ALLIED AID FOR CZECHO-SLOVAKS URGED BY CECIL

British Assistant Secretary of State Declares Presence of Bohemians Only Opportunity to Prevent Chaos In Russia—Famine Threatens Entire Land as Winter Needs.

LONDON, July 20.—Lord Robert Cecil, who just left the post of minister of blockade to become assistant secretary of state for foreign affairs in a statement to the Associated Press last night, urged the immediate sending of help to the Czecho-Slovak forces along the Trans-Siberian railroad.

"The presence of a Czecho-Slovak army in Russia at this time, I believe one of the miracles of history," said Lord Robert. "We have beheld one of the greatest empires of the world plunged into such an appalling state of disorganization that nothing like it is known in modern history.

Only Organized Force in Russia

"Suddenly we find this Czecho-Slovak army, well drilled, carefully organized and ably lead, stretched across the backbone of the Russian empire over a line nearly five thousand miles long. It is the only organized force we know of in the whole of Russia today making for even the elementary principles of order and civilization. If the allies allow it to be wiped out for want of ammunition, food or moral support, there is absolutely no leaven left to leven the lump, and small hope remains of preventing the Russian people from being overwhelmed by a terrible series of economic disasters during the coming winter.

Perils Threatening Russia

"I have recently heard men who knew Russia wel speak of what is likely to happen there during the coming winter under the present chaotic conditions. One authority estimated that 20,000,000 people would perish as a result of disease and economic disasters which are inevitable uless some unforseen alleviation comes soon. If we can tide the Rusian people over this difficult winter I believe they will begin to get their feet again.

"One of the tragedies of the Russian revolution has been that it resulted in dispersion and disunion, rather than in any unified effort toward a united democracy. Wherever you get two Rusians together today you find two political parties.

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Czechs Can Save Country

"At the present time the ordinary Russian is unable to see any particular reason why he should co-operate with any one else. The Russian people will come back to health, if it is given a chance, and I think the Czecho-Slovak army can be made a great agent in assisting the patient in this state of convalescence. Russia is like a patient with a broken limb which is slowly mending. The Czecho-Slovaks can be made into a stout splint which will support the broken limb while it is healing.

"There are many uniting forces in Russia if they are given a chance. Unless some helpful force can be brought to bear soon I am firmly convinced that Russia is faced with the most terrible winter of hunger and disease which any nation has ever known.

Urges Aid From East

"It is my apprehension for the coming winter that has been one of my strongest reasons all along for urging the allies to assist Rusia from the east. I am convinced it is the only possible way to help Russia.

"We are told we should perhaps wait for a formal invitation from the Russians themselves. But the masses of Russia are in inarticulate and there is no voice which can express their will. We know they need help and it seems our duty to extend them that help in the best and quickest way we can.

"Russia is a country which is far more than self-supporting, it is the gigantic granery of the world with an untold wealth of every food product necessary to maintain themselves.

"But almost in the midst of this granery millions of persons are destined to die of starvation this winter, unless some strong hand lends help in the restoration of transportation facilities and elementary industrial activities."

FINE WEATHER FOR COMING WEEK ON COAST

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Weekly weather forecast: Northern Rocky Mountain and plateau regions and Pacific states: Generally fair with nearly normal temperatures.

HONOR PAID TO NEXT CONTINGENT OF DRAFTED MEN

The farewell reception and picnic dinner for the recently drafted men of Jackson county and the 1918 class of the draft given in the City park last night will ever be a pleasant memory with the future soldiers and the several hundred onlookers. Following this the draft boys and a big crowd of Medford people enjoyed a number of patriotic speeches given from the bandstand, after which the selected men listened to hygenic and medical advice at the public library given by Dr. R. L. Russell of Camp Lewis, captain in the army reserve medical corps, who spoke as the direct representative of the head surgeon of Camp Lewis who was unable to be present.

