

ALLIES PREPARE FOR THE WINTER

Warm Clothing Being Rushed From Factory and Home to Men in Trenches.

BIG MOVES NOT LOOKED FOR

Short, Sharp Blows at Selected Points During Fine Spell, With Occasional Airplane Raids To Be Order of Day for Winter.

Paris.—Preparations for the fourth winter campaign on the western front are already in full swing. The summer campaign is over, and while both the English and French may be expected to make a few big drives, it is not anticipated that the beginning of winter, for military purposes, will see any radical alteration in the war map of France and Flanders.

Millions of sweaters, socks, paper suits, rubber Wellington boots, head wraps, mufflers, gloves and mittens are beginning to flow out from factory and home to the French poilus and British Tommies, hundreds of thousands of whom are facing their fourth winter period in the trenches. The comfort of the fighting man is so carefully studied now, after three years' experience, that nothing will be overlooked to make the coming harsh trial bearable.

Practically all the way from Nieuport to Verdun the armies are in quarters totally different from those they occupied last winter; with the exception of one or two stretches — as around La Bassée and the Argonne — the French and British are stationed in captured German lines. Throughout the spring and summer the men have shown little inclination to dig, feeling that in view of the possibility of a further move forward, just enough shelter was good enough for the time being. Turning over earth has never appealed to any infantry in this war, but necessity is likely to force them to do a lot of it in order to provide themselves with snug and well-drained trenches for the winter.

Little Change in Line.

Until next spring the western line is not likely to vary to any great extent, unless the totally unexpected happens. High winds, morning and evening mists, snow flurries and rain will limit the usefulness of the airplane and diminish the enormous help it gives nowadays in every big offensive. The machines are capable of performing wonders in any weather short of a hurricane, and there will be plenty of aerial activity, especially bombing raids, right through the worst months; but poor visibility will make co-operation with the gun batteries difficult, the more so as the Germans' latest type of "Archibald," or anti-aircraft gun, enforces respect and compels pilots to fly high.

In these circumstances big sweeping moves are not looked for, but rather a repetition on a more intensive scale of last winter's tactics. Short, sharp blows at selected points during fine spells, a continual battering on wide fronts by concentrated gun fire lengthening out to close-up rest stations, hundreds of airplanes swarming out to attack encampments, aviation sheds, munition dumps and lines of communication—these will be the regular order of the day throughout the winter. The enemy will be kept on the jump all the time, great gaps will be torn in his dwindling reserves and every possible step taken, first to prevent his ever again assuming the initiative upon the western front, and, secondly, to weaken him irreparably for the final knockout blow in 1918.

The part the American contingents will play in the winter's activity is the closest of all military secrets at this time. There is nothing that Hindenburg is burning to know so much as just what Pershing's plans are, and there is nothing that Pershing is more bent upon doing than keeping the slightest hint from Hindenburg.

Prudence the Motto.

But while no light can be shed at this stage upon the plans of the American commander in chief, I am able to give this assurance, that prudence is

U-BOATS NOW EMPLOY SMOKE SCREEN DEVICE

New York.—New German devices for aiding U-boat frightfulness are reported by passengers on an American liner just arrived in port from England.

One is the use of a smoke screen in which the submarine may conceal itself while attacking, escaping or submerging. The smoke screen has been used for months by battleships, destroyers and merchantmen. Its first use by a submarine was reported in the warnings of a U-boat off the Atlantic coast.

The other device is the use of mirrored periscopes. By coating them with silver the periscopes reflect the surrounding water and become invisible a couple of hundred yards away. It is believed this explains why survivors of several ships lately sunk saw no evidence of a submarine before or after the attack.

his motto, that he will never consent to play to the gallery as even the best generals are sometimes tempted to do. It is Haig's great merit that he bids his time and only strikes when he is able to strike in real earnest. Pershing resembles the British leader in this respect, and Europe has had enough war experience to know that those are the men who get the real results at the least possible cost in lives, and that though they have little to show on the war map, they are steadily, persistently, relentlessly wearing down the toughest foe that ever took the field.

What can be said, however, without giving any information to the enemy is that here in France Americans will co-operate throughout the winter in the gigantic task of preparing for the death blow. The details cannot be discussed, but the ground has been cleared for a colossal amount of work, embracing all branches that go to make for the efficient operation of a modern war machine, and a big share will be taken over during the bad weather by Americans, not only in the United States, but also in France. And this quite aside from the training of the fighting men and the education of the officers in the latest phases of warfare.

The result of all this activity will be that next spring the entente allies will possess a supereminent war machine, manned and equipped in an unprecedentedly complete and magnificent manner. It was correct to say last winter that in 1917 the entente allies would develop a striking force which could not be exceeded in 1918 if the war continued. But at that time the intervention of the United States was only a dim possibility; the revolution in Russia and the collapse of her army were foreseen by nobody.

