

THE GERMAN ARMY NOW FACES SERIOUS DILEMMA

ALLIES WAITING FOR ENEMY'S MAIN ATTACK TOWARDS AMIENS

If He Can Break Through British Line Between Amiens and Arras He Can Still Accomplish His Major Purpose, the Practical Separation of the British and French Armies.

Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.
(By Frank H. Simonds.)

Now that a little more than six weeks of the "Kaiser's battle" have passed, we have come to one more of those pauses which are the natural and temporary form of warfare. The consumption of ammunition, of supplies, of men compels these pauses and without exception they inure to the benefit of the side constantly on the defensive. Time is allowed him to prepare to meet a new blow and with time, under existing circumstances when both sides are well nigh equal in numbers in guns, and in munitions, the defensive obtains the chance to create new obstacles, erect new shelters, put down new wire and arrange new rearward communications, when there has been a retreat.

There is reason to suspect that the Germans were more successful in the north than they had expected to be, since they were slow in taking advantage of the possibilities.

The result was that they were pinched in October 1914. The decisive battle of the Marne was fought. The "win-the-war" victory was the contact between the first and third armies, that of Arras and the first army, that of Amiens. The southern flank of the retreating first army kept its liaison with the northern flank of the Arras army, while away to the north the Ypres army held the other flank. As a result the German found himself in a salient which could not be advanced until it was widened and failed miserably in his attempts to widen it by attacks toward Ghent and Bethune. He was more successful to the north and his capture first of the Messines-Wytschate ridge and then of Mount Kemmel gravely imperilled that famous old fighting ground, the Ypres salient, and compelled such a retirement as to leave little but the ashes of the town in British possession. Today Ypres is held only on sufferance. Its military value has gone. Only its moral value endures.

The Amiens Drive.

Meantime the great question remains in the German going to resume his main attack, for it is a matter of common agreement that the Amiens drive is the main attack. If he can break through the British line between Amiens and Arras he can still accomplish his major purpose, the practical separation of the British and French armies, or, does he intend, now to take advantage of the more favorable situation in the north, for that is a more favorable situation, and rush his efforts in the direction of Calais?

The answer must be found in the conditions of his army and the extent of his losses, when these are measured against those of his enemies. He has plenty of men, but he has lost heavily of his best. He has used about three-quarters of his available attacking divisions, not used them up but taxed them heavily. Many of his best divisions will not reappear for a period of weeks. His communications at the south are bad, as a result of his long advance and of his devastation in the retreat of 1917. The position of his foes there is admirable, because he offers to them a dangerously extended flank between Mondidier and Noyon, and the Allied army of manoeuvre is certainly south of Amiens, that is, covering the roads to Paris and facing the weak German flank.

Cannot Crush British.

We may say that if the German does not resume his southern attack and separate the British from the French he will not get a deviation in his present offensive. He may get to the channel, he may capture Calais, Dunkirk and Boulogne. (This remotely possible, although wholly unlikely), but he will not smash British military power, because he will not isolate the British from the French.

The British can swing south steadily just as the Belgians came out of Antwerp and joined their allies on the

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FORMER EMPRESS OF FRANCE 92 YESTERDAY

Widow of Napoleon III. Born in Spain, reigned in France and living in England is Partly Scotch.

A remarkable and well preserved woman and the oldest member of royalty who once occupied a throne was 92 years of age yesterday. She is Marie Eugenie de Guzman de Porto-Carrero, Countess of Teba, Marquise of Moya, formerly Empress of France. The memories of many wars, revolutions, trials, destruction of thrones and other epoch-making events appear when the life of and times of Empress Eugenie are contemplated.

Although this wonderful woman was born in Spain, reigned in France and now lives in England; she is partly Scotch. She was born at Grenada, May 5, 1825, the daughter of Ciprien, Count of Montijo, Duke of Penedera, and Marie Manuele Kirkpatrick of Closeburn, Scotland.

On Jan. 29, 1853, she was married to Napoleon III, Emperor of the French. She reigned brilliantly at Paris and Versailles for nearly twenty years. She and her husband were deposed from the throne at the fourth revolution in 1871, after the crushing defeat of France by the Prussians. She now resides at Farnborough Hill, Farnborough, Hants, England.

CANADIANS ON VESSEL WHICH SUNK U-BOAT

Boston, May 3.—One of the biggest and fastest of British liners docked here last night and brought a story of a night battle with one of Germany's U-boats of the newest and largest type. The gun crew believed the submarine was sunk, and they are sure that it was at least disabled.

The first torpedo went wild, but the second came uncomfortably close to the stern of the vessel. The ship was zig-zagging and firing at the submarine, which by this time had come to the surface.

A dozen Canadian officers at the rail watched every shot fired by the gun crew and they all agreed that the twelfth and fourteenth shots appeared to be fair hits. At any rate, immediately after the fourteenth shot the U-boat disappeared.

Among the passengers, in addition to the Canadian officers, were Canadian soldiers disabled or on furlough.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, May 2.—Queens County has two young men who have been trying to emulate the examples set them in Quebec and Kent County. The two sons of Dan, Farney, of Washbrook Lake, who were called up for service recently, felt the call of country, and fled to the woods near their home, between the Narrows and Donk. Their father kept them provided with food, and they spent several days in hiding, closely watched by military police from St. John. On Monday the father of the boys was arrested for aiding them to evade service, and was brought to Gagetown where he was placed in the county jail. This afternoon the two young men gave themselves up, without any bloodshed, and were taken to St. John. Daniel Farney is a well known character in the county. Some years ago he figured in a shooting affair, when a man named Kinzie living in his vicinity was shot by him in mistake for a moose.

