

TROOP MOVEMENT TOWARD FRANCE IS ACCELERATED

Speeding Up Measures Taken After Battle of Picardy Began

AMERICANS PLACED WITH THE BRITISH Training Is Quicker Because They Speak the Same Language

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Transportation of American troops to France already is proceeding at the accelerated rate contemplated by the speeding up measures taken after the battle of Picardy began.

Brigaded With British. Following the conferences between Secretary Baker and allied officials, orders were given under which a British official statement was issued saying that American forces were to be brigaded with British troops in order to hasten American participation in the war.

Training Quicker. The training process will be quicker with the British than with the French. It is believed, because the language difficulty does not exist.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Fifty million dollars will be asked of congress tomorrow by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board for development of concrete shipbuilding.

PURELY LOCAL. LONDON, April 8.—A Reuter dispatch from Moscow says the Japanese diplomatic mission has issued a statement guaranteeing that the landing of Japanese forces at Vladivostok is purely a local incident and declaring that its object will soon be fulfilled.

GERMANS GIVE UP DIRECT DRIVE AGAINST AMIENS AND TRY NEW OFFENSIVE

American, French and British Troops, Strongly Entrenched and Equipped For Battle, Cause Pause in Former German Plans—Allied Reserve Army Still Held For the Proper Moment.

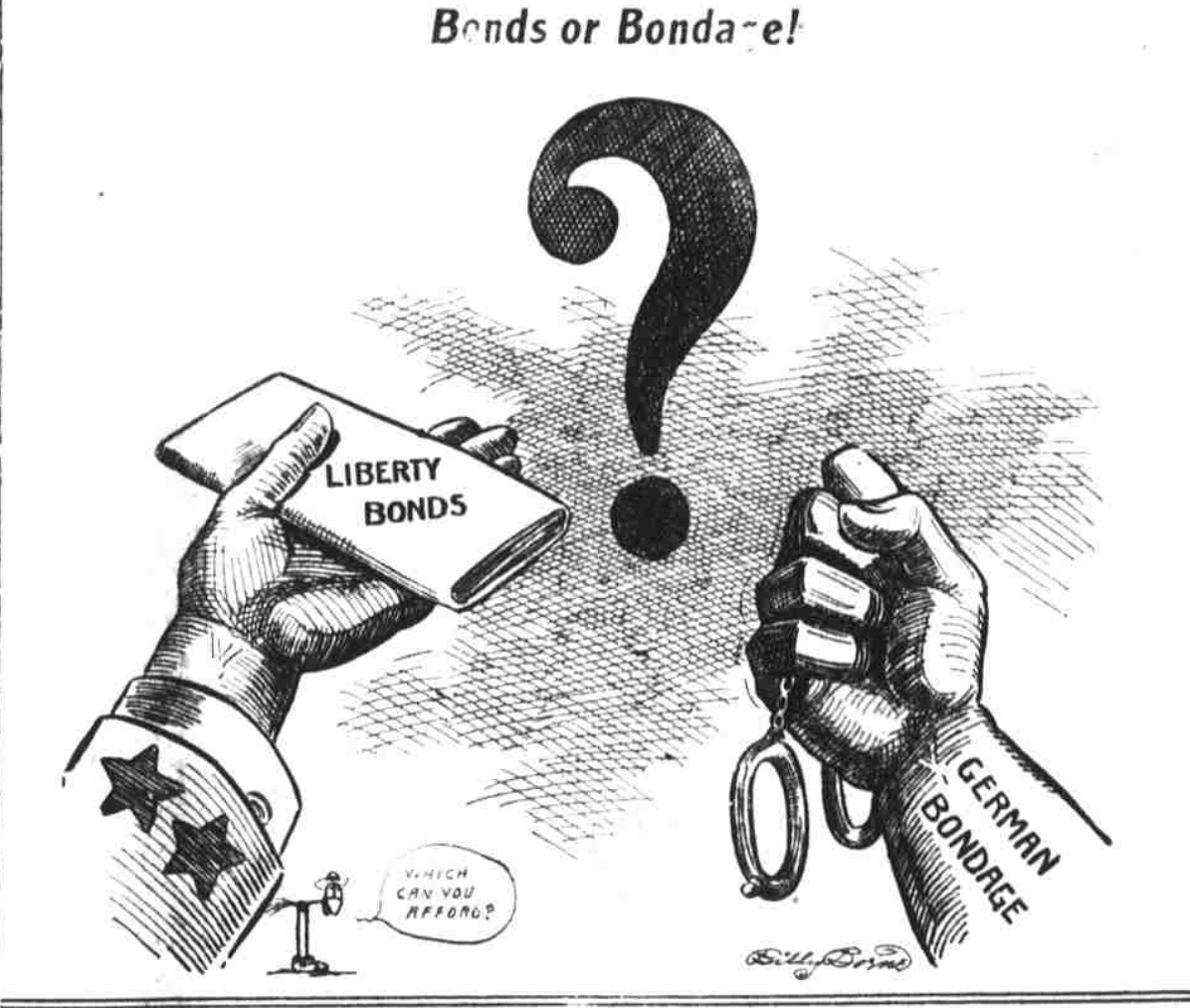
Facing American, French and British troops strongly entrenched and well equipped for battle, the German army has for the moment given up its direct drive against Amiens.

