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The Impos- sible Battle

Far off in Flanders the fighting was going on, but along this quiet sector things had been for many months almost as peaceful as home. A raid now and then, just to remove the impression any one might have gained that it was an armistice. There was a perfect galaxy of reasons why nothing was to be expected. For one thing, this was the strongest part of the Hindenburg line; it was impregnable. If the British were ever to attack it, they would need all their strength; they could not be slamming away in Flanders at the same time. They would need so much preparation that all Hindenburg would be on notice weeks ahead, and have time to get armies there, if necessary. For another, this war had demonstrated the fact that no attack could be made without extensive notice by artillery, and very little notice would be enough to brace up the Hindenburg line at Cambrai.

Upon a line impregnable in itself, impossible to attack without the most formal sort of notice, and long acknowledged to be invincible both by British reposes in front of it and British activity elsewhere, tell the eye of a German General considering from what point it would be safest to remove artillery. He wanted to send guns to Italy. Of course he decided that this was the point above all others from which it would be safest to take them. He took them. That, doubtless, explains why the German artillery fire was so weak when the storm burst.

The Hindenburg line was protected by infinite barbed wire, which cannot be removed except by artillery. The whole situation bristled with impossibilities. The impregnable line was broken, the barbed wire was removed without artillery, the British did not give the inevitable notice, the absolutely essential barbed wire was not made, cavalry attacked artillery and beat it, there was no air reconnaissance, infantry rescued tanks from cannon—in short, if there was a single impossibility that did not become a fact within the first forenoon of the British advance, it will take a conqueror to produce it. General Byng did not equip a fleet of submarines with stilt and make them walk at the head of his army, but lovers of the impossible will have to be satisfied

with that, nearly every other impossibility ceased to be.

The part the airplanes usually play was omitted entirely. In place of a barrage there was a charge, but a charge of massed tanks. With all the tanks have done, this massing of them into an army to take the place of artillery and almost of infantry is something new under the sun. The Tank Corps expects every tank to do its damndest was the watchword of its commander at the outset of what must be called the first tank battle ever fought. They came surging out of the mist at 6.30 a.m., and although the Germans are used to the sight of tanks, they never saw a tank army before. The correspondents record that in their bewilderment the Germans stood still and let the tanks waddle over them and crush them into the ground.

"Who ever saw a dead cavalryman?" The jeer of our infantrymen in the great American war was never answered until Sheridan rose to answer it. There has been the same feeling in this war, but some British Sheridan has spoiled the joke for all time. "Sabering the gunners at their pieces"—there is something incredibly ancient and far off in the sound of that phrase, and to find it in today's dispatches makes us rub our eyes; it seems to belong back somewhere in the Crimea, or in the War of 1812. Finding their mission at last, and liking it, the cavalrymen executed their instructions, like the infantry at Missionary Ridge, and go dashing ahead with the work laid out for the infantry; they conduct the charge proper, and their greater speed leaves the infantry in the rear while the cavalry take villages all by themselves.

Impossibility of impossibilities, the Hindenburg line is smashed, smashed at its strongest point, smashed at the one place where friend and foe called it not merely strong but impregnable. All the other impossibilities, the tank army, the vanished barbed wire that no shell had struck, the cavalry at infantry work, all shrivel in size beside that. Not only is the line itself smashed, but its supporting line is smashed, and the British army riots on in the rear of both, redeeming French territory that France never expected to see except after the sickening devastation of another "strategic retreat." In one day Sir Julian Byng made nonsense of all the military lessons of the war, proved the continued existence of the old-fashioned warrior, and established him-

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

AN ULTIMATUM TO BOLSHIEVSKI.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 3. A despatch from Kiev reports that the Ukrainian Government has sent an ultimatum to the Bolsheviks, demanding that they withdraw their troops within twenty-four hours, and state whether they consider themselves at war or at peace with Ukraine.

ARTILLERY AND RAIDS.

PARIS, Jan. 3. Heavy artillery fighting occurred during the night, especially on the Alsace front in the region of Sandri-court and Cavaliere de Courcy in the sector of Maseaux de Champagne and on the right bank of the Meuse, says today's official report. Two enemy raids one south of the Oise, the other near Carnillet, were repulsed completely.

COMPULSORY RATIONING.

LONDON, Jan. 3. Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in England soon, it was announced officially to-day.

SERBIA CONFIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. Confidence in the ability of the Allies to secure complete victory over the Central Powers is expressed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, in a New Year greeting to the State Department. The message made public to-day said: "I hasten to take the opportunity of New Year to extend to your Excellency in the name of the Royal Government of Serbia and my own name our best wishes in the firm conviction that it will bring us final victory over the common foe. I doubt not that it will open a new era, which will insure the reign of a just equality and liberty as we [rus] pursue [ed] of lasting and prosperous peace in which mankind will find guarantees for the new future and a free development of all its intellectual and economic forces."

MUST HAVE PASSPORTS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3. Ambassador Page at London, to-day, notified the State Department that hereafter all persons, regardless of nationality, going to the Union of South Africa, must have passports issued by a competent British authority, or viced by a British consular officer in the country of embarkation.

