

PERSHING FORMS FIRST U. S. FIELD ARMY

LIGGETT LIKELY WILL COMMAND

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—America's first field army—approximately 200,000 men—has been formed in France.

It is understood to consist of two army corps of three divisions each, with Col. A. W. Bjonstad as chief of staff.

Army officers here believe Maj. Gen. Hunter Liggett, being senior, will command the field army, and Maj. Gen. Charles T. Meeker, who has been commander of the Rainbow division, will command one of the army corps.

All Tentative.

The present arrangement, according to information here, is provisional in order to try out plans of organization which heretofore have been theoretical, so far as the American army is concerned. Field armies are not of uniform strength, but are rearranged from time to time as strategic conditions dictate.

Both field and corps commanders are expected to be of the rank of lieutenant general by act of congress when Pershing makes his recommendations.

The American divisions, of which it is understood there will be three to a corps, consist of 30,000 men. In addition, however, each corps has some 10,000 "corps troops"—heavy artillery and signal battalions, field artillery, cavalry and pioneer regiments and aero squadrons—making each corps approximately 100,000 men.

Some Army.

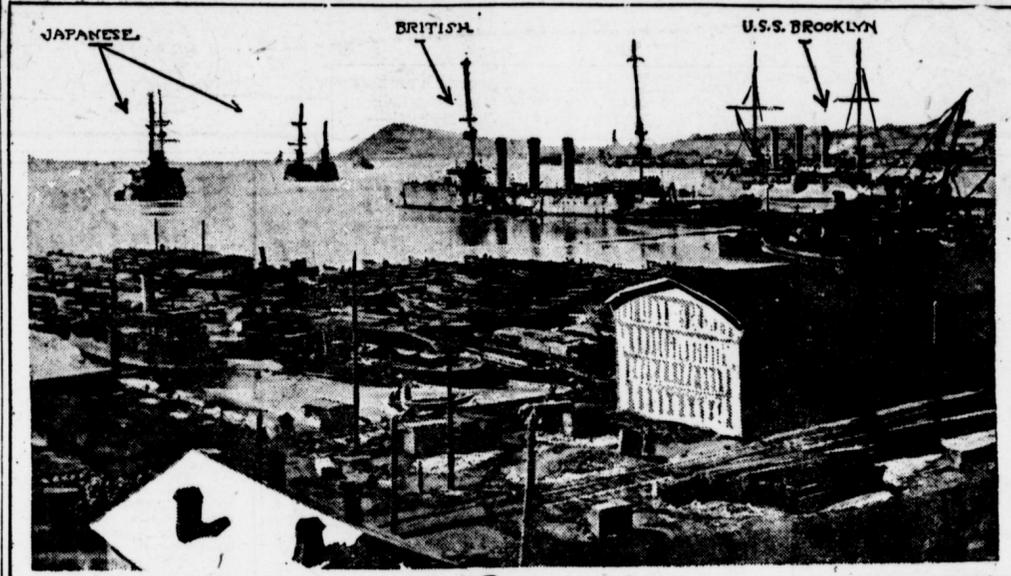
Unless the British army is greatly reinforced in the next two or three months, it is likely that by Aug. 1, the number of U. S. troops in France will closely approximate the size of Haig's forces now facing the Germans.

This startling revelation of gigantic strides being made by this country in putting men on the firing line, came today from authoritative circles here.

Brigading of American troops with the British continues. Presumably men from the national army are the ones used to take their places with the British.

Formation of the field army is accomplished by use of seasoned troops which have been in France for a long period.

Allied Warships in Harbor of Vladivostok



This picture, just received from across the Pacific by The Times, shows U. S., British and Japanese warships in the harbor of Vladivostok, Russia's great Pacific port which was seized by the bolsheviks.

TACOMA MAY GET CONCRETE VESSEL PLANT

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., indicates that a large concrete shipbuilding plant probably will be established near Tacoma.

J. W. Hubbard, local engineer for the concrete division of the Emergency Fleet corporation, spent Monday in Tacoma inspecting possible sites for a government concrete shipbuilding plant. At the end of the day he would make no comments on the sites he had seen.

