

# U.S. HAS GREAT ARMY IN FRANCE READY TO FIGHT

## Over Half Million Trained Men For General Foch's Counter Offensive

Washington, May 9.—More than half a million American soldiers have been sent to France, Secretary Baker yesterday authorized the statement that his forecast in Congress in January that 500,000 troops would be dispatched to France early in the present year now has been surpassed. Mr. Baker dictated the following statement:

"In January I told the Senate committee that there was strong likelihood that early in the present year 500,000 American troops would be dispatched to France. I cannot, either now or perhaps later, discuss the number of American troops in France, but I am glad to be able to say that the forecast I made in January has been surpassed."

The Secretary chose his words about the troops in France with utmost care. He would not amplify the statement in any way, and specifically asked that the press refrain from speculation as to what precise figures his guarded remarks covered or as to what possibilities of early further increase in the force on the other side there might be.

**All Equipped and Fit to Fight**

There has been repeated official announcement, however, that the Government is bending every energy to rushing men across to back up the Allied lines in France, and officers directly in charge of the transportation have expressed satisfaction with the progress being made. There is no doubt that the present force of American troops there represents only a small part of the total strength that will be available for employment by General Foch before the summer fighting ends.

There are indications, too, that the War Department has adhered to its policy of equipping fully before his departure every man sent across. That is the first consideration in checking off supplies of clothing and arms. Mr. Baker's recent statement of the whole ordnance program was founded on his desire to see just what the situation was in this slowest element of the war preparations. As a result of a personal investigation of machine gun production during the past few days, the Secretary announced that there is no present shortage of light or heavy types of these weapons, either in France or America, and no shortage is in prospect.

**Plenty of Guns**

Mr. Baker said there had been no question brought up as to the supplies of light type Browning guns, which were coming forward in quantities. He would not say whether shipment of these guns to France had been started. As to the heavy Brownings, he said:

"Early manufacturers' estimates as to the production of the heavy type perhaps were more optimistic than was justified. The estimate of the Ordnance Department in January has been met and is being met. Some of these heavy guns have been produced and there is every indication of forthcoming production in increasing and substantial numbers."

Secretary Baker's conclusions as to machine guns follow on the heels of pessimistic statements by members of Congress in this regard. In the discussion of the production of Browning machine guns, contracts for other types both here and abroad apparently have been lost sight of. These contracts preceded the placing of orders for the Brownings, and that supply was designed to meet the emergency until the new gun was available in quantities.

The present practice of fitting American divisions with French and British divisions is pointed out, makes the artillery question less pressing as an immediate independent supply.

**Thousands to Follow**

The Allied divisions to which the Americans are assigned already have the artillery necessary, and the fact that American infantry is added to them does not mean a proportionate increase in guns. It is manpower that is being supplied by the new arrangement, and additional gunpower will be necessary only where independent American divisions or army corps are formed.

Yesterday's statement regarding the movement to France is the first official utterance made during the war indicating even indirectly the number of men sent abroad. The first force to go over was never described except as a division, although as a matter of fact it was constituted into two divisions soon after its arrival on the other side. The fact that more than 500,000 have gone this year also shows the accelerated rate at which the men have been moving forward since the winter passed and eased the shipping and embarkation situation.

The effect of Mr. Baker's announcement in Germany and Austria, if it is allowed to reach those countries, will be watched with interest. There is little doubt that the German general staff has known that some hundreds of thousands of men have been sent across by the United States, but the size of the force has been carefully kept from the rank and file of the German army as well as from the civilian population.

To date, 1,277,000 Americans have been called to the colors under the selective service act. Provost Marshal-General Crowder yesterday gave this figure as the approximate strength of the National Army.

**GERMANS SUFFER GREAT LOSSES**

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they were unable to take by a frontal operation. While this may be the beginning of another furious battle on the sector where the enemy met disastrous defeat ten days ago, indications are that the attack is in very great force although the fighting is intense.

**Pushing Against the Anglo-French**

forces on a five mile front between Voormezele and La Clytte the Germans pierced the allied front in the center but were repulsed elsewhere, the French even making a slight advance of their own south of La Clytte. In the center the allied troops continue the fighting in an effort to throw the Germans out of the advanced positions they captured.

**Enemy Loses Heavily**

Seemingly the Germans are attacking in the hope of driving the allies back toward the Kemmelbeek river and its branches or beyond Poperinghe and thus outflank the heights running west from Mont Kemmel. Very heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy in his previous strong effort to penetrate this line and the line about Loree and its adjoining hills. It may be the attack where payment for a stronger effort elsewhere although to break through the Voormezele-Loree line might be of marked advantage to the enemy.

**U. S. Uses Heavy Artillery**

Bad weather prevails on the American sectors in France. Northwest of Toul an American patrol has been ambushed by the Germans. In this sector also American heavy artillery and mortar units are being used. Near Montdidier, in Picardy, the American gunners continue their harassing fire against the Germans.

The American Army is growing rapidly in strength. Although refusing to divulge the exact number of men who have gone over seas, Secretary of War Baker announces that more than 500,000 Americans are now in France.

On the Italian front rains have put a stop to lively artillery and patrol engagements. The British forces advancing northward from Bagdad in Mesopotamia have captured Keruk, 150 miles south of Bagdad and eighty miles southeast of Mosul, the objective of the drive. Six hundred wounded Turks were taken.

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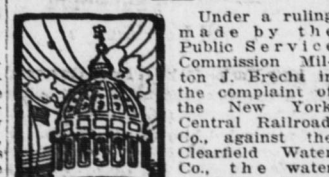
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