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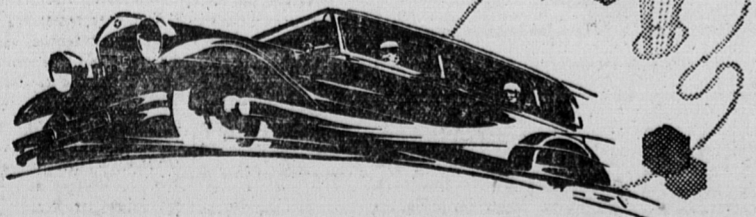
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MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

BROCKVILLE, Ont., June 8.—E. J. McDermott, a marine boiler inspector of Ogdensburg, N. Y., returning from Ottawa early last evening

in a truck rammed a C. N. R. east-bound freight train forty cars from the engine and was killed instantly. The mishap occurred at Rooney's crossing on the Prince of Wales highway two miles east of Prescott, and the force of the collision was so terrific that an oil tank car of the train was derailed, necessitating the calling out of the auxiliary crew from Brockville to replace it. An inquest is being held before Coroner McPherson at Prescott this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

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THE INTIMATE PAPERS

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Reading Statement on Military Situation

March 29, 1918
While there are good hopes that the present effort of the enemy may be checked it is possible that Amiens will be lost, and the events of the immediate future will prove whether the enemy can reach the point or not. If Amiens falls we shall have to face a very grave military situation. In any event, the enemy has certainly shown his ability to break through the Franco-British Front over a wide area and it is certain that if the German High Command cannot secure all their aims in the present battle, they will at once commence preparing their forces to deliver a further attack at the earliest possible date.

Thus, in order to be certain of checking the enemy during these months and making it impossible for him to reach a military decision on the West Front, it will be necessary to make good the deficiency during this period by the use of American troops. In this way alone it is possible to secure the position of the Allies.

If the struggle should be decided against us without these troops being employed, it is quite possible that the war may be terminated and the cause lost, for which the President has pleaded so eloquently, without the United States having received a chance of making use of anything but a small fraction of her forces.

Col. House to Mr. A. J. Balfour
[Cablegram]
New York, March 27, 1918

The President agrees with practically every suggestion that you make regarding the disposition of our army.

I am glad to inform you that Secretary Baker, after consultation with General Bliss and Pershing, has given order making effective the recommendations set forth in your message.

(—) Edward House

Mr. A. J. Balfour to Colonel House
[Cablegram]

London, April 3, 1918

May I personally express to you my very great appreciation of the noble response which the President has made to our urgent request for American help in this crisis. I feel sure that much was due to your efforts. I would like you to know that it is realized here how great a sacrifice has been made by America by allowing her battalions to be incorporated in British Divisions. I need hardly to assure you that I will do all in my power to make the position as little onerous as possible. (—) Balfour.

Pershing's Offer

The March crisis had led General Pershing to go at once to General Foch's headquarters and to place at his disposal all American combatant forces. The acceptance of this offer meant the dispersion of those troops along the Allied front and a consequent delay in building up a distinctive American force in Lorraine, although Pershing planned to keep his divisions intact.

When necessity drives, a means can be found. If Allies had to have American infantry and machine gunners then they must make available the tonnage necessary for them as well as for the units essential to the completion of the American divisions and the creation of an independent American Army. On June 5, Pershing, Foch, and Milner reached an agreement.

It was assumed that no less than 250,000 American troops would be transported in each of the months of June and July. For the month of June 170,000 of these should be combatant troops (that is, six divisions, minus artillery, ammunition trains, or supply trains). For July there should be absolute priority for 140,000

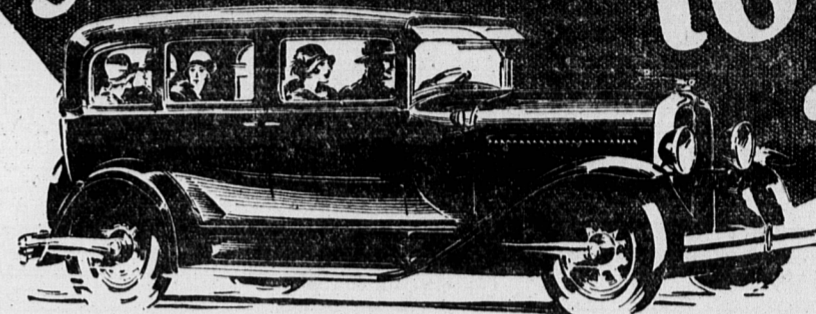
Heart Trouble Hands and Feet Numb and Cold

Mrs. Wm. Fowler, Auburn, Ont., writes: "Several years ago I was troubled with my heart and nerves, so bad, at times, my hands would become numb and cold. I took doctor's medicine, for a while, but it did me little or no good. I happened to see



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as described. The balance of each 250,000 should be troops of categories designated by the American Commanding General in France. If the arrangement were carried into effect the Allies would have at their disposal a number of infantry and machine-gunners far exceeding what they had asked or expected in March after the German offensive, and yet General Pershing would be able to proceed with the creation of the American army.

The Prime Ministers of France, Great Britain, and Italy insisted that with only the assistance thus provided for could there be any certainty of averting a German victory before the close of the summer and they cabled directly to Wilson to make sure that Pershing's promise was understood to carry it out. Wilson replied with a promise of full support, agreeing ultimately to put an army of one hundred divisions in France.

American Man-Power

'June 5, 1918: I had an important conversation' wrote House, 'with Wiseman this morning. Lloyd George has sent Reading a cable signed by the Prime Ministers of England, France and Italy, urging the President to send over a stated number of troops during June and July: 170,000 fighting men was the June estimate and 140,000 the July estimate. The cable is an alarming one. The President is willing to send troops without limit either as to number or as to time. It is an indication that they now have arrived at some understanding with Pershing.'

This was American man-power to be transferred to the battle-front. The number of American troops which actually participated in the defensive warfare of June and July was not large, but the arrival of the troops in France was a guarantee that Allied reserves would not be exhausted, as the military leaders of the Entente feared. The American promise of March had been to send 480,000 in the four succeeding months. The agreement of June which called for 250,000 a month, was surpassed; the monthly average from June to September inclusive was over 280,000.

Colonel House to the President

Magnolia, Massachusetts
June 23, 1918

DEAR GOVERNOR: I notice that the Germans are saying it will be 1920 before we can have as many as a million men there [France.] We already have them and the German people should know it. I was under the impression and Reading confirmed it that we have sent men across the Atlantic more rapidly than the English have ever sent them across the channel, but more than half were carried in British ships, and the shipping facilities of the Allies are increasing so rapidly that we can soon do even better.

England, France and Italy need now constant stimulation and no one can do it so well as you. If their morale can be kept up until autumn in my opinion our fight against Germany will be largely won. I believe Austria is already at the breaking

point and I also believe the German people will take the supreme power from the military extremists this autumn. If they do not have a decisive victory on the Western Front— Affectionately Yours E. M. HOUSE [TO BE CONTINUED]

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