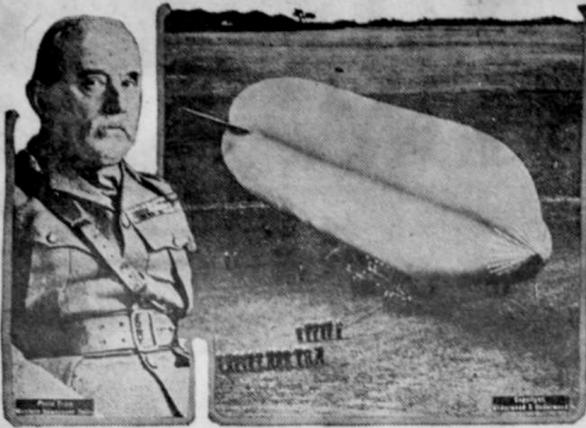


DEFENDING ENGLAND AGAINST RAIDERS



This massive dirigible balloon is but one of the great number of similar craft guarding the coasts of Great Britain from attacks by Zeppelins and German airplanes. At the left is Field Marshal Sir John French, at the head of the British home defense forces.

NEWSPAPER MAN DESCRIBES VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS

Nerve Centers of British and Canadian Armies Peaceful Even in Battle.

IS LIKE BUSINESS HOUSE

Function Calmly and Efficiently Without Turmoil or Slightest Disorder—Young Staff Officers Command Because They Must Stay Out of the Show.

London.—During the past three years of warfare there have been daily communications emanating from a mysterious place called general headquarters, whose location or surroundings have never been mentioned, in fact are not known to the average soldier fighting in France, writes Hal O'Flaherty in the New York Sun.

To the citizen unacquainted with the affairs of giant armies the mention of the term general headquarters brings up a picture of a building in the heart of the great army activities, with mud-splattered couriers dashing up on horse or cycle and with sentries pacing to and fro armed to the teeth, while worried generals sit about great tables within tracing upon their maps the various positions in the front line.

The fact of the matter is that British general headquarters is perhaps the most peaceful and orderly place that one could imagine. The roads approaching the main buildings are not lined with troops and paraphernalia of war, nor is there any of the much-talked-of dramatics of fighting.

It is a business house, conducted on the most advanced systems of efficiency. The traffic coming up to the heart of the gigantic chain of fighting units is regulated by military policemen who know their business and keep motorists and pedestrians going in the right direction.

The soldiers on duty in front of the building visited by the correspondent were unarmed and directed the arriving officers in a manner as courteous as that displayed by the commissionaire at the war office in London. Within there was nothing to indicate the presence of the greatest army chiefs. The furnishings were modest, almost homely, and the atmosphere of the whole place was that of a peaceful and well conducted business establishment.

To secure an interview with one of the men who conduct the affairs of the British armies was simplicity itself. A telephone call sufficed to tell him of our coming and we were ushered into his office immediately upon our arrival. An officer of the United States army, known as a "liaison officer," had quarters nearby. He has been working as hard as any man of affairs at home could work and his surroundings showed he wasn't in the habit of entertaining visitors.

"Take that rocking chair over in the corner," he said as we entered, and one of the party went over as directed and sat on the wooden box that had held his typewriter. A wooden table, two chairs and a rack for books made up the furnishings of his office.

On his table was a stack of correspondence a foot high, which if it could be read by the German high command would probably give them heart failure. There was something significant in that stack of letters. It was probably the first nucleus of a correspondence between the directing officials of the American army and the British upon whom they are depending for advice and information. Some day that little pile will have grown into an entire library of documents that will fill long ranks of filing cases. It is pioneer correspondence under the new order of things between Britain and the United States.

The following afternoon brought us by a lucky chance to Canadian headquarters, where we had the privilege of spending several hours with other men who are conducting operations. It was more than a lucky chance that brought us to Canadian headquarters almost at the same hour that the Ger-

mans began an attack—it was an act of providence.

Lighted by Lamps and Candles. It can be set down here without further parley that two newspaper men were never treated more royally than we were by these men who at the moment we entered their quarters were directing a barrage against a strong German attack.