LL. C. K. Cunat, Sgt. Major G. K. Shields and Cpl. E. Brownell were here from St. John on Monday, in connection with the Farney case.

Gagetown is to have its first concrete building started here next week, when work begins on the new general store being put up on the site of the old property of A. & H. McKeague, who met with such a heavy loss by fire last December. C. Archibald McKeague and G. Percy Rigby have formed a partnership for the purpose of resuming the business lately conducted under the firm name and style of A. & H. McKeague. Mr. Rigby has purchased all the interest and goodwill of Herman L. McKeague in the partnership. The new firm will soon erect on the site of the old building, one of concrete with sufficient floor room for a large store of two departments, and with living apartments for two families on the top floor. It will be heated and lighted by modern appliances and will, when completed, not only be an ornament to the village, but will be equal to anything of the kind in the district of Royal. G. Percy Rigby the new member of the firm is a resident engineer of the Gagetown, Queenstown section of the Valley Road.

H. C. Coonan of Hillsboro, arrived on Monday to take up his duties as teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia, in place of C. A. Gogan, who is leaving this week for St. John to enlist in the 9th Siege Battery. The good wishes of a large circle of friends here follow Mr. Gogan as he goes into active service to his country.

SOLDIER IS CHARGED WITH STABBING MAN

Sergeant Trotter, Returned Man, Under Arrest in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, May 5.—Sergeant. Alice Trotter, returned soldier, is under arrest on the charge of having stabbed Quartermaster-Sergeant Chase, of the Depot Battalion, in the abdomen and arm with a side-arm bayonet. The men quarrelled at Trotter's house Friday evening.

YOUTHS OF NINETEEN TO BE CALLED OUT

Estimated Winnipeg District Will Furnish Five Thousand Youngsters Within Year.

Winnipeg, May 5.—A new order, calling out youths 19 years of age for military service, will produce more than 5,000 in military district No. 10, according to an estimate furnished by the registrar's office. This total, however, takes into consideration the men who will attain the age of nineteen within the course of a year.

FILM ASSOCIATION WANTS TARIFF CUT

Will Request Government to Reduce Proposed Tax of 3 Cents to One-half.

Toronto, May 4.—A delegation representing the film exchange association will, on Wednesday ask the Dominion government that the additional tariff of three cents a foot on films, under the new tax of five cents a foot, be cut in half. The local men fear the present taxes will put them out of business.

FREDERICTON BOY IS STILL MISSING

No Trace Yet of William Stickle who Disappeared from Minto.

Fredericton, May 5.—The whereabouts of William Stickle, who disappeared at Minto on Monday night last remains a mystery. His father, Thomas Stickle of this city returned to Minto Friday and search for the missing boy was continued but with our result. It is feared he fell down a coal mine shaft.

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He had been constipated for two years. I think these patent medicines did it. I have known the doctor to be here and give him five tablespoons of castor oil, one every half hour, to get his bowels to move. We tried four different doctors, one a well known specialist, but none could help him. Three advised operations, said it was the only cure. I have always had a horror of operations and I guess always will.

We were going to try a well known woman doctor who claims she cures without an operation, when I coaxed my husband to let me try Nujol. I had read so much about it, I told him even if it didn't help him, it would not hurt. We tried it, started giving him three tablespoons a day, one after each meal, then as his bowels moved better we decreased the dose as per directions. We used two bottles and half and we cured him. How thankful we were; tears come to my eyes, even now, when I think of how that poor little fellow suffered. Just think, a little tot, hardly able to talk plainly! He has not taken a drop of it since last June.

I have wanted to write before, but kept neglecting it till I thought perhaps my letter would relieve lots and lots of other people. Again I say, God Bless Nujol, and I will never be without it or cease to recommend it. From a mother whose heart will always be thankful for your great remedy for constipation.

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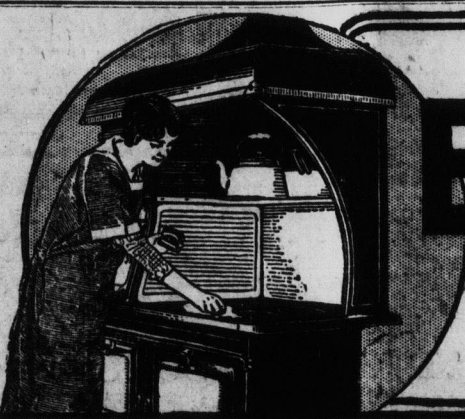
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WRECK ON THE C.G.R. NEAR BLACKVILLE

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, May 5.—A freight train which left the track near Blackville yesterday afternoon delayed traffic on the Canadian Government Railway for some time. Passengers who left the city at 6:30 o'clock last evening for Newcastle were transferred around the scene of the wreck and the whooper which left Newcastle for this city at 5 o'clock last evening did not reach here until 6 o'clock this morning. A wrecking crew was dispatched to the scene and the road is expected to be cleared by tomorrow.

HAD FOOT AMPUTATED.

Montreal, May 3.—The foot of Jack Lavolette, noted ice hockey player, injured in an automobile accident, was amputated this afternoon at the General Hospital. The patient was reported to have stood the operation well.