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## Are Germans Planning To Move Out of France?

Frank L. Simonds, of New York Tribune, Sees Signs of a Retreat; Counter-Attacks on Some no Longer Show "Punch" of German Forces

(By Frank L. Simonds.)

There have been in the last few days signs which, without being completely convincing, supply very marked indication that the first step of Hindenburg may be to shorten his western lines by retreating from France. The most interesting sign, of course, is the marked diminution in the "couches" of the Germans along the Somme.

Something over a month ago Gen. Joffre remarked to an American visitor that the German counter-attacks since the "bite." This has been increasingly true since then. What is more significant is the fact that after a long period of relative calm the French have resumed their attack and have been gaining at a rate which is truly surprising. Week before last they suddenly took Maupas in a swing forward that covered about a mile. Later they took Clercy, then and most recently they took Le Foret and are rapidly approaching the Bapaume-Pernone road, which must be nearly a dozen miles east of the point at which they started their attack about July 1.

Chaulnes is Menaced.

Meantime, way to the south and about Chaulnes they are beginning to make material progress, and Chaulnes, itself, one of the strong points in the German line, which has been held since the days of the battle of the Aisne in September, 1914, is in serious peril. Still further to the south Roye is also menaced. In sum, the whole salient, the big bulge from Peronne all the way round to the Aisne, is crumbling, and in the last few days the crumbling has been more marked than at any time during the Somme battle.

This may mean merely that the Germans have adopted the French tactic at Verdun, that they are holding their lines with very small contingents and "selling" back to the French, at a price, trenches and villages which have no vital strategic value. The French were limited in the Verdun operation by the fact that they had decided to hold Verdun for political rather than military reasons. The Germans have no such limitation. They are not compelled from time to time to counter-attack at Verdun, as they are at Chaulnes, and their situation has become exceedingly involved when the Russian and Somme offensives intervened to divert German attention.

But the Germans, as they withdrew from village to village, and they have not surrendered some thirty, are not shortening but lengthening the line. It requires more men to hold the present front than it did to hold the front attacked two months ago. The French and the British are slowly pushing into the German position, and they have now widened their original wedge so much that the earlier German advantage, that of being able to direct a converging fire at the allied troops in the wedge, has passed away.

Can't Equal Present Lines.

Again, while the Germans have plenty of time to construct new lines behind the old, they cannot construct lines comparable with those that they have lost, in the limited time at their disposal and under the searching fire of the enemy. The French did not put a new line in at Verdun, but it was the German portion of their defence and it was done in a country which lent itself naturally to defence, as the Somme country does not. Thus it is fair to assume that the later considerable advances of the French were due to the fact that the more recent German lines have crumbled more easily and quickly under heavy artillery fire than did the original trenches. All of which emphasizes the fact that sooner or later the Germans will have either to adopt a new policy or accept the situation and go back to the French frontier from Metz to Compe, or to the line of the Meuse, with a Belgian war before Namur, Brussels andwerp.

A change of policy would mean a passing to the offensive, the concentration of men and guns on the Somme front, and the sacrifice of very large numbers in a new effort. This may happen, or it may be that the Germans will make their effort elsewhere, before Namur, for example. But the reason this seems unlikely is that terrific demands are being made on Germany for men, just now, and for men to be used in the East. Verdun cost the Germans not less than 800,000 men, the Russian operations in the East at least a further 100,000. In the same time Austria has lost in Galicia and on the Italian front not less than 400,000 in prisoners and not less than 350,000 in casualties, in sum 750,000 men.

Huns Have Lost 1,500,000.

Since February 21, then, the two great central powers have lost 1,500,000. In addition they are called upon now and suddenly to supply troops to meet a new enemy, to hold between 200,000 and 400,000 Roumanians, with the possibility that 200,000 Greeks will appear at any moment in the Balkan line. And it is this new Roumanian demand that makes a German offensive in France exceedingly unlikely. At the moment the

Roumanian advance into Hungary is going forward rapidly, the Russian advance in Galicia has been resumed with considerable success and the allied threat at Bulgaria through Macedonia is unmistakable. Finally, the Somme operation is not only continuing, but palpably getting new force.