In the midst of tea the door opened and for a few minutes we were under the impression that every general on the western front had been deluged into our presence. It was a party of officers who had dropped in for tea and a chat with the army commanders. Instead they had a rather amusing talk with two American correspondents, who were found interesting because they had been with the American army on the Mexican border and in France and had some idea of what the United States troops could do. Their intense interest in preparations of the United States for war was manifested in every question, and their friendliness toward everything American was more than evident.

In two minutes the formality of introduction was over with and for fully half an hour the Canadian general staff dropped their heavy responsibilities and enjoyed the unique experience of entertaining two Americans. It was the first time that such a gathering had ever assembled in this particular building and all made the most of it.

The staff captain who had introduced us suggested that we get a little exercise, explaining that the staff officers usually spent an hour in the evening playing badminton or some other game just to keep in condition. We went out to a well constructed court similar to a tennis court and taped off in the same manner. For an hour we watched four officers bat the feathered shuttlecock across the net with a display of skill and strategy that was worthy of men who used strategy in a greater and more deadly manner. We took a hand in the game for a time and then watched four others play off the staff championship.

Meet Famous Strategist. When the game broke up and we reentered the headquarters building we were presented to a man whose name is famous the length and breadth of the British front. His keen stratagems and forceful work have won for him the praise and admiration of every Canadian fighting in France and his record as a fighter would fill several books. We were fortunate in having an opportunity of talking with him, for he, like the late General Funston, is keenly interested in newspaper work and it gave us a good start on the right plane. We explained to him our reasons for coming to headquarters and how the car that was to meet us had broken down.

"Well, I'm glad you're here, boys," he said. "I'll just arrange to have a couple of places set for you at dinner. How are things over in the U. S. A.?" We had been talking with him only a few minutes when an officer brought to him word that an S. O. S. signal had been received from a certain point indicating that the Germans were preparing to attack. There was no bluster. The information was given in a low, steady voice and the orders for certain counter-measures were given in an equally unflustered manner. An hour later it was learned that the Germans had given up their attempt after being unmercifully flayed by the grueling fire which our host had turned loose.

From time to time an officer would appear at the door and report the progress of various movements under way, and throughout the evening there was no letup in the handling of business. The whole procedure of this work of directing armies seemed to operate as smoothly as the service at the dinner table to which we were shown.

When the meal was finished and we were comfortably seated in the main room we heard from the lips of one of the officers a story of the thoughts and feelings of a man directing an offensive.

For the moment we saw a series of pictures thrown on the screen of our imagination. The officer asleep in his room. A servant calls him in the small hours. He dresses and walks slowly to

his office, where a number of telegraph and telephone operators sit at keys and switchboards. A cup of coffee is steaming at his desk, a broad, flat table, upon which is spread a great detail map with flags marking the line of attack. He drinks the coffee, lights his pipe and turns to greet his brother officers.

Men Go Over the Top. The hour of the attack is marked by a general glance at watches and then the phone rings. The men are over the top! Several phones ring. A number of objectives have been reached. An S. O. S. signal from "A" section. All reports are marked upon the big map by flags, and as each objective is reached a new flag is added. As reports of trouble come from different points certain barrages are instructed to cut loose with everything they have.

A "cut-in" shows the men lying by their guns, which are loaded and trained upon certain points. The S. O. S. signal comes to the gunner nearest the string, who reaches out and gives it a yank while the other gunners jump into action. Before the first shell has reached its destination a second is on its way and the big show is on in full swing. We see the men bombing the Germans out of dug-outs; fighting hand to hand in the open ground with vicious thrusting of bayonets.

Finally the picture reverts to headquarters, where we see the officer, tired eyed but smiling, reading the congratulations from all along the line and transmitting them to the victorious men out in the shell holes and trenches.

"I don't believe there's a one of us that wouldn't have given a great deal to be right down there with our men," he said. "That's the worst of having a staff job. One must take a distant view of things and stay out of the show, which isn't a pleasant task, especially for that young officer who just handed me this report. I'll venture to say that he'd yell with joy if he got orders to go back to his regiment tonight."

