

## GERMANS HOLD UPPER HAND IN WARFARE OF AIR

All American Officers Admit Enemy at Tremendous Advantage in Plane Attacks on U. S. Lines.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 21.—The first American-built battle planes are now enroute to France, according to an announcement by Secretary Baker.

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With the American Army in France, Feb. 21.—Control of the air in the American sector belongs to the enemy. Any officer at the front will make this declaration—all have made it. The control is obvious. German airplanes come and go over the American lines almost at will.

Every time the Germans come over their path in the sky is specked by fleecy shrapnel puffs, but the chances of hitting an airplane with anti-aircraft shells is so remote that the enemy aviator calmly fly along as if on a pleasure tour.

Every now and then airplanes on this side attack the enemy. They always do this when they get a chance. But the Boche is clever while flying and manages to come over and take pictures, make observations and do virtually whatever he desires and then calmly sail home without interruption. Nearly always he is at an altitude of about 3,000 meters, where he is comparatively safe from anti-aircraft fire and knows it.

Officers Admit U. S. Weakness.

It is not permitted to name any officers of the American expeditionary force. It is not permitted to quote them. If both were allowed it would be possible to carry quotations from virtually every officer at the front urging a speedy appearance of large numbers of American airplanes with American pilots.

For there is only way to wrest control of the air from the enemy. That is to fight him for it in the sky and relieve him of it by force of overwhelming numbers.

Right now, if the Germans have American airplanes were waiting for them every time they came over the line, their trips would be less frequent. Neither would they dare to attempt such a bold piece of work as when they recently flew over the line in an airplane disguised with the allied red, white and blue bull's eye marking.

German Planes Increase.

If there had been American planes nearby the chances are the Germans getting back home after such a trick would be small. And it is extremely doubtful, officers say, if they ever would have tried it.

Moreover, officers say, more and more German planes are appearing in the sky and in various quarters there is a growing belief that these are the first of the machines which the Germans have been building feverishly to offset the large number of expected American airplanes in accordance with plans announced in the United States.

The question most asked from one end of the American front to the other is:

"When are some American planes coming here?"

## Des Moines Man Hurt In Montana Wreck

Billings, Mont., Feb. 21.—Two St. Paul men and another from Des Moines were among those injured today in a wreck on the Northern Pacific, near Miles City, Mont.

The injured include: J. H. Hanson, St. Paul, head bruised; W. R. Millner, St. Paul, scalp wound, and William Copp, Des Moines, broken ribs and internal injuries.

Four coaches of the passenger train overturned.

## Entente Aviators Raid Rhenish Prussian City

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—A raid by entente aviators on Treves, Rhenish Prussia, is reported in a dispatch from the city to the Cologne Gazette. It says bombs were dropped in various parts of Treves, causing damage to property. No military establishments were injured.

Treves is a city of about 45,000 inhabitants on the Moselle river, 35 miles from the French border.

## Two Names Added To Tuscania Dead List

Washington, Feb. 21.—Two names were added to the roll of known Tuscania dead by a dispatch tonight to the War department. They are Sidney W. Bennett, Marshfield, Ore., and Eugene W. Snyder, Rim Rock, Wash. Both had been listed heretofore among the unreported of the American soldiers on board the liner when it was torpedoed.

## Germany in Role of Dictator to Roumania

London, Feb. 21.—It is asserted that on being asked by Roumania that he allow the proper time for the formation of a new Roumanian cabinet Field Marshal von Mackensen, then German commander in Roumania, replied dictatorially that he expected the cabinet to be formed within 48 hours, and that it was to include no statesmen conspicuously hostile toward Germany or Austria.

## Munich Candidates Pledge Salaries to Red Cross

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 21.—A municipal ticket made up of business men pledged if elected to office to turn over their entire salaries to the Red Cross, was begun in the "copper country" today. Several business men have volunteered to run on the Red Cross tickets.

## BRITISH REACH JORDAN VALE SAYS MAURICE

London, Feb. 21.—Major General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British office, said today there had been no developments on the west front during the last fortnight to indicate that the German offensive was near.

General Maurice added that the British air predominance hampered the enemy tremendously in gaining information which was required by him before any important battle.

With regard to Palestine, General Maurice said the developments of the last week offered a promising field for further development.

"General Allenby," he added, "has advanced in the direction of Jericho and now stands on the last main ridge overlooking the valley of the River Jordan." Discussing the efforts of the Germans to have the Geneva convention arrange for a discontinuance of the use of poisonous gas, General Maurice asserted the entente would be glad to give up this gas if it were possible to get any guarantee that Germany would be bound by any promise or agreement to do likewise.

## RUSS WAR AT END, STATES AUSTRIA

Premier Assures Reichsrath Petrograd Government Has Agreed to Permanent Cessation of Hostilities.

