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## Our Armies Are The Reserves Of Victory, Says Secretary Baker

Washington, Dec. 2.—Germany's best peace propoganda, viewed as a forerunner to an offensive in the west, unless a German-made peace is accepted by the allies and the United States "should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for war," says Secretary Baker today in his weekly review of the military situation.

"The Germans realize," continues Secretary Baker, "that within a short time our armies will form the principal body of fresh strategic reserves remaining available on the battlefields of Europe."

"Our armies constitute the reserves of victory."

The review points that the fighting morale of Italy may be relied upon no matter how intensive the German peace campaign becomes and says: "The Italian theatre once again the scene of important military activity."

"The enemy, impatient of the delays which have occurred in bringing about the successful penetration of the Italian plain and the overthrow of the Italian armies, has dispatched further forces to the Italian front, with a view to achieving a decisive result."

The Germans are endeavoring to show the precepts of classic strategy and by a successful enveloping movement to effect the destruction of Italian and allied forces.

It would appear that they are anxious to conclude their Italian adventure in a manner similar to the previous campaigns of Russia, Serbia and Rumania, where, as a result of the strategic developments gained at relatively small cost, vast tracts of territory were captured.

"Enemy pressure continues intense along the entire front. The Germans hope to drive the Italians back to the Adriatic, anticipating that such a reverse would have a very disintegrating influence throughout Italy."

"It is apparent that the Germans have not given up all hope of bringing about a social upheaval in Italy, as they did in Russia after their victorious campaigns of 1915."

"No matter how intensive this new subversive propoganda may be, nevertheless, we can confidently rely on the fighting morale of the Italian people."

"Along the western front the ene-

my has continued his harassing raids with a view of keeping the allied forces on the alert. However, none of the engagements recorded in the west were of more than local importance. It would appear that as a forerunner to the German offensive heralded to be launched in the west, an intensive peace propoganda is to be initiated.

"Careful examination of the situation reveals that the enemy is again preparing to sue for 'peace before victory.'"

"Information from various sources confirms the reports that the Germans would have the world believe that the military situation is such that they are able to dictate terms of peace. They, therefore, threaten that unless this dictated peace is accepted by the allied powers and ourselves, the German forces now being concentrated on the western front will break through the allied line in the west."

"The various reports of immediate peace proposals by the Germans on seemingly favorable terms should not for a moment, induce us to slacken our preparations for war."

"It is only necessary for us to recall that during the Christmas season of last year the Germans put forth very similar peace rumors."

"In considering the general military situation in its true light, it must be understood that the Germans realize that within a short time our armies will form the principal body of fresh strategic reserves remaining on our battlefields of Europe."

"It is our duty, therefore, in looking to the future, to realize that if we are to fulfill the pledge we made on entering the war, if we are to fight this war to a successful conclusion, we must assume the full responsibility which rests upon us. We are the freshest in the struggle; we have the reserve man power and the reserve mechanical power."

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"In Russia, the armistice negotiations having been concluded, peace negotiations are about to be entered upon."

"Reports of the dissatisfaction of a large element of the Russian population, especially in southern and central Russia, with the terms of the armistice, has led to the formation of an active opposition, which it is believed will endeavor to resist all attempts to enforce the proposals agreed to by the Lenine government."

### PATRICK

Rev. J. E. Carter and family have moved into the Methodist parsonage and will be numbered with the citizens of Patrick for the next year at least. Mr. Carter has made a very favorable impression on the people here, and we welcome him and his family to our little town.

Mrs. S. L. Gillespie had several of her children and grandchildren with her for Christmas. Those who were present were, Mrs. G. P. Mingleford, of Fitzgerald, Ga.; Mrs. J. A. Harrington, of Rockingham, N. C.; Mrs. D. P. Smith and daughter, Sidney, of Glenn Springs; Mrs. W. L. Gillespie and children, of Cheraw; Mr. R. P. Gillespie and family, of Hartsville and C. K. Sellers and family, of Florence.

Lieut. Thos S. Buie, of Camp Jackson, spent several days at home during the holidays.

Mr. J. G. Copeland, of the 105th Regiment of Engineers, stationed at Camp Sevier, spent several days in Patrick last week.

Mr. J. O. Goodale and family, of Columbia is spending a week with relatives in Patrick.

Mr. J. F. Bennett and family, of Cheraw spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. D. F. Buie.

Rev. B. D. Thames and family are spending a few days in Columbia.

## To Figure Your Income Tax

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 12, 1917.—You won't have to figure out your own income tax-all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, and save you a great deal of time and annoyance.

Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue D. C. Helward said today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It is recognized too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next Year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and even other collection districts in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat town. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them."

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses."

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay tax."

"The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making reports. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

**MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

On Monday the 31st day of Dec. 1917, the County Board of Commissioners will hold their annual meeting. All parties having claims against the County will please file same on or before that date.

E. R. KNIGHT,  
County Supervisor.

**BEST CORNMEAL**

Corn is double-seived and fanned before going to the rocks. Makes clean sweet meal. And I grind for the tenth. Mill 1 1-2 miles from town, at Long Pine.

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## Rainbow Division Shaping Up - Fine And Anxious For Battle

Washington, Dec. 24th—"Over there," where hate and horror dwell, Americans of the Rainbow division and other units this Christmastide are anxious for battle.