Along toward midnight our disabled car came limping up to headquarters for us and our farewells were said outside the door in the inky blackness of a rainy night. We shook hands there in the darkness with these men who had been our hosts. From the distance came the deep-throated growl of heavy guns.

"We never let up on them," said a voice from the steps. "It has been just as you hear it now for months, and we'll keep on until we finish the job. We are going to win."

And that is the spirit that pervades not only the headquarters staff but every camp and every dugout on the British front.

PROUD OF HER RECORD.



Members of the National party, resenting the suggestion that their White House pickets are not as patriotic as some of their less militant sisters, are pointing out the record of Miss Eleanor Hill Weed, granddaughter of the late Representative Ebenezer J. Hill of Connecticut. Miss Weed, who assisted in picketing last spring, was one of the 12 Vassar college girls who spent last summer on a farm, accomplishing a sum total of products sufficient to feed 1,500 persons all winter and 20 head of live stock until next year's crops are ripe. Miss Weed is a sophomore at Vassar this year.

DESCENDS IN BURNING PLANE

British Airman Recovers From Injuries Received After 1,000-Foot Drop.

London.—After one of the most miraculous escapes of the war, Major Bannatyne, D. S. O., is today recovering from his injuries in the Cirencester hospital. While flying alone at a height of more than 1,000 feet his engine caught fire. He headed the machine toward the ground. Soon the flames reached his feet. He climbed out of the seat and crawled along the body of the plane toward the tail while the blazing plane plunged toward the earth. The flames reached him again. He swung himself off the frame and hung by his hands under the machine—now a mass of flames. He fell into a plowed field and was picked up suffering from a broken arm, scores of cuts and with all his hair scorched to a crisp.

WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest and Other Things Worth Knowing.

A Long Island, N. Y., grocer is offering as a premium, instead of trading stamps, a lump of sugar with every 10-cent purchase.

Robert P. Perkins, of New York, has been appointed Red Cross commissioner to Italy by the Red Cross war council. He will serve without salary.

Stabilizing of sugar prices, the food administration announced Monday night, probably will be accomplished before the end of December. Prices now are wide different in many parts of the country.

Automobiles caused the death of 801 persons in New York state during the first 10 months of 1917, an increase of 197 over the corresponding period in 1916, according to a report of the National Highway Protective society.

Stories of germ-laden balloons that floated across the line from the German front were related by the members of a party of 18 American volunteers in the ambulance service who arrived in this country on Thanksgiving Day.

Lively skirmishing between the British forces campaigning for Jerusalem and the opposing Turkish troops, in which the British captured more than 450 prisoners, is reported in Sunday's official statement on the Palestine operations.

Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, has issued an order that no British subject shall receive permits to leave Russia pending the settlement of the cases of Russians alleged to be interned in England because of their political convictions.

War crosses have been awarded to Benjamm Burton, Jr., of Colusa, Cal., and Herbert Hope, of Oakland, Cal., of the American Field Service in France. Mr. Burton and Mr. Hope drove a motor truck under heavy bombardment October 8, two men with them being killed.

The final shipment of the first 2000-ton consignment of refined sugar has arrived in Stockholm from Germany. A further 1000 tons now is being loaded at Stettin and is expected to arrive within a few days. It is declared that the sugar has been received without any special compensation from Sweden's resources.

Pottery and glass manufacturers in Eastern Ohio, Northern West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania were Monday notified that their products had been listed as non-essentials by the government, and many manufacturers took this to mean their plants would be closed for lack of transportation facilities and fuel.

Prince Ong Chow Artitt, nephew of the king of Siam, arrived in San Francisco Saturday from the Orient on his way to Washington, D. C., where he expects to arrange for his naval education in this country. The prince, who is 14 years old, is accompanied by a private secretary and a member of the Siamese legation at Tokio.

Six men Thursday attacked the Huebner brewery company paymaster at Toledo, Ohio, and got away with \$35,000.

The death of ten soldiers at Camp Beauregard, near Alexandria, Va., during Thursday, was announced, making 22 deaths in the last ten days. Some of the deaths were due to pneumonia and measles.

