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SPAIN DISCUSSES LEAGUE

(By The Associated Press)
 MADRID, Wednesday, Dec. 4.—The question of a league of nations is the subject of the outgoing cabinet meeting of the outgoing cabinet. The ministers were unanimous in declaring their absolute adhesion to President Wilson's idea on the subject.

Debate on Revenue Bill Is Coming Up Shortly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—In reporting the war revenue bill to the senate today, Chairman Simmons of the finance committee arranged for the beginning of debate next Tuesday, with exclusive right of way given the measure.
 Filing of committee reports on the bill was deferred until next week. Senator Simmons will present the majority report, and Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania will file a minority report, attacking especially the plan of fixing 1920 rates. Senators Swope of Utah, and La Follette of Wisconsin, Republicans, gave notice that they would file separate reports to present their individual views.
 As revised by the senate committee to meet peace time conditions, the measure is designed to raise \$5,353,466,000 as against \$8,182,483,000, which would have been yielded by the house draft passed September 20.

MARE ISLAND WINS AGAIN

BREMERTON, Wash., Dec. 6.—The undefeated Mare Island Marines football team today added another victory to their credit, when they won from the Sailor team of Camp Perry here by a score of 39 to 0.

RAILROADS WISH CONDITIONS NOW AS BEFORE WAR

Believe That Lines Should Be Returned to Private Ownership

MANY EXECUTIVES MEET

Ninety Per Cent of Rail Mileage Represented at New York Conference

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Executives of railroads comprising more than 90 per cent of the rail mileage of the country in conference here today have adopted a resolution favoring a return of the roads to private ownership and expressing hope that the remaining period of federal control would be such as to leave the properties in the highest state of efficiency.
 Government ownership and operation of railroads was characterized as "not conducive to the highest economic efficiency of the country" and it was suggested that private initiative, enterprise and responsibility in creation, extension, improvement and operation should, as a matter of national policy, be fostered and preserved.
 The meeting, which was called by T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the railway executives' advisory committee, also voted that "assurance be given to the director general of railroads and his assistants of our earnest desire to co-operate with them in the performance of their important and difficult trust and in the adoption of plans for the return of these properties to private management and operation, which plans shall be just, alike to the public, to the owners of the properties and to the employes engaged thereon."
 It was announced that meetings would be held soon to work out plans

and propose legislation for return of the railroads to the individual companies.
 "This shows the railway companies want a readjustment of conditions," said Mr. Cuyler after the meeting. "They do not wish or expect to escape adequate, responsible public regulations but look forward to relation between rates, wages and dividends which will stimulate business, adequately reward labor and attract the volume of new capital needed for expansion."

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YANKEE TROOPS AWARDED PRAISE

