

SPECIAL TRAINS RUSH WITH 17,000 GUARDS TO FRONT

Troops Break Camp and Start Entraining at Wood's Order

EXAMINATIONS WAIVED

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Two hundred thousand National Guardsmen are now under arms and will be ready to accede to the Mexican border within a week, according to estimates of the War Department today.

NEW YORK, June 26.—By tomorrow at the latest 17,000 National Guardsmen from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont and Massachusetts will be on trains speeding toward the border.

Major General Leonard Wood's orders for this force to proceed at once to the border met with instant response from the officers and men. At Camp Beckman Major General O'Ryan, in command of the New York Guardsmen, communicated the orders to him to commanders of the 7th, 14th and 15th Regiments, the 1st Cavalry and 22d Engineers and several detached units.

Not since Spanish-American war days has the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, been kept open all night as it is today. General Wood was on the job virtually 24 hours. He was the task of selecting the units from the State troops to make up the number of men asked of him by the War Department.

NEW JERSEY—Probably the 5th Infantry; two cavalry troops, two field artillery batteries, one field hospital, one ambulance company.

MASSACHUSETTS—Second, 5th, 8th and 9th regiments of infantry; one battalion of field artillery; 1st squadron cavalry; signal corps; ambulance company.

CONNECTICUT—First and 2d Infantry; Yale University field artillery battery; signal corps; ambulance company.

VERMONT—One regiment of infantry.

New York's troops will serve in the Brownsville District of Texas; those of Massachusetts and New Jersey will go to El Paso.

Official announcement of these assignments was made by Colonel Ballinger, of the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A., at Governor's Island.

ORDERS TO PREPARE. Orders to make ready for instant orders to move were sent to the Guard commanders in Florida, District of Columbia, Virginia, Georgia, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Maine, Rhode Island, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee.

Regimental commanders in the States where immediate movement was ordered worked the greater part of the night communicating with railroad heads and arranging transportation facilities. It was admitted today that ordinary travel would probably be able to track for the next few days to permit expeditious handling of the troops.

48,000 IN GUARD CAMPS. The number of National Guard troops of the Department of the East in the mobilization camps grew Sunday to 48,000, according to Major General Wood's report to the War Department. The men are prepared to entrain for the Mexican border at an hour's notice, he announced.

JERSEY GUARDS BREAK CAMP AND TAKE TRAIN FOR MEXICO. First Regiment and Cavalry Troops Quit Sea Girt.

CAMP FIELDER, SEA GIRT, N. J., June 26.—Battery B, Field Artillery, of Camden,

will entrain here some time this afternoon or early tonight for the Mexican frontier. The battery is a part of the New Jersey quota in the 16,000 troops that have been ordered from National Guard organizations for immediate service.

The battery started to break camp this morning and found it necessary to leave behind some of their horses, because they were not sufficiently broken for use. Battery A, of East Orange, will go with Battery B.

The first organization to leave here will be the field hospital (Elizabeth), which is expected to get under way by 2 o'clock this afternoon. They will be followed by the ambulance company (Red Bank) and the batteries, Troops A and C, of the 1st Cavalry Squadron, will follow immediately and the 1st Regiment of Infantry (Newark) will be last.

The troops will be moved to San Antonio, Tex., via Memphis, Tenn. When the orders were received here for the movement efforts were made to secure Pullman cars but it was found that all had been commandeered by the Quartermaster's Department of the regular army. The four-day trip must now be made in ordinary day coaches.

The 2d Regiment, of Trenton, and the 3d, of Camden, now expect to be called here for mobilization, one of them being used to complete the brigade depicted by General Wood's call for the 1st Regiment.

Six trains have been made up and General Sadler announced that he expected the entire force to entrain before evening.

CONNECTICUT STATE GUARD WILL LEAVE ROOKIES BEHIND. Seven Hundred and Fifty Recruits to Get Quick Training.

CAMP HOLCOMB, Niantic, Conn., June 26.—Adjutant General Cole, of the Connecticut National Guard, has received orders from Major General Wood to move his troops toward the Mexican border as soon as possible.

Approximately 2000 troops are at camp about a quarter of them recruits. Most of the latter are not armed and they will not leave with the first detachment. The news of early entraining was received by the militia with cheers.

MASSACHUSETTS GUARDSMEN TAKE TRAIN AT FRAMINGHAM. Eighteen Specials on Two Roads Leave Camp Whitney.

CAMP WHITNEY, Framingham, Mass., June 26.—The Massachusetts troops of the National Guard broke camp early today and started entraining for Mexico as fast as baggage, horses, munitions and equipment could be packed aboard the 18 trains furnished by the Boston and Albany and the New Haven roads.