The reception and picnic dinner were held in the east section of the park. Root's band discoursed music while the boys were eating the feast of good things prepared by the women of Medford and served by a host of matrons and young ladies garbed in white. The tables were set beneath the shade trees for 200 men. Flowers decorated the tables.

Speakers of Evening

With Mayor Gates presiding the speeches were begun about 8 p. m. The speakers were Rev. J. K. Howard, who is in the Y. M. C. A. service and leaves soon for France; Major John E. Hibbard of Portland, commander of the Multnomah county state militia of 1200 men, and John Kollock, secretary of the state council of defense. The speeches were full of patriotism, enthusiasm and optimism as to the outcome of the war. An outstanding feature of the speech-making was the patriotism and enthusiasm of the draft boys, who were seated in a body as shown by their rapt atention and frequent vigorous applause.

Mayor Gates in opening the meeting addressed the boys in a happy fatherly vein. At the outset he stated that they should regard it as a blessed privilege to be able to go to the front and fight for liberty, justice, civilization and Christianity. He pledged the boys the united home support of Medford and the county all the time that they were away, and said that when they came home they would be met by all the brass bands in this part of Oregon. He stated further that the people were proud of the boys of Jackson county and the cheerful manner in which they had responded to the call, and called attention to the difference of spirit on the part of the people and the first boys to leave for the war a year ago and now. Then everyone was filled with gloom and sorrow and relatives and friends acted and felt as tho they would never see the departing soldiers again; nowadays the boys are glad to go and their loved ones are glad to see them go to their duty. The partings are cheerful and optimistic.

To "Fight Like Hell"

The next speaker, Rev. J. K. Howard, electrified the crowd by admonishing the boys to "fight like hell" when they got to the front. His inspiring address which was full of humor, cheerfuiness and the utmost optimism, sandwiched in with good advice wittily given relating to their taking good care of their health, morals and mental attitude while in service. He advised every man to keep in touch with his home folks during the war, and to be sure and write a weekly letter home. "The soldier who doesn't forget his home folks and keeps in close touch with them can never go far wrong," he stated.

The speaker outlined the work of the Y. M. C. A. and told the boys something of the life they would have to go thru with in the army camps and cantonments. Their first three weeks at the cantonment, he pointed out, were liable to be cheerless because of the inoculations for disease prevention they must go thru with, homesickness and hard drill to which the muscles were unaccustomed. But gradually they would work into good spirits and an overwhelming desire to get to the war front as quick as possible. He had seen the wonderful transformation take place at the army camps. The boys reacted wonderfully in spirits and physically after a few weeks at the cantonment and acquired that daredevil, victory-seeking, hard fighting spirit which American soldiers have been showing at the front.

"Yes, fight like hell boys when you get over there—like hell." Rev. Mr. Howard continued. Now some of the good women here may not like this expression but let me tell you that there is no other language so expressive, after the things I have seen and expect to see. Hell is the warmest place I know of, and you boys want to put up the hottest kind of a fight against the dreadful Boches."

Pleads for Home Guard

The address of Major Hibbard, the next speaker, while patriotic, was along the lines of explaining the work of and necessity of the existence of the state militia or home guard and the Oregon state police. He pleaded that the Jackson county state militia contingent be given hearty support by the people.

John Kollock, secretary of the state council of defense, was the last speaker and gave an eloquent and effective patriotic talk, in which he explained the great work the national and state councils of defense were performing. But the big feature of his address was his warning to beware of German peace propaganda which he predicted would be started just as soon as the German leaders began to realize they could not win the war.

Pointing out that that side in the great world conflict will win which has the greater endurance or morale, rather than it being a question of guns, ships, aeroplanes and soldiers, he warned that the great test of endurance for the American nation and her allies would come when the Germans began to put forth peace propaganda, with alluring baits to stop the world slaughter.

"Then is when our stamina will be given the extreme test," said Mr. Kollock. "We must never end the war until Germany is so bound that her militarism is dead—so dead that it can never rise again."