FAIRBANKS VERY ILL!

(United Press Leased Wire.)
INDIANAPOLIS, May 21.—Following an examination by physicians this morning, it was stated that Charles W. Fairbanks' condition was still very serious.

Fairbanks has been ill for several months at his home here. His condition has been serious for several days. He was very near death Sunday, it developed today.

His children are at the bedside.

INVESTS FAMILY SAVINGS IN STAMPS

Ten-year-old Kathleen Rudan of Old Tacoma determined to lead her class at Lowell school in the purchase of Thrift stamps. So she discovered the family reserve fund, about \$100, and invested it.

Last week, when there was illness in the family, John Rudan, her father, who is an Old Tacoma fisherman, went to the place where his savings had been kept and found the money gone. Monday Kathleen appeared at the Tacoma postoffice to have some of the Thrift stamps converted into cash.

STORE BURNS

Awakened at midnight by a noise he thought was made by burglars trying to enter his store and pool hall on the north side of American lake, W. A. Simpson discovered the store was in flames.

The building was completely destroyed, and with it two cottages occupied by the families of Peter Davis and O. T. Sorenson. Simpson thinks the fire started from a stove used to heat the pool hall. Nearly everything in the buildings was destroyed and the loss is estimated at \$6,000, with no insurance.

YANKS PIERCE GERMAN LINES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WITH THE AMERICANS IN PICARDY, May 20.—(Night).—An American reconnaissance patrol penetrated the German wires tonight, put an enemy patrol to flight and returned safely to the American lines.

The patrol crept across No Man's Land at a point where the lines are about 200 yards apart. In the distance the shattered church tower and the jagged walls of other buildings in Cantigny stood like ghosts in the moonlight.

A strong boche patrol attempted to surround the Americans but scattered when the latter opened fire. The American patrol made its way back without losing a man.

The greatest aerial activity continues day and night along the front. Bombs were dropped near an American hospital, but no one was injured.

The bombing of anti-aircraft guns, the breaking of shells in the sky and the hum of airplane motors is almost constant.

Across in the German lines, flashlights streak the sky, mingling with the flare and glare of guns.

The expected bombardment in conjunction with the scheduled resumption of the German offensive has not materialized. This morning the American artillery shelled German positions and the boche made only a slight reply.

BRITISH RAIDS ARE SUCCESS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, May 21.—Successful British raids in Flanders and Picardy, active hostile artillery firing in Flanders and near Arras and the repulse of a German attack on the western portion of the Flanders front was reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

Surrey troops carried out a successful local operation north-south of Merville yesterday evening and brought back 30 prisoners and six machine guns," the statement said.

"A hostile counter attack at the same point early this morning, following a heavy bombardment was broken up by our artillery and machine guns.

"We made a successful raid southeast of Arras last night, taking a few prisoners and a machine gun."

WEATHER IDEAL FOR IT, YET NO ATTACK COMES

By Wm. Phillip Simms
United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, May 21.—Gen. Mackensen is widely reported to be on the west front, ready to strike the moment Field Marshal Hindenburg finds an opening.

The Kaiser may undertake feints here and there, but the indications are his main thrust will be against the British or the French and British combined.

My information is that the Germans will hammer the British with the bulk of their army, simultaneously spreading propaganda to the effect that the British do not fight as well as the other allies, in an effort to create friction among the entente nations.

Meanwhile, prisoners admit that German mouths are still watering for Amiens and the cool gray valley of the Somme, stretching toward the sea.

Thus, with double objectives—one impudent and sinister, the other daring and desperate—Hindenburg may be expected shortly to set the western battlefield ablaze.

Best of Fighting Weather.

In the meantime, events out here are proceeding as usual before an offensive. There is considerable shelling by high explosives and jockeying for the high ground that furnishes the advantage of position.

The air along the Somme is buzzing with allied and German planes, the aerial fighting being of unusual scope and intensity.

The finest fighting weather of the war continues. There has been only one shower since a week ago, and this was insufficient to settle the dusty, bone-dry roads.

The trees lining the roads are covered with a fine, white powder while motors resemble the dust-covered hero in the third act of "Shenandoah."

