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Have the Allies Blundered in Management of Campaign in The East?

Mr. J. L. Garvin, the brilliant editor of the Observer, thinks that the Allies have been guilty of all sorts of blunders in their management of the war in the east and that the Germans, having recovered their morale in the west, the decision of the struggle will be prolonged. He gives Hindenburg the credit for this state of things.

It is conceivable that there are incidents known in connection with the campaign in Britain which do not get abroad, and Mr. Garvin may, therefore, be in possession of facts which give excellent grounds for his assertions. But to the average student of military operations the situation does not contain all the discouraging features recognized in it by Mr. Garvin. Certainly the claim that Hindenburg is a great military genius is not supported by actual developments in the western campaign and we must look to the German leader's achievements in the east if we are to form any estimate of his abilities. In this connection the invasion of Russia and the great retreat of 1914 are the outstanding features. The world knows the outcome of the colossal operations that drove the Russians beyond their own frontiers. But we also know that the Russian armies, poorly equipped and badly served, made their escape intact. And this means everything in warfare.

Perhaps the greatest military genius produced in the American civil war—a war prolific in military geniuses—was Joseph E. Johnston, the famous Confederate leader who baffled Sherman. With the Confederate forces demoralized following the disastrous battle at Missionary Ridge where Bragg had blundered so obviously, Johnston took command. Opposing him was Sherman, a master soldier, with the best equipped army this continent has yet seen. Johnston reorganized his own army, filled up his divisions, retreated before Sherman and incidentally struck several smashing blows at his Union adversary while retreating. But he gave up many apparently defensible positions and was called to account by the Confederate higher command. "Give me Sherman's army and he may have all the rivers and mountains in the country," replied Johnston. When President Davis telegraphed him to know whether he intended to hold Atlanta, he answered: "I don't know." Then Davis made the fatal mistake of misunderstanding Johnston and relieved him of his command. But Sherman didn't make any mistake regarding Johnston. When he heard that the latter had been deposed he could scarcely credit it, but when the report was confirmed the Union General threw his hat into the air. Hood, who succeeded Johnston, was child's play for Sherman.

Johnston's military principle may be summed up in this: "My army is everything, places are nothing." If we apply this to Hindenburg's achievements where do we find him as compared to the Grand Duke Nicholas, who conceded the Russian retreat in the face of odds unparalleled in modern history? Where does he compare with Joffre, who conducted the great retreat which characterized the German invasion of France in 1914? Even in the last disaster, the Roumanian retreat, and the splitting of the armies of King Ferdinand at the Chernavoda bridge, the Germans failed to encompass the demoralized forces. In the meantime the Russians have come up and the battle is now going against the invaders. Even the Serbians escaped without wholesale capture and in the reorganized army fighting about Monastir is now seen the tangible evidence of Teuton military failure, although Hindenburg is not responsible for the Serb retreat.

It is obvious that so long as the armies of the Entente keep nibbling men and positions away from the enemy, regardless of whether they break the lines in the west, the end must come nearer for the Teutons and their allies. It is extremely doubtful, as remarked before, if it would be good policy from a military viewpoint to rush the western campaign. Another winter of long distance defence of Germany by the Teutons in the occupied portions of France and Belgium may be more than they anticipate. We must remember that Vaux was evacuated, not because of any more terrific bombardment than usual, despite the clever German statement that the rain of shells was unprecedented, but because it served the German purpose to employ the defenders elsewhere. The greater the line the worst it must be for the weaker side in resources and finances. The great test must come some time, the most

ment when the one side finds the other slipping. Everything that tends to weaken the enemy in the interval is of value, even though on the face of it it may not look like a military success.

We prefer to think that the military leaders of the Entente know their business; we do not think as well of the diplomacy of the allied powers, but the field of diplomacy is now almost negligible in the great struggle. Greece was the last straw—Ottawa Citizen.

REPUBLICAN LOSS IN RECENT UNITED STATES ELECTION IS \$21,143

Committee Spent \$2,441,568 in its Attempt to Elect Hughes

New York, Nov. 29.—Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, filed a financial statement with the Secretary of State in Albany and the clerk of the House of Representatives in Washington to-day, showing that the committee spent \$2,441,568 in its attempt to elect Charles E. Hughes president. The receipts of the committee aggregated \$2,420,421, leaving a deficit of \$21,143. This statement shows there were 34,205 individual contributors, and that the contributions varied from a dime to the \$30,000 given by Henry Payne Whitney.



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UNDER the Provisions of the War Measures Act, 1914, His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order that the Regulations, published in the ROYAL GAZETTE under date 17th October last, in connection with Precautionary Measures taken against the incursions of hostile ships of war, be suspended as from the 15th November instant.

These Regulations comprised, amongst other things, the closing of the port and harbor of St. John's at night, and the extinguishing of the lights at certain light houses, and in the city of St. John's.

ARTHUR MEWS,
Deputy Colonial Secretary
Dept. of the
Colonial Secretary,
November 14, 1916.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

"Let Me Enter Monastir, If But To Die"

Roumanian Officer Revisited Scene of Success and Failure in Past

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Athens, Nov. 24, says:

The great victory at Monastir already had far-reaching results. The enemy is in disorderly retreat along the whole left front, abandoning dead and wounded and enormous quantities of material, and the still advancing Serbs are emphasizing the thorough nature of their triumph.

