AMERICAN SOLDIERS MAY BE TRAINED IN ENGLAND

DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SHIPS TO PUT AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN IN FRANCE

United States Representatives at Supreme War Council Conferring With British Officials Regarding Advisability of Starting a Flow of American Battalions Through British Training System to Front Line Trenches in Flanders.

One of Concrete Proposals is That One Hundred and Fifty Battalions Be Assigned for Such Training—Congestion at American Debarkation Ports in France Lies Back of the Suggestion—United States Urged to Send as Many Men as Possible Early Across Atlantic.

Washington, Feb. 5—In view of the difficulty in finding ships to put American fighting power in France, General Bliss, the representative of the United States at the military sessions of the supreme war council, is considering with British officials the advisability of starting a flow of American battalions through the British training system to front line trenches in Flanders. This project, it was learned today has been talked over in various forms, one of the concrete proposals being that 150 battalions be assigned for such training.

Congestion at the American debarkation ports in France lies back of the suggestion. By diverting certain units to British ports, passing them through the British system and finally transferring them to General Pershing's army, it has been urged that a considerable body of men could be trained and put on the firing line who otherwise could not be sent forward for months.

It is known that proffers of British and French ships to carry American troops have accompanied urgent representations from the other side in behalf of the early movement of as many men as possible across the Atlantic. There are intimations, in fact, that British transports already have been used to carry American troops to a limited extent.

Need Supply Lines.

The question, apparently, however, largely is one of maintaining continuous supply lines for all troops sent over, rather than of finding ships to carry the men.

Secretary Baker refused today to discuss any of the questions involved in the shipping situation. Asked specifically as to the proposal to train additional American forces in Flanders, he said: "I cannot discuss the movement or projected movement of troops either for training or for combat in France."

FORTRESS OF SEBASTOPOL IN DANGER

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from Petrograd. It denies statements made in the foreign press that chaos reigns in Petrograd and elsewhere. It asserts, on the contrary, that Moscow and Petrograd are calm and that no Socialists have been arrested there.

Kiev, says the proclamation, is in the hands of the Ukrainian council and the Bourgeoisie Rada has fallen and fled. Orenburg was captured by the council's authority, the proclamation adds, while in Finland the victory of the Finnish workmen's government is nearing achievement. The White Guard forces have been pressed back northward and the workmen's victory over them is assured.

The food question in Petrograd, the proclamation continues, has improved.

M. Trotzky wires from Brest-Litovsk that the Germans are dragging out the peace negotiations.

Yesterday a decree was published separating church and state and calling for the confiscation of all church property.

The proclamation is signed by M. Gorbunoff, secretary of the council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies.

Petrograd, Friday, Feb. 1.—At the close of the sessions of the congress of workmen's and soldiers' deputies today a law was passed declaring that the workmen's and soldiers' government was to be permanent and not temporary, as originally had been announced. The congress declared the constituent assembly had been eliminated.

Grip Follows The Snow.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets taken in time will Prevent Grip. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Berlin, Feb. 4, via London—Wilhelm Dittmann, the radical Socialist deputy, who was tried by an extraordinary courtmartial on the charge of inciting to high treason, resistance to public authority and transgression of the prohibition against participating in the direction of the general strike, was today sentenced to five years' confinement in a fortress.

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BEECHAM'S PILLS
Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Everywhere. In boxes. 25c.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT BATTLES EXPECTED TO OCCUR SHORTLY

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Heavy Casualties.

Heavy casualties are believed to have been inflicted on the Teutons and considerable damage was done by the 75's on the German trenches due to the accuracy of aim of the American gunners.

The Germans have not yet been able to re-occupy the trenches and dugouts battered by the American fire Saturday evening and have been forced to build another line of trenches at that particular point.

Next in importance to the operations on the American fronts have been attacks by the Germans against the French in the Aisne region and north of Verdun near Beaumont. The French war office asserts that the attacks north of the Aisne were repulsed but the German war office says that south of Beaucourt, Baden storming troops pushed far into the French front, inflicting heavy casualties and returned to their own lines with prisoners.

British Successful.

The British have carried out successful raids against the Teutons southwest of Armentieres and in the vicinity of the Ypres-Staden railway, where many of the enemy were killed and others captured.

