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CONFIDENCE IS STRONG IN FRANCE

Success of High Command in Bringing up Artillery Causes Satisfaction

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, June 4.—(Havas Agency).—The success of the French high command in getting artillery to the front at telling points in the path of the advancing Germans was the subject of satisfied comment in the lobbies of the Chamber of Deputies last night. The Germans evidently did not expect to encounter this concentration of guns and when they tried to advance yesterday and ran into the rain of French artillery fire they suffered terrible losses. The Matin reports that in yesterday's talks to the army committee President Clemenceau went largely into the general war situation and dwelt particularly on the question of American co-operation, the intensity of which, he indicated, was making itself more and more strongly felt.

As regards the situation on the main battle front, the newspapers hold the view that the process of stabilization has already been begun. The balance between the respective forces, indeed, is believed to be nearly established, enabling the French to inflict heavier and heavier losses upon the enemy.

Taking the front as a whole, however, it is declared, the enemy retains a numerical superiority and in view of the possibility that he may essay an offensive in another direction the French command is obliged to exercise prudence and await its hour before heavily committing itself.

Premier Clemenceau's organ, L'Homme Libre, says the French command feels very sure of the future as the Allies are now fighting with virtually equal forces in the present battle and other and more important forces are coming up from the west and north, making possible the complete re-establishment of the balance of manpower. Greater activity of the air forces is also reported.

A TRAGEDY OF ERRORS

Series of Timely Hints as to the Prevention of Fires

The Fire Marshal of the State of Wisconsin has issued a bulletin which he terms a "Comedy of Errors." It should have been called a tragedy, it says:

He looked for a gas leak with a match; and found it.

He lighted a match to see if his gasoline tank was empty. It was not.

He smoked while filling his auto tank, but will do so no more.

He smoked in bed, so did the bed clothes.

He threw the matches into the waste paper basket. He is wiser now.

He threw a cigarette stub into some rubbish.

He saved his oily waste and oily rags and they burned his shop.

He cleaned his gloves with gasoline near the stove. The doctor washes them now.

He did not worry about fires as he had "plenty of insurance," and forgot the safety of his wife and children upstairs.

He stuffed up the chimney holes with paper and rags.

She cleaned her gloves with gasoline and saved fifteen cents, but paid the doctor and druggists fifteen dollars.

She poured kerosene into the lamp while the wick was burning.

She put gasoline into the wash boiler on the stove to make washing easier.

She dried clothes too near the stove.

She used the wrong oil can.

She burned sulphur all over the house to fumigate.

She used the woodbox back of the stove as a waste paper receptacle.

She gave matches to her children to go out to burn leaves in the yard. The cotton dresses burned easier than the leaves.

She was "coming right back," so left the electric current on in her iron.

She swung the gas bracket too close to the curtains.

She fixed up a fine tissue paper shade for the lamp.

She billed the tank of her gasoline stove while one burner was on.

The comedies have turned to tragedies; many of the scenes of action were in ashes and too many of the actors are maimed or asleep; others will follow, no doubt, as they are prone to ignore the advice and experience of others instead of profiting by the errors and sufferings.

GIRL STUDENTS FAINT, HUNGRY IN HUN CAPITAL

Suffering in Berlin Increases—Working-Class Women Feel Great Bitterness Against the Government

Berne, June 5.—"The perfect spy system now in force throughout Germany prevents a free expression of sentiments among the people," said a girl student recently from Berlin. "They know the Berlin prisons are crowded with men and women who have been overheard to speak against the Kaiser's Government, Hindenburg and pan-Germans. We feel great bitterness about the prolongation of the war. I once heard a woman say: 'Every time I put my children to bed I pray God they may never awake.'"

"I spent some considerable time in Munich, and was surprised to note the growing hostility toward Prussians. All sorts of rumors circulate, and owing to the nervousness of the people, find ready credence. 'Is it true they've deposed the Kaiser?' a peasant woman asked me. 'Circumstantial reports about attempts upon the life of the Emperor, or of the Crown Prince crop up from time to time.'

A large proportion of the 4,000 students registered at Berlin University are women and maimed men. Lecture halls sometimes present an extraordinary spectacle. I've seen a one-armed professor lecturing before blind students with artificial noses and wooden legs, and students who were deaf in one ear.

"Some of the professors indulge in patriotic fireworks. On the day in which the great offensive began a professor of philosophy, whose lectures I attended, dashed his hand down upon his desk and shouted: 'Now they'll see what furor Teutonics is!'

"The students like the general body of the population, suffer acutely from hunger. I frequently saw girls faint from sheer weakness during lectures. Food conditions in Berlin and other cities have certainly reached an intolerable spirit, whereas in Bavarian country districts food is comparatively abundant.

"After food the lack of soap causes great discomfort. Soap in Germany at this moment would probably fetch its weight in gold."

Washington denies a canard concerning a shipment of frozen beef which it was alleged France refused to accept.

FRENCH PREMIER HAS WEATHERED ANOTHER STORM

Gained Victory Over Opponents in the Chamber of Deputies Yesterday

MILITARY MATTERS

Clemenceau Declined to Discuss Operations at the Present Time

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, June 5.—Premier Clemenceau gained another victory over his opponents in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday before a large crowd which packed the chamber to its capacity. Every deputy was in his seat.

The Premier argued that this was not the time to discuss military operations and that he would uphold him in a somewhat stormy session. Cool and collected as he walked back and forth on the wide tribune, which a storm of interruptions from the Socialists surged up from the House, the veteran leader resembled a weather-beaten captain pacing the bridge of his ship, lashed by a heavy sea. The Premier spoke without bitterness and when referring to the sights he had seen at the front recently his voice assumed a tone of intense sadness.

