

EAGER TO RETURN FOR ANOTHER "GO" AGAINST GERMANS

Lieutenant Hector MacQuarrie Says British Soldiers Are Optimistic to Very Last Man.

ALLY SMASH SURE TO COME

Triumphant Entry Will Be Made Into Kaisertown; Great Work Accomplished for Loan Drive.

A gigantic French, British and American counter attack in the chief theater of Europe is impending and will mark the biggest as well as the last battle of the war. Until the counter crash comes the allies, by all rules of the great fighting game, must resign themselves to "let it in the neck" and must be "fearfully" patient in the meantime. Such a counter attack may start tomorrow and may not start for two months, but two months is the limit.

Gilded with his splendid British humor, whose source he admits is in his Highland Scotch ancestry, Lieutenant Hector MacQuarrie of the Royal Field Artillery, gave this rattling statement as a result of the study of the war game he has been making while preaching Liberty loan sermons in Portland and Oregon during the past two weeks.

Eager to Return to the Front After a voluntary campaign in aid of the Liberty loan drive that has required him to make speech after speech in all parts of the state, and after seeing the drive in which he took such an active part carried to success, first of all American drives, Lieutenant MacQuarrie is preparing to leave for Washington, where he will continue his patriotic work.

Lieutenant MacQuarrie, known to thousands in Oregon as a result of his work here, went to war with the British in August, 1914, as a private in one of his majesty's field artillery regiments. After a year of thrilling action at the front, he was sent to America to supervise gun production for his government at the great Pennsylvania steel plants. Today he is pulling all the wires within reach to get back to the scene of action. Only this week he was advised to stick to the ship until he has finished saying the many things he has to tell America.

"You know, there's no denying that the Germans are going to give it to us in the neck for a time yet," the lieutenant said. "They haven't been turning out their awful military machine all these years to be whipped into submission over night. But we're bound to get them."

Obedience First Qualification

The allies are having to build their machine and fight with it at the same time, and their progress is astounding. Our lack of obedience is their greatest advantage. I would say that obedience, unflinching, should be 99 per cent of the composition of a soldier and personal courage and initiative could well form the other 1 per cent.

"After all, the result of this war must be that we will witness a triumphal parade in the streets of London and New York or in Berlin. But there will be no Hun celebration in Berlin, that's sure. The allied counter attack must come soon and it will put an effective end to hope of a jubilee in Kaisertown."

"Incidentally, I believe the greatest mistake in British history was the failure of our government to develop friendliness with America. Of course, that friendliness is insured now, but it should have been developing since your victory in the revolution. Britishers who know America love her, and the ignorance of those who do not know your country and your people is pitiful."

Like American audiences, Britishers who know America love her, and the ignorance of those who do not know your country and your people is pitiful. "What we need all round is a more optimistic spirit. There is little danger of the American not loving the Frenchman and optimistic developments should make the feeling mutual with England. We British like the French, too. They are a delightful people—hedge—excitable—charming—and they speak English so awfully well."

"In regard to the Anglo-American friendship it might be a good idea for our American cousins to remember that a country is not without honor save for its property. Do you think that will get across? I like American audiences so well, because my stuff does seem to get across."

Just before the war broke out, Lieutenant MacQuarrie was a student at Cambridge university, whose sacred portals are entered every year by 1500 young Britons, with a few foreigners, black and white, who have a predominant determination to do as little work as possible under the circumstances. He returned to Europe from a trip to Portugal that followed his collegiate days, and joined the army as a private. Later he was commissioned.

"The next day," the lieutenant says, "I straddled a sergeant who had nearly knocked me down the day before my rifle had a good shave in a shop marked, 'Officers Only,' and went up to London where I bought a badly fitting, though effective, uniform. I commanded a battery of 200 men for two months before I knew it."

