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Brief War Comment

The American war cry, "Can the Kaiser," though perhaps taken literally in accusing Berlin, indicates only a keen desire to left the author of the world's woes not too gently down from his high perch.

Von Hindenburg's monstrous assertion that the allies want an indemnity from Germany of four billion dollars a year for a hundred years at least indicates some appreciation on his part of the magnitude of the crime of his associate war lords.

Switzerland must have German coal but can't have any unless it invests \$50,000,000 in gold in German bonds, and Switzerland is afraid of these expecting them to be worthless when the collapse comes. The predicament of small neutrals on the borders of Germany is hard indeed.

Gibbon defined history as a record of the crimes and follies of mankind. Largely true, but it would never do to let history be written by those guilty of the follies, let alone the crimes, and for fifty years hence German historical writers will have to be content with a limited and purely Teutonic audience.

Of course the sane Russians would like the assistance of 100,000 American troops, but the trouble is that the mad Russians might leave the Americans to bear the brunt of the German fire while they (the mad) went off on a picnic to discuss socialistic reforms. We can serve Russia with less risk on the battle line in France.

The first lord of the British Admiralty is quoted as saying that "it is a great war and a great age to live in"—presumably meaning that it is an age of the making of heroes and of national purification through trial. Such a view is beyond many of us who would hail the war's end tomorrow, but certainly it is better to look at it in this way than to pull a long face and do nothing but drive pessimism.

MEN TO CANTONMENTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER 5

(Continued from page one) tenement district, no section squalid and unattractive, not to say insanitary. All will be spick and span and army discipline can be depended on to keep them so, for one of the first lessons will be to "police the camp," which in civilian tongue means to clean up barracks and grounds, attend to sanitary details and fit the camp for rigid inspection.

Range-For Rifle Fire
Buildings on each camp ground will include: General headquarters, brigade general headquarters, officers headquarters, barracks for private soldiers, hospital and animal and artillery sheds. Near general headquarters will be the parade ground sufficient in area to accommodate the entire command. More extensive maneuvering fields will be laid out for actual drilling and, most important from the soldiers viewpoint, the rifle range and artillery fields will give opportunity not only for direct fire in view of the targets but for indirect fire and barrage or curtain fire. The great range of the modern rifle permits indirect small arm fire, a thing impossible with the old musket, and the soldiers will be instructed in elevating the rifle so that an intervening hill would not prevent the destructive effect of the volley.

There will be sufficient men under arms at each cantonment to form at least two divisions of 19,000 men, as employed in France and Belgium, and intensive maneuvers with the European division as a unit will familiarize officers and men with conditions such as they probably will meet on the battle field and in trench warfare.

That no detail of training for actual warfare may be lacking each cantonment will contain the various arms of the service with the exception of cavalry. At least one division of infantry will train in conjunction with field artillery, engineers, signal battalion and aero squadron and the support of heavy artillery. To assist in the maneuvers there will be approximately 10,000 animals, artillery horses and mules and wagon train animals, as well as thousands of motor trucks and vehicles.

Officers Number 1,000
The soldiers will be commanded at each cantonment by nearly 1,000 officers and many more non-commissioned officers—sergeants and corporals selected from the ranks. Announcement has been made by the war department that promotions will be made for each army division, opening the way for ambitious soldiers to rise to positions of command.

The details of the routine for the soldier during his stay at the cantonments are largely at the discretion of the commandant of each camp and no hard and fast regulations have been issued covering the course of instruction. In a broad way the drills are expected to follow the intensive training given to the students at the officers' training camps where the men who will hold minor commands at the cantonments received their education in military affairs.

Routine of the Day
Reveille will rouse the men at 5 o'clock, and their subsequent activities will include morning and afternoon drill, first in "the school of the soldier," which calls for mastering the manual of arms, learning to stand, walk and run properly, the efficient care of weapons and the use of the rifle. Then comes the "school of the squad" in which the soldier learns to act in conjunction with his seven squad mates; then the "school of the company" with platoon formations, then the "school of the battalion" and lastly duties as a part of the regiment, brigade and division.

While all this is being accomplished he is becoming acquainted with his rifle, and expert in its use. Mindful of the lessons of the great war in which he soon may be a participant, special attention will be paid to the soldier's bayonet exercises and practice in bombing and grenade throwing will be given. Before the instruction is complete gas masks will become familiar to the soldier and all the details of trench warfare from digging the trench to defending it against every conceivable attack, will receive careful attention.

At first the work will be light but as the soldiers of the new army become hardened, long marches, and exhausting drills will supplant the lighter exercises and fit the soldiers for their task.

"Drill, drill, drill" will by no means be the only activity at the cantonments and recreation has been carefully planned. In the intervals of maneuvers, baseball, football and other sports, particularly those of an athletic nature, will be encouraged. Experts in wrestling, fencing, swimming and boxing will impart their skill to the men. Moving pictures and entertainments will help to while away evening hours.

Morals Carefully Guarded
Every effort will be made by the officers in charge to protect the men from evil influences and the camp morals will be under constant supervision. The entertainment of the men will be largely under the direction of company chaplains.

Reading rooms, facilities for writing and opportunities for indoor amusements have been arranged, all with a view to making the soldier comfortable, contented and cheerful that he may more quickly learn his duties and responsibilities and the sooner become a first-class fighting man.

While line officers have been busy preparing to train the citizen soldiers the quartermaster's department has been no less busy arranging for feeding the thousands who will occupy the cantonments.

As in the regular army, each company will have its cook and helpers who prepare and serve the food. Cleanliness is an absolute necessity. The rations which will be served each man include: beef, mutton, bacon (corned, canned and fresh), corned beef hash and fish (fried, pickled, canned and fresh), turkey, soft breads, hard bread, corn cakes, corn bread, baked beans, bean soup, rice hominy, potatoes (fresh and canned) turnips and other vegetables, prunes, apples, peaches, jam coffee, tea, sugar, milk (evaporated), vinegar and pickles. Care is taken to avoid too frequent repetition of any food in the daily meals and the varieties make possible a balanced ration at all times.

In preparing the cantonments the war department has sought to make sure that the soldiers in training for the new national army shall have comfortable quarters, good food, moral surroundings, needful recreation and above all expert military instruction so that the new army may be able and equipped at every point for the task before it.

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Hogs Score New High Mark.
There was not a very heavy Monday's run of hogs, about 3,200 head, and they sold at prices all the way from strong to 25¢ higher than Saturday. Tops made a new record of \$19.25, and bulk of the trading was at \$18.50@18.75, or \$2.25@2.30 higher than a week ago.

Sheep and Lambs Steady.
A rather liberal run of sheep and lambs showed up, about 14,500 head, and with a healthy demand from both packers and feeder buyers, the market ruled active at steady to stronger prices all 'round. Fat lambs brought \$16.25 and choice feeder lambs sold at \$16.55. Everything was bought up in good season.

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