

German Army Officers Certain Of Victory

Hope To Bring Allies To Terms Before America Can Prepare For Hostilities

GERMAN PAPERS AND PEOPLE FRIENDLY But Military Men Refuse to Heed Either Press or Popular Opinion

By CARL S. ACKERMAN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Berlin, Feb. 12.—Neither the German people nor German officials believe that the entrance of America into the war will have the slightest effect on the outcome.

Von Hindenburg goes so far in this direction as to maintain the belief that the war will be won by Germany before America can get ready to enter, if she should decide to enter at all.

When the German party left Berlin on vacation for army officers and men for February had already been canceled, which fact developed the information that Von Hindenburg was awaiting the opportune moment for his great final effort with Germany's forces.

German military leaders believe that the moment of Germany's victory is at hand. They hold that this victory is achieved because of the success attendant upon German unlimited submarine warfare and because of the shortage of French munitions due to lack of coal in France. These leaders, thinking that the final overwhelming effort which will bring about complete victory will be made before America can move.

Though the German army and navy have appeared anxious for war with America, German newspapers have been urging Americans to work for peace and have been beseeching the German admiralty not to torpedo ships carrying Americans. These efforts appear to have been unsuccessful.

For the past three months German censorship has been most severe. Correspondents have been unable to picture German conditions truly, for only dispatches designed to influence Americans were allowed to pass.

Germany does not understand why America maintains diplomatic relations with Austria, as the Austrian minister was present at the conference when the program of unlimited submarining was decided upon.

BERLIN ASTONISHED AT BREAK
Berlin was astonished, both her officials and her public, when Wilson broke America's relations with Germany because the Germans had been recently assured by German-Americans in the United States that Wilson would not sever relations for fear of a German American uprising. Holweg is downcast, believing that America wants war.

TOKIO GROWING RAPIDLY NEW CENSUS SHOWS

Tokio, Jan. 5.—(By Mail)—In 3 years Tokyo's population has increased from 2,050,126 to 2,288,752, according to a new census report announced today.

Besides being one of the leading population centers of the world, Japan's capital has the distinction of covering more ground than any other city. There are no mountains or obstructions in Japan—earth-

WOULD STIFFEN GERMANY'S ALLY

BRITISH BELIEVE THAT KAISER IS MAKING EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE WAVERING AUSTRIA HUNGARY

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 12.—Some officials here believe that the Kaiser has gone to Vienna to stiffen up Germany's ally. They call attention to the fact that the United States has not broken with Austria Hungary.

The British think that Austria has felt the pinch of hunger and war losses more than Germany and has long been wavering.

WHITE STAR LINE LOSES BIG SHIP

STEAMER AFRIC SENT TO BOTTOM TODAY WITH REPORTED LOSS OF 17 OF CREW

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 12.—The White Star steamer, Afric, was sunk today by a German submarine. This is one of the biggest vessels so far a victim of the German undersea campaign. Seventeen of her crew are reported missing.

INLAND SHIPPING ALSO PARALYZED

RAILROADS REFUSE TO TAKE SHIPMENTS FOR FURTHER EAST THAN CHICAGO UNLESS STORAGE GUARANTEED

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The refusal of eastern railroads to accept shipments, owing to the tie up in shipping resulting from Germany's submarine order, is causing an almost unprecedented congestion in loading freight cars in the western terminals, according to the officials of various trunk lines.

The western lines are refusing shipments for east of Chicago unless storage facilities are guaranteed.

FOR RENT.—Gaiety Theatre from March 1st. Apply to C. H. Robinson. Feb 13 2t pd

quakes forbid them—so the little one and two story houses must necessarily cover a large area.

BAD BLAZE IS CHECKED IN TIME

SPLENDID WORK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SAVES MANY HOUSES IN RESIDENCE SECTION

Elizabeth City narrowly escaped a destructive fire Tuesday morning when the residence of Mrs. Susan Cooper 305 Star street was practically demolished by flames. Two other houses were badly damaged, and at one time with chimneys falling on every roof and with more than a dozen houses actually on fire the situation looked serious indeed. With the timely arrival of the fire company, however, the flames were checked and with the valiant work of the members of the department and of the volunteer assistants further damage than that already mentioned was prevented. The two other houses in which the fire reached the interior were 303 and 307 on the same street. The first belonged to Harris Miller and the second, which was just being completed belonged to Judge G. W. Ward.

