

THE AMERICAN TROOPS ON FRENCH TERRITORY.

Cleverly laid Schemes of U-Boats Fair to Trap the Big Transports—Every precaution Taken to Prevent Germans From Knowing Moves.

The second contingent of American troops arrived in France and disembarked Wednesday morning, June 27.

The troops landed amid the frantic cheers of the people who had gathered.

Enthusiasm rose to fever pitch when it was learned that the transports and convoys had successfully passed the submarine zone. The port was speedily beflagged in honor of the occasion.

All the troops now arrived were transferred to a camp not distant from where Major-General Wm. L. Sibert is installed. Thence they probably will go soon to a point near the front. All the troops are in excellent shape, enthusiastic over the successful trip and their recent reception and eager for action.

It is entirely permissible to say that they are part of the force which will be under the command of Major-General Pershing and for whose arrival the general and his staff have been arranging ever since they landed on the other side.

The American troops will be an entirely independent command, just as are the British troops, working of course, with the French at the head of operations as they are on French soil.

When the troops have had their period of preparation behind the lines they will take a place on the battle front, to be arranged by General Pershing in consultation with the other military chiefs there, and probably very soon will be carrying the Stars and Stripes in the assaults which steadily are driving the Germans out of France and Belgium.

All the troops under General Pershing's command are regulars and comprise the division which President Wilson directed to proceed to France "at the earliest possible time." Information of what other troops movements may be made is surrounded by censorship to insure, as far as possible, a safe voyage through the submarine zone.

It is not permissible to say what precautions were taken to get the American troop ships past the waiting German submarines but there is no doubt that the precautions were as carefully worked out as they were effective, because it is generally believed that some time ago most of the German submarine fleet was withdrawn from its attacks on commercial shipping to make it ready to ambush the American troop ships in force.

The successful landing, while a source of gratification to Washington officials, viewed from the point of being a military operation, is regarded with added significance for its moral effect in Germany if it is permitted to become known there.

Curtiss Aviation School A Navy Training Station.

Newport News, Va., June 25.—Information obtained from persons connected with the Atlantic Coast Aeronautical station here tonight is to the effect that the Curtiss school will within a few days become a training station for the navy.

Because of the absence of Captain Thomas S. Baldwin from the city details are lacking. However it is stated that the station will no longer train civilians or army flyers and will be used exclusively for the training of airmen for the United States navy.

The nature of the agreement of the Curtiss company with the government is not known but it is said that the station will be operated by the concern under the direction and supervision of the navy department.

VICTORY DOUBLY SURE WITH AMERICA'S HELP.

Germany Wants Peace But Peace Which Would Make Nations Invaded Subjects.

Glasgow, June 29.—Premier Lloyd George in a stirring speech before the Burgesses of the Northern Metropolis today declared that if peace came an hour before the objects for which Great Britain entered the war had been achieved it would be a calamity for Europe.

Germany, the premier said, wanted peace, but a peace which would make the countries she invaded subject nations.

Mr. Lloyd George pointed out that no German statesman had promised the restoration of Belgium and said that the entente allies could not enter into a conference with a democratized Germany in a different spirit than they could deal with the Prussian autocracy.

Great Britain, said Mr. Lloyd George, could hold out if Germany's submarine war was kept in bounds and the people practiced frugality.

The public enthusiasm was tempered by unfriendly demonstrations, for Mr. Lloyd George had previously incurred the hostility of some sections of the Glasgow laborers in his dealings with them while minister of munitions. A crowd of malcontents gathered outside the hall and sang the "Red Flag" but the cheers of the friendly majority drowned their demonstration. Mr. Lloyd George in replying said:

"Never have good men stood more in need of sympathy, support and co-operation than the men who are guiding the fate of the nation in this hour in all lands. They were called to the helm in a raging tornado, the most destructive that ever swept over the world on land or sea. Great Britain so far has weathered the storm. She has successfully ridden the waves but the hurricane is not yet over and it will need all the efforts, all the skill, all the patience and all the courage and endurance on board to steer the country through without foundering in the angry deep."