Only a small portion of the United States forces has been tested by fire, but reports to the War Department showed to-day that training is proceeding so well that when the call of battle comes, the Rainbow—showing the colors of nearly all the States—along with other organizations, will give good account of themselves as Americans have always done.

The Rainbow boys are well and happy as a set of men could be whose steps stray far from home in the holiday season. They are well supplied, too. The knick-knacks from home have arrived and have been distributed, but even were they not, the Sammies would not want.

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### WILLIAM THOS. HUNT WRITES

Dear Editor and Readers:

Just a few lines to let you hear from the boys of dear old Chesterfield. We are all well and doing fine in spite of severe weather. We are well provided with comfortable clothing and so do not suffer from the weather.

There is a great difference between army and civilian life, but everything considered, we are doing as well as could be expected.

Many of us received presents from the Red Cross last Sunday. They were neat and very useful and were highly appreciated and it reminded us that our friends had not forgotten us. Though some of the boys failed to receive these gifts, we all realize that no slight was intended and that there is room for many mistakes among so many. Guess some of the folks back home were also disappointed.

Not many of our boys can come home for Christmas as Co. I is under quarantine, but we have the promise of furloughs just as soon as possible. So I close wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WILLIAM THOS. HUNT  
Co. I, 118th Inf. Greenville, S. C. Sevier Branch.

**The Things We Dread.**

It isn't crossing the ocean  
And facing the hardships we fear;  
It isn't the dread of starving,  
Nor the sting of the farewell tear.  
It isn't the whine of the bullet,  
As it passes our body or head;  
It isn't the thought of dying,  
For none of these things we dread.

It's you, friends back home, we are leaving  
And the thought of suffering you'll do,  
And the tears you will shed while we are fighting,  
Although we plead with you not to,  
We know when our mail is delayed some,  
You'll give up and think we are dead.

These are the worries we'll have, friends,  
These are the things that we'll dread.  
But why borrow trouble beforehand—  
But why borrow trouble beforehand—  
Just look on the bright side of life,  
And pray to the One who is able  
To lead us safe through the strife.

Don't think that its hard we must leave you,  
But think how heroic instead,  
And we'll pull through with smiles on our faces  
For then we'll have nothing to dread.

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Incidentally, both McIntyre and Secretary Baker approved the idea of a story of the Rainbow troops. Secretary Baker held it would be proper to have a Christmas announcement that "the Rainbow division in France for some time is doing splendid work there." General McIntyre, censor, thought, too, a Christmas message about that body was proper, despite restrictive rules on publication of arrival of units abroad, numbers and location.

That the Rainbow men's training proceeded well was his statement.

"Have they been under fire yet?"

"No, I believe not," he replied.

All his information, however, is that the American units are shaping up well. They are enthusiastic and apt. Training in the open, and hard and constant drill are putting muscles of steel on their frames and sending rich clean blood through their veins.

They have plenty of good, wholesome food, the equal of home cooking, and without stint that conservation rules apply to American homes. The Young Men's Christian Association is providing them with clean amusement and their rules are such that they are less exposed to vice than they would be in the average American city.

Secretary Baker and his aides are mightily pleased with the spirit and development of the men. Their push and unity "assure that America's participation in the war will be whole-souled, earnest and vigorous and that the tremendous task of achieving victory will not fall into unwilling hands."

Baker voiced his confidence of victory in a message to the troops, and extended the season's greetings of himself and the War Department to the men in training and "over there."

### A BIT OF ADVICE

**First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment.**

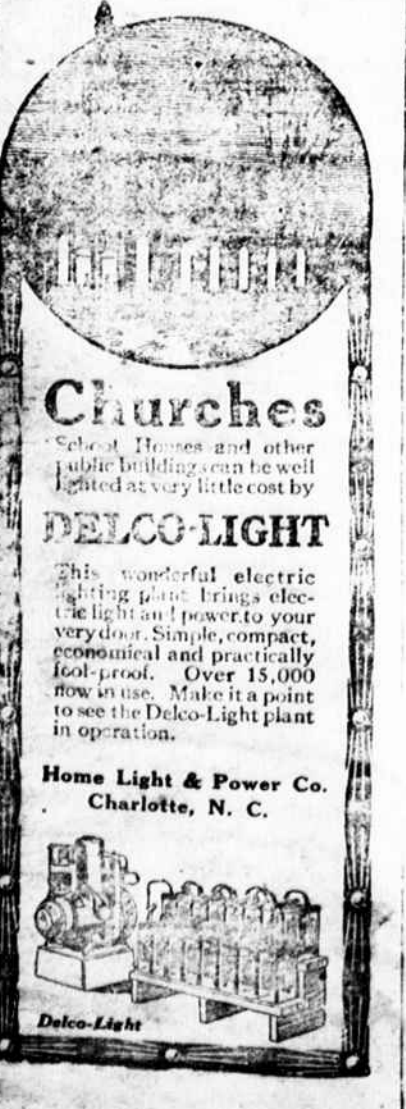
If you suffer from backache headaches or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.

Doan's Kidneys Pills are especially prepared for kidney trouble—they are recommended by thousands. Can residents desire more convincing proof of merit than the statement of a citizen of this locality.

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