Intensive air fighting has been going on between the French and the Germans in France and between the Italian and British airmen and the Germans in the Italian theatre. Sunday thirteen enemy planes were downed by the French far inside the German lines, while an equal number were shot down by British and Italian airmen.

In Germany, according to the latest advices, the strike has about died out, although discontent is said still to exist. This feeling has extended even to the German troops in Flanders, who are asserted to have incited Belgian workmen to strike.

Peace Conference Off.

Seeming evidence that the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk are ended for the moment, or that they are proceeding without the attendance of some of the chief delegates of the Teutonic allies, is the fact that conferences took place in Berlin Monday between the German Emperor and Crown Prince and the Bulgarian premier, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and the Turkish Grand Vizier. That knotty questions were to be settled is also indicated by the fact that after the conference the Emperor presided over a crown council.

More Russian Troubles.

Turco-Tartar forces in southern Russia are now in operation against the Bolsheviki. They already have captured the town of Yalta, in the Crimea, and now are fighting with Red Guards, soldiers and sailors, in an endeavor to press onward and take Sebastopol, Russia's big fort and naval base on the Black Sea.

The Norwegian government, in reply to the American war trade board's proposal, regarding exports from the United States being permitted to reach Norway, with the understanding that none of them should be re-exported into Germany, says Norway in her commercial policy, "cannot break with one belligerent without imperilling her general neutrality."

ENEMY ACTIVE NORTH OF LENS

Five German Machines Are Brought Down and Three Disabled by British Airmen

London, Feb. 5.—An official statement tonight on British aerial operations says: "Over three tons of bombs were dropped Monday on various targets. Five German machines were brought down in air fighting and three were disabled. One of ours is missing."

The British official communication issued this evening says: "Last night the enemy raided one of our posts in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. One of our men is missing.

"During the latter part of the night and early this morning the hostile artillery developed great activity south of Marcoing and north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. Increased activity also was shown by the enemy north of Lens and northeast of Ypres."

Will Take Off All Excess Fat

Do you know that there is a simple, harmless effective remedy for overfatness that may be used safely and secretly by any man or woman who is losing the slimness of youth?

There is; and it is none other than the tablet form of the now famous Marmola Prescription, known as Marmola Prescription Tablets. You can well expect a reduction of from two to four pounds a week without dieting or exercising. Marmola Prescription Tablets are sold by all druggists at 75c. for a large case, or if you prefer you can order direct from the Marmola Co., 864 Woodward Ave., Mich.

IMPORTANT POW-WOW HELD AT BERLIN

Kaiser, Crown Prince, Bulgarian Premier, Austrian and Turkish Officials Meet.

London, Feb. 5—According to a wireless press despatch from Berne, a series of coonferences took place at Berlin yesterday. The German Emperor and Crown Prince received separately Vasell Radeslavoff, the Bulgarian premier, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and Talaat Pasha, the Turkish Grand Vizier, after which the Emperor presided at a crown council. Various conferences continued throughout the day.

The Austrian food controller, Herr Hoefer, has arrived at Berlin to make urgent representations to Germany regarding the necessity of helping Austria in her food difficulties.

WOMEN SILENTLY SUFFER

There are sufferings which only a woman knows and about one woman in every four goes about her household duties while suffering actual pain. If a man had to endure as much pain he would stay at home and let work take care of itself. But there is nobodyto do the work of a wife and mother. Her household work cannot be neglected, and so she works on and silently suffers.

In nearly every case her suffering takes the form of backaches and pains in the side. Her appetite is poor, and the least exertion leaves her breathless, and yet she heroically struggles on with her manifold daily task.s. The whole trouble lies in the blood, which is either scanty or impoverished, so that the food she does take does not carry nourishment to the nerves, the brain and the body. Aneamic is the medical term for this condition, and unless steps arer taken to increase the blood supply the sufferer may pass into a hopeless decline. To enrich the blood and increase its supply there is no medicine equal to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose helps to make new, rich, red blood, which fills the veins, strengthens the nerves, aids digestion, and stimulates the whole body. Through the fair use of these pills, headaches and sideaches and splitting headaches disappear, and the former sufferer has new energy and new interest in life.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by dealers in medicine everywhere or may be had by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Moncton, Feb. 4—George Raymond, the wrestler and strong man, who was captured yesterday by the police for "boot-legging," was today convicted of the offence and fined $100 for peddlinng liquor and $10 for beating his wife, totalling in all with costs $115, which he paid. Raymond did not escape with this.

