

SITUATION ON WEST FRONT CRITICAL, SAYS WAR EXPERT

(By Associated Press.)
 London, Jan. 25.—The situation on the western front is critical, in the opinion of Colonel C. A. Repington, one of the foremost English military critics, who recently resigned from the Times and became military correspondent of the Morning Post.
 In his first contribution to the Post, in today's issue, he criticizes Premier Lloyd George and the war cabinet severely because, he asserts, they have failed to maintain the strength of the British armies in the west, thereby creating the present conditions.

GERMAN FORCES INCREASE.

The Germans, Colonel Repington says, now have 165 divisions on the western front, or more than all the allies combined, excluding the Italian theater.

The number of German troops is being increased, he adds, at the rate of seven to 15 divisions monthly and may be expected to reach more than 200 divisions as soon as it is possible to concentrate them.

The arrival of some Austrian forces also is to be expected, and news already has come of the appearance of Austrian troops in Belgium.

Remarking that the accumulation of this immense force may be either to support negotiations or for a grand attack, the writer says all the evidence points to the impending delivery of a series of great attacks.

Reviewing the strength of Great Britain's allies, Colonel Repington writes:

Use All Men Available.

"The American troops are not coming in as fast as some sanguine estimates forecast, but I feel sure that General Bridges, who accompanied Mr. Balfour to the United States, must have given the war cabinet a pretty accurate forecast. The American army can be only a contingent during the next few months. This is all the more reason why we this year should place every available man in the field.

"Field Marshal Haig says his drafts did not reach him in time to be properly trained and that he had to fight 131 German divisions with half that number. This is the most damning indictment of the war cabinet that could have been made."

Knocks Lloyd George.

When Mr. Lloyd George became premier, Colonel Repington goes on, he rejoiced because he thought it meant more vigorous prosecution of the war and particularly the utilization of millions of civilians, but he found that it meant nothing of the sort. Pursuing his criticism of the Lloyd George cabinet, he declares that "by imposing upon Haig a certain course of action contrary to that agreed upon at the allied conference of November, 1916, the cabinet incurred grave responsibility."

He says further that each man at the front has had to do the work of two, "because the premier has lacked the courage to tell the country the truth and to pass on to the public the advice he must receive from any general staff conscious of its duty."

"The most favorable construction I can place on the premier's inaction," he adds, "is that he was gambling for peace by Christmas. But in spite of his innumerable speeches, no peace came."

Unearth Body of Man Murdered With Ax

New York, Jan. 25.—By the light of pocket lamps in the cellar of a Thompson street building, six detectives under command of Captain Davy in charge of the homicide squad, tonight unearthed the body of a man who evidently had been murdered with a hatchet. It was buried under three feet of earth in a corner of the cellar.

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HITCHCOCK SEES VOTES FOR NEW BILL

Says Senator Chamberlain's Speech Will Win Votes for Measure Reorganizing War Department.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
 Washington, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Hitchcock, asked tonight if he thought Senator Chamberlain's revolutionary speech had made votes for the war cabinet bill

entirely familiar with its provisions. "When the country knows the conditions surrounding the war department," said Senator Hitchcock, "I believe there will come a mighty call to pass the measure. To win the war we must have some such authority as the bill provides."
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Chamberlain's Speech Sensation of the Hour (From a Staff Correspondent.)
 Washington, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Chamberlain's speech is the sensation of the hour. Nothing else is talked about in the hotel lobbies, clubs and public places, and his arraignment of the war department for gross inefficiencies, it is believed, will stir the nation as it has never been stirred since the declaration of war.
 Monday, it would lower its price to 2 cents.
 You can secure a maid, stenographer or bookkeeper by using a Bee Want Ad.

DEATH AND LOOT MENACE PEOPLE OF FINLAND

Stockholm, Jan. 25.—Dispatches from Helsingfors indicate that the situation in various parts of Finland is critical. Battles of considerable proportions have been fought at several places and apparently are still continuing.
 The most serious conflict seems to have been at Viborg, where socialist Red guards were assisted by Russian soldiers with artillery.

