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NEW AMERICAN ARMY ON YPRES FRONT

YANKEES IN BRITISH LINES IN FLANDERS

Troops of New American Army Arrive in Northern France—Are Not Part of Pershing's Force But Are Part of the New Movement of Troops From the United States—Brigaded and Trained with British—Warmly Welcomed by Veterans.

PARIS, May 17.—Announcement was made here today that American troops have arrived in northern France, in the zone occupied by British forces.

Not Pershing's Forces.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The American troops referred to as "the new American army" in dispatches today reporting their arrival in the zone of British operations in France, are the forces being brigaded and trained with the British, probably on the Flanders battle front.

They are not troops detached from General Pershing's present forces, but are part of the new movement of troops from the United States forecast by Premier Lloyd George some time ago.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Troops of the new American army have arrived within the zone of the British forces in northern France and are now completing their training in the area occupied by the troops which are blocking the path of the Germans to the channel ports.

Their commander already has commanded American forces in the trenches on the French front.

The British say the Americans are of the finest material.

Greeted as Comrades.

British troops greeted the Americans not only as comrades in arms but as warm friends. On arriving within the British zone they were cheered lustily by the sons of Britain, many of whom bore unmistakable signs of battle. They had not seen the Americans before but they knew they were coming.

The last stages of their training before entering the line were begun almost as soon as they reached their destination. From that point they could hear the rumble of the not-distant guns.

Rickenbacker Downs Hun.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 17.—American aviators in the sector northwest of Toul brought down another German airplane this morning.

The Germans opposite the American sector northwest of Toul are resorting to infernal machines in an effort to check the activity of American patrols, numbers of which go out every night to roam No Man's Land and even German land, virtually at will.

A member of an American patrol stepped on a harmless looking wire (Continued on Page Two.)

ALL STUDENT OFFICERS TO BE COMMISSIONED

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Under a new ruling announced by Secretary Baker, all students of fourth officers' training camps which have just opened, who successfully complete the course, will be eligible for a commission. The secretary removed the restriction allowing only 50 per cent of the total number of candidates to qualify.

NEXT GERMAN SMASH TO BE SUPREME EFFORT

Allies Still Awaiting for Hindenburg to Show Hand—Next Battle May Easily Be Crucial One as Huns Will Endeavor Again to Smash Through Enemy Lines.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allies are still waiting for Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to show his hand. No more magnificent weather could be imagined than has favored the western front in the last 48 hours. But even this has brought no change in the military situation. The Germans continue to remain comparatively inactive in the sunbaked defenses and were it not for the rumbling of the guns, the clouds of dust along the lines of transport and the flight of airplanes winging their way across the battle zone, it would be hard to realize that a war was going on.

No Relaxation of Tension.

Nevertheless there has been no relaxation of the tension which has existed along the front for many days. It is realized that the enemy may strike at any time. Certainly no one doubts that an ambitious offensive is in preparation and the time necessary to complete the plans must have about run its course.

The delay is in itself an added indication that the next German push is to be one of great magnitude and fierceness. This next battle may easily be the crucial one, for the Germans undoubtedly will attempt once more to smash entirely thru the allied lines.

While the infantry was comparatively inactive today the airmen on both sides have been extremely busy. At daybreak this morning, "Archie" shells began screaming skyward toward hostile planes and German aviators have been making good use of the brilliant sun to reconnoiter and to take photographs. The allied airmen have been pursuing their steady and relentless work over the German lines.

His Last Trump.

If the Germans again fail to achieve their aim—and all along this front there is confidence that they will fail—the defending forces will feel easy once more, for they believe that if the enemy cannot break through this time he will have played his last high trump. If he is held again it will be the beginning of the end for the central powers, military experts say.

In this connection the assistance of America, fast coming to the rescue, is emphasized. It is felt that with steadily growing man power the allies will be able to resume the offensive and reclaim the land overrun by the invaders. Dependence is being placed out here on the help of the United States in delivering the finishing blow. She holds the balance of power, and the prospects are being discussed eagerly throughout the length of the line. Everywhere there is the greatest confidence in America in the allied officers' and men.

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AMERICAN DOCTOR CAPTURED THRICE

BALTIMORE, May 17.—Lieutenant Charles Maxson of Baltimore, reported in today's casualty list, was twice before captured by the Germans, escaping the first time, and being rescued by British troops the second time. In each case, Maxson, who was attached to the medical corps of the British army, was on the battlefield attending to the wounded.

Lieutenant Maxson's wife received a letter from him yesterday which said that he was back with the British troops and had been decorated twice for bravery.

PRESIDENT SEES COVERT PURPOSE IN WAR PROBE

Wilson Continues Opposition to Chamberlain Resolution—Denies Opposition to Aircraft Investigation—Friends of Administration Say Measure Will Be Amended.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Wilson's unswerving opposition to the Chamberlain resolution, which by an inquiry into the aircraft situation, the president considers, proposes general investigation into the conduct of the war, remained the same today, when leaders of both sides agreed not to bring the resolution up until Monday and meanwhile regarded some sort of compromise likely.