General March, in Annual Report, Commends Work of Pershing and Men

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The army program of 80 divisions in France by June 30, 1919, was embarked upon with complete confidence that Germany could and would be defeated during 1919 if the project was carried out, General March, chief of staff, declares in his annual report to Secretary Baker, made public today. That conviction was based on a comprehensive study of the whole war situation ordered by General March immediately after he assumed his duties as the head of the army last March.
 "After a study of the situation," the report says, "including an accurate estimate of the potential strength of our allies on the western front and of the probable German strength as was possible, I came to the conclusion that the war might be brought to an end in 1919, provided we were able to land in France by June 30 of that year 80 American divisions of a strength of 3,350,000 men."
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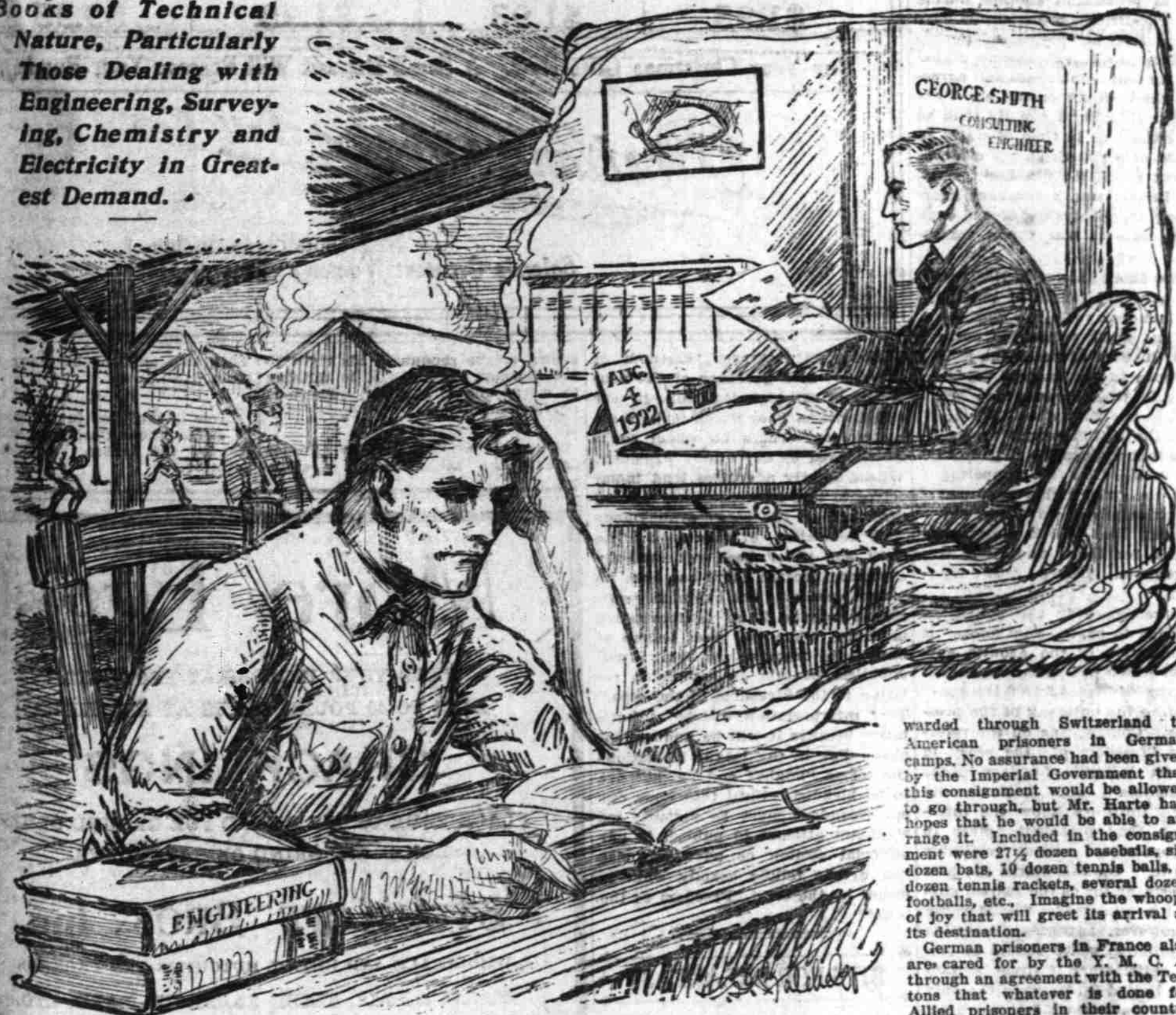
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An American War Prisoner's Vision

BY E. A. BATCHELOR

WHEN an American soldier is unlucky enough to be taken prisoner by the Boche and sent to one of the camps in the interior of Germany he doesn't lose all contact with his own people. It is true that he doesn't have an American daily paper delivered with his coffee and eggs each morning, nor receive a letter every afternoon with the latest gossip from home. He is fairly well kept out of touch with his own land but occasionally he learns that he has not been forgotten. The Y. M. C. A. is one of the agencies that keeps the line of communication open.