New Offensive. Reports from the battle line in Picardy disclose the first stages of this new German offensive aimed at either side of the salient in the allied lines.

Fight Uphill. On the western "elbow" of the salient in the allied lines the Germans are forced to fight uphill.

At points the Germans have gained, but these gains have resulted only in the formation of sharp salients which are swept by rifle and machine gun fire.

Assault Going On. This assault is still going on and it has made considerable progress. The Germans struck through the lower forest of Coucy and have reached a point south of the vil-



SECRETARY M'ADOO IS ACCORDED MOST ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AT RICHMOND

WHERE HE SPEAKS FOR LIBERTY BONDS Greeted By State and City Officials and Addresses Audience That Fills the City Auditorium to the Doors—Makes Three Addresses During the Stay in Richmond and Leaves For Raleigh, Where He Will Speak Again Today.

RICHMOND, Va., April 8.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo was accorded an enthusiastic reception when he arrived here this afternoon to deliver three addresses in behalf of the Liberty loan.

Mr. McAdoo was greeted by state and city officials and this evening addressed an audience which filled the municipal auditorium to the very doors. The secretary was accompanied by Mrs. McAdoo, daughter of President Wilson.

After speaking to the insurance men in the afternoon, Mr. McAdoo was taken on an automobile tour of the city and suburbs, the trip including a visit to the battlefields of the civil war. He and Mrs. McAdoo were guests at dinner at the country home of John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency.

Mr. McAdoo declared that a year of war had disillusioned those who held a high regard for Germany "whose purposes have been unmasked unless she stands pilloried at the bar of civilization."

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GERMAN GENERAL STAFF ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN CHECK ON WEST FRONT

Correspondents Instructed to Re-assure German People on Situation BETRAYS DISMAY

WASHINGTON, April 8.—A digest of German opinion on the situation in Picardy, given in an official dispatch today from France, says the German general staff is instructing the military correspondents to reassure the country and with over emphasized explanations to betray the dismay of the public at the prospect of a check of the great offensive.

Among the descriptions of the war and the notices in the newspapers the different currents of opinion produced in Germany by the offensive can be defined. There is first the anxiety caused by the extent of the losses. The general staff charges the Wolff bureau and the military correspondents to reassure the public and to put them on guard against the enemy communiques.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Edward N. Atkinson, of Asheville, came to Washington today to enlist in the 269th engineering corps. He will go into training Thursday of this week.

JAPANESE LANDING AT VLADIVOSTOK CREATES EXCITEMENT IN RUSSIA

People's Commissioners Hold All Night Session on Situation COL. ROBINS PRESENT

MOSCOW, Saturday, April 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Japanese landing at Vladivostok has created great excitement in Moscow. The people's commissioners held a session which lasted throughout Friday night, considering the situation.