Friends of the administration considered a victory as good as won and had no doubts that whatever action finally is taken will not be unsatisfactory to the president. When the senate met, supporters of the resolution, professing to have votes for its passage, seemed inclined to push it today. Conferences among them, however, changed the atmosphere and while the senate took up other business, they consulted, an agreement resulting not to act today.

President Wilson's action in reiterating he was cognizant of a "covert" purpose of the resolution which he already had denounced in his letter to Senator Chamberlain, probably was instrumental in the decision.

President Wilson today authorized Secretary Tamm to deny that he is opposed to an aircraft investigation by the senate military committee and to announce that he objects to the "covert" purpose of the Chamberlain resolution because he knows what its purpose is.

ALLIED ENVOYS MAY FOLLOW NOULENS

LONDON, May 17.—If the French ambassador to Russia, Joseph Noulens, is compelled to leave the country the other representatives of the allies may follow him, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow. In soviet circles, the message continues, it is expected that Noulens will be recalled soon but if France refuses to do so he will be declared to be a private citizen.

The recall of Ambassador Noulens was demanded early this month by the Bolshevik government on the ground that he had made statements not conducive to friendly relations between France and Russia.

QUANTITY PRODUCTION OF HEAVY ORDNANCE

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Army ordnance production at the Bethlehem and Midvale plants was reported proceeding satisfactorily today by senators of the military committee who returned from an inspection trip. "There has been much delay due to several causes, but the stage of large quantity production has been reached," said Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska. "We are much encouraged." Changes in specifications, coal and material shortage and lack of machinery were among causes of delay.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—William P. Harvey of Kansas City today was appointed one of the two joint field representatives of the national war labor board. He was selected by Frank P. Walsh, one of the joint chairmen of the board. Former President Tatt, the other joint chairman, will select the second field representative.

PRINCIPALS IN TRIANGLE MURDER CASE.



A year ago Miss Grace Lusk (above) shot and killed Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts (lower left), wife of Dr. David Roberts (lower right). Now Miss Lusk is on trial at Waukesha, Wis., on a charge of murder. Her defense is insanity. Its eternal triangle case, and letters written by Miss Lusk, former teacher of psychology, will be introduced by the state to show premeditation and by the defense to show insanity. One of these letters said: "In the eternal triangle, the only solution is the elimination of one character."

GRACE LUSK HALTS TESTIMONY GIVEN BY PARAMOUR

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 17.—With a cry of "Oh, that is not true—that is not true," Grace Lusk today sprang to her feet and halted the testimony of Dr. David Roberts at her trial for the slaying of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts.

Dr. Roberts, unexpectedly called to the witness stand, had just sworn that at his first meeting with Miss Lusk, which was in the nature of a business conference, she suddenly "asked me if I loved her and should she care for other things beside work. She asked me to take her to Chicago for a good time. I told her: 'You would have a lot of respect for a married man who would do that.'"

It was at this point that Miss Lusk sprang from her chair, tears streaming from her eyes, with a protest that thrilled the court room and stopped all proceedings until after a moment she fell back into her father's arms and buried her head on his breast.

Dr. Roberts waived his constitutional rights and told the story of his relations with Miss Lusk without reserve.

Dr. Roberts, in reply to a question as to whether he had met Miss Lusk in Chicago, answered in the affirmative. Dr. Roberts also identified several letters he had written to Miss Lusk and several others which she had written to him. One of Miss Lusk's letters detailed plans for meeting the doctor in a Chicago hotel.

TEN PERISH WHEN SHIP IS TORPEDOED

PARIS, May 17.—Ten passengers, one European and nine Arabs, were killed when the French steamer Atlantique, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean early this week. The steamship managed to reach a port by her own steam, it is announced. She measures 6,447 tons.

DUTCH TROOPS SEARCH FARMS FOR HOARDED GRAIN

AMSTREDAM, Extreme steps taken by the Dutch authorities in sending troops to search farms for the purpose of sending wrongly withheld stocks of grain has aroused such indignation among the farmers affected that they threaten to plow up sown fields. In some cases they are alleged to have taken this unpatriotic course.

To justify military action, the authorities have issued statistics showing that it is estimated that 39 per cent of the wheat crop, 43 per cent of the barley, 66 per cent of the beans and 83 per cent of the green peas have been withheld.

The food shortage in Holland is becoming serious. Not only is wheat scarce but other foodstuffs as well. It has been discovered that butter and other fats will soon have to be added to the ration. Tea and coffee stocks are said to be dwindling rapidly.

FINNISH TROOPS ENTER HELSINGFORS

LONDON, May 17.—The Russian Bolshevik government has declined to intervene at Helsingfors on behalf of the Finnish rebel leaders according to a telegram from Helsingfors.

LONDON, May 17.—General Mannerheim, commander of the Finnish White Guard, entered Helsingfors on Thursday at the head of 12,000 men, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen reports. Until that time the capital had been occupied by German troops.

