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Teutons' Views of Next Summer's Warfare
American Troops Cross the Mexican Border
U. S. Bankers Negotiating Canadian Loan

CENTRAL POWERS HOLD VIEW THAT GREAT OFFENSIVE MAY COME FROM FRANCE; WEST ENGAGES ATTENTION

General Staff of the Teutons Want to Derange Western Line Before Britain Is Ready Which It Thinks Will Not Be Until Next Autumn—Far East Warfare Not Regarded Seriously.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Vienna, Feb. 14.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Though the term "spring offensive" is admitted in the Austro-Hungarian press only in despatches from the Entente and neutral countries, there is no doubt that much is expected of the military operation it identifies. Military authorities here are not inclined to believe that the aggressive operations, which either side will undertake, possibly in May, will result immediately in a debacle of arms in any quarter. Talk of that nature is characterized as idle.

At the same time, it is felt that the outcome of the offensives timed for that period will have far-reaching effect, and the central powers are preparing with every ounce of energy for the great battle drawing close.

The vigor with which the campaign in the Balkans has been pushed is one indication that nothing is left undone so as to be ready when the moment comes. The calling to the colors in Austria-Hungary of all men between the ages of fifty and fifty-five, for service in the rear is another one.

MUNITIONS PILING UP.

Meanwhile, the manufacture of arms and munitions continues at a pace greater than ever before. Considering that during the winter relatively little ammunition has been used, the stores of this must be tremendous. It is known at any rate that the central powers have enough ammunition to meet any situation without fear of running short. This applies also to Bulgaria and Turkey. In both these countries new levies of recruits have been made and are being armed and trained. Whether the central powers will wait for the Entente offensives or themselves take the initiative is, of course, the greatest military secret of Europe at present. The claims that the Germans and Austro-Hungarians will wait for the French, British, Russian and Italian troops to make the first move in the various theatres of war, are as devoid of foundation as assertions to the contrary.

It is possible another drive may be undertaken against Russia by the Austro-Hungarian and German forces as soon as ground conditions permit.

HOLD INNER LINES

The "Inner line of communication" that the central powers have now perfected, make it possible that their reserves, to which in certain conditions may be added, Bulgarian and Turkish troops, can be concentrated at one point for the initial operations without the lines elsewhere weakened enough to ensure success for an offensive on the part of the opponent at that point.

An offensive on the part of the Italians could not influence the military situation of the central powers greatly, it is felt here. It could bring relief to neither the Russians, nor French and British troops, since for the defence of these Austro-Hungarian lines but few troops are needed. At the same time authorities here hold that the offensive by the Entente from the Saloniki base cannot influence the situation in Russia and France. In the first place, such operations would be local and left largely to the Bulgarians. Second, it is still considered probable that the Entente troops there will never undertake anything serious, if, indeed, they are not withdrawn before long. Military operations against the Turkish troops in Mesopotamia and the Caucasus are given no better place here and another offensive against Constantinople, appears out of the question.

OFFENSIVE FROM FRANCE.

One of the things counted upon here as reasonably certain is a new offensive by the French troops. Some hold the view that this will synchronize with renewed activity by the Russians. Each side has the choice of what sort of operations it will adopt, but the Entente has the oppor-

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Austria Now Declares War

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LISBON, Portugal, March 15.—via Paris, March 16.—The Austrian Minister has asked for his passports in accordance with instructions from his government. He will leave for Madrid by special train Thursday.

AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE MEXICAN BORDER AND ARE GETTING HELP FROM CARRANZA

Expeditionary Force Has Penetrated Ten Miles Into Hostile Territory—Washington Is Informed Carranza Is Helping, But Censorship Is Strict and Nothing Is Given Out.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Columbus, N.M., March 16 — The American expedition which entered Mexico yesterday spent an uneventful night, camped but a short distance across the American line.

GOING WELL.

The first report from Brigadier-General Pershing, commanding the expeditionary forces into Mexico, to Major General Funston, stating that all was going well was received at Fort Sam Houston early to-day. The report dealt with the disposition of the various units, the distance of the first day's march and the movement of the Carranza troops.

All these questions come under censorship, however, and were not given out.

CARRANZA HELPING.

