

U.S. ARMY FACES FOE ON ALL FRONTS; ENGINEERS AND IN DRIVE ON CAMBRAI

RED CROSS TO HELP WIN WAR AND SAVE SOLDIERS' LIVES, 'SAYS CHAIRMAN DAVISON

Head of War Council of National Relief Organization Details Some of Work Being Perfected by Society Which He Directs; Believes Russians Still on Allies' Side.

"We are going to win this war, but we must get our feet a little firmer on the ground, our shoulders back a little more and take a few more hitches in our belt, and then we will say, 'If that is the hill, we are going over it, and a little discouragement won't stop us.'" asserted Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross society, addressing an audience in Brandeis' theater Friday afternoon.

LIVES LIFE OF SERVICE.

Mr. Davison was introduced by H. H. Baldrige, an Omaha friend, who referred to the distinguished visitor as a "notable example of a man who is giving his life to service and sacrifice for his country."

"I would like to think of the Red Cross, not as larger nor smaller than any other organization, but as representing the mobilized spirit of the American people," Mr. Davison said in continuing his address. "The work of the Red Cross is to make every possible provision for every possible emergency among our soldiers and sailors."

GOOD WILL OF WOMEN.

"Some may wonder why the government does not do this work, to which inquiry it may be said that it is not practical. If I were given the alternative of carrying on the Red Cross work with a government check for \$500,000,000 on one hand, or a check for \$100,000,000, plus the good will of the women of the United States, I would accept the latter."

"In this work we are saving the lives of even the boys of Omaha and we are helping to shorten the war. By helping the French people, we are helping our own cause. They were in the fighting 32 months for us before we became involved in the war. If the French line should break, who would fill the gap? Pershing's army, prepared or unprepared."

"When we were able to locate Russia, we sent a Red Cross commission there. Russians are a people in the position of the boss being away, and they are riding around in the cars. I don't believe that the man lives who can put Russia out of the war, or in it. I don't think Russia is an even break for the Kaiser, but I believe it is still on our side."

"The work of the Red Cross is bound to have its influence on the character of peace that will be made. This is the hour of service in which to back up the boys at the front. None now living will see the effects of this war. In the social circles that will be formed in the days to come, what will the person have to say who has not helped in this hour?"

Americans Improve Morale.

Henry J. Allen, Wichita, affirmed that the French morale has improved since the advent of Americans on the western front and he said he spoke from personal observations.

"By March we will have 500,000 soldiers over there. England is pouring 40,000 fresh troops into France every week, and man for man, I believe they are better than Germany ever had. The American army will give the highest and best expression of solidarity the world has ever seen," said Mr. Allen.

The Kansas man said that the Red Cross is helping 15,000 French children of less than 7 years of age, who are along the battle front. He told of 200,000 women in Italy building 4,000 miles of automobile roads in one and a half years.

"We want every woman in Omaha to join the Red Cross and get the spirit of devotional sacrifice. Take the job you are asked to do. Whether in Omaha, or in France, the time has come, not to hold controversy with yourself, but to stand shoulder to shoulder and win the war."

Ivy Lee of Red Cross headquarters offered statistical information in which he stated that the average yearly pay of all classes of Red Cross workers is \$300 a year. He estimated the work being done by the women of the country as worth \$100,000,000 a year, if it would be paid for at the usual rates of compensation.

Bishop Stuntz offered prayer and O. T. Eastman led community singing.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Partly cloudy. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Temp.
5 a. m.	35.
6 a. m.	35.
7 a. m.	35.
8 a. m.	35.
9 a. m.	35.
10 a. m.	35.
11 a. m.	35.
12 m.	35.
1 p. m.	41.
2 p. m.	49.
3 p. m.	49.
4 p. m.	49.
5 p. m.	49.
6 p. m.	49.
7 p. m.	49.
8 p. m.	49.
9 p. m.	49.
10 p. m.	49.
11 p. m.	49.
12 m.	49.
1917. 1918. 1919. 1914.	
Highest yesterday	41 57 38 49
Lowest yesterday	23 29 24 45
Mean temperature	26 42 31 46
Precipitation	.00 .00 .00 .02
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.	
Normal temperature	32
Excess for the day	13
Total deficiency since March 1.	1.1
Normal precipitation	.65 inch
L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.	

U.S. WAR AGAINST TURKEY A BOOST FOR THE KAISER

Dr. Strong Declares Turks Cry Out Against German Rule; Incline to Be Friendly To America.

(By Associated Press.)

Boston, Nov. 30.—The Turks are heartily tired of German rule, and a declaration of war by the United States against Turkey now will be playing into the hands of the Berlin officials, in the opinion of Dr. William E. Strong, editorial secretary of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions.

