U.S. TURNS BEAVER AS WAR MENACES

Nation's Energy Bent on Preparations for Opening of Conflict

DEFENSE COUNCIL BUSY

Navy Construction, Munitions, Transportation and Industry All Speed Up

From a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 23.

Preparedness for war with Germany, ranging from immediate construction of five $25,000,000 battle cruisers to the standardization of lenses for fieldglasses will be considered at a joint meeting tomorrow of the Council of National Defense and the Advisory Council. The meeting will be held at the War Department. Secretary of War Baker is chairman of the National Council, which is made up of six Cabinet officers. The Advisory Commission is made up of military experts and heads of big industrial enterprises.

Special attention is being given at this time to the question of industrial preparedness, the ability of the manufacturing concerns to produce the wide range of equipment necessary to put any army of at least 1,000,000 in the field. Various private organizations, which do not have even a quasi-official standing are preparing to cooperate with the Government.

DEFENSE COUNCIL

The six Cabinet officers who compose the Council of National Defense are: Secretaries of War, Navy, Labor, Agriculture, Commerce and Interior.

The Council is aided in its duties by Advisory Commissions appointed by the President, who are Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, chairman; Howard E. Coffin, vice president of the Hudson Motor Company; Dr. Hollis Godfrey, president of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia; Samuel Gompers, president of American Federation of Labor; Julius Rosenwald, president Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago; Dr. Franklin H. Martin, Chicago; Bernard M. Baruch, New York city.

With a view to handling every phase of the war situation through men expert in their individual lines, the advisory committee has appointed the following committee chairmen:

Transportation and communication, Mr. Willard.

Munitions, manufacturing, including standardization and industrial relations, Mr. Coffin.

Supplies, including food and clothing, Mr. Rosenwald.

Raw materials, minerals and metals, Mr. Baruch.

Labor, including conservation of health and welfare of workers, Mr. Gompers.

Medicine, including general sanitation, Doctor Martin.

Science and research, including engineering and education, Doctor Godfrey.

The several chairmen have named subcommittees and these subcommittees have worked out the details necessary in case of war in their every phase.

NAVY WORK RUSHED

Activity in all lines of preparedness, especially the rushing of plans to place the navy in perfect condition for mobilization and strengthening it in accordance with the speeding up plans authorizing the expenditure of $115,000,000, are under way.

All the citizens' advisory committees are working night and day and splendid cooperation is being given by men of affairs. The representatives of the large shipbuilding firms, Cramp, the New York Shipyards, Newport News and Fore River, will confer tomorrow with Secretary Daniels about the building of the battle cruisers and the time in which they can be constructed with the suspension of the eight-hour day.

At the same time the smaller shipbuilders, as well as the large ones, will be in conference on the building of submarines.

The last naval bill authorized the building of fifteen destroyers and the navy will build as many more as the capacity of the yards will permit.

Conferences with the steel makers will be held next Monday, and these concerns will be asked, as have been the shipbuilders, to turn seventy per cent of their capacity over to the Government. In case they do not do so, and the shipyards do not co-operate to the limit with the Government's steel concerns, both will be commandeered, as provided by the recent act.

DR. BRADDOCK MARTYR TO MEDICAL SCIENCE

Physician Who Spent Years in Combating Disease Victim of Fever Contracted in Siam

Dr. Charles S. Braddock, Jr., one of the best-known enemies of cholera and smallpox in the country, died today at his home at Haddonfield, N. J. Doctor Braddock had been ill since last November, when he was stricken with paralysis. He recovered from this but suffered from the effects of tropical fevers he had contracted while in Siam some years ago.

Doctor Braddock was stricken in his office in New York, where he was chief medical examiner of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, following his return from Siam. He was removed to the Physicians' Hospital, where he remained for several weeks, later being brought to his home here. Twice while here he was removed to hospitals in Philadelphia and was taken home only a few days ago.

Doctor Braddock was known throughout the medical world as a zealous foe of cholera and smallpox. He perfected the smallpox vaccine virus used today in the tropics, which is intended to withstand the intense heat.

