

# Germany Believes Crisis on the Somme is Passed

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PRINCE RUPPRECHT'S HEAD-QUARTERS ON THE WESTERN FRONT (Via Berlin and Bayville), Nov. 18.—Germany believes the Somme crisis has passed. The belief is based on the unshakable and unanimous opinion of the men who have borne the hammering allied blows that the entente allies can never break through these lines of steel and cement, above and below ground.

Furthermore, it is pointed out that success in pushing the German lines out of France and Belgium would make the occupied sections of these countries a shambles-no-man's land, made such by French, British and Belgian guns.

This confident belief that the allied offensive is wearing itself out is held in the face of statements by British prisoners that the month of November will be one of surprises. The result of the great allied offensive was decided in July, German officers here declared, when the combined French and British artillery and the English tanks failed to break the German lines in their daring, initial dash.

Here is the opinion of a captain at General von Garnitz's headquarters, an intelligence officer who interviewed all prisoners, reads all documents found on battlefields, whose business also is the study of strategy and who spent a number of years in England and France.

"The allied offensive was decided last June, despite the fact that it has been kept up four months longer. They cannot progress further because battles today are decided by

artillery, not infantry. Massed attacks cannot gain what they did at the beginning.

"We have almost as much artillery now as the French and when we shortly shall have as much ammunition, they can make no more progress. At some places the French have fifty guns on a 160-yard line; on an eight-mile line they have one thousand cannon.

"But one must remember that this country, worth ten times more to the French or British than to us, for it is the Frenchman's home.

"The French realize this more than the English. The French destroy everything with their artillery.

"Here on the Somme is France's greatest tragedy, for if the allies expect to redeem the entire occupied territory in this fashion they will make French and Belgium territory a no-man's land.

"The immediate objective of the Franco-British offensive was to reach Bapaume and Peronne through a break in our lines. They figured this would cause our withdrawal to other positions. No matter how deep their wedge goes we will not withdraw—and we still have Bapaume and Peronne."

The impression here is that Hindenburg will force such a price from the allies that they cannot pay it.

"The battle of the Somme is being fought by young men. Fully 80 per cent of the English and French prisoners are between 19 and 30. Most of the Germans are of the same age. Two companies were practicing hand grenade throwing for all the world like so many pitchers warming up.

"Another matter of deep interest is the part pigeons are playing in the great series of battles. They have proved invaluable, especially when artillery destroys telephonic communications with hidden German guns. There are eighty of them in one hay-loft on the Somme. They are helping out as the eyes of the defenders. As soon as wire communications are cut they are sent back to artillery stations with bulletins telling where infantry is approaching, when cavalry is seen and where tanks are lumbering toward the lines. Within a few minutes artillery hell is loosed.

It is a wonder there are enough men left to fight after one night of battle in which artillery fire is ceaseless and gas attacks seemingly enveloping. Watching a battle one night from a height eight miles away, the gas used by attacking British forces was so strong we could still get the fumes.

While watching, I met a young man who lived most of his life in Newark, N. J., who had been released from active fighting to act as interpreter for prisoners.

"This isn't war," he said, "it is murder."

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United Press Service.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Eat duck, cranberries and sweet potatoes if you would economize on your Thanksgiving feast. Otherwise you will discover that Thanksgiving dining has soared with everything else "on account of the war."

Why ducks and cranberries should be immune is explained by the fact that the wet summer was well liked by both.

Here it is in dollars and cents from a big Chicago market:

Dressed turkey, 34 1/2c per pound in 1915; 34c to 36c this year.

Dressed chicken, 21c 1915; 25c this year.

Dressed duck, 25c 1915; 25c this year.

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Pork, 18c 1915; 20c to 22c this year.

Cranberries, 12c quart 1915; 9c this year.

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Pumpkin, 15c each 1915; 30c this year.

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Potatoes, sweet, 3c pound 1915; 2c this year.

Potatoes, white, 65c to 75c bushel 1915; \$1.75 bushel this year.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Forty girls and twenty-eight boys have signed up for basketball. Coach Higgins says that basketball is his middle name, so this season should be a success. A meeting of all those interested in basketball was called Thursday evening, after school. The school is in communication with Salem with regard to arranging a game. The Salem team has been champion of Oregon for three years, so an interesting game is expected. The Lakeview basketball team is coming over with the debating team, so there will probably be a game with Lakeview about December 9th.

This has been a successful football season as the school has ever had. However, there is still a deficit of approximately \$65.

A debate with Lakeview for the championship of Southeastern Oregon will be held December 8th. The winners will debate with the champion from the Rogue River valley. The first part of the program is to be furnished by the High School chorus and orchestra. The chorus is planning to sing the following numbers:

1. "Anchored."
2. "Voices in the Woods." (An arrangement of Rubenstein's melody in F).
3. High School Boost Song.

The orchestra has just received twelve new numbers.

The Girls' Glee Club of the State University, under the auspices of the student body, may possibly be here to sing before the holidays.

The girls of the Domestic Art Class will put on an exhibit in Baldwin's hardware store Thanksgiving week. Of course, everyone is looking forward to the approaching Thanksgiving holidays. As is customary, there will be no school either Thanksgiving Day or the day after.

## CHRISTIANS TO HAVE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Invitations are being issued to all the membership of the local Christian church for a Thanksgiving dinner, roll call and program at the church next Friday at 7 o'clock in the evening. Members of the Christian church are invited whether or not they are identified with the local congregation or not.

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## SAYS HOT WATER WASHES POISONS FROM THE LIVER

Everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it, before breakfast.

To feel as fine as the proverbial fiddle, we must keep the liver washed clean, and almost every morning to prevent its sponge-like pores from clogging with indigestible material, sour bile and poisonous toxins, says a noted physician.

If you get headaches, it's your liver. If you catch cold easily, it's your liver. If you wake up with a bad taste, furred tongue, nasty breath or stomach becomes rancid, it's your liver. Sallow skin, muddy complexion, watery eyes, all denote liver uncleanness. Your liver is the most important, also the most abused and neglected organ of the body. Few know its function or how to release the dammed-up body waste, bile and toxins. Most folks resort to violent calomel, which is a dangerous, salivating chemical which can only be used occasionally because it accumulates in the tissues, also attacks the bones.

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