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BAKER'S REPLY

"Failures and shortcomings have been present in the war preparations but they are dwarfed by the magnitude of what has been accomplished."

In the above sentence, Secretary Baker in his address before congress yesterday strikes the keynote of the entire military situation. He then proceeds to give detailed information of what has been accomplished by the War Department.

"A half million troops will be in France early this year and a million and a half more are trained and equipped and ready to follow as soon as ships can be provided to carry them. There are several times as many men in Europe today as was originally planned for this date and every man of the 32 National Guard units and National Army camps is ready now to be sent to the front line."

In these words Secretary Baker sums up the tremendous work which has been accomplished by the War Department, and it is a record of which every American citizen may well be proud.

We quote below a few of the major points which were made by Mr. Baker in his summary of the war preparations by this government:

"Our army was called before the guns and equipment were ready in response to an urgent appeal from our allies and this appeal was backed by the earnest support of Major General Wood. The Enfield rifle was adopted upon the recommendation of General Pershing, who also opposed the adoption of the Lewis machine-gun for land work. The army abroad is using French Artillery to save tonnage and other needed supplies. The allies urged that troops be sent before anything else and volunteered that in such event England and France would furnish the artillery."

Mr. Baker does not deny that mistakes have been made. He does not pose in the role of a superhero; but he does point with pride to the practical results that have been obtained in the comparatively short period that the United States has been at war.

The differences of opinion which have existed between President Wilson and Senator Chamberlain in regard to the conduct of the War Department have been differences which might be expected to arise between men who are both charged with great responsibilities in regard to the prosecution of the war. Senator Chamberlain's criticisms were made in good faith and with the laudable purpose of correcting minor defects in the military branch of the Government. A partisan republican press has twisted and warped the issue and attempted to make political capital out of an honest difference of opinion between two men whose sole desire is to win the war as quickly as possible. That this difference of opinion should exist is regrettable and unfortunate, but Woodrow Wilson is too great a President and George Chamberlain is too great a Senator to permit the events of the past week to stand in the way of harmonious action in regard to the prosecution of the war.

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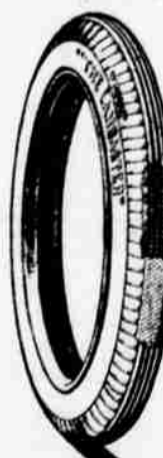
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