

BAKER IN LIVELY TILT WITH SENATE MILITARY INVESTIGATION BOARD

Declare Country Should Not Be Lulled to Sleep by Report That Army Supplies Are Adequate; Secretary Handled Without Gloves in Latest Session of Sharp Probe.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 11.—Secretary Baker's examination today before the senate military committee was warmed up by a rapid cross-fire of questions by senators of both parties who did not agree with the generally favorable view of war preparations depicted by Mr. Baker's statement of yesterday.

The senators declared his statement that war supplies were adequate would mislead the country. Senator Weeks declared the country "should not be lulled to sleep by a general statement of facts that don't exist."

Mr. Baker explained that he meant to convey only the impression that all the men ready for the fighting line were adequately equipped.

Senators Wadsworth and Weeks, republicans, and Senators Chamberlain and Hitchcock, democrats, took the lead in cross-examining the secretary and at times handled him without gloves.

Chairman Chamberlain said there were fears for powder production. "The situation is satisfactory and I think supplies are and will continue adequate," replied Secretary Baker.

Defends Board.
Senator Wadsworth asked about the board of labor standards. "I know their character and expert qualifications well," said Secretary Baker in defense of the board.

Senator Wadsworth said the board's requirements were so rigid that production of army garments is being delayed.

"Any delay is slight," Secretary Baker said, "and health of factory workers is an important consideration."

Only Slight Delay.
"I must disagree with you that the delay is slight," said Senator Wadsworth.

Senator Wadsworth said a witness had testified the board's contract standards threaten to cause strikes and require employers to deceive labor leaders.

Mr. Baker denied knowledge that any considerable number of contractors were refusing to execute contracts because of the new labor standards.

Personnel of Board.
Senator Weeks thought the board had too large and very drastic powers, but Mr. Baker contended the board's functions are purely advisory.

Chairman Kerstein, he said, was a Boston business man, Captain Krensi, an army officer, and the third member, Florence Kelly, a social welfare worker.

Senator Is Peeved.
"There has been no explanation yet given the committee," said Senator Wadsworth, pounding the table with his fist.

Senator Wadsworth asked whether, in view of the shortage of artillery and machine guns, the secretary's statement that there were sufficient supplies "substantially for rush needs" was correct.

"Yes, perfectly, as I understand it," said Mr. Baker. "Our rush needs are satisfied."

Senator Chamberlain asked Baker how he could say that when cantonnements were short of rifles and machine guns and artillery.

"I mean that there is enough for the men actually engaged in fighting."

Guns for Fighters.
"You mean that there is sufficient for men in France?" said Senator McKellar.

"Yes," said the secretary.

"Your statement that we have substantially enough gives a wrong impression to the country, when we have only enough for men actually in the fighting and not for those in training," Senator Wadsworth interjected.

"What I meant to say and what I want the country to understand," Mr. Baker replied earnestly, "is that all the troops in France will be adequately equipped with artillery and arms."

"Probably," observed Senator Chamberlain.

"I have assurances to that effect," Mr. Baker testified.

Wadsworth Disagrees.
"The statement leaves the impression that the situation is a rosy one and that we have all the artillery we need," said Senator Wadsworth. "I disagree. It is not an accurate description of the situation."

Mr. Baker insisted that his statement regarding adequacy of ordnance for "rush needs" was substantially correct.

Senator Weeks cited the general ordnance shortage at Camp Bowie, Tex., testified by Major General Greble, commandant.

"You have given the impression that every camp has enough rifles," Senator Weeks observed.

Weeks Contradicted.
"I didn't make that statement," said Mr. Baker.

"You gave that impression." "I said 'initial' rush needs are filled," explained Mr. Baker.

"But you ought to define your statement; it gives the country the impression that every need in the camps is supplied," said Mr. Weeks.

Mr. Baker said rifle shortage since General Greble reported had been substantially corrected.

"It would have been very fortunate if we could have gotten machine guns sooner," he added.

"Is there any reason why 1,200 should be held in storage?" asked Senator Hitchcock, referring to testimony by General Crozier to that effect.

"I didn't know that," said Mr. Baker.

Reverting to delays in machine gun deliveries, Senator Hitchcock "plored" tardy contracts for Lewis guns and Mr. Baker rejoined that large production of Browning guns would begin in February.

BRITISH RAIDS IN YPRES SECTOR ARE SUCCESSFUL

Intense Artillery Fire on Italian Front; French Capture Many Germans in the Argonne.

(By Associated Press.)
British troops in the Ypres area have executed successfully three raids into the German lines.

Many casualties were inflicted and prisoners were taken.

