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CLEAREST VIEW OF CRISIS GIVEN

Lloyd George's Frank Exposition of Status Allied Armies Enlightens Washington

AS TO U. S. SACRIFICE

German Drive Upset Plans. Other Emergencies May Dictate Other Changes.

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Washington, April 11.—Premier Lloyd George's remarkably frank exposition of the status of the allied armies and the necessity for the conscription of Irish, as well as Britons hitherto exempt from military service, is the most comprehensive statement that has yet come to Washington on the effects of the German drive.

Even those in possession of confidential information from abroad admitted that the British premier had given a broader view and interpretation of the military situation on all fronts than had come to them. But most vital to America was Mr. Lloyd George's revelations concerning the negotiations which preceded the decision of the United States to brigade American troops with British and French divisions, a decision which the British premier refers to as "one of the most important decisions of the war."

Both he and Premier Clemenceau felt that since there was no hope for the aid of America in the form of a separate army, the United States could best help by permitting her forces to be absorbed in British and French units. They knew it was a delicate matter to present to ask America to give up her opportunity, for the present, of fighting the Germans as a separate unit and take command from British and French officers.

For months that has been the crux of England's political controversy over the Versailles war council, which was crowned obviously to camouflage the appointment of a generalissimo.

The British staff didn't want to let control of the British armies out of their hands. They didn't want to take command from a foreign general, and the opposition to Lloyd George capitalized that situation.

Agreed to Amalgamation.

But the German offensive changed matters and now not only does Great Britain assent to the appointment of Gen. Foch as a generalissimo, something that would have met with bitter opposition a month ago, but President Wilson, profiting by his observation of English embarrassments, unhesitatingly agreed to the proposal for the amalgamation of our troops with those of Great Britain and France.

Naturally, every American feels that its own high officers are best. Naturally, there is even today a keen regret among American army men that the divisional organizations begun in this country are not going to be completed, but as in everything else about the policy of the United States in the war, the president has simply said that a wish from the allies is a command.

Great Britain and France merely have to say what it is they want America to do in a military way, and to the best of America's ability, the request will be complied with. Much of our own confusion in the last year has been due to the confusion in the allied councils because they did not always know what they wanted or what they wanted most urgently.

The British premier happily reveals

that problem of unified command has been solved and that difficulties growing out of "national prejudices, national interests, professional prejudices and traditions" are fully recognized. As he states it, all these can be overcome by public opinion.

Fortunately, American public opinion has thus far sustained the president in his decision to put our own troops into the field with the British, but the greatest difficulties which we probably will encounter have not yet dawned upon the great bulk of our people.

Being brigaded with British and French divisions, of course, American forces come under their rules and regulations. The British believe in giving their men a stimulating drink now and then, and there may be no way of distinguishing between our own forces and the British in this respect, but all these things must be brushed aside in an emergency which is the greatest of the whole war.

It may be impossible for our men to have the same facilities back of the line as they might have had in an American army under different circumstances, but the need for man is paramount, and the hope is that as soon as there is a lull in the fighting next summer and British reinforcements come up, the American troops can be withdrawn to their own main organizations.

But aside from the fact that the American forces, by being for the present brigaded with the British and French, will strengthen the resistance to the German superdrive, speed in training troops will be one of the most beneficial results of the move. Hitherto when the transports were unloading, many shipments waited until other regiments arrived—sometimes a period of six weeks—before the entire division as organized in the United States could arrive and be trained as a unit.

Get Into Action Faster.

Now a transport carries several battalions, and the American forces are put into the line battalion by battalion. It is exactly what the United States would do if the entire battle line were controlled by American commanders. The new battalions would be moved about as units and stationed in the battle line wherever they could help the most and get the benefit of the advanced training of veteran companies.

Not only will American troops get into action faster, but they will be trained as units under the system of divisional training followed until the German drive upset our plans. There may be other changes dictated by emergency situations.

The British premier says significantly: "Arrangements are being made for the fighting strength of the American army to be brought immediately to bear in this struggle, which is only now beginning, to this extent, and it is no mere small extent, that the German attack has been held up; it has stirred up the resolution and energy of America beyond anything which has yet occurred."

Mr. Lloyd George bases his statement on reassuring messages from Lord Roberts, who has said just what is being done in America to speed up, for troops are being hurried, materials are being hurried, everything is being hurried, unless a few more are sent in Italy or France compels the United States to send more food and less troops, the present program should give the allies a considerable reserve of men for a counter offensive in midsummer.

GRASS COVERS GRAVES OF LUSITANIA VICTIMS

Cemetery at Queenstown Converted Into Neat, Well-Kept Plot by Cunard Line.

Queenstown, March 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Workmen have just finished a month's task of tidying up the Lusitania cemetery here, where 147 of the Lusitania dead are buried. They have converted the three mounds of earth, which mark the trench-graves of the victims, into the neatest and best-kept part of the village burying ground at the top of the cliffs.

