

DEFEATED GERMANY IS NOW VERDICT OF AMERICAN PRESS

Now Only a Question of Time When End Will Come--Germany Had Her Chance, But Lost it.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—The Tribune this morning, in its leading editorial, under the caption, "Defeated Germany," says:

"As we approach the end of the third campaigning period of the great war, one fact stands out clear beyond all cavil. There is no longer any question in the minds of any but the most pronounced of Germany's sympathizers as to the ultimate outcome of the conflict. It is patent to the least trained military eye that Germany is beaten. What the military men of the world are now debating is the length of time that will be required to make absolute a decision that is no longer a subject of debate. If one goes back over the history of the tremendous struggle, it now becomes perfectly clear that we have lived through two distinct and completed phases, that we are living in the midst of a third, which is marked by very clear and unmistakable facts. The first phase of the war was the supreme effort of a nation of 65,000,000 of people, having as an ally another nation of 50,000,000, to destroy the military establishments of three nations with a combined population of 215,000,000 in Europe alone, and with almost unlimited resources outside before these nations could prepare as Germany was prepared. Choosing her own moment, choosing her own field of activity, having unrivalled artillery, unsuspected resources in the air and on the battlefield, Germany struck. Her great general staff expected to dispose of France while Britain was still without any really formidable army. It was their view that Austria would hold Russia in check until France was disposed of. Two years ago when Germany struck France, Britain had rather less than 150,000 available for service on the continent. To-day she has ten times as many on the continent. French and British artillery have now a superiority over Germany and the supply of munitions of the allies is also superior in the west."

After a lengthy resume of the various campaigns during the two years of the war, the Tribune concludes: "Germany has had her chance and she has not won. She did not succeed in crushing unprepared enemies pos-

sessing inferior numbers of trained troops when she chose to strike. Now numbers, preparation, everything has turned against her.

Her enemies are bleeding her white and divvying the costs among superior numbers. These enemies no longer have the smallest doubt as to the outcome of the war. All the allied countries feel themselves to be victorious at present moment, and count no sacrifice too great to contribute to the ultimate collapse of the enemy.

"No one expects to see a material change in the situation before the campaign of next summer. Few people now expect peace before 1918, but the summer campaign now coming to an end has abolished all doubt in London, Paris, Rome, Petrograd. The third phase has only begun, but the end of the third phase is revealed to all. We are looking at Germany in defeat, and the evidences of defeat mount daily.

After the hasty and improvised means of resistance which the necessities of early months forced on the French commanders, there have come the scientific method and the new disposition of powerful material handled in a new way, he says in The Paris Journal. The great new war machine was built up behind the immovable barrier of the heroism and spirit of sacrifice of the soldiers and of the genius of the chiefs. He describes the immense workshops covering many square miles of ground behind the Somme front, the new roads, over which endless lines of trucks are constantly moving, the new system of railway lines, the artillery and munitions depots filled to their utmost capacity, and the guns, from the famous 75's to the giant 604 millimetre cannon and the 400-millimetre howitzers.

"But the newest thing of all," he says, "the most marvellous and the most extraordinary in its consequences, is the absolute mastery of the French aviation service, which reigns in uncontested supremacy over all the broad stretch of the Picardy sky."

STILL ANOTHER BURGLARY

Elsewhere we refer to a midnight larceny at the Parade Store. We learn to-day that not alone was this place entered and ransacked but that a house near was also "touched" evidently by the same thief or thieves. They entered by getting in through a rear window and stole some cash and property but nothing of great value. Such gentry are now giving attention to the back streets and the likelihood is when the town is darkened from to-night forward that crime of all kinds will be on the increase.

Private Edward Shea who was so badly wounded both in Gallipoli and France has been appointed assistant to the Deputy Paymaster here, of the Regiment, a position for which the young soldier is well qualified, he having had a good office training.

The S.S. Clothilde Cunéo of Norway arrived at Twillingate yesterday from Newport News, coal laden.

The chap who courts more than one girl at a time is courting trouble.

WEDDING BELLS

SPARKS-MARTIN

At the C. of E. Cathedral yesterday afternoon, Miss Doris Robinson Martin, daughter of Mr. W. J. Martin, statistical clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Department, and Mr. Thomas W. G. Sparks, of the Royal Stores, were united in holy matrimony, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Canon White. The bride, who was beautifully gowned, was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Martin, and Miss Gertrude Sparks, sister of the groom, both of whom were handsomely attired. Mr. W. Smallwood supporting the groom. The groom's present to the bride was a gold pendant, set with birthday stones, to the bridesmaids, gold brooches set with pearls, and to the best man, a pipe. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to Smithville, where a reception was held. The health of the bride was proposed by Hon. J. R. Bennett, to which the groom made a happy reply. The presents to the bride were many and costly, including several cheques, while numerous telegrams of congratulation were received. Last evening the newly wedded couple left by the afternoon's train for Chamberlains, where the honeymoon will be spent. The Mail and Advocate extends its felicitations.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The "News" this morning says that "Mr and Mrs Sidney Woods, of Le Marchant Road received a message on Tuesday that their son S. J. S. (Jack) Woods, who left the R.A.M.C. a month ago to join the Newfoundland Regiment at Ayr, had left with draft."

In connection with the above we learn that the young man, with Royce Slick, son of Mr. Slick, of the Royal Stores, had no previous training, never having been connected with any of the City Brigades, and yet they are sent to the firing line without a chance of the proper training which is necessary according to all recognized standards. Is this fair to the Empire, who expects the best from her sons? What about those in charge at Ayr. Are they fit for the positions they hold, or are these positions mere gilt-edged ones?

When the parents of these young men gave their life-blood in the persons of their sons for the good of the race, they expected at least that their sons would be given time to prepare to some extent to do their part, but it was not so. It is to be hoped that this mistake will not occur again.

OBSERVER.

THIS MORNING'S FIRE ALARM

At 4.20 this morning an alarm of fire was turned in from box 237, bringing the Central and Eastern firemen to a house owned by Mr. Dave on Freshwater Road. The fire had made good progress before the firemen arrived and flames were shooting through the roof when the apparatus reached the scene. Two streams of water were taken from hydrants near, and in the course of a half hour the men had it under control, but not before the upper and lower flats were badly gutted and most of the furniture in them destroyed. The house was to be occupied by a man named Snelgrove, who was soon to be married and the people left it last night at 11. It is thought that fire must have been left in a stove and communicating with the woodwork, caused the blaze.

PRIVATE JENSEN DOES GOOD WORK

Private Phil Jensen's lecture at McCallum and Hermitage Cove brought in the amount of \$26.59. Of this \$3.00 was raised at McCallum and \$13.59 at Hermitage Cove. These small districts have responded nobly to the call of the Red Cross, and their response in men will be the same. These amounts will be devoted to the camp being put up by their fellow-soldier for incipient tubercula cases among the soldiers and sailors.

Failure.

A steel magnate, anxious to get on the right side of Andrew Carnegie once attacked him in his well known soft spot, namely, his love for the bard of Tam O' Shanter.

"Mr. Carnegie," said the wily magnate, "I see you've got several fine editions of Burns on your shelves. Georgie Burns! Dear old Georgie Burns. He's my favourite poet."

Carnegie glared. "Georgie Burns!" he shouted "Jimmy Shakespear! Harry Dickens! Billy Carlyle! Get out w' ye man!"

Smarty.

Wife (nibbling her pen)—Let's see what is the term applied to one who signs another person's name to a cheque.

Hub—Five or ten years, usually.

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