

BELIEF IS NIPPON AND UNITED STATES ARE TO DECIDE GREAT WAR

Hope Before Russia Fizzled Was to Crush Germany on All Sides This Year.

TROOPS ARE MASSING

Mobilization of Brown Men Going on in Manchuria. "For Asiatic Reasons."

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—(WASH. BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The amazing changes of three years of warfare come now to the point where many careful observers believe that the United States and Japan are to strike the deciding blows, the one upon the western and the other on the eastern battlefield.

Each of these countries has millions of men in reserve. Each is thousands of miles away from the scene of conflict, but the statesmen of both nations have realized that, with Germany aiming at world domination, their own security is threatened. The United States already has begun to throw its forces across the sea, and the recent dispatch of Japanese destroyers to European waters marked the beginning of the island empire's participation in a large way.

A little more is known now of the position of Japan, but it is nothing more than the logic of events has pointed out. The remote allies first gave Japan the task of conquering Kiao Chau, the only German possession in Asia. They did not care to urge Japan to greater endeavor at that time, nor was Japan ever anxious for it, as the empire was under financial stress, and needed time to recuperate.

Hoped to Crush Germany. The entente hoped it could force a decision this year by united pressure on all the fronts. That chance failed when Russia's army came to a halt, and the eastern front became a matter of daily doubt. But the allies never had a thought of allowing Russia to sink, even if Russia became impotent. Japan was to be called upon, in good time, if she was needed.

Recently Japanese troops have been concentrating in Manchuria. This has been done quietly, and without apparent relation to the far away war. The reasons given by the diplomats, when they said anything at all, were Asiatic reasons. But the fact stands that Japan has taken the pulse of the Manchurian railroad system, and is gathering forces within striking distance. The extent of this movement the cables have not told, and presumably will not tell until the time comes for action.

What may be accomplished with 1,000,000 or 2,000,000 Japanese thrown against the Austro-German lines between Galicia and the Baltic, and what 1,000,000 or 2,000,000 Americans between Switzerland and Belgium? The future historian may tell.

More Effect Is Great. America's contribution in troops may weigh less heavily than in other ways, which scarcely need to be detailed. The financial strength which pours out billions in loans to the allies, while carrying out an immense war program on its own account, is one great factor. The contribution of a great air fleet is another, and the cutting off of supplies to the enemy through the embargo is the third.

Just as American troops on the western front give new courage and assurance to the French and British, the presence of a Japanese force on the eastern front may be relied upon to provide a stabilizing influence and give flavor for a great offensive. For more than a year the allies have never known what to expect from Russia, and enough man power to win the war has been lost to inefficiency on the eastern front.

Men like Kerensky in Russia are presumed to understand what Russia will do. The war will not go on indefinitely with such uncertainty on the eastern battle line. Russia will have a chance this fall and winter to reorganize and become efficient. Unless there is promise of definite results, it may be expected that the little brown men of Japan will be heard in the deciding struggle which the world seems likely to witness next year.

No Favoritism Tolerated. President Wilson is doing all within his power to keep the selective draft free from any suspicion of favoritism and influence. In all the departments over which he has executive control, he has directed that the greatest care be exercised in order that the spirit of the law may be observed.

Government employees are not to be shown any favors as a class, and must stand upon individual claims for exemption. The department head must file an affidavit that the employee is, in his opinion, necessary to the effective and adequate operation of the department, and cannot be replaced without substantial, material loss. Cabinet officers have indicated that they intend to follow this rule scrupulously.

District boards throughout the country, composed all the way through of civilians, will pass upon all the

WINS SERGEANT RANK IN MEDICAL CORPS



Franklin S. Gilbert

Franklin S. Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Gilbert, 1275 Belmont street, returned to the city Saturday from Ketchikan, Alaska, where he was made sergeant first class in the medical corps.

Sergeant Gilbert has had three months' experience with the guard on the border where he was a member of Company B of the Third Oregon. On his return from the border, he was given an honorable discharge to accept a position with the Walker Drug company in Ketchikan.

Recently Sergeant Gilbert took an examination for the medical corps, in which he was one of the three successful men out of 27. He was assigned the rank of sergeant first class.

