

TACTICS OF ALLIES ON WESTERN FRONT

General Offensive at Present Time is Not Advisable.

GREAT DIFFICULTIES

But War of Attrition is Gaining Satisfactory Results.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—An explanation of why so little progress is being made in the French and Belgian war zones so far as actual ground gained is concerned is afforded in a statement from unquestionable authority in which the almost insurmountable difficulties of the present struggle are set forth. "During the last six months," says this authority, "from the North Sea to the Swiss mountains, there has been a steady warfare along the length of the broken line of trenches. In this warfare all strategic manoeuvres are absent, because manoeuvres are impossible on ground where every square metre is marked and swept by artillery fire. The only alternative is a frontal attack. Such an attack is smashed to pieces in one part or another against the formidable organizations of defence, in which all the resources of art and science have been employed by the two adversaries.

Elaborate Defences. "In concrete subterranean works, armored and casemated, flanked by rapid fire and mortars, and linked to one another by marvelously concealed communicating trenches, which are protected by the fire of heavy batteries, dwell the infantry abundantly provided with rifles and hand grenades. To take possession of one of these works it is first necessary to dismantle these trenches and destroy the material which they shelter. This is the artillery's task.

"No one before the war could have imagined the vast amount of shells required. Several thousand shells fired during a few hours on a restricted space announce an attack for which this preparation is being made.

Daily Machine Guns. "But no matter how numerous the heavy guns or how well directed their fire, it often happens that the preparation has been insufficient. One or two rapid fire down the trenches who climb from the trenches ready for the charge and after suffering heavy sacrifices the attacking party arrives at the first line of the trenches of the enemy. The opposing artillery, with a literal wall of fire, effectively prevents any reinforcements from advancing to their support. They must fortify the captured trenches, being subjected to a bombardment, as the enemy knows the exact range of their former positions.

"Such offensive movements could not be multiplied nor prolonged indefinitely, as much on account of the moral and physical effort which they demand of the men as on account of the losses which they involve. Neither can such offensives be improvised before beginning an attack, large quantities of material and projectiles must be gathered in one place previously appointed by the commander, advanced fortifications dug, and the ground minutely studied.

Costly Sacrifices. "In spite of these difficulties, the French army renews an offensive at the price of a bloody sacrifice, it is with the conscientious mission of holding large enemy forces on the western front. By the Marne victory it stopped the invasion and ruined the first German plan, which was first to charter France and return then against Russia.

"By the victory of the Yser, with the aid of the allied armies closing the line of defence, it effectively prevented the enemy from getting a foothold in Pas de Calais. "The continuous offensive actions from February to July in Champagne, the Argonne and Artois, it demoralized approximately 2,000,000 men and captured an enormous amount of material. Without allowing the enemy an instant's respite, it forced the German general staff to utilize on the western front reserves in barracks and arsenals.

Gaining Real Object. "It would be a serious mistake to measure our effort by the ground conquered. The demoralization and wearing down of the German army is the real goal.

"We have attained this goal, since it has been proved that during these six months the enemy has suffered heavy losses, and taking everything into consideration, he can only remove from our front eight per cent. of his total effectiveness."

PURCHASE MACHINE GUN

CORNWALL, Ont., Aug. 5.—The members of Longue Sault Chapter, Daughters of the Empire will conduct a tennis tournament consisting of ladies and gentlemen singles on the court of the regent, Mrs. John McMartin, opening Saturday, August 7. Membership fee will be \$1.00 for gentlemen and 50 cents for ladies. The proceeds will be devoted towards purchasing a machine gun for the Canadian forces.

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WARSAW ENTERED BY GERMAN ARMY

Russians Evacuate City With Main Armies Intact Without Molestation.

REARGUARD BATTLE

City Stripped of Everything of Value to Enemy Before Abandonment.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Warsaw has fallen and the Germans already are in occupation of the Polish capital. The news first came by wireless telegraphy from the German general army headquarters and it was quickly followed by cabled confirmation from Berlin crediting the occupation of the city to the forces commanded by Prince Leopold of Bavaria after a stubborn fight with the Russian rear guard.

With the Russian admission in last night's official communication, that the Russian forces defending the Blonie front had been withdrawn, all hope that Warsaw would be saved was abandoned. "The outer line of forts to which the Russians withdrew are only six miles from the centre of the capital and these defences apparently were carried last night, the inner line of defences being captured in time to enable the victors to enter the city early this morning.

Main Army Escaped. "The statement from Petrograd that the Russian retreat to the Blonie-Nadaryn front had been carried out unhindered, was taken here to indicate that Grand Duke Nicholas had everything in readiness for the evacuation of Warsaw itself, and the announcement in today's Berlin statement that only a stubborn rearguard blocked the advance of the Germans, seems to confirm that the main army, with its guns, has escaped being caught in the citadel.

The vice-governor-general of Warsaw took prompt measures to organize a voluntary postoffice force and to resume the operations at Praga, a suburb across the Vistula. Since Saturday, this staff, headed by Miss Vanda Stokroka, president of the Warsaw Ladies' Yachting Association, has been working under the direction of the Central Citizens' Committee. Eighty young women, lately employed in the Red Cross hospital service, volunteered their services as sorters and distributors.

