

# German Newspaper Accounts of the Assaults on Verdun

Troops Fighting Splendidly, They Say, and "Burning With the Spirit of Patriotism" That Inspired Them in 1914—Claim That Several Outposts Have Been Captured

The New York Times has the following German newspaper accounts of the fighting around Verdun, down to the twenty-sixth of February. (By Karl Rohner, Lokal Anzeiger Despatches.)

German Great Headquarters, Feb. 26.—A fresh wave of attacks engulfed the whole row of enemy positions in a broad front and brought them to our possession. The high hills which yesterday, when I was permitted to visit the great battle field, lay under preparatory fire, have been taken by us, and in addition to the strongly fortified position south-west of Louvemont, the village itself and a group of fortifications to the east have fallen into our hands.

The brilliant feat of our Brandenburgers in the splendid storming of the Louvemont was preceded by the most glorious work of our artillery. The armored fortlets of Douaumont lay, since Thursday, in ruins. Four shots of our heavy guns had been fired against it, and every one of these shots scored bulges on the distant target. Explosions in the interior of that proud bulwark followed the hits.

**Second Fort Blown Up.**  
BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The Tageblatt correspondent telegraphs the following account of the reduction of Douaumont:

"The giant block of cement and steel armorplate that was Douaumont lies in ruins. A second fort not far off blew up, just as did Fort Loncin at Liege, as the result of a single large calibre shell crashing through to the ammunition magazine.

"The organization of the attack on the north front of Verdun was a masterpiece in itself. Preparations of vast extent had first to be carried out in complete concealment from the enemy if the fight against the invincible fortress was to succeed.

"To the great distances over which heavy artillery had to be brought without using railways was super-added the great difficulties resulting from continuous bad weather and the consequent condition of roads. Hundreds of men had first to build good roads.

"Another of the difficulties was the proper laying of the beds on which the great guns rest, and on whose firmness depends in the first line the accuracy of our heavy gun fire. How unbelievably accurate was their fire is now known.

"Yesterday there was hardly any firing of importance to be heard from the forts. On the other hand, prisoners said that the effect of our artillery was indescribably frightful; nobody could hold out long against it."

Douaumont was the strongest corner fort in the chain around Verdun. Situated on a high steep hill it was at the same time a symbol of impregnability.

Now not only Douaumont but Dieppe and Fromezey to the east have fallen to us. Likewise further south and southeast, our successes here are making themselves felt. The resistance of the enemy in the Woivre district has collapsed, and our troops have pressed after the enemy to Marchville, south of the old Roman road to Metz, Dieppe and Paris.

In these days I have seen men who have been in the fierce Verdun fighting whose eyes have flashed as in those August days of 1914. The flames that then burned in every German's heart in every single soldier here to whom it is given to sacrifice himself for our future in this powerful driving advance.

(By Dr. Max Osborn, Vossische Zeitung Despatch.)  
German Headquarters near Verdun, Feb. 25.—The victorious fighting on the Meuse north of Verdun yesterday resulted in further success of great importance. I had an opportunity this noon from several high points in the firing line of surveying the mighty battlefield over which the thunder of cannon rolled in assaulting. The whole terrain east of the river, where our advance began a few days ago, consists of a chain of

wooded ranges of hills. In the valley of the Meuse lies the village of Consoy, which formed the right wing of our attacking line. From Consoy our front ran over Flabas and Ville-devant-Chaumont to Azanne up to last Sunday.

On this whole front sector on the 21st at 8.30 in the morning our artillery opened a murderous fire. Thanks to the splendid activity of our fliers the enemy aeroplanes were prevented from forcing their way into the air zone behind our front. Thereby the enemy's observations were prevented.

"Till late in the afternoon our firing raged with increasing fury against the indescribably strong positions of the enemy, crushing trenches, tearing wire entanglements to shreds and barring all approach from the south. At 5 in the afternoon we advanced first in the centre of the sector south of Flabas, toward Houmont Wood, north of the hamlet of Haumont. The whole section of woods had been converted into one colossal wilderness by weaving barbed wire from tree to tree; but our powerful artillery had ripped apart this impenetrable net, and so our infantry could get possession of the woods with slight losses. By 8 in the evening it was firmly in our hands; likewise the strongest redoubt of the wood region—the so-called star positions—fell into our hands.

Our troops had plunged through so far that the French body of troops that still sat in the ravine north-west of the Haumont woods found itself threatened from the rear, and was forced next morning to withdraw from its position with heavy losses. Simultaneously on the 21st an attack was launched farther east, against Caures Wood, north of Beaumont and between Haumont and Herbebois.

The following day, the 22nd, the same game of clock-like co-operation between artillery and infantry was repeated. The batteries placed their fire farther south on the next positions of the enemy. Again at 5 in the afternoon the storm was launched, and after half an hour brought Haumont into German hands, while simultaneously farther east Caures Wood was completely traversed.

The movement continued further, shifting in a south-westerly direction. Now the objective was the so-called Brabant position of the French in the hamlet of Brabant-sur-Meuse. The mortars and howitzers spat death and destruction against these strong field fortifications and on the 23rd the Brabant position and the village had been taken.

You must see for yourself the bare

ridge that runs south from Consoy to Brabant, to realize what it means to capture such terrain by storm, but even further rushed the irresistible tide, always with methodical alteration of gunfire and assault.