Conceivably the Germans have the men to hold on everywhere until the end of the season. It is unlikely, but it is just possible. Then they are bound to make a new bid for peace, which will fill the world and have very interesting echoes in the United States, where the machinery is being organized at this very moment. Such a peace will not be based on the "war map" of Europe, but on the peace map of July, 1914. We have covered a good deal of ground since last May.

But if Germany cannot hold on until fall on all fronts, then she must shorten her western front, because it is the front from which she can most easily draw men and it is the only front on which she is entirely upon enemy territory. It is a small comfort for the Hungarians, for example, when Transylvanian cities are falling rapidly, that Germans still hold Moldavia and St. Quentin. It is little solace to the Austrians that, when the Italians have got Gorizia and are near Trieste, when Lemberg is again in peril, that Antwerp and Brussels are under German rule. And the Bulgarians, whose loyalty is vital to central power purposes, will hardly be prepared to give up their own territory and Macedonia villages while Germany is using twice as many men to defend the western front as would be required if she would shorten the line.

Hindenburg's Theory.

Finally, it is a secret nowhere that Hindenburg has always looked upon the East as the decisive field, that he regarded with extreme disfavor the use of all available German reserves in the campaign in Belgium and toward Calais in October and November, 1914, and the equally costly operation toward Verdun this year. One or two of the corps that were sacrificed at Ypres would have been enabled him to take Warsaw in October, 1914; Russian successes in Volhynia and the Baltic would not have come had the troops sacrificed at Verdun had been available.

We have manifestly come about to the time when Germany must shorten her lines. To retire from the Dvina and the Beresina to the Niemen and the Vistula would release some troops, but it might involve the abandonment of much of Galicia and it would not set free anything like the men that would be available if the western lines were shortened. Hence the growing conviction that we may see at any time now the first crack in the western lines. The original German purpose was to effect a defeat at the Marne and the effort to resume a campaign in France checked from the Oise to the North Sea. Actually, on the second anniversary of the battle of the Marne, its real meaning is at last becoming clear and the magnitude of German defeat in that conflict is being disclosed.

Nor is it outside the bounds of ordinary hazard to feel the guess that before snow flies the German lines will have been contracted in Northern France and at the front of French territory west of the Meuse will have been "redeemed."

**CHAMPION LUMBER CO. FAILS**

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Ashville, N. C., Sept. 15.—The Champion Lumber Company, one of the largest lumber corporations in the South, has been declared bankrupt by Federal Judge Boyd at Greensboro. Liabilities are estimated at \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000 and assets are not listed. The court ordered the operation of the company continued. The action was taken in a friendly suit.

Good Man For Judge.

Dog fanciers can be sure that the show committee of the New Brunswick Kennel Club made a master stroke when they secured as judge for the coming show, October 10-11-12, George Steadman Thomas of Hamilton, Mass.

Mr. Thomas is known in dog-dom from east to west, both in the United States and Canada, as an experienced judge, conditioner, exhibitor and all-around dog man. He has few peers in America or England, where he is as well known as in Canada. To have Mr. Thomas' critical opinion on a dog is worth something. He is a man with an eye for a dog and his many years of experience in judging at the prominent shows places him among the best men in the ring or kennel.

The fact that many good dogs of all varieties, from the big hound to the toy specimens, have been in and out of his kennels and Canada, as an experienced judge, conditioner, exhibitor and all-around dog man. He has few peers in America or England, where he is as well known as in Canada. To have Mr. Thomas' critical opinion on a dog is worth something. He is a man with an eye for a dog and his many years of experience in judging at the prominent shows places him among the best men in the ring or kennel.

Already the show committee is assured of many valuable prizes for competition and everything is moving toward the best show ever held under Canadian Kennel Club rules in this city.

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Special Showing of Imported Patterns as Well as Some Original Designs Made by Our Own Milliners

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The Best Expression of The New Styles in Good Wearing Garments For Active Little Men



NOT only are these Suits fashionable to the very limit of the best maker's ability, but they are stout and durable, as these are the vital points to consider in purchasing boys' apparel.