CANADA WILL PARTICIPATE

Series of Imperial War Cabinets and War Conferences Will Be Held in London Again This Year.

London, Feb. 5, (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's learns that in accordance with the general wish expressed last year and as a convenience, dominion statesmen and their parliaments will arrange a series of imperial war cabinets and imperial war conferences which will be held in London this year in continuation of those held last year.

It is understood that representatives of the dominions will attend to confer with the British minister on war problems. The imperial council is now trying to arrange a date which will suit as far as possible the convenience of all, but nothing definite has yet been settled either regarding the date or regarding the statesmen who will come to England.

PROMINENT CALAIS WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. J. Skiffington Murchie, Invalid for Many Years, Passed Away — Interment in St. Stephen.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Feb. 5.—After an illness that had confined her to her home in Calais during the past three weeks, Mrs. J. Skiffington Murchie entered into rest this forenoon. Mrs. Murchie had been an invalid during many years, during which she had received the devoted care of her husband and family. She was sincerely beloved in the community for her many excellent traits of character and unostentatious charity.

Mrs. Murchie was seventy-one years of age, and is survived by her husband and three sons, Ned and Charles in Calais, and Walter in the Canadian West. Mrs. George S. Murchie, of Calais, is a surviving sister, and D. Kemp Harmon, of the customs service in Milltown, a brother. The funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon at 2.30 Atlantic time, and will be conducted by Rev. Barton Watson, of the Universalist church, of which the deceased had been a consistent and a valued member during many years. Interment will be in the Murchie lot in the St. Stephen cemetery.

WIFE MURDERER WILL BE HANGED

Edmonton, Feb. 4—The Alberta appeal court dismissed the appeal of Adam Neigel, accused of the murder of his wife near Medicine Hat on January 27, 1917, and the prisoner was sentenced to expiate the crime on the gallows on March 28. Neigel was convicted of murder at Medicine Hat after a trial of thirteen days. The evidence in the case covers 1,100 pages in the appeal book of the Alberta Supreme Court.

The death is announced in Arlington, Mass., of Captain John E. Ross. Capt. Ross was born in Sackville sixty years ago and went to sea when a boy. He leaves a wife and daughter.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

February—Phases of the Moon.

Last quarter	4d	3h	52m a.m.
New moon	11d	6h	5m a.m.
First quarter	17d	8h	57m p.m.
Full moon	25d	5h	35m p.m.

Date	Do of W.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	H. Water a.m	H. Water p.m.	L. Water a.m.	L. Water p.m.
6	We	7.44	5.33	7.06	19.38	0.35	13.14
7	Th	7.43	5.34	8.02	20.31	1.34	14.14

THE WEATHER

Maritime — Decreasing westerly, shifting to southerly winds, fair and very cold.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Northern New England: Fair, not quite so cold on Wednesday; Thursday partly cloudy, probably snow with rising temperature, fresh west winds.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The weather is very mild in the western provinces and is now beginning to moderate in Ontario, but is still intensely cold in Quebec and the Maritime provinces.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	42	52
Vancouver	42	50
Calgary	12	50
Edmonton	14	40
Medicine Hat	32	42
Battleford	0	40
Prince Albert	*2	36
Moosejaw	26	39
Saskatoon	5	31
Winnipeg	*8	16
Port Arthur	*10	6
London	*21	7
Toronto	*20	2
Kingston	*26	*10
Ottawa	*26	*10
Montreal	*24	*14
Quebec	*26	*18
St. John	*12	*8
Halifax	0	*8

*—Below zero.

ANOTHER PROBE AT HALIFAX

Pilotage Conditions at that City and Other Maritime Province Ports Will Be Investigated, Beginning Today.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The pilotage commission which has been appointed by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to investigate pilotage conditions in Halifax and other lower province ports, will begin its sittings at Halifax tomorrow. It is not known here what line the investigation will take, but in view of the gravity of the Halifax disaster and the findings of the Drysdale commission, it is likely to be most searching.