"Why the United States should declare war upon either Turkey or Bulgaria is incomprehensible to those who know anything of the internal situation of those two countries," said a statement issued by Dr. Strong tonight. "Both of the countries are as much under the control of Germany as are Belgium and Poland."

Tired of Germany. "Those who have come out of Turkey during the last few months give only one testimony, and that is to the effect that Turkey is heartily tired of the domination of Germany. Even the leaders recognize that they went into this war for no possible gain to Turkey, but with every opportunity of losing everything."

"It would be cruel to make an attack upon a people who hate the alliance with Germany and who would gladly break that alliance if they had the power to do so. A declaration of war today on the part of the United States would lead to a new attack upon German direction upon the non-Moslem population of Turkey, whose extermination from Asia Minor is one of the manifest policies of Germany."

Friendly to United States. "We know that Bulgarian and Turkish officials are increasingly friendly toward the United States, as they become dissatisfied and even hostile to German rule. This is a tendency to be encouraged rather than discouraged."

The sending of Bernstorff to Constantinople was with the idea of turning Turkey against the United States. In the face of the rising tide of German opposition in Turkey, he will probably be unable to do so unless the United States, by a declaration of war, plays into his hands and into the hands of the Berlin officials."

Sue to Compel Sorensen To Make Good on Trade

Herman C. Peters and Fred G. Delfs have filed suit in court to compel Charles C. Sorensen to deliver to Delfs, the Harney hotel, of which Sorensen is proprietor, and to specifically perform an agreement to purchase Chase county land from Peters, valued at \$31,300 on which the transfer of the hotel was to have been part payment.

Peters and Delfs allege a written agreement between themselves and Sorensen was signed October 30, 1917, providing that the hotel with its lease and fixtures should be accepted as a payment of \$12,000 and a mortgage would be taken on the land for the balance. They allege that Sorensen has failed to perform his part of the contract and ask that he be compelled to do so.

Wife of Poet Comes to Attend Funeral of Man Who Killed Self

John T. Oyler, who killed himself last Tuesday morning, was buried this afternoon in West Lawn cemetery, near the scene of the tragedy and by the side of two of his children who died in Omaha a year ago.

Mrs. Mamie Oyler is here from Chicago to attend the funeral of her husband, her grief being intensified because four children are quarantined at home on account of whooping cough. The youngest is seven months of age.

"My husband left Chicago two weeks ago today, expecting to obtain medical treatment here, which is his legal residence. Last June he was

When Star Meets Star



U. S. WILL NOT CONDEMN REDS; FAINT HOPE THAT RUSS WILL HONOR TREATY WITH ENTENTE

Washington Withholds Hasty Condemnation of Bolsheviki for Fear of Antagonizing Radical Peace Party; Irreconcilable Differences Between Slav and Germans May Yet Save Day.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 30.—Realization of the danger of causing a reaction in Russia favorable to the central powers by intervention in the political affairs of the new democracy, has caused administration officials here to sound a note of warning against hasty condemnation of the Bolsheviki.

FAITH IN RUSSIA.

Back of what is described as a tolerant policy in dealing with Russia apparently not only is a purpose to demonstrate faith in the ultimate stabilization of the democracy, but a faint hope that the extremist faction which is for the moment in control of the government will refrain from violating Russia's treaty pledges to the entente allies and make a separate peace.

HUGE DIFFERENCES EXIST.

So long as there is a possibility that these overtures will fail because of the apparently irreconcilable differences between the Bolsheviki peace scheme founded on "no annexations and no indemnities," and the German demands for compensation and "adequate safeguards for the future," it is regarded as bad policy to exert any pressure from the outside at this stage. To do so, it is believed, would only tend to cause resentment in Russia and to solidify the star elements around the Petrograd regime.

Conference to Meet Situation.

An additional reason for maintaining an attitude of watchfulness and reserve in Washington, is found in the fact that to meet just such a situation as is developing in Russia is one of the purposes of the inter-allied conferences assembled in Paris. There are intimations that suggestions have reached Washington from the French capital that it would be wise to avoid adverse criticisms here of the Russian tangle leaving the commissioners gathering in Paris to deal with it at this stage at least.

It is even possible that in pursuance of the idea that by moral suasion Russia can be prevented from going to the extreme of making a separate peace, some of the entente powers may decide to make some sort of acknowledgment of the reality of war on the dual monarchy.

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NATIONAL GUARD NOW IN FRANCE FROM ALL STATES

Extensive Troop Movement Has Been Accomplished Without Loss and National Army Will Follow.

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, Thursday, Nov. 29.—National Guardsmen from every state in the union have arrived in France, it is today permitted to be announced. They are among the troops now training for lately arrived.

