

# First Intimate Story of American Expeditionary Forces

## PERSHING TO HAVE BIGGEST FLYING FIELD IN EXISTENCE

### Dillon Tours Site of Camp to House 15,000 Airmen—Quartermaster's Corps Rushing Plan for Permanent Base.

By DANIEL DILLON.

AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Aug. 31.—America is to have the biggest aviation field in the world. I saw it under construction at the American aerial base on a five-day motor tour of the American military establishments, which ended today.

The site of the aviation camp is ten miles square, and the barracks now being erected will house 15,000 men. Hangars are being constructed to accommodate enough machines for use by these men. In sixty days sufficient hangars will be completed to accommodate 1,500 aeroplanes. The remainder will be finished by January.

This is the first announcement or view of the aviation camp to be permitted by the American military authorities.

**Hundreds for Air Service.**

Hundreds of young Americans are now receiving aerial instruction. One training school has been set aside temporarily by the French for use by the Americans until the American plan for training is completed. Here I saw men from both the army and navy hard at work learning under French instructors.

Work at the aviation training camp begins early. The men are up before dawn and 4:30 finds them flying or getting their machines in shape for flight. They remain in the air until 10 o'clock when the technical instruction begins.

At 4 in the afternoon they again take the air and stay up until darkness falls. A hearty supper is appreciated at the end of such a strenuous day and the men then lose no time in "hitting the hay."

**Americans' Aptness Leads.**

An American member of the foreign legion, who was conducting a class in technical matters, pronounced the Americans the most apt pupils he had ever seen. A majority of the army men college graduates and all of the officers of the navy are.

At present no provision has been made for the naval students to receive commissions when they have finished their training. This has aroused some slight discontent, as the naval men complain that the army fares better than the navy in this respect.

The splendid physical condition of the men is commented upon by all who see them. The food is better than is usually provided at French camps, as the Americans are heartier eaters than the French. From this school the Americans will go directly into the American army.

**Treated as French Soldiers.**

At some of the French camps, where Americans are being trained, the pupils are being treated just as though they were French soldiers.

It is stated that about 50 per cent of the Americans are anxious to enroll under the Stars and Stripes, while numerous others prefer to remain with the French fighting forces.

Those who desire to serve with the French have slight preference, as the belief that they will be able to see active service sooner and that they will have better aeroplanes to handle. There are indications that some of the Americans in France hold slight resentment against the American army for not consulting or offering inducements to the trained aviators who have been seeing service with the French air corps. It is generally believed, however, that this will be satisfactorily arranged later.

## Washington Boys Make Good at United States Military Academy



LAWRENCE McC. JONES. Former Washington high school athletic star, who made good on West Point's football team.

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**French Girls as Laborers.**

At the American quartermaster's base French girls are being used temporarily as laborers. In this connection the opinion is widely held that the United States should supply its labor from home, as human power is a commodity that France can least spare.

The quartermaster's corps has a number of prominent American business men working with it. These Americans also have their complaint. Most of them are experts in some certain line, but they declare that they are usually put to work at something that is strange to them, so that their efforts are thus handicapped.

Great quantities of biscuits are being baked daily in the American bakery. Some of these are sent to the French army, where they are gratefully received. The bakery also falls under the jurisdiction of the quartermaster corps.

**Corps Kept Hard at Work**

The corps is kept hard at work on its diversified tasks, and now recommendations are being made for the establishment of a permanent base to handle the supplies. This will be a colossal job, necessitating the erection of a modern building on a huge scale. It is impossible for the French to supply either the building material, or the labor, so the United States must furnish both.

There is now a splendid reserve of medical supplies on hand, for every regiment has brought its own medical outfit. Large quantities of supplies are kept on hand at the case for the refurnishing of both the field and the base hospitals.

At present all of the reserve supplies of food, clothing, and medicines are kept in a huge warehouse lent by the French, but larger quarters will be necessary. The French are providing cordial instructors of the Americans in the art of war, and in some quarters the fear has begun to be felt that too much is being asked. The chief ambition of the American army is now to become independent and self-supporting at the earliest possible moment.

## CAMERA CLUB TO SHOW FRENCH WAR MOVIES

An exhibition of French war films, depicting actual fighting scenes in France, will be shown under the auspices of the Capital Camera Club at the Central High School auditorium on the nights of October 10 and 11 for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

The Camera Club committee in charge is headed by H. J. O'Connell, and the exhibition has the approval of the Washington Chamber of Commerce. No admission will be charged, but contributions to the Red Cross will be asked at the exhibition.

## DESTROYER SAVES BIG FREIGHTER FROM "SUB"

AN AMERICAN PORT, Aug. 31.—How the largest freighter now plying between the United States and European ports narrowly escaped destruction by a German submarine was told when the ship reached this port today. A British destroyer, which was conveying the freight ship, shelled the U-boat and forced it to submerge after it had discharged a torpedo, which passed astern of the freighter.

