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JOFFRE DECLARES THAT GERMANY WILL BE DEFEATED

The Famous French General Says that the Turning Point of the Great Conflict Has Been Reached and Passed and That the Allied Armies are Pressing on to Certain Victory.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, France, August 8.—"Destiny is now shaping itself and everyone can read what is about to happen. I mean the final defeat of Germany."

It was General Joffre who was speaking at his own headquarters. We had motored out from Paris with Franklin Bouillon, Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, and after a very brief wait, were led by a side path to the modest house where General Joffre does the work of war.

It was not the least in the world as one would imagine the head of the huge organization in the midst of war. The streets of the little town were bare of population, and quiet with the stillness of a cathedral where rare worshippers kneel in the shadow of ancient pillars. Our party made an unwelcome intrusion of noise, and we found ourselves embarrassed by the curious gaze of men in uniform, to whom civilians are a strange sight in their stronghold.

The Home of the Chief
It was a relief when a junior officer showed us the way from the huge, silent hotel where the tremendous organization of the General Staff works in whispers, to the home of the Chief. When we arrived at the little red brick house we waited again in a quiet, darkened hall until the commandant came. Then we advanced again up a short flight of steps to another hall, and again waited until still another officer came and conducted us through a sunlit room, where the great General's luncheon was waiting to be served, into the presence of the Commander himself.

If we were somewhat nervous, wondering what would be the result of this meeting we so long had sought and anticipated, General Joffre seemed frankly frightened at being thus bearded by a collection of men bent on seeing and examining for themselves and submitting to the final test of personal scrutiny France's leader. We found him a man impressive by his size, with massive squareness of head, firm and determined mouth and jaw, and broadly spaced eyes, which looked squarely and unflinchingly into the eyes of his interlocutor.

After the introductions had been made there were a few seconds of hesitation on both sides, then Franklin Bouillon broke the ice with a few words about our desire to meet the General at the beginning of the third year of the war. General Joffre replied that it was a pleasure for him to receive us, and continued:

Settles Germany's Fate
"It is a special pleasure to me to meet you at this time, when France is fighting for the common ideal of liberty held by the two nations, and to renew the friendship that has always existed between us."

"And what can you tell us of the future course of the war and the campaign now under way?" we asked.

General Joffre replied with the two sentences with which this despatch begins, and continued:

"The complete unity of action of all the Allies settles Germany's fate. Characteristic of our campaign is the constant pressure on all sides by the Allies, who now have had time to form plans and carry them out with perfect understanding of the necessities of the situation on all fronts.

The Generalissimo paid tribute to the manner in which all of the Allies have discharged their part in the ever-increasing effort and said:

"It is owing to the sacrifices of France which, naturally was ready first, and consented to give herself to the common cause, that the other nations of the coalition have been able to prepare themselves in a manner now evident to the entire world. The Russians have been able to organize their resources and bring forward a constantly larger number of men from the practically inexhaustible supplies, while at the same time with artillery and all the needed munitions without which war of the present day is impossible.

"What Russia has achieved in the last few weeks in Galicia, not only what Russia has done, but what she can do.

England also has had time to valor her resources in men, and the valor of her troops on the Somme shows the effort she is making.

"The Italians have had a more difficult and limited opportunity, but they have done magnificent work, and the constituted Serbian army is just beginning to take a new part in the paper.

The Crash is Coming
"On the other hand, if we look at the army we know certainly that, although they are still fighting as desperately as ever, they are drawing on their last resources. Their plan in the past has been constantly to transfer their reserves from one place to another, but with the united effort of the allies they now find this impossible and it will become increasingly hard in the future. We know this from the information received from all parts of the front.

"It is not for me to say how long the struggle will last, but the question matters little. We feel and we know that the crash is coming. We have already reached the turning point. The five months resistance of our troops at Verdun has shown that the plans of the German staff have been shattered.

"There is still no weakening of the German effort on the western front. There are still opposed to the Allied armies on their front two thirds of the German armies, composed of the best fighting men they have. There are 122 German divisions against us, while there are fifty German divisions, combined with Austrian armies, before the Russians.

"Turning Point Reached"
"But the turning point was reached in the battle of Verdun, and it is only a question of time when the Germans will break.

The General paused and smiled at us in a peculiarly candid manner. "It has been a great pleasure for me to give you this information," he said, "but it would be better yet for you to go and see for yourselves. We will give you all facilities to see our troops in the field and you will see an army built up by two years of the hardest fighting the world has ever seen. You will understand the spirit of our soldiers, you will see an army of which the energy and spirit remain the same

after two years of war and not only that, but an army in which the number of our soldiers at the front is actually greatly increased, in spite of the two years of fighting.

