

DOUBT GERMANS CONTROL AIR ON AMERICAN FRONT

Secretary of War Baker Declares General Pershing Has Made No Mention of Danger From Enemy Planes.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 21.—Army officials showed every evidence of surprise today at press dispatches from France telling of German control of the air over the sector of the front held by the American forces.

They would make no comment for publication, however, and Secretary Baker also was silent beyond saying that his advices from General Pershing made no mention of such a situation.

Disclosure of conditions described by the dispatches comes on the heels of Secretary Baker's announcement yesterday that American-built battle planes had been shipped to France five months ahead of the original schedule and soon would be ready in quantities.

This statement does not mean that the whole program for the American air fleet is so far ahead, and it is understood that actually it is not far from the schedule one or the other. The exact status of the program is a carefully guarded secret.

Secretary Baker said today in response to questions about the cable dispatches that any publicity of that nature must come from General Pershing, who alone is able to judge of the military value of the information.

Unwise to Reveal Plans.
It was obvious around the War department that there are other elements in the airplane supply situation which it is regarded as unwise to reveal. Mr. Baker specifically refused to sanction discussion of these.

There are certain considerations, it was pointed out by some officers, none of whom claimed to have actual knowledge of the situation at the American front, which to their minds, made it more surprising that a complete lack of adequate air patrols should exist there. In the first place, General Pershing was fully advised as to all matters regarding the American air service and the degree to which he could rely upon it when he decided to put the forces into the line.

Also—and great stress was laid on this—he has been working in complete co-operation with the French government in getting his men to the front. So far as known, the particular section of the line held by the American was fully patrolled by allied airmen, presumably French, before it was taken over.

Could Call French Patrols.
If General Pershing regards the situation in the air as in any way a menace to his troops, it was suggested, it seemed certain he would call upon the French for patrols.

It is possible, of course, as was developed in Secretary Baker's conference, that a local concentration of air forces has been made by the Germans against the American sector. Such a condition might arise at any time on any section of the long battle line. Mr. Baker said. The dispatches from the front, however, appear to indicate a continuing situation in which no airplanes for ordinary patrol work are available, rather than a sudden increase in the enemy's air fleet in that region.

Mr. Baker would not indicate whether he intended to call the matter to General Pershing's attention. If he did so, it would be a departure from his usual custom. The War department assumes that the commander of the expeditionary forces will advise it promptly if anything arises of a serious nature in which aid is needed.

Otherwise the forwarding of men, airplanes, supplies of all sorts goes ahead on a regular schedule of priority provided by General Pershing and as they become available for shipment and ships are available to carry them.

Britons Fight for Lives, Says Milner

London, Feb. 21.—Vincent Milner, member of the war cabinet, speaking at Plymouth today, deprecated too much talk about war aims.

"Until peace negotiations are reached," he said, "we are fighting for our lives and the very existence of the free nations of western Europe. As a result of the collapse of Russia, the military party of Germany is again firmly in the saddle. Doubtless many of the people in Germany loathe the continuance of bloodshed for mere aggression, but at present they are quite powerless."

Lord Milner contended that it was no longer a question of destroying Prussian militarism, but whether Prussian militarism would destroy the allies and dominate Europe and part of Asia.

"President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George have made it perfectly clear," he continued, "that we have no desire to dismember Germany, dictate her constitution or exclude her from a fair share of the world's intercourse. There can be but one answer to Germany's challenge and that answer may involve greater sacrifice and endurance than heretofore."

Ask Whether Francis Will Provision Finn Red Guard

Stockholm, Feb. 21.—Concern over a report that Ambassador David R. Francis at Petrograd, had promised the Finnish Red Guard provisions from America, was expressed today by M. Gripenberg, Finnish minister here, who visited Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister to Sweden.

M. Gripenberg requested Mr. Morris to inquire whether Mr. Francis was correctly quoted and whether he had expressed America's attitude toward the Finnish situation.

Hasten Rail Repairs.

Washington, Feb. 21.—To hasten repair work on locomotives and railway rolling stock an agreement involving lengthening of working hours, promotion of apprentices and helpers and maintenance of open shop conditions has been reached between Director General McAdoo and A. O. Wharton, president of the Railway Employees' department of the American Federation of Labor.

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15c

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