The department stated today that owing to the suspension of Pilot Mackey and the death of the pilot who was on board the Imo, there is now a shortage of pilots in Halifax. The pilot commission has been wired that the department will recommend approval of any appointments of pilots which they may make provided that the men are suitable for the work.

New York, Feb. 4.—"Tex" Rickard, cattleman and boxing promoter, has abandoned the pugilistic arena in favor of the ranch. Rickard sailed for South America yesterday and will devote his tiem in the future to cattle raising in place of promoting bouts between famous pugilists for fabulous purses.

FRANCIS KERR HEAD OF COUNTY L. O. L.

Annual Meeting of St. John County Lodge Held Last Evening and Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the St. John County Loyal Orange Lodge was held last evening, and despite the extremely cold weather there was a large attendance. The reports of the retiring officers showed that the order in this jurisdiction had enjoyed a prosperous year. Despite the fact that a very large number of the members of subordinate lodges are in khaki the attendance has been reported good and the finances are in a flourishing condition.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows:

W. County Master—Francis Kerr.
Deputy County Master—R. J. Anderson.
County Chaplain—J. E. Arthurs.
County Recording Secretary—W. H. McDonald.
County Financial Secretary—John H. Burley.
County Treasurer—N. J. Morrison.
County D. of C.—Isaac Mercer.
County Lecturer—J. K. Lawson.
Deputy Lecturers—E. H. Morrill and Robert Jones.

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Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.

The Sire—Can you do as well by my daughter as I have done?

The Suitor—I shall expect to give her a larger percentage of my income than you have ever given her of yours.

Two Special Offerings

Annual clearance of Broken Lots of Suits and Overcoats.

This sale is truly an encouragement to thrift.

When you can procure an excellent suit, well cut and trimmed and a good fit for $10, $15 or $17.50, and a winter overcoat for $12.50, $15.50 and $17.50, it is difficult to imagine a greater aid to thrift.

It is only possible to offer such inducements because in most cases there is but one suit or overcoat of a kind as well as some qualities we are discontinuing.

As in many cases to delay is dangerous.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

A delightful social evening was spent last night by about thirty of the girls of Miss Laird's class in the school rooms of St. David's church. After a pleasant time spent in games and music refreshments were served.

These Physicians Warn Public Against Taking Substitutes for Nuxated Iron

Say That Ordinary Metallic Iron Preparations Cannot Possibly Give the Same STRENGTH, POWER AND ENDURANCE

As Organic Iron. Besides they may upset the digestion, disturb the secretions and thereby do more harm than good, and that Health Officials and Physicians everywhere should caution the public against accepting inferior substitutions in medicines.

Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.) New York, and the Westchester County Hospital; Dr. Schuyler C. Jaques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City; Dr. A. J. Newman, former Police Surgeon of Chicago; Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical author, and others give valuable advice and information on the use of organic iron as a tonic, strenght and blood builder.

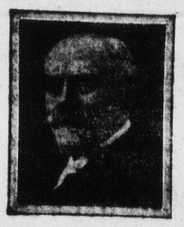
Careful investigation by designated physicians among druggists and patients has revealed the fact that there are thousands of people taking iron who do not distinguish between organic iron and metallic iron and that such persons often fail to obtain the vital energy, strength and endurance which they seek, simply because they have taken the wrong form of iron. They seem to think that iron is iron on a good deal the same theory that a potato would be a potato whether cooked or raw, entirely ignoring the fact that the cooking process makes

Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author.

certain important cellular changes in the potato that renders it far more easy of assimilation by the blood and tissues. No one would hardly expect to derive the same strength from eating raw potatoes that he would from eating cooked potatoes, yet, according to the opinions of some physicians who have made a study of the subject, taking raw, unprepared, metallic iron is somewhat like eating raw potatoes.

Therefore, physicians mentioned below advise those who feel the need of a strength and blood builder, to go to their family doctor and obtain a prescription calling for organic iron—Nuxated Iron—and present this to their druggist so that there may be no question about obtaining the proper article. But if they do not wish to go to the trouble of getting a prescription for Nuxated Iron then be sure to look on the label and see that the words NUXATED IRON are printed thereon. Not Nux and iron nor any other form of iron, but NUXATED IRON.

