

ONLY MEANS OF DEFEATING THE ALLIES IS U-BOAT, SAYS PERSIUS

German Captain and Prominent Naval Critic Asks a few Questions and Replies to them—Cannot See that England will be Forced to Ask for Peace.

Special Cable to The New York Tribune and The St. John Standard.

London, May 6.—Can the present German Western offensive bring the war to an end? If not, can Germany defeat England on the sea? How long would it take the German submarines to sink all available allied tonnage? These questions are asked and answered by Captain Persius, one of the foremost German naval critics, in a recent article in the Berliner Tageblatt. He says, "All eyes are directed toward the western battle field. Will the struggle there bring victory to the Central Powers, and will this victory bring the conclusion of peace? As far as the enemies are concerned there are very few indications that this would leave to a decision."

"English papers are saying that no matter what the result of the offensive may be, Great Britain and America are determined to wage the war till the end. The destruction of Prussian military power, how does the situation appear to an observer if the continental war should be considered as ended and only the naval war left? Even if we were to assume that all fighting on the continent should cease, it does not seem advisable to regard as possible the transportation of German soldiers to the British Isles with the English fleet dominating the seas of the present strength. Our only means therefore, for defeating the English and Americans, as formerly remains the submarine."

U Boat Sinkings.

"Our U boats sink on the average between 600,000 and 700,000 tons a month. That is in round figures about 8,000,000 tons a year. Now, everybody

can get a picture of the future course of the war on the sea if he takes into consideration the fact that under the present pressure there is to be expected a continually stronger activity in the enemy as well as neutral shipyards."

"Doubtless the next few months will be a critical period for England. But the hope that this will force England to the conclusion of peace is not at all justified. 'The further resistance of the English and Americans would be principally a question of nerve. There is no use in underestimating our Anglo-Saxon opponents. They have many an instrument at their disposal to remedy their lack of tonnage. Let us think, for example of the Solent enterprise, which required many ships. Let us beware then, from foreseeing a period in the near future when the Britons and Americans will conclude peace because of the merchant marine."

Life and Prosperity.

"No one can foresee how the war will ultimately turn out. Does this moment, perhaps, not seem propitious for a serious consideration whether there has not been enough of destruction of life and property? The English know as well as we that the war will have to be some time followed by an understanding. Two opponents are standing against each other, both of whom will say to themselves that they cannot entirely destroy their opponents. The understanding ought to be easier now that we have heard from two opposite directions, Herr Von Jagow and Prince Lichnowsky, that England does not bear the guilt for the war as hitherto had been thought in wide circles of our people."

GERMAN TANKS UNWIELDLY, OF POOR QUALITY AND CREWS UNDRILLED

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg Placed Little Faith in Ponderous Machines, but Since they Had been Made he Decided to Give them a Trial.

With the British Army in France, May 5. (By The Associated Press).—Further details are now available from various sources, regarding the new German tanks, several of which made such a poor showing at Villers-Bretonneux on April 24. The machine weighs forty-five tons and is so unwieldy it is impossible to disassemble it. The armor is of a poor quality of steel and varies in thickness up to thirty millimetres. A direct artillery hit will put one out of action and they are also vulnerable to machine gun and rifle fire at various points.

Lack Training.

There is slight cohesion among the

crews, which have little training. The tanks appear to have been hurried out of the works and used as soon as possible. Their operators have no training with infantry as was quite apparent at Villers-Bretonneux.

Prior to the appearance of these tanks south of the Somme, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg inspected some of them at Charleval. One was taken out for a trial and got ditched in a trench. The field marshal said he did not think the tanks would be of much use, but since they had been made they had better be given a trial. This, naturally, did not improve the morale of the tank corps and later when two of the machines got into trouble at Villers-Bretonneux their crews abandoned them and fled, though later the tanks were rescued. The manufacture of the tanks was begun at Daimers, near Berlin, in the spring of 1917, but difficulties were encountered in their construction.

GRAFT CHARGES IN U. S. TO BE INVESTIGATED

Gutson Borglum, the Sculptor, Alleges Crooked Work and Pro-German Influence in Aircraft Production.

Washington, May 6.—A department of justice investigation of the charges of graft in aircraft production made by Gutson Borglum, the sculptor, was ordered today by President Wilson.

U. S. YOUTHS OF 21 SUBJECT TO DRAFT

Selective System will be Extended to Those of Age Since June 5, 1917.

Washington, May 6.—An agreement on the bill extending the selective draft law to youths twenty-one years of age since June 5, 1917, was reached today by senate and house conferees. The amendment of Representative Hull of Iowa, providing that additional registrants shall be placed at the bottom of present eligible districts was retained.

\$1,640,000,000 FOR AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

Stupendous Sums by War Department of United States.

Washington, May 6.—A billion dollar appropriation for aircraft production was asked of congress today by the war department. This will add to the \$640,000,000 appropriation already made and expended.

Other applications asked as needed in the fifteen billion dollar budget included \$5,780,245,325 for the quartermaster's department and \$3,378,302,301 for the ordnance department for heavy guns and fortifications.



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APPOHAQUI

Special to The Standard.

Apohaqui, May 5.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Long, River Bank, was the scene of a very interesting and pretty wedding on Wednesday evening, May 1st, when Miss Lydia J. McParlane, of Markhamville, sister of Mrs. Long, became the wife of Harry T. Scott, of the same place.

OBITUARY

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. V. Morash, pastor of the Sussex Presbyterian church, and was witnessed by only the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. The bride was very attractively gowned in Alice blue silk combined with white Georgette, and wore a necklace of pearls, the gift of the groom. After hearty congratulations the bridal party and guests were ushered to the dining room where a dainty supper was served. Many beautiful gifts bespoke the popularity of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will reside in Markhamville where the best wishes of their many friends go with them.

ter Palmer of Chicago is dead at her winter home here.

Mrs. Palmer was a noted society leader. Bishop Hamilton. Pittsburg, May 6.—The Right Rev. Franklin Hamilton, Bishop of the Pittsburg district of the Methodist Episcopal church, died of pneumonia at his home here yesterday.

Francis E. Woods, occurred yesterday

at her residence, 55 Queen street. The deceased was a daughter of the late Joseph Horncastle, of Indian town, and is survived by her mother, two daughters, Mrs. A. Fred deForest and Mrs. Edward A. Thomas, and three sisters, Mrs. F. E. Hanington, Mrs. Alice Rudock and Mrs. R. L. Johnston. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon from Trinity church. Service at 2.30.

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