In a quiet way, the International Committee, through its European agencies, is doing a great deal to ameliorate the condition of Yankee prisoners of war in Germany. The work, of course, is subject to drastic restrictions by the German Government and is not nearly so extensive

as the prisoners would like to make it. Still some concessions have been secured from the central powers. Since the United States entered the war, Americans have not been exactly popular in Germany. There was a big Yankee Y. M. C. A. organization looking after Allied prisoners in the Fatherland prior to April, 1917, but when Uncle Sam got tired of fooling and went to fighting, the workers were handed their hats. Most of them came out with Ambassador James W. Gerard, but the Germans had confidence enough in Conrad Hoffman, one of the Y. M. C. A. leaders in the work among the prisoners, to allow him to remain for several months.

When it became necessary for the Americans to leave, the Y. M. C. A. activities were placed in the hands of neutrals, mainly Swiss and Scandinavian. These men are doing excellent work, continuing the various activities instituted by the Yankees. The funds are still being furnished by the International Committee, which maintains a central office in

Berne, Switzerland, in charge of A. C. Harte. Other officers are located in Berlin, Vienna, Paris, Petrograd, Copenhagen, Rome and Sofia.

The work of the War Prisoners' Aid Department consists mainly in furnishing the interned men with means of amusing themselves, and pursuing studies in various subjects. Books, particularly those of a technical nature, are in great demand. Musical instruments, indoor and outdoor paraphernalia for games, theatrical material, and in some cases food and clothing, are sent in.

Scores of prisoners are putting in most of their time studying electricity, chemistry, engineering, surveying, etc., so that when the war is over, or they are exchanged they will be qualified to hold better positions than they ever have held before. It seems strange that a term of a prisoner of war might be the means of starting a man on the road to success, but this is what is likely to happen in some cases. Recently a car load of baseballs and other athletic goods was forwarded through Switzerland to American prisoners in German camps. No assurance had been given by the Imperial Government that this consignment would be allowed to go through, but Mr. Harte had hoped that he would be able to arrange it. Included in the consignment were 27 1/2 dozen baseballs, six dozen bats, 10 dozen tennis balls, a dozen tennis rackets, several dozen footballs, etc. Imagine the whoops of joy that will greet its arrival at its destination.

German prisoners in France also are cared for by the Y. M. C. A. through an agreement with the Teutons that whatever is done for Allied prisoners in their country must also be done for the Boche captives held by the Allies. Books, games, musical instruments, theatrical make-up and costumes, athletic equipment, etc., are being furnished the "Fritzes." The demand for musical instruments and theatrical material is particularly great. Almost every German has some sort of musical talent, and many of them are amateur thespians of ability also. Up to date, the Y. M. C. A. hasn't been able to keep up with the demands made upon it by the devotees of these two arts.

The work has been extended to the Polish prisoners held in France. In one camp, the Poles publish a very well-edited and well-printed newspaper. This little sheet, besides amusing its editors and readers, is doing excellent missionary work by printing the truth about the political aspects of the war and thus disabusing the prisoners of some of the false ideas engendered by inspired propaganda supported by German gold.

The International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. is working with the prisoners of war in all parts of the Central Powers, as well as in Germany proper.

supplies procured, and an analysis of shipping which must be obtained in order to accomplish this very large military program. This was accompanied by an estimate of the cost of the proposed program.

"In this study I recommend to you the adoption of the American program, of 80 divisions in France and 18 at home by June 30, 1919, based on a total strength of the American army of 5,850,000 men. This was approved by you and by the president of the United States and adopted as our formal military program. To carry this program into effect required the adoption by congress of a change in the draft ages so as to include men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, and also created a deficiency over the enormous appropriations already made by congress of some \$7,000,000,000. The presentation of the program to congress, accompanied by the statement that this increase in the army, if laws were passed by congress which would make it effective, would lead to success in 1919, produced prompt and favorable consideration by that body.