His greatest record was earned as the first medical, health and sanitation officer of the Government of Siam. He was called there in 1902 and remained for some years. During that time he went deep into the interior where cholera was depopulating the country and after burning village after village and establishing the first isolation camps ever known, he succeeded in virtually driving out the plague.

Prior to going to Siam Doctor Braddock served as an officer in the New Jersey naval militia aboard the Resolute throughout the Spanish war and treated, professionally, members of the Peace Commission while the Resolute was acting as a refuge for the members during the negotiations. At the close of the war he received two medals from the American Government.

GERMAN HELD AS SPY ON BETHLEHEM PLANT

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 23.—Anton Hermes, twenty-one years old, of Passaic, N. J., was arrested today by City Detective Jacob Nixon charged with espionage. He was born in Germany, where he went through the gymnasium schools, and is intelligent and highly trained as a mechanic.

Several weeks ago he applied for a position in the drafting department of the Bethlehem Steel Works. They did not need a draftsman, but gave him a job as clerk. He obtained a boarding place in Allentown. Among his effects which were seized were a number of plans of the steel plant, letters which indicate that he has spies stationed against this country, and photographs of the works the writer [illegible]

LA BATTAGLIA INIZIATA ATTORNO A ST. QUENTIN

I Francesi Attaccano Ora La Linea Principale Tedesca a Nord dell'Oise

ROMA, 23 Marzo.

Dalle notizie che vengono dalla Francia sembra potersi dedurre che i tedeschi si sono ritirati tanto quanto intendevano e che percio' la battaglia campale si va rapidamente determinando. Soltanto la battaglia campale, che finora i tedeschi hanno evitato, pare debba costringerli ad abbandonare la famosa linea di difesa di von Hindenburg. I francesi attaccano ora la linea principale tedesca nella speranza di capovolgere i piani del maresciallo del kaiser, ed infatti la lotta e' vivissima nel settore compreso tra St. Quentin e La Fere, dove finora il generale Niveile ha avuto per se' e per le sue truppe tutti i vantaggi.

Nel settore tenuto dalle forze inglesi la resistenza tedesca e' andata aumentando considerevolmente da Arras a St. Quentin e le nevicate fortissime di questi ultimi giorni hanno piuttosto favorito la difesa che non le truppe attaccanti. Pero' l'estrema ala destra inglese e' in continuo contatto con l'estrema ala sinistra francese nella zona di St. Quentin, in modo che e' assicurata la solidita' della linea di battaglia. Sembra che la grande prova campale vada determinandosi nel settore St. Quentin-Le Fere, di modo che i francesi avrebbero tutto il peso della lotta. E' anche possibile che la battaglia sia gia' cominciata, e in questo caso il vantaggio iniziale sarebbe completamente con i francesi.

Intanto si dice che von Hindenburg prepara una grande offensiva contro la Russia, nella speranza di approfittare della naturale scossa subita dalla grande nazione a causa della rivoluzione. Il maresciallo tedesco spererebbe di trovare disorganizzazione nelle file russe specialmente per quanto riguarda i rifornimenti. Un ufficiale tedesco fatto prigioniero sulla fronte russa avrebbe dichiarato che lo Stato Maggiore del kaiser ritiene che i recenti avvenimenti di Russia formeranno il principio della caduta della potenza militare russa. Questa dichiarazione e' stata resa pubblica in tutta la Russia e letta ai soldati che combattono contro tedeschi e turchi per sollevarne il morale, ma si sa che agenti tedeschi lavorano ancora in Russia per portare la discordia nella file dell'esercito ed avere buon gioco per se.'

Certo e' che i tedeschi ed austriaci hanno attaccato le linee russe in un breve settore per tastarne la solidita' ed assicurarsi degli effetti della rivoluzione, e sono riusciti a penetrare in alcune trincee. Ma il governo russo ha lanciato un nuovo appello alle truppe per esortarle a battere il nemico, ed il granduca Nicola ha fatto altrettanto, avvertendo che egli non potrebbe mai acconsentire ad un ritorno del vecchio regime nel gia' impero dello czar.