A neat sign placed over the largest of the three trench graves informs visitors that the improvement was made at the direction of the Cunard steamship company, and that the company has engaged a Cork firm of gardeners permanently to keep the grass and trees trimmed and the flowers watered.

The failure of the town council to care for the graves made it necessary for the Cunard company to do so. Some time ago the Associated Press correspondent visited the spot and was surprised to find grass a foot high all over the cemetery. His account of the incident led a high official of the Cunard line to make an inspection. He reported to his headquarters in Liverpool, condemning the account of the neglect of the graves. The company acted at once and the result is that, while two months ago it was almost impossible for the casual visitor to distinguish the Lusitania graves from any others, they now arrest immediate attention.

Carefully Sodded.

The earth around the graves has been banked up two feet above the level of the ground and carefully sodded. Fifteen pine trees have been planted about the edges, and a space in the center is adorned with beds of hardy flowers. A gardener from Cork makes a weekly visit to the graves.

After the war it is proposed to build a monument on the site. This is to be done by the steamship company in cooperation with the British government and a plot of ground has been reserved for this purpose.

There are three trenches, the largest of which contains seventy bodies, the second fifty and the third twenty-seven. The plot for the memorial is between the second and third trenches. A few small gravestones, sent by relatives of the victims, now form the only memorials to be found about the spot.

The graves are seldom visited by the villagers. They say they shun them because they recall the terrible scenes enacted nearly three years ago. One of the latest visitors was the American consul here, Charles M. Hathaway, Jr., who escorted a group of American naval officers now on duty in adjacent waters.

The town hall in Queenstown, which was used as a morgue for the victims was for two years afterward deserted by the villagers, who had, for generations before, used it as a marketplace. It was said to be "haunted" and no good luck was expected from any transaction completed there. During the last few weeks the villagers have begun to use it again, but only after a squad of painters and decorators had transformed its gloomy interior into such a cheerful place that the merchants, despite their superstitions, were coaxed back.

The War Department

Recently made public a statement showing the cost of equipping an Infantryman for service in France, as follows:

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TOKIO CELEBRATES SENDING FIRST ENVOY TO AMERICA

Sixtieth Anniversary of Opening Diplomatic Relations With United States Notable Event.

Tokio, Feb. 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Sixtieth anniversary of the sending of the first Japanese embassy to the United States was suitably observed today by a commemorative ceremony at the grave of Ambassador Niimi-no-kami, feudal lord of Busen, first Japanese envoy to the United States. At the tomb American Ambassador Morris presented a beautiful wreath and planted a tree in commemoration of the day. There were present the descendants of the late envoy, Viscount Motono, minister for foreign affairs, and other prominent Japanese and Americans. The road to the temple grounds in which the tomb stands was lined on both sides with school children and the incident attracted wide attention.

The Yorozu, while expressing its gratification at the tribute paid by the American ambassador to the memory of the Japanese envoy, remarked that the soul of the old envoy may not be moved to express unreserved gratitude to America until his fellow countrymen are given the same treatment as that accorded Europeans in America. So long as the United States discriminates against the Japanese delicate diplomatic courtesies will be insufficient to consolidate the traditional friendship between Japan and America, said the paper.

The Japan Gazette (British) retorted that Japan similarly discriminates against foreign labor and for the same reason.

WARNING OF NEW GERMAN POLICY OF INTRIGUE EXPOSED

Purpose of Socialists Declared to Be Bringing About Peace of Their Own Dictation.

Washington, April 11.—Warning of a new German policy of intrigue far overshadowing Zimmerman's efforts to entomb Mexico and Japan with the United States, and designed to cause a demoralization in the allied countries similar to that in Russia was given to the national conference of American lecturers here by William English Walling, of New York.

Declaring that the recent interallied labor conference at London had for its real purpose the arranging of an international socialistic conference to which the Germans would be invited, Mr. Walling vigorously attacked the socialists of the allied nations. He asserted that their purpose is to bring about a peace of their dictation and that unless their efforts are frustrated "the democratically-elected governments of France, England and America might as well abdicate."

BREWING COMPANIES TAKE STAND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

New Orleans, April 11.—Nine brewing companies of New Orleans yesterday published formal announcements declaring they "will not serve or sell their product to any person, firm or corporation guilty of violating the federal law prohibiting selling or giving intoxicating liquors to officers and men of the army and navy or resorting to any subterfuge having for its purpose evasion of liability under the statute." The brewers tendered their services to the department of justice or other authorities to assist in obtaining enforcement of the law.

BIG INCREASE IN COAL PRODUCTION

Birmingham, Ala., April 11.—Alabama produced 20,412,841 tons of coal in 1917 an increase over the previous year of 2,173,216, according to figures made public here yesterday by Chief State Mine Inspector C. H. Nesbitt.

The total production of coke is given as 4,568,598 tons, an increase over 1916 of 453,105 tons.

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