Mr. Lloyd George said he was steeped morning, noon and night in the perplexities, difficulties and anxieties of the war.

"All the same," he continued, "I feel that the difficulties will be overcome if we persevere through."

"As to the military situation, there is no doubt the starting developments in Russia have modified the military situation this year temporarily to our disadvantage but permanently for the better. What happened on the western front showed what could have been accomplished this year if all the allied forces had been ready to bring all round pressure to bear."

"In training, equipment and experience our army is indefinitely better than it ever has been. The finest collection of trench pounding machines which any army has ever seen is now in the possession of the British forces. The Russian revolution, beneficent as it undoubtedly is, great as will be its result both this year and even more hereafter, undoubtedly has the effect of preparing complete victory."

Russia, the premier proceeded, now was free and unfettered and when her distractions passed away she would be more powerful and more formidable than ever. Meanwhile France, Italy and Great Britain have to bear a greater share of the burden.

"The strength of Great Britain, once more flung into the beach, has once more saved Europe and human liberty," he declared. "But now Russia is gaining strength every day. It has a capable government; it never had a better one and her power in the future would be inspired by freedom."

"America, always the mainstay of freedom, is beginning to send her valiant sons to the battlefields of Europe

to rally around the standard of liberty and that is why victory is more assured and more complete than we could have hoped for.

"Victory is assured under two conditions. The first was that the German submarine attacks must be defeated or kept within reasonable bounds.

"The losses are heavy. They may and probably will drive us to further restrictions in some trading and perhaps to hardships. That all depends on the nation, for after carefully reckoning the chances and the possibilities the government has come to the conclusion based on best advice, that submarines can neither starve us at home nor drive our armies out of the field abroad.

"Our losses during May and June were heavy, but they were hundreds of thousands of tons beneath the admiralty forecast.

"We are beginning to get them. Arrangements also have been made for frustrating them and for destroying them. I have no hesitation in saying that if we all do our part the German submarines will be almost as great a failure as the German Zeppelins.

"If we do not waste, we shall not starve. We have succeeded in increasing the food supply and are engaged in a great shipbuilding program for fighting and for carrying purposes.

"If every employer and every workman pull together, between them they will pull us through. The army is invincible, it cannot be beaten and the army now is the people. Meanwhile, the morale of the nation must be kept up, and I cannot see a y slacking or indolence anywhere."

The premier paid a tribute to the king, who he said was working as hard as any man in the country. This remark caused an interruption while the whole assembly arose and a few persons sang the national anthem.

In concluding Mr. Lloyd George said:

"Europe is again drenched with the blood of its bravest and its best, but do not forget the great succession of hallowed causes. They are the stations of the cross on the road to the emancipation of mankind.

"I again appeal to the people of this country and beyond that they should continue to fight for the great goal of international rights and international justice so that never again shall brute force sit on the throne of justice nor barbaric strength wield the sceptre over liberty."

BRAZIL IS NO LONGER A NEUTRAL

Republic Comes Definitely Into the Open and Renounces Its Neutrality.

Brazil is no longer a neutral in the world war and the German empire has another enemy arrayed against it.

Having previously revoked its policy of aloofness so far as it affected the hostilities between the United States and Germany, Brazil now has come definitely into the open and announced that it can no longer be considered neutral in the war between the entente and Germany.

Although no announcement has been made as to whether the South American republic will actually enter hostilities, by its revocation of neutrality it definitely aligns itself morally on the side of the United States and the entente.

On one of the British battle fronts appears a sign pleading for "Kindness to Animals." Heaven alone knows the need for such a plea amid the cruelties of war.

To the horse, in spring, a little grass each day, we imagine, must taste as good as the first strawberries of the season do to us. And then to the horse it's both meat and medicine.

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS TO ASK MR. STEADMAN TO STAY

More Than 200 Members Have Personally Asked Him Not to Leave.

