

Actual Resumption of Hostilities Would Follow Failure of Germany to Sign Peace Treaty

AMERICANS READY TO ADVANCE INTO INTERIOR GERMANY

Every Yank From Liggett Down, on Tip-toe for Move to New Point of Occupation.

MEN GROWING IMPATIENT

Apparently German People Do Not Realize Armistice Followed Army's Defeat on West Front.

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Coblenz, June 19.—Everybody in the Third American army, from Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett down to Jockey, the Saxon mascot of the Seventh field artillery, is on tip-toe today ready to march farther into Germany the moment the time limit for the signing of the peace treaty is reached.

Plans for the advance were completed from the military standpoint many days ago, while rumors which are current among the men of the rank and file have given a further stimulus to the situation.

Today there are reports in the local political circles that the German envoys, in order to save their faces before their own people, will refuse to sign until an advance is actually made.

ALL GERMAN ENEMIES

Though technically a state of war exists, the advance, if made, will mean the actual resumption of hostilities. The six months during which the Americans have been occupying a part of Germany have changed the men in khaki considerably. When they were fresh from fighting they seemed to have the general impression that only Germans wearing uniforms were their enemies. Now they realize that all Germans belong to the same classification despite their apparent servility and stolidity.

The German attitude during the six months of the occupation has impressed Americans with the fact that Germany does not realize that it has been whipped in the greatest war in the world's history. The individual German still feels that his envoys in Paris dominate the peace conference and are in a position to dictate terms instead of accepting those offered.

This, coupled with the fact that thousands of Americans are longing for a sight of the Goddess of Liberty and attribute their inability to return home entirely to German obstinacy, means that if the men go forward it will be

BRITISH AIRSHIP MAY CROSS ATLANTIC



It is reported from London that the giant British airship R-34 may soon start on her proposed trip across the Atlantic. The airship is one of the largest ever built and carries a crew of 25 men. She will land near New York. The photo shows the R-34 in flight.

in a different spirit toward the natives than on the former march.

ONLY AWAIT THE CHANCE

The men have been in Germany long enough to see beneath the surface and the stubbornness of the citizens is no longer excused, and the inclination is to deal severely with everyone who puts the slightest obstacle in the way, whether he wears a green-gray uniform or never wore one.

This is not mere table conversation heard at some officers' mess while they are dallying over their coffee cups, but it is the talk of the soldiers wherever a few doughboys, artillerymen or marines get together.

"We will show the German whether he won the war in a way that he will not forget; if he makes us stay here much longer." That is the substance of what all say.

The feeling pervades all ranks of the army that if they are obliged to remain in Germany longer they had better get active and crack a few heads to show the natives of the hitherto unoccupied territory that Germany is licked and must admit it.

AMERICANS ARE RESTLESS

Even with the expedition marking time the increasing number of "scraps," some of them with fatal results, prove conclusively the change in temper of the Americans. If the march starts, this spirit will be hardened into bitter determination.

A division of French cavalry, consisting of four regiments, is attached to the American army, and is divided be-

tween the First and Second divisions, occupying the perimeter of the bridgehead area east of the Rhine. Mounted troops would have no difficulty in advancing to the limits, 50 kilometers (30 miles) east of the Rhine, in a few hours and farther if necessary. The American infantry and artillery are expected to make equally fast time. Hundreds of trucks, each with a carrying capacity of 20 to 40 infantrymen, line the highways near each village where the Americans are now billeted. These await loading and will start the moment the order comes. Artillery pulled by horses and tractors will follow next, and the bulk of the expedition will march last.

NOTED CITIES IN AREA

The American sector runs practically in two straight lines eastward from the present north and south boundaries on the west bank of the Rhine. Marburg is the farthest city of any size within the area. It has a population of 20,000, and is noted as the place where Martin Luther, Ulrich, Zwingli, Philipp Melancthon and others held a conference in 1529. Siegen, another city of the same size, in the center of the iron and pasture country, was the birthplace of the painter Rubens in 1577. The village of Dillenburg is where William of Orange was born in 1553. Essen, on the Lahn river, is the home of a university of considerable size, and is one of the largest cities in the American area, with 27,000 population, thus making it about equal to Coblenz and Treves. This was the first city summer resort in the Lahn

valley which the French permitted the Americans to occupy. Badema, Diets, Nassau and Limburg were acquired by the French when Marshal Foch summarily flopped off half of the American bridgehead. Practically all of the American area lies within the grand duchies of Nassau and Hesse.

