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MAY COPY ENEMY IN USE OF GASES

Intimation in Commons That the Question is Under Consideration.

London, May 5.—Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, H. J. Tennant, Parliamentary Secretary of the War Office, said Great Britain had under consideration the question of employing similar expedients against the use by Germany of troops on the battlefield of asphyxiating gases.

The speaker admitted that as far back as April 6, the officer who is writing from the British front under the pen-name of "Eye-Witness" said the Germans were preparing for this method of attack, but notwithstanding such rumors, the British authorities found it hard to believe that any signatory of The Hague convention could violate its fundamental principles and adopt methods which might have such a far-reaching effect in modern warfare.

SIR JOHN FRENCH'S REPORT.
There was given out yesterday a report on the use of asphyxiating gases by the Germans from Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief of the British expeditionary force on the continent, which reads as follows:

"The gases employed by the Germans have been ejected from pipes laid into trenches. They have been produced also by the explosion of shells especially manufactured for this purpose. German troops, who attacked under cover of these gases, were provided with especially designed respirators, which were issued in sealed packages to all points on the line. This shows methodical preparation on a large scale.

"A week before the Germans first used this method they announced in their reports that we were making use of asphyxiating gases. At that time there appeared to be no reason for this astounding falsehood. Now it is obvious that it was part of a deliberate nature of the introduction by the Germans of this new and illegal weapon. It shows they recognized its illegality, and that they were anxious to forestall neutral and possibly domestic criticisms.

"Since the enemy first made use of this method of covering his advance with a cloud of poisoned air he has repeated it both in offensive and defence whenever the wind has been favorable.

A PAINFUL DEATH.
"The effect of this poison is not merely disabling or painlessly fatal, as has been suggested in the German press. Those victims who do not succumb on the field, are brought into the hospitals, suffering acutely, and a large proportion of the cases die a painful and lingering death.

"Those who survive are in little better shape, as the injury to their lungs appears to be of a permanent character and reduces them to a condition which points to their being invalids for life. These effects must have been well known to the German scientists who devised this new weapon, and the military authorities who sanctioned its use.

"I am of the opinion that the enemy has definitely decided to use these gases as a normal procedure and that protests will be useless."

Behind the Line

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ed, the first handling "supplies"—which include, generally speaking, all foodstuffs for man and beast, and the second being responsible for the provision of everything except food and medical stores. There are also the Remount Service, the Army Veterinary Service, the two departments charged with the duty of transporting men and material, movements by rail and canal being carried out by the Railway Transport Department and that by road by the Army Service Corps and the Army Postal Service.

Though the scope of all these services extends right up to the front, it is proposed at present only to touch upon that portion of it connected with the bases. The two most impressive points of the activities at those places are, first, the amount and variety of the work carried out; and secondly, the very large number of men employed, whether technical experts or labourers, who have enlisted for the war and were until recently civilians.

A GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

Of the services controlled by the Quartermaster-general that of feeding the army is, on account of its magnitude, the first to claim attention. The key-notes of the system of handling the vast amount of material coming under the head of supplies are simplicity and the saving of labor, and a general description of what takes place at one base will serve to explain what goes on at all. After being brought from overseas the cargoes are landed in the large sheds, or docks and quays. For convenience in storing and accounting the sheds are divided into sections, and as a ship comes in takes up a berth opposite the sections which it is desired at the moment to fill. From the stuff thus accumulated one day's supplies for the troops dependent on the base in question are each day collected in bays or sections arranged close to the railway lines which run alongside the sheds, each bay being large enough to contain the quantity consumed by a formation such as an army corps, a cavalry brigade, or a headquarters battery.

Next day the contents of the bays are loaded straight on to the train. This procedure applies to most articles, but those requiring more careful guarding, such as medical comforts, and articles of value, are kept separately. Petrol is also stored apart from everything else and is carried in special trucks. Meat is not kept in the sheds, but is retained on board the ships, and is only landed at the depots and remains alongside until they are empty—and is then placed direct on the rail. Bread, again, is put on rail at the bakeries and does not pass through the sheds. The trucks containing these three articles are added on to the trains when they are finally marshalled before departure.

All the bread for the army is at present baked at the base, and where there are hundreds of field ovens, each capable of baking 90 loaves of 1 1/4 lbs. weight—the daily ration. The field ovens, however, are being gradually superseded by stationary ovens, each capable of baking 4,000 loaves a day.

MISCELLANEOUS LABORERS.