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LUDENDORFF CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF FOR GERMAN ARMIES

PARIS, July 20.—(Havas Agency). General Ludendorff has received in a German official statement the title of chief of the general staff, according to the Matin. The newspaper points out that that title belonged to Field Marshal von Hindenburg and wonders what has become of him.

DRIVES OBJECT IS SEIZURE OF SOISSONS ROAD SAYS MARCH

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serves. The American troops engaged on this front are the first, second, third and fourth regular divisions and the twenty-sixth (new England) and twenty-eighth (Pennsylvania) National Guard. The 42nd National Guard (Rainbow) is stationed in the Champagne region.

An unattached regiment of negro troops from the 93rd national army division is in each sector.

General March told the senators also that the Germans had been preparing for an offensive against the British to the north of the western battle front, to be simultaneous with their last offensive against the Franco-American front.

British Drive Halted

For some reason, General March stated, the drive against the British was postponed and that is the probable explanation given for the British policy of not attacking the Germans while the French and Americans are engaged in their offensive.

Allied military opinion, General March said, is unanimous that the German offensive movement has been completely stopped.

General March described Rheims as prepared for a "house to house defense."

Gouraud in Command

The region there was commanded by General Gouraud and General March characterized him as one of the most striking personalities among the allied military leaders. General Gouraud he said, is about 50 years old and has been "shot up" all over the world, wearing chevrons to show that he had been wounded five times and his troops would be inspired by General Gouraud to "die where they are" rather than give way before the enemy.

In explaining the number of American troops involved, General March said that the American division had a strength of 27,000 combatant troops, but with its auxiliary arms reached a strength of 45,000 men.

The strength to which the auxiliary divisional units are present with their division in the fighting is not known.

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been checked against the list of survivors. The San Diego's muster rolls were lost, but a duplicate set is being sent to Washington.

A statement issued by Read Admiral Palmer, acting secretary of the navy, commends the exemplary conduct of officers and men of the San Diego, citing particularly the courageous behavior of Captain Christy, who was the last to leave the ship.

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west of Monthiers and on to Sonnelans, Mont Chevillon, the Bois De Lud, Geronemil Farm, Le Plessier-Huleu, Parey Tigny, Perzy, Le See, Courmelles, Montaigne De Paris, Parnant and Fontenoy.

South of the Marne the French have taken Bois De Misy and reached Port-A-Binson on the river.

North of the Marne the French captured the town of Marfaux, southeast of Bligny, after heavy fighting, and moved forward west of Pourcy.

Seven Mile Advance

The French have bitten off several square miles of German territory in the vicinity of the river Ourcq, about midway between Chateau Thierry and Soissons and this afternoon were reported to be holding Mont Cheillon. The present French line in this district is thus seven miles in front of that held before the offensive began.

The situation in this section has been obscure for the last 24 hours and bitter fighting has been going on. The French, however, are declared to have established their line definitely and to have cleared the Germans out of the rough country thereabouts.

Battle Zone Extended

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AINSE-MARNE FRONT, July 20, 8:30 a. m.—(By the Associated Press.)—The battle line along the front of the allied counter attack between the Aisne and the Marne is being extended further south towards Chateau Thierry, according to information early this morning.

The Franco-American forces are continuing the steady pounding of the northern part of the line near Soissons, although the movement is lacking the dashing advance which characterized the first days of the attack.

Attempts of the Germans to rally their forces have resulted in such strengthening of the opposition as to indicate that the battle approaching the point where the armies will soon be locked in a giant struggle.

Both on the northern end of the line and further south the reinforced Germans are making a desperate effort to hold their positions.

GERMANS EJECT BELGIAN FORESTERS

HAVRE, July 20.—All the wardens and foresters of the vast forest of Hertogenwald, near Liege, have received orders from the Germans to evacuate the wods. Those who did not obey on the spot were punished. The inspector of waters and forests was forcibly ejected by soldiers and condemned to pay a heavy fine.

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