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## Information That Major Augustus P. Gansser, of Bay City, Mich., the 13th German-born American officer to be transferred to the Thirty-second division, at Camp MacArthur, will be allowed to accompany his commands to France, was received from United States Senator William Allen Smith.

That the order is official and that there will be no further barrier against the German-born officer, who was relieved of the command of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Infantry some days ago. Physical disqualification is given as the cause, but it is said to be the real reason. Colonel Bocher is 56.

The retirement of Colonel Bocher and the retirement of Major Gansser are physically disqualified for service abroad, it is taken to mean that it is the policy of the war department to get all officers that come under this class.

## State May Help to Mine Coal.

Governor Steyer and the war preparedness board have authorized investigation a project for state participation in coal mining.

State Geologist Albin has been sent to survey the coal fields in the center of the vast coal basin of the lower peninsula.

The board was informed that the output of one mine could be increased from 20 tons a day to 400 tons a day with the aid of \$20,000 from the state.

The project of state participation was brought rather suddenly before the board by a mine owner. The whole matter was seriously and gravely discussed by the board.

For a number of years some geologists have hoped that Michigan's coal beds might yet afford some permanent relief for the state. The beds are of enormous extent, though not of the same grade as some of the fine West Virginia coal. Still, the development of these fields in the past 20 years has made Michigan a distinct place among coal-bearing states.

The Corunna deposits are among the most famous in the state. For years the beds furnished fuel for the engines of the Pere Marquette railroad.

Tuberculosis Survey Saving to U. S. The tuberculosis survey of the 85th division at Camp Custer, recently completed, saved the government more than \$400,000.

Over 21,000 tuberculosis experts examined 21,000 officers and men. Of these 97 were found tubercular and with tuberculosis tendencies and ordered discharged.

The Canadian government, after three years, has determined that a tubercular soldier if retained in service costs his country \$240 a year. The same figure it is said, would apply in the American army. On that basis the 97 rejected would have cost the United States government \$23,280.

The actual cost of conducting the examination was less than 30 cents per man examined. The expenses were borne by the soldiers. The examiners, during the two months' longest, for every dollar spent the government saved \$103.

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Custer Conserving Food. Custer has started a food conservation campaign. It will end only when the division goes across.

Money saved on flour, meat, sugar, chickens, turkeys, game, game of all kinds, vegetables, etc.

Sugar consumption, the general suggestion, can be cut in half by substituting syrup in cakes, puddings and sweet breads.

The ration is not to be reduced, but improved where possible, and the variety made greater.

Plan to Cut Wood on Mondays. Monday holidays are to become "wood days" in Michigan if a plan approved by State Fuel Administrator is adopted.

Must Practice Economy. Unless every village, city and person in the United States and Canada practices strict economy for the next three months, they will be unable to supply the needs of the army.

Officers at Waco Numerous. Critics claim that anything but lame war hordes at local headquarters. Camp Custer medical officers, and exponents of army red tape by half a dozen officers of high rank when it became known that one in every seven and a half soldiers in the Thirty-second division at Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, is to be left behind when the troops go to France.

Of the total of 15,500 that were born in enemy countries have been transferred to the Thirty-third division at Camp Logan, Houston. 4,000 are the casual detachment here, awaiting discharge, or recuperating from illness, 400 are at the base hospital for the same purpose. 410 are at the backs at the last named institution, and approximately 800 others already discharged, but not yet home as physically disqualified for service.

Concerning about 250 men suffering from tuberculosis and rheumatism, it was learned that the rheumatism, which is to be sent to Arizona, New Orleans, New Mexico, the rheumatism to Hot Springs, Ark., to be "reclaimed" at the same government expense. Men suffering from minor ailments that prevent them from going overseas now, will be given a chance to recover in Waco. They will be sent abroad to fit them, they will be sent abroad to join their own outfits. It has been decided only a few scores come in this class.

As regards the several hundred that are awaiting surgeons certificates of disability, they will be let out of the camp, and sent to various military army regulations. Because of the large number of men to be examined, it will be more than two months before they will be let out of the camp.