Qui pero' si ritiene che e' ozioso parlave di una grande offensiva contro la Russia quando vi sono le armate anglo-francesi e quelle italiane che attaccano o si apprestano all'attacco come non hanno potuto fare prima di aver compiuto il lavoro di preparazione fatto nell'inverno scorso. In questi circoli militari si sente che la grande offensiva tedesca e' tramontata forse per sempre.

WASHINGTON, 23 Marzo.

Il console americano ad Amsterdam telegrafa che il piroscafo americano Healdton, appartenente alla Standard Oil Company, e' stato affondato da un sottomarino tedesco ieri l'altro al largo della costa olandese. Il piroscafo fu silurato senza alcun preavviso e venti persone dell'equipaggio annegarono ed un marinaio mori' in seguito ad una ferita.

L'Healdton era partito da Philadelphia alla volta di Rotterdam il 26 gennaio con un carico di oltre due milioni di gallioni di petrolio raffinato. Dell'equipaggio del piroscafo otto ufficiali e macchinisti erano cittadini americani. Si aggiunge cosi' un altro motivo per la dichiarazione di guerra da parte degli Stati Uniti alla Germania.

Un telegramma da Petrograd dice che l'ambasciatore americano Francis si e' recato in forma ufficiale e con i membri del l'Ambasciata a far visita al nuovo ministro degli Esteri di Russia, Miliukoff, riconoscendo cosi' primo fra tutti gli ambasciatori accreditati presso il governo russo, il nuovo stato di cose creato dalla recente rivoluzione.

Al Dipartimento di Stato la notizia e stata confermata. Il governo americano ha cosi' riconosciuto ufficialmente il nuovo governo russo. All'ambasciatore Francis saranno inviate presto nuove credenziali.

WILL LEAVE STAFF OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Horace W. Davis Announces Purpose to Resign From State Law Department

SHARON, Pa., March 23.

Deputy Attorney General Horace W. Davis, of this city, this afternoon announced that he will tender his resignation immediately to Attorney General Brown and Governor Brumbaugh. He has accepted a position in New York city which will require his residence in that city, he said.

Since his appointment as Deputy Attorney General Mr. Davis has been in full charge of all State affairs in western Pennsylvania.

SEAFORD MINISTER SICK

SEEAFORD, Del., March 23. — Dr. Charles L. Fischer, of Philadelphia, rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church, of Seaford, is critically ill of heart disease in his rooms at the Hotel Sussex here. He came down from Philadelphia early this week and was stricken yesterday.

Doctor Fischer has been rector at the St. Luke's Church for several years.

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MOEWE'S VICTIMS NOT THOSE SUNK OFF BRAZIL

St. Theodore Only One of Former List, Berlin Statement Shows

LONDON, March 23.

The British Admiralty announced this afternoon that, according to a German wireless dispatch, the raider Moewe had sunk these vessels:

French Prince, Eddie, Brecknoeshire, Rhodanthe, Katherine, Esmoraldas, Otaki, Demoterton, Governor and Jean, all British, and Staut, a Norwegian craft.

The statement also said it appeared that the St. Theodor had been sunk.

Of the twelve ships listed above only one has heretofore been mentioned as a victim of the South American sea raider—the St. Theodore.

The other ships are listed at Lloyds as follows:

French Prince, 4766 tons, owned by the Prince Line, Newcastle.

Eddie, 2652 tons, Thomas Turnbull & Sons Shipping Company, Whitby, England.

Brecnockshire. Not listed. May be misspelling of the Radnorshire, previously known to have been sunk by the raider.

Rhodanthe, 3061 tons, London Marine Steamship Company, London.

Katherine, 2926 tons, Chr. Salvesen & Co., West Hartlepool, Eng.

Esmeraldas, 4678 tons, Pacific Steam Navigation Company, Liverpool.

Otaki, 9575 tons, New Zealand Shipping Company, Plymouth.