Washington, March 16—President Wilson was informed by Secretary of War Baker early to-day that both columns of American troops now in Mexico in pursuit of Villa, and his bandits were meeting with the hearty co-operation from the Carranza soldiers.

Prospects to-day were that the American public will have to content itself with only meagre bulletins concerning the movement of troops in Mexico. What is probably one of the complete censorships in the nation's history is in full force. Under it no news despatches that would be of value to the enemy will be allowed to pass over the lines of communication nor will details, which might interfere with Funston's plans for secrecy be made public here.

The disposition of Villa, in event of his capture, was being informally discussed here to-day. It is believed that if taken alive he will be turned over to the Carranza authorities for prompt execution.

TEN MILES IN.

El Paso, Aex., March 16—The American expeditionary force which has started to capture Pancho Villa "alive or dead" has penetrated about ten miles into Mexico, according to the most reliable reports received here to-day. The military censorship which has been tightening its grip on the border for some days, permitted practically nothing but rumors to escape, but it was fairly established that the advance corps of the American expedition had camped last night in the heart of the desert which lies between the point of entry and the foot of the Sierra Madres, the vast range of mountains in the fastnesses of which Villa is believed to have taken refuge.

But the interest of the border in the American advance was practically overshadowed by the question as to how the presence of the soldiers as to how the presence of the soldiers of the United States on Mexican soil

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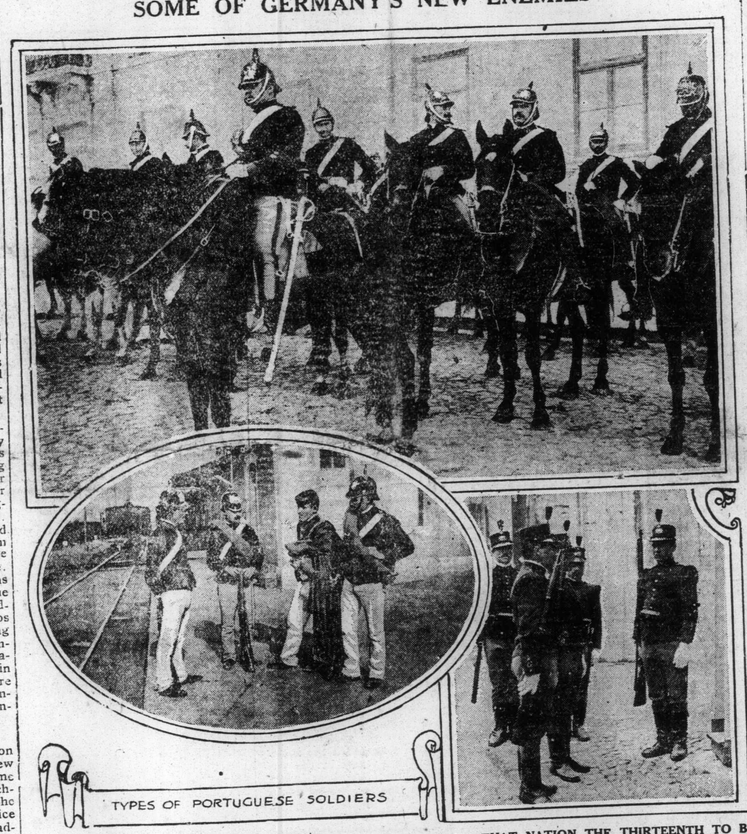
SOME OF GERMANY'S NEW ENEMIES



TYPES OF PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS

GERMANY'S DECLARATION OF WAR ON PORTUGAL MAKES THAT NATION THE THIRTEENTH TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT PORTUGAL CAN PUT 300,000 MEN IN THE FIELD. GERMANY DECLARED WAR BECAUSE PORTUGAL SEIZED GERMAN MERCHANT VESSELS HELD IN PORTUGUESE PORTS.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON

THE NEW RUSSIAN ACTIVITY.

THE RUSSIAN: "'Arf a mo', Kaiser! I'm not dead yet."—*London Opinion.*

Feeling In Germany Is Very Bitter Against the People of United States

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, via London, March 16.—The Reichstag will probably devote Friday and Saturday of next week to open discussion of the international situation and political problems which have arisen from Germany's method of a submarine warfare. A special committee of the Reichstag met to-day and found that there is a general desire of all parties for a frank and open debate on the motives underlying the government's attitude towards neutral powers. It is believed that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, will, for various reasons, decide to make a speech explaining the policy in accordance with which Germany has conducted her foreign affairs department and its reflex action on her internal policy.

