

ALLIES OUTMATCHED IN "RIFLE STRENGTH" TILL JULY 1 LAST YEAR

Then the Tide of American Soldiers Took the Superiority from the Germans, and by Nov. 1 the Balance Stood Two to One in Favor of the Allies, War Department Shows.

TOTAL AMERICAN ARMY NOV. 11 WAS 3,703,273

GERMANS WANT POST OF HONOR—FEW WILLING TO WORK

While the Allies Were at the Highest in Rifle Strength on Sept. 1; That Is, Those Who Were at the Front.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The total strength of the United States army on Nov. 11, when the armistice was signed and when the American war effort was at its peak, was 3,703,273 officers and men, including the marine corps on duty with the army in Europe. A statistical table made public to-day by the war department gives this figure.

Included in the table is a comparative statement of the strength of allied and German forces on the western front, by months, beginning April 1, 1918, showing that on July 1, for the first time the allied "rifle strength" exceeded that of the Germans.

In rifle strength, which means men "standing in the trenches ready to go over the top with the bayonet," the allied total on July 1 was 1,556,000, compared with 1,412,000 for the Germans.

On Nov. 1, when the enemy's reserves had been exhausted and his front line strength reduced by about half, the allies had rifle strength of 1,485,000, representing odds of upwards of two to one.

From July 1, as the Americans continued to arrive, the allied superiority showed continued growth over the Germans, who had dropped on Nov. 1 to a strength of 866,000.

When the great German drive was launched in the spring of 1918 the enemy had a definite superiority of approximately 20 per cent for the figures for April 1 showing an allied rifle strength of 1,245,000 and a German total of 1,500,000.

The department's table shows that the Germans reached their maximum June 1, with 1,639,000, while the allies reached their maximum on Sept. 1, with 1,682,000.

The meaning of the rifle strength upon which the table is based, is made clear by the fact that an American division with a total strength of approximately 27,000 fighting men is rated as 12,250 rifles.

The department's table shows that the rush of American troops to Europe when the German great drive was launched not only succeeded in making good all allied losses from month to month at the front, but steadily increased the strength of the allied armies actually engaged. Figures on the hundreds of thousands of Americans who were in training behind the lines are not given.

The table, prepared by General Pershing's staff, showing the comparative strength of the armies for the eight months covered follows:

Table with columns: Allies, German, and numerical values for months from April to November.

On Nov. 11, the American army in Europe was composed of 80,842 officers and 1,868,474 men, while 1,162 officers and 21,072 men were at sea en route for Europe.

The marine contingent in the expeditionary force on that date was 1,002 officers and 31,293 men, making the total European army strength either in France or en route there, 2,603,955 officers and men.

In the United States on that date were 1,634,499 army personnel and in the insular possessions, the canal zone, Alaska, etc., 56,735.

The total strength of the Siberian expedition on that date was 298 officers and 8,806 men.

PLANCHON IS DEAD. Was Minister of Finance in the Spanish Cabinet.

Madrid, Feb. 5.—Fernin Cableton Planchon, minister of finance in the Spanish cabinet, is dead.

Senior Cableton became minister of finance in the cabinet formed by Count Romanones on Dec. 6, 1918. He had formerly been minister of public works and for several years was Spanish ambassador to the Vatican.

NAVIGATING IN ST. LAWRENCE. Steamer Made Quebec-Halifax Trip Without Damage.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—A voyage which establishes a record in the history of navigation on the St. Lawrence, usually ice-bound at this time of year, has just been completed by the steamship Canadian Voyager, which has reached Halifax from Quebec. This vessel, built here, left Quebec on Jan. 31 under her own steam, conveyed by the government ice breaker Montcalm, and arrived at Halifax Monday morning, undamaged.

CHANDLER DECLARED ELECTED To the National House of Representatives Back in 1916.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Without a dissenting vote, the House to-day adopted a report of its elections committee, holding that Thomas A. Chandler, Republican, was elected in 1916 from the first Oklahoma district.

LONDON TUBE STRIKE IS NOT IMPROVED

All the Lines Except the Metropolitan Were Tied Up—Hotels and Restaurants Are Also Hard Hit.

London, Feb. 5.—There was no improvement to-day in the strike situation in London. All the tubes and underground lines except the Metropolitan, which has only one line running into the city, were still tied up.

The hotels and restaurants, while able to replace a few of their servants, were offering only meagre imitations of their regular menus.

Thousands of people had to trudge long distances to work through slush an inch deep caused by a sudden thaw followed by rain during the night. Some government offices and large business concerns assisted their staffs by running motor lorries from the outlying districts to central London.