On the remainder of the front in France the artillery on both sides is active, especially in Flanders, in the Arras-Cambrai area in Champagne and northeast of Verdun.

The artillery fighting on the northern Italian front is less intense, being most marked east of the Brenna.

"Discussion of the French government's diplomatic conduct of the war will be heard in the chamber of deputies today. The government has announced that it will accept such discussion.

Silence Hostile Motors.

Rome, Jan. 11.—The official communication says: "The artillery struggle became more violent at intervals east of the Brenna. Our reconnaissance parties captured prisoners west of Cap Di Sotto. At Grave Di Papadopoli hostile working and armed parties were dispelled."

"Hostile trench mortars in the neighborhood of Saint Dona were silenced by our batteries."

Germans Report.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—"In December the enemy losses in aircraft on the German front amounted to nine captive balloons and 119 airplanes, of which 47 dropped behind our lines; the rest were observed to fall behind the enemy's position. We have lost in battle 82 airplanes and two captive balloons."

"Nothing to Report."

London, Jan. 11.—"With the exception of hostile artillery activity east of Vimy ridge, there is nothing to report," says today's official announcement.

French Statement.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The official statement follows: "In the Argonne at Court Chausse and in the Vosges, in the region of Blemery, French detachments made incursions into the enemy lines and brought back prisoners. The artillery fighting was rather severe at times in the region of Beaumont and Bezonaux (Verdun front). On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

"On Wednesday two German airplanes were brought down in aerial combats."

KEEP UP PEACE CONFERENCE AT BREST-LITOVSK

(By Associated Press.)

Peace negotiations between Russia and the central powers will be continued at Brest-Litovsk, according to information in Amsterdam, despite a vigorous protest by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, who heads the Russian delegation. At the opening of the new sitting of the conference Trotsky demanded that the delegates go to Stockholm.

Premier Lenin, before leaving Petrograd ostensibly for Finland, but probably for Stockholm for conferences with the Austrian and German socialists, declared that if the central powers do not accept Russian peace terms the Bolsheviks will declare war against Germany. He expressed fear that preparation would have to be made for hostilities.

The establishment of a separate peace with Russia apparently is the present aim of the central powers, according to Amsterdam dispatches. Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has told the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk that inasmuch as Russia's allies had not replied to the invitation to take part in the negotiations a separate peace is now the question at issue.

While opposing the transfer of the peace conference to neutral territory, Count Czernin is said to have declared that if the Russians were animated by the same intentions as the representatives of the central powers would be satisfactory.

Bitter Comment.

Initial comment in the German and Austrian press on President Wilson's message is bitterly hostile. His program is declared to be unacceptable and one pan-German paper says it is "more brutal still" than the recent statement of Premier Lloyd George. The president is accused of desiring to hinder the Brest-Litovsk negotiations and Vienna newspapers declare that his peace conditions are such as could only be imposed on the central powers if they were defeated completely.

Trial by Court Martial

For German Propagandist
Paris, Jan. 11.—Bolo Pasha, who is charged with having conducted German propaganda in France, will be tried by court-martial beginning February 4.

RUSSIAN REDS FORM NEW ARMY IN SHORT TIME

Volunteer Organization Reported Ready for Service Should Peace Negotiations With Germans Fail.

London, Jan. 11.—Confirming previous reports that the Bolsheviks are preparing to re-establish the fighting power of the army against a possible final break in the negotiations with the central powers, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says that they are not attempting a reanimation of the old worn out army, but to create a new and much smaller one.

Concerning this new army Foreign Minister Trotsky is reported to have said: "It will wage not a war, but revolution. Its front trenches will be barricades against oppressors."

Many Difficulties.

The Bolsheviks doubt whether the German soldiers will advance, but if they do and take more territory, they will be no nearer an end of the war. The correspondent says that the greatest difficulties of the Bolsheviks in these preparations are transport and supply, of which the former is the less hopeful question. Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, is reported to be organizing a volunteer army and has ordered all officers to return to the posts they held before the Bolshevik revolution.

Civil War.

In reference to the civil wars in different parts of Russia the correspondent says they are not wars by one part of Russia against another, but attempts to spread class warfare in those parts where the proletariat has not yet obtained the upper hand. Thus, the Bolsheviks are not warring against the Ukraine, but against the Bourgeoisie Ukrainian Rada; nor with the Cossack country, but with the military government of the Cossacks.

The Daily News correspondent says that the anti-Bolshevik newspapers daily record Bolshevik defeats, but declares it is curious that after each defeat the Bolsheviks advanced instead of retiring. The map, he says, shows that each reported defeat takes the Bolsheviks further into the enemy country. He mentions some of these advances and adds that the Black sea fleet is now controlled by the Bolsheviks.



