

AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN THE MEUSE-ARGONNE 120,000

American casualties during the 47-day Meuse-Argonne offensive aggregated 120,000 men, or 10 per cent of the total of 1,200,000 engaged, according to a "statistical summary of the war with Germany," prepared by Col. Leonard P. Ayres, chief of the statistical branch of the general staff, and published by the war department.

"Of every 100 American soldiers and sailors who took part in the war with Germany," the report said, "two were killed or died of disease during the period of hostilities. In the northern army during the civil war the number was about ten. Among the other great nations in this war between 20 and 25 in each 100 killed to the colors were killed or died."

Best information obtainable by the general staff places the total battle deaths for all belligerents at 7,450,200, divided as follows:

Russia, 1,700,000; Germany, 1,500,000; France, 1,287,500; Great Britain, 900,000; Austria, 800,000; Italy, 450,000; Turkey, 250,000; Serbia and Montenegro, 125,000; Belgium, 102,000; Rumania, 100,000; Bulgaria, 100,000; United States, 48,000; Greece, 2,000; Portugal, 2,000.

American participation is summarized in the report in the following table:

Total armed forces, including army navy and marine corps, 4,800,000. Total men in the army, 4,000,000. Men who went overseas, 2,068,000. Men who fought in France, 1,820,000. Tons of supplies shipped from America to France, 7,500,000. Total registered in draft, 24,234,021. Total draft inductions, 2,810,296. Cost of war to April 30, 1918, \$21,850,000,000. Battle fought by American forces, 13. Days of battle, 200. Days of duration of Meuse-Argonne battle, 47. American battle deaths in war, 50,000. American deaths from disease, 50,000. Total deaths in the army, 112,422. American wounded in the war, 230,000.

Under the head of "Sources of the Army" the report shows that 13 per cent came from the regular army, 10 per cent from the national guard and 77 per cent from the draft.

A concise history of the military operations in which American troops took part is given in a chapter headed "Two Hundred Days of Battle." Attention was called to the fact that "two of every three American soldiers who reached France took part in battle."

An unofficial estimate printed in the New York Sun places the total number of wounded in the world war at 20,004,300. This does not include the civilian population that died through starvation. The total cost of the war is estimated at \$475,250,000,000.

MOST TROOPS ARE EXPECTED TO COME HOME SOON. Offer of service to Europe to recruits obtained under volunteer enlistment will be withdrawn unless orders prepared by the war department. The policy of sending regular officers overseas to relieve those in the American expeditionary forces also will be abandoned, says a dispatch from Washington.

This action is said to have resulted from the improved situation in Europe growing out of the signing of the peace treaty. In the orders officers in Washington foresaw an early return of troops now abroad excepting comparatively small American contributions to the army of occupation.

Secretary Baker said he had not been advised from Paris as to the size of the American army which is to be maintained for the time being in Germany. The fact that the fourth and fifth divisions of regulars were definitely slated for return in June, until the crisis of last week caused the cancellation of these plans, is cited as evidence that the American forces will not be larger than three divisions, or about 120,000 men.

It is estimated that the first, second and third divisions would require around 40,000 replacements to take the place of men in those organizations who are eligible for discharge. Voluntary enlistments totaling more than 70,000 men already have been reported, thus forcing the department to cancel the offer of European service to volunteers.

"Troops are now being returned to the United States at such a rate," said an official announcement, "that, at the request of Gen. Pershing, no more officers will be sent overseas, except the class of student officers composed of recent graduates of the United States military academy, scheduled to leave about July 11."

At the same time notice was given of the withdrawal of permission for wives and children of officers and enlisted men to go abroad. This was necessitated, the department said, by the fact that it will be impossible to say which individual soldiers will be kept overseas until the composition of the army of occupation is determined.

THE UNFIT DRINK (Charlotte Observer) The House judiciary committee, working on the alcohol problem in the prohibition bill, has ordered that any State will be permitted to withdraw free from government warehouses alcohol produced at industrial plants and needed by health authorities in time of epidemics. The manufacturers of patent medicines also received some of the enlightenment they have been seeking. It is required that medicines containing more than one and a half per cent alcohol must be "unfit for beverage purposes."

Just how the manufacturers are going to do that remains to be seen. From the nature of some of the concoctions of popular public consumption in this part of the country it would be difficult to imagine what the makers could put in to make them "unfit for beverage purposes."

CHILDREN OF EUROPE ARE ITS SADDEST SIGHT

"The saddest sight in Europe today is that of the children of 8 and 10 and 12 years who look and act like children of 4 and 6 and 8 years," says Dr. Vernon Kellogg, who recently returned from a tour of Europe for the American relief administration. "They have been underfed four years," continues Dr. Kellogg. "Many have died; many are war orphans. The parents of many are absolutely destitute. Malnutrition has weakened them; has retarded their growth and development. Their feeble voices cry to the world for help."

The American relief administration has established a special children's relief bureau and Herbert C. Hoover has set aside \$2,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 appropriated by the United States Congress for relief work in Europe for this special work. Describing the work of this bureau Dr. Kellogg writes a bulletin issued by the American relief administration.

"From its own funds, aided by grants from the impoverished governments of eastern Europe and by gifts from private charity, the children's bureau is trying to furnish food to the destitute and debilitated infants and adolescents of the newly liberated peoples of Europe to save and rehabilitate the next generation of eastern Europe."

"But much more money than now available is necessary if more than a small fraction of the suffering little ones are to be cared for. Therefore, the American relief administration announces that it is willing and anxious to receive and expend for this purpose any money donated to it by any charitable organizations and persons interested. Such money will be used for work in any country or region which is accessible to it, or if so indicated, will be used at the discretion of the American relief administration wherever the need seems greatest."

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COMPANIES OF WOMEN FORMED AS RED GUARDS

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THE FLY IN THE STABLE (Wadesboro Ansonian) Mr. J. G. Winfield has found a way to destroy flies and prevent them from breeding in stables. He uses a small quantity of unslaked lime every three days. This is sprinkled over the manure in the stables and the result is surprising. He recommends this for the sake of the poor beasts who have to contend with these pests during the hot weather. Don't use too much, but be sure that it is sprinkled in every part of the stables and other breeding places.

WIRES EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED ON JULY 31

Agreement was reached by Senate and House conferees on legislation to repeal government control of telegraph, telephone and other wire systems. The conferees adopted the House plan of terminating government control at midnight on the last of the calendar month in which the law is approved.

Toll an dlocal exchange telephone rates would be continued four months unless sooner changed by State commissions, under the conference agreement—a compromise between the 90 days' rate extension clause of the Senate bill and the six months' continuance proposed by the House.

The practical effect of the legislation, the conferees stated, would be that all of the wires will be returned to private control and operation at midnight, July 31, and it is expected that the law will be signed by the President early in this month.

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22 OR 23 WARS GOING ON NOW

(Greensboro Daily News) As the great war is ended in a formal peace, there exists considerable dispute as to how many lesser wars are now in progress, some contending there are 23 and others insisting they can count only 22.

The pleasing exterior of a peach is no guarantee as to its inner substance. And this goes for both kinds of peaches.

Treasurer's Report of Public School Fund of Lenoir for 1918-1919

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Note.—Costs are to be added to each of the above amounts. JEROME A. TRIPLETT, Sheriff.

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