To-day will decide whether the staffs of the electrical power stations will join the strikers. According to the authorities, it makes little difference what action is taken, because the electrical power engineers' association has promised to keep the stations in operation, while there are many men on the executive staffs of the big companies capable of taking the places of the regular workmen.

More men returned to work to-day in Glasgow, while the presence of Lord Pirrie, controller of merchant shipbuilding in Belfast, gives some hope of a settlement there.

WANTS U. S. CONTROL TO RUN BY ELECTION

Director-General Hines of the Railroads Agrees That the Railroad Question Cannot Be Kept Out of Presidential Election.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Out of a colloquy between Director-General Hines and Senator Pomerene of Ohio, at a hearing to-day before the Senate interstate commerce committee, developed a clarification of diverging views on the question of extending government control of railroads.

Senator Pomerene, speaking as a legislator, said he could not understand why the director-general should ask Congress to turn over to him for five years the management of tremendously valuable properties in order to permit him to work out some plan of reorganization not yet fully formulated.

Mr. Hines explained that he was not advocating a five-year extension as a means of working out a permanent solution, but only to give time in which Congress might develop a comprehensive reform plan. The railroad administration, he said, had no authority to reorganize the railroads along these lines, and he suggested that the continued government control would be of an interim nature, in order to stabilize conditions pending a final solution.

Senator Pomerene said he did not believe the railroad question could be kept out of the presidential election under any circumstance. Mr. Hines agreed, but argued that the harmful agitation resulting in hampering physical operations of the roads would be less if the end of government control did not impend so nearly.

TRANSPORT ARRIVES FROM MARSEILLES

Duca D'Aosta Brought 1342 American Troops, Including Parts of 80th and 88th Divisions.

New York, Feb. 5.—With 1775 troops, the Italian steamship Duca D'Aosta arrived here to-day from Marseilles by way of Gibraltar. On board were the 331st regiment of field artillery, complete, comprising 1,242 officers and men of the 80th division; a detachment of 14 men of the 86th's 334th regiment of field artillery; battery E, the headquarters company and medical detachment of the 329th regiment of field artillery—398 officers and men of the 88th division; and 122 cauals from various branches of the service.

GOT FIVE-YEAR TERM.

Merrick W. Chapin of Hartford, Conn., Self-Confessed Embezzler.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 5.—Merrick W. Chapin, self-confessed embezzler of \$44,000 of the funds of the Phoenix National bank of this city, of which he was the chief teller, was to-day sentenced to five years in the State Prison at Wethersfield.

HELDED FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Bennington Boy Said to Have Been Careless with Revolver.

Bennington, Feb. 5.—Edwin A. Thompson, 16, son of George Thompson, an employe of the Bennington Scale works, and former resident of St. Johnsbury, is held under bonds of \$1,000 for the grand jury charged with manslaughter.

The boy is admittedly responsible for the death of Paul Corey, 23, an employe of the Black Cat Textile company here, who was fatally shot on Jan. 23 with a .28-caliber revolver in the hands of Thompson.

The shooting was accidental and took place while three young men were engaged in imitating moving picture actors. Thompson returned from overseas in November after service of several months in the Victoria Rifles, one of the Canadian regiments.

SCHOONER WAS ABANDONED.

The William Duff's Crew Were Rescued by American Steamer.

New York, Feb. 5.—The crew of seven men of the Nova Scotia schooner William Duff, abandoned sixty miles east of Nassau on Feb. 1, was brought here to-day by the Red Line steamer Philadelphia, which rescued the men. They said they were caught in a heavy gale Jan. 27, and soon the ship sprang a leak.

The schooner was kept afloat by use of pumps until the Philadelphia was sighted.

The William Duff, 417 tons gross, was carrying salt from Turks Island to Lunenburg, N. S., where the vessel was owned.

WILSON REFUSED TO INTERFERE

In Federal Trade Commission's Conduct of Packing Inquiry

AFTER INVESTIGATING MATTER YEAR AGO

Disclosure Was Made at a Senate Agriculture Hearing To-day

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Letters read to-day at the Senate agricultural committee's hearing on meat industry legislation disclosed that President Wilson made a personal investigation last February of protests against the federal trade commission's conduct of its packing inquiry and informed Louis F. Swift that he was convinced that "there would be no warrant for his interfering with the judgment and action of the commission."