Demerterton, 6048 tons, Carlton Steamship Company, Newcastle.

Governor, 5524 tons, Charente Steamship Company, Liverpool.

Jean. No British ship of this name listed in Lloyd's. There are three Jeans catalogued; two small French vessels and one American.

Staut. Not listed in Lloyd's.

20 YEARS ON POLICE FORCE

Lieutenant John J. Noon, of the Fifteenth and Snyder avenue police station, today is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of his entrance into the police department. The men of his district lined up this morning at roll call, and Magistrate Carl B. Baker presented the lieutenant with twenty American Beauty roses, the gift of the men of the district.

Among the other gifts of the men to Lieutenant Noon were a lounge and a meerschaum pipe. A reception will be given tonight by the men. Lieutenant Noon entered the service in 1897 and in 1913 was promoted to a lieutenancy in the Second district. He is forty-eight years old.

U. S. ARSENALS SHORT IN PRODUCT

Springfield and Rock Island Plants Turn Out About 500 Rifles Daily

THEIR CAPACITY 1500

"Twelve Willful" Filibusters in Senate Blamed for Present Deficiency

WASHINGTON, March 23.

With facilities for producing 1500 rifles a day, the Government arsenals at Springfield and Rock Island today are turning out "about" 500 every twenty-four hours.

Up to September 1 Springfield was turning out fifty or sixty rifles daily; the rifle works at Rock Island had been idle for years.

There was available today approximately 800,000 Springfield rifles of the latest type used by the army. There are also available about 400,000 Krags that have been discarded for the new model and which are available not only for drilling purposes, but are still "shootable."

According to Representative Hull, Republican, Iowa, member of the House Military Committee, it is the fault of Congress that the Government plants have not been turning out more rifles. The army appropriation would have furnished money needed for this purpose had it not been killed when the "twelve willful" filibusterers blocked all legislation at the last session.

Hull said arrangements now are under way to run the plants at fullest capacity within a short time.

It was only after September 1 last, when special appropriations became available, that the Government has been able to speed up to the extent it has, Hull said.

Military experts have figured that under newest war conditions there must be an average of three and one-half rifles per man. Five per man are provided by Germany.

Watertown Arsenal on Extra Time

WATERTOWN, Mass, March 23.—Orders were received at the Watertown Arsenal from the War Department to put two ten-hour shifts of men at work immediately. Colonel T. C. Dickson, U. S. A., retired, in charge, said there was urgent need of skilled workmen, especially machinists and mechanical draftsmen. Eight hundred men are employed now.

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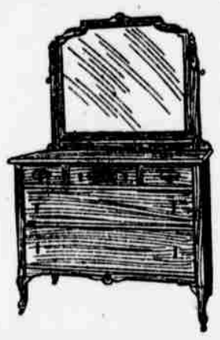

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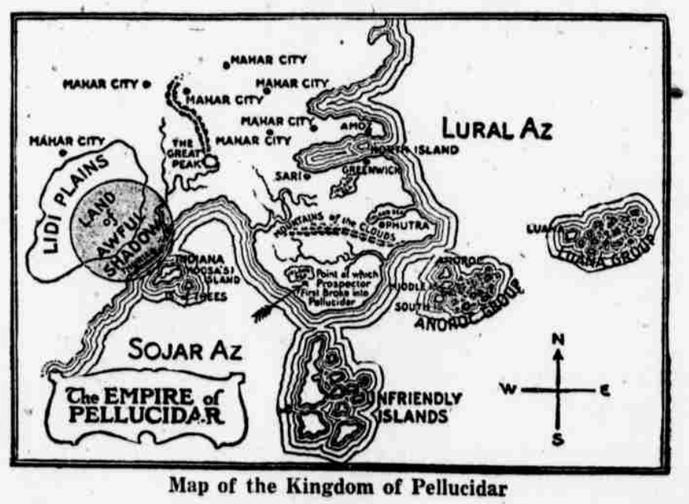

Map of the Kingdom of Pellucidar

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