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—The Austrian premier, Dr. von Seydler, speaking in the Reichsrath, today entered into a long defense of the original treaty of peace with Ukraine and announced a subsequent treaty appointing a commission to define the frontiers of Ukraine and Chelm.

"The Petrograd government," he said, "has declared the state of war between Russia and Austria-Hungary at an end, and, so far as human comprehension can foresee, a state of war will not again arise between these two countries."

Premier Seydler said that Ukraine was interested in supplying the central powers with grain for otherwise those parts of the treaty which embodied the concessions of the central powers to Ukraine would lapse.

Transport Great Problem.

It must not be forgotten that the whole of Russia, including the Ukraine, was convulsed with a civil war and that the difficulties of transport were extraordinarily great. According to information reaching the foreign minister, anarchy was increasing in all parts of Russia.

"Our aim in all this turmoil," continued the premier, "can and will only be to do everything to provide our heroic population with foodstuffs, which, by reason of its long privations and its resolute persistence, it deserves."

"Responding to German cries for help from Esthonia and Livonia, Germany resolved to march further into the interior in order to save from certain destruction those unhappy nationals living in those provinces. In full accord with our allies, we decided not to participate in this military action.

"Our aim, therefore, remains what it was before—to bring help as speedily as possible to the Austro-Hungarian nationals still on Russian soil."

Dr. Von Seydler announced that 20,000 prisoners had already arrived from Russia and that negotiations would be resumed with the Petrograd government for the exchange of prisoners.

Distrust Russ Peace.

Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, at the opening session of the German Reichstag today asserted that the pacific intentions of Russia could no longer be credited, but he said that even today Germany was prepared to conclude a peace "which corresponds with our interests." He instanced the peace agreement with the Ukraine as an indication of the readiness of the central powers for peace. He referred especially to the advantages which the Teutonic allies would derive during the present year from the economic treaty with the Ukraine and recommended the approval of the compact.

"The prospects of a conclusion of peace with the Bolsheviks is considerably improved by the conclusion of peace with the Ukraine; by our military pressure, and by the ruin of certain hopes that doubtless had been entertained in Petrograd," said Dr. von Kuehlmann.

"Hope can be expressed that we will now attain the goal, but we will not indulge in joy about the great result of a real conclusion of peace with Russia until the ink of the treaty is dry."

## Britain Backs Poland On Peace in the East

London, Feb. 21.—The British government has instructed its agent at Kiev to make the declaration that Great Britain will not recognize any peace in the east which involves Poland, without a previous consultation with Poland.

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## NEW U. S. BATTLE PLANES NOW ON WAY TO FRANCE

First Consignment Crosses Atlantic Five Months Ahead of Schedule; Surpass Speed and Climbing Tests.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 21.—The first American built battle planes are enroute to France, nearly five months ahead of the original schedule.

In making this announcement tonight, Secretary Baker said the first shipment, although in itself not large, "marks the final overcoming of many difficulties met in building up this new and intricate industry."

"These planes," Mr. Baker said, "are equipped with the first Liberty motors from machine production. One of them in a recent test surpassed all records for speed and climbing for planes of that type. Only the 12-cylinder type is being made, as developments abroad have made it wise to concentrate on the high-powered engine instead of the eight-cylinder."

Optimistic as these statements appear, the secretary said they should not be exaggerated and should be considered in the light of these facts:

Reinforcements Essential.

"That after three years of warfare the total number of planes able to take the air at any one time on either side of the western front has not been more than 2,500."

"That 40 men are required on the ground for every plane in the air, making a total of 115,000 men needed for the present maximum of 2,500 planes."

"That for every plane in the air, there must be two replacement planes on the ground and one training plane for every pilot who eventually reaches the front, with a spare engine for each plane."

After reviewing the many obstacles that had to be overcome in getting air craft production under way, Mr. Baker said the great problem now remaining is to obtain the thousands of skilled mechanics, engine men, motor repair men, wood and metal workers, etc., needed to keep the planes in perfect condition, without which the machines turned out soon would be useless and the flyers helpless.

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## Gen. Bliss Responsible for Document Praised by George

Washington, Feb. 21.—Credit for drafting the American document which played such a part in converting the Versailles conference to the plan for centralized control of the war is given by Secretary Baker to General Bliss, chief of staff and American representative on the supreme war council. Mr. Baker said today that he personally had nothing to do with preparation of the papers and that they doubtless comprised memoranda prepared by or at the direction of General Bliss.

No part of the document can be published, the secretary explained for the reason given by Mr. Lloyd George in his speech yesterday enthusiastically praising the American plan. Mr. Lloyd George said the only reason he did not read it to the house was that it was "mixed up with the plan of operations."

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## Labor Will Make Place For Crippled Soldiers

New York, Feb. 21.—Crippled soldiers brought home from the trenches will be trained so that they may speedily retake their places in the industrial activities of the country, the American Institute of Mining Engineers, in convention here, was told today.

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