

AMERICANS ARE AT HOME IN GAS MASK

Three Successive Raids by Germans Make Yankees Accustomed to Fighting With Protectors on Faces

OFFICER RISKS LIFE TO GIVE COMMANDS

Bodies of Slain Buried Behind Lines Amid Impressive Ceremonies

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 2.—The three recent raids, one in the Toul sector, and two along the Chemin-des-Dames, have demonstrated that the American soldier notwithstanding his previous inexperience, now is perfectly at home in a gas mask and able to fight just as well with and without it.

Officer Takes Chance. When the engagement at Toul began virtually all the Americans were masked. Some few of the men, however, are reported to have taken a chance when the German infantry attacked, pulling off their masks for freer action.

Automatics Are Used. "Come out, Americans!" The

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JOSEPH MARTIN IS STILL ALIVE M'NARY WIRES NAMES ARE CONFUSED

Gladsome News Is Received by Salem Parents of United States Sailor

Massachusetts Man Dead Instead—Error Is Made at Washington

Joseph Arthur Martin of Salem is alive.

The gladsome news came yesterday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, 1145 Saginaw street, in a message from United States Senator McNary at Washington.

Early in the week Mrs. Martin received information from the United States treasury department that her son, Joseph Arthur Martin, a sailor in the United States navy, had died on January 20, and accompanying the notice was certificate for \$5000 war risk insurance which was to be forwarded immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were grief-stricken at the information, but became hopeful when they recalled that a letter had been written home by their son on February 8. They believed a mistake had been made by the federal officials and immediately wired Senator McNary to investigate.

The senator's reply came yesterday, showing that the name of the Salem sailor had been confused with that of another Joseph Martin, a Massachusetts man, who died recently at Chelsea. Senator McNary's message follows:

"According to record of navy department Joseph Arthur Martin still living. Joseph Martin from Massachusetts died at the hospital at Chelsea, Mass., recently. Joseph Arthur Martin of Salem, Or., reported to be still living. Delay in answer caused by error of deputy commissioner of claims war risk bureau."

French Ambassador and Staff Leave Petrograd

PARIS, March 2.—The French ambassador to Russia, Joseph J. B. E. Noulens, his embassy staff and the allied missions have left Petrograd.

CITY OF KIEV IS CAPTURED BY GERMANS

Immediate Objective in Ukraine Is Gained by Occupying Capital of Republic; Rada to Be Reinstated

WORKMEN RALLY TO DEFEND REVOLUTION

Huns Plan to Starve Petrograd; Rumanian Peace Deal Called Off

(By The Associated Press)

Raids of growing intensity and frequency on the Franco-Belgian front are furnishing the chief features of military interest, particularly in view of the increasing degree of American participation in the fighting. Larger issues, however, are involved in the Russian situation, the uncertainties of which are giving rise to manifold military and political complications.

The peace negotiations between the Bolsheviks and the Germans have been broken off. Manifestly, at any rate, there is developing a growing measure of belligerency among the Russian proletariat, who with the safety of the revolution as a rallying cry, are reported to be responding from all sides to support it.

Likewise, the peace negotiations between Rumania and the central powers are reported in unofficial advices from Berlin to have failed. The satisfactory reply of the Rumanian king is said to have been responsible for the break. A semi-official Berlin statement, however, says the German and Austrian representatives have not left Bucharest where the sessions were held.

Advance Is in Full Swing

The German advance into the interior of Russia is in full swing again, with columns reported moving toward Petrograd from Pskov and pushing northeast along the railway from Podolsk with the object of cutting the Moscow-Petrograd railway at Bologoy, midway between the two cities and starving out Petrograd by shutting off its supplies.

In the south the Germans have secured their immediate objective in the Ukraine by occupying Kiev, the capital of the republic, after a little more than a ten-day march through the country on the 200-mile route east from the former fighting front. The German reports do not indicate what price in casualties the Bolsheviks exacted for the surrender of Kiev, which they had captured from the Ukrainian rada's supporters February 8, with reported total casualties for both sides of 4000 killed and 7000 wounded. Presumably the rada, which negotiated the separate peace between central powers and Ukraine at Brest-Litovsk, will be speedily reinstated in the captured city.

The tentative proposals for Japanese intervention in Siberia because of the Russian situation have not culminated in any definite decision by the allies, so far as the current advices reveal. London dispatches mention a growing tendency there to discuss the situation fully and await developments, particularly the attitude the United States may assume. China is also involved in this situation and press dispatches from that country report political unsettlement there because of it. The Chinese government, it is said, is to send reinforcements to Manchuria.

