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RETREAT OF THE ALLIES MENACE TO THE GERMANS

Experts of U.S. General Staff Point Out Danger to Invaders Extended Line From British Attack From Ostend

Washington, Sept. 6.—The strategical retreat of the Allied armies upon Paris is being conducted with consummate skill, according to American experts of the General Staff. For many days, according to these students of the situation, the Germans have been compelled to fight in the open against a defence strongly entrenched and to pursue continuously a flanking movement attended with losses heavy as compared with those of their opponents.

Allies' Strategy

The plan of the Allies, as analyzed here from the news despatches, is to oppose the enemy from fortifications or intrenchments until the Germans with their heavy artillery have almost destroyed the defences, massed their superior forces on the Allies' front and are compelled to menace the Allied line with a light flanking movement. Then, and then only, the Allies retire to another line of defence behind the point of attack of the flanking movement, and the Germans have their work to do all over again, the Allies fighting from behind defences which the Germans must storm anew.

Increases Difficulties

The unbroken maintenance of the French centre in Lorraine prevents the attacking commanders from

throwing anything like their full strength into the right flanking movement, as that would result immediately in the turning of their own left and the destruction of their line of communication. They must so dispose their forces as to guard every good road leading from the French position toward their line. Every mile they advance serves to lengthen the distance over which they must transport food and ammunition, besides increasing the difficulty of protecting their communications.

Spreads Out Attackers

Furthermore, the operations of the offence are tending constantly to concentrate the forces of the defence, while those of the invaders must remain spread out in a great hall circle, any segment of which is in danger of attack and destruction at any time the concentration of forces at a given point leaves that segment sufficiently weakened to warrant a forward movement by the Allied forces.

Capture Paris and—?

Even should Paris fall—and the military experts believe its defences can withstand a prolonged siege—the Allies, if they pursue their present skilful tactics, can retire in good order and leave the problem confronting the German commanders more and more difficult.

Conviction is expressed that in the not distant future the Germans will have to meet an attack on their line of communication by British troops with a base at Ostend, or some other point in Belgium, an attack which would imperil the safety of the entire German army in France.

Retirement Spells Disaster For The German Army In France

Therefore the Germans must Advance, Though Annihilation Await Them Under the Walls of Paris

London, Sept. 6.—A correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphs: "The Germans undoubtedly are at an unsafe distance from their base. They have been unable to avail themselves of the Belgian railways and here is an insufficiency of animal and motor transportation. Every day's delay of their forward movement serves to diminish the German chances of ultimate success and to render more precarious the position of the invaders. They cannot attempt to retire without the risk of an irretrievable disaster. Therefore they are almost certain to continue to seek to crush the allies' line, even though an

annihilation subsequently await them under the walls of Paris."

Referring to the appalling losses of the Kaiser's troops, the correspondent continues: "A few more such delays as Sunday and Monday, and the fourth German army invading Northern France will have destroyed itself completely. No army that ever existed could endure and survive the terrible losses sustained by the Germans in the last few days. Whole divisions of infantry have been blotted out of existence by the deadly fire of the British."

"The enemy still clings to the formation of attacking en masse. It is little wonder if demoralization is beginning to appear in the shattered German ranks. The infantry has lost its elan. It no longer displays dash in pushing home its attack. The fearful punishment to which it has been subjected is beginning to tell."

British Show Utter Contempt For The German Rifle Fire

Which is Very Poorly Aimed—Only One Wounded Man Out of Five Hundred Was Hit by the German Rifle Bullet

London, Sept. 6.—A correspondent sends the following from Havre: "On Monday, I am told, part of the British force and the section of the French army on the right of the British succeeded by a feigned retreat in drawing forward in the La Fere region a considerable German force. The entrenched riflemen and maxims punished the enemy very severely and forced them back with a loss which must have amounted to between five and six hundred in killed and wounded."

Poor Shooting

"I don't know what has come over the German riflemen," an officer said to me to-day, "but our men have become totally indifferent to the German rifle fire."

"While it is going on they do their work singing, whistling and joking in the trenches."

"An army doctor who heard this statement was able to confirm it in a remarkable way. Of 500 wounded who had come under his notice, or whom he had treated, only one was suffering from a rifle bullet wound. All others had been hit by shrapnel bullets, or bits of shells."

"On Monday the Germans did a great deal of artillery work in support of their infantry. The British replied with maxim and rifle fire and all accounts speak of the deadly accuracy of both."

"I met to-day a gunner who was in charge of a maxim gun, and who at one time found himself right in the centre and facing an oncoming German frontal attack."

THE UHLANS

Just who and what the Uhlans at the present time occupies the minds of many persons. An erroneous impression seems to exist in some quarters that the word "Uhlans" indicates a tribe or nationality similar to the word "Cossack." This is not so.

The Cossack is born a Cossack. He is of Tartar origin, whose able-bodied men are enrolled in the armies of the Czar. The word "Uhlans" simply denotes a certain type of cavalryman in the German army.

German Lancers

The Uhlans is a lancer. There are 26 regiments of Uhlans in the German army—nineteen from Prussia, three from Saxony, two from Bavaria and two from Wurtemberg—with a total strength on a peace footing of approximately 25,000. These regiments are ranked as heavy cavalry, and are used principally as independent cavalry, forming the cavalry screen.

This was their employment in the Franco-Prussian war, and from the reports coming from Belgium it would seem that Uhlans are still being used as the vanguard of the German army.

His Equipment

The Uhlans is armed with lance, sabre, carbine and pistol. He is well mounted, and his equipment is especially designed for the purpose for which he is employed—ready to fight or run, ride down outposts or scouting parties of the enemy, harass his flanks, and scree the movements of his own main body.

The word "Uhlans" itself is of Polish origin, and denotes a lancer. The Uhlans in the German army wear the Czapha, the peculiar flat-topped head-dress which was worn by the Polish Uhlans, and which to this day is the distinguishing mark in the uniforms of the lancer regiments of Great Britain and other European countries.

Made Name for Themselves

The Uhlans during the Franco-Prussian war made a name for themselves for their quick dashes and raiding expeditions, and the ruthless manner in which they ravaged the country through which they went. The patrol of Uhlans who tried to gallop into Liege, according to reports from Brussels, and capture the Belgian staff, was acting true to the Uhlans reputation for daring work.

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