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ALLIES STAND READY TO CHECK HUNS

GAINS MADE BY FRENCH OVERFRONT

Polius Advance Line at Loere in North and in Region of Montdidier —British Also Attack Successfully at Merville—27 German Airplanes Brought Down in One Day—Americans Bombard Enemy Town Causing Fires—Huns Shell Allies.

(By Associated Press.) Whatever big move the Germans may be preparing for on the western battle front, they are finding an active and alert foe confronting them. The French official statement, in particular, fairly bristles with accounts of intensive artillery and raiding activities and more important minor thrusts against the Germans in various sectors. In addition, the latest British aviation report indicates such thorough command of the air that in one day's fighting 27 German machines were brought down while the British losses were only six machines.

French troops figured in the most telling strokes delivered by the infantry last night, both in Flanders and south of the Somme.

French Advance Line. In the former area an operation was carried out which advanced the French line somewhat in the region east of Loere, an important holding point against flanking operations directed at Mont Rouge.

British troops made a successful raid near Merville, to the west of this area. On the southern battlefield, while carrying out several raids, the French hit into the German line on the front between Montdidier and Nogon. An appreciable gain of ground was made here northwest of Orville's Sorel, seven miles southeast of Montdidier.

German-Ukraine Trouble. There are indications that the Germans have run into serious trouble as the result of their high handed action in the Ukraine. The people are reported to have turned against the occupying forces, and dispatches from Dutch sources report that Bavarian cavalry detachments are being withdrawn from the western front and sent to the Ukraine.

Huns Bombard Robecq. On the southern leg of the Lys salient the Germans are bombarding the Robecq sector and also are paying attention to the British positions about Vimy ridge, on the Arras front. On the Somme battlefield the British have engaged in some local fighting around Aveluy wood, between Albert and Arras, and Berlin claims the repulse of a local British attack here. The French hold on Grivesnes Park.

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TEUTONS TO AGAIN ATTACK IN UKRAINE

LONDON, May 11.—The situation in Ukraine has become so disturbing that the Germans have dispatched large detachments of Bavarian cavalry from Flanders on the way to Ukraine, the correspondent at Amsterdam of the Exchange Telegraph company reports.

Word that fighting is to be resumed in Ukraine has been received from Paris. The Bavarian cavalry detachments are said to have arrived at that

BORGLUM SAYS CHARGES MADE BY MIX FALSE

Sculptor Denies Accusations That He Secretly Worked for Own Interests in Aircraft Probe, and Asserts War Department Opposed Investigation —Terms Charge a "Frame-up."

NEW YORK, May 11.—Gutzon Borglum, accused of having sought secretly to capitalize his friendship with President Wilson by undertaking to promote a private airplane company, issued a formal statement today denying "any connection now or at any other time with any airplane production concern or any plan to organize such a company." He declared further that the war department had "systematically directed the opposition" to investigation of aircraft production in which a "billion dollars in 11 months had provided us with no planes," and charged that "every subterfuge had been resorted to to gain time."

Mix Made Charge. The sculptor termed the accusations made against him in revelations yesterday of documents in possession of the army intelligence bureau as charges "raised by Deeds, former agent, Mix and Mix' engineer." (Colonel Deeds, chief signal officer, and Kenyon W. Mix, of the Dodge Manufacturing company.) He denied that he had "used the president's authority improperly and in a manner unthinkable between men in mutual confidence," regarding his statements which resulted in a decision of the senate military affairs committee to conduct a general inquiry into airplane production Mr. Borglum says he received information some time ago, "from a confidante of the president that the administration now possessed a club that would put me out of business if I did not quit."

Borglum asserted that "if the government does not persist in whitewashing this entire business, 'Mix would be compelled to appear as party with Deeds in matters Mix and himself designated as 'crooked.'"

Frame-up Planned. Calling attention to affairs of the war department, the sculptor said that "every investigation, and there has been many, has been instituted with a prayer and a hope that a clean bill would be secured and it is now clear that this final 'frame up' was deliberately planned and laid in preparation to destroy the value and validity of my investigations."

"The nation demands to know," declared Mr. Borglum, "why a billion dollars in 11 months has provided us with no planes. There has no graver question arisen: Who is it that is so powerful and who are they, that make it impossible and dangerous to the character and honor of men who dare to ask this question?"