Germans Capture French

Twelve Americans were taken prisoner by the Germans in their raid of Friday morning on the American trenches east of St. Michel, the German war office announced.

A powerful raid was carried out against the French in the Verdun region south of Haucourt, more than four hundred prisoners and machine guns being captured, according to the German claim. Portuguese troops handled themselves well against the Germans who raided trenches on a wide front north of Neuve Chapelle, the Portuguese counter-attacking promptly and completely restoring the situation.

LONDON, March 2.—A dispatch from the official Russian news agency says that the town of Tcherkiet, 25 miles from Helsingfors, capital of Finland, has capitulated to the Bolsheviks. 600 white guards are being taken prisoner. Red guards defeated the white guards at Kerkaala, on the Karis-Helsingfors line. Four hundred and fifty of the white guards are said to have surrendered.

Dispatches from Stockholm say an agreement has been made under which the Russian and Finnish troops will both evacuate the Aland islands, leaving the forts and war material in charge of the inhabitants and the Swedish forces, recently landed. The Finnish troops, the advices state, have already returned to Finland, while the Russians will proceed to Sweden, remaining there until con-

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ALLIES TO HOLD ON UNTIL U. S. GROWS STRONG

Real Weight of America to Be Exerted in Spring of Year 1919

GENERAL GIVES OPINION

French Man Says War Will End in Fall of 1919—Americans Praised

PARIS, Feb. 10.—(Correspondence.)—France, Great Britain and Italy must grit their teeth and hang on until the spring of 1919, because it is not until then that America can be expected to throw real strength into the field, strength great enough to undertake offensives and batter independently at the Germans with armies the size of those which the allies have been using, in the opinion of a French divisional general as given to the Associated Press. Having begun the onslaught, fully prepared, more than a year hence, the Americans will prove, he believes, the deciding factor, and they will bring the war to its close about the fall of 1919.

The general holds high hopes of the general holding high hopes of the American troops already in France, whom he has seen repeatedly and at close quarters, as the saviors of the allied cause. The general, who wears service stripes to show his participation in the war since the beginning, and three wound stripes to denote six injuries while in the front trenches visiting and getting acquainted with his men, sketched the situation and his impression of the Americans. Though he did not say so categorically he gave the impression that his opinion is in general the opinion of the French military authorities.

American Troops Praised

"The American troops," he said in answer to a question, "are entitled to the highest praise for the ability they have shown and are showing, for the speed with which they are learning. To me it seems as though one of the most hopeful things about them is the fact that, while they have supreme confidence in their own value and ability, they are nevertheless not over-confident. Their leaders especially have shown and are showing a willingness to learn."

"This spirit should not be underestimated. Both the French and the English have had to take bitter lessons since the beginning of the war, and at huge costs have learned things that they now can pass along to the Americans. It is a good sign that the latter are willing to profit by the experience."

"I haven't any illusions that the Americans are going to be able to get into full action this spring, as was heralded last year. I know and appreciate all the difficulties that stand in the way of their putting a big army into the field quickly, and I don't look to see them in a position to undertake offensives and similar telling operations before the spring of 1919."

Allies to Grit Teeth

"Until that time France, England and Italy must grit their teeth and hang on. When the time does come, however, I feel sure the Americans will be strong enough to strike decisively, and for that reason I hope and expect that the war will be over in the fall of next year."

He laughed as the correspondent expressed surprise that the commander of a division should be constantly exposing himself to the dangers of the front lines.

"Every French general," he said with a smile, "goes to the front lines as often as he can. Every general insists that his colonels and other staff officers visit the front, for they and he have the duty of becoming acquainted with their men as much as possible, and of letting the men become acquainted with them."

"You see, it's like this. If the soldier sees his general at the front and realizes that the general is quite willing to take the same chances as he must take, there is absolutely nothing that that soldier will not do at the command of the general. Several generals have been wounded in their visits to the front, one recently was killed."

SLAV DELEGATES ACCEPT GERMAN PEACE TERMS

PETROGRAD, March 3.—(By The Associated Press)—The Russian delegation at Brest-Litovsk has accepted all German peace conditions and is about to sign the peace agreement.

BUCHNER MAY ENTER RACE TO BE MAYOR

Candidates for Executive, Aldermanic Positions and Chief of Police Must Be Nominated in May

WALTER KEYES SAYS HE IS OUT OF IT

Councilmen May Be Elected This Year for Long and Short Terms

Mayor Walter E. Keyes makes the positive declaration that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Apparently few Salem citizens realize that for the purpose of electing city officials next November under the consolidate elections act, it will also be necessary to nominate them at the primary election May 17, little more than two months away. Mayor Keyes' announcement that he will not be a candidate gives rise to speculation on the subject of candidates to succeed him. Gossip so far mentions the name of only one man. He is Walter Buchner, one of the aldermen from the third ward. Friends of Mr. Buchner, both inside and outside of the council, it is understood, are asking him to take a walk for the nomination and it is probable that he will accede to their wishes. Mr. Buchner is listed in the official directory as a capitalist.