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Besides her husband, who at present is ill with influenza, she leaves two sons, Archibald, aged four, and Alex, aged 16 months; a sister, Mrs. William Lane of Lowell, Mass., and father and three sisters in Scotland.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from the house and will be private. The officiating clergyman will be Rev. F. L. Goodspeed. The body will be placed in the vault in Elmwood cemetery to await burial in the spring.

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She is survived by two sons, Italo, of this city and Bennie, who is serving in the U. S. army in France; a daughter, Rosie, of this city; two brothers, Peter Albino of Kellogg, Idaho, and Edward Albino of Walker, Idaho; and a cousin, A. Albino of Berlin street, this city.

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PLUNDERING FOOD SHOPS.

Austrians in Linn District Have Become Maddened by Hunger.

London, Feb. 5.—Thousands of persons in the district of Linn, the capital of upper Austria, have been plundering the food shops and committing other depredations, according to reports from Linn transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph company at Vienna. The people, the reports stated, had become maddened by hunger.

The advices added that the disorders had not yet been suppressed.

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By the American Smelting & Refining Company.

New York, Feb. 5.—The American Smelting & Refining company to-day reduced its dividend on the common stock from a 6 to a 4 per cent dividend, declaring a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent payable March 15. The stock has been paying 1 1/2 per cent quarterly since Dec. 15, 1916.

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HUN "POTATO MASHER" HIT SGT. HUGH BEMIS

Barre Boy Arrives Home Bearing Wounds of Battle Received When Grenade Nearly Tore Off His Right Side.

Sergeant Hugh P. Bemis, 31, high school, '13, of the 313th Infantry, who landed in Brest July 13 and was wounded at Avricourt Sept. 26, a multiple of 13, thinks 13 his lucky number, for he is back at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bemis of 160 Hill street, where he arrived last evening, having received his discharge at Camp Meade last Monday, while his division is doing guard duty in Germany.

Sergeant Bemis was working in Baltimore when the government registered men for service and his number was the first out of the box, 258. This sent him to Camp Meade in September, 1917. July 1, 1918, he sailed for France, a member of Company H, 313th infantry, 79th division, national army.

He landed at Brest July 13 and four days after arrival was sent to the 1st army corps school for officers and non-coms. at Goudrecourt. After a month, he was sent to the general training area at Champlitte and on Sept. 10 left with his regiment for the front, going into the trenches at Avricourt on the Verdun front. On Sept. 26 they went into battle as a part of the general French-American advance, started on that day by Marshal Foch. After four hours' fighting, Sergeant Bemis, who had made the first line German trenches, was hit by a "potato masher" grenade, thrown by a German soldier. He was struck on the right arm, the right shoulder and the right hip, and was so badly wounded that at one time in the hospital his recovery was despaired of. He recovered, however, and after two months in a base hospital and rest camp Vichy, he started on his journey home, which was finished last night on his arrival in Barre.

Sergeant Bemis' opinion of the boche is no better than that of most Yankee soldiers. He tells of a wounded German soldier behind the American lines, to whom a German prisoner loaned his overcoat—until dusk—when he took it off the wounded man and left his comrade to suffer in the cold with hardly any clothing to cover him.

Sergeant Bemis is proud of his division, which suffered more casualties than all other national army divisions, except one, the 77th. It had good officers, though the three majors of his regiment and the captain of his company, when they went into battle, all lost their lives.

GIVEN FAREWELL DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Abbott Guests of Quarry Bank People.

A farewell dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Abbott, who are soon to go to California to reside, was given at Hotel Barre last night by the directors and employes of the Quarry Savings Bank & Trust Co., in which institution Mr. Abbott is a director. There were 24 in the party, all the directors and officers of the bank being present with a single exception.

At each plate was placed an attractive menu card depicting on the upper cover a pretty Dutch scene and bearing on the other pages the names of the directors and attaches of the bank and space for autographs of those present. The menu had a more or less California flavor, nearly all the food served having some familiar California name affixed to it on the menu card, while oranges and lemons were served with every course. It should be stated in this connection that Mr. Abbott is planning to operate a fruit ranch in California. At the bottom of the menu card was the notification: "All fruits from the Abbott Daylight Grove, California."

After the serving of the dinner President Ben A. Eastman of the bank presented a diamond stickpin to Mr. Abbott in behalf of the bank directors and in honor of his handsome flowers to Mrs. Abbott, for which response was made in a very feeling manner. The banquet was a most delightful occasion, although tinged with regret over the prospective departure of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott from the city.

SHERIFFS COMING TO BARRE.

Fourth Annual Convention Will Be Held Feb. 12 and 13.