ORGANIZE U. S. MILITIA GUARD

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Organization of the United States guards was resumed today by the war department's militia bureau. The department has placed at the disposal of Major General Jesse McCarter, chief of the militia bureau the 12,000 drafted men who after training with the national guard or national army divisions, have been found disqualified physically for general military service.

It is intended to recruit 25 battalions, of four companies each, a total of 15,000 men. When the project was first approved some weeks ago, 12 companies were organized and are now in service. Volunteer enlistments will be accepted to a limited degree through the regular army recruiting offices, but only men who have had prior military service and who can produce the best discharges will be eligible.

GERMANY SEEKS ARMED CONTROL OVER RUSSIANS

LONDON, May 11.—Russia has been suddenly faced with events that may again change the political outlook, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Express telegraphs. Germany, he says, has apparently found that economic dominion over Russian territory is insufficient and is seeking military occupation.

An extra session of the bolshevik government council has been held in Petrograd to discuss the situation created by the ultimatum recently delivered by the German ambassador, Count Von Mirbach, which embodied demands of a character apparently calculated to turn Russia virtually into a German colony. Premier Lenin's speech at this meeting was extremely pessimistic, the correspondent reports.

According to the newspaper Podnia, the question of transferring the capital to Nijni-Novgorod was broached, as was the subject of immediate military measures for the defense of Moscow against possible aerial attacks.

FLYER BURNS TO DEATH IN FALL

PENSACOLA, Fla., May 11.—Richard C. McCalla, Toledo, Ohio, student aviator, was burned to death, and George I. Henderson of Pawtucket, R. I., student aviator, was badly burned when their airplane fell on Santa Rosa Island yesterday. Henderson will recover.

Whether the plane caught fire before it struck the ground has not been determined, Henderson extricated himself, but was unable to get McCalla out.

NICARAGUA PLACED IN STATE OF WAR SEIGE

SAN SALVADOR, May 11.—Nicaragua having entered the war against the central powers, the national congress has declared the country in a state of siege. It is announced that Nicaragua will assist the allies with the supplies of cereals and will act in close co-operation with the United States.

GERMAN ORGANIZATION EXHIBITS LOYALTY TO U. S.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 11.—The local lodge, "Sons of Herman," a German organization, last night voted to change the name of the lodge from Bismarck to Great Falls Number 1, and discontinue the use of the German language in both lodge and ritual, and to further assert the patriotism of its members, ordered the purchase of \$150 in Liberty bonds and \$125 in Thrift stamps, being all the funds in the treasury of the organization.

OSTEND CHANNEL NOT COMPLETELY CLOSED BY BOAT

Cruiser "Vindictive" Lies at an Angle of 45 Degrees in Neck of Inlet, Causing a Serious Blockade Which Steadily Multiplies by Action of Sea Washing Silt About Old Hulk.

LONDON, May 11.—It is declared on unquestionable authority that the sunken cruiser Vindictive lies in the neck of the channel at the entrance to Ostend harbor at an angle of about 40 degrees. It is obvious that a vessel 300 feet long lying at this angle does not effectively block a channel some 320 feet wide, but a very useful purpose has been served.

Mkes Serious Blockade. A partial and serious blockade has been achieved and under the conditions of tide and rapid silt prevailing on the Belgian coast the obstruction will certainly tend to increase. It is not claimed that the sunken cruiser will prevent the egress of submarines or entirely stop that of destroyers. However, it will materially hamper both, and that is important. German light craft will not be able, when pursued by British forces, to rush full speed into the harbor as they have done heretofore.

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RASMUSSEN OF PORTLAND WAS IDOL OF ARMY

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Major Andrew Rasmussen of Portland, Ore., who was killed a few days ago while leading a reconnoitering party on the American front in Picardy, was the idol of his men because of his utter fearlessness. He went unwounded thru revolutions in Central America, and thru fighting with General Carranza in Mexico, and has seen two years of service with the Canadians as major. He was detailed by the British last October to assist in training Americans in bayonet fighting, and was later sent to an American army school as an instructor. In January he was transferred to the American army with a major's commission. Major Rasmussen was immediately given command of a battalion and went into action on the front northwest of Toul, where he suffered slightly in a gas attack.

On the night that his battalion was moved from its billets into the line on the Pivard front, Major Rasmussen joked with several correspondents while the German shells were bursting in the village, a few kilometers in the rear. He told them they might have his uniform, helmet and other things in case he was killed. Then he rode laughing toward the trenches.

