

## NO GREAT DANGER IF BRITISH CAN ESCAPE "PINCERS" AND HAVE POSITIONS TO RETIRE ON

Unless Most Elementary Precautions Were Overlooked, Crisis Will Be Weathered Without Serious Loss.

By FRANK H. SIMONDS.  
NEW YORK, March 24.—The events of the past forty-eight hours demonstrate clearly that the German attack in Picardy is the greatest offensive. The Germans are plainly seeking a solution of the problem of the world war upon the battlefield and endeavoring to insure the performance of their war-won structure, of their great Mittel Europa empire, by a military victory. Since Napoleon set out for Moscow, therefore, there has been no campaign equal in magnitude of issues to the present. Germany is fighting, as Bernhardi forecast, for "world power or downfall." Not less clear is the fact that the Germans have chosen to make their supreme effort against the British. The day-long forecast by William II. has arrived, although it is the British army, not the navy, which bears

## SYSTEM WAS FULL OF POISON

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of British defenses, or taking a number of ruined villages; it is whether the British have provided a sufficient number of positions, one behind the other, to enable them to break the weight of the first German thrust. On this depends the fate of the Allied campaign in the West. The French failed to make this provision at Verdun, they nearly lost that town; a similar blunder led to the disaster of the Duna, and the Italian defeat at the Isonzo had exactly the same cause. On the other hand German retreats in Champagne, at the Somme and in Flanders deprived Allied advances of any but local profit.

**Problems of Defence.**  
Haig's report of German success about St. Quentin and British retreat over the devastated country to their next line, raises the whole question of the defence of the British position. The Germans devastated the country with an eye to possible later offensives. They destroyed every village and wood that might give the enemy cover or material to improvise a defense under pressure. All depends now upon the preparedness of the British to face the new position and of transposing their munitions.

Thus, if the British have foreseen the present emergency, they will presently have in their hands the means of a successful defense. If they have not, they will be compelled to pause while their heavy artillery is getting up. Such a pause would mark the battle of Arras, the first British rush over the Vimy Ridge to the plain. Such a pause has been a familiar circumstance in all great offensives.

On the other hand, if the British have been caught napping, if they have not prepared lines, as the Germans did before the Somme, if their main systems have been penetrated, then difficult and dangerous days are expected. Then Haig will have to counter-attack while new lines are constructed, just as Petain had to counter-attack on the Douaumont plateau at Verdun, just as the Germans themselves counter-attacked at once at Cambrai, while they were preparing their main counter-attack on the British position.

We are then clearly at the decisive moment of the first phase of the great German offensive. All depends now upon British forethought and British success in repositioning their prepared lines. The battle is now in the stage which a year ago saw the Germans retreating from Vimy Ridge and hills just east of Arras to that famous series of switch lines before which the army of the British attack was held up after the very great initial success.

If the British are unready, then we

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Normal Life of Capital Uninterrupted—Propellers on Projectiles?

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On Sunday in Paris was ushered in by the loud explosion of one of the 28-inch shells fired by the Germans from their new gun, more than 75 miles distant, at 5:55 o'clock this morning. The alarm was sounded immediately.

**Palm Shot As Usual.**  
Many people took shelter, but larger numbers appeared in the streets on the way to the churches, which were almost as crowded as usual, the women who sell palms doing their customary business.

The shells arrived at regular intervals of 20 minutes at first. The detonations seemed louder, and the interval between the first few shells landed, explosions following each other every fifteen minutes on the average. Some of the shots came after intervals of only twelve minutes.

Today's bombardment seems to be over as this dispatch is sent. No shell explosions have been heard for more than an hour from the Associated Press office.

The subways and tramways began running again before noon today, and in the afternoon the streets were in a still greater state of animation. It is believed in military circles that the Germans are using two long distance guns against Paris.

The "all clear" warning was sounded at 3:30 o'clock, showing that the bombardment was over.

**Government Undisturbed.**  
The Government has decided that the bombardment of Paris by long distance guns shall not interrupt the normal life of the capital, but that the population shall be warned of the bombardment by distinctive means, differing from the usual warning for an alarm, except the subway stations, which will continue to be operated normally. The new warning is to be known as warning No. 2. It will mean that any formation of crowds in the streets is prohibited, and that all shelters, except the subway stations, will be open. The end of any kind of a raid will be announced, as before, by a special trumpet call and the ringing of the church bells.

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ending of it is confidently expected. The newspapers do not conceal their admiration for the mechanical feat of the Germans in constructing their new weapon, but speak passionately of the useless barbarity of the bombardment. The Marins says it is consoling to note that the number of victims is small, but it asks for reprisals on German cities.