"Workers Will Control World," Says Schwab

(By Associated Press.)
 New York, Jan. 25.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, declared in an address at a dinner here tonight that the time is near at hand "when the men of the working class—the men without property—will control the destinies of the world."
 "In these times of war," Mr. Schwab said, "we of America should not criticize the actions of our president and our nation. Within the next 18 months we will have more tonnage on the ocean than all the nations of the world."
 "But don't let us run away with the idea that we have a light job on our hands. We must realize that it is the duty of every citizen to give his last dollar and his last drop of blood in defense of his country."

Captain Jack Cudahy Suffers "Slight Illness"

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Major Eugene G. Northington, in charge of the base hospital here, today declared the report that Captain Jack Cudahy of Chicago, attached to the 316th military police here, was suffering from a nervous breakdown was "all bosh" and asserted that he was suffering from a "slight illness."

He refused, however, to discuss the nature of the illness and all attempts to learn the nature of the case were blocked with military precision and curtness.

Captain Cudahy told his fellow officers, before going to the hospital, that he was nervous and they gathered the impression that he suffered from a nervous breakdown.

"Kaiser Bill" to Be Sold at Charity Auction Saturday

"Kaiser Bill" will be sold at auction for what he will bring at the rummage sale conducted by Mrs. John H. Parrett on the ground floor of the Woodman of the World building Saturday afternoon.
 "We would not expect high bids on 'his nibs' except for the reason that the proceeds will be devoted to the relief of the poor of Omaha," said Mrs. Garrett. "The proceeds of the sale, which will include other articles of greater household utility than the 'Kaiser Bill', such as furniture, electric fans and washing machines, will go to the City Mission."

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Christopher Marshall, the noted Philadelphia "Fighting Quaker," in May, 1778, records that butter sold in the market at from \$2 to \$3 a pound, flour at \$20 sterling a hundredweight, and green peas at from twenty to twenty-five shillings a half peck. In June he paid \$50 for two pairs of shoes and \$80 for two silk handkerchiefs.

"Earlier in the same year Samuel Adams, one of the Massachusetts delegates to congress, was asked \$400 for a hat and \$500 for a pair of leather breeches, \$125 for a pair of shoes and \$1,000 for a suit of clothes."

Government control is holding food prices within reach these war times, and honorable clothing merchants are striving to hold apparel prices down.

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Remember, that we could hold on to these clothes for higher prices next winter, and double our profits, but your good will is worth more to us than your money.

Remember, that the U. S. Government is taking the entire output of many leading woolen mills, which eliminates many choice fabrics which are still available in our enormous stock.

Remember, that raw wool and woolen fabric prices, linings, trimmings and labor are the highest in years, and going higher, and that our present retail values are not to be duplicated at wholesale, yet the Greater Nebraska has not raised prices on clothing.

Everything considered, we offer today, a clothes buying opportunity never equaled in the old days of the most radical mark-down sales. Men who ignore our urgent suggestion to stock up will be disappointed later, because prices will positively not be lower, but to the contrary higher as time goes on.

Any Man Who Understands Conditions Will Buy Two Suits and an Extra Overcoat Now and Save 33-3 Per Cent to 50 Per Cent on Coming Prices

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Prices on all lines of shirts, underwear, hosiery, sweaters, gloves, will be higher. There's no other way out of it. Costs are mounting and prices will go up. Think of future requirements and stock up. We're prepared to save you money.

Men's \$5.00 Heavy Sweaters \$3.50
 Exceptional values for Saturday in men's heavy and medium weight shawl collar sweaters. Colors, maroon, blue, oxford, heather and dark gray. values to \$5, at... **\$3.50**

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 Foresighted men know that good wool union suits are selling today at about wholesale prices for next year, and they're buying now for future use.
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