The fields are a beautiful green, right up to the trenches. Both the Somme and Lys battlefields look semi-tropical—more like Louisiana than Northern France.

It would be strange if Hindenburg allowed such weather to be wasted. These days favor an offensive far more than a defensive battle.

REFUSE TO ARBITRATE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SPOKANE, May 21.—Arbitration, which was offered to their employers by 200 striking teamsters here Saturday night, had not been accepted today.

The strike started May 1, with the strikers asking increased pay and an eight hour work-day.

An agreement was reached on all demands except the hours. The employers held out for nine hours, declaring it would be impossible to operate on less than a nine hour day. The union officials say the strike will continue until an eight hour day is achieved.

Every transfer company here is affected, but freight congestion is slight, due to the fact that trucks owned by business houses are not affected.

AMERICAN SHIP LOST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Loss of the American tanker William Rocketteller at sea has been officially reported to the navy department. Details are lacking, but a supplementary report has been promised.

The department is withholding an announcement of the loss until it publishes the casualty involved.

The William Rocketteller was a steel steamer of 7,157 tons displacement, with a carrying capacity of 5,217 tons of petroleum in bulk. She was owned by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

CASUALTIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Gen. Pershing reported 41 names in today's casualty list, divided as follows:

Three killed in action; two dead of disease; one dead from wounds; seven of accidents; eighteen wounded severely; eight wounded slightly and two missing in action.

Lieut. Cyril M. Angell, Attleboro, Mass., and Lieut. William K. B. Timerson, New York, were killed in action.

Capt. Hall, previously reported killed, is now known to be missing in action. His home is Colfax, Iowa.

Abraham Shellenbarger,tingham, Mont., severely wounded, was the only far western man listed.

HALL A PRISONER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, May 20.—(Night)—Capt. James Norman Hall of Colfax, Iowa, who was brot down behind the German lines May 7, is alive in a German hospital, it was learned today. He is wounded, not seriously.

POLES WILL GIVE TO RED CROSS

Tacoma Poles will meet Thursday in Polish hall, East 30th and R streets to make contributions to the Red Cross. Saturday night they raised \$320 as part of Tacoma's contribution to the campaign for \$100,000 to send to the Poles fighting in France. Thirty-five Polish-born American soldiers from Camp Lewis attended the meeting.

FOUR HEROINES OF THE BATTLE OF SEICHEPREY

Above, Louise Young of Chelsea, Mass. (in circle); and Gladys McIntyre of Mount Vernon, N. Y. (in square).

On the right—Ensign Burdick of New York (in circle); and Irene McIntyre of Mount Vernon, N. Y. (in square).

There are not only heroes, but heroines galore, in the fighting on the American front in France.

Here are four Salvation Army girls who divided the honors of the battle of Seicheprey with the Sammies who beat the Germans.

For these girls helped the Sammies to do it.

Two of them, the McIntyres, were mentioned in the dispatches from the fighting scene.

All four disregarded danger and comfort and stuck to their posts at the Salvation Army canteen just back of the front trenches, serving hot coffee and hot chocolate and cheering words to the American fighters who dropped back for a brief rest.

Gas shells and bombs were bursting and the danger zone, but the girls remained on duty throughout the battle, as cool and cheerful as tho they were handing out sandwiches at a picnic home.

Officers are still praising them for their bravery and service.

RHODES BROTHERS RHODES BROTHERS

Bargain Floor

SPECIAL SALE OF KIDDIES COATS AT \$3.49

Featuring a special buy of Coats for the 2 to 6-year-olds that we have just placed on display. Serviceable, well made Coats of good quality gabardines and serges, well lined with durable fabric and trimmed in effective fashions with plaid silk collars, cuffs and belts. A group of good Coats that affords special bargains at \$3.49

YARD WIDE CRETONNES SPECIAL 31c YARD

A special sale of high grade cretonnes tomorrow that affords wide choice of patterns and colorings. Keep weave fabrics of excellent quality and shown in almost every wanted shade and color combination. Cretonnes desirable for draperies and furniture coverings, all 36-inch widths and extra good value at the special price of, yard 31c

REMNANT SALE

A special sale of remnants of wash fabrics that includes white and colored patterns in voiles, lavans, batistes, silk poplins, gingham, sheeting, crepes, etc. Many useful lengths and all very SPECIALLY PRICED.