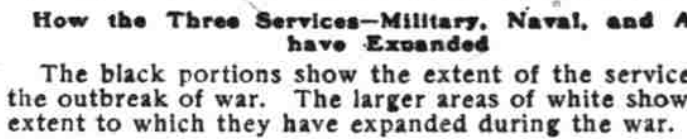
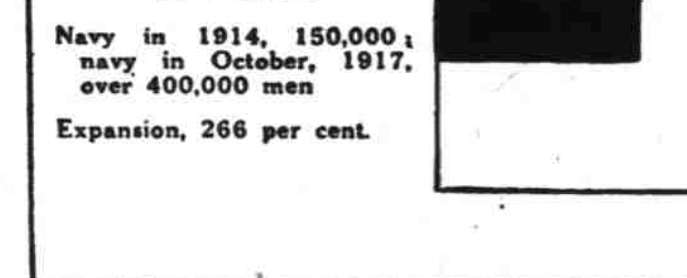
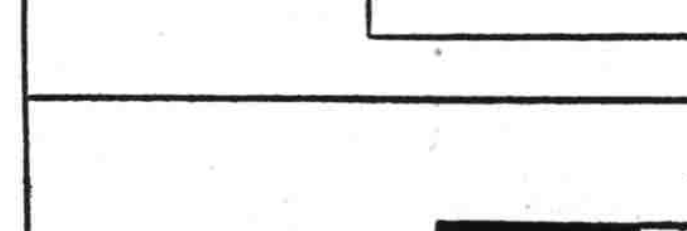
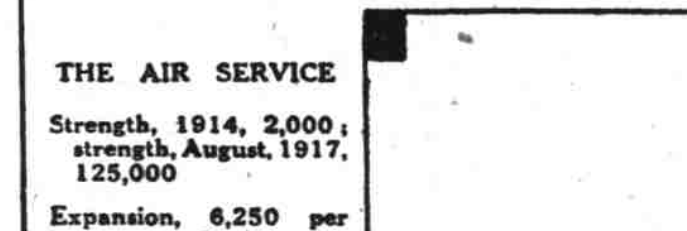
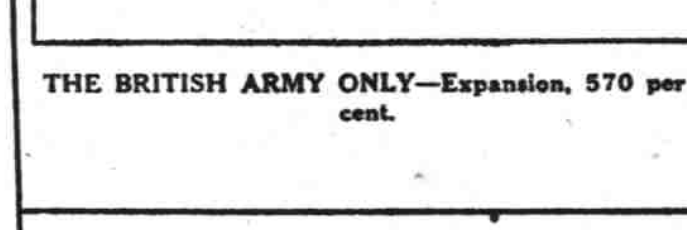
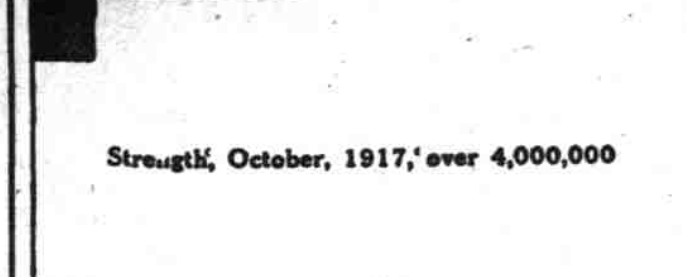
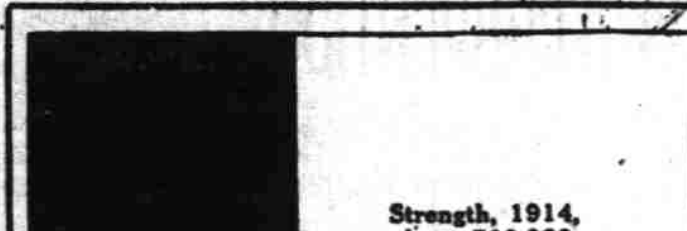
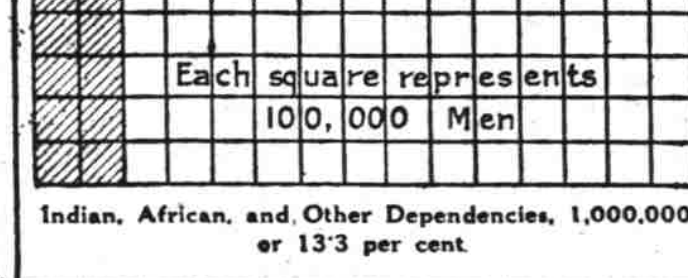
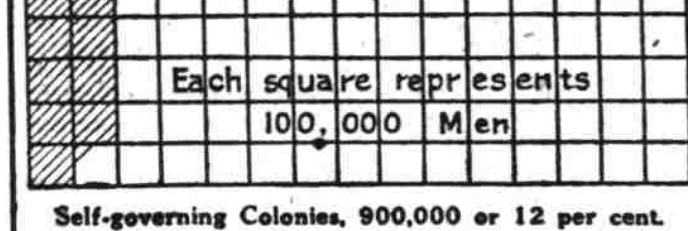