On the 23rd the ravine between Haumont and Samogneux, as well as the village of Samogneux itself, and Herbebois, to the east, fell; then, on the 24th, the important Hill 344, east of Samogneux, one of the enemy's strongest bulwarks; then, in the evening the Beaumont, too, fell into our hands.

The driving power, endurance, and discipline of our troops in all these fights was incomparable. Commanders and officers never tire of giving praise and recognition of their performance. Our losses, happily were not very great.

The Berlin Gazette's military critic writes:

"A new and splendid success has crowned our previous attacks against Verdun more quickly than had been expected. The German attack on the fortress has led to a decisive success, and once again Germans have showed themselves masters in attacking fortresses. The hardest step in conquering a fortress is the first break through the circle of outer forts. Therefore, success at this point is, as a rule, of decisive import. Reviewing the fortress war in the East and West, it appears that in the case of all the French and Russian fortresses attacked by us the storming of the first permanent outer forts has been the hardest part of the whole attack."

Others On List.

Other senators and representatives who the letter said Marsalis had seen or expected to see, follow:

Smith, Arizona; Kern, Indiana; Lewis, Illinois; Martine, New Jersey; Smith, Georgia; Work, California; Jones, Washington; Chamberlain, Oregon; McCumber, North Dakota; Cummins, Iowa; Borah, Idaho; Clapp, Minnesota; Kitchin, North Carolina; Mann, Illinois; Cannon, Illinois; Ray, Virginia; Bennett, New York; Stephens, Nebraska; Smith, New York; Cooper, Wisconsin; Dillon, South Dakota; Shackelford, Missouri; Sherwood, Ohio, and Lobeck, Nebraska.

The World declares that secret circular dealing with the organization of the alliance provided that no German, Austrian, Hungarian or Irish names were to appear as among officers of the organization.

One letter, under date of Jan. 11, signed "Loke," and claimed by the World to have been written by Marsalis to Koelbe, declared he had seen Representative Stephens, of Nebraska, and Senator Gore and had suggested that they merge their bills providing that Americans be prevented from travelling on belligerent ships into a joint resolution. The letter continues that Stephens and Gore agreed, and added that the writer would endeavor to get them to include some of his suggestions.

In a statement from Koelbe, published in connection with the expose, the attorney denies that any organization with which he is connected is represented by a lobbyist in Washington. He styled Marsalis as a "Bryan bug," and a pacifist.

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## Anti-Wilson Debate in Senate Traced to Huns

Gore and McLemore Resolutions in Propaganda—Had Their Source in German-American Alliance—New York World Makes Some Startling Allegations

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—Again taking up its expose of alleged pro-German propaganda, the morning World today publishes an extended copy of right story and copies of letters from various sources alleging that the Gore and McLemore resolution in congress were backed by the National German-American alliance.

The World names Alphonse G. Koelbe, a New York attorney, as the head of the clearing house of the alliance, and declares T. L. Marsalis, a New York real estate operator, is the leading lobbyist at Washington.

The story alleges that the congressional program of the alliance includes keeping Americans off belligerent ships by refusing passports, placing an embargo on contraband of war and prohibiting federal reserve banks from subscribing to war loans to belligerents. In addition, the World alleges, the alliance's program is for control of the Republican national convention and defeat of Wilson.

What is alleged to be a copy of a letter from Congressman Bartholdt, of Missouri, to Koelbe, suggesting that the latter start a Champ Clark boom in New York is also published.

The World reproduces what is declared to be a letter from Marsalis, reporting to Koelbe as to his work in the interest of the armed ship resolutions and telling of the senators and congressmen he conferred with. The letter declared Marsalis believed Senator Stone was opposed to Wilson and Lansing, Gore, O'Gorman and Hitchcock (Nebraska), were mentioned as opposed to Lansing.

Referring to Senator Borah, the letter from Marsalis said the Republican senator has a "fool idea about Americans going everywhere," but expressed the opinion that Borah would change.

## Ottoman Empire Sick of the War

Turks Are Unable to Withstand Sledgehammer Blows of the Russians—Turk Forces Demoralized—Crops Worse in History of Turkish Empire

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 13.—Turkey has about reached the end of her rope and would like to drop out of the great European war. Definite information of the most trustworthy character, to the effect that the backbone of the Ottoman campaign against the Russians has been broken has reached Washington, coupled with the assertion that developments of a startling character may be expected soon in the Near Eastern situation.

It is intimated that Russia has already been approached on behalf of Turks for a separate peace. Overtures in this direction are not expected to be accepted by the Russians at this time, not so much because it is not believed that the Turks are not yet ready to give Russia what she wants mostly from Turkey—an outlet to the Mediterranean Sea—but also because Russia has entered into a compact with the other Entente Allies not to sign a separate peace.

**Power on the Decline**

The information that Turkey's power for both offence and defence has reached its limit, and is now rapidly on the decline is made on information of a definite and reliable semi-official character that has reached Washington.

It is coupled with the statement, also made on the most trustworthy authority, that he Turks are not able to resist the onward advance of the army of Grand Duke Nicholas, flushed with its victories at Erzerum and Bitlis, across the heart of Asia Minor to the Syrian coast.

The victories of the Grand Duke, which, according to information reaching Washington, will shortly be followed by sensational military developments in Asia Minor, are expected to cut the Turkish Empire in half, have made the capture of Baghdad certain and blocked the Teuton plans for drives against India and Egypt.

**Lack of Food**

According to the information mentioned, there can be no doubt that