3-LB. COTTON

BATTS, SPL. \$1.25
Full quilt size Cotton Batts, well felted, in single piece, 72x90 size, and 3-lb. rolls. Clean white cotton in the most convenient form for the making of bed quilts; very special \$1.25

WOMEN'S FIBER SILK HOSE, SPECIAL 73c

Fiber Silk Stockings of extra quality and very fine appearance, in choice shades of gray, bronze, sky, gold, lavender, pink, green, black and white. A perfect fitting hose that will give good service, special . . . 73c

CHILDREN'S PLAY SHOES AND OXFORDS 98c

Play Shoes and Oxfords, made with fine quality canvas uppers and stitch down elk hide soles; lace styles, on scuffer last, and very serviceable; sizes 1 1/2 to 2. \$1.29; sizes 2 1/2 to 3. \$1.19; sizes 3 1/2 to 4. \$1.09; sizes 4 1/2 to 5. \$0.98

CORSETS, SPECIAL 89c

Corsets of serviceable quality, made low bust, long skirt style, durable materials, well boned and attractively finished Corsets of good style, specially priced. 89c

BOYS' BLOUSES SPECIAL 29c

Boys' Blouses of good quality percales in a variety of good patterns, in light and dark stripe effects; full size, well made Blouses for boys 6 to 15 years of age; very special 29c

LACES SPECIAL, 2 YARDS FOR 5c

Choice of a big lot of Val. and torchon laces in a wide variety of desirable patterns for many trimming purposes. Both edges and insertions in the lot, in widths for 1/4 to 1 inch, special. 5c

STAMPED DRESSES FOR LITTLE TOTS 29c

Dresses for the 2 to 4-year-olds of good white materials; styles with low neck, short sleeves and pockets, finished with pretty braids and stamped for embroidery; very special 29c

ENVELOPE CHEMISES SPECIAL 43c

Women's Envelope Chemises in good styles and well made of serviceable muslin trimmed with embroidery and lace. Full cut, well made garments for every-day wear, special 43c

WOMEN'S MUSLIN PETTICOATS SPECIAL 69c

Well made Petticoats of serviceable white muslin finished with deep embroidery flounces. Garments of ample size and excellent quality; special 69c

Rhodes Brothers
In Every Detail Tacoma's Leading Retail Establishment

"I watch myself"

to guard against foolishly spending any of my small money," says Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, telling how he began work at fourteen for \$12 a month.

Isn't it true, with many of us, that if we lost out in the saving game we lose because we forget about "small money" going out and look always for "big money" coming in?

Just now there are two superior places for you to put small money.

One is into Thrift Stamps.

The other is the Savings Department of this Bank.

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TACOMA

J. E. Chiberg, President
Gustaf Lindberg, Vice-President
Ole S. Larson, Vice-President and Manager
Haakon Berg, Cashier.

HOSPITAL GIVEN TWO AMBULANCES

The Camp Lewis base hospital Monday received the gift of two modern motor ambulances, one given by the Improved Order of Red Men of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, the other by the California Red Men.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF
THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA, N. A.
San Francisco.

Including Its Branches in Tacoma, Portland, Seattle, at Close of Business May 10, 1918.

ASSETS	
Loans and Discounts	\$42,515,616.64
Bank Premises (San Francisco and Branches)	1,168,303.00
Other Real Estate	612,705.28
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit	13,987,015.92
Sundry Bonds and Stocks	4,641,803.25
United States Bonds to secure Circulation	3,000,000.00
Other United States Bonds & Certificates of Indebtedness	2,189,032.50
Redemption Fund with United States Treasurer	150,000.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	28,817,540.69
	\$95,082,022.28
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 8,500,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	8,295,394.96
Circulation	3,000,000.00
Letters of Credit	14,578,891.19
Other Liabilities	529,039.96
Deposits	60,178,696.17
	\$95,082,022.28

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