The Brazilian government has reached an agreement with France for the use under the Brazilian flag for one year of 30 former German ships, held in Brazilian ports, for provisioning the allied countries.

Food Administrator Hoover's plan to take a large quantity of sugar held in this country for foreign account and pay for it with government funds was approved as legal by the controller.

The appointment of Leonidas R. Whipple as professor of journalism at the University of Virginia was rescinded Friday by the board of visitors, after an investigation of alleged disloyal sentiments expressed by Whipple in an address last week at Sweet Briar College, Virginia.

All communication has been broken between North and South Russia. The foreign embassies at Petrograd are unable to establish any touch with Odessa or other points in Southern Russia. Official messages, however, are reaching Odessa by way of Persia.

United States Deputy Marshals Friday arrested 14 alleged members of the I. W. W. who are believed to be responsible for the wrecking near Henrietta, Okla., Thursday, of a fast St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train, in which three persons were killed.

RED CROSS REPORTS

Chairman of War Council Sets Forth at Length Vast Amount of Work That Has Been Performed.

Washington, D. C.—Six months of effort to meet the most far-reaching appeals for relief in history is described in a report to the American people made public Tuesday night by Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross. It is the council's first semi-annual report, and it tells how more than \$40,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 war fund contributed by the people has been allotted for expenditure at home and abroad.

Demands from Europe continue to increase, and on the recent basis of expenses the council estimates that the war fund will not last much beyond spring. So far about \$88,000,000 in cash has been paid into the fund by the subscribers.

Of \$40,272,657 appropriated by the council, \$7,659,000 has been advanced to chapters for the purchase of material and will be refunded. For work abroad \$27,885,816 has been appropriated, \$20,601,240 of the amount going to France, where suffering has been "beyond description." For work outside of France, exclusive of \$750,000 recently sent for emergency relief in Italy, the following appropriations have been made: Belgium, \$720,001; England, \$1,066,520; Italy, \$214,000; Russia, \$1,359,440; Roumania, \$1,518,398; Serbia, \$493,203; Armenia and Syrians, \$1,800,000; others, \$113,012.

The report describes in detail how all this money has been spent, and tells of the vast organization set up by the war board since its appointment. It records the formation of the Union Red Cross, Naval Auxiliaries, the Camp Service Bureau, the Sanitary Service Bureau and other divisions, and describes the membership campaign which brought the number of Red Cross members beyond the 5,000,000 mark.

The total expenses of raising and collecting the war fund are proving to be less than 1 per cent. The war fund is deposited locally by the chapters and campaign committees. About 3500 banks now hold these deposits in the name of William G. McAdoo, treasurer.

Forty-nine army base hospital units and five for the navy have been recruited, organized and equipped by the Red Cross. More than 12 of the army units and two of the navy units have now been mustered into their respective medical corps and are seeing service. These units can care for a 500-bed hospital each, and some of them have been reinforced to enable them to take over larger hospitals.

The Red Cross has also organized 45 ambulance companies, with a total personnel of 5580, all of which have been taken into the army medical corps, some for service abroad, others for the camps and cantonments. A general hospital, for the use of the navy, has been established at Philadelphia. Convalescent homes have been built at Fort Oglethorpe and Fort McPherson, Ga., and mobile laboratory cars are to be provided for use in case of emergencies at the camps.

Fourteen thousand Red Cross nurses have been enrolled for duty, and approximately 3000 have already been called into active nursing service, of whom 2000 are working abroad.

COAL GOES UP WITH WAGES

President Authorizes 35 Cents Per Ton Increase.

Washington, D. C.—A general increase of 35 cents a ton was added to the price of anthracite coal at the mines Monday by President Wilson, to meet a proposed wage increase for anthracite miners. The new prices are effective beginning Monday and will add more than \$30,000,000 to the public's annual coal bill.

The wage increase was agreed on by operators and miners' representatives here two weeks ago, contingent on higher coal prices to absorb the rate. When their negotiations were ended the operators and miners turned over to the fuel administration their agreement and estimates of what it would add to the cost of production. They asked that prices be raised at least 45 cents a ton.