Sergeant Gilbert has lived in Oregon for 20 years. He was a graduate from Washington high school, where he was prominent in athletics. He was captain of the soccer team at Washington.

After attending Washington, he studied in the pharmacy department of the North Pacific Dental college. He is a member of the Mount Tabor Presbyterian church.

Sergeant Gilbert reached Portland Saturday. He will stay in the city a few days before proceeding to active duty at Fort Lawton.

claims for exemption, and the control is out of the hands of the military authorities. These boards have been given solemn instructions as to their duty to observe entire impartiality.

If evidence of favoritism or partisanship appears in the work of these boards a way will be found to deal with it. At the outset it is assumed that these boards will act in a high minded and patriotic way. In only a few places have reports been received that the district boards are seriously mistreated.

It is known that the president and Secretary Baker were somewhat disturbed by protests coming from New York and New Jersey over the men chosen by the governors of those states for the district boards. It appears that the governors of those states did not uniformly choose the sheriff, the county clerk and the health officer as members. The work of these boards therefore will be checked with a little more than ordinary care.

Wants to Retain Office. Representative La Guardia of New York would like to go abroad as an officer, at the same time keeping his seat in congress. It does not appear that this can be done. He might be granted a leave of absence from congress, but the moment he started army service he would come in conflict with the constitutional provision forbidding the holding of two lucrative offices under the government at the same time.

Representative Tilson of Connecticut, for a few weeks last year, did what approximated the same thing, it is said. He left his place in congress to go with the Connecticut national guard, which had been called out for border service. As the Mexican affair soon tapered off and Tilson returned, no official notice was taken of the matter.

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts lost no time resigning his seat in congress when he received a commission in the officers' reserve corps. He is the only member to take that step. Several others have considered doing so, but in each case have been dissuaded by friends and constituents. President Wilson has advised against members quitting congress for the army.

Is Mayor and Congressman. Representative Lunn of New York, is one member who is actually holding down two jobs at once. He is mayor of Schenectady, as well as a congressman. Since the mayoralty is not a federal office, there is no law against it.

Lunn was elected mayor as a Socialist. After election he refused to appoint Socialists exclusively to the city offices. In fact, he paid no attention to politics in his appointments, and this caused him to be expelled from the party.

Last year he was elected to congress as a Democrat. While his term as mayor was not to expire until January 1 of next year, it was not at that time expected that the new congress would meet until December, and he did not anticipate doing double duty.

Since April he has been directing city affairs in Schenectady most of the time over the long distance telephone from Washington. He considers under the pledge he has made it is not his duty to resign as mayor, and whenever time permits he dashes over to Schenectady to look over the ground.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Losing both legs and being wounded in both arms has failed to even dim the enthusiasm of Lieutenant T. L. O. Williams of the Twenty-eighth Canadian Infantry, who is in Chicago with the British recruiting mission.

"I had a little bad luck," he said with a grin, "but if I had it to do all over again, I'd go back and do the same thing without hesitation."

"I am not so bad off. I can drive my automobile, I can swim—and I don't care a whoop what I lost."

Lieutenant Williams lost his limbs when leading his men in a trench raid. He was in a hospital at London for several months, being sent later to his home at Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada, last April.

