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GERMANS ARE GLAD TO BE CAPTURED

Are Worn Out Physically and Their Spirit is Also Broken by Conditions Under Which they Fight

London, Sept. 18.—A correspondent of The Chronicle, whose despatch is dated from Chartres, France, gives the following graphic presentation of psychological reasons which, he declares, are impelling the Germans to headlong flight with as great force as the physical reason of being pursued by the enemy.

"The causes of this sudden turn in the wheel of fate which has sent our enemy reeling back in desperate but dangerous rage are moral as well as physical.

Causes of the Failure.

"One must look deeper than at the strategy of war lords for the great causes of the Germans' failure. One must look at the German officers and men upon whom this strategy depended. One must look into the heart of the individual German soldier and at his behavior in the field.

"He has come fighting all the way from Liege to the outskirts of Paris. For a month he has been given no rest from this ceaseless fighting and ceaseless marching. He has seen the utter indifference of his officers to the lives of their men. He has seen his comrades sent forward, sometimes in close formation, to certain inevitable death before the sweeping fire of French guns, and he has heard the brutality of the orders to spill blood like water so long as those who follow may make their way through the blood to their destined goal.

Driving Men to Slaughter

"Let me say at once that this policy of driving men to slaughter with a ruthless contempt for the sum of human life which is piled up by that policy has recoiled upon the authors of it. At it best it can only be justified by supreme success, and that has not been attained.

"The men who are fighting now in the German retreat are savage against their officers' bloodthirsty business which has destroyed so many thousands of their comrades.

"This is not written from my imagination. Among the wretched German prisoners whom I have seen limping through French towns or packed like cattle into troop trains are many who have been candid in their expression of these things.

"The amazing intolerance of the German officers for their men, the entire lack of comradeship that has been exhibited, would be ludicrous if it were not such a shocking revelation of the spirit of Prussian military caste. The officers protest violently against sitting in the same wagons with their men, and refuse to eat with them. They stand silent and aloof from those who have fought with them and endeavored to bully their men in these, the days of their common misfortune.

Glad to be Captured

"In many corps German soldiers have been glad to be captured as an escape from their intolerable suffering. The German plan of sending forward cavalry outposts at a great distance from the main army has meant that many of them have been captured by British patrols.

"In the region through which I pass southward from Creil and Compeigne, along the line of the allies' left, I have seen many starving men. In one case, to my own knowledge the haversacks of the Germans were filled with grass as their only means of nourishment.

"The men were haggard and faint when they surrendered themselves to the allies' cavalry and begged piteously for food. Men do not fight gladly in such a condition.

"But most demoralizing to the German right wing has been the capture of a great part of its ammunition, so that many of its guns are without food. Also the loss of a great column of ammunition wagons, which was destroyed by a brilliant attack of the General Pau at Crepe, caused many of the German officers to weep and undoubtedly contributed to the breaking up of the German right.

"Again, the failure to enter Paris has had, as I have learned from German prisoners, a demoralizing effect upon them. They fought to reach

that goal, and the capture of the French capital would have had a heartening result far beyond its military significance. The turn away from Paris was a frightful blow to the German troops, and was the first sign to them that the plans of their Headquarters Staff had completely miscarried. It was an omen of the great disaster that is overtaking them.

Vigor of French Attack

"Finally, the vigor of the French attack after the first weeks of retreat has completely surprised the German troops and put a panic of fear into their hearts. They are unable to stand against bayonet charges of men like the Zouaves, Turcos and the best infantry regiments of the line, who during the last week have come to close quarters at St. Remy and Vierter.

"There was a remarkable example of this. The German artillery occupied good positions on the heights and their army was strongly entrenched, but one regiment of the French line attacked with the bayonet and routed four German regiments out of their trenches with terrific slaughter. The Germans lost their nerve altogether at the sight of the long French bayonets and, leaping from their pits, ran in terror. The greater part of those who died (and there were not many left) were stabbed in the back as they fled.

"The same fear of cold steel was exhibited in the territory around Meaux and in the bayonet charges which took place in such villages as Grezy and Penchard, by the First Regiment of Zouaves. The Germans made a miserable resistance unless they were protected by mitrailleuses.

Artillery is Weak

"Speaking generally, though perhaps the facts have varied at different parts of the fighting line, the German artillery has not been as good as the experts anticipated. I have spoken to many French gunners who fought in various sections of the front—notably at Mons, Charleroi, Meaux and on the Marne—and they all bear each other out in saying that the German shells burst ineffectively.

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PITIABLE STATE OF THE WOUNDED

German Arrangements For Their Treatment Were Proven Entirely Inadequate

Paris, Sept. 18.—The pitiable state of most of the German wounded is explained by some of the prisoners as due to lack of nourishment. They say the Germans were so convinced that they would cross France and take Paris at the double quick that they did not provide for wounded.

When the famous "75" gun of the French began to make ravages, the German commanders took from the ranks men best qualified for the work of caring for the wounded but their services were quite insufficient.

Yesterday a train load of wounded comparatively a large number of men in the Imperial Guard, arrived in Bordeaux. Nearly all are in grave state. They were accompanied by a German army surgeon and one nurse of the Imperial Guard. All of these wounded recognize the good care they have had since falling into the hands of the French.

**GERMAN DESIGNS
ON NETHERLANDS**

Would Annex Belgium and 'Persuade' Holland to Join German Confederation

London, Sept. 16.—A correspondent of the London Daily News in Copenhagen says: "According to a copy of the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger, received here, Gen. von Ooesterley, a friend of the Kaiser, declares that Belgium must become a part of the German empire, because her harbors are wanted 'to hold a knife under the nose of perfidious, cowardly England.'

"Holland also may be persuaded to enter the German union by offering her great advantages of sea route," says the general. "We will then be established over the infamous nation of shopkeepers. Our future lies on the sea."

From Hudson Bay To Go To the Front

On board the returning Hudson Bay steamer Sheeba, which arrived here from Port Nelson Monday, was Cecil B. Shaw, of Plymouth, England, who was one of the engineers engaged in Hydrographical work on board the Government steamer Acadlan, says The North Sydney Herald.

Shaw is a lieutenant in the Royal Navy reserve officers, and when he first heard of the war he was on board the Acadlan cruising off Mansell Island on the 29th of August.

A passing steamer was hailed, and among the papers put on board the survey steamer was a copy of the London Times containing England's proclamation of war. Mr. Shaw at once proceeded to Port Nelson, and boarded the Sheeba, arriving here Monday. That evening he took the first express en route to New York, where he will board a steamer for across, and next week will go to the front.

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