Bryan Augurs Dry Nation.

Washington, D. C.—Ratification by the states of a prohibition amendment to the federal constitution within two years was predicted by William Jennings Bryan, speaking before the opening session of the annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. With 26 states already dry and prohibition territory spreading over others, Mr. Bryan said a federal amendment before 1920 seemed certain. Nearly 1000 delegates are here for the convention, which will continue until next Friday.

Monroe Man Is Handled.

Everett, Wash.—George W. Croff, merchant of Monroe, a town near here, was seized on his way home Sunday night by five masked men, tied and taken by automobile three miles from town and released. Later a can of tar was found there. Croff had a large sum of money in his possession, but it was not taken. His daughter, who was with him at the time of the assault, ascribed it to her father's alleged anti-war attitude.

WOULD DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA

President Makes Recommendation to Congress.

TURKEY MAY BE NEXT

First Resolution Introduced Is Joint Measure to Include Turkish and Bulgarian Governments.

Washington, D. C.—Immediate declaration of war against Austria-Hungary was recommended to congress Tuesday by President Wilson. The President did not, however, recommend declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria at this time.

Immediate war against Austria, the President told congress, was necessary to meet the anomalous situation the United States faces in its war with Germany, even though Austria was not her own mistress and only a vassal of Germany.

The same logic, he said, would lead to war against Turkey and Bulgaria but they do not yet, he said, stand in its path of the United States in its war against Prussian autocracy.

In ringing, definite terms, the President declared that nothing shall turn the United States aside until the war is won and Germany is beaten. All talk of peace, he pronounced out of the question.

Peace, the President declared, could come only when the German people make it through rulers the world can trust; when they make reparation for the destruction their present rulers have wrought and when Germany recedes from all the territory acquired by armed conquest.

A joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, was introduced in the senate by Senator Pittman, for Senator King, of Utah. It was referred to the foreign relations committee without action.

GERMANY READY FOR PEACE

Count Von Hertling Tells Reichstag of His Hopes With Russia.

Berlin, via London.—Count George F. von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, told the reichstag Thursday that he was ready to enter into peace negotiations as soon as the Russian government sends representatives having full powers to Berlin.

"I hope and wish," he said, that these efforts will soon take definite shape and bring us peace."

Respecting Poland, Lithuania and Courland, Count von Hertling said: "We respect the right of self-determination of their peoples. We expect they will give themselves a constitutional form of government corresponding to their conditions."

LOAN WORKERS WILL MEET

Secretary McAdoo Calls Conference at Washington.

Washington, D. C.—To perfect liberty loan organizations throughout the country for the period of the war, Secretary McAdoo Friday called a conference of representatives of liberty loan committees in each of the 12 Federal reserve districts and of the women's liberty loan organization to be held in Washington December 10.

"While the secretary has announced that there will be no further liberty loan issue, at least until after February 1," said a Treasury department announcement, "he believes it essential that educational work in preparation for future loans be conducted continuously so that the people may become fully acquainted with the worth of government securities, the advantage of thrift and economy and the financial needs of the government to wage war against Germany."

Governors of the federal reserve banks have been asked to attend the conference and also to designate and send at least three of the principal liberty loan executives of their districts.

Diseases Raging at Camp.

Washington, D. C.—Surgeon General William C. Gorgas, reporting on the epidemic of measles and pneumonia at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., declared that the number of cases of measles was decreasing, but expressed the fear "that we may be beginning here an epidemic of septic pneumonia." When General Gorgas made his inspection this week there had been approximately 3000 cases of measles among the 22,000 men at the camp, and 300 cases of pneumonia, with about 60 deaths from the latter.

Pin Money \$12,000 a Year.

Philadelphia—Twelve thousand dollars a year "pin money" for the wife of the President of the United States "or the first lady of the land," is provided in a fund from the estate of Henry G. Freeman, Jr., who died here recently. "The reason I make this fund," the will explains, "is because I feel the President of the United States receives such a miserable pittance for a man holding the greatest position on earth."