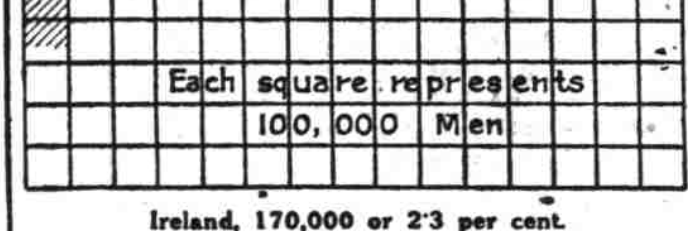
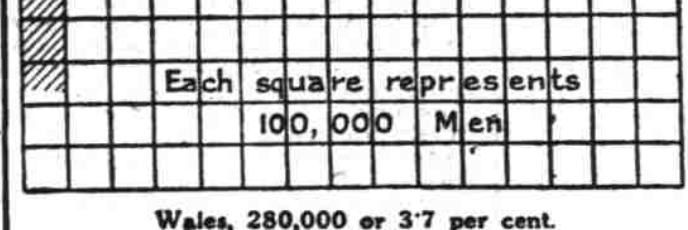
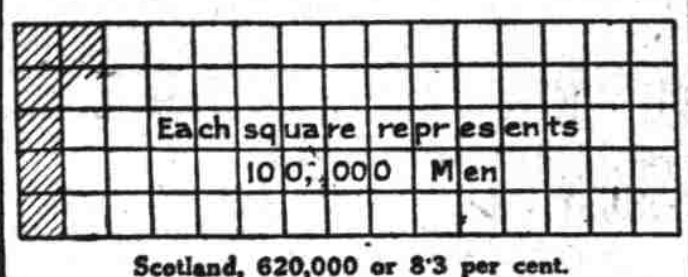
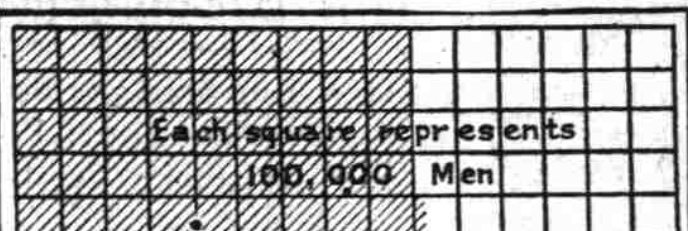
The optimism of British soldiers is remarkable, the officer declares. The boys are in the fight to win, they know they will win—therefore, their happiness is supreme.