The never-ending stream of material which pours in necessitates the maintenance at each base of a very large staff, a great portion of which consists of labor. Besides the ordinary fatigue parties of troops and the military prisoners constantly employed on work which does not require any particular skill, there are large gangs of trained and semi-trained tradesmen and laborers who have been specially enlisted in the army service corps for the unloading of ships and stacking of cargoes. At one place there are 1,400 of such men working daily on the quays. All are clad in khaki service uniforms, and the stevedores, who work on board the vessels, wear a blue naval cap as a distinguishing mark.

These are the countries should be repaired, to repair broken cases, and needlemen to sew up sacks which have burst, and tally clerks, accountants, storemen and foremen. These are added to the officials who look after the supply trains in transit.

A base supply depot, therefore, has a peculiar life of its own. In activity it resembles a gigantic beehive which, in spite of its complexity is regulated by the strictest order and discipline. This appears all the more remarkable when it is remembered that the great majority of the men employed have never before been subject to military discipline, have been accustomed, in peace time to live in an atmosphere of trade disputes, and have been suddenly placed under a strange authority imposing considerable restraint on the action of the individual.

In these circumstances the fact that the whole machine works smoothly speaks wonders for the good spirit prevailing among all ranks. At one place the community even possesses a bi-monthly journal of its own known as the Hangar Herald, which attains a literary level of some merit, and is certainly not devoid of humor.

Each train that starts from the base on its way to the front is in charge of an officer who has a guard of men under him and is responsible for the safe transit and correct delivery of the goods carried. To assist in the prevention of loss and the carrying of the goods as far as the railway trucks is set, and at each halting place the whole train is guarded by sentries. On arrival at railroad the goods are handed over by "issuers" to the supply columns, who carry them as far as the refilling points, or one stage further towards the units for which they are destined.

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Onions, bunch	0 05 to 0 06
Potatoes, bag	0 07 to 0 08
Cabbage, each	0 05 to 0 10
Celery, bunch	0 07 to 0 10
Carrots, basket	0 20 to 0 25
Apples, basket	0 30 to 0 35
Cherries, basket	0 40 to 0 45
Rhubarb, bunch	0 05 to 0 10
DAIRY PRODUCTS	
Butter, per lb.	0 34 to 0 35
Do, creamery, lb.	0 34 to 0 35
Eggs, dozen	0 18 to 0 20
Cheese, new, lb.	0 20 to 0 25
Do, old, lb.	0 25 to 0 30
Honey, section	0 12 to 0 15
MEATS	
Beef, roasts, lb.	0 15 to 0 16
Do, steaks, lb.	0 18 to 0 20
Do, boiling, lb.	0 10 to 0 12
Steak, "mince" lb.	0 18 to 0 20
Do, side, lb.	0 20 to 0 25
Bologna, lb.	0 20 to 0 25
Ham, smoked, lb.	0 25 to 0 30
Do, boiled, lb.	0 25 to 0 30
Lamb, hind leg	1 00 to 1 10
Chops, lb.	0 25 to 0 30
Veal, lb.	0 12 to 0 15
Mutton, lb.	0 15 to 0 20
Beef hearts, each	0 12 to 0 15
Kidneys, lb.	0 20 to 0 25
Pork, fresh, lb.	0 12 to 0 15
Pork, chops, lb.	0 20 to 0 25
Dry salt pork, lb.	0 20 to 0 25
Spare ribs, lb.	0 25 to 0 30
Carrots, lb.	0 25 to 0 30
Racoon, back, lb.	0 25 to 0 30
Sausage, lb.	1 25 to 1 50
Turkey, each	1 00 to 1 50
FISH	
Fresh Herring, each	0 10 to 0 00
Smelts, lb.	0 15 to 0 20
Perch, lb.	0 15 to 0 20
Codfish, lb.	0 15 to 0 20
Pillets of Haddock, lb.	0 15 to 0 20
Whitefish, lb.	0 10 to 0 15
Salmon trout, lb.	0 15 to 0 20
Haddies, lb.	0 10 to 0 15
Herrings, large, each	0 25 to 0 30
Do, three	0 25 to 0 30
Do, small	0 10 to 0 15
Yellow-bellied, lb.	0 12 to 0 15
Silver bass	0 15 to 0 20
GRAIN	
Oats, bush.	0 65 to 0 70
Wheat, old, bush.	1 40 to 1 50
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Straw, per ton	0 20 to 0 30
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