Keyes Says He Is Through

Acquaintances of Mayor Keyes would like to see him take another term, and he would have little difficulty in capturing the office again if he chose to take it, but he says he is through. "I've had enough," said Mayor Keyes. "The office is all right for a man who has lots of time and money. Of course it is a nice place to hold down for a term anyway, but I shall not be a candidate again."

Aside from the mayoralty consideration, a chief of police and probably fourteen members of the city council will have to be nominated in May and elected in November, for all of them will go out this year under the new election law. The law prevented a city election last December according to the custom that has prevailed in Salem in former years, by which seven members of the aldermanic body were elected each year, hence half the councilmen are holding longer than the terms for which they were elected. Apparently the only way to meet this situation at the coming election and make it possible in the future for half the members to be elected each voting year will be for the city council prior to the May primaries, to pass legislation providing for long and short term candidates this year.

Foland May Be Opposed

Chief of Police Al Foland will doubtless be a candidate to succeed himself. Judging by the number of aspirants for the place when Foland was elected by the council to succeed the late Chief Cooper, he will have opposition. Constable Percy Varney's announcement of his candidacy for justice of the peace, of course, eliminates him from consideration as an aspirant for head of the police department, but doubtless there will be others.

Man Quotes From Bible In Asking Exemption

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—A quotation from the Bible—Deuteronomy, chapter 24, verse 5, is cited by a St. Louis man in his appeal for exemption which the district board has under consideration. This portion says: "When a man hath taken a new wife he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business; but he shall be free at home for one year and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken."

Cadet Killed as Plane Crashes to Ground

HOUSTON, Texas, March 2.—Cadet Clarence J. Jeremec, Chicago, of the fourth provisional squadron, Ellington field, was killed today when the airplane in which he was riding as an observer fell 300 feet.

Japanese Steamer Said to Have Been Sunk

LONDON, March 2.—According to advices received by Lloyd's, passengers landed from the Igoiz Mendt, which went ashore on the northern extremity of Jutland, Denmark, while attempting to reach a German port, report that the Hitachi Maru, a Japanese steamer captured by the German raider Wolf on September 26, was sunk on November 7. When the Hitachi Maru was captured 14 of her crew and two Indian passengers were killed. When the vessel was sunk those on board were transferred to the Igoiz Mendt.

TAG DAYS WILL BE INSTITUTED BY RED CROSS

Willamette Chapter Has Plan to Acquire Funds for Purchase of Yarn

EMERGENCY IS FACED

Representatives Will Appear Each Saturday Beginning March 9

By ETNA SQUIER SELEY

Is "Somebody" in the trenches? "Somebody" whom you know? And is that "Somebody" over there because you couldn't go? Blue stars on your service flags. Sacred memories hold? Red Cross works; and working, pray! Not one may change to gold.

The boys "over there" are only beginning the fight, and Red Cross is only beginning to work. True, Willamette chapter has already sent over 5000 pairs of socks. Wonderful work for so short a time, isn't it? But, as they were all knitted of woolen threads instead of steel, they will wear out; besides, there is the everlasting chance of dear Kultur sending a ship or two, or six down for Davy Jones to wear. So we must make allowance for that. And have any of you bought yarn recently? If so, are you not amazed every time you see in the country a sheep which has not developed wings? One might expect to see them soar away out of sight any time. But high prices or not, our boys must have socks, and then more socks.

Have you heard any one say: "Oh well, I've done my bit." Then it may have occurred to you that if any mortal had done his bit and did not expect to keep right on doing it then such a person was not fortifying his home against the enemy. As well expect a soldier to go across, into the trenches, fire his gun once and say, "There now! I've done my bit, now I'm ready to go home."

The point is that, Willamette chapter faces a great need. Our funds are running low. It takes money to buy yarn to make socks for the boys who are over there to protect us. The 50 cents of each membership dollar which are allowed to keep does not go far toward buying supplies for the willing workers of this chapter to make into usable articles. So! We must find some way to provide for a constant income of funds to pay for material for the things which must be made. And we hereby announce, and beg you to consider such announcement a patriotic necessity, that beginning with Saturday, March 9, Salem will see a weekly tag day to raise funds for purchasing yarn.

