

PARIS SEES DEFEAT FOR FOE ON SOMME

Forts Taken Which Germans Called Impregnable

Neutral Writer Finds Further Proof For Assertion That Germany's Hopes Will Be Buried on The Western Front

(By Wythe Williams in special cable to The New York Times)

Paris, Sept. 6.—After visiting the Somme front early in August, I made the statement, based not on what I was told by military authorities, but on personal observation as a neutral correspondent, that the French offensive on the Somme was only the beginning; that it would ultimately be greater than any previous French offensive, and that it would end only in a crushing defeat for Germany.

A few days later, as if in answer to that assertion, a statement appeared in the New York papers, that "the French offensive had failed." Almost in the same breath he remarked that no commander in this war would make a statement for publication, since it showed a lack of confidence, irrespective of what he knew to be the truth.

If proof were needed as to the character of the French offensive, as being operations in the most difficult warfare since the history of battles began.

The Bavarians on Sunday proved that when, after their first two counter attacks from the little wood of Marrierre, near Le Forest, had met with appalling losses under the fire of the French seventy-five, their gray-green masses surged forward yet again, a scant half-hour later, only to die just as hopelessly but just as bravely on ground already covered with thousands of bodies of their comrades.

Behind the French armies there is method and science, greater science, greater method than in all the much advertised clockwork attacks on Verdun.

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Let any one, who is tempted to ask if the French offensive has failed, recall that since July 1 the French have advanced along a fifteen mile front to a depth of five to ten miles, that everything they have won has been held against no matter what reaction that each day's objective has always been attained and at minimum loss, and finally that the ground thus won was defended by ample forces and strengthened with every device of modern warfare.

It may be said by some that at Verdun also the Germans progressed regularly for a time, only to fall in the end. But there is an all-important difference. Their advance was compelled gradually to narrow almost to a point, with the result that the concentrated fire of the French artillery broke the wedge and as often as the Germans tried to thrust it further.

On the Somme the French front of attack has steadily widened—first in the river bend, then north of the stream to

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Photo shows part of a trainload of girls on the way to the seaside where there are scarcely enough males to man the lifeboats, owing to the military situation in the old country.

LOCAL NEWS

Hayward I. Huestis, teller in the Bank of Montreal, has been transferred temporarily to Valcartier to assist in the branch of the bank being conducted there.

The Temple of Honor Band was scheduled to play last night in King square, but owing to the state of the weather the concert was postponed until this evening.

BOYCOTT GOODS OF ENEMY

The Young Ladies' Patriotic Association of St. John placed itself on record at a meeting held last night in the Order of the Moose rooms, Union street, as being opposed to the purchase of any German or Austrian goods.

Acknowledgements of assistance from the association were read from the European War Veterans' Association, No. 3 Construction Corps, Miss Fenney on behalf of Rowthorn Hospital, Mrs. George McAvilly for the Soldiers' Comforts Association, Mayor Hayes for the British Sailors' Relief Fund, and Mary I. Ross for St. Dunstan's Hospital.

A vote of thanks was passed to Fairweather & Company and H. L. McGowan for signs donated on Labor Day and Hunter Bros. who have donated free of charge association membership cards.

The treasurer read her report which showed a balance of \$64.82. The sum of \$26 was voted for the Red Cross and \$25 to be put into the fund to aid returned soldiers. Miss Church gave a recital of the activities of the association at the Labor Day fair. The next meeting will be held on September 21.

Neurosis. "They are not going to cut me up if I go to the hospital, are they?" "Of course not, when you're going just for a rest. What makes you think they are?" "Because, when I called up the hospital, a voice said, 'Operator!'"

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SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, SEPT. 8. A.M. P.M. High Tide... 8:06 Low Tide... 2:22 Sun Rises... 5:58 Sun Sets... 6:54 Time used is Atlantic standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived Yesterday. Str Gov Cobb, Boston via Maine ports, pass and gen cargo, A. C. Currie.

Cleared Yesterday. Sch Sedgewick, 415, Wallis, up to Bay port to land.

CANADIAN PORTS. Newcastle (NB)—Old Sept 6, sch E Marie Brown, Brown, New York.

BRITISH PORTS. Gibraltar—Arr Aug 28, sch Lowell P Parks, Recontre (Nfld), received orders to proceed to Halifax.

FOREIGN PORTS. Boothbay Harbor, Me.—Arr Sept 5, sch Emma McAdam, New York for St. Andrews (NB).

Portland—Arr Sept 5, str Maryland, Chatham (NB); sch Lizzy Lane, New York for Calais; Maggie Todd, do for do.

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A BOX BETWEEN TWO. Two persons may join in renting a safe deposit box, each receiving a key.

HOURS FOR "THE GIRL AND THE GAME." "The Girl and the Game" will be shown at the Star Theatre tonight at 8:45, 8 and 9 o'clock.

NO TIME TO WASTE. A youngster went into a merchant's store and got nothing to give him an attention, he approached the boss and said, "Excuse me, sir, but I want a job and I'm a little nervous."

"You do, eh," said the merchant. "And why are you in such a hurry?" "Got to hurry," replied the youngster. "Left school yesterday, and haven't struck much yet, can't waste time, and if you've nothing to give me I'll be moving on. The only place I can stop long at is where they give me a job for life."

"When can you start?" asked the surprised boss. "Don't have to come, and would have been at work before this if you'd said so."

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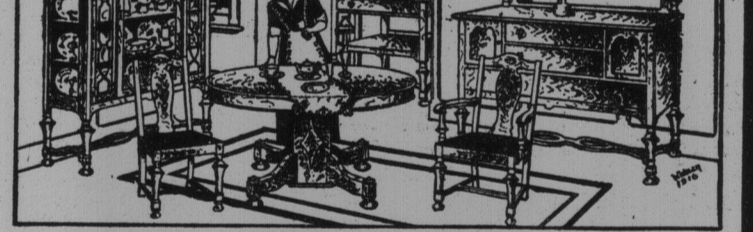
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RADICAL REDUCTION IN EYESIGHT TESTS FOR CANADA'S RECRUITS

Notice of a further and very radical reduction in the eyesight tests applied to recruits for overseas service has been given by the department of militia at Ottawa.

For infantry the reduction in eye tests is decidedly marked. While the instructions issued are couched by a number of technical terms their object is definite, that is that every man with average good eyesight cannot use it as an excuse for not serving.

Under the new regulations any man offering for infantry service who has anything like an ordinary set of eyes will be passed. The demands are now that a recruit must have one-quarter perfect vision in one eye—preferably his shooting eye—and ten-th in the other.

This means that any man with ordinary useful vision, need not fear being turned down on account of his eyes. It also meant much more. During the last two years thousands of men have been rejected because their eyes would not respond to the extreme tests applied. At first the tests demanded practically perfect eyesight. Then they were reduced considerably about a year ago. Now they have come down to a point where the ordinary man on the street, who sees well enough for his regular business, will be counted as able to see enough to shoot Germans at anywhere from 30 to 500 yards. At longer distances the artillery attends to the case.

Another result of this reduction in the tests is that it will enable these thousands of men who have been rejected