The remarkable results produced by Nuxated Iron and its widespread sale (it being estimated that over three million peaple annually are today using it) has led to the offering of numerous substitutes and these physicians say that health officials and doctors everywhere should caution the public against accepting substitutes in medicines, and they especially warn against accepting substitutes for Nuxated Iron, which, instead of being organic iron may be nothing more than a metallic iron compound which may in some cases produce more harm than good. The wide-spread publication of the above information in all Nuxated Iron advertisments has been suggested by Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly physician in Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept), New York City; Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author, and others, so that the public may be informed on this subject and protected from the use of metallic iron under the delusion that it is Nuxated Iron, or at least something as good as Nuxated Iron. In regard to the value of Nuxated Iron, Dr. Sullivan says. "I have strongly emphasized the great necessity of physicians making blood examinations of their weak, anaemic, rundown patients. Thousands of per-



Former Health Commissioner Kerr

sons go on year after year suffering from physical weakness and a highly nervous condition due to lack of sufficient iron in their red blood corpuscles without ever realizing the real and true cause of their trouble. Without Iron in your blood your food merely passes throught the body, something like corn through an old mill with rollers so wide apart that the mill can't grind.

"But in my opinion you can't make strong, vigorous, successful, sturdy iron men by feeding them on metallic The old forms of metallic iron must go through a semi-digestive process to transform them into organic iron—Nuxated Iron—before they are so ready to be taken up and assimilated by the human system.

Former Health Commissioner Wm. R. Kerr of Chicago says: "From my own exeprience with Nuxated Iron, I feel that it is such a valuable rermedy that it ought to be used in every hospital and prescribed by every physician in this country. I have taken it myself and experienced its health-giving, strength-building effect. I am well past my three score years and want to say that I believe my own

Dr. A. J. Newman, Late Police Surgeon of the City of Chicago, and Former House Surgeon, Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago.

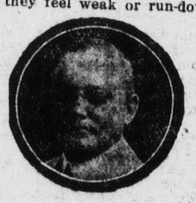
great physical activity is due largely today to my personal use of Nuxated Iron."

While former Health Commissioner Kerr is not himself a physician, still his experience in handling public health problems must give his opinion more than ordinary weight.

Dr. A. J. Newman, Former Police Surgeon of Chicago, and former House Surgeon, Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, says: "It has been my particular duty during the past six years to assist in keeping Chicago's five thousand blue coats in good health and perfect fighting trim, so that they would be prysically equipped to withstand all manner of storms and ravages of nature's elements. Recently I was prompted through an endorsement of Nuxated Iron by Dr. Schuyler C. Jacques, Visiting Surgeon, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York, to give it a trial. This remedy has proven through my own tests of it to excel any preparation I have ever used for creating red blood, building up the nerves, strengthening the muscles and correcting digestive disorders."

Dr. Ferdinand King says: "Doctors should prescribe more organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for their nervous, rundown, weak, haggard looking patients. Pallor means anaemia. The skin of the anaemic man or waman is pale, the flesh flabby, the muscles lack tone, the brain fags and the memory fails, and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy. When the iron goes from the blood of women, the roses go from their cheeks."

Dr. E. Saur, a Boston Physician who has studied both in this country and in great European Medical Institutions, said: "Nuxated Iron is a wonderful remedy. If people would only take it when they feel weak or run-down in-



Dr. E. Sauer, A Boston Physician who has studied in great European Medical Institutions.

stead of dosing themselves with habit-forming drugs, stimulants and alcoholic beverages, I am convinced that there are thousands who might readily build up their red blood corpuscles, increase their physical energy and get themselves in to a condition to ward off the millions of disease germs that are almost continually around us. It is surprising how many people suffer from iron deficiency and do no know it. If you are not strong or well you owe it to yourself to make the following test. See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of Nuxated Iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see how much you have gained."

Dr. Schuyler C. Jacques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City, said: "I have never before given out any medical information or advice for publication, as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish quickly to increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderful effective remedy."

NOTE—Nuxated Iron, which is prescribed and recommended above by physicians, is not a secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists everywhere. Unlike the older inorganic iron products it is easily assimilated, and does not injure the teeth, make them black nor upset the stomach. The manufacturers guarantee successful and entirely satisfactory results to every purchaser or they will refund your money. It is dispensed by all good druggists.