All the style effects the new season has brought out are here. The materials are better, the patterns neater, with a wider range of colorings than ever. No matter how hard you are to please, we are certain that this handsome display of Fall and Winter Suits will meet with approval.

**SAILOR SUITS**—Ages 5 to 10 years. \$3.00 to \$8.00  
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**TAPESTRY RUGS**—3 by 4 yards. Priced upward from \$15.00  
**BRUSSELS RUGS**—3 by 4 yards. Priced upward from \$25.00  
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**WILTON RUGS**—3 by 4 yards. Priced upward from \$37.50

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## Saturday Cash Specials at DANIEL'S

STORE OPEN SATURDAY EVENING UNTIL TEN

**WOMEN'S SERGE DRESS SKIRTS.**

A special purchase of All-Wool Navy Blue and Black Serge Skirts just in for Saturday selling. They are made in new flare style with an inch wide pleat down centre front and trimmed at sides with small buttons. All sizes up to 30.

**Saturday Cash Special, \$3.68 each**

**WOMEN'S RAINCOATS, \$5.98**

EACH—Extra Special in Women's Raincoats in fine paramatta cloth and tweed effects, popular style, belted in back, high convertible collar. All guaranteed rain-proof materials. In fawns, grey or greens, and also dark chucks. Regular \$9.95 to \$7.90.

**Saturday Cash Special, \$5.98 each**

**RAIN HATS FOR SCHOOL GIRLS.**

Just a limited number of that lot of Rain Hats offered last Saturday. They come in tweeds, parametta or poplin; motor bonnet, style or sou'wester. Splendid for boys or girls for school wear. Regular 50c. to \$1.00.

**Saturday Cash Special, 35c. each**

**CRISP KIMONOS, \$1.48—About**

six dozen dainty Crisp Kimonos in a good assortment of colors, rose, blue, pink or sky; empire style or shirred at the waist-line. All sizes.

**Saturday Cash Special, \$1.00 each**

**MOREN UNDERSKIRTS, \$1.00**

EACH—Full weight, full width Underskirts of colored or white moreen made with deep flounce, trimmed tucking and finished in accordion pleating. An excellent skirt for general fall wear. Colors, grey, green, brown and black.

**Saturday Cash Special, \$1.00 each**

**ON SALE 10.30 A.M.—On Saturday**

morning at half-past ten, we will place on sale about one hundred pieces of good Whitefeet, slightly soiled, but every garment of fine material, trimmings Swiss embroidery, fine val. laces with beading and ribbons, etc. dainty Covers, Drawers, Combinations, Princess Slips, Gowns and Underskirts. Some exceptional bargains in the lot.

**Saturday Cash Special,**

**Choice at Half Price**

**AT 8 P.M. SATURDAY—At eight o'clock on Saturday evening, we**

purpose a great bargain in Women's Utility or Fine House Dresses; ten dozen only in the lot, but they come in fine sephyras, gingham, checks or stripes and trimmed plain chambrays. Colors, blue, tan, grey, black and white, navy, pink and sky. All made with full flare skirts. Sizes 34 to 44 inches. Regular value up to \$1.50.

**Saturday Cash Special, 77c. each**

**FIVE DOZ. CHILDREN'S PIA-**

**FORMS—Very useful little Aprons for kiddies; made of fast wash cambrics, pink or light blue effects; 2 to 4 years.**

**Saturday Cash Special, 19c. each**

**CHILDREN'S FALL WAISTS, 25c.**

—Children's Pleated Corset Waists, made of good, warm, fleecy cotton with strong taped seams and bow buttons, in natural or white. Sizes 2 to 10 years.

**Saturday Cash Special, 25c. each**

**BRASSIERS—Eight dozen New**

Model Brassiers of All-over Embroidery. Made with double stitched seams and with or without boning, faster in front or cross-over back. Every one finished with fine embroidery edging. Regular \$1.25 goods. Sizes 34 to 40.

**Saturday Cash Special, 88c. each**

**WOMEN'S FALL UNDERWEAR—Warm**

Fall Knitted Combinations, fine rib, unshrinkable, for boys or girls 2 to 10 years. Made with button front, long sleeves, ankle length.