A WORD IN SEASON FOR ALL MEN AND YOUNG MEN SATURDAY WE WILL SELL B. K. STANDARD ALL WOOL SUITS and OVERCOATS — AT — \$20

Comprising values that will sell at \$25 to \$28 in the near future. CLOTHING of the well known Browning, King & Co. standard is always worth what it costs you. It is worth a third more today, at the present price of woollens.

BUY NOW

Browning, King and Company
GEO. T. WILSON, Mgr.

Save Your Child from Anemia and Poverty Buy War Savings Stamps

TWO MAY DIE FROM STREET CAR CRASH

Twenty People Injured in Head-On Collision on Urbandale Line of Des Moines City Railway Company.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Twenty people were injured, two probably fatally, in a head-on collision on the Urbandale street car line late today. J. N. Thomas, living at the end of the Urbandale line, is reported, will not recover. Both cars were crowded. Blame for accident has not yet been fixed. Among the injured were: Mrs. W. F. Leach, Mrs. Geis Botsford, Mrs. Leon Cornicke, J. A. Stewart, J. N. Thomas and George E. Hohl. Hohl was the motorman on one of the cars.

The Bee Want Ads Are the Best Business Boosters.

BISHOP STUNTZ HEADS PROGRAM FOR WORK IN WAR

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ings of his denomination in 100 of the principal population centers.

Outlines the Work.

The work as outlined by the war council has been divided into three classes:

1. In army camps, where they will co-operate with the Young Men's Christian association.
2. Supporting the morale behind the lines through the agency of the 22,000,000 people in the constituency of the church. In the 100 meetings to be held they will organize this movement. An expert organizer will travel in advance of the speaker at these meetings, assuring the success of the undertaking.
3. Work in the foreign field and with the women around the camps. It is planned to establish an or-

ganization in the suburbs of Paris costing approximately \$250,000 to care for the orphans of France, Italy and Russia. The fund for this purpose will be raised at the meetings to be held and the budget calls for \$1,000,000.

To Draft Ministers.

The most efficient ministers and laymen of the church will be drafted into this service to assist in the platform work. Twenty-seven of the leaders have been called and it is believed that at least 100 more will be needed.

Bishop Stuntz will start his campaign in Chicago Thursday with a mass meeting in Medinah Temple. Sunday schools will be present with service flags from their schools to take part in the patriotic exercises.

Bishop Stuntz recently visited Washington, where he outlined his plans with the executive heads of the government in order to make the co-operation complete. He reports that they were greatly pleased that he was to take the platform to keep up the morale of the nation by patriotic addresses.

Has Wide Experience.

He was chosen for the position which he will occupy during this cam-

STOLE \$15,000 LIBERTY BONDS; UNDER ARREST

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 11.—A man who said his name was Emile Haffner was taken into custody here last night and is being held for the federal authorities in Denver in connection with the theft of \$15,000 worth of Liberty bonds there, it became known today.

PAID LARGELY ON HIS SHOWING OF BEING A WORLD MAN.

A large part of his life has been spent abroad, where his activities in church work made him one of the widest known men in his church.

For eight years he resided in India, and a large portion of the time was a chaplain in a British regiment in connection with his missionary duties. He later was sent to the Philippines during the reconstruction period. He was instrumental in forming many of the laws. He has traveled and worked extensively in Orient.

During the last few years much of his time has been spent in South America, where he became familiar with the workings of the German propagandists and their plans.

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO. The Fashion Center for Women

There Is as Much Distinction in "SALES" as There Is in Stores

Neckwear Brightens Winter Wardrobes

Attractive collars of lace, satin, and wool crepes in shapes and styles to fit every requirement. Pique and organdie collars and cuffs in sets. Vestees of lace and nets. Vests of satin and pique.

Dependable Silk Hose for \$1.25 a Pair

Silk hose with lisle tops and soles; a serviceable quality in desirable shades of brown, khaki, tan, silver, champagne, gray, white and black. A value you'll like, at \$1.25 a pair.

Among the New EMBROIDERIES JUST UNPACKED

Handsome convent edges with inserting to match. Flouncings (12- and 18-inch), with insertings to match. All-over embroidery and infant embroideries to match. Beautiful narrow edges, galloons, seam headings, ribbon headings and fancy bandings. May we show them to you Saturday?

Trefousse Best French Kid Gloves

Made of the finest skins, precisely cut so as to fit perfectly, fashioned along the newest lines, Trefousse typify the best to be had in women's kid gloves. One- and two-clasp styles in black, white, navy, brown, gray, and pastel shades. \$2.50 and \$3.25 a pair. Expertly fitted.