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The Proportions in which the Empire has Contributed Men to the Army

Each block of squares represents the total of 7,500,000 men raised by the Empire. The shaded squares show the proportion of men contributed by each section of the Empire.

How the Three Services—Military, Naval, and Air—have Expanded

The black portions show the extent of the services at the outbreak of war. The larger areas of white show the extent to which they have expanded during the war.

In his several addresses before Portland audiences last week Lieutenant Hector MacQuarrie of the British army made the startling announcement that England alone has furnished 60 per cent of the men enlisted by the British empire for army purposes from the beginning of the war to the fall of 1917.

These figures are substantiated by an illustrated article in the London Sphere of March 23, which is reproduced here and which shows that of Britain's fighting force of 7,500,000 men raised since the war, 4,530,000 men, or 60.4 per cent, came from England.

What the Figures Show

The article follows: "We have put before our readers in diagrammatic form some of the figures given recently by Sir Auckland Geddes. On the left-hand are a series of six diagrams, each representing in the bulk the total number of men raised by the British empire up to the period of the autumn of 1917. This figure is no less than 7,500,000. Of this gigantic total, what percentage has each section of the empire contributed to the whole? The proportions may be set out in tabular form as here:

England	60.4
Scotland	8.3
Wales	3.7
Ireland	2.3
Overseas dominions and colonies	12.0
India, African possessions, etc.	13.3
Total	100.0

"One sees at once that the army is overwhelmingly an English army as regards the actual number of men taken from each section of the empire. Ireland's contribution is the smallest, being 2.3 per cent of the total."

"But the reader will ask, what relation have these figures to the population of the various parts of the empire from which they were drawn? It is interesting to note that Scotland, for instance, has only contributed 8.3 per cent of the whole army, but how does that figure stand towards her possible contribution? Has she done as much as she could? Let us give some particulars which will throw light on

the relation of the men serving with the army to the approximate number of available males in each section of the empire.

"If we take England as having, approximately, 6,300,000 males of military age, fit and unfit, including those in essential industries and national occupations, we find that of these 4,530,000 men are with the army, giving a percentage of 71%. Wales may be given as 390,000 men, of which 280,000 are with the army, giving a percentage of 71%—the same as England. Scotland may be represented by 620,000, of which 620,000 are with the army, giving a percentage of 100%—practically the same as England and Wales."

"Then we come to Ireland, with an approximate total of 830,000, of which 170,000 are with the army, giving the percentage of 20%, a low percentage, for which many persons and ways of thinking are responsible. Finally, how do the self-governing colonies stand? The approximate number here is 3,000,000, of which 900,000 are with the army, a percentage of 30."

Several Units Expanded

"In the opposite column, three diagrams will further serve to illuminate Sir Auckland Geddes' figures. One sees a vast expansion, both of the army and the air forces, and also a great expansion of naval personnel. Such figures will help our readers to grasp how great has been the task which the nation has had to tackle during the past three years. Now another great citizen of the English-speaking peoples is being harnessed for war under leadership of Mr. Wilson. There are calculated to be about 100,000,000 persons in the United States of America. The last census (1910) gave the white population as 81,731,957, the increase per annum of the total population being 2.10 per cent.

"Just how many men of the new American army are now in the fighting line and under training we cannot state at the moment, but day by day it grows and grows."

In response to inquiries from a number of schools and colleges regarding financial campaigns in war time. "It is generally conceded," says Dr. Claxton, "that it is of great importance that our colleges and universities remain open and maintain the largest possible degree of efficiency during the war, and that they shall be able to meet the larger demands made upon them when the war is over."

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Modified Enfield Is Declared by Military Critic to Be Twice as Fast as Mauser.

Washington, April 20.—American troops are armed with a faster firing and more accurate rifle than used by the Germans, according to our expert designers, manufacturers, and marksmen. One military critic and writer, Edward C. Crossman, claims that the German Mauser does not permit the most skilled user to get more than 50 per cent of the firing speed of the modified Enfield adopted for the United States service.

If the rapidity of fire of one army's rifle is twice that of the weapon used by enemy riflemen, and the forces numerically the same strength, the former has in effect, other things being equal, two riflemen to the enemy's one. Hence to make two bullets fly where one flew before has been one of the main objects sought in gun design since organized fighters found a more effective way to battle than the primitive stage of throwing missiles at one another.