M. Tchitcherin, the acting commissioner of foreign affairs, summoned the French, British and American diplomatic representatives to the foreign office for a conference. Colonel Raymond Robins, head of the permanent American Red Cross mission to Russia, attended officially. Consul Grenard acted for France, and R. Lochart, of the British embassy, for Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Word that American reinforcements are moving to the support of the allies in Picardy, has revived argument in Germany over the efficacy of the submarine and drawn from Captain Persius, military critic of The Berliner Tageblatt, the comment that after being persuaded to under-estimate America, German opinion is undergoing a change.

EARL OF READING ENDORSES SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT

Says That Only by Force Can the Central Powers Be Crushed

AMERICA FIGHTING FOR ALLIED CAUSE Ambassador Points Out Extent to Which U-Boats Have Been Discouraged

WASHINGTON, April 8.—President Wilson's pronouncement at Baltimore, Saturday, that Germany's challenge can be met only by force, was emphasized here today by the Earl of Reading, British ambassador and high commissioner, in an address before the national conference of American lecturers.

Frequently Applauded. The ambassador was frequently applauded by the audience composed largely of speakers gathered here for a conference preliminary to launching a new patriotic speaking campaign. Addresses were delivered by the Belgian and Serbian ministers, George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, and John Barrett, director of the Pan-American League.

While admitting the seriousness of the submarine menace, the ambassador pointed out that Great Britain has transported millions of fighting men across the sea with a loss of only 13,500 of them, including the 550 wounded men who have gone down with torpedoed hospital ships.

Both Great Britain and America are working furiously on their shipping program, said the ambassador, not with any idea of taking preliminary steps towards a post-bellum commercial rivalry, but to provide great fleets to take men, munitions and supplies to France.

KAISER HAD HIS EYE ON PARIS WHEN HE STARTED PRESENT GREAT DRIVE

Expected His Men to Be Fighting in Open Formation Second Day IS DISAPPOINTED

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Statements of German prisoners have convinced French military critics that the real objective of the great German offensive was Paris and that so far from expecting checks which would make Amiens the goal of bloody and unchicened battles, the Teutonic high command sent its forces forward prepared for rapid advances in open warfare.

PARIS, April 8.—The office of Premier Clemenceau has issued the following statement: "A dispatch from the Count Czernin told me when he said that some time before the German offensive began Premier Clemenceau caused him to be asked if he was ready to open negotiations and upon what basis."

GENERAL WHEELER WILL GO TO FRANCE AT ONCE

Will Join General Pershing as Ordnance Officer—Part of Policy. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Brigadier-General C. C. Williams, ordnance officer of the American expeditionary forces, today was ordered to Washington to relieve Brigadier-General Chas. B. Wheeler, acting chief of ordnance, who will go to France as ordnance officer with General Pershing. This is in line with the recently announced policy of the war department to give general officers on duty here a tour of service in France to familiarize them with actual conditions at the front.

ARGUMENT REGARDING AMERICANS IS REVIVED

German Expert Says That Western Country Has Been Underestimated. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Word that American reinforcements are moving to the support of the allies in Picardy, has revived argument in Germany over the efficacy of the submarine and drawn from Captain Persius, military critic of The Berliner Tageblatt, the comment that after being persuaded to under-estimate America, German opinion is undergoing a change.

BRYAN IS SUMMONED TO TESTIFY IN INDIAN CASE

Former Secretary of State Is Called by Defense at Trial of Hindus. SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—William Jennings Bryan has been served with a subpoena calling him to testify for the defense in the trial here of a group of Hindus and others charged with conspiring in the United States to foment revolution against British rule in India. It was learned here tonight that the former secretary of state will arrive Thursday, according to a telegram received by United States Marshal James S. Holohan from the United States marshal at Topeka, Kas.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Five large passenger steamers plying on Lake Michigan have been commandeered by the navy department for war uses, according to word received from Washington. The steamers taken are: Theodore Roosevelt, City of South Haven, Manitou, Virginia and Paritan.