Field Marshal Sir John French ry forces on the continent, redays' fighting at Neuve Chapell

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The misgivings in England with regard to the British losses at Neuve Chapelle are hardly justified in view of the advances gained, in the opinion of staff officers at the front. One officer,

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Officers of the general staff freely express the opinion that the individual soldiers and the regimental officers are the real heroes of this winter's campaign. Weather conditions and the nature of the ground made a stubborn sticking to the trenches the only thing that could be done. The conditions generally were such that the general staff could be of little service.

Thus it might be said that "grit and gasoline" have been the dominant factors along the front; grit in the trenches and gasoline wherever the lumbering lorry with food supplies made its cumbersome way. Up in the air also gasoline has played an increasingly important part, for it is the essential fuel of the air craft.

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Ascendancy in the air, which the British claimed some time ago, now seems to be fairly well established. German machines over the British lines are becoming fewer and fewer. Whenever a German craft does appear it is invariably pursued by British airmen, while the Germans usually seek to drive off a British filer only by means of their anti-aircraft guns.

The correspondent of the Associated Press saw a good illustration of this condition, A British monoplane, flying high over the German positions, proceeded serenely homeward, pursued by no machines from the German lines, although shells from anti-aircraft guns left white puffs of smoke trailing in the wake of the flier. The machine was so high that these went wide of the mark, as could be seen by the smoke which seemed to hold intact for a moment against blue sky and then to disappear as suddenly as it came.

The Germans in some instances are now using American-made shells, Sev-

w using American-made shells, Sev-i fragments of shells have been nick-up within the British lines marked Stock & Company, U. S. A." Whether these are recent acquisitions of old shells sent to Germany from America long ago cannot be determined in

## The Kaiser's "Confidence." (New York Sun).

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"I am firmly confident that the Almighty is against all enemies now threatening the Fatherland and that the article is protect the life's He will continue to protect the life's aim of the Great Kaiser and His loval servant."

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Wilhelm II. is always firmly confident
His firm confidence in his unlimited
partnership with God is singularly gratifying just at present. The Aimighty in
a joint undertaking to sink women and
non-combatant men, not only technical
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who happen to be about it is acceptable. to happen to be aboard, is a con nich even the black irony of uld not have done justice to. ould love to hear some worthy Hote ediger dilate on the text: "The wat covered their enemies."

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