

3 COMBAT DIVISIONS ORDERED SENT HOME

Demobilization of Army Is Approaching Final Phases.

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General March Announces Officers With Good War Records Will Be Taken Into Regular Army.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Demobilization of the Army is approaching its final phases with the breaking up of the combat divisions in this country, and the issuance of orders for early return of the first three fighting divisions from France.

General March, chief of staff, announced today that General Pershing had designated the 38th and 37th (National Guard) and the 31st (National Army) divisions for early return, while in the home training camps 40,500 men of the combat divisions, heretofore charged,

Oregon Troops Included.

The 38th includes National Guard troops from Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina; the 37th, Ohio and West Virginia guardmen, and the 31st, Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Alaska troops.

Units abroad assigned to early convalescence in addition to those already em- barked now total 222,000.

The three overseas divisions with headquarters troops of Major-General Reed's Second Corps also designated for return, total 13,000 men. General March said that including these divisions the total number of men in the United States and abroad, available for discharge was 1,379,000, an addition of 40,491 officers and 630,369 men had been mustered out up to yesterday.

Shipments Are Listed.

The chief of staff also disclosed that the War Department was preparing to take into the Regular Army the proposed reorganization plan, those reserves and temporary officers whose records during the war show them to be fitted for professional military life.

Official records of the War Department announced by General March show that the First Regular Division, the first to arrive in France, landed in June, 1917, and that the last American division to land was the Eighth in October last. Between these dates 40 divisions were sent overseas, the advancements of each being land- ed as follows: August, 1917, Second Division; September, 26th Divisions; November, 27th Divisions; December, 2nd Division; February, 1918, 32d Division; March, 5th and 3rd Divisions; April, 27th Division; May, 32d, 35th, 28th, 4th, 27th, 6th, 33d, 30th and 8th Divisions; June, 28th, 89th, 92d, 96th, 37th and 29th Divisions; July, 78th, 79th, 81st and 25th Divisions; August, 89th, 91st, 88th, 39th and 40th Divisions; September, 87th, 84th and 34th Divisions; October, 31st and 35th Divisions.

Figures Not Given.

In reply to an inquiry regarding permanent reports that Batteries B and D, 150th Field Artillery, 42nd Division, had been practically wiped out, General March said Major General Charles T. Munro, commanding the 42nd, had stated specifically that these units had not suffered any unusually heavy losses.

General March requested that attention be called to the fact that the work of the War Department is an adjunct of the treasury department and does not come under the war department. He said his personal mail was flooded with inquiries regarding insurance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The 31st Division, designed for transportation home by General Pershing, saw its last sanguinary service in Flanders, and a number of its units were selected to accompany King Albert into Brussels.

Division's Composition Given.

The division was mobilized at Maum Lewis, and after a period of training there was taken overseas by Brigadier General Federico S. Polk.

The division is made up of the 135th and 132d Brigades, the 116th Field Artillery, commanded by Brigadier-General Edward Burr, former engineer of the Western Department of the Army, 31st Engineers, the 91st Headquarter's Troop and the 34th Field Gun Battalion. It had a war-time strength of 27,000 men and was the predominant Western unit.

In addition to service in Flanders, as reported in the foregoing Associated Press dispatch, the 31st Division had hard fighting in the Argonne forests before being transferred to the Flan- ders front.

OFFENSIVE PLAN ENDS WAR

ALLIED FORCES ON LORRAINE FRONT READY FOR STRIKE.

Request for Armistice Hurried by Realization That Hun Posi- tion in Jeopardy.

PARIS, Jan. 4. (Havas)—Germany has agreed to request the cessation of hostilities when she saw that her allied offensive was to be launched on the Lorraine front November 12 by 600,000 men under command of General De Castelnau, says the Excelsior. American and French troops it says, were concentrated on the front between Briey and Châlons. Salient points on this front are 3000 guns of all calibers and 200 tanks available on a front of about 45 miles. Duke Albrecht of Wurtemburg, the German commander on this front, had available only 22 divisions of inferior fighting quality. These divisions numbered approximately 180,000 men. He had only 1000 tanks.

This allied attack, the Excelsior continues, would have carried the war into annexed Lorraine and into Rhenish Prussia, threatening to cut off the German army in Belgium and in the Ardennes from its bases.

The success of the offensive was assured, it says, and the allied gains victory more complete than it already was, because Germany had accepted all our conditions. Marshal Foch deemed it useless to cause further shedding of blood and consented to stop hostilities, although Germany was then in a desper- ate plight.

Government Sells Timber.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 4. (Special)—A deal was completed at the local United States Land Office yesterday transferring the ownership of approx-

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Secretary Olcott declared that Mr. Kay's training and life work had equipped him for the work on the board. All members declared that while they had differed on many occasions, the differences had been purely from a business and not from a personal standpoint.

MACY AWARD TOPIC OF TALK

Representatives of Various Unions to Meet in Conference Today.

Representatives of the various unions comprising the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council will meet at the machinists' headquarters, 1364 Fourth street, tomorrow for a conference regarding the Macy wage readjustments together with the demands of the operators for a new scale.

Among the men prominent in labor circles on the Pacific Coast who will attend the conference, which may continue several days, are: C. F. Grow, president of the Los Angeles Metal Trade Council; chairman of the delegation which recently appeared before the Macy mission at Washington, D. C.; R. W. Burton, A. P. Atwood and F. C. Miller, of San Francisco, and A. Taylor, of Seattle. H. W. Shaw, of this city, is secretary of the Pacific Coast organization.

Lewis County Taxes Fixed.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 4. (Special)—For the year 1919 Centralia citizens will contribute the sum of \$39,326.85 in taxes for local government; Chehalis, \$37,127.75; Toledo, \$7,712.27; Tenino, \$1,377.61; Pe Ell, \$1784.96; Naselle, \$1,423.25. The county of Lewis will contribute toward state support, \$225,454; county, \$300,567.55; special school, \$26,112.40; special road, \$225,670.38. The total estimated valuation of County Assessor James McClure is \$1,469,100 for real and personal, an increase over the previous year of \$84,699. Lands and timber are listed at \$11,859,558. Improvements on lands, \$17,368; city and town lots, \$1,766,081; improvements on lots, \$1,539,081; railroad property, \$4,758,767; telegraph property, \$11,221; personal property, \$2,772,842.

Land Fraud Sentence Served.

W. F. Lick surrendered himself yesterday and asked that his bondsmen be released and last night he was in the County Jail starting his 60-day sentence, which was imposed two years ago. Lick was sentenced in 1917 for fraudulently buying 1000 acres of C. & G. land grant and took an appeal.

W. F. Hollowell, convicted at the same time as Lick, and sentenced to four months, has been granted 15 days in which to present a petition for a re-hearing. Both men are residents of Montana.

Yakima Remembers Swindlehurst.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 4. (Special)—Joseph E. Swindlehurst, postmaster of Livington, Mo., and on that date chairman of the Republican State Central Committee there, formerly lived in this city and in 1892, during Cleveland's second administration, was assistant postmaster here. He is remembered by many old-timers as a young man of vivacity, engaging manners and an excellent tenor voice.

CORRECTION

In our Advertisement—Section 4—Page 1—appears an Ad., "More Fine Suits at Half Price—smart suits—never before shown."

This is an error and should read, "Many never before shown."

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