

ALLES PLANNING TO REDUCE ARMY OF OCCUPATION Commission Will Endeavor as Preliminary Measure to Ascertain Strength of German Forces.

Paris, Jan. 26.—An effort to ascertain the strength and resources of the German army will be the first problem considered by the military committee appointed Thursday by the supreme war council to report on the strength of the allied and associated forces to be retained on the western front during the period of the armistice.

It was assumed that the Germans now have about 500,000 men under arms, but it is necessary to confirm these figures and also to determine to what extent the manufacture of arms, ammunition and other military supplies is going on.

The purpose is to maintain a strength at all times superior to the present or potential strength of the Germans. There are now eight American divisions in Germany and the findings of the committee will determine whether it may be possible to reduce this force and send the men home. The British and French commands are desirous to hasten demobilization, so it is said that the committee will report at the earliest possible moment.

The inquiry is not understood to apply to the entente and American forces in Siberia and at Archangel, where they will be maintained pending the issue of the Princes Islands conference.

Freight Traffic Body of the Federal Roads Swamped With Business

Although in business a little more than a month the Omaha District Freight Traffic committee of the United States railroad administration finds itself swamped. Hearings on applications for new rates and changes of rates are being held daily, but the new cases come at a much more rapid rate than they can be disposed of.

Saturday 14 cases were filed, several of which have to do with Omaha rates and shipments of commodities. Application is made for a switching charge of \$4 per car between industries in the city and connecting lines and Fort Omaha and the balloon school; to eliminate the \$2 car reconsigning charge for switching and inspecting hay in car lots in Omaha; to establish storing in transit privileges of six months on hay points west of Omaha, destined for points east of the Missouri river; to establish a rate of 1 1/2 cents per 100 pounds on rate on slack coal from Rock Springs, Black Buttes and Point of Rocks to certain stations on the Union Pacific; to fix a 19-cent potato rate on shipments from Gering and Northport to Denver; a milling in transit rate to Hardy, Neb., on traffic originating west of this point and destined for further east; to establish a 25-cent per-barrel rate on crude oil and distillates shipped from Casper to Greybull, Wyo.; to fix a 6-cents-per-100-pound minimum, or a 25-cent single drayage charge between the Burlington and Northwestern depots at Crawford, Neb.

Other applications filed propose a revision of hay and straw rates from Nebraska and other states to the Missouri river and east; to establish a 75-cents-per-ton rate on slack coal from Rock Springs, Black Buttes and Point of Rocks to certain stations on the Union Pacific; to fix a 19-cent potato rate on shipments from Gering and Northport to Denver; a milling in transit rate to Hardy, Neb., on traffic originating west of this point and destined for further east; to establish a 25-cent per-barrel rate on crude oil and distillates shipped from Casper to Greybull, Wyo.; to fix a 6-cents-per-100-pound minimum, or a 25-cent single drayage charge between the Burlington and Northwestern depots at Crawford, Neb.

Still another widely known and popular railroad man comes forward with his unqualified endorsement for Tanlac. This time, it is C. D. Blatherwick, yardmaster for the C. R. L. & P. in Kansas City, Kansas, who resides at 341 South 11th street, that city.

"My wife has actually gained twenty pounds in weight since she began taking Tanlac," said Mr. Blatherwick, in an interview recently. "and has benefited so much in every way that I am glad to make this statement, which I hope will be the cause of others, who may be suffering as she did, getting relief."

"She has been in such a nervous, run-down condition for the past two years that she was confined to her bed a great deal of the time. She was subject to frequent attacks of sick headaches and often had spells of dizziness. She also suffered intense pain from the gas on her stomach, pains in her back and what seemed to be a complete nervous breakdown. She also had a severe attack of influenza, which left her so weak she could hardly stand up."

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CHAPTER VIII. "Please treat as serious what I've said," he said sullenly, his glance traveling along the carpet. "I know very well that I can't make you love me. You never have. Put that aside—yes, put that aside. You can go your way—up to a certain point—but be careful, Irma, be very careful."

For a moment his eyes rose to hers, and the sudden leap of suffering and passion she saw there brought her for the first time in her easy, superficial existence, a real emotion—a fear—a genuine fear of her husband.

"What can we do?" said Mrs. Lightbody, a plump, rolling blond of resolute youthfulness, who was in constant state of anxiety before the pursuing problem of being amused. "Let's cut in for a hand of bridge."

"No, Kitty, dear," said Tody Dawson imperiously. "I will dance with you, I will amuse you in any other way, but I will not play bridge with you—you are entirely, too expensive—and I need the money."

Laracy, who was at the piano, rattling up and down the keys, emerged from behind the keyboard; a podgy, placid, smiling, flat-faced figure, affecting tight check trousers, glowing socks, and fancy waistcoats.