BILLION SHELLS FIRED IN 3 HOURS

BERNE, April 21.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—German batteries before the great assault on the British front on March 21 fired almost three times as many shells in three hours as the Germans fired in the entire Franco-Prussian war. A German staff officer has informed a Swiss newspaper that the German artillery used more than 1,500,000 shells during the three hours' bombardment preceding the attacks. This over 8200 a minute, or estimated on a front of 50 miles, about 160 per minute per mile. The total number of shells used by Germany in the war of 1870 was about 630,000.

U. S. SOLDIERS ARE REVIEWED BY LONDONERS

Three Battalions of American Fighters Parade Through City's Streets and Are Intently Scanned by King George and Premier Lloyd George —Crowds Cheer Scene.

LONDON, May 11.—King George is sending the following message of welcome to the officers and men of the American forces passing through England:

"The people of the British isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of the nations now fighting in the old world the great battle for human freedom. The allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish I could shake hands with each one of you and bid you Godspeed on your mission."

LONDON, May 11.—Troops of the national army of the United States arrived in London this morning for a parade through the principal streets. There was a regiment of three battalions in line. The men were brought in from a nearby camp. Large crowds cheered them in the streets and they were reviewed by King George and Ambassador Page. The Americans came through the archway of the Horseguard's parade into Whitehall to begin the march through the west end streets and thence to the embassy and Buckingham palace. Members of the war cabinet, including Premier Lloyd George, Chancellor Bonar Law, Viscount Milner and J. Austen Chamberlain, came out on the balcony at the war office and watched the scene with interest.

Lloyd George Interested. The premier, hands in pockets, looked down until the last American was out of sight. When the American flag was carried past, Mr. Lloyd George led the cheers which were taken up by other members of the war cabinet and by the people in the streets. Shortly before the troops swung into view before the palace, King George and Queen Mary walked from the palace to the street before the front gate, where they met Major General Biddle of the American army. The king carefully observed the men as they passed in review and afterward congratulated the general on their appearance. He then inspected the guard, while the queen conversed with General Biddle.

MAY PLAY GAMES IN THE EVENING

KANSAS CITY, May 11.—Baseball games during the twilight hours are being considered by the managers of the Western League, it was said here today by E. W. Dickerson, league president. The plan, he said, would be to start the games at 5 o'clock so that many business men and others who cannot go to games earlier could attend. "It will not get dark until 9 o'clock after June first, and there would be plenty of time for a game," he said.

DOYLE CHAMPION BASEBALL BATTER

CHICAGO, May 11.—With an average of .426, Larry Doyle, the veteran second baseman with New York, has batted his way to the top of the National league hitters, according to averages including games of Wednesday, released today. In 15 games Doyle drove out 23 hits for a total of 39 bases. He is tied with Ruth of Philadelphia for honors in home-run hitting, each having two.

T. R. PROVES STATEMENTS ABOUT CREEL

Charges Head of Information Bureau With Attacking New York Tribune, Metropolitan and Collier's While Showing Favoritism to William Hearst Newspapers.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Theodore Roosevelt made public today what he termed a "brief preliminary statement," in reply to the request of Post Master General Burleson that he prove statements he had made in an editorial to the effect that favoritism had been shown in the treatment of publications under the espionage act.

Wronged Rogers. Mr. Roosevelt mentioned specifically the New York Tribune, Collier's Weekly and the Metropolitan magazines as publications which had been assailed by George Creel of the committee of public information, while others which "directly or indirectly aided Germany," have not been subjected to government criticism. In the latter category, he includes the publications owned by William R. Hearst.

"The prime failure of the administration to proceed against papers which opposed the war or attacked our allies or directly or indirectly aided Germany is afforded by the failure of the administration to deal with Mr. Hearst's papers as it dealt with certain other papers," said the statement.

Reveal "Truth." Referring to the Tribune, Collier's and the Metropolitan, the colonel asserted that they have consistently upheld the war, and have also "told the small portion of the truth it was absolutely necessary to tell about the administration's failure to conduct the war efficiently." He said that Mr. Creel, "officially speaking as President Wilson's representative," had attacked Collier's and "he has also attacked the Metropolitan and the New York Tribune." He said neither the postmaster general nor the postoffice department has made any attempt "to remedy the wrong it did" in the case of the Metropolitan.