PIRANO E' BOMBARDATA DA SILURANTI ITALIANE. E' Cominciata Su Tutte le Fronti la Grande Offensiva degli Alleati.

Un dispaccio da Roma dice che il Ministero della Marina ha annunciato che torpediniere italiane sono entrate di sorpresa nel porto austriaco di Pirano, sulla costa dell'Istria, e ne hanno bombardato le opere di fortificazione. Completato il bombardamento, le siluranti sono ritornate senza danni alla loro base.

Intanto continua, spinta con grande vigore, l'offensiva italiana sulla fronte del Trentino, ed il generale Cadorna annuncia la conquista di parecchie importanti posizioni che gli austriaci erano riusciti ad occupare nelle prime settimane della loro offensiva. L'artiglieria italiana ha polverizzato le opere di difesa che gli austriaci vi avevano costruito.

Nel tempo medesimo i russi hanno superato la linea meridionale dei Carpazi e sono entrati nella Transilvania, cioè in territorio ungherese. Ieri stesso gli inglesi hanno bombardato violentamente le posizioni tedesche nel Belgio e in Francia, in preparazione di una grande offensiva che sta per cominciare anche lì. Come si vede, è suonata l'ora del "Freddie rationem" per gli imperi centrali ed i loro alleati.

GLI AUSTRIACI IN PIENA RITIRATA DAVANTI ALLA OFFENSIVA DI CADORNA

Numerose Posizioni Conquistate dagli Italiani nella Zona tra l'Adige ed il Brenta in Vigorosi Attacchi

I DUELLI D'ARTIGLIERIA

ROMA, 26 Giugno. Finalmente anche sulla fronte italiana si ha la grande offensiva da parte del generale Cadorna il quale evidentemente approfitta del fatto che gli austriaci hanno incominciato a ritirare truppe dal Trentino per invitarle ad arrestare la grande offensiva dei russi nella Galizia.

Le truppe austriache che erano state lanciate per invadere l'Italia hanno iniziato un movimento di ritirata generale di fronte ad una vigorosissima offensiva, incominciata dal generale Cadorna, come e' annunciato ufficialmente oggi.

Gli Italiani hanno conquistato posizioni occupate dagli austriaci a Castel Gomberto, Meletta, Monte Longara, Gallo, Asiago, Cesuna e Monte Cengio.

Le conquiste più importanti gli italiani le hanno fatte nella giornata di ieri. Sono le più ingenti fatte in un singolo attacco dagli italiani dalle prime settimane della guerra. Le truppe del generale Cadorna spingono la loro offensiva col più grande vigore, approfittando dello spostamento di truppe austriache verso la fronte della Galizia e della Bucovina.

Il colpo più grave gli austriaci lo hanno avuto ieri al centro, contro l'armata centrale italiana che aveva invaso il territorio italiano. Ieri gli italiani presero al nemico posizioni importanti su una fronte di 15 miglia, conquistando Monte Cengio e Cesuna, a sud-ovest di Asiago; le posizioni di Asiago e la borgata di Gallo, che e' ad un paio di miglia da Asiago.

Il generale Cadorna ha comunicato al Ministero della Guerra l'inizio della sua offensiva con il seguente breve dispaccio dalla fronte:

Una energica offensiva e' stata iniziata dalle truppe italiane. Il nemico ha ripiegato su tutta la fronte di attacco. Le nostre forze hanno riconquistato parecchie posizioni che erano state prese precedentemente dagli austriaci nelle prime settimane della loro offensiva.

Gli austriaci sono stati respinti da per tutto dove sono stati attaccati. Essi avevano fortificato assai bene le posizioni che avevano conquistato precedentemente, ma i cannoni italiani hanno letteralmente scosso tutte le opere di difesa che gli austriaci avevano costruito.

Oggi il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente comunicato ufficiale sulla situazione alla fronte italiana:

Il nemico, incapace di penetrare nella nostra linea di difesa e' premuto vigorosamente dalla nostra continua offensiva, e' stato forzato a cominciare il suo movimento di ritirata. La nostra offensiva continua vigorosamente. Noi abbiamo cominciato di nuovo l'importante nodo stradale di Mandriole e le posizioni di Castel Gomberto, Meletta,