Parker R. Anderson in Greensboro News.

Washington, June 29.—There is a report around the capital that practically every Democrat in the house and a number of Republican congressmen will adopt the unprecedented method of keeping a man in Congress by signing a petition urging Major Charles M. Steadman, of the fifth North Carolina district to reconsider his decision not to be a candidate for re-election to Congress next year and to again make the race for the Democratic nomination from the fifth. The action, if taken—and it appears certain that it will—will be unprecedented in the history of the government. It would be a high tribute to Major Steadman as a man and an honor to the Confederate soldiers of whom only two, Major Steadman and General Estopinal, of Louisiana, remain in the house.

The writer was told by two of the biggest men in Congress today that the members of the house would use every means possible to have Major Steadman remain in that body. His speech last week on the food bill is considered a classic by many of those who heard him speak and it was only when he was congratulated by both Democrats and Republicans that a number of his colleagues in the house learned that he did not intend to run for another term.

More than 200 members have already personally requested the major to reconsider his former decision and to remain in Congress until he is unable to perform his duties.

At the present time Major Steadman is far more vigorous than many men 25 years younger than he. It is claimed that he will be able to do his state and country a great service by remaining in Washington to help uphold the hand of the President and he will not be allowed to retire if his friends can prevent it.

That such a movement is already under way in the state was admitted by the major when he was seen today. He said that many of his friends had written him urging him not to retire from Congress but up to the time he appears not to have reached any decision other than his statement given exclusively to the Daily News some months ago to the effect that he would not become a candidate.

It can be easily seen, however, should pressure be brought to bear such as is proposed, he might reconsider, provided the nomination is given him without a fight. It is believed by Democrats from the fifth that Major Steadman can carry the district next fall without trouble while others might experience great difficulty owing to the unsettled conditions politically throughout the entire country.

Major Steadman is a member of the foreign relations committee of the house, which has had some of the biggest questions to handle during the past three years. Never has a member of Congress gathered so many friends around him as has the major. Democrats and Republicans vote for most any measure that he advocates without even offering a word against his proposition. After years and years of fighting by others he was able to have the government take over the Guilford Battlefield without even a vote being cast against the measure.

Road Must Be Maintained.

Be not deceived. Building a road does not mean having a road. It must be maintained. And for this the King road drag is an all-important tool.

ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING FOR AMERICAN TROOPS.

Paris Paper Says "Grand Democracy of New World Does Nothing by Halves."

Paris, Saturday, June 30.—(Delayed). The French press and public have extended an enthusiastic greeting to the American troops, the announcement of whose landing was permitted for the first time tonight. All the newspapers given place of honor to descriptions of the impressive sight as the long lines of troops entered a French port and debarked the American forces.

The Temps dwells upon the youth, vigor and military aspect of the Americans and the completeness of their equipment.

The Journal des Bets in an editorial says: "The grand democracy of the new world does nothing by halves. It entered this vast conflict in full consciousness of the ends to be attained and with full resolution to neglect nothing in attaining those ends. What we witness today in the arrival of the Americans on French soil is magnificent proof of this fact."

"Two months and a half after the Americans entered the war their hardy troops arrive in solid lines upon the European front and it is not a modest advance guard as the most hopeful hardly dared to expect. On the contrary, the forces which have just landed on our shore surpass anything which could reasonably have been expected within so short a time. When we recall the length of time it took England to move her forces to South Africa and, similarly the length of time it took us to move our troops to Saloniki, this remarkable accomplishment by the Americans is seen in its full significance. The material they bring is on the same abundant scale as their troops.

"Those who have been doubtful whether the American concourse would come in time have failed to estimate at its just value the tremendous moral and material American power that German brutality has mobilized against itself. And what we see today is only the commencement. Each day henceforth will increase the weight of that formidable sword thrown into the balance by the sister republic of America.

"Who can even in Germany, be blind to the inevitable consequence of the events we now are witnessing?"

