

United States Must Increase Her Forces To 7,000,000 Men

Washington, Jan. 1.—The scope of the country's war preparations must be broadened. This is the decision of the Congressional committees that are dealing with military affairs and the general staff also has the same conclusion. The hearings before the Senate committee on military affairs have brought out, though only incidentally, the fact that most of the army contracts that are now being fulfilled were awarded on a one-year basis and were designed to take care of an army of not to exceed 2,000,000 men.

Every well-informed person here now realizes that this view of the war situation is much too limited. On every hand the opinion is now held that unless the war is to drag on for years the United States must without further delay prepare on a scale far beyond that by which the War Department has thus far been guided. It is the judgment of the best authorities today that the country at once should begin to get ready to support an army of not less than 7,000,000 men for at least three years. There are experts who would prefer to see the plans provide for an army of 10,000,000 men.

Realization Just Coming

It is dawning on Congress, as well as on the men who have large responsibilities in the executive departments, that the war authorities have permitted too limited a conception of the problem that is before the country to govern their official acts. From many quarters is coming information to the effect that the country is at last beginning to realize the seriousness of the situation and, as the country awakens, the men who are charged with the responsibilities of the war preparations also awaken.

Everybody now realizes that a blunder was made by the department chieftains in not planning and executing on a larger scale from the beginning. The State military affairs committee undoubtedly will recommend in the report it eventually will make on the general situation, that no time be lost in making contracts that will provide for an army of at least 7,000,000 men.

Congress Not Satisfied

Congress will not be satisfied unless new steps looking to the reorganization and co-ordination of the war preparation activities are begun immediately. There is every indication that important reorganizations and changes in personnel are to be made. Senators have attended the

hearings before the military affairs committee are not at all satisfied with the munitions situation and are disposed to believe that the only solution of this problem lies in the creation of a department of munitions with one man at its head. In some quarters there was talk today that if such a department is created Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, who is now at the head of the council of national defense, may be placed in charge of it.

The leaders in Congress are saying that the country should take note of the fact that thus far the Congressional inquiries into the war preparations have not disclosed any dishonesty, only inefficiency. There have been intimations of graft but if there has been any dishonesty on the part of any official of the government in connection with army contracts the investigating committee up to this time have not uncovered it. All of the trouble, according to the facts thus far brought out, has been due to lack of judgment and general inefficiency on the part of a few men.

The Senators who make up the military affairs committee would have it understood, too, that while the evidence has revealed a great deal of inefficiency the country should not overlook the fact that great strides toward getting the United States ready for war have actually been made since last April. Secretary of War Baker has said that when he goes on the stand before the Senate committee he will desire to sum up the accomplishments along this line and the committee has said to him that it will be glad to have him do this as a sort of offset to the evidence of inefficiency and bad judgment that crops out here and there.

The good effect of the Congressional investigations already may be noted. A new spirit suddenly seems to have taken possession of the various bureaus and divisions that have to do with war preparations. Men on whom responsibilities rest realize that from this time on they must make good or take the consequences; they know that Congress, having now set the precedent of inquiring into what is being done, will continue to follow this policy until the war is over.

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- 32 Peachtree and Florida
- 34 Magnolia and Dakota
- 35 Parker and Florida
- 41 Main and Dakota
- 42 Lemon and Ohio
- 43 Orange and New York
- 45 Lime and Florida
- 51 Palmetto and Florida
- 52 McDonald and Florida
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- 54 Orange and Massachusetts
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General Maude, Conqueror of Bagdad, and His Achievements

London, Jan. 1.—General Maude, the conqueror of Bagdad, who died recently of cholera in an army hospital in Mesopotamia, lies buried in the center of the British cemetery north of Bagdad, adjoining the old Turkish cavalry barracks. A wooden cross marks his grave, and a heap of wreaths, chrysanthemums and marigolds were strewn over the grassless mound of the desert. Among these floral tributes were ribbons and artificial flowers, the tribute of the people of Bagdad, of the Naquib, and of the Jewish school, whose annual dramatic entertainment he attended few days before his death. The nearest graves to his own are those of privates of the division which he used to command.

The British Eye-witness with the armies in Mesopotamia, in an account of a memorial service held in the citadel at Bagdad, writes of General Maude:

"One's first impression of him was of modesty, repose, confidence and strength. Only gradually did one realize his thoroughness, his far vision, and his infinite application to detail. He was a master of detail. Supply, transport, intelligence, psychological factors—in every branch of staff work he was the inspirer and director."

"Ex-officio he will have a niche among the military immortals as the conqueror of Bagdad, but none realize better than the army he led how individual his successes were. He was more than the heart and brain of the machine. It is doubtful if in the whole of British military history there is a parallel instance in which a series of military victories can be more exclusively attributed to the personality of one man."

