

PROTECTIVE LEAGUE TO DISBAND FEB. 1

Citizen Detective Organization Did Great Service.

Membership of 250,000 Will be Dissolved, There Being No Further Need For Espionage in Peace Time—Record.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Dissolution of the American Protective League, with its membership of 250,000 and branch organizations in nearly every city and town in the country, effective February 1, was announced today by the league's directors.

Decision to disband, said a statement by the directors, was reached after conference with department of justice officials.

Attorney-General Gregory, in a letter written shortly after the armistice was signed, asked that the organization, which was formed shortly after relations were severed with Germany and of which the attorney-general said: "Has performed a great task," continue its activities during the period of readjustment.

A canvass of the situation, the statement says, resulted in an agreement to disband February 1.

With the coming of peace the statement declares "there is no place for organized citizen espionage." Men who devoted much time and effort to the purposes of the league, said the statement, now desire to take their place in the constructive work of peace.

The return of peace would soon render the problem of finance acute, the directors believe and many local organizations be forced to suspend.

Although the league will disband the directors statement expresses a belief that the "service of the league" will not end but it will remain "a potent force" through the training received by its members during the war.

More than three million investigations are said to have been conducted by the league during the war for the department of justice, military intelligence, provost marshal-general's office, the navy and treasury departments; the food and fuel administrations, the alien property custodian and other governmental bodies.

JAPANESE MISSION TO PARIS LANDS AT FRISCO Baron Makino Says Japan Will Join Other Nations in Establishing Lasting Peace.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Baron Nobuaki Makino, head of the Japanese delegation to the peace conference, arrived here today from Japan.

The party will leave tomorrow for New York. Baron Makino said he was not authorized to discuss any possible policies of the mission.

He added that no plans could be made for action at the peace conference until after the arrival of the peace mission at Paris and consultation there.

In a formal statement upon his arrival Baron Makino said: "The terrible war is over and the victors will now take counsel together to make plans for and lay a new, firm foundation upon which civilization, stayed for a time, may resume its upward and onward course.

Japan will join the councils of the wise and brave men who have won this war and will contribute her share of the labor which must be furnished for the achievement of this glorious task.

"Fifty years ago Japan entered the family of nations. Today Japan is proud to associate herself with those nations in their work for humanity.

A new era has dawned for you and for us. A great light is seen upon the world's horizon. All of us most sincerely and earnestly hope that within its broadening sphere and larger scope, higher ideals will be conceived and, being carried out, the whole human race will live and breathe more freely."

ONLY ONE VESSEL TOOK ARMY ACROSS

So Hindenburg Is Quoted As Telling Kaiser Wilhelm.

Emperor Said It Must Have Taken a Great Fleet to Transport So Many Americans and Field Marshal Said Took Only Lusitania

(Special Star Correspondence.) Rocky Mount, Dec. 26.—It took only one great ship to bring the American army of two million men to the battlefields of Europe. This is the remarkable statement attributed to Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, the symbolic representative of German militarism deceased.

The story was brought to Rocky Mount direct from the trenches by a fighter who has been through the modern hell in all its glory, and who has the scars of two severe wounds to show for it.

This man is a Rocky Mount soldier—Sergeant Howard L. Pierce, of the 119th infantry, "Old Hickory" regiment.

The sergeant, who stopped, or slowed down two German machine gun bullets, gives the story as coming from a German prisoner. He says the Hun captive told in broken English the American position between the emperor of all the barbarians, and the gigantic field marshal.

The one-time emperor was commenting to the field marshal sometime in August last on the fact that the Americans were everywhere on the battlefield in France.

"It must have required a great fleet of ships to bring so many Americans to the battlefronts," quoth the diabolical Wilhelm.

Thereupon Von Hindenburg, with his proverbial militaristic irony, rose to the occasion and replied: "No! It required only one—the Lusitania."

Sergeant Pierce, who with a crew of three men had charge of a one-pound cannon on the morning of Sunday, September 29, arrived in the United States on December 16, making the return trip across on the Leviathan.

The young soldier was struck in the right cheek by a machine gun bullet, the missile passing through his mouth and coming out under his left ear.

About the same time another bullet struck through his hand. The wounded sergeant was tended for two miles before he reached a dressing station, where he was given first aid attention.

From there he was sent to the hospital at Rouen, and thence to the English base hospital at Bristol, England. He never rejoined his unit, and left the hospital to board the Leviathan for the home trip several weeks ago.

Sergeant Pierce states the Americans went to the attack on Sunday morning after two "fake attacks" on September 27 and 28. The feints were for the purpose of keeping the Germans guessing as to when the staggering blow that shattered their much boasted Hindenburg line forever, was coming.

The North Carolinians, with the boys from South Carolina, Tennessee, the District of Columbia, and New York (27th division) went over the top at 5:56 a. m. The attack was launched between Cambrai and St. Quentin. The local fighter and his gun crew were in the second attacking wave, and did their best thing in the vicinity of Bellcourt, which was on the edge of the Hindenburg defense system.

Bellcourt was one of the first towns captured by the Americans. The fight started just at the break of day, with the weather misty and the battlefield enveloped in a smoke barrage.

Sergeant Pierce and his comrades proceeded with their work of annihilating German pill-boxes, machine gun nests, and other obstacles placed in the way of the advancing infantry. They followed closely in the face of a hail of lead and steel, meantime continually pushing the Hun forward and onward course.

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Of Wilmington, N. C., at the Close of Business, November 1, 1918.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Liberty Bonds, Capital Stock, Surplus Profits, etc.

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