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## CONVOY SYSTEM TURNED TABLES ON THE GERMAN PLANS

Overcame the German Submarine Menace and Figured Tremendously in Winning the War, Declares Rear-Admiral Sims on His Arrival in New York Monday.

New York, April 11.—The convoy system, which many navy men had termed impracticable, overcame the German submarine menace and figured tremendously in the winning of the war, Rear Admiral William S. Sims, commander-in-chief of the American navy's forces in European waters, declared today on his arrival here aboard the British liner Mauretania. Depth charges and listening devices, he said, contributed materially to success in maintaining practically unbroken the trans-Atlantic "bridge" of transports and supply ships essential to the allied victory, as did the "massive work" of the merchant seamen, who "took their cargoes across a convoy or no convoy." But it was the convoying system, working in the fine detail by the combined fleets of the associated powers, the officer asserted, which made possible transport-

ing and supplying the great American force whose appearance in battle with the allies turned the tide against the German invaders on the western front. Germany was winning the war, the rear admiral stated, when he arrived in England the day after the United States became a belligerent. Teuton interference with allied shipping, he added, was a serious problem, solved only when conferences of the British, American and allied commands worked out and put into practice the system of protecting vital ships which prevailed until the cessation of hostilities. A vice admiral while he was abroad, under a temporary ranking, Sims returned in the uniform of a rear admiral—his rank before the war. He came back as well, to the life which the call to foreign service forced him to leave—as husband and father.

## ALLIES OUTNUMBERED ENEMY TWO TO ONE AT THE FINISH

When Germans Gave up the Central Powers Had Reduced Their Total Force to Fifteen Per Cent. of Strength.

Washington, April 11.—The Central Powers faced odds of greater than two to one in mobilized troops when Germany gave up the fight last November. The estimated aggregate strength of the enemy powers at that time, according to official estimates made public today by General March, chief of staff, was 7,630,000. The indicated aggregate allied strength on the date was more than 16,700,000.

This situation is disclosed in the figures received by the war department from France giving the present states of the belligerent armies. They show that the Central Powers on March 1 had under arms 1,125,000 men while the allied forces aggregated 12,366,000.

Following is General March's statement: "We have received from France some rather interesting figures about the demobilization of the Central Powers and the demobilization of the entire allied forces to include February. The demobilization has been going on, of course, since then, but the figures show what has been happening over there. The Central Powers' figures are:

Germany	4,500,000	820,000
Turkey	400,000	70,000
Austria	2,230,000	106,000

The total force of the Central Powers on November 11 was estimated at 7,630,000. This had been reduced to include to February, to 1,125,000, or to fifteen per cent. of their strength. On the same day on which this report was made the strength of the allied forces was 12,366,000 or seventy-five per cent. of the strength which they had on November 11."

Turning to demobilization of the American army, General March said that the second anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the world war found the restoration of American manhood to civil life more than 40 per cent. complete. On returns up to April 1 the army had been reduced to an aggregate strength of 2,056,718. For that force, Gen. March has set a mark of 310,000 discharges per month toward which progress is being made. Actual discharges up to and including April 5, aggregated 1,624,171 officers and men.

"Every state in the Union," General March said, "is now welcoming its returning sons—the finest types of American manhood, clean and virile and deserving the thanks of the American people."

Estimated Strength Reduced to on Nov. 11 by February

Bulgaria	500,000	129,000
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## WILSON LONE HAND BLAMED FOR STIR AGAINST LEAGUE

The "Morning Post," of London, has received from an independent journalist in America what it describes as a "frank statement of public feeling in the United States concerning President Wilson and his ways." It publishes the statement as follows:

"The trouble with the President is not that he is an idealist, but that he is a dogmatist. With all his talk about moral forces, he remains a very practical politician. He is the most partisan President we have had since Andrew Jackson. He has constantly discriminated against New England, New York and Pennsylvania in favor of the South and the Democratic sections of the West."

"Nor has he been willing to take the advice even of the leaders of his own party, but has depended upon a few subservient adherents in both houses of Congress to carry his measures through, much as George III depended upon those who were called 'the King's friends.' He has treated the members of his cabinet like clerks, giving them complete charge of the routine of the departments, but seldom taking their advice. His attitude, in short, has been that of the schoolmaster."

"During his first administration he was able by this use of his personal influence, to secure some desirable legislation. His popularity in Washington was not great, but his skill in public speech won for him a large following among the people. Americans, despite their democratic ideas, have always admired the 'strong man' been willing to trust him. But in time of war the personal and partisan element may be a danger."

"In spite of the apparent potency of the phrase 'He has kept us out of war,' so constantly reiterated during the election, it is fair to say that the country as a whole was far more ready than the President, though its military unreadiness was undeniable, to join the Allies. He prevented the preparation for an event clearly foreseen, on the ground that Germany would have a legitimate cause of complaint if we appeared to threaten her. Voices were raised in warning. Roosevelt, Lodge, Leonard, Wood, all spoke out bravely, and thereby earned the President's undying enmity."