"The retrieving of the situation after the British had failed to relieve Kut, the reconstruction of the fighting machine, and the breaking up of the Turkish force in the Tigris, called for qualities which when found in combination amount to genius. In those dark days Britain prayed for a great man—and he was on the spot."

"The operations which led to the capture of Bagdad were a series of masterly strokes, so brilliant in conception that the Turks never seriously

contemplated their success. But Maude was always confident of breaking through. In the long, costly and laborious business of evicting the Turk yard by yard from his elaborate trench system about Kut, he was satisfied all the time that things were going well, and his confidence was infectious."

"General Maude's modesty was so pronounced as to be remarkable. He detested flattery and would have liked to have carried on the whole campaign anonymously. No personal reference to himself was permitted in any public communique. He never gave himself the credit for any successful operation or stroke of genius, or sound piece of organization. He never listened to congratulations without minimizing his own part in the affair."

"Don't congratulate me," he would say in good-natured impatience. "It was the men who did it." He had probably conceived every detail of the operation, even to the handling of single battalions, yet, when the coup was accomplished, he would reflect the whole credit on the subordinate command. He was as disciplined in his routine as a clock. He started work at five o'clock in the morning, breakfast began and was finished at 7:15. The office and a full day's work followed, until his ride in the evening. He travelled light, a valise and small kit-bag containing everything he possessed."

"Time in war is everything" was his favorite axiom. "Every officer" he said, ought to have it inscribed on his shaving-glass. His work and actions were governed by this maxim. He was never late for an appointment."

"He possessed great personal magnetism, especially for his troops. On the eve of every operation he was accustomed to send out encouraging messages to the soldiers, and he made a point of presenting medals immediately after any action to those who had distinguished themselves. Delay in this, he maintained, defeated the object aimed at. Only a few days before his death he travelled sixty miles by airplane for this purpose."

with the roofs on.

Now that the spur is completed, the work will go forward by leaps and bounds. Everybody seems to be on the move. Even the editor of this paper who has been writing many hot shots on fast driving has been looked at by the cops on several occasions as if they would delight to take him in. Probably the only thing that caused them to desist was the fact that they knew there would not be room enough in hotel Dishong for all of them if the matter were undertaken.

Anyway, things are moving and if what those say who have been at other camps during construction be true, not the half has yet been seen. —Arcadia News.

Arcadia, Jan. 1.—The work at Campsite No. 1 (Carlstrom) is progressing finely notwithstanding the fact that the railroad spur from Arcadia to this site has been completed less than twenty-four hours.

It is a marvel to everybody who goes out to the campsite to see how much has been done, handicapped as the construction company has been for lack of transportation facilities. Though, as said above, the spur has not been completed more than twenty-four hours, yet ten large buildings are nearly completed, several of them being practically ready for use,

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IN CIRCUIT COURT, 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY.—IN CHANCERY. —Robert H. Bryson vs. R. P. Potts and A. H. Brewer.—Bill to Foreclose Bond for Title.—Order of Publication.

It appearing by the affidavit of complainant's solicitor in the above stated cause that R. P. Potts and A. H. Brewer are residents of the United States and that there is no person in the State of Florida the service of a subpoena upon whom would bind said defendants or either of them and that the said defendants are over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered that said defendants, to-wit R. P. Potts and A. H. Brewer, be and they are hereby required to be and appear to the bill of complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 7th day of January, A. D. 1918, otherwise the allegations of the said bill will be taken as confessed by the defendants.

It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks, said notice to be published in the Lakeland Evening Telegram, a newspaper published in said county and State.

This 5th day of December, A. D. 1917. J. A. JOHNSON, Clerk Circuit Court.

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Couldn't See Use of It. At a town meeting a large taxpayer rose up to protest against building a new school house in a certain part of the town. "What's the good of it? They are an ignorant set down there anyway."

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY.—IN CHANCERY. —EDWIN SPENCER, JR., vs. FRIDGEN COMPANY, a Georgia Corporation; FRANK N. B. CLOSE, Trustee.—BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, a New York Corporation, and BANKERS COMPANY, a New York Corporation, as Defendants.—Order of Publication.

TO THE FRIDGEN COMPANY, a Corporation, Lake Park, Georgia, and the INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION, 61 Broadway, New York City, and the BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, 61 Wall St., New York City, and FRANK N. B. CLOSE, Trustee, 61 Wall St., New York City:

You, and each of you as defendants above styled cause, wherein Edwin Spencer, Jr., is complainant, are hereby ordered to appear to the bill of complaint filed against you in the said cause on or before Monday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1918, at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Lakeland, Florida, in accordance with the practice and with the laws of this state before the date above named, the allegations of the said bill of complaint will be taken as confessed against you.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the LAKELAND EVENING TELEGRAM, a newspaper published in said county and State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and seal this 11th day of December, A. D. 1917. J. A. JOHNSON, Clerk Circuit Court.

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