All reports agree that the enemy's losses must be enormous. For example, two regiments sent to reinforce the troops defending Hill 1212, were in two hours slaughtered to a man. The great triumph has been received by the Serb army with pathetic joy. "Now," said an officer, who had just come here from the front, "we have a home again."

He told me a story of Colonel Vassitch. The invalid colonel took Monastir from the Turks just over four years ago. He, as all the world knows, held onto Babuna with 4000 men last November against vastly superior enemy forces. He had a reputation with his men of always being first into the enemy's position. Though ill, he is with the forces at the front, and a day or two ago, when it was suggested that he should go to the hospital, he replied, "No; only let me enter Monastir, if it be but to die there."

GOT SIX MONTHS.

A boy named Edward Crossman was arrested at 11.40 Saturday night by Const. Tobin. He has a police record and before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., to-day in Court pleaded guilty to stealing \$2.02 from Mr. L. O'Keefe's grocery, New Gower Street, and \$3 and a quantity of cigarettes, larcenies to which the Mail and Advocate alluded at the time of their occurrence. He was given six months in the Penitentiary.

LLOYD GEORGE AND ASQUITH

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Nothing is known at the present moment on which to base a precise interpretation of the official statement respect the reconstruction of the Government. Whether this means more reshuffling of posts or something more drastic is not yet apparent, and there is nothing suggesting that Asquith contemplates abandoning Premiership, or indeed that any resignations are impending for the moment. The only importance difference in the personnel of the Ministry seems to be the readmission of Sir Edward Carson. David Lloyd George, who evidently is the moving spirit of the whole crisis, has not, it is definitely stated, offered his resignation to the Premier, but threatened to resign in certain contingencies. Political correspondents concur that the crisis will result in the constitution of a small War Council of five members of exclusive naval and military advisers for a more vigorous prosecution of the war. Their information, however, regarding the personnel of this Council differs considerably regarding certain prospective members, especially with reference to Asquith's inclusion therein.

The "Daily News" Parliamentary correspondent, who almost invariably is well informed, says Lloyd George had two hours' talk with the Prime Minister on Sunday, the result of which it was agreed that both Asquith and Lloyd George would remain in the Government. The correspondent understands that Lloyd George favors a small War Council, which would not include Asquith, who he thinks should devote himself to the Government of the country apart from the war. Lloyd George's proposed role in the new War Council would, according to the same correspondent, not differ greatly from the position Lord Kitchener held at the War Office when he was a member of the late Liberal Government, that is to say he would to some extent be independent of the Government. He was having advisers, but the power of making war decisions would be his.

To Celebrate the Victory

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4.—A Berlin telegram says that it is officially announced the battle on the Argechu River northwest of Bucharest, has been won by the Ninth Army. The Emperor has personally ordered church bells in Prussia and Alsace Lorraine to be rung on Monday in celebration of the victory.

Crowded Transport Sunk by Submarine

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—The Admiralty announces to-day that a German submarine on Nov. 27, near Malta, sunk the French transport ship "Karnak," 6,800 tons. The Karnak was crowded with troops destined for Saloniki.

Allies Get Greek Guns?

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Corfu, under date of Saturday, says that all Greek mountain guns in Corfu citadel have been handed over to the Allies.

VESSEL WRECKED IN FOG.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., was advised to-day that the mail man Britannia, T.B., reports that a lumber-laden schooner, bound from Trinity Bay to St. John's, had gone ashore in a thick fog between Deer Island and Thoroughfare, Saturday. The vessel became a total wreck, her name nor the name of her owner are not known, nor is anything said by the mail man about the crew. It is however likely that they are safe.

DIED AT NEW YORK.

Mr. Patrick Finlay, of Fermeuse, had a wire from his daughter at New York on Saturday stating that his brother, Mr. Thomas Finlay, had died there. Mr. Finlay had resided at New York for a number of years and was a successful contractor, and was well and favorably known there. His many friends on the Southern Shore, also in the City, will learn of his death with sincere sorrow.

WILL HOLD RECEPTION

A reception for the Rev. Gordon Dickie, the new Pastor of St. Andrew's will be held at the church at 8.30 this evening. No doubt a large number of the congregation will attend to welcome this gifted clergyman to their midst.

WHEN A MAN MAKES HIS WILL.

It is a morbid superstition that a man dies when he makes his will. More often he lives happily and long after he has done so. It relieves his anxieties.—London Saturday Review.

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VESSEL PUT BACK.

Mr. LeMessurier, C.M.G., had a telegram to-day saying that the schooner Nita M. Conrad had put back to Burin with her navigator very ill. The vessel left Burin on the 29th. November, fish laden for Gibraltar and she will get a new man to fill the place of the navigator who was landed.

FELL FROM TRAIN

A couple of days ago while a resident of Ferryland was coming along on the train to the city he fell from the platform on which he stood and narrowly escaped being killed. He was severely hurt about the body, and will get a new man to fill the place of the navigator who was landed.