While it is not permitted to disclose the identity of units, it may be said that all those which sailed from the United States have arrived safely and that some already are in training within sound of the guns on the battle fronts.

They are showing a spirit in keeping with the purpose of all concerned to make the American expeditionary force a homogeneous American army, in which each division, whether regular, national guard or national army, cannot be distinguished in efficiency from the others.

The former state troops are billeted over a wide area and are pronounced excellent soldiers.

Wore French Cockade. The troops from the various states have been recognized by the French population and have been welcomed enthusiastically. Many of the units on arriving in billet towns wore the French red, white and blue cockade pinned to their campaign hats. These were given to the soldiers when they landed at base ports.

During the last few days one unit has been working with grenades and automatic rifles, while another has been working out military problems in maneuvers. Another unit has been in the instruction trenches, which bring them as near as possible to actual fighting conditions. They are all being given the same course of instruction as the first contingents of regulars have undergone.

Announcement of the arrival in France of the first National Guard unit gives the first official notice that extensive troop movement has been accomplished despite hostile submarines, shortage of troop and supply ships and other obstacles, but without the loss of a man. Thousands of men have been moved to the seaboard from all parts of the country, loaded on transports and safely landed in France without any general knowledge of the facts having been disclosed to the country at large.

War department officials were gratified at General Pershing's decision to announce the arrival of the National Guard forces, but permission to publish the designations of the guard units now at the training centers in France still is withheld. Unless General Pershing sees fit to release the information there is no present prospect of its publication.

Large Movement in Prospect.

It can be stated, however, that the brief dispatch of today covers a large movement that has been in progress for several weeks. The next stage will be actual occupation of front line trenches.

RUSSIAN PEACE OFFER ACCEPTED BY AUSTRIANS

Foreign Minister Czernin Sends Official Reply Favoring Negotiations for Armistice and General Peace.

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Former Plattsmouth Man Dies in Arizona Miner's Cabin

Plattsmouth, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—A telegram was received here this morning telling of the finding of the body of Dennis McHugh, a miner's cabin at Clorida, Ariz.

Dennis McHugh, leaves a widow at Falls City, a son, Jerry McHugh, merchant at Murdock, and two sons and a daughter at Falls City, and a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Walling. Mr. McHugh was 64 years of age. He was born in Illinois. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow. The body will be brought here for interment.

James T. Hayes, Prominent Base Ball Man, Disappears

Davenport, Ia., Nov. 30.—James T. Hayes, for several years vice president of the Three I league and secretary-treasurer of the Davenport Blue Sox, is being sought by his relatives and the police following his mysterious disappearance from home last Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Hayes is a nationally-known figure in minor league base ball affairs.

Author of "Arabella and Araminta" Stories Is Dead

Brookline, Mass., Nov. 30.—Gertrude Smith, author of many books for children and best remembered for her "Arabella and Araminta" stories, published more than 20 years ago, died at a hospital here yesterday. Miss Smith was born at Coloma, Cal., and had lived in this state since her school days.

Red Cross Calls for 16 Women Chauffeurs

New York, Nov. 29.—A call for 16 women chauffeurs to drive motor trucks and ambulances in this city was sent out tonight by the National League for Women's Service. The trucks are used to transport Red Cross supplies from work rooms to warehouses and ships.

'YANKEE' OFFICERS ARRIVE AT PIAVE ON ITALIAN FRONT

Begin Inspection at Once on Great River Battle Line; Their Advent is Hailed with Joy by Allies and is Regarded as Significant of Coming Events.

Italian Army Headquarters in Italy, Thursday, Nov. 29.—A number of American officers of the United States army, with Brigadier General George H. Scriven, have arrived at the Italian front.

General Scriven is detailed to make a careful and thorough study of the entire situation and will inspect the whole battle line along the Piave river, on the Asiago plateau and in the extreme west, reporting to the War department at an early date.

U. S. ENGINEERS LAID RAILS TO AID BYNG'S BIG DRIVE

German Artillery Tore Up Their Track, But American Energy Quickly Replaces it in Spite of Shells.

(By Associated Press.)

British Army Headquarters in France, Monday, Nov. 26.—American engineers, the first American troops to be engaged in military operations on the British front, took a prominent part in the breaking of the Hindenburg line by General Byng last week. Military necessity has made it impossible to speak of their presence before, but it is now possible to inquire the people of the United States that engineers of the American army had a large part in pushing up the vital railways behind the advancing British soldiers.

As a matter of fact, the American engineers have been laboring on the roads through the devastated battlefields of the Somme district for nearly four months and two of their men, who were wounded, were the first American casualties announced from Washington.