While there are so exact figures available to show how many of the misfits are selective soldiers, medical officers and their assistants are informed by far the majority came from Camp Custer.

Student-Aviators Wanted. The division signal officer at Camp Custer is sending out an appeal to all civilians between the ages of 19 and 39 years who wish commissions as flying aviators in the aviation corps of the army to Camp Custer for examination. This applies to drafted men who have not been called as well as to those whose numbers have not yet been called.

A physical examination will be given there, and as college men are preferred, a superficial educational test. It is desired that the candidates be well educated, and will be enlisted in the reserve corps, aviation section, and sent home to await word of final acceptance, generally in a few days.

During the training, students rate as private, first class, and receive \$100 a month and 60 cents a day commutation for board. They are to be sent home to their homes, and will be sent home to their homes, and will be sent home to their homes.

Applicants should apply to the chief signal officer, division headquarters.

CAMP CUSTER NOTES. A \$15,000 club house exclusively for soldiers is to be established in Battle Creek by the war recreation commission.

Homing pigeons will be supplied to all units. The birds are being distributed men for instruction in handling the birds.

W. J. Sherman, a Y. M. C. A. worker who has spent the past three years in the cost of his country \$240 a year. The same figure it is said, would apply in the American army.

Under orders from headquarters, regular stamps have been established for Camp Custer. The scale of prices has also been established.

Out of its immense amount of musical talent, Camp Custer is developing a 25-piece orchestra. John R. H. is the conductor.

When Camp Custer soldiers start overseas each select will be ordered to prepare a postcard address to his nearest relative and to mail the moment he arrives in France.

The various Jitneys operating between Camp Custer and Battle Creek will be replaced by a regular bus line, and a regular schedule will be adopted with specified fares.

Amateur theatricals have received the sanction and encouragement of headquarters. The division commander has appointed to supervise the productions which are being planned by various organizations.

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Col. Theodore Roosevelt urging to greater efforts the men of the shipyards at Chester, Pa. 2—British dressing station under fire on the west front. 3—Type of the hangars that are being built in this country and France for America's great air fleet.

Only about 3 per cent was exported, mostly to Canada. Yet, within the last week England sent coal to us, in order that supply ships might not be stopped.

Out of the fire of congressional investigation the marine corps has come with added lustre, the contrary war department conditions being sadly marked. The house committee said the corps has been kept supplied on a war basis with no apparent delays, while about 25,000 recruits during the year have been properly housed, clothed, fed and trained.

The secret of this lies in the fact that Maj. Gen. George Barnett, commander of the corps, before America entered the war he prepared a memorandum for the Lewis machine guns. His purchasing system has worked smoothly and efficiently, possibly because he has had the assistance of an "industrial medicine" civilians, whose capabilities and knowledge are not commensurate with their patriotism.

The bureau of contracting and the navy department also received high praise from the committee.

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# NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

## Astounding Order by Garfield Stops Nation's Industries for Five Days.

### CAUSED BY THE COAL FAMINE

#### Nine Additional Holidays Decried—Storm of Protests Is Unavailing—Attacks on Secretary Baker Continuing—Central Powers Reject Russian Peace Proposals.

#### By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

It is the earnest desire of the fuel administration to prevent entirely any dislocation of industry or of labor.

Garfield closed his summary of the most drastic and startling experiment in domestic and war economy made by the government since the beginning of the war.

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Among the interesting reports that came out of Russia was one to the effect that the former czar and his family had made their escape from Tobolsk. Another story said the former czar has been happily in London.

The abandonment of the Roumanian front by the Russian troops led to a heavy retreat. Roumanians arrested and disarmed several Russian regiments, and the Russian government at once put under arrest the Roumanian diplomat in Petrograd and threatened war on Roumania if the Russian soldiers were not at once freed.

A strong protest by representatives of all the allied and neutral powers brought about the release of the Roumanian diplomats.

There came an astonishing order from the central government for the arrest of King Ferdinand of Roumania and his incarceration in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. This was the result of the action of the Roumanians in arresting some of their officers who had attempted to pass through the Roumanian lines to fraternize with the Russians.

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