germans busy with an intense artillery bombardment. A heavy artillery duel also was in progress in the Champagne, but no infantry fighting of importance was reported.

Guatemala Is the Latest Nation to Join the Ranks of Germany's Allies.

The Central American nation, having handed his passports to the German Minister and offered to the United States use of her waters, ports, and railways "for the common defense."
An important military move in Germany was foreseen in the closing of the German-Swiss frontier to travelers and the postal service.
Reports that the Premier of Bavaria will go to Vienna to discuss peace prospects with the Austro-Hungarian Cabinet have come from Munich.

TEUTONS TO LEAVE MAY 4

Diplomats and Consuls to Go Home on Holland-America Ship.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Austrian diplomatic and consular officials in the United States, with German diplomatic and consular officials from China and Cuba, will sail from New York May 4 on the Holland-America liner Ryndam, by way of Halifax.
The Turkish diplomatic and consular officials in the United States will receive transportation on some other vessel at a later date.

DRAFT IN UTAH FORECAST

Step Regarded Necessary for Agricultural Reasons.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 28.—The Utah conscription bill enacted by the last Legislature will be put in effect next week, military authorities predicted today, following the announcement that more than three-fourths of the recruits of the state were being drawn from the rural districts.
Agricultural interests will be hard hit unless this step is taken, it was declared.

ALL ENTOMBED IN MINE THOUGHT DEAD

Fire Is Not Believed to Have
Been Cause of Disaster
in Colorado.

15 BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Crowd, Including Women, Awaits at Entrance, but Victims Brought Out Cannot Be Recognized.
Peculiar Escapes Made.

HASTINGS, Colo., April 28.—(Virtual) all hope of saving any of the 120 men entombed in the Hastings mine of the Victor-American Fuel Company here yesterday morning by an explosion was abandoned tonight.
James Dalrymple, State Coal Mine Inspector, who came from the mine late today, gave it as his opinion that there was no one left alive in the mine. Rescue men who have been in the mine expressed themselves similarly.
C. F. Bartlett, president of the company, however, declared the work of rescue will go on until there is no hope any of the entombed men is alive. Up to 3 o'clock tonight 15 bodies had been taken from the mine.
Mr. Dalrymple, who penetrated the workings to within 2000 feet of the face of the mine, said the rescue crew knew where there were six or eight other bodies which they could not reach until the gas cleared away. Ventilating apparatus has been repaired and it now is a matter of hours until the rescuers can proceed beyond their present limit.

Fire in Mine Doubtful.

"In my opinion there was no fire in the mine," Mr. Dalrymple said. In this view he was joined by practically all employees and rescue men here. As to the cause of the disaster, he said: "We cannot tell until we reach the initial point of the explosion."
Rescue men, old miners and old residents in this section put the present disaster down as the worst that has ever occurred in the Colorado coal fields.

A peculiar phase of the affair was that several of the bodies brought out late today had had their hair burned off and the skin blackened as if it had been scorched. The rescue men said very probably this was due to the flash of the explosion. Miners said the actual scene of the explosion may be the point of the least damage.

The reports that the mine was afire and that there had been an explosion now reversed, are explained by mine officials as due to the fact that no shock as from an explosion were felt and that considerable smoke and gas, now assumed to be from the explosion, poured from the mine mouth for some time.

Crowd Awaits News.

At the mouth of the shaft a crowd waits for news from underground. A few women braved the snowstorm of the late afternoon and early evening. None of them can tell whether the bodies brought out are those of dear ones, but many weep and all cry out whenever a stretcher is borne up the slope. Bodies are brought covered and the faces and limbs in many cases are so distorted that recognition is possible only through the brass check carried by each miner who enters the workings.

The roll of peculiar escapes from the disaster grows steadily. Frank Milatto, a "trip rider" or a man who goes with the mine cars from workings to tipple and back, was about 3000 feet in the mine when the explosion occurred. He said he felt no shock as from an explosion, but thought from the smoke the mine was on fire. He walked outside to safety.

While the people of the camp are quiet and a few go about their business, a little emotion line closes to the center.

"Have you been inside?" a bearded, broad-shouldered miner asked. "No."
"Do you know any of the men inside?" his questioner persisted.
"Yes," he said and paused. "Some of them are my friends."
The miner paused and tears gathered in his eyes.
"My—," he said, and stopped. "My—," he began. "My—brother is inside," he stammered, tears coursing down his face; "and my cousin and my uncle," he finished with an effort, and the big man wept silently, until, breaking down completely, he covered his face with his hands and cried brokenly before a tableful of diners at the camp boarding-house.

KALAMA HAS FLAG-RAISING

Big Patriotic Demonstration Is Held at Lumber Plant.

KALAMA, Wash., April 28.—(Special.)—The Kalama Lumber & Shingle Co.'s mill was the scene of a patriotic demonstration on Monday when a flag, donated by the employees, was raised over the mill with appropriate ceremony. Rev. A. W. Brown, in addressing the crowd, was greeted with enthusiastic applause when he declared that the United States in entering the great war was upholding the principles of democracy for which "Old Glory" has ever stood.
At the close of the address A. W. Lamb, head of the shoreward "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the flag was then raised to the top of the large staff amid the cheering of hundreds and the blasts of whistles from the mill and the boats in the stream.

NORWEGIAN CREW FIRED ON

Two More Steamers Belonging to Neutrals Are Sunk.

LONDON, April 28.—The sinking of the Norwegian steamship Torvora, 1667 tons gross, is reported in an Exchange "Telegraph" dispatch from Christiania. According to evidence given at court at Bergen, a German submarine fired on the boats of the Norwegian steamer Theodor William after they left the steamer.

SWISS FRONTIER CLOSED

Important German Military Activities Intimated.

ZURICH, Switzerland, via Paris, April 28.—The German-Swiss frontier has been strictly closed to all travelers and postal service. No German newspapers have arrived since Wednesday. This is usually the prelude to an important military move.
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VANCOUVER, Wash., April 28.—(Special.)—Present indications are that traffic over the Columbia River Interstate bridge tomorrow will be the greatest since it was opened February 14, as Sunday apparently will be the first real pleasant Sunday this season. There are many troops in the post, so friends and relatives are expected here.
For their entertainment in the post there will be several instructive and interesting features.
Open-air services will be held on the parade grounds at 2 o'clock, at which time Oregon bands will furnish patriotic music. Private McFadden will sing "America, I Love You," and a silent film from the Washington State School for the Deaf will sing in signs "America."
Victor Strebe, 6-year-old deaf-dumb-blind pupil, will demonstrate his ability, and a quartet from the Grand Army of the Republic will sing or play.
A concert will follow shortly, and promptly at 4 P. M. guard mount will be held, and at 5:30 o'clock there will be a battalion parade.
The streetcars will run every 15 minutes.

Corporation Tax Bill Passed.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 28.—The corporation income tax bill was passed by the Senate, with only six members recorded in opposition. A tax of 3 percent would be imposed on the net incomes of mercantile and manufacturing corporations, the state to receive 75 percent of the levy and the balance to revert to the city or town in which the corporation is located. It is expected to raise a total of \$44,000,000 annually.
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