Astonish the British. The speed with which the lines have been laid up through the broken Hindenburg defenses during the past week has called forth the highest praise from the British authorities. The Americans have been working in shifts 24 hours a day and no such amount of track has been laid in this region in so short a time before.

The manner in which they stood up under the strain has led to their being dubbed the "force of American athletes." For these untiring soldiers are today as fit and as willing as they were before the battle began.

Naturally the Americans have for a long time been working under the range of enemy artillery and more than once they have come under heavy shell fire. One of the most striking sights along the front has been that of the engineers laboring coolly at their tracks with great shells bursting 100 yards away.

German Guns Don't Stop Them. At one time the Germans cut loose with their guns on a section of the tracks and tore up three miles of rails which had been laid with much labor, but they scarcely had finished this when the Americans were back at work.

Cannon Predicts Prompt Action And Adequate Appropriations. Washington, Nov. 30.—Prompt and adequate appropriation by congress for further prosecution of the war were predicted today by former Speaker Cannon upon his return from the new session.

"Sentiment as far as I can observe," he said, "is for a vigorous prosecution of the war, to bring it to a successful end as early as possible. The financial needs will be great, both of ourselves and our allies. Of course, we can't provide for the whole shooting match, but congress will respond adequately to the needs of the situation."

"I do not know the status of diplomatic affairs, but if the president should recommend declarations of war against Germany's allies I have no doubt that they would be immediately forthcoming."

Rescuers Unable to Reach 18 Men Entombed in Mine

Christopher, Ill., Nov. 30.—Rescuers have been unable to enter the Old Ben mine to search for the 18 men entombed by yesterday's explosion. A second explosion was heard within the mine at 3 o'clock this morning. It is thought that the 18 men are dead.

U. S. Government Postpones Closing of Silver Contracts

Washington, Nov. 30.—Closing of contracts by which the government expects to acquire a large part of the silver produced in the country within the next year for monetary use of itself and the allies have been postponed until western silver producers can confer with treasury officials.

INSPECTION IS BEGUN.

Brigadier General George H. Scriven, who is here to study the Italian situation for the American government, yesterday inspected the line along the upper Piave and today was going along the northern fighting front.

The general went into the first line trenches along the edge of the Piave. A heavy artillery fire was coming from enemy batteries posted on a hill on the opposite side of the river, with rifle fire from the bushes along the shores and the Italian batteries were making strong reply over the place where the general and his escorts were making their inspection.

General Scriven says he was impressed most favorably with all that he saw, as it shows the Italian army has been able to make an effective reorganization and is now in a high state of efficiency. The tour today will take General Scriven through Bassano and along the Asiago plateau, where the fighting now is heaviest because of the enemy attempts to force a way southward to the open plains.

German Feverishly Active. Aerialists report that the enemy is feverishly active along the Tagliamento river, where he is compelling the civilian population to assist in the construction of lines of defensive trenches and works on the eastern bank of the river to which he probably would fall back in case of a reverse along the Piave.

The lessening of the intensity of the enemy attacks along the northern front is regarded as forecasting the moving of activity to other points, either for massed attacks or in preparation of defensive positions capable of meeting the attacks, reinforced by the British and French, in a concerted advance.

Lansdowne Pleases Germany.

London, Nov. 30.—The newspapers in Germany today publish the Lord Lansdowne letter on their front pages, telegraphs the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. The German newspapers consider the "finishing of England getting reasonable."

The letter, the correspondent adds, has caused general satisfaction in Germany, where it is regarded as a "semi-official feeler."

Many Soldiers Reach Lincoln on Furloughs

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Lincoln was full of officers and enlisted men today, home for Thanksgiving and the foot ball game between Nebraska and Syracuse.

Among the number was Lieutenant V. Grant Humphrey, son of Captain G. M. Humphrey of Pawnee City. Lieutenant Humphrey is from the training camp at Ocean Springs, Miss., and was the only Nebraskan at that camp. When he received a commission it was not announced in Nebraska papers. He is a graduate of the state university, and when his furlough is over will go to Leon Springs, Tex.

Slackers Sentenced in Oklahoma Federal Court

Muskogee, Okl., Nov. 30.—Federal Judge Ralph E. Campbell this morning began passing sentence on 95 draft resisters and other violators of the selective service law who pleaded guilty in United States court at Ardmore recently. Out of the first 15 men to face the court some received sentences as light as 90 days in the Vinita jail, while others were ordered to the federal prison at Leavenworth for two years.

American Casualties With Canadian Troops

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 30.—Today's Canadian casualty list in part follows: Killed in action: Jackson Howard, Wakanda, S. D.
Wounded: Corporal George Carnie, North Yakima, Wash.
Wounded and returned: E. Cook, Mount Pleasant.