SUSPECTS RELEASED.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 3. All but two of twenty-five suspects caught in the police dragnet thrown about the city to find the responsible parties for the \$2,000,000 fire on New Year's Day, have been released. Johannes Elmoor and his son Otto, are still held, because they are unnaturalized and have no enemy alien permits to be in the barred zone.

EX-PREMIER MORRIS INTERVIEWED.

LONDON, Jan. 3. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) Premier Morris, of Newfoundland, whose resignation was announced yesterday, in an interview to-day stated there was no difference of opinion between himself and his colleagues, on the contrary he was at one with the Government and legislature and colleagues on all matters. His resignation was made after most careful thought and consideration and

self as the artisan of all that can't be done—N. Y. Times.

dictated entirely by a desire to preserve harmony in the country on all national issues, particularly the conduct of the war, which would be rudely justified in a duel which a general election means. After referring to the formation of a coalition government in August, in the course of which he acknowledged as reasonable the manner in which he was met by Lloyd and Gasker. Premier Morris said coalition worked most successfully in dealing with the important problems of the shortage of tonnage, fishery exports and military recruiting. He had arrived at the conclusion that the other political side was now entitled to an inning and that he was justified in standing aside at present in the interest of Newfoundland and the Empire. The press remarks that Premier Morris's public spirited and disinterested action recalls ex-Governor Davidson's recent tribute. Premier Morris will possibly take up literary work.

UTILIZING MUSEUM.

LONDON, Jan. 3. A communication issued last night says the Government intends to utilize for office purposes considerable space made vacant in the British Museum by the removal of art treasures to places where they are not exposed to air raids, and that special precautions have been taken to insure the safety of the contents of the Museum.

LOYD GEORGE'S APPEAL.

LONDON, Jan. 4. Premier Lloyd George has issued a strong appeal to the agricultural laborers of the kingdom to do their utmost to increase production of food stuffs. The Premier declared that world shortage means that we may be compelled to feed the army and navy as well as ourselves on what we are able to grow at home.

ELECTED LIBERAL LEADER.

TORONTO, Jan. 3. Wm. Proudfoot, K.C., member for Centre Huron, was unanimously elected leader of the Liberal members in the Ontario Legislature during the coming session. After the session a general party Convention will be held, at which a permanent leader will be appointed.

LEAVES PETROGRAD.

LONDON, Jan. 3. The departure from Petrograd, owing to ill health, of British Ambassador Sir Geo. Buchanan, is reported in a despatch from that city. The message says the Ambassador was accompanied by some British military and civil officials.

WILL CAREY OUT PLANS.

LONDON, Jan. 3. Food Controller Baron Rhonda stated that his department had completed a plan of rationing, and that it would be carried out as soon as the sanction of the Cabinet was received.

GERMAN METHODS.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 3. The Germans are reported to have transferred 300,000 civilian Poles and Lithuanians forcibly to Germany.

WRITER OF HYMNS DEAD.

BENNINGTON, Vermont, Jan. 3. Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawkes, author of many famous gospel hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour," died at her home here to-day, at the age of 83.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Jan. 3. The official statement from the War Office to-night says: There was intermittent artillery activity at several points along the front; it was more spirited on the right bank of the Meuse. In the region of Bois des Fosses Douaumont and Luvemout this morning, northeast of Fort Dela Pompell, we carried out a raid which enabled us to bring back prisoners.

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S. MILLEY.

In the eastern theatre yesterday there was reciprocal artillery activity on the British front. Quiet prevailed on the remainder of the front.

McCall's ADDRESS. BOSTON, Jan. 3. Governor Samuel McCall, in his proposal for peace.

address to the Legislature to-day, upon his inauguration for the third term said the United States must concentrate all its resources to win the war, and that this country ought not to refuse to give attention to any honest proposal for peace.

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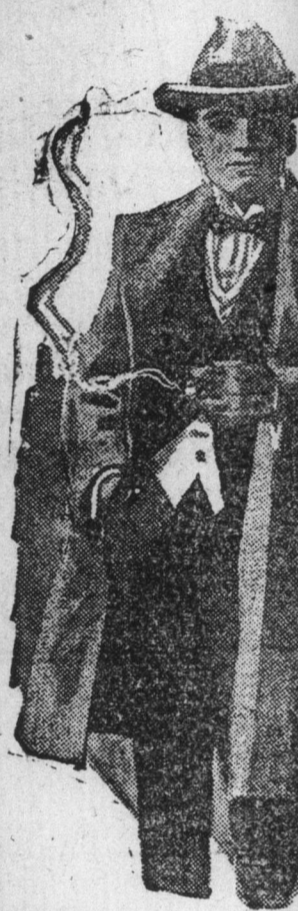
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One of the biggest counterfeiting plots of recent years was exposed late yesterday afternoon when Secret Service agents raided an elaborately equipped plant in lower Sixth Avenue gathered in six men whom they accused of having been chief conspirators, and grabbed \$140,000 in spurious \$10 Federal Reserve notes.

Chief William A. Flynn of the Secret Service, who came from Washington to give the raid his personal attention, asserted last night that the six men, all apparently Italians, had made elaborate, detailed preparations that had they succeeded in their plan to float in wholesale lots a million dollars of the currency they might have demoralized for a time currency

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