

POCH'S STRATEGY RELIEVED ALL DANGER

He Has Wrested From the Germans in Three Weeks What Required Them Four Months To Obtain

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, August 14—After the battle of the Avre, the situation of the Belgians pre-ent a change which for rapidity and extent has rarely been approached in military history.

The immediate results of the counter-offensives which will have the greatest bearing on subsequent operations are the clearing of the Chateau Thierry pocket, ending the menace to Epernay and Paris, the liberation of Mont Tdidier, ending the menace to Amiens; the freeing of the important eastern railroad line from Paris to Chalons, and the equally important northern line from Paris to Amiens, restoring to the Allies means of communication which give them enormously greater ease in future movements of troops.

These successes render impossible any rupture of the line which would separate the French armies of the center from those to the east, or a rupture of the junction between the French and British. The most disastrous consequence to the Germans aside from the heavy losses they sustained in men and material, is the collapse of their plan to drive wedges into the Allied lines, and the subsequent widening and joining which would have threatened general dislocation.

Marshal Foch's strategy in releasing the salient wedges wrested the initiatives in operations from the Germans, at once obliging them either to order a general retreat to a strong line such as the Somme, or to engage reserves. The enemy adopted the second alternative which, having failed, makes eventual retirement immensely more difficult.

HARRASSING THE ENEMY

The first phase of the battle of the Avre finds the French with a footing upon Thiescourt plateau, west of Noyon, which has vital importance in future operations. The Germans must either recapture the position at high cost, if he can, or abandon Noyon, which means the fall of Roye and Lassigny, which already are under menace of imminent capture.

The disaster, which menaced General Von Hutier's army has been averted for the moment. The few narrow passages which now are open for the withdrawal of his stores are so harassed by the bombs of aviators and the fire of heavy artillery that prompt escape is impossible, rendering probable a desperate effort by the Germans to cling to their 1914 line.

The Old Girl is Game.

(From the Kansas City Star)

We owe England a cheer for this. The old girl is game. She has in the natural phrase of one of her own favorite sons—and ours—laid a point closer to the wind for us than a man could expect of his own married wife. She has stood by at every crisis from the start. Her destroyer fleet took the sea before ours was ready and battled the submarine at a time when it seemed that monster might dispute our passage. She sent us coal last winter when thousands of tons of ships were tied up in our own harbors for want of fuel. Let's not forget it. England's been a good neighbor and a good ally right through the time when most of the flowers were being sent down to the footlight were marked for her co-star, La Belle France. Let's not forget that she never failed to join her voice to ours in acclaiming that wonderful people—and kept right on doing hard, practical, handy jobs for us.

Women to Enter Railway Service.

WASHINGTON.—Thousands of women will be drawn into railroad employment within the next few months to take the places of men entering the army and going to other industries, according to plans now being formulated by the railroad administration. Women are to be employed extensively as clerks in railway offices, as expert accountants, ticket sellers, station agents, crossing watchmen, car cleaners and to some extent as track laborers.

Haig Reports 28,000 Prisoners and 600 Guns.

LONDON, August 14—Since the Allied offensive began on the Mont Didier-Amiens sector, August 8, the total captures by the French first army and the British fourth army have aggregated 28,000 men and 600 guns, says Field Marshal Haig's communication from headquarters tonight. The communication adds that Tuesday passed in comparative quiet on the battlefield.

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STRANGEST BATTLE FIELD EVER SEEN

German Dead Strew the Fields of Ripening Crops Everywhere.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, France.—I have spent much of the day, from early morning to noon, walking in parts of the battlefield, having at first the extraordinary experience of being able to pass in a motor car over what was yesterday No Man's Land, and also the trenches of the front German system, and look down on the enemy below. When the road became impassable for reason of shell holes made by our guns, one could stray over great deserted plains while guns thudded intermittently and our aeroplanes wheeled overhead.

The chief impression made on me is relatively of the great number of German dead. We know our casualties are light; we believe the enemy's are heavy. Never before on any battlefield have I seen so great an excess of German dead over ours. I am not exaggerating when I say that on that part of the field I explored—which was that traversed by the Canadians yesterday—there were certainly seven to eight. I think ten Germans dead to one Canadian. I regret I did not make an actual count, but I spoke to the men busy with salvage work and their impression was the same as mine. Even apart from the number of prisoners there is no manner of doubt that the German casualties vastly exceeded ours.

The battlefield, which is practically the whole of the Senterre Plateau, is an extraordinary sight. It is a wide expanse of rich, level farmland destitute of hedges and buildings. Crops were already in the ground before the German advance at the end of March drove the cultivators away. Without attention the crops have grown and ripened much more free of weeds than one would expect. There is a field of wheat and oats and barley now ready for harvest and well worth harvesting.