MEATLESS DAYS IN LONDON ABOLISHED

LONDON, May 17.—Meatless days in London restaurants are abolished beginning today. Restrictions on eating meat in restaurants have been made unnecessary by the meat rationing system now in force.

CREEL RECANTS REMARKS MADE ABOUT CONGRESS

Censor Asserts Slumming Assertion Made Thoughtlessly Without Intent to Injure—Apologizes to House and Asks Co-operation in Press Work and Praises War Work.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information today apologized to congress for his much discussed recent New York speech in which he was quoted as having said that as he disliked slumming he would not explore the hearts of congressmen.

"I admit the indiscretion and regret it deeply," Mr. Creel wrote to Chairman Pou of the rules committee, considering resolutions on the incident.

The remarks attributed to Creel created a furore in congress, and there were declarations that he was unfit to hold office if correctly quoted.

Chairman Pou told the committee he met Creel in Secretary Daniel's office early today, and that Creel said he never intended to reflect on congress and was willing to repair any blunders he had made.

"I would be willing to accept his apology if he would tender his resignation," said Representative Rodenberg of Illinois, republican. "I am surprised that the president has not removed him from office."

"I think that if he thought his usefulness as chairman of the committee on public information was at an end, he would resign," replied Mr. Pou. "If he does not know that his usefulness in that position is at an end, he is the only one who does not know it," interjected Representative Campbell of Kansas, republican.

Mr. Pou further declared Mr. Creel had told him in their conversation that he would be willing to be used anywhere the government or the president desired to place him.

MARTIAL LAW RULES ODESSA

LONDON, May 17.—Martial law has been proclaimed at Odessa by the Austrian commandant at the request of the Germans, according to advices from Amsterdam. Street fighting in Odessa is reported. At Kiev Austrian patrols are in the streets day and night and thousands of persons are fleeing from the city. Berlin expects to receive 150,000 sheep and 50,000 pigs shortly from Rumania and 100,000 tons of cereals in July or August.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION

LONDON, May 17.—The British steamer Clan Mackay was sunk in a collision on May 11, according to a telegram from Gibraltar received by Lloyds. The crew was saved.

The steamer Clan Mackay was 420 feet long and measured 6589 tons. She was built in Newcastle and was the second largest of the more than two score boats owned by Cayzer, Irvine & Co., of Glasgow.

DR. ALEXIS CARREL HONORED IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 17.—Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute has been promoted by the French government to the rank of commander of the Legion of Honor. The new decoration was bestowed upon him yesterday by M. Mourier, under secretary of state, for medical service, in the presence of a distinguished company.

\$15,000 ASKED FOR RED CROSS FROM COUNTY

Confidence Expressed That It Can Be Secured Within week—Parade Monday Starts Drive, Followed by Program in Park at Which Veterans Will Tell of War.

Fifteen thousand dollars will be Jackson county's quota for the Second Red Cross war fund campaign which will be inaugurated Monday afternoon, May 20. Absolute confidence that the amount will be raised within the week provided for the campaign prevails at Red Cross campaign headquarters.

The campaign will open in Medford Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with a monster Red Cross parade followed by a short program at the park, the feature of which will be a talk by Sergeant Clark, a wounded Canadian soldier who returned this month from the battle fields of France, and will be sent here from Portland especially for this occasion.

Program at Park.

Following the entertainment at the park the out of town team workers and solicitors will be tendered a luncheon at the University club where they will receive final instructions for the campaign by Campaign Manager Daniels, after which they will be guests at the Page theater where moving pictures taken under the direction of the American Red Cross will be shown and Sergeant Clark will give another interesting talk.

Practically every team captain and worker identified with the first Red Cross drive has enlisted for the present campaign and a score of new workers will give additional force to the organization.

New Honor Badge.

Every contributor will be given an entirely new honor badge to be worn conspicuously and the campaign will not be considered complete until every person in Jackson county has received a badge. Instructions to print the name and amount contributed of every contributor will be followed absolutely without exception. The American Red Cross believing that no patriotic American will be ashamed of his donation to humanity's cause.

WAR FINANCE OFFICERS SWORN IN

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Directors of the government's \$500,000,000 war finance corporation, sworn in today by Secretary McAdoo, immediately organized by electing Sherman Allen of Burlington, Vt., secretary pro tem and treasurer. Governor Harding of the federal reserve board general manager.

With Secretary McAdoo as chairman, the directors now will start to act on \$60,000,000 pending applications for advances from banks which have made loans to war industries and businesses.

Members of the capital issues committee also were sworn in with Chas. S. Hamlin, member of the federal reserve board, as chairman.

NO REFLECTION ON CONGRESS BY CREEL

WASHINGTON, May 17.—George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, has written Chairman Pou of the house rules committee he had no intention of reflecting on congress in his much discussed recent speech in New York, in which he was quoted as saying that inasmuch as he did not enjoy slumming he would not explore the hearts of congressmen.