The Vermont Sheriff's association will hold its fourth annual meeting in Barre on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 12 and 13, the business session being arranged to be held at Howard hall and the headquarters of the convention to be at Hotel Barre. The officers of the association are: President, Richard Beattie, Maidstone; secretary and treasurer, H. C. Lawson, Montpelier; vice-president, O. A. Smith.

The opening session of the convention will be held at Howard hall at 8:15 Wednesday evening, being called to order by President Beattie and opened for remarks by the members. The speakers of the evening will be State Auditor Benjamin Gates and Harvey Goodell, secretary of civil and military affairs. The remainder of that session will be open for discussion. On Thursday morning, beginning at 9 o'clock, business will occupy the attention of the sheriffs, and Treasurer Lawson starting off by submitting his annual report. Then will come the election of officers, including president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and an auditors' board of three members. One of the chief matters to come up for discussion will be that of fees and it is expected that something will be formulated for presentation to the legislature.

NATIVE OF CABOT.

E. W. Paige Active in New York Produce Exchange Until Retirement.

New York, Feb. 5.—Eugene Walter Paige, a retired member of the New York Produce exchange, died of Bright's disease yesterday at his home in Pittsfield, Mass. Mr. Paige was born in Cabot, Vt., the son of a farmer, 68 years ago. In this city for many years he handled all the product of the Pillsbury flour mills of Milwaukee, and was one of the first to help in developing a great grain port at Buffalo.

URGED IMMIGRATION BAN.

Secretary Morrison of American Federation of Labor Asked It.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Urging the House rules committee to give the right of way for passage of legislation prohibiting immigration for four years, Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, said that 900,000 men in the United States were without employment.

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Mr. Aiken of Putney maintained his reputation as the humorist of the House, when he said:

"I fear that woman's suffrage may mean man's suffering"; also when he stated that the old-fashioned women used to come into his store and buy 10 yards of cloth for one dress, while the woman of the present day calls for not more than a yard and a quarter for one dress, and thinks it plenty. Mr. Aiken said he was not sure which side of the question he had better vote on, because the good women of Putney had told him of all the horrible things they would do to him if he voted against the bill, while numerous handsome women, who had to get pretty close to him because he was rather deaf, had urged him most impressively to vote against the bill.

Mr. Tracy of Johnson continued his efforts as a son of Demosthenes in defense of suffrage in general, with frequent reference to the wives and mothers of the representatives of the bill, while numerous women of the House, who were not in the least inferior to the men themselves, and should have the same rights.

Mr. Buttles of Brandon believed that suffrage would only entail an added burden on the women which they had not entirely expressed their desire of having, and the same idea was brought out by Mr. Dunfee of Vermont.

Mr. Eatee of Montpelier said that this question of suffrage had been settled in his mind many years ago and that he would vote for any measure which gave more suffrage rights to women. Mr. Alexander said that a majority of the women of St. Albans had asked him to speak for the bill, and he did so gladly. He referred to the rights recently given the women of Germany, and also to the suffrage rights enjoyed by the women of New York state, and asked if the women of Vermont were any less fitted for the responsibility.

Mr. White of Woodstock said that he felt the time had come to give the women of Vermont commensurate justice in the rights of suffrage so far as can be done.

House bills 139 to 151 were introduced this morning, as follows:

By Mr. Webster of Swanton to make uniform the law relating to limited partnerships. A codification of laws upon this subject.

By Mr. Moody of Waterbury, to amend section 274 of the general laws, relating to the payment of certain claims by the auditor of accounts. Includes expenses incurred in doing state business in addition to compensation, which shall be upon itemized vouchers.

By Mr. Durick of Castleton, to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to assist the town of Castleton in improving the road along the western shore of Lake Bomoseen.

By Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry, in addition to chapter 49 of the general laws, providing for the appointment of an additional appraiser in certain cases. Probate court may appoint an additional appraiser whenever it appears that property may be subject to tax imposed under provisions of chapter 49. If such appraiser does not agree with the regular appraisers he shall file a separate report with the probate court.

By Mr. Howard of Fairfax, to amend section 1189 of the general laws, relating to the election of school directors providing that town districts may elect six school directors.

By Mr. Alexander of St. Albans City, to provide for alterations and repairs to the courthouse and jail in Franklin county. Tax not to exceed one cent on a dollar of the county grand list for years 1919 and 1920.

By Mr. Alexander of St. Albans City, to amend section 3,785 of the general laws, relating to workmen's compensation, increasing the amount of compensation paid for total disability. From 50 to 75 per cent of the weekly compensation before accident.

By Mr. Harrison of Canaan, to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$15,000 to assist the town of Canaan in constructing

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