There are many acres of clover which should have been cut before, but there are still blossoms. Many butterflies, especially swallow tails and pale rose before one's feet as one brushed through. There are patches of poppies, at one beside the road a Canadian soldier, detailed for the purpose, was digging them. They were an excellent crop with five to six tubers and each individual potato five to six inches long, well-shaped, and clean. The man had already filled two good sacks full and was at work on a third. This is all ground which yesterday was well behind the German lines.

The crops are intersected by paths by which enemy troops came to their trenches. They are pitted with shell holes like the scarred trenches and lines of machine gun positions. Barbed wire was strung through them, while yesterday our tanks made broad highways through grain crops, clover and potatoes alike. The waving grain especially hides the grewsome things of other days. For the Germans never seem to have searched the ground or else did not care, and one finds hidden in the ripe corn German bodies which have lain there in the open for months.

Air Patrol Service For Atlantic Coast.

The Canadian Naval Service is now organizing an aircraft branch which will operate as an air patrol off the Atlantic Coast, looking out for submarines, bombing them whenever sighted, and generally warning all shipping using the Canadian ports of the presence and whereabouts of enemy submarines. The manning of the Royal Canadian Air Service will be from the ranks of the flight officers now training in Canada. Up to the present time Canada has sent over six hundred trained aviators to join the Royal Air Force, and by the end of the year the total number of Canadians qualified for air service will be fully one thousand.

In connection with the assistance Canada has given to the Allies in the matter of aviation, it is interesting to note that over two thousand, five hundred aeroplanes for training purposes have already been produced in Canada, and now bombing planes for the United States Navy are being manufactured by the national plant at Toronto. High grade aeroplane engines for use in fighting machines at the front are also being produced in Canada now in large quantities.

Hospital bombing and baby killing never won a war and never will.

U. S. IS BUILDING WORLD'S BIGGEST ARMY HOSPITAL.

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American soldiers who are invalided from the battlefronts to England will find their country has made the best possible provision for their welfare in "Blighly."

Immense country estates have been leased by the United States government on which to construct the necessary hospitals to take care of their wounded.

Plans have just been completed for the construction of the largest military hospital in the world on a country estate of 186 acres near Southampton.

The central building will be around an old manor house, around which the American Red Cross is building ten acres of huts. Separate buildings for the medical staffs, the kitchens, and the operating room are called for. Special attention is being given to the construction of a large isolation hospital for the treatment and cure of special cases.

The hospital will be able to support itself in a large measure. Ten acres of vegetable gardens will be intensively cultivated, assuring the men of a continual fresh supply of fresh vegetables.

Four hundred beds will be available six weeks from the time work is started. Many of these cases will be in tents, which will be turned over to convalescents on the completion of the main buildings.

A direct road to Southampton will enable ambulances to bring the American wounded direct from the piers to the hospital.

Miles of sunny walks inside the hospital will be open to the soldiers.

Entertainments and amusements will constantly be provided. The spacious grounds give ample opportunity for all sorts of games, from croquet to fishing. Everything possible will be done to brighten the lives of these men who have given themselves for their cause.

COURAGE BELOW DECK

What the Artificer Engineer Had to Say About His Men.

Would the Zebrugge victory have been what it was had her stokehold not been filled with heroes? An old ship with old boilers, but needing, above all things else, speed, especially on the home run, she was at the mercy of her stokers and engineers. A bump told them the vindictive had gained the Mole. Not much else was known about the fortunes of the day until home was reached. It is said that when the Engineer Commander entered the boiler room (after the party) and asked the Artificer Engineer what he had to say about his men the reply was what every one of them must have rejoiced to hear: "I am not going to say anything for or against them; but if I was going to H—I tomorrow night I would have the same men with me."

Admiral Sir David Beatty knows where to find heroes and he says that high up on the roll of British heroes must be placed the names of the engineers and their staffs on board ships of war. Equally heroic are the men below deck on merchant ships. With almost no chance of escape and with almost absolute certainty of being hit when the dastardly U-boat gets in its work these men, nevertheless, engage to transport troops and wounded, foodstuffs, merchandise, munitions—everything needed to carry on this war. Do we give them sufficient credit? Have we, up to this time given them even a thought? Not until the war is over shall we know how many of these heroes have been sacrificed that their cause and ours might triumph.

It is peculiarly fitting that these men, of whom most of us have never even thought, should be remembered by the King. He has given his approval to a badge which speaks volumes. It is in the form of a torpedo to be worn on the left sleeve and is to be given "to officers and seamen, who have been on the articles of any British merchant or fishing vessel sunk or damaged during the present war by torpedo or mine and who have afterwards completed a further voyage on the articles of a British vessel."

Each subsequent experience will be shown by a bar. It is high time that the rest of us take a thought for the heroes below deck, combatants and non-combatants alike.

WHAT CATARRH IS

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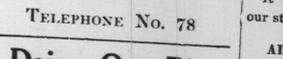
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