"Did Kitty propose bridge again?" he said, with equal impudence, referring to some disaster of the night before. "She should be stood in a corner."

"You funny, odd boy! You know I don't play half badly now," said Laracy. "Well, Tody, if we've got to amuse her, better to keep her dancing."

"Yes, that keeps her out of breath," said Dawson, getting up with the air of a martyr. He was a long face and rising yellow hair which, after four years of college education, flowed back without a flurry from the untroubled calm of his well-pleased expression—a beau ideal of that tailor-made figure which advertising artists depict in heroic postures, resting on tennis rackets or golf sticks.

"How about thumb-wrestling?" "Oh, I dote on that!" said Mrs. Lightbody, clapping her hands and, turning to the colorless and impassive Miss Teakes, she explained, in excited phrases, the principles of this latest parlor trick.

"My dear, it's simply wonderful," he cried, "I'll wrestle with you one hand and me with another, blindfolded, and beat you both. It's excruciatingly funny."

"T. Y. K.," said Dawson, bowing, and meaning, in the abbreviating trick of the day, "Thanking you kindly."

"Saying which, Lord Ronald inclined his noble brow and suffered his beautiful violet eyes to be bandaged," said Laracy, drawing forth a red-and-yellow handkerchief amid the titters of an appreciative audience.

Dawson and Laracy belonged to that new variety of hold-pet which supplements the absence of

turned in saucers. A group watched this demonstration of the newest step with the solemnity of a religious contemplation. Somewhere in the obscurity of the deep baronial living room, Laracy was pounding out the rhythmic measure with youthful enthusiasm. The music ended with a crash, and at the charming appearance of Amy at the balustrade, there was a sudden hush of curiosity.

What the young d'Artagnan experienced at his first introduction into the brilliant court of the Hotel de Treville, Amy Forrester felt at this sudden silence which was like the rolling-up of a curtain. The new world to conquer, her world, lay below. She felt a quickening and public self. At the same moment, she realized that she was no longer alone, but an integral part of the man who followed at her back. Andrew, too, was about to be judged, and by a judgment without the slightest mercy, that accepted only what it could not destroy. The thought of her husband threw her into a sudden timidity, and this involuntary modesty not only was becoming to her but constituted the good will of her hostess.

In a group of men, who were gathered, glass in hand, at a serving table, Mrs. Dellabarre was standing with her hand drawn through her husband's arm, in that punctilious public advertisement of her marital felicity which she never neglected and which she used as a whip over the heads of her admirers, as a sort of warning of the limitations she imposed on their admiration. She had slipped into a dark skirt and purple sweater, drawn her hair tightly back, contriving to make herself both ugly and distinguished, despite the sudden looming prominence of her aquiline nose. Gladys Chaloner, her dearest rival, had said of her:

"When Irma gets herself up like a fright before dinner, she is preparing to dazzle you after."

As she went to meet the Forresters, by the indefinable subtleties with which women rate one another, Mrs. Dellabarre saw that Amy was of her world. She was attracted to her instantly, as one woman is at-

ERA OF PROSPERITY Predicted by Labor Department's Head

New York, Jan. 26.—Predicting that the country will "get back into its normal swing" within six months after the signing of the armistice, William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, declared in an address here today that the nation faces eight or 10 years of "the greatest industrial activity ever known."

Mr. Wilson spoke at a luncheon given in his honor and that of United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, by the Lawyer's club on the eve of the departure for France of the department of labor's economic mission, which will make a survey of that country. While predicting prosperity, Mr. Wilson warned his audience that labor has a reserve of money to resist any attempt to force down wages unduly.

"Welcome to our city!" exclaimed Laracy. "This is a surprise. Have I got to behave, Amy, and call you 'Mrs. Forrester'?" "Get me away from here," she said, shaking hands and laughing. "Freezing by the fireside, eh?" said Jap Laracy, with a glance at the group. "Pretty northwest, eh? Irma engages me to thaw them out, but it's tough—it's tough! My eyes and whiskers, Amy, I'm glad to see you! Have you seen Tody?" "Not yet," she said, with a little confusion, for Tody Dawson had been her most devoted admirer and, in her youthful imagination, she reproached herself a little at the havoc she felt she had created.

"Oh, he's pining, pining away, cruel maiden!" said Laracy. "So are we all. How could you go and do it? Here's the wreck now!" (To Be Continued Tomorrow)

American Regiment Cited for Part in Champagne Battle

Brest, Jan. 25.—(Havas)—The prefect of the maritime district here has decorated the flag of the 372d regiment of American infantry with the French war cross. The regiment has been cited in an army order for brilliant conduct in the Champagne offensive.

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