Speaker Deschanel seemed powerless to quell the Socialist uproar. The Premier calmly folded his arms and surveyed the Socialist bench earnestly and patiently. When the interruptions did not subside he suddenly descended from the tribune, apparently deciding not to continue.

Marcel Gachin then succeeded in quieting somewhat the exuberance of his Socialist colleagues, the most active of whom were Deputies Raffin-Dugens and Deguise.

Premier Clemenceau resumed the tribune after each speaker and eulogized the French and Allied Armies, saying that the soldiers had fought one against five and some times one against ten.

"Our duty is very simple," the Premier said. "Our resolve must be to carry on the fight to the end. Victory depends upon the civilians. It is their duty to be exhorted not to become disheartened. Our soldiers do not need such exhortations."

The Premier showed how the Russian defectors had liberated two hundred divisions of German troops for use elsewhere.

"The moment is perilous," he added, "but the courage and heroism of our soldiers is equal to the situation."

Premier Clemenceau promised to bring a full light on all military incidents which have been brought to his notice and to the Chamber, but all the information it desired. When he declared that the French soldiers had fought one against five the entire Chamber arose and cheered the army. The Premier continued:

"These heroic soldiers have good chiefs. Deputy Raffin-Dugens, Socialist, interrupted with the exclamation: 'Not all!'

Cheers arose from all parts of the House when the Premier said: 'The Americans are arriving, we are staking the game upon the help of the Americans.'

The Premier seemed to have aged visibly under the great burden of the intense life he has been leading the past few weeks, during which he has been continuously busy travelling between the front and Paris. He was the same adroit parliamentarian and cleverly foiled all attempts by the Socialists to force a discussion of interpellations on military questions.

Deputies Violette, Lenoir and Renaud in turn attempted to create a diversion and fix a date for the discussion, but Premier Clemenceau replied simply:

"It is a question of confidence. If we have been had servants dismiss us. If we have done our duty give us your confidence."

The vote was then taken and the government was victorious by 377 to 119.

It has been a long time since a session of the Chamber has been attended by so many deputies. The only absentees to-day were those who were away on leave, with mourning crepe entwined with the French flag, showing that they have died for their country on the battlefield.

TERRIBLE NEWS FOR MILLIONAIRE

Andrew Carnegie Finds He Is Not Growing Poorer.

CHEATED OF THAT HOPE

The World Has Been Astounded by the Riches of the American Plutocrats, Whose Income Tax Bills Reveal the Fact That It Would Be Impossible for Them to Get Rid of Their Money.

It looks as if Andrew Carnegie were to be cheated of his fondest hope. Some years ago he resolved to be poor—not hurriedly, you understand, but eventually. He was a rich man, and in order that he should die poor it would be necessary for him to devote years to the task of disposing of his riches. It was a large task; he knew the performance of it would take a long time, but he was willing to take the time—if heaven would lengthen his span enough to let him achieve his purpose.

We have often wondered how Mr. Carnegie is getting along in his efforts to regain that state of poverty which he knew in his youth. It was, of course, necessary that he should



ANDREW CARNEGIE.

be cautious not to overwork himself at the task of losing his riches, else he might suffer a breakdown and fall of his purpose. He had to take care of himself, and nurse his strength if he were going to outlast his wealth.

But he does not seem to have made much headway. He has just paid an income tax of \$6,400,000 to the United States Government, and his is the third largest tax bill of all the American plutocrats. John D. Rockefeller is first, with an income tax of \$38,400,000, and Henry C. Frick second, with \$7,150,000. Mr. Carnegie's comes third in a published list of thirty plutocrats who pay the 63 per cent. surtax on incomes of over \$2,000,000 a year. It is very discouraging to find Mr. Carnegie so high up in the list, because, so far as we know, he is the only American plutocrat who is trying to die poor.

On Millionaires.

Prospere of Mark Twain, Bruno's Bohemia printed recently the "Open Letter to Commodore Vanderbilt," which Twain published in Packard's Monthly for March, 1869, which he thereafter suppressed, and which is not to be found in Twain's collected works. Probably, after Mark got acquainted with more millionaires he thought the roast on Vanderbilt might be regarded as a slap to some of his new friends. One paragraph of the "Open Letter" is worth embalming here:

"Poor Vanderbilt! How I pity you; and this is honest. You are an old man, and ought to have some rest, and yet you have to struggle, and deny yourself, and rob yourself of peaceful sleep and peace of mind, because you need money so badly. I always feel for a man who is so poverty-ridden as you. Don't misunderstand me, Vanderbilt. I know you own seventy millions; but you know and I know that it isn't what a man has that constitutes wealth. No—it is to be satisfied with what one has; that is wealth. As long as one sorely needs a certain additional amount, that man isn't rich. Seventy times seventy millions can't make him rich, as long as his poor heart is breaking for more. I am just about rich enough to buy the least valuable horse in your stable, perhaps, but I cannot sincerely and honestly take an oath that I need any more now. And so I am rich. But, you, you have got seventy millions and you need five hundred millions, and are really suffering for it. Your poverty is something appalling. I tell you truly that I do not believe I could live twenty-four hours with the awful weight of four hundred and thirty millions of abject want crushing down upon me. I should die under it. My soul is so wrought upon by your helpless pauperism that if you came to me now, I would freely put ten cents in your tin cup, if you carry one, and say, 'God pity you, poor unfortunate.'"

Watering Plants.

A French botanist who has experimented with vegetable raising has determined the exact amount of water necessary for the best growth of various plants. In general, he found that a supply of water administered uninterruptedly drop by drop brought better results than even systematic drenching.

To Lock a Car.

Among the new locks to prevent theft of automobiles is one that secures the steering wheel after it has been turned slightly, enabling a car to be moved only in a circle.

An appeal to save wheat was read from the pulpit of practically every church in New York State on Sunday.

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