Tough Problem for Enemy.

As the situation stands at present, with the United States adding her mighty power to the common lot, and with a still unextinguished hope that the Musevites may be brought back to their old aggressive fighting, men belonging to the inner circles of Europe affirm their belief that the entente allies will be able to confront Hindenburg with a far harsher problem in 1918 than they could have hoped to put up to him in 1917.

Next spring the British army will still be at top strength, for in the past summer Haig has put forth nothing like his maximum effort, and in consequence has suffered losses far below the figures anticipated at the British war office. When it was seen that the Russian army must drop out of all offensive plans this summer and that Germany would be able to develop an unexpected strength upon the western front, the Franco-British policy naturally became more conservative. The building up of the American armies has confirmed the wisdom of this course, which looks to the accumulation of an irresistible power before the last continuous, annihilating blows are delivered upon all possible fronts.

"TRUST US," SAY BRITISH

War Does Not Make Englishmen Understand American Colloquialisms Any Better Than Before.

Washington.—Evidently the war has not made the English understand American colloquialisms any better than heretofore—or some particular Englishmen are merely lacking a sense of humor. Anyway, official Washington is smiling an official smile (which is the diplomatic way of concealing undue mirth) over a little incident that occurred in Hampton Roads the other day, when Secretary Baker was on an inspection trip. He crossed from one camp to another when a British cruiser, lying near by, signalled:

"Who is that going ashore flying an official flag?"

"The secretary of war," was the answer.

"Thank you," said the Britisher. "Don't mention it," replied our courteous bluejackets.

That ended it until one of our sailors saw the British wig-wagging furiously. He read the signal.

"Trust us," the British were saying, "we'll never mention it to a soul."

GUILTY FLEE, NONE PURSUE

Two Abandon Auto and Whisky in South Dakota When Conscience Stricken.

SiouxFalls, S. D.—A combination of guilty conscience and booze resulted in the Lincoln county authorities capturing an automobile which had been abandoned by the owner. In the automobile was found a quantity of liquor, which the driver of the car had smuggled into South Dakota, in violation of the state-wide prohibition law.

Worth Feldman was trying out a new motorcycle behind the automobile. The occupants mistook him for an officer, stopped the car and fled.

The machine bearing an Iowa license number was confiscated.

GERMAN TOYMAKERS LONELY

Send Notes With Wares Asking Buyers to Write—Found by Teachers.

Virginia, Minn.—Love notes are being found by Virginia kindergarten teachers in toys made in Pittsburgh factories. The toymakers give their names and addresses and implore "some friendly person" to write. None of the teachers here has confessed that she has responded. Most of the names signed to the notes are German and the writers apparently feel a social isolation where they live.

CAPTURED BY RODENTS.

A Group of Islands Off Cape Horn Now the Property of Rats.

Within the last generation a unique rat colony has grown up in south Georgia, a group of bleak and barren islands of about 1,000 square miles, in the Atlantic ocean several hundred miles east of Cape Horn. In the three months of the short warm season a little tussock grass grows, and this formerly supported a considerable number of rabbits, with a few small mammals of other species.

In the last century the islands became the center of the whaling industry. With a favorable summer several thousand whales are brought to the nine stations, and the carcasses, after the outer blubber has been stripped off, are set adrift along the shore.

The first rats, escaping from a sealing vessel, were introduced twenty-five or thirty years ago. They found the best of shelter in the peat and tufts of grass, and with an unlimited food supply in cold storage in the enormous field of rotting flesh they have multiplied in millions, notwithstanding the rigors of the winters.

At the time when the rat is being fought as a great menace to the world's health the development of this rat stronghold offers a problem of peculiar interest.—Exchange.

THE SENSATION OF PAIN.

It Is Felt in the Head and Not Where It Seems to Be.

Where do you feel the pain? asks the doctor. In my finger, in my ear, in my foot, the sufferer replies, and if the physician told him he did not feel it there, but in his head, the average man would doubt the doctor's sanity. Yet the doctor would be right.

In an address at the University of California, Professor G. H. Parker of Harvard told the students that we have been obliged to give up the idea that sensations are spread throughout our bodies, for persons who have lost a limb often feel sensations that seem to come from the missing member.

"Our sensations," said Professor Parker, "are not located in the peripheral parts affected, but in the central nervous system, and within that portion of it known as the cerebral cortex." This is the outer layer or gray matter of the brain. One may lose an arm, yet have the sensation of pain in the hand, but if a small piece of that particular part of the brain to which run the sensory nerves from the arm be removed, one will never again feel anything in that arm not even if the hand be placed in the fire.

China and Flowers.