An incident of the fire was the painful injury of Mr. Joe Bundy in falling from the roof of the porch of the residence of Mr. Frank Swain. Mr. Bundy was assisting Den Williams to the roof of the Swain residence on which fire was breaking out. Mr. Williams slipped, falling on Mr. Bundy, who losing his balance fell from the roof to the ground, scratching his face badly in the fall through the limbs of a tree. It is not believed that his injuries are serious, however. Williams was not hurt badly enough to leave the scene.

It is supposed that the fire caught from a defective flue. When discovered it was up near the chimney in the peak of the kitchen roof next to the sitting room. The alarm was turned in between 12:30 and one o'clock and the flames were under control in less than a half hour.

The good work of the fire company was the occasion of much favorable comment especially from those whose houses were threatened.

FIRE ON SOUTH ROAD

A fire alarm was turned in from Box 61 Monday night at about forty five minutes after seven. The fire company responding at once found a roof fire at W. K. Carter's on South Road street which had caught from a spark from the chimney. The fire was promptly extinguished by chemicals.

NEW THEATRE OPENS DAILY

MOVIE FANS LEAVE MATINEE WITH MANY EXPRESSIONS OF PLEASURE IN FIRST PROGRAM

The New Theatre in the Hinton Building opened its doors for the first time Tuesday afternoon with the Eubrod feature, "The Eagles Wings," and drew a big crowd of expectant movie fans, who had awaited the matinee with eagerness.

The crowd emerged after the show with expressions of pleasure concerning the equipment, the auditorium and the play.

"The Girl of Lost Lake" is tomorrow's feature at the New Theatre.

This picture is said to be a romantic drama of the great outdoors with a remarkable cast, including Myrtle Gonzalez, Val Paul, John Hernandez, Fred Church and Bertram Crosby.

Entirely different in theme from the opening show, this play suggests something of the variety of entertainment which the promoters of the New Theatre have promised movie fans with the opening of Elizabeth City's new playhouse.

KEEP AN EYE ON THESE PIGS

FARM DEMONSTRATOR G. W. FALLS HAS ALREADY MADE EXCELLENT BEGINNING TOWARD BLUE RIBBONS

Mr. G. W. Falls, Farm Demonstrator, gave the representative of this paper this morning a very interesting and encouraging account of the organization of Pig Clubs in the county.

"Pasquotank", said Mr. Falls, "like other progressive counties in the State has been listed in the Pig Club column for 1917, and this work promises to be a big booster for progress in the county."

"In beginning the year's work, a special time was set apart for the development of these clubs, but in order to achieve the success desired there was realized the necessity of securing the good will and financial support of some progressive bank in Elizabeth City that would be interested in the upbuilding and improvement of rural conditions."

"Therefore the assistance of the Citizens Bank was secured and we expect to place fifty pure bred pigs in the county with boys from ten to 18 years of age. This may seem a large number for the first year, but we have had no difficulty in finding homes for these pigs and there are only a few that have not been engaged."

"I feel encouraged over the number who have responded and have entered into Pig Club work and believe that this response is an expression of the good will and the educational spirit of the lives of the boys and girls of the county."

"Club work is largely vocational training and it is right that it should be, for only three persons out of a hundred go to college and only one out of the three completes the course. There is a great need of vocational training to fit the boys and girls of the land for their life's work."

"We are going into the Pig Club work with the expectation of winning honors at the Community, the County, and the State Fairs this fall. Just watch us grow and you will see results."

BRUIN IS LOYAL TO HIS REGIMENT

AND JUDGING FROM HIS WELL FED APPEARANCE THE RUSSIAN ARMY IN FRANCE IS NOT SUFFERING

By HENRY WOOD

With the Russian army on the French front, Jan. 20 (By Mail)—Fighting with the Russian army in France today is a huge bear from the Caucasian Mountains who seems to enjoy his sojourn on the French front fully as much as his masters enjoy theirs.

