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AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE FRENCH FIRING LINE

Sammy in France Are Now at War in Dead Earnest. News Just Given Out—Although Took Place Days Ago.

American Field Headquarters in France, Oct. 30.—America is on the firing line in France.

At the stroke of six of a recent morning a red haired Irish-American sent America's first shell sizzling across No Man's Land at a German battery position, heralding to the world the grim triumphant message that "the Yankees are coming!"

That afternoon they came. They marched to battle through sleet and rain. But on their faces was a sacred sunshine and in their hearts a song.

That night American infantry joined American artillery in first line trenches on a quiet sector of the western front. Criss-cross firing had been going on ever since. Only a few hundred yards away in the nearest German trench, Pershing's boys are on the march.

Not until today for excellent military reasons were correspondents permitted to send the

great war was issued from American headquarters.

"In continuation of their training as a nucleus for instruction later, a contingent of some battalions of our first contingents in association with veteran French battalions are in the first line trenches of a quiet sector on the French front.

"They are supported by some batteries of our artillery, in association with veteran French batteries.

"The sector remains normal. Our men have adapted themselves to actual trench conditions in the most satisfactory manner."

There is the plain matter-of-fact typical military, typically American bulletin that ushers in an epoch in the history of mankind. For a mere war correspondent to try to elucidate or add to all that its simple words imply would be foolish and futile.

Have they gone over the top yet? Will they go soon? Have the Germans tried to "strafe" them yet and what sort of punishment did the Sammys deal out? These are all the thousand and one questions undoubtedly in the minds of the folks at home must be left to future bulletins to answer.

All that can be told in this dispatch is the story of their going from the moment that the first mysterious whisper made the rounds of the correspondents to that picturesque and never to be forgotten scene when our Sammys, glistening through the mud turned frontward at the crossroad their dark ponchoed figures disappearing in the gloom on their way to bring the light of peace and freedom and democracy to all the world.

At daybreak of a certain morning not very long ago the

American batteries of which today's official statement speaks, took up their positions. An officer passed down the line and asked if all were ready.

"Ready sir," came the quick answer from every side.

What the feelings of these men were in that moment is a chapter for them alone to tell. Fact is, as officers who saw them have since testified, that no finer set of men have ever gone into action. A holy fire seemed to sparkle in their eyes and their features were set with an iron resolve.

READ A NEWSPAPER OR YOU'RE A SLACKER

"The man or woman who in these critical times fails to read a good newspaper regularly is a slacker," declared Prof. Willard G. Bleyer, head of the Department of Journalism at the University of Wisconsin, in addressing the students of the Library School last week.

"It is the patriotic duty of every person in this country to keep informed in regard to the epoch-making events and utterances that are reported to the press

Wilson has well said, and it behooves every citizen not only to read the news, but to form intelligent opinions in regard to it.

"Intelligent public opinion, without which we cannot have democracy, is the sum total of the opinions of individual citizens, and the opinions of these citizens must be formed largely from the news which is printed in the newspapers.

"By failing to read the newspapers and to consider its significance, a man is shirking his duty to his country just as truly as he is when he fails to express his opinions by casting his vote at an election."

MY CAR.

"I used to have, in other times, a roll of greenbacks handy; I always could dig up the dimes to buy the kids some candy. And when my wife reared up and cried, 'I have to have a bonnet,' I stripped an X off and replied, 'Go blow yourself, doggone it.' But now I never have a pin to put on anything we're needing; my money goes for costly junk to keep my auto speeding. But yesterday I soaked the tyre that I so long have hammered, that I might buy a rubber tyre for which the off wheel clamored. We're out of floor, we're out of coal, my wife is in a panic, because she sees me spend my roll to pay a bum mechanic. I need a hair cut and a shave, I need a shirt and collar, but how the dickens can I save when spark plugs cost a dollar? The kids have reached an evil pass, they need new shoes and raiment; alas, the man who sells me as demands an early payment. My auto takes my every red and chugs with bangs and laughter; 'I'll keep me broke till I'm dead and forty years hereafter. And when I quit life's griefs and pains, I can't afford a casket; they'll have to raise up my remains and place me in a basket.—Wall Street.

BALTIMORE DOCKS ARE NOW RAGING DESTROYS \$5,000,000 PROPERTY

Believed to Be of Incendiary Origin. Fire Broken Out in Five Places at 11 O'Clock Last Night. Several Men Missing.

Baltimore, Oct. 31.—(Wednesday)—Ten stevedores are missing, damages to the extent of \$5,000,000 has already been done and many ships loaded with cargo for the allies are burning as the result of a fire which started last night at the water front at Locust Point. Alien enemies are suspected of starting the blaze.

The entire wharves—the big Baltimore and Ohio piers are burning.

Much ammunition was stored on the wharves.

Eighty submarine shells have already exploded.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 30.—Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, broke out, almost simultaneously at five different places at Locust Point shortly before 11 o'clock tonight. The flames spread to piers 8 and 9 of Baltimore & Ohio railway.

Some 100 or more of stevedores, who were unloading the steamer were trapped by the flames and compelled to leap into the harbor. They are still missing. Two others were rescued from the burning boat.

All of Locust Point was thrown into a state of panic. For a time the whole section of the city was threatened, but a fortunate shift in the wind, which swept the flames toward the water prevented the fire from enveloping the whole district.

Great quantities of wood pulp, used in the manufacture of munitions which were stored on pier 8, fell prey to the flames. Pier 9, upon which it was said much explosives were stored, suffered heavily.