Government Attacks. "At the very beginning of the war," he said, "the government proceeded successfully against Tom Watson's publication. Yet Tom Watson had done nothing that was anything like as dangerous to the country and our allies, and as helpful to Germany, as Mr. Hearst has done." To support his contention, he quoted from editorials in the Hearst newspapers.

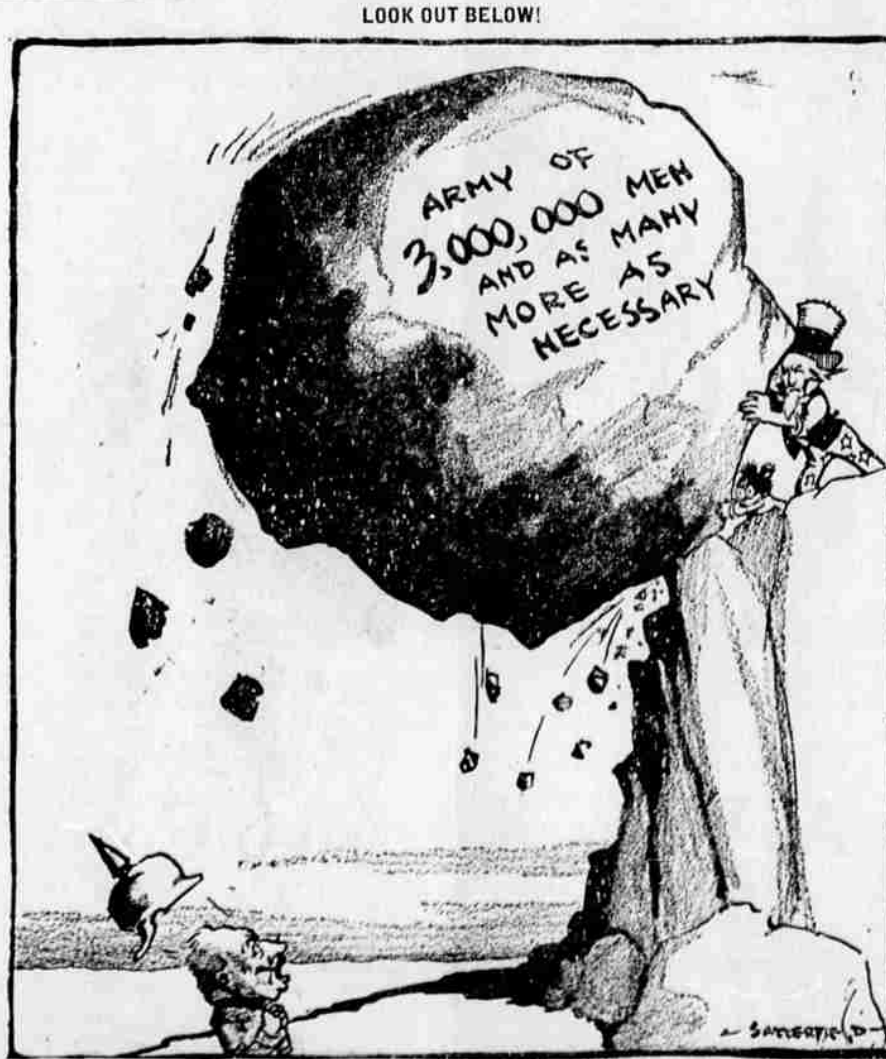
The colonel declared it is absolutely impossible to reconcile the government's position in proceeding against Tom Watson's paper with its failure to proceed against Mr. Hearst's papers, "on any theory that justice was to be done alike to the strong and the weak."

DRAFT MEN BRING DISEASE TO CAMP

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, May 11.—The greater part of the new cases of communicable diseases reported at Camp Lewis for the week ending at midnight Thursday came from the latest arrivals in the draft. The report, made public today by Lieutenant Colonel P. C. Field, division surgeon, follows:

"Communicable diseases reported as occurring at Camp Lewis, Wash., for the week ending midnight, May 9, 1918:

"Chickenpox, four cases to 40,354 men; diphtheria, two cases; German measles, ten; measles, eight; meningitis, one, mumps, 46; broncho-pneumonia, five; lobar pneumonia, four; scarlet fever, 18; malaria, two; deaths, three. "With the arrival of men from various localities, the communicable diseases of those localities are inevitably brought to Camp Lewis."



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