

SECRETARY BAKER BACK IN CAPITAL

Returns to Atlantic Port on American Transport, Formerly German Liner.

PRaises PERSHING'S MEN

Believes Pooling of Men and Resources Under Foch Will Check Germans.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, returned to Washington this afternoon. He arrived at an Atlantic port this morning after a quick trip from Europe on an American transport which was formerly a famous German liner. He said nothing for publication except this: "I return with a sense of pride and confidence in the American army and in its achievements in the short time it has been engaged abroad."

"It was well worth the danger of the voyage over and back just to see the soldiers who are fighting with Gen. Pershing."

Whatever direct information he may have as to the plans of Gen. Foch is for the ear of President Wilson. It is understood that Mr. Baker does not underestimate the peril that further German advances against the Allies would mean.

He believes, however, that adequate measures to checkmate the German effort will come from the pooling of Allied and American resources under Gen. Foch.

The French Commander in Chief made a deep impression upon the War Secretary, who shares President Wilson's belief that victory can only be won by a unified command under such a leader.

Mr. Baker went to work at his desk as soon as he arrived here. He will concentrate his energy on hastening the movement of American fighting men to France.

He had no comment on reports that he was about to suggest limitation of the armistice under a single commander. Officials say that his presence in France when the great German blow was struck helped greatly to bring about this union.

Mr. Baker visited England, France and Italy and saw the battle fronts all along the line. As he sailed for home the thunder of the guns in Picardy was still in his ears. While that struggle was in its opening stages his party passed along the whole British line, covering 250 miles in two nights and a day of motoring.

Later he visited Venice and found it a deserted city. The party noted only one store, a lace shop, as being open. To the great surprise of the party, the American Consul has become guide and driver and the American Red Cross is caring for them through him.

Followed Soldier's Footsteps. When he reached France Mr. Baker placed himself in the position of an American soldier just arrived. From the embarkation ports he and his party, led by Gen. Pershing's officers, followed the life of a soldier until they reached an advanced listening post in front of the American lines.

The wounded men he encountered through the dressing stations and hospitals. Members of the party believe that 80 per cent. of all the wounded who were needed to duty, the remaining 20 per cent. being sent home to be cared for and recuperated by the Government until they can support themselves.

The magnitude of the system which has been built up by Gen. Pershing cannot be grasped until it is actually seen members of the party say.

Round Trip in 10 Days. The warehouses, for instance, if they were taken together, would stretch from Washington to New York as a vast vault of reserve war materials. Terminal facilities have been built so rapidly that transports that took sixty or seventy days for the round trip in the winter now do it in sixteen days.

Mr. Baker returned more than ever confident of the capacity and judgment of Gen. Pershing, who he believed to be developing and broadening even as the army which he is building.

Mr. Baker spent some time at the military school for American gunners. He witnessed a trial attack on a trench. From the machine gun barrage to the turning up of ground nests by heavy mortars. The party found that the trench had torn holes forty feet across and seventeen feet deep.

The Nation's Honor Roll

Table with columns: Killed in action, Died of wounds, Died of disease, Died of accident, Died from other causes, Slightly wounded, Missing in action, Day's total. Total Reported April 16, to Date.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The casualty list to-day contained sixty-five names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 2; died of wounds, 4; died of accident, 1; died of disease, 12; wounded severely, 7; wounded slightly, 37; missing in action, 2. The list follows:

- Officers named in the list are Lieut. Benjamin P. Purpee and Frank K. Miller, missing in action; Lieut. Wilmar H. Bradshaw, severely wounded, and Lieut. Fred Judson, Jr., slightly wounded.

U. S. TROOPS NEAR TOUL MOVE AHEAD

They Again Take Possession of No Man's Land at Apremont Forest.

By the Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 16.—The American troops northwest of Toul again took possession of No Man's Land near Apremont forest last night after a week in which the shell torn land between the trenches was virtually deserted, except during the long series of attacks, because of the violence of the artillery fire.

Two American patrols went out last night seeking a machine gun nest which was reported in front of the German trenches, but found it empty. The patrol went up to the barbed wire in front of the enemy first line, but encountered no Germans.

The enemy apparently has given up temporary hopes of attempting to penetrate to the American third line, after the crushing defeat he sustained in several attempts with specially trained shock troops last week.

The rainy weather in the past three days has caused poor visibility and interfered with the artillery activity, which has slackened considerably.