The superiority claimed for the American weapon is supported on three counts: Quicker fire as a result of both handle design, easier and quicker sighting as a result of sight design, greater accuracy of bullet flight as a result of bullet design, and greater mechanical accuracy of chamber and bore.

The Dominican republic has legally adopted the metric system of weights and measures.

WILLIAM STARK AKERS GONE TO KELLY FIELD



William Stark Akers, a graduate of the February, '16 class of Lincoln high school, left recently for Kelly field, San Antonio, Texas, to be placed in active service with an aero squadron.

He passed the examinations in December at Seattle and was recommended for the balloon school at Fort Omaha, but there being so many applicants ahead of him for this branch of the service, he secured a transfer to active duty in the aviation section of the Signal Corps and was ordered to report at once to Kelly Field. Since passing examination in December he has been taking post graduate work at Franklin high school, specializing in subjects that would be of use to him in the Signal Corps. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Akers, 6009 Forty-sixth street southeast.

Merchant Marine Needed After War

Cincinnati, April 20.—(U. P.)—An American merchant marine which shall be capable not only of helping to win the war, but the wresting from the central powers markets which they have monopolized was the keynote adopted by the National Foreign Trade convention in its closing session today.

Proxy Weddings Do Not Bring Insurance

Springfield, Ill., April 20.—(L. N. S.)—American girls cannot obtain their soldier sweethearts' insurance by proxy weddings. This is the ruling of Attorney General Brundage on the case of a Chicago girl who wished a proxy wedding so that she could obtain her soldier sweetheart's insurance in the event he was killed in France. The only way the girl could obtain the insurance was for him to will it to her, Brundage held.

PHYSICIANS ACCUSED OF CARELESSNESS IN FILING CERTIFICATES

City Statisticians Say Difficulty Found in Establishing Records of Native Born.

Carelessness on the part of physicians in Portland and Oregon in preparing birth certificates causes the city and state health bureau needless energy, and often renders birth certificates useless, declare city statisticians.

This fact has been disclosed because of the frequent requests for birth certificates demanded by men preparing to enter military service who have been instructed to produce proof of their birth in the United States.

Recently a birth certificate was received by the city health bureau, and Miss Ruth Carter, chief clerk, spent several hours endeavoring to make out the name of the physician. The maker of the report was not a local doctor and his signature was finally identified at the office of the state health bureau. Otherwise, it is probable that the name of the physician would not have been learned because the signature was illegible.

"Extreme care should be taken in preparing birth certificates," said Miss Carter. "We are called upon almost daily to furnish copies of birth certificates to men about to enter military service. Many of these filled out years ago are so carelessly written as to almost prove worthless."

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Lieutenant Hector MacQuarrie

Cooking Under Water More Difficult Than on Land

Washington, April 20.—Cooking under water has its disadvantages, but when you have a nice water-proof kitchen on one of Uncle Sam's submarines it is not so bad, according to Mrs. M. A. Wilson of Philadelphia, who trains cooks for the United States navy.

Enlisted men are Mrs. Wilson's students and pupils and she conducts some of her cooking classes on board battleships and submarines. She tells of being 3 1/2 hours under water on a submarine.

Housewives who are interested in submarine cooking will learn from Mrs. Wilson that the intense cold from the bottom of the ocean must be considered by the submarine cook.

"Electric stoves are used," she says, "but food which requires a high temperature must be cooked before the submarine is submerged."

"I began with a class of 50 men. Today I have 1000 men under training. I have spent days taking old ranges apart to find out why the men could not make them work, finally discovering that it was because they had kept the flames too high. The work done has conformed entirely to navy requirements. One must find the amount of food named in the regulations to serve at a cost of 45 cents a day."

Course of Five Weeks

The cooking course lasts five weeks, every day from 8:30 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Gifts to Colleges in War Times Proper

Washington, April 20.—"Gifts to colleges and universities for the payment of current expenses while the war continues would seem to be entirely legitimate and proper," says Dr. F. F. Claxton, United States commissioner of edu-