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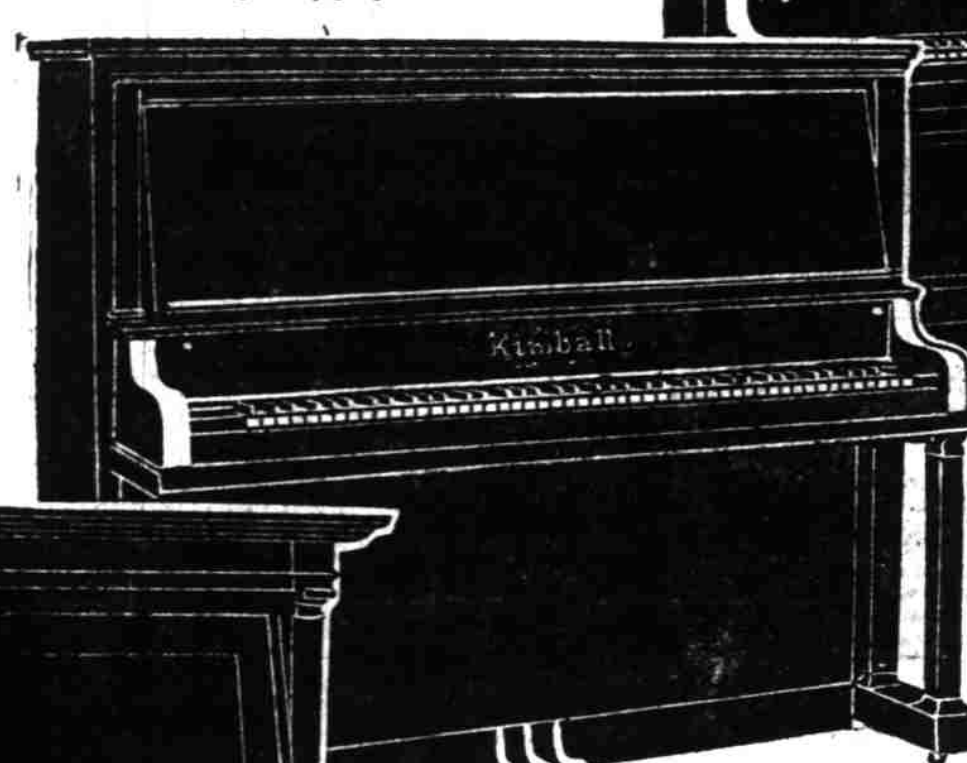
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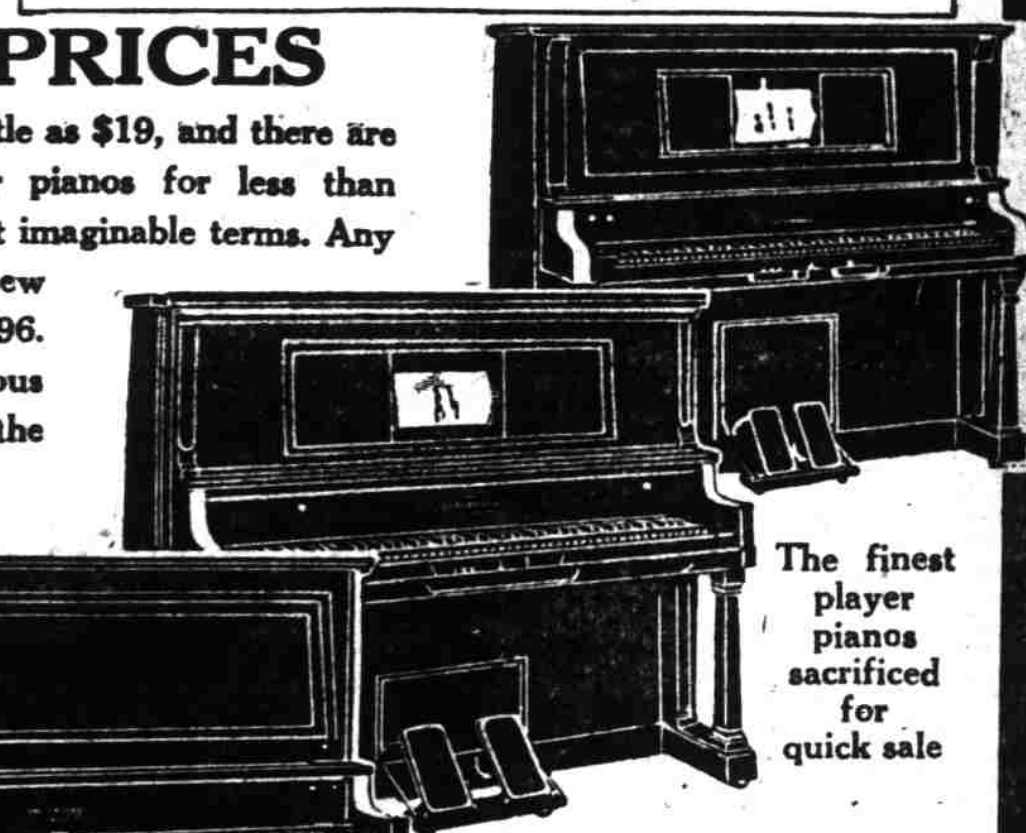
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