**RUBLES STILL DROP.**

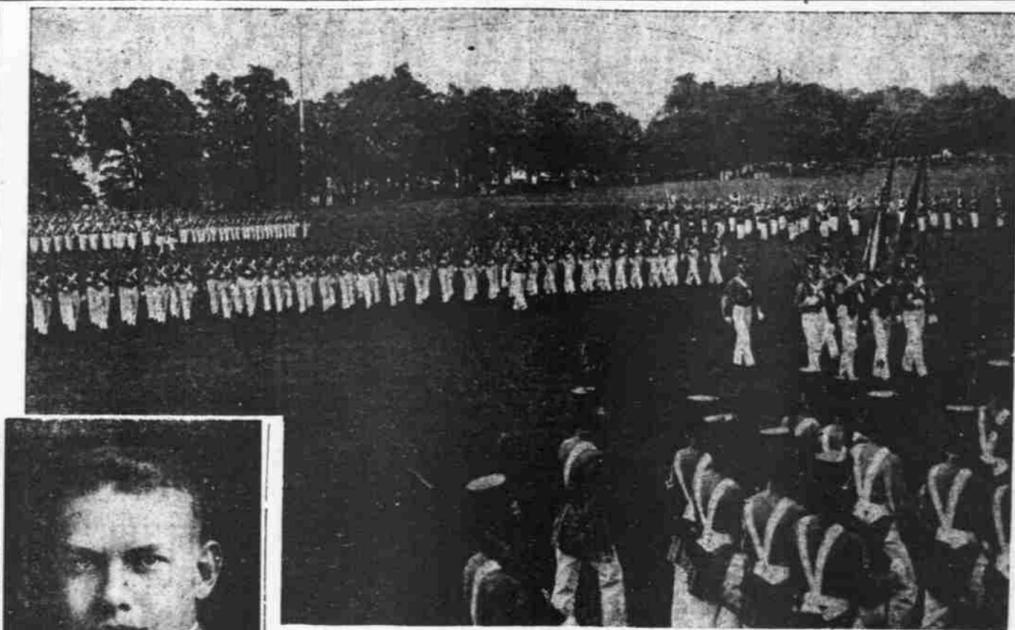
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL



One hundred and fifty-two young officers received their commissions ahead of time at West Point, so that Uncle Sam may have leaders for his new army. The photograph shows the graduating class on review before the commencement exercises.

## ALEXANDRIAN HAS HONOR OF LEADING WEST POINT BOYS

Alexandria is jubilant today, for an Alexandria man took first honors in the second class graduating exercises at the West Point military Academy held there yesterday.

**Leads 152 Students.**

He was passed out to the graduates by Secretary of War Baker.

Not since 1881 have two classes been graduated from the Military Academy in one year. The arrangement was made necessary because of the demand for officers in the struggle across the Atlantic. Two members of the class were not permitted to graduate. They were Courture, the No. 1 man, and J. T. Bell, a cadet from Virginia, who was 141st on the list. Both men were recently tried by court martial for infraction of the rules and pending the decision of the court, their diplomas were withheld.

**In 21 Years Old.**

Pohl, the honor man, is twenty-one years old, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pohl, of 23 Rosemont avenue, Alexandria. His father is manager of the Washington Hydraulic Pressed Brick Company, at Arlington Junction, Va. Pohl is the first to graduate of three brothers who are training in the American military service. He had two brothers, Augustin and Leo Pohl, both eighteen years old, both of whom are in training for the navy at Norfolk.

## EUROPEAN WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The official reports of General Cadorna, commander-in-chief on the Italian front, record only definite, completed operations or vaguely general accounts of a day's fighting, and it, therefore, becomes necessary, in order to mark the progress of the Italian offensive, to read between the lines with the aid of the map, or to supplement the terse official statements with the semi-official information furnished the Italian embassies from time to time at Washington or London.

General Cadorna's latest report states merely that Austrian attacks on the Bainsizza plateau, north of Gorizia, made in force, attempted to retake positions previously captured by the Italians, and that these everywhere proved futile. The Italian positions at some points were driven forward. It is further stated that the Austrians sought to create a diversion by attacking the Italian positions south of Gorizia, between the Vipacco river and the Faltis ridge, and that here, too, the Austrian attacks were beaten back.

Supplementing this information with that supplied to the Italian embassy from Rome, it appears that the Austrian counter attacks north of Gorizia were launched from a line of fortified positions at the eastern end of the Bainsizza plateau, which is now largely in Italian hands. The Italian holdings were enlarged on the southern side of the tableland, where the Italians descended into the Chiapovano valley. They have also advanced into the Ternova wood, south of the Chiapovano river, and have isolated the Austrian positions on Monte San Gabriele and Monte San Daniele.

The whole operation along this front—the Isonzo line—is becoming clearer. The advance from Monte Santo eastward along the Bainsizza plateau has struck a wedge into the Austrian positions. The immediate effect has been to remove the Austrian ability of continuing to shell Gorizia from the Isonzo heights, but the ultimate result will be to permit flanking operations against the whole Austrian Isonzo position. To the south of Gorizia, this aims at the Austrians' holding of the Vipacco salient, and to the north it threatens the Isonzo line as far as Tolmino, above Plava and some twenty miles above Gorizia.