German Kaiser Worse Than Russian Ex-Czar.

Durham, July 1.—"The German kaiser is a thousand-fold more despotic than the former Russian czar ever was; he is truly a demagogue in silk gloves," declares Rabbi M. Rabinovitz, who has returned to Durham from war stricken Russia.

This and many other reasons, according to the rabbi, will keep Russia in the alliance against Prussianism. "However, the czar may have been to our people, he was never the despot or traitor that the kaiser has shown himself to be," said Rabbi Rabinovitz. "It is true that the deposed idiot—the czar of Russia—paralyzed Russia; that he enforced unjust laws against our people, and drove us back into the pale, closing all institutions of learning. But yet, though he employed pogroms and inquisitions to reach his end, he was never so diabolical as the present ruler of Germany. The ex-czar fought in the open, and the Kaiser stabs us in the back."

Wants Situation Investigated.

Phoenix, Ariz., June 29.—Activities by labor agitators among copper miners in this district, which Governor Thomas Campbell designated as of a "sinister German character," caused the governor to ask the war department tonight for a military investigation of the situation.

WORST CRIMINAL SINCE NERO, KAISER IS STYLED.

At Seaside Baptist Assembly Dr. W. M. Vines Says Germany Commits all Crimes...

Wrightsville Beach, June 30.—The morning session of the Baptist Seaside assembly here today culminated in an outburst of patriotic feeling and vociferous applause as the last speaker, Dr. W. M. Vines, of Charlotte, poured hot shot into the kaiser and all of his outfit, including German kultur, declaring that he was the worst criminal since Nero with apologies to Nero, and intimating that Old Nick himself might learn some valuable lessons by matriculating in the school of his imperial majesty.

In his address today on "The Christian Minister and the Great War," Dr. Vines declared that a position of neutrality in the question was untenable and impossible for a Christian minister. He quoted a number of Scriptural passages showing God's wrath against wickedness and that war was not out of harmony with God's purposes. While Christianity will ultimately destroy war, we are living in a real and not ideal age.

The divine warrant for a righteous war is proven by the attitude of the church in all ages confirmed by the teachings of Paul and the general trend of New Testament ethics. There is not a word in the New Testament against war, he declared.

His first appeal was to patriotism, which he said was a divine impulse inseparable connecting with religious institution. For America not to have declared war would have been suicidal. "There was no escape if our material and very national existence was to be preserved," he said. "If war is wrong then the men who fought at Kings Mountain and Bunker Hill were all criminals and not heroes and martyrs. Tear down their monuments. We are fighting for our homes and our loved ones. Life would not be worth living with German domination. He appealed to humanity. The crimes of Germany are innumerable and horrible. There is no crime in all the catalogue of crimes that Germany has not committed. She is the mad dog among the nations. She must be crushed and destroyed or else civilization is wrecked. The kaiser is the greatest criminal since Nero. In fact I should apologize to the shades of Nero."

In his appeal to democracy he said: "Our fathers fought to democratize America. We are fighting to make a planet democratic. As much as I deplore and hate war I feel that this war must not stop till the house of Hohenzollern is overthrown, whether it takes six months or six years. We must win the war and we shall win it. America has never lost a war and she will not lose this one."

"I am firmly convinced said he that this war is an awful surgical operation which will save the nation from decay and preserve civilization from utter corruption. And, what is more, will contribute to the restoration of the Christian religion, to its purity and real mission on the earth. Seriousness, dependence, faith, sacrifice and suffering are essential to the Christian propoganda.

"As we look death in the face and realize the meaning of life that we are citizens of eternity, our people will come to themselves and when the smoke of battle has passed away, we shall learn the folly of war and enter upon a new era of brotherhood and altruism and spirituality which will bring about the triumph of the kingdom of Christ among men."

Duly Qualified.

Birmingham Age-Herald.
"Where did Gibson get his early training as a war correspondent?"
"When he was an ordinary newspaper reporter he used to 'cover' a court of domestic relations."