Monte Longara, Gallo, Asiago, Cesuna e Monte Cengio. Ecco il testo del bollettino pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra in base al rapporto del generale Cadorna: Ieri tra l'Adige ed il Brenta si e' avuta un'annunziata attivita' dell'artiglieria nemica. Noi stendiamo con successo una cortina fuoco nella Vallarsa e nella valle del Posina, e distruggiamo alcune posizioni nemiche a sud-ovest di Asiago, tra il Monte Cengio ed il Monte Campiello, a sud della Vallarsa e tra Punta Corbin e Cesuna. Scontri di fanteria si sono avuti nella zona di Camuglia, al west del Posina, nella vicinanza di Meneghetti ed a sud di Arsiero, dove noi attaccammo e ricacciammo indietro il nemico. Nell'alta valle del Cordevole e nell'alta valle del Boite si sono avuti violenti duelli di artiglieria. Le stazioni ferroviarie di Innichen e Sillian, nella valle della Drava sono state di nuovo bombardate dalla nostra artiglieria di grosso calibro. Aeroplani nemici hanno lasciato cadere bombe su Tolmezzo, Porto Grunaro, Ponte di Piave e sulla laguna di Grado, senza far vittime e facendo soltanto lievi danni.



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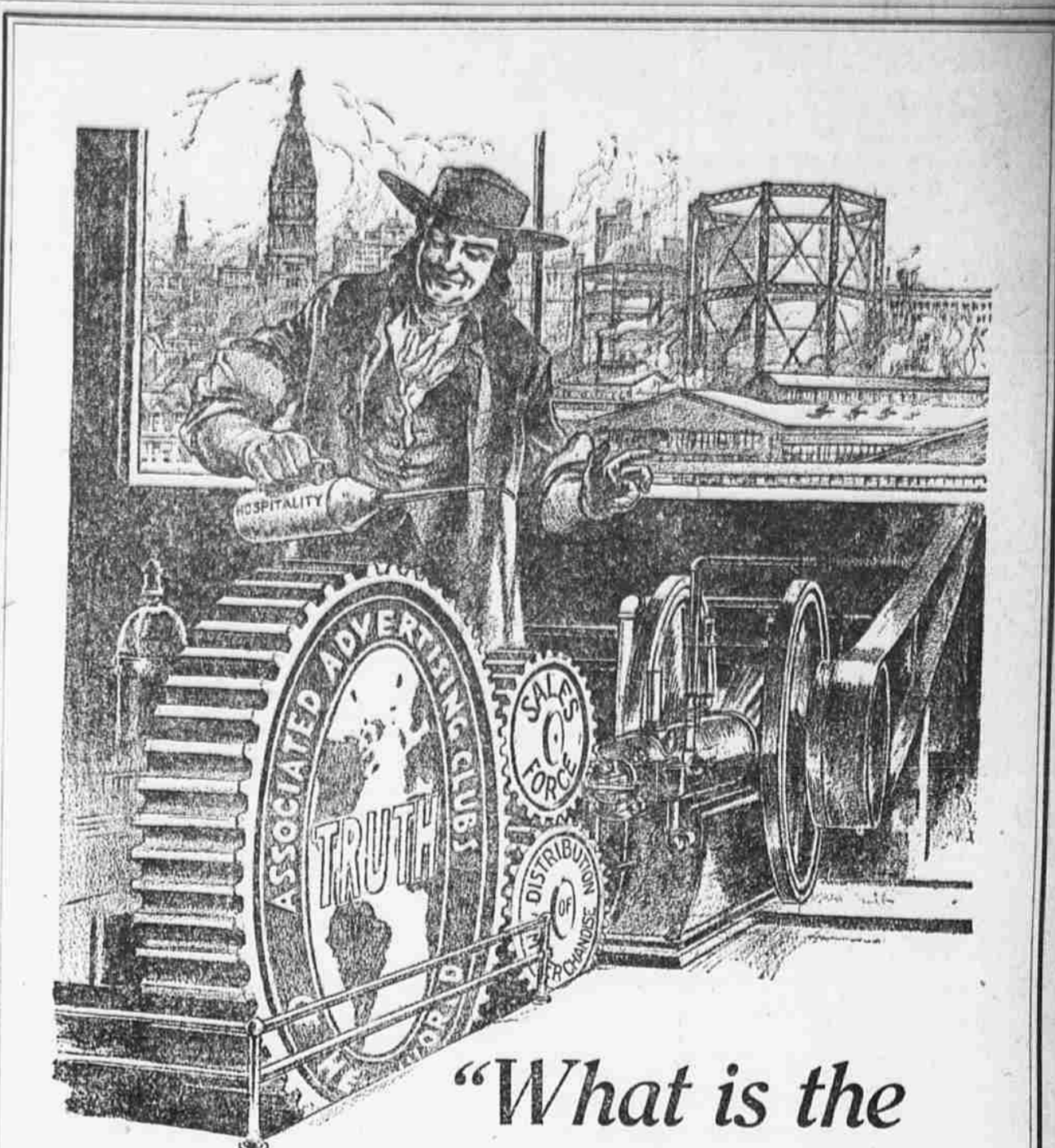
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