**On Sale Saturday at 58c. per suit**

**Women's Fall Combinations**

Suits, very fine rib knit, soft merino yarns. Every garment shaped to fit, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length. Sizes 34 to 40.

**Saturday Cash Special, 88c. each**

**KIDDIES' DRESSES—Strong Cam-**

bric, Fast Color Dresses for kiddies of 2 to 5 years, in pretty little checks or stripes, trimmed pipings in midly style.

**Saturday Cash Special, 35c. each**

**INFANTS' FALL BONNETS—**

You can pick out a good bonnet for just half price on Saturday; a limited number on stock with broken lines of our best quality Bonnets, Flashes, Velvets and Teddy Bear Cloth. Sizes 8 months to 2 years.

**Choice on Saturday, Half Price**

**BABY DRESSES—A few numbers of Little All-over Embroidery Baby Dresses; made with neat beading and ribbon bows, empire or long waisted styles. Sizes 1 to 8 years.**

**Saturday Cash Special, \$1.98 each**

**NEW GINGHAM ROMPERS, 47c.**

—Boys' or Girls' Strong, Fast Color Gingham and Drill Rompers. These come in checks or stripes, blues, pinks, navies, etc. Sizes 8 to 6 years.

**On Sale Saturday, 47c. each**

**COMFORTABLES—A limited num-**

ber of Double Bed Comfortables, carried over from last season and could not be repeated today for 25 per cent. more; all well filled, soft make.

**Saturday Cash Special, \$1.49 each**

**One dozen Extra Large Size**

Soft White, Filled Comfortables, neat chintz coverings.

**Saturday Cash Special, \$1.98 each**

**PORTIERES—Six Dark Green, Ex-**

tra Heavy Tapestry Portieres with deep fringe, 80 inches wide. Regular price, \$8.00 a pair.

**Saturday Cash Special, \$2.50 each**

**Rope Portieres, one red and one**

brown only, for doorway, six feet wide. Regular \$4.50.

**To Clear, \$2.95**

Also one very large Rope Por-

tier, in crimson. Regular \$6.50.

**Price to Clear, \$4.50**

**CURTAIN RODS—Brass Curtain**

Rods that extend to 82 inches.

**Saturday, 3 rods for 28c.**

**YARDS SCRIM FOR \$1.15—**

Twenty pieces new Hemstitched Window Scrims, full 40 inch width

with a 2 1/2 inch ribbon edge. Come in cream and white. Very special value, as these goods have gone up in price.

**On Saturday, 5 yards for \$1.15**

**MARQUISSETTE—120 yds. of White**

and Cream Curtains Marquissette with fancy open work edge, 40 inches wide.

**Saturday Cash Special, 27c. yard**

**SILKS AND VELVETS—Very**

Pretty Striped Pongee Silk for blouses. Will wash perfectly natural colored browns with rose or Copen stripes. Full 96 inches wide. Regular 85c. goods.

**Special Price on Saturday,**

**Only 67c. yard**

**Black Moire Velvet Suiting, fine**

soft quality, excellent black and rich moire design. Regular \$1.88 yard.

**Saturday Cash Special, 87c. yard**

**DRESS GOODS—A special lot of**

Fancy Mixed Suitings in greys, browns, blues. All are full weights and appropriate for children's school dresses, separate skirts, etc.

**Saturday Cash Special, 79c. yard**

**LADIES' HAND BAGS—A special**

line of Ladies' Solid Leather Hand Bags, strictly new goods, on sale at this price on Saturday only; leather covered bags, nicely lined and fitted with purse and mirror.

**Saturday Cash Special, 96c. each**

**SHELL GOODS—A large assort-**

ment of Shell Goods in Barettes, Side Combs, Turban Pins, in dark or amber shades. Regular 25c. goods.

**On Saturday, Choice for 15c. each**

**CHAMOIS GLOVES—A limited quantity of White Chamois Gloves, pique seams and black stitched. All sizes in the lot. A bargain at the price.**

**Saturday Cash Special, 89c. pair**

**LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS—**