The two German aviators shot down Sunday by Lieut. A. S. Winslow of Chicago and Lieut. Douglas Campbell of California mistook the aviation field where they encountered the American aviators for a German camp, according to information to-day.

Winslow and Campbell were playing cards in an aviation shed when they received the report that two enemy aviators were headed in their direction at a height of about 5,000 feet. Both men, who were on alert duty and fully dressed in aviation costume jumped into their machines.

When they got up in the air they saw the Germans approaching. Each picked his man and started for him. Both enemy machines were driven down after a spirited exchange of shots.

Campbell's adversary was badly burned about the face but will recover. Winslow's opponent was unharmed. Each of the enemy aviators is less than 25 years old. Winslow's captive, who had been flying for two years, said in German: "Well, the war is over for me, when made prisoner by the American."

Both Winslow and Campbell were excited by the capture. After landing, Winslow walked up to his German adversary and handed him a cigarette, then remounted his machine and climbed in the air to escape the crowd of persons who had congregated about him.

WOUNDED U. S. BOYS EAGER TO GET AT Foe

One Killed Four Germans Before He Was Hit. By the Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 16.—The Americans wounded in last week's fighting northwest of Toul have all been taken to comfortable quarters in a large evacuation hospital. They are being provided with the best treatment possible and every effort is being made to relieve their pain and provide comfort and recreation for them. All the boys are in good spirits and anxious to get back to the front line to join their comrades.

"We are out of luck for a little while," said a western Massachusetts private to-day, "but we'll be all right soon and mighty glad to get another crack at the Boche for the injuries he did us."

The boys in one company are loud in praise of one of their sergeants who held out against a superior force of the enemy, killing four before he himself was hit to escape the crowd of persons who had congregated about him.

IRELAND SEETHES IN ANGER OVER DRAFT

Dillon, Devlin and de Valera to Attend Meeting to Organize Fight.

PRIESTS FORMING LEAGUE

"Passive Resistance" Advocated by Those Who Are Opposed to Rioting.

IRELAND'S CLERGY ESCAPES DRAFT

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land and her cause until yesterday. There is no doubt that every young Nationalist who is the possessor of arms will fight conscription to the death, if there were any whom the Sinn Feiners would have called slackers in Easter week of 1916 there will be none when the military service act is ordered.

Prefer to Fight at Home. "The alternative being to fight in Ireland or fight in Flanders, these young men would prefer to fight at home. What their number is only the heads of the Sinn Fein clubs. It has been limited only by the number of rifles. If there were half a million rifles there would be a half million active resisters.

Thirteen Killed BY SHELL IN PARIS. Forty-five Wounded in German Bombardment. PARIS, April 17.—Thirteen were killed and forty-five were wounded in yesterday's long range bombardment of Paris.

One shell damaged an electricity conduit in a street, while another demolished a garages cart. One of the missiles fell on a wood chopping works, but hurt no one.

The house which was struck by an aerial torpedo, dropped from a Gotha airplane during a raid on Paris last Friday, has been cleared. The body of an elderly widow was found and then portions of the bodies of a man, a woman and child were discovered in the wreckage.

The bombardment of the Paris district continued to-day. British Airmen Drop Bombs. LONDON, April 16.—An official report on aerial operations to-night says: "Had weather prevailed Monday, and there was only low flying. Four tons of bombs were dropped on different targets. No German aircraft were encountered. One of our machines is missing."

Trouble is Looked For. The whole situation is lamentable and undoubtedly there will be trouble if conscription is enforced here, on the other hand, if it is not enforced, either against or with the consent of the people, all hopes of an early settlement of Irish affairs will be endangered most gravely. If Messrs. Dillon and Devlin have any confidence in their own authority or any

BRITON WANTS U. S. TO RULE IRELAND

Great Discussion in Press Is Aroused by Crisis Over Conscription.

HALL CAINE IN DEBATE

Declares Gain in Man Power May Not Compensate for Hibernian Enmity.

DAVISON'S PARTY AT NAPLES.

Red Cross Ervoys Get Warm Welcome From Italians.

FOE IS HARASSING ITALIANS.

Prelude to Long Predicted Big Austrian Offensive.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—A great Austrian offensive against Italy is to be started in a few days, according to the opinion of Italian official observers to-day in official messages to the Italian Embassy here. Inspired articles appearing in German and Austrian newspapers predicting the drive. Apparently the main object, in view of the fact that Gen. Foch is in supreme command of the Allies, is to carry the pressure to the back of the French army.

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