Willamette chapter invites public investigation. We have been considered the sanest chapter of the northwest, and there can be no falling short now. So friends, patriots, don't be shocked because the Red Cross must ask again and again. It will not shock us half so much to yield up a weekly dime as it would to have an enemy gas shell land on one of our business streets; and besides, we will still be able to breathe the air of freedom after parting with the dime.

Willamette Chapter, American Red Cross, Appeals to Your Loyalty

Loss of Fruit Shipments Brings Receivership

YAKIMA, WASH., March 2.—W. S. Earls, acting for himself and other creditors, today applied to the superior court here for appointment of a receiver for Henry Brothers, a corporation composed of A. H. Henry of this city and Arthur Henry, a resident of New York state, engaged in development of a large tract of Tieton land. Liabilities of \$32,000 are stated of which about \$9000 is unsecured. The firm has suffered losses of fruit in shipment and in other ways in the past year and lack of capital and inability to obtain funds to continue operations was the cause for the application for a receiver. It was stated today the assets were ample to discharge the indebtedness and leave a considerable margin.

WEATHER

Sunday shower; moderate southerly winds.

U. S. HELP IN SIBERIA WISH OF RUSSIA

American Participation Favored As Complete Evacuation of Country After Expedition Is Assured

ALLIES TO ANSWER JAPAN IMMEDIATELY

Complete Confidence to Be Put in Sincerity and Military Ability

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The

sponses of the entente allies and America to the Japanese invitation for an expression of their views regarding the Russian situation so far as recent events there have affected conditions in Eastern Siberia, are expected to be returned within the next two or three days. It is certain that there will be no long delay as the appears to be no disposition to enter into any extended arguments on the subject of measures to combat German aggression in Siberia and to protect the military stores at Vladivostok. One distinguished foreign representative said today that a situation has developed where the allies, in America, must place entire confidence in the rectitude of purpose and military ability of Japan. This belief is that there can be no no confidence such as would be implied by a demand for a pledge from Japan in advance of any action it may contemplate to limit her activities or to make certain disposition of occupied territory after the war. Such action, he said, would cast a tolerable suspicion upon a devoted and powerful ally.

No Formal Purpose Needed

It is entirely possible that some inquiries may be made to develop the nature and extent of what Japan regards as the special German menace that existed in Eastern Siberia even before the resumption of the German drive against Russia. Aside from the presence of a large number of German prisoners of war in Central Siberia nothing officially known here of any new threats danger to Japan or to her allies in less than a year. It is not doubted that Japan is not satisfied her allies on this point and consequently there will be no necessity for any formal engagement or declaration of purpose by Japan covering her aims in Siberia beyond any such expression as she might herself care to volunteer.

Chinese Are Reluctant

Reports reaching here and credited to British newspapers that already Japanese and Chinese troops have been sent into Asiatic Russia find no confirmation here. They believed to be founded upon previous reports that Japanese marines had been landed at Vladivostok to suppress disorders there of an anarchic turn that threatened the safety of the military stores at the port. It is known that there are four large Japanese cruisers at Vladivostok but as they have been there for some time, officials said their presence could not be construed as indicating any new policy. As to the report that Chinese troops have been sent into Siberia, officials are convinced that this is based on a misunderstanding of the movement of some Chinese soldiers into Harbin which being in Chinese Manchuria is properly a subject for Chinese news columns. So far as can be learned here, the attitude of the Chinese government has been marked by reluctance to join in any international campaign in Manchuria.

Russia Favors U. S. Help

There has been a notable omission to develop the feeling of the Russian themselves towards any disturbance of status in Siberia. However, a report reached Washington from an apparently reliable source today that

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Large Express Shipment OF SILKS Just Opened NEW PLAID SILKS NEW STRIPE SILKS NEW FOULARD SILKS NEW GEORGETTE CREPES NEW CREPE DE CHINE NEW TAFFETA SILKS NEW PONGEE SILKS We are now showing a wonderful assortment of both STAPLE AND NOVELTY SILKS at prices considerably below present market values. Well posted dry goods buyers expect this to be the greatest silk season ever known because present styles favor silk fabrics and they have advanced less in price than any other fabric, when compared with former prices. STRIPED SILK AND WOOL WAISTINGS in six beautiful shadings just received. 33 inches wide at \$1.25 per yard. New range of colors in very fine all wool CHIFFON VELOUR COATING Quaker Grey, Buftan, Sammy, Dark Magenta, Peacock, Taupe, Tan, Navy and Black. This Velour is 56 inches wide and suitable for either Spring Coats or Suits. Barnes Cash Store F. T. BARNES, PROPRIETOR New Spring Merchandise arriving daily.