Disaffection among some of the Russian troops on the Rumanian front continues to make itself felt in the Rumanian defense against the advance of the forces of Field Marshal von Mackensen in the Suchitza valley. Two more Russian regiments abandoned their positions, but the Rumanians and loyal Russian forces attacked the Teutons with great vigor, and a battle of major proportions has developed in this region.

North of this sector, in the Trotus valley, the Rumanians are maintaining themselves with great determination. Violent German and Austrian attacks toward Okna have been sanguinarily repulsed. Southwest of the region, in the direction of Sojeva, northeast of that place, the Austrians were also repulsed.

In Flanders, the flooded ground in the region east and northeast of Ypres precludes, for the moment, any large operations. Local attacks are possible here and there, and one of these assaults by the British yielded a gain of position southeast of St. Janshoek, northeast of Ypres. Artillery fire is active in the whole Ypres region. Reciprocal shelling has occurred west and east of the Meuse, on the Verdun front.

## PONTIFF NOW HOPES TO FIND GROUND FOR NEW APPEAL

Vatican Report Says He Will Sift Out Differences From Answers of All Belligerents and Warn of Them as Peril.

ROME, Aug. 31.—Pope Benedict, it was learned today, has expressed himself as greatly disappointed over the rejection of his peace plan by the American President.

According to rumor here, Emperor Karl of Austria, and even the Kaiser, have written the Pontiff indicating pledges of the widest democratization within their empires.

The dispatch does not indicate whether these letters were written before or after Pope Benedict issued his appeal, but it is reasonable to assume they preceded the Pontiff's note.

**Will Issue New Statement.**

At the Vatican today it was stated that when replies of all belligerents are received, Pope Benedict intends to issue a statement pointing out the propositions of peace on which all agree, and separating those on which there are differences. These latter he intends to make a matter of danger. In this way he hopes gradually, by sifting out the agreed sections, to make peace a matter of politics.

## VIOLENT SUBMARINE WARFARE ON U. S. TO BE REPLY PENALTY

ROME, Aug. 31.—Intense and concentrated submarine warfare against the United States, as well as England, will be one of the results of President Wilson's declaration of the Pope's peace appeal, in which the American Executive clearly showed he was not impressed by the steps toward democratization Germany has taken to date.

Diplomatic circles here today revealed that the central empires have been aiming through so-called democratic decrees and discussions to influence American public opinion. The reply of President Wilson is evidence that they have failed in this.

## AIRSHIPS WILL TAKE REPLY OF PRESIDENT TO GERMAN PEOPLE

Unless there is evidence soon that President Wilson's note rejecting the peace proposals of the Pope has been circulated in Germany, steps will be taken to make certain that the document reaches at least a large number of the German people to inform them why the United States cannot discuss a peace involving acceptance of the word of the present rulers at Berlin.

Secretary Lansing said today it was assumed that within a reasonable time newspapers of the European neutrals would carry the note into Germany. If this should be prevented, he said, some other way would be found.

It was recalled that the President's war message was dropped behind the German lines by hundreds of allied airmen.

## SOLDIER KILLED IN AUTO WHEN HE GIVES GIRLS RIDE

Two young men are being held for investigation at the Ninth precinct police station pending a coroner's inquest into the death of Frederick J. Kueffner, thirty years old, of Company A, Tenth Reserve Engineer Corps, who was killed in an automobile accident on Bladensburg road shortly before last midnight.

The men are Louis A. Price, twenty, of 631 East Capitol street, and Harry J. Deatley, twenty-four, of 725 Third street northwest.

**Lived in St. Paul.**

Kueffner is said to be a member of a well-known family of St. Paul, Minn. When he came here to go in training at the American University Camp he brought his automobile with him. Price and Deatley, who are automobile mechanics, overhauled Kueffner's car yesterday, and last night the soldier invited them to go out with him.

They spent the evening at a Maryland inn. As they were preparing to return to the city shortly after 11 o'clock, Kueffner, the police say, saw a man and two young women in front of the club and offered to drive them to town.

**Knocked Off Running Board.**

In order to make room for the three strangers, Kueffner had to sit on the running board. The police say the machine was being operated by Deatley, and was going at a high rate of speed, when, at Queen's Chapel and Bladensburg roads, it swerved close to a telegraph pole, swiping Kueffner off the running board. He was placed in a passing machine, but was dead when the party reached Casualty Hospital. None of the other occupants of the car was injured.

**Companion Charges Speeding.**

William W. Broke, of 1326 Sixth street northwest, one of the occupants of the car, told Lieutenant Duwall, of the Ninth precinct, that the machine was being operated too fast for him, and that he begged the man at the wheel to slow down.

He said they were attempting to pass another machine when Kueffner was knocked off the running board. Deatley, who the police say was operating the machine, was charged with speeding.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Government report on cotton created a bearish feeling which led to selling which broke the market about 50 points, or \$2.50 per bale.

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