Wireless to Connect With R-34 Erected

Mineola, L. I., June 19.—In preparation for the arrival here within a few days of the British dirigible R-34, a radio station was set up here today to enable the field to get into touch with the big airship when she arrives 250 miles off the coast. About 120 men from naval air stations on Long Island arrived to help handle the dirigible when she arrives. This force was augmented by 20 men from Akron, Ohio.

American Paid \$500 For Warrior's Pipe

Paris, June 19.—An unidentified American paid \$500 for a pipe which Marshal Foch smoked on July 19, the opening day of the last and decisive offensive. The pipe, was auctioned at a charity fete at the house of Prince Murat.

YANKS THREATEN TO DEPORT HUNS; STRIKE SOON ENDS

American Army of Occupation Flatly Refuses to Put Up With Any Interruption of Railroads.

FRENCH GET VERY UNEASY

Call Is Made on General Liggett, but Orderly Refuses to Disturb Commander at Night.

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Coblenz, Germany, June 2.—(Delayed.)

A strike of railroad and streetcar employes as evidence of their protest against a Rhenish republic and secession from Prussia was quickly squelched by the Third American army authorities without the use of force. The railroad workers walked out in the morning and the streetcar workers declared their intention of stopping the cars at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The representatives of the strikers were immediately warned by the army authorities that drastic measures would be taken if they carried out their pur-

pose. The railroad men were told that unless they returned to work before 3 o'clock in the afternoon they would be deported from the American area and similar punishment was promised the streetcar men. Trains were moving at 1 o'clock and the streetcars did not stop running. Similar strikes of protest occurred in Cologne, the headquarters city of the British area last week.

FRENCH OFFICERS UNEASY

The disturbances today were the result of reports that a republic had been established in Wiesbaden, the largest city in the French area. The ostensible promoters of the republic held out promises that if the Rhineland secedes from Prussia it will be absolved from paying its share of the war indemnity. Those who have in the last fortnight watched the jerky efforts to launch a republic understand that the supposed promoters are merely figureshead.

Two weeks ago, about 2 o'clock in the morning, a prominent military officer in the French area telephoned to the residence of Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, commanding the American army of occupation, requesting that the general be called to the telephone. When asked as to the urgency of the business at such an unusual hour the man said that a revolution was about to break out in Coblenz, and he wanted to confer with the general. The American officer answering the telephone assured the French officer that the American army held the area well under control, that there was no danger of a revolution, that he could sleep safely and call at General Liggett's office in the daytime.

REVOLT FORCED TO DIE OUT

When the French officer called later he said he understood that a movement was under way to have the Rhineland secede from Prussia, and the French wondered whether the American authorities would countenance it. He was informed that they would not encourage such a revolution. The next query was whether they would oppose it. "We will enforce our orders against political dis-

turbances in our area," the Americans informed the French officer.

"If a convention is held and officials are selected will you recognize them instead of the present burgo-masters?" was the next question.

"Such a convention will not be held in our area," was the emphatic reply of the American army representative. "We shall continue to recognize the present government to which our governments are offering peace terms in Paris."

Immediate investigation showed that delegates had already been selected for the proposed revolutionary convention. An equally chilly reception was given a plan to hold the convention in the British area and the revolution languished except as a topic for conversation for several days. In the meantime Berlin threatened to bring charges of treason against any one involved in the scheme.

Through a dispatch signed Dr. Dorton and dated from a city in the area controlled by the French censorship the announcement is made that the convention was held by German newspapers that denounced the convention as a scheme of French politicians, which have been suppressed.

"The army of occupation is not fostering revolutions nor permitting demonstrations against them, such as strikes, when they interfere with the smooth running of affairs in our area," explained a man familiar with the American policy.

Nicholas Roosevelt Back From France

Newport News, June 19.—Included among the 3296 officers and men of the 51st (Wild Cat) division arriving here from France Wednesday was Captain Nicholas Roosevelt, nephew of Colonel Roosevelt.

MYSTERY SHROUDS WIRE OF TROUBLE

Admiral Andrews Cables of Need For Summary Action on Venice Disorders.

London, June 19.—United States naval headquarters here is mystified today regarding the circumstances at the base of the following cablegram, which has been received from Admiral Andrews, U. S. N., at Venice:

"Serious disorders here. Three Italian officers insulted. Revolver shots. Holding allied court inquiry."

"Request authority to appoint mixed allied military court to try cases, on account of civil government not checking disorders. Summary action necessary."

Officials at American naval headquarters here fail to understand what emergency warrants allied intervention on the Italian coast.

The matter has been referred to Admiral Knapp at Paris. Further details from Admiral Andrews are expected.

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