Polish Girls as Clerks. A volunteer corps of 400 young Polish men assumed the duties of postal clerks, and the sorting and delivering of the hundreds of thousands of letters and parcels, which had piled up during the last two weeks since the departure of the state postal authorities now is under way.

The removal of the state bank and private banks with all their funds left the city without means of carrying on trade. An appeal had been made to the minister of trade and commerce to permit the re-establishment of a money order station and efforts were made to secure the return and reopening of a department of the state bank for limited operations. The chief of police and his staff left the city ten days ago, together with all the courts and justices of the peace. All the railway equipment, of both gauges, was removed from the west bank of the Vistula, as were all the machinery shops.

The Russian military hospitals were removed with their staffs and equipment. The Polish municipal and private hospitals are carrying the burden of caring for the wounded from the nearby battle line. The staffs are working hard under the highest pressure day and night.

POSTAL OFFICIALS LEFT.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Aug. 2.—By messenger to Petrograd, Aug. 5, 1.30 p.m.—In consequence of the cessation in the operation of postal facilities, Warsaw for ten days has been without mail connection with the outside world. With the exodus of the postal authorities even the post-boxes were removed.

MILITARY CAMP TO BE A FEATURE

Picked Soldiers, Now in Training, Will Demonstrate at Exhibition.

WILL DRILL EVERY DAY

Regular Work to Be Maintained and Aeroplane Will Land.

Col. Logie, officer commanding the second division, has given his formal approval of the model military camp at the Exhibition, and Major Barker, who will be in charge, is at Niagara completing arrangements for the men and equipment. The forces to occupy the camp will be a specially picked complement from the men and officers now training for overseas and all branches of the service will be represented. The men will have a strenuous two weeks' work.

As Major Barker has mapped out the program, there is to be physical training, with and without arms, and bayonet fighting each day from 11 to 12 noon on the ground to the west of the government building; from 3 to 4 p.m. the detail calls for trench defence and bayonet fighting, while from 4 to 5 p.m. there will be company and platoon drill, and from 6 to 7 p.m. a march thru the grounds and around the track, with a march past in front of the grand stand.

Outside of these hours regular training must proceed under orders from Col. Logie, and as regular training for active service is rather severe work, the men will need to be picked specimens to stand the strain.

Arrangements have been made to have aeroplanes land on the camp grounds each day.

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FARMER PAID MONEY FOR FINDING HORSES

W. J. Anderson Paid Hundred Dollars for Brother for Assistance Rendered.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Aug. 5.—W. J. Anderson, a farmer, of Chemogue, who figures in the remount department statistics dealing with the purchase of horses for Major Anderson of Moncton, as having received \$3945 for 18 horses, and who got \$100 for

his trouble in locating animals for the army, was examined as to these transactions by John Thompson, K.C., Ontario, who met in the court house here today.

Mr. Anderson said he was asked by his brother, the major, who was raising the 13th Battery of Moncton, to find out if horses could be secured around Shemogue. He found 12 or 15. Eight of the number were chosen, tho he knew nothing of the prices decided upon for the horses. Four were rejected. Seven of the horses were brought to his stable, when it was arranged to take them to Shediac and deliver them to Major Anderson. Anderson said he met his brother in the bank at Shediac at about 12 o'clock noon. The major gave him a paper to sign, and he did so.

Mr. Thompson handed him a remount department cheque, made out to W. H. Anderson, for \$3945, for 18 horses.

Nine Sealed Envelopes. Mr. Thompson next showed witness the signature "W. H. Anderson" on the back of the cheque and witness identified the writing as his and the cheque as the paper presented to him by his brother and signed by him on the bank at Shediac.

Anderson said he never had the cheque in his hands.

Sir Charles Davidson asked if Anderson knew what he was signing. Witness said he never enquired. He signed it without reading the cheque, because his brother told him to be quick about it. He recollected now that when he had signed it he said it was like signing a death warrant.

One of the farmers got \$10 too much and returned it to him. He took it to the major with an explanation and his brother told him to put the money in

his pocket. He declined to give it back to the major.

The Ideal Vacation Route. The Canadian Pacific conveniently reaches Point au Baril, Lake Massanoga (Bon Echo), French and Pickers Rivers, Severn River, Muskoka Lakes, Kawartha Lakes, Rideau Lakes, Lake Ontario resorts, etc. If you contemplate a trip of any nature consult Canadian Pacific ticket agents, or write M. G. Murphy, district passenger agent, Toronto.

CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT. The various tennis clubs thruout the city are showing a good deal of interest in the open tournament to be held at the Broadview T. Club, Pope avenue, commencing Saturday, Aug. 14, at 2 o'clock. The Broadview courts are clay and in fine condition. Visiting clubs have been very much pleased with the new courts this year and some real tennis of high quality is assured.

The following is the list of events: Men's singles, ladies' singles, men's doubles, mixed doubles, ladies' handicap, men's handicap, men's novices.

Contestants are reminded that entries close Wednesday, Aug. 11. For entry blanks phone Gerrard 1600.

Uster United play Fraserburgh on Saturday at Estons Field. Kick-off at 2.30 sharp, when the following players are requested to be on hand: McMurray, McKelvie, Purdy, Neilly, Savage, Adie, Browne, Reid, G. Forsythe, Cady, Elliott. Reserves: W. Forsythe, Campbell, Walker.

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