He is the mascot of one of the Russian regiments that was transported half way around the world from the Russian to the French front to show the solidarity of the Allies.

When the time comes for the bear's regiment to go in the front line trenches for its six days of duty, the bear goes along. He keeps the all night vigils with the sentinels and as there is nothing else to eat but the regular rations brought up from the rear he permits the soldiers to divide their share with him. The Russian army has with it in France and the soups and dishes prepared would appear to be judging from the appearance of the soldiers and the bear, of a highly nourishing character.

When the bear has finished his time in the front line, he accompanies the regiment to the rear for the customary six days of repose. He is already to go anywhere provided he remains always with the men of his particular regiment.

DEMAND RELEASE OF YARROWDALE PRISONERS

Germany Is Assured At Same Time That German Vessels in American Harbors Are Not Being Seized by U. S.

WAR WILL END IN THE AIR

TRAINING OF AVIATORS AND CONSTRUCTION OF PLANES AND MOTORS IMPORTANT PHASE OF PREPARATION

By GEORGE MARTIN

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, Feb. 12.—Twenty reserve aero squadrons will be organized, trained and equipped for the British Royal Flying Corps by the Canadian government this spring. The announcement was made today to the Aero Club of America by the Aero club of Canada, of which Col W. Hamilton Merritt is president.

The aviation training schools being established in Canada to train the aviators are under the control of the Imperial army authorities. The Munition Board has charge of having constructed the 950 aeroplanes required. The British government is said to intend spending \$80,000,000 in development aeroplanes and aviators in the Dominion. As in the case of the United States, the number of men anxious to join the air service is large. The waiting list numbers thousands, and the training will begin on a large scale early in the spring.

Candidates for the air service must be from 19 to 25. The Aero club of Canada at Toronto will assist in securing and training the aviators. According to reliable reports from England, the British government has spent \$250,000,000 for the air service in the last twelve months, in building up the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Naval Air Service. There are about 12,000 aviators in two services.

Henry Woodhouse, a member of the Board of Governors of the Aero Club of America, today said: "The employment of aeroplanes in the present war is now general. Aeroplanes are used as cavalry, infantry, and artillery, reconnaissance being observing artillery fire, photographing the enemy's position, and the like. There are aeroplanes which carry three and a half tons of bombs, guns and munitions. Some of these mount three inch guns which make them literally flying artillery. These aeroplanes are used to attack trains, ships, and bodies of troops. Operations are being extended more and more, and there is no doubt that the war is to end in the air. Other countries also are greatly expanding their air services, and many countries are looking towards the United States to supply the aeroplanes and motors—principally the latter. They want large, high horsepower motors in large quantities. Fortunately American aeroplane motors are now as good as the very best European motors, and there are 17 different types of motors of upwards of 150 H. P., being developed in the United States today. A number of these motors are being shown at the First Pan American Aeroplane Exposition at the Grand Central Palace from February 8th to 15th."

ROCKEFELLERS AIDING SUNDAY

MR. AND MRS. JOHN D. JR. PROMINENT WORKERS IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR EVANGELIST IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 12.—The devil got an awful wallop in the first round of the Billy Sunday preliminary campaign here today. When the Old Boy picked up his spiked tail and pitchfork and started out from Broadway on his daily round he found prayer meetings going on in every block that houses God's twelve million souls. Beginning today these cottage prayer meetings will be held twice a week until Sunday's arrival April 1st. One of the residences opened for the neighborhood prayer meetings in the Plaza section today was that of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller both are deeply interested in the success of the Sunday campaign. The city has been divided into twenty sections and prayer blocks have been systematically organized. The burden of the prayers prayed is for the salvation of the backslidden Christians.

WEATHER OR NO

Success, man, is a matter of planning your punch; some put it on the job; some only in the time-dish.

Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday.

FOR SALE at 12 o'clock on Saturday, February 24th we will sell at the court house door in Elizabeth City one note of Robert B. Higgins for \$100 and one bill of sale for cattle given by J. E. Moore to J. H. H. CITEBERRY BANK