"The pettiness which kept our most distinguished army officer at home all through the war because he had advocated preparedness at a time when the President opposed it reveals the weak side of Mr. Wilson's character. His refusal to allow Mr. Roosevelt to go to France was another example of the same unamiable quality."

"The truth is that the President has an exaggerated belief in the power of mere words. As a friend of mine once said, his attitude is that of the man of letters who writes something and thinks, 'Now that is over with.' He protested against Germany's illegal and inhumane acts, he warned her not to repeat them, but he took no steps to make the repetition impossible."

"If he had called the nation to arms when the Lusitania was sunk the response would have been immediate and enthusiastic. At such a time the people need a leader. Who doubts that they would have answered Theodore Roosevelt? Even without a leader the rising tide of anger grew slowly but relentlessly."

"The President was pushed into war; he did not set the pace. Up to

the last minute he employed every possible expedient to stave it off. Nor was this all. After war was actually declared time was wasted in futile delays. It was not until England and France had urged the sending of the troops that troops began to be sent.

Fortunately, our navy was ready—no thanks to the Secretary. But the War Department was in the hands of a pacifist. At a critical period it had, as Senator Chamberlain said, 'ceased to function.' No one can say what the cost in blood and treasure was.

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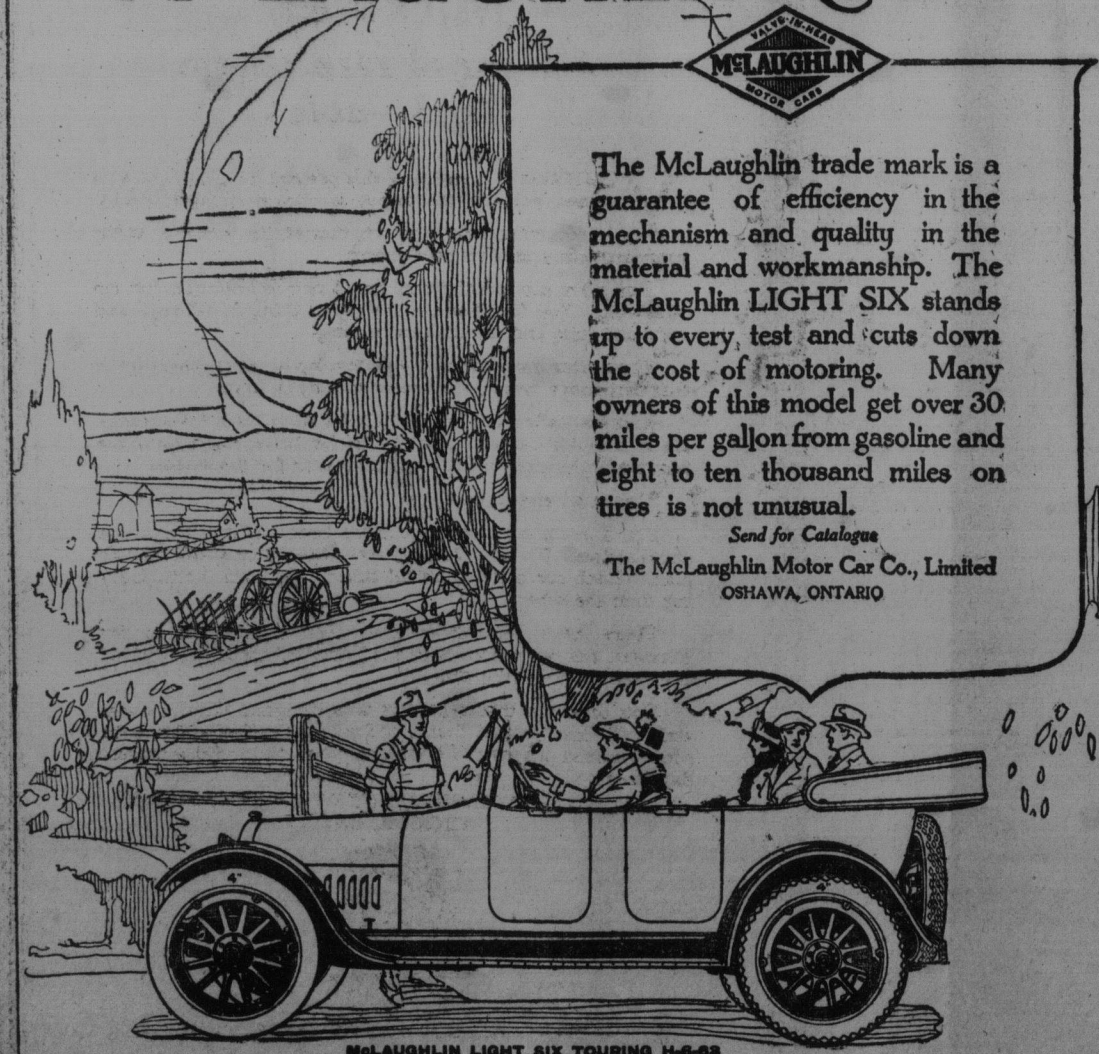
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