"Up to the signing of the armistice troops were being transported to France monthly in accordance with that program. The results speak for themselves.

The remainder of the report is devoted to a presentation of the steps it was found necessary to take to build up an adequate general staff and the announcement that a complete plan of reorganization for the army, including the staff, is being worked out.

"I have directed the divisions of the general staff concerned to study and submit to your consideration a plan for the reorganization of our army, which will take advantage of our experience in this war, which has brought about many changes in organization of all arms of the service, and has developed new arms not known when the war started. The six services, the tank corps, the development of heavy mobile artillery, the proper organization of divisions, corps and armies, all will be set forth in the scheme which will be submitted to you with the recommendation that it be transmitted for the consideration of congress."

"The modesty and gallantry of the individual American soldier in France is a matter of pride to all Americans," General March declared, adding:

"General Pershing and his command have earned the thanks of the American people."

The chief of staff also commends the work of General Bliss at Versailles, which he says was of the

greatest value to the department. Appended to the report is a terse chronology of the operations of the American army in France and a day to day sketch of the campaign beginning on April 28, 1917, and concluding November 11, 1918, when hostilities ceased.

SOLDIER BOYS WILL HOP HERE

Dance Put on by Fourth Regiment Is Set for Week From Tonight

Private L. B. Gross, advance agent for the Fourth Provisional regiment orchestra of Toledo, succeeded yesterday in making arrangements for a dance to be given in the Salem armory a week from tonight. The dance is to be put on by the regiment orchestra and the proceeds will go toward paying off a deficit of \$1600 on the soldiers' club house built by the regiment at Toledo at a total cost of \$4600.

W. L. Bryant, who operates the Saturday night dances at Moose hall, has consented to forego his dance for that evening and will assist the army boys in making a success of their entertainment for Salem people. It is possible that the co-operation of the Cherrians may be enlisted.

Private Eugene Apollo, formerly a star of the Chicago Grand Opera company, will be with the orchestra and will sing several selections from Italian grand opera. Lieutenant John M. Robson will accompany the orchestra from Toledo and it is probable that a large number of soldiers from that point will obtain leave and come to Salem for the affair.

Captain LeRoy Hewlett of Company M. O. N. G., Colonel A. T. Wolpert, Captain A. R. Wilson, Hal D. Patton and others will lend their efforts to make the dance a success.

Thirteenth Division Will Be Demobilized Among Last

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 6.—The Thirteenth division which is stationed here will be one of the last to be demobilized in this country and very probably the men and officers of the division who wish to remain in the army will be used as a nucleus for the formation of a permanent division, according to indications here today.

From advice received from Washington the places of officers in the division who wish to resign immediately will be taken by others who wish to retain commissions. These will be sent here as occasion demands from other posts and camps as units are cut down by the demobilization plan.

Officers here believe the regular army after the war will consist of approximately 500,000 men in 20 divisions. These divisions, it is understood, will have their headquarters at camps and cantonments that will be kept as permanent posts. The health and climatic record of these camps is expected to cause Camp Lewis to be used as a large depot for troops and supplies of the regular army.

With Camp Lewis as a central point for a division troops from the division would be available for duty in smaller posts in coast states and in Alaska.

The divisional plan, it is believed, will be retained for the regular establishment. It is said better results can be obtained in handling the reg-

ular army through divisions and much work and delay would be saved for departmental headquarters.

The Forty-fourth infantry, Col. E. N. Jones commanding, was ordered today to proceed to the Presidio, San Francisco, for station. One battalion from the regiment was ordered to proceed immediately to Fort Worden, Wash., and one company to be divided between Baton, Miss., and Fort George Wright, Wash., to relieve the United States guards stationed there. The guards will come here for mustering out.

Leon Hannersley left last night for Kansas City where will spend the winter.

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