From time immemorial China has been called the Flowery Kingdom, a name given by the Chinese themselves and singularly suited to the land which for ages was like an oasis of flowers of the spirit in the desert of barbarism. In this oasis grew the arts of the bronze and stone worker, of the potter, the silk maker and embroiderer, of the painter on silk, of the poet, philosopher and ethical devotee. But China was not named the Flowery Kingdom because of these flowers of the mind. Her flora is one of the most luxuriant in the world. It is estimated to consist of some twelve thousand species, nine thousand of which are known and one-half of which are indigenous and not found elsewhere.

Such being the flora of China, it is readily understood that horticulture and gardening early became a skilled and honored profession.—Scribner's.

The First Quarantine.

From all accounts the custom of quarantine originated in Venice somewhere about the beginning of the twelfth century. All merchants and others coming from the eastern countries were obliged to remain in the house of St. Lazarus for a period of forty days before they were admitted into the city. Taking the idea from Venice, other European cities, especially port towns, instituted quarantine during seasons of plague and well down into modern times most nations adopted the system, applying it when it was deemed necessary.

A Real Luxury.

"Walter," said the diner, "it says here on the menu 'green bluefish.'"

"Yes, sir. That means fresh—right from the water, sir."

"Nonsense!" said the diner. "You know well enough they do not take bluefish at this season."

The waiter came up and looked at the disputed item.

"Oh, that, sir," he said with an air of enlightenment, "that an hothouse bluefish, sir."—Boston Transcript.

Sanguine Temperament.

"I never saw Dubson's equal for encouraging bill collectors."

"How does he do it?"

"He infects them with his own optimistic belief that he is going to have some money some day."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Taming It Down.

Mother—John, dear, have you been doing anything to this ink? John—Yes, mummy. I put some water in it to make it write weak. I've been writing a letter to daddy and I wanted to whisper something to him.—London Passing Show.

Mothers and Sons.

"What makes you think all women hate each other?"

"Because a woman so seldom brings up a son fit to be another woman's husband."

Many a man adopts methods to gain his ends which end his gains.—Lippincott's.

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A Fireside Discussion of "Ifs" in Case There Was a Simultaneous Migration of the Local Merchants and Dealers—Rights Encroached Upon by a Dangerous Outside System.

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Napoleon said that imagination rules the world. It is the divine attribute of the imagination that when the real world is shut out it can create a world for itself and with a necromantic power can conjure up glorious shapes and forms and brilliant visions to make solitude populous and eradicate the gloom of dungeons.

Just Supposing.
To better exemplify the range and possibilities of the human imagination we will give a little "imaginary" conversation which took place in the cozy cottage of William and Alice Spencer on a recent evening.
"William, you asked me what I would do if the butcher, the baker, the grocer, the druggist, the shoe dealer, the lumberman, the coal merchant, the hardware dealer and dry goods merchant should pack up and leave town on an everlasting vacation," said Alice.
"Why, that's easy. I would get my goods from the mail order houses, of course."

No Catalogue House Credit.
"But," persisted William, "suppose you were broke, as usual?"
"Oh," said Alice, "that's so. I could not get credit from the catalogue houses; neither could I inspect the stock and select the best, nor could I take anything back and exchange it, as in most cases, and if there was anything broken I would have to file a claim with the railroad company, and it would take the better part of a year to settle it, if at all."

"And supposing you wanted something in a hurry," suggested William.
"That's so," said Alice. "I would have to stock up like a lumber camp, as it takes from two weeks to the end of time to get anything from those mail order concerns. And, William, I would not want to buy meat by mail; I want to see what kind I am getting. Well, we would just have to live without meat, that's all."

No Garden Truck by Mail.
"Garden stuff—yes, we would want it fresh; no, not by mail, thank you. And bread—your mother could make that, as you always said your mother could make better bread than I. My, but I hope the baker won't go, though!"
Alice cheered up when William smilingly reminded her this was but an imaginary absence of the town merchants.

But the cheery smile on Alice's face lasted only a moment, as William tantalizingly inquired how about getting shoes for her dainty little Chicago feet.
"Shoes?" cried Alice. "Whoever heard of any one with pride or corus buying shoes without first trying them on—yes, trying on mostly everything in the store? And then what about getting soled while you wait? Oh, no; we must have a shoe dealer anyway," answered Alice.

William Becomes Excited Too.
Then William took the floor and bodied forth the following words of wisdom:
"Yes, hardware; sure I might borrow a pound of nails or a couple of screws from Brother Charles, if he had them, but have you any idea, Alice, how heavy nails and screws and hardware are? No? Well, I have, and freight bills on that class of stuff are ruinous. No, Alice; a town without a hardware store is a bum town, and if our hardware man is going to move I am too. And, besides, we want a lumber yard and coal yard. I don't want to buy lumber and coal in car load lots."

"But, William, this is only imaginary," said Alice.

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