In the present temper of a section of the Reichstag, the debate, it is expected, will bring out some caustic and unfriendly references to the United States, but the fact that ten days will have elapsed after what is regarded as the immediate cause of irritation will probably serve to tone down the present bitterness openly expressed by certain members of the Reichstag.

RIGHT TO CRITICISE

The ways and means committee of the Prussian diet to-day crossed swords with the administration regarding the diet's competence to discuss the American and other issues of foreign and military policy. Herr Irmer, spokesman of the Conservative party, defended the claims of the diet to the right of criticism. Foreign Minister Von Jagow, while admitting the diet's right to discuss anything it saw fit, declared that the government could not and would not accept advice or criticism on those matters, which are beyond the competence of the Prussian parliament.

from alluding even generally to the from alluding, even genrally, to the source of the conflict. The Conservative Kreuse Zeitung, argues editorially in favor of open discussion in the diet, and concludes as follows:

EXPEDIENCY ONLY BASIS.

"Within the limits of moral feeling and self-respect, we must regulate our relations to foreign powers purely on the basis of expediency. Should good relations toward any particular power appear absolutely indispensable to the conduct of our struggle for existence we must accordingly adopt our policy and must not leave it to fate to determine whether we shall come to a breach. Such fatalism in politics has no justification. If, however, we do not regard such a breach as being so serious that we must at all costs avoid it, then there is no reason why we should not use our freedom of action completely. A middle way between these alternatives, would not, in our opinion, represent a policy based on expediency, but one of those half measures which usually lead to failure."

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New Cabinet Minister.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, March 16.—The London correspondent of the New York Herald cables this morning: I am informed that Lord Montague of Beaulieu, who has consented to accept membership in the new air committee eventually will be made director of air services and receive cabinet rank.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carey, wife of "Old Pop" Carey, has won a $12,500 verdict in alienation action against Mrs. John Watts de Puyster Toler.

J. P. MORGAN & CO. AFTER THE GOVERNMENT FOR NEW LOAN

Report From New York That a 75 Million Dollar Loan Is Pending and This Big Firm Is After It.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, March 16—A group of American bankers, headed by J. P. Morgan and Company are negotiating with the Canadian Government for the flotation of a new Canadian loan, according to a statement issued by the Morgan firm to-day. The amount has not been finally determined, but it was intimated that it would be in the neighborhood of $75,000,000.

J. P. Morgan and Company issued the following statement:

"A group headed by J. P. Morgan and Company, Brown Brothers and Company, and Harris, Forbes and Company, has been in negotiation with Dominion authorities covering a proposed issue of Dominion of Canada bonds, subject to legislative consent. The group referred to will probably organize a syndicate in the near future for the purpose of handling such securities.

"It is expected that the issue, the total amount of which has not yet finally been determined upon, will be divided into equal maturities running for five, ten and fifteen years."

It was believed in financial circles that the proceeds of the loan would be employed by the Dominion Government for internal uses in accordance with the announcement recently made in parliament by the Caadian Minister of Finance that between $50,000,000 and $75,000,000 was needed this year to meet such needs. It was pointed out that there are $25,000,000 Canadian one-year notes maturing here next August out of $40,000,000 sold here last year through the Morgan firm. The financing now being negotiated would undoubtedly privede for that maturity with a balance sufficient to cover other needs, it was said. The new bonds, it is understood will bear interest at 5 per cent.

Bars Closed In Hamilton For Big Parade; Ottawa Amends Temperance Law

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Ottawa, March 16.—A Conservative caucus to-day is understood to have agreed upon an amendment to the Stevens-Marcil prohibition resolution, whereby a bill will be brought down to provide that when a province passes a prohibitory legislation, the federal law will prohibit the importation of liquor to that province.

ON REQUEST OF GEN. LOGIE.

Toronto, March 16.—On the written request of General Logie, the Ontario License Board, backed by an order in Council of the Government, has ordered that all hotels and liquor shops in Hamilton be closed at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 18th. A parade of 8,000 soldiers is to take place, and General Logie wants to make sure of its success. Under ordinary circumstances, the hotels and

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