**Propeller on Projectile?**  
Professor Paul Painleve, former premier and president of the Academy of Sciences, told the Excelsior that by using tungsten in the fabrication of the projectile the tungsten shells would be of about half the diameter of steel shells of an even weight, and that therefore the atmospheric resistance would be less, this accounting for the extremely long range. He also touched on the possibility of a propeller being employed on the projectile. Alfred Capus, in the Figaro, alludes to the making of the gun as a great mechanical feat, but says that as a military factor the weapon is entirely ineffective.

The Petit Parisien comments on the bombardment as an extremely minor incident, as compared with the gigantic battle in progress on the British front.

**"Political" Cannon.**  
Le Petit Journal says that Jules Verne had foreseen this gun, and declares moreover that it is a French invention. "More than a year ago," it says, "we discovered the secret of driving our cannon more than 100 kilometres. The secret lies in the greater supposition of the atmospheric resistance." The Echo de Paris declares that the bombardment is designed to give the impression that Paris is within the range of the German guns. "It is a political cannon," the newspaper adds.

Premier Clemenceau's newspaper, L'Homme Libre, says that the bombardment is a complete offensive on all fronts—the land, water and air fronts, as well as the front of the rear. We are facing an enemy who wishes to end it as soon as possible. That suits

us. Every shell that falls into Paris drives deeper into us the confidence in an ultimate victory."

**Directed by Aviators.**  
In yesterday's bombardment 24 shots in all were fired from 7:30 a.m. to 3 o'clock p.m., a shell dropping every 20 minutes with more regularity. The bombardment presented all the characteristics of a bombardment by heavy artillery, there being regular intervals between the shots, and the shells falling within a restricted area. For the benefit of that portion of the populace which had been led to believe the Germans had broken through the line and were bombarding Paris from near-by positions, a semi-official note was issued during the day. This warned the people against believing pessimistic reports.

"The French front is intact," said the note. "Any assertion to the contrary is a lie."

## BRITISH HAVE FORCED PASSAGE OF THE JORDAN

LONDON, March 23.—The British in Palestine have forced a passage of the River Jordan, bridged the stream and established themselves on the east bank. They afterwards advanced eastward against considerable opposition, and are continuing their operations, according to the official report announcing the crossing. The text of the statement reads:

"In the early hours of Friday our troops effected a passage of the Jordan despite the strong current. The river was then bridged and passed by our forces, which established themselves on the left bank and made progress eastward, encountering considerable resistance."

"The operations are continuing."

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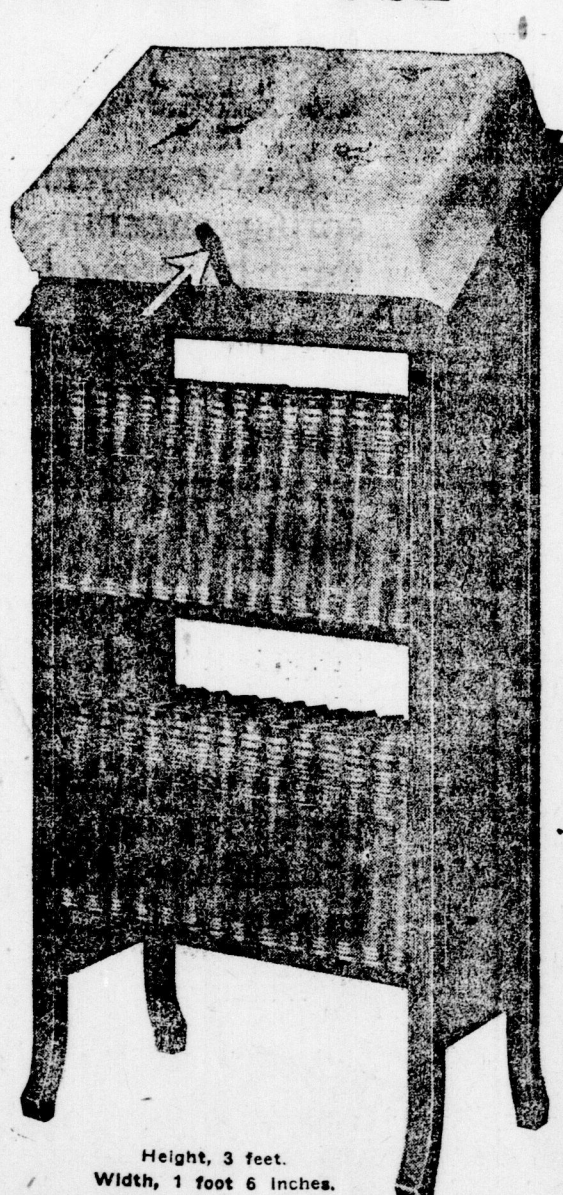
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