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#### ALLIES SET

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right wing, composed exclusively of the bulk of the French army, would drive out from the Alsace-Lorraine front, where they have the advantage of a great depression before them extending for 80 miles, and which would lead

them directly up to Germany's big southern fortress at Ulm.

Here allied military authorities figure that Germany would be smashed home by the allied center, composed of the American army centered at Coblenz, the French Tenth army at Mayence and the French army now in the Bavarian Palatinate. The allied center has before it the great route

of invasion of Germany by way of the valley of the Main, which flows into the Rhine below Frankfurt. The Main valley leads directly across Germany into the mountains on the Bohemia border. Although the meandering of the river makes this route long, it is only a ten day march across Germany at this point. This drive would separate completely the northern from the

### COMPANIES DECLARE STRIKE NEARLY OVER

#### Union Officials Also Predict Early Conclusion, But With Victory.

New York, June 16.—(United Press)—Officials of both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies today declared their belief that the strike of telegraphers was practically over, with most of the keymen back on their jobs.

"We have a full force in every one of our offices throughout the country with the exception of four or five scattered points, where we expect to replace the striking telegraphers some time today," said Newcomb Carlson, president of the Western Union. "The point at which we are experiencing the most difficulty is Oklahoma City, Okla. We expect the situation there to be cleared up shortly."

"There are practically no Postal men on strike today," declared E. J. Reynolds of that company.

Percy Thomas, deputy international president of the union said the strike was still gaining strength. He expressed hope that New York telephone girls would be organized "in time to be of assistance to the telegraphers."

He is going to the American Federation of Labor convention at Atlantic City tomorrow with the view to getting the telegraphers case called to President Wilson's attention.

Chicago, June 16.—(United Press)—"The beginning of the end" of the nation-wide strike of commercial telegraphers was seen here today by President S. J. Koenekamp and other union officials as a result of the announcement by Secretary Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, that Postmaster General Burleson had promised to get the strikers and company representatives together.

President Koenekamp said this news was received jubilantly by his men. He said he predicted such action by the wire chief, basing his prophecy on the contention that "what he did for the electrical workers he necessarily would be called upon to do for the telegraphers."

A committee is ready to confer either with Burleson or the companies and only awaits the call, Koenekamp said.

Percy Thomas, deputy international vice-president at New York today, was requested by President Koenekamp to visit Samuel Gompers to ask him to take up the strikers' demands with Burleson, Koenekamp said.

Thomas also was instructed to appeal to President Wilson for aid in settling the difficulty, he announced yesterday.

southern half of Germany. German military strategists have long considered this Germany's most vulnerable point, and for that reason figured that in the event of a French invasion southern Germany must be defended by Austria. But with Austria no longer able to aid her, Germany's weakest point would be thrown open and exposed to the allies' thrust.

Resistance Not Feared  
Eventual linking up of the allies center with Bohemia would give them complete control of Silesia which after Essen constitutes the region most vital to Germany's existence. As a consequence, caught on the north by the British fleet, on the south by Bohemia and cut in two by the allied armies and with her two greatest productive centers lost, Germany would be completely crushed.

Whatever resistance Germany might be able to offer to the allies in their drive along the Main valley would, according to French military authorities, be in the vicinity of Wurzburg, where the rocky, forest-covered mountain heights of Rhoen constitute a strong natural barrier which the Germans long ago recognized and fortified accordingly. However, with the American Reserve Corps for Westphalia from Coblenz, the French Tenth army on Hannau from Mayence and the French Eighth army on Wurzburg from Mannheim, the allies would have in their possession all the leading routes and starting points for the encirclement and capture of the massif of Rhoen. Back of this position is another natural defense, in the forest of Thuringia, and still back of that is the big fortress of Erfurt, built to defend the entrance to the plains of Saxony.

No Chances Taken  
While this central and principal action would be in progress, the allies left wing would continue its drive from Essen in the direction of Minden, and the right wing from the fortress of Ulm would push on toward Nordlingen.

Against such a plan of action Germany, in its present disorganized state, without a fleet to protect it from the British navy, without sufficient artillery or other material, would be unable to put up a serious defense. Nevertheless, the allied military authorities are taking no chances and the campaign as planned provides for the overcoming of the maximum resistance the Germans might take.

#### PARIS NOW WAITS

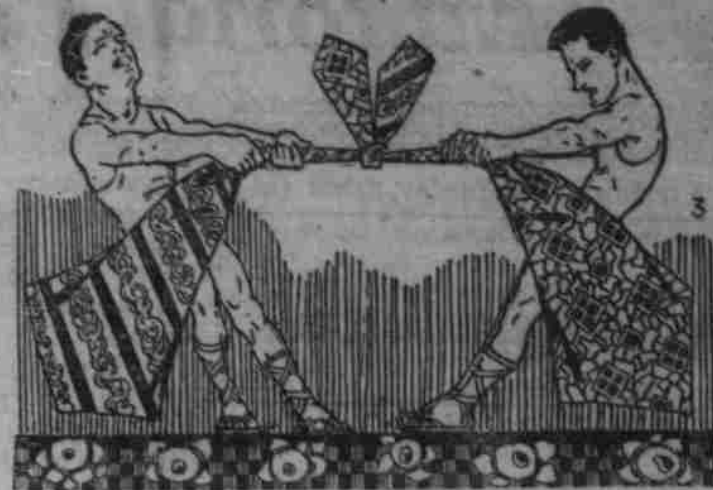
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ness as usual, but the air was electric with a nervous tension as the citizens silently considered the one great question "peace or war?"

Foeh Making Ready  
To the eastward, beyond the battle scarred regions over which the opposing armies fought and re-fought for four years, the armies of Marshal Foch waited on German soil for the word that will send them marching to Berlin, or reduce them to the status of a mere police force.

To the northward the great ships of the British navy, their movements shrouded in mystery, were known to be preparing for a quick descent upon the all but unprotected German coast if the verdict is war.

In Paris, a little company of men, mostly unarmorial in appearance had before them the plans for the economic blockade that will strangle Germany



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into submission if her leaders choose to continue the struggle.

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#### RETURN OF BANDITS

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Fort Bliss. The losses were insignificant, officials indicated.

#### Americans Held Up

Laredo, Texas, June 17.—(United Press).—A party of American refugees, held up and robbed of everything, including their clothing, by Mexican bandits near Jiminez, Mexico, arrived here today. Miss Isabel Maloy, of Nogales, Ariz., said the party was en route from Mexico City to the United States via Chihuahua. When the train reached Jiminez, where bandits had torn up the tracks, they were forced to hire a Mexican driver to take them to Chihuahua City. Shortly after leaving Jiminez bandits stopped the party, robbing them of everything and beating them with rifle butts.

Miss Maloy and two other Americans escaped into the desert and finally reached Chihuahua where Americans assisted them to the border.

Miss Maloy said she did not know what became of the other Americans in the party. She said they may have perished in the desert.

#### Ferryman Commits Suicide After Shooting His Wife

Ellensburg, Wash., June 17.—F. J. Potter, ferryman at Vantage ferry, on the Columbia river, shot his wife dead last night and then sent a bullet crashing into his own brain. The bodies were found a few hours later after Ruby Potter, the 15 year old adopted daughter of the dead couple, had told

of an attempted assault upon herself by Potter. A coroner's jury has returned a verdict of murder and suicide.

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