"You will then understand the decision of our country to see this war through to a victorious conclusion. We are fighting not only for the interests of our own country, but for the liberty of the world, and we will not stop until the liberty of the world is absolutely assured."

Leaving General Joffre we were received by General De Castelneau, Chief of Staff and General Pelle, Major General of the Headquarters Staff. Both expressed pleasure at being able to send a personal word to the American people, and De Castelneau linked the names of Washington and Lafayette with France and America in a short speech, recalling how both countries have shed blood for liberty. Both commanders expressed their appreciation of American sympathy for France in the present war.

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"The Germans poisoned the wells at Swakopmund. This dastardly act was repeated all along the line of the German retreat. When General Botha first protested against such conduct Colonel Frankie, the leader of the German forces, he replied that it was a matter of military necessity to delay the advance of the attackers; and, as though to excuse himself against a crime which was contrary to international law, he added that in each case where a well was poisoned the Germans had put up a notice to the effect that such course had been adopted. That excuse, thin enough in all conscience, was not even true. Many wells on our way had been poisoned and no word of warning had been left by the retreating Germans.

"Fancy, for a moment, the position of men in that army! Advancing for miles through sandstorms and in terrific heat, they would come across a well. Can you wonder that some of them drank the water before the scientists with the army had a chance to come up and tell them whether or not the water was safe to drink?"

"In the course of our journey to Windhoek I saw many a man die—poisoned by drinking water in which the Germans had instilled death. These men knew when they drank the water the risk they ran, but their thirst was such that the chances of death by poisoning were not too great to be run if only their awful thirst could be appeased for a moment."

Review of Reviews.

Subscription to Hospital Bed Fund for Newfoundland Wounded Soldiers. Collected by Fred. D. Scott:

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"Hello Girls" Showed Pluck

Remained at Their Posts During Raids and Also in Irish Revolt

London, Aug. 3.—Telephone girls' bravery during Zeppelin raids and the Irish rebellion which they helped to quell, featured the annual report of the post office department in conjunction with which the telephone system in this country is operated by the government.

"When the Zeppelin raids have been anticipated, sometimes when they have been going on," says the report, "the women have come out of their homes to their work—even when bombs were dropping. They have played an important part in the scheme of air-raid warnings and have set a very good example to the whole country."

"In Dublin, when the bullets were flying and the fires raging, the women stuck to their work in the exchange, and it was to them that communication was kept up

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and that we were able to obtain the military forces which suppressed the rebellion."

More than 25,000 women have replaced men in positions in the post-office department and telephone system, the report further shows. Out of 90,000 men of military age in these departments, 56,000 have joined the colors and 21,700 others have attested and only await the call to arms.

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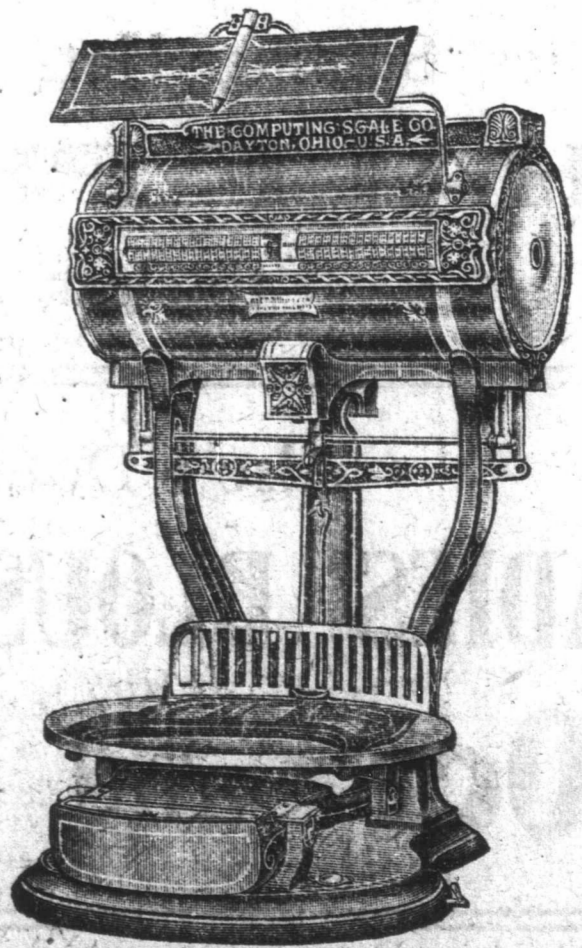
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