Eighty submarine shells on board the British ship exploded. The loss will be heavy.

A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO

County Agent Cameron gives some timely farm suggestions:

Clover should be sown just as soon as possible where it has not already been sown. Seed are high priced, but clover gathers much tree nitrogen from the air. Nitrogen is very costly now, so it will pay to sow clover.

Clover will also furnish splendid grazing and hay crops next spring for live stock.

Sow a seed patch. One farmer saved 1,000 pounds of seed in hull from an acre, then turned sod, planting the land in corn, which will produce at least fifty bushels per acre. Other farmers could do the same.

Use some lime on clover fields; it will pay on the clover and also on the following crop.

All grasses that are to be sown this Fall should be sown just as soon as possible.

ARMY AND NAVY INSURANCE LAW—A PARTIAL SUMMARY

A division of military and naval insurance of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance has been organized as a part of the Treasury Department and is in active operation. A number of policies for the lives of soldiers have already been issued, aggregating \$2,000,000 in insurance. The details of the law are available to all of the members of the Army, Navy and Nurses Corps.

A short summary of some of the main features of the law follows:

Class A. In the case of a man with \$5.30 per month at the ages of 15, 16 and 17; increase to \$10.60 per month for the ages 18, 19, 20; \$15.90 per month for the ages 21 and 22; to \$21.20 per month for the ages 23 and 24; to \$26.50 per month for the ages 25 and 26; to \$31.80 per month for the ages 27 and 28; to \$37.10 per month for the ages 29 and 30; to \$42.40 per month for the ages of 31, with

any equal the allotment, but this shall not be more than the difference between \$50 and the allowance paid to the wife and children.

The increased compensation, in case of death, runs from a minimum of \$20 monthly to a motherless child or \$25 monthly to a childless widow, to a maximum of \$75 monthly to a widow and several children. The widowed mother may participate in the compensation.

In case of total disability, the monthly compensation runs from a minimum of \$30, if the injured man has neither wife nor child living, to a maximum of \$75 if he has a wife and three or more children living, with \$10 a month extra if he has a widowed mother dependent upon him.

The maximum is enlarged still further, for when the disabled man constantly requires a nurse or attendant, \$20 monthly may be added. If the disability is due to the loss of both feet, both hands or total blindness of both eyes, or if he is helpless or permanently bedridden, \$100 monthly is granted.

The law contemplates future legislation for re-education and vocational training for the disabled. It gives them full pay and their families the same allowance as for the last month of actual service during the term of re-education.

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children, \$32.50, with \$5 per month additional for each additional child.

(d) If there be no wife but one child, \$5.

(e) If there be no wife but two children, \$12.50.

(f) If there be no wife but three children, \$20.

(g) If there be no wife but four children, \$30, with \$5 per month additional for each additional child.

Class B. In the case of a man or woman, to a grandchild, a parent, brother or sister:

(a) If there be one parent, \$10.

(b) If there be two parents, \$20.

(c) For each grandchild, mother, sister and additional parent, \$5.

In the case of a woman, to a child or children:

(d) If there be one child, \$5.

(e) If there be two children, \$12.50.

(f) If there be three children, \$20.

(g) If there be four children, \$30, with \$5 per month additional for each additional child.

If the man makes an allotment to certain other dependent relations, the Government will also

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Secretary Baker Announces That Loan Was Largely Over Subscribed. Figures Not All In. Banks in Many Places Kept Open Into the Night.

Washington, Oct. 27.—American liberty has rolled up \$5,000,000,000 more "to make the world safe for democracy."

The second liberty loan is a maximum success. Up to the close of business tonight it was estimated, but unofficially, that \$4,555,000,000 had been subscribed, but that the returns on the final count would possibly go as high as \$1,000,000,000 above this large sum.

So confusing are the figures from the various federal reserve districts that the officials were almost swamped in the closing hours of the loan. There are hundreds and thousands of banks yet far behind in their reports to the central agencies. No one would hazard a guess at the amount subscribed in the last day, but the estimates given out by the liberty loan officials were:

New York	\$1,500,000,000
Boston	\$800,000,000
Philadelphia	\$500,000,000
Cleveland	\$300,000,000
Chicago	\$200,000,000
St. Louis	\$200,000,000
Minneapolis	\$130,000,000
Kansas City	\$160,000,000
Dallas	\$85,000,000
San Francisco	\$275,000,000
Total	\$4,555,000,000

Various estimates are being made tonight on the amount of the over-subscription, some of the liberty loan optimists even asserting that the figure may reach as high as \$6,000,000,000.

While there is little in the proportionate increase of the figures of the last two days to give support to a great over-subscription, even the most conservative men are predicting that the loan will go easily to half a million above the maximum. From every federal reserve district the reports were that the subscriptions were coming in so rapidly that it was impossible to record them and tabulate them in any sort of speed to get to the Washington headquarters tonight. New sales were being reported by telephone, telegraph and messenger. This was declared to be the situation from coast to coast.

At 9:30 o'clock tonight Secretary McAdoo authorized the following statement:

"It is a great honor to be able to announce to the American people that the second liberty loan is an overwhelming success. It has been greatly over-subscribed. The extent of the over-subscription of the \$3,000,000,000 issue cannot be definitely stated now, because full reports have not yet been received and banks all over the country are holding open into the night to accommodate subscribers. It will be several days before final figures can be given. The patriotic people of America, man and woman alike, have responded generously and nobly to the call of their Government to support and sustain the gallant soldiers and sailors of the republic. The challenge of the German Kaiser has been answered by the free people of America in unmistakable terms."

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