Toilet Articles At Special Prices

Jergen's Geranium Bath Soap for Saturday only, 8 1/2¢ a cake. Hughes Ideal Hair Brushes, 69¢. Odd "Ivory" pieces left from holiday selling, special, at 25¢ and 50¢. Powder de Riz, 15¢ a box.

FINE FURS Every One 1/4 Less Than Usual

Coats and Dresses Continue to be sold at lowest prices.

MONDAY A great sale of suits; particulars Sunday.

Sateen Petticoats A Sale at 39c

In the housewearer section women will find other equally attractive prices on house dresses, aprons, etc. It's best to know how well this section serves. Basement

Children's Wear Going at Sale Prices

Saturday's opportunities to save on the best of children's things will appeal to mothers who know the quality of the garments offered.

Children's Dresses

Dresses of natural pongee, hand smoked, cuffs and collars in pink and blue, 6 to 12 year sizes. \$9.50 dresses, \$6.95; \$10.50 dresses, \$7.95.

White dresses of voile, lawns and poplins. Sizes 6 to 12 years. Very specially priced.

White and colored dresses in dainty new styles. Sizes 2 to 6 years. \$2.50 dresses, \$1.69; \$4.75 dresses, \$3.19; \$4.50 dresses, \$2.59.

Children's trimmed hats and winter bonnets are all marked less for Saturday.

KNITTING YARNS

Heavy Khaki Gray Mixed Third Floor.

If You Are Interested in LINENS Don't Fail to Come Saturday

The days are passing when these linen prices prevail. January sales won't last much longer. The scarcity of fine linens is one of the most realistic shortages we know.

You'll Never Regret Purchasing Now

H. S. Damask Lunch Cloths

\$4.75 Cloths (36-in.), \$3.38
\$6.00 Cloths (45-in.), \$4.50
\$7.50 Cloths (54-in.), \$5.89

Plain Turkish Towels

25c Bleached Turkish, 19c
35c Bleached Turkish, 25c
40c Bleached Turkish, 29c

Turkish Towels

65c Fancy Borders, 50c
75c Fancy Borders, 59c

Glass Toweling

Checked design:
25c quality, 22c a yard
30c quality, 25c a yard

Crash Toweling

30c quality, for 25c
40c quality, for 35c

Damask Pattern Table Cloths, with Napkins to match, are greatly reduced during the sale.

Fine BLOUSES Really Reduced

A CONTINUATION OF THE SALE

We offer our whole stock of fine blouses at low prices that will dispose of them Saturday.

Every blouse in stock formerly selling from \$7.50 to \$19.50, Saturday, \$5 at - - - - \$5

Soiled Blouses, great bargains, \$2.75 and \$3.95.

Blouses of the finest sort, formerly sold at \$22.50 to \$39.50, Saturday \$10.50

Anticipate your future needs; buy Blouses at this sale. ALL SALES FINAL

Silk Day Saturday Note the Low Prices

Haskell's famous Black Silks obtainable at new specially low prices Saturday. Only a few days left for these bargains.

Satin de Chine (36-inch), \$2.25 quality, \$1.75.

Satin Duchesse (36-inch), \$3.50 quality, \$2.65.

Pure Dye Taffeta (36-inch), \$2.50 quality, \$1.95.

Plain Taffetas (34-inch), \$2 quality, \$1.65.

Haskell's Satin Raye

In a complete range of the most desirable colors, 36 inches wide; sold all season for \$2.50. Saturday, \$1.95.

Belding's Charmeuse

In the best of colors, guaranteed to wear, (36-inch); \$2.75 quality, Saturday, \$2.39 a yard.

Fancy Silks

In a great variety of good patterns, exceptionally good values, sold as high as \$3; Saturday at two prices, \$1.49 and \$1.89 a yard.

Brassieres, Bandeaux Reduced Saturday

A few bandeaux made of white brocaded materials, very firm, to insure proper support; sizes 40, 42, 44, 46; also a small lot of brassieres, lace trimmed tops and bottoms, excellent materials; sizes 34 to 40. \$1 Values have been Reduced to 50c. Third Floor

Women's Knit Underwear Specially Priced

Saturday unusually good union suits will go for \$1.59 a suit.

Also a few suits of Sterling underwear, reduced to the lowest price of the season. Main Floor

January Clearance of Women's High-Grade Shoes Saturday

Without doubt you'll find your particular styles from among so many desirable ones

There are shoes of brown, light and dark gray, ivory, white and black kid, besides patent leather. Fashionable models throughout; every pair worth